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Item No. 4 Council Referral - "Whistle-Blower" Legislation
File GL-5

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 25, 2006, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the integrity and transparency of our administrative processes are fundamental to our democratic system;

AND WHEREAS activities at other levels of government have resulted in numerous questions;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that the City of Winnipeg carries forward its municipal operations with the highest degree of transparency, integrity and professionalism;

AND WHEREAS "whistle-blower" legislation would ensure continued transparency, integrity and professionalism, while encouraging and supporting City staff;

AND WHEREAS, on January 18, 2006, the provincial government announced its intention to introduce the first provincial Bill of its kind in Canada to protect whistle-blowers in the civil service, crown corporations and other public sector agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the provincial government consider extending the proposed legislation to the operations of the City of Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council receive a report on the progress of this matter within 60 days.