EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 727
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Moved by Councillor Steeves,

WHEREAS street racing is becoming an increasing problem in many Canadian communities;

AND WHEREAS street racing has been the cause of serious injury or death to innocent citizens in Canadian communities;

AND WHEREAS the penalties contained in various provincial/territorial laws do not appear to be a sufficient deterrent in reducing street racing occurrences;

AND WHEREAS on September 28, 2005, the federal Minister of Justice introduced to Parliament Bill C-65, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (street racing);

AND WHEREAS the intent of this legislation is to amend the Criminal Code by defining street racing as an aggravating factor during sentencing for the following offences: dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and criminal negligence causing death;

AND WHEREAS a further intent of this legislation is to provide for a mandatory driving prohibition order if street racing is found to be involved in one of the aforementioned offences;

AND WHEREAS the principles of Bill C-65 are supported by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police on behalf of municipal police services across Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities indicate its support in principle of the intent of Bill C-65;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities join with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to work together with the Government of Canada to make any improvements necessary to Bill C-65 to guarantee its effectiveness and to subsequently lobby for the bill's enactment into law at the earliest opportunity.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

The motion to suspend the rule was put and declared carried.

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