Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 15, 2006

REPORTS

Item No. 5 City Council Benefits Board – Administrative Representatives
File GC-2.3

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That David Laird be appointed to the City Council Benefits Board for a three-year term, ending December 2007 and Michael Ruta be appointed the acting designate for the Chief Financial Officer on the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL BENEFITS BOARD

FOR SUBMISSION TO: EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

REPORT DATE: February 24, 2006

RECOMMENDATION(s):

That David Laird be appointed to the City Council Benefits Board for a three-year term, ending December 2007 and Michael Ruta be appointed the acting designate for the Chief Financial Officer on the Board.

Report Summary

Key Issues:

With the recent retirement of the Chief Financial Officer, one position on the Board is vacant and the acting designate for the Chief Financial Officer requires appointment to the Board.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications:

X None

☐ For the organization overall and/or for other departments

☐ For the community and/or organizations external to the City

☐ Involves a multi-year contract
Comment(s):

Policy Implications:

X No

☐ Yes
Comment(s):

Environment Implications:

X No

☐ Yes
Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications:

X No

☐ Yes
Comment(s):

Financial Implications:

X Within approved current and/or capital budget

☐ Current and/or capital budget adjustment required
Comment: There is no financial impact.

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

In 2001, City Council appointed three representatives to the City Council Benefits Board for a three-year term ending December 2004. Council extended these appointments to the end of 2007 on January 12, 2005. With the recent retirement of the Chief Financial Officer, there is a vacant position on the Board and a requirement to appoint the acting designate to the Chief Financial Officer.

HISTORY:

On September 19, 2001, Council adopted the following motion submitted by EPC for approval:

"WHEREAS the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba has enacted The City of Winnipeg Act, enabling Council to pass a by-law to establish a pension benefits program maintained by The City of Winnipeg for Members of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council, at its meeting on November 22, 2000, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Secretariat Committee that a by-law be prepared to establish a pension benefits program for all Members of Council of The City of Winnipeg and that the pension benefits program be effective from January 1, 2001;

AND WHEREAS Council, at its meeting on July 18, 2001, passed By-law No. 7869/2001 to establish a pension benefits program for Members of Council of The City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Section 7, (1) of By-law No. 7869/2001 states:

> *The Board consists of:*
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> a) *Three representatives appointed by Council, only one of whom may be a Councillor, and*
> b) *The Chief Financial Officer of the City and where such position is vacant, the acting designate.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following representatives be appointed to the City Council Benefits Board for a three year term, ending December, 2004:

- *Speaker of Council*
- *Mr. Ken Hayes, Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Board*
- *Mr. Michael Ruta, Corporate Controller, City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance Department.*

DISCUSSION:

On January 12, 2005 Council appointed three representatives to the Board for the three year term ending 2007. The Chief Financial Officer or his acting designate is required to be included as a member of the Board by virtue of the provisions in the by-law.

The recommendation includes a request to appoint Michael Ruta as the acting designate for the Chief Financial Officer, by virtue of the provisions in the by-law, and that David Laird also be appointed on the Board.

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** February 22, 2006

No financial impact.

Michael Ruta
Corporate Controller

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH, AND CONCURRENCE BY:

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