Minute No. 294
Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 1, 2006

Item No. 3 **Council Referral - "Whistle-Blower" Legislation**
File GL-5

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the January 25, 2006 Council Motion pertaining to "Whistle-Blower" Legislation be filed, and the Administration be requested to prepare a report briefing Council on the provincial draft bill dealing with this matter once the same is available.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 1, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the January 25, 2006 Council Motion pertaining to "Whistle-Blower" Legislation be filed, and the Administration be requested to prepare a report briefing Council on the provincial draft bill dealing with this matter once the same is available, and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL:

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

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.