EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Civic Government functions best when fully responsive to the electorate;

AND WHEREAS the public interest is well-served through a mandated rotation of its elected officers;

AND WHEREAS the public interest is enhanced when the electorate has more opportunity to unfettered access for public service to the office of mayor and councillor;

AND WHEREAS term limits have been implemented in other democratic jurisdictions with positive impacts;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to limit the terms of Members of Council to 2 full four year terms, with additional terms possible after a four year stand-down between each set of 2 full four year terms;

AND WHEREAS civic government functions most responsively when matters of significant public impact are tested through the will of the electorate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Council of the City of Winnipeg submit a referendum question to the electorate during the 2006 General Municipal Election to seek public support for term limits for Councillors and the Mayor, as described;

2. The Council of the City of Winnipeg request that The Winnipeg Charter Act be amended accordingly with the limitation on terms commencing November 7, 2006, if accepted by a majority of the electorate;

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