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Minute No. 331 Exemption from School Tax for Veterans' Associations
File FL-3

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the presentation by John Petrinka as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Magnifico,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That the presentation by John Petrinka be received as information.

Carried

John Petrinka, submitted a communication dated April 26, 2001, in support of the exemption from School Tax for Veterans' Associations.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 5, 2006 the Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 22, 2006 Council Motion, pertaining to exemption from school tax for veterans' associations, and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 22, 2006, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS on June 29, 1998, Royal Assent was given to amendments made to s. 23(1)(i) of the Municipal Assessment Act (MAA), which amendments provided an exemption from school tax to the leasehold-titled property of the Chinese Cultural Association;

AND WHEREAS on January 1, 2005, Bill 50 provided a school tax exemption to community centres owned by the City of Winnipeg and leased to non-profit community organizations;

AND WHEREAS in 1995, the Province enacted Bill 36 to re-establish a "level playing field" between non-profit organizations such as veterans' associations and cultural and athletic associations;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City request the Province to assert in 2006 the equity intended in Bill 36 by amending s. 23(1)(f) of the MMA to include an exemption from school tax for veterans' associations that operate in premises held under leasehold title.