## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## MOTIONS

**Minute No. 375**
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Swandel,

WHEREAS today, March 22, 2006, is World Water Day;

AND WHEREAS one in six people in the world do not have access to clean drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the UN Conference on Water in 1977 in Mar del Plata affirmed the rights of all persons to access clean drinking water in order to satisfy their fundamental needs;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace has asked Canadian municipalities to assist in its effort to have the federal government recognize water as a common good and access to drinking water as a basic human right;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council support in principle the statement put forth by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, which states:

- Water is a sacred gift that connects all life;
- Access to clean water is a basic human right;
- The value of earth's fresh water to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value;
- Fresh water is a sacred legacy, a public trust and a collective responsibility.

Carried

**Minute No. 376**
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;

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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;

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.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law