Report – Executive Policy Committee – April 5, 2006

Item No. 2 Exemption from School Tax for Veterans' Associations
File FL-3

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 5, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee submits the following to Council:

1. That the March 22, 2006 Council Motion, pertaining to exemption from school tax for veterans' associations, be received as information.

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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

COUNCIL:

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;

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.