EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the City Council resolution enabling the building of a hog slaughterhouse in St. Boniface Industrial Park was introduced only seven calendar days before Councillors were asked to vote on it;

AND WHEREAS the haste with which the decision was made prevented Councillors from hearing from affected members of the public, both residents and nearby businesses;

AND WHEREAS many residents and nearby businesses have made it clear through meetings with Councillors and media interviews that they are opposed to the building of the hog slaughterhouse in that location;

AND WHEREAS City Councillors want to be fully informed about the wishes of the people they serve;

AND WHEREAS Bernie Wolfe, the former deputy mayor of Winnipeg, has stated that the building of the hog slaughterhouse is incompatible with the original intent of City Council in establishing St. Boniface Industrial Park;

AND WHEREAS some businesses currently located in St. Boniface Industrial Park have stated they will move out of the area and possibly out of Winnipeg if the hog slaughterhouse is built in that location;

AND WHEREAS there are extensive environmental impacts and potential additional fiscal consequences that have not yet been determined;

AND WHEREAS the Clean Environment Commission process is not yet complete and should be completed before council approves any incentive package;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Council hereby rescinds its approval for the OlyWest Project: Economic Development Incentive Package approved at the November 23rd, 2005 meeting of Council.

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2. The administration provide appropriate wording to amend Zoning By-Law 6400/94, that is currently under review to include intense land uses such as hog plants, emission factories and chemical waste storage facilities as conditional uses, so that public hearings will be required.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents within Canada's urban areas;

AND WHEREAS public transit increases roadway capacity by offering people a transportation choice other than the automobile;

AND WHEREAS public transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;

AND WHEREAS transit infrastructure investment needs for Canadian transit systems in the period 2006-2010 stand at $20.7 billion, with over $5 billion of this amount not fundable under current programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have inadequate revenue tools to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT this Council calls on the federal government to:

1. Make permanent the federal investment in public transit provided by Bill C-66 of the 38th parliament;

2. Ensure that this investment is distributed equitably to all transit systems across Canada;

3. Ensure that this investment is over and above any existing federal or provincial funding already in place.

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Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS in 2005 the Government of Canada approved an additional $1.6 billion for housing programs in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities recently urged the Government of Canada to honour this funding commitment of $1.6 billion for housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg City Council urge the Government of Canada to live up to its previous commitment to provide $1.6 billion in additional funding for housing programs.