EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Minute No. 587
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the City Council resolution enabling the building of a mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility in the St. Boniface Industrial Park was introduced only seven calendar days before Councillors were asked to vote on it, allowing for no public consultation or administrative due diligence;

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 mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility in that location;

AND WHEREAS some businesses currently located in the St. Boniface Industrial Park have stated they will move out of the area, and possibly out of Winnipeg and Manitoba, if the mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility is built in that location, which would be harmful to the economy of our city and province;

AND WHEREAS administration has reported that major considerations in favour of the St. Boniface Industrial Site location included the existing zoning of Heavy Industrial (M3) for said lands, good access to roads and city services, "buffering" by other industrial land uses (including light and medium industrial), and that the land (60 acres with an option for another 40 acres) was already owned by the tax payers;

AND WHEREAS a similar vacant property exists in west Winnipeg (Tuxedo Industrial Park Area) that is already zoned for Heavy Industrial uses (M3 - Industrial - Potentially Noxious), is 87.3 acres in size, has access to road (Kenaston) and nearby city services, and has superior "buffering" on all sides with lands that are already zoned for Heavy Industrial (M3) uses or for Agricultural (A) land uses;

AND WHEREAS this property, with all the above noted benefits, is already owned by Her Majesty the Queen Manitoba (Government of Manitoba) and therefore could be considered in a renegotiated incentive package as a replacement for the City of Winnipeg owned lands in the St. Boniface Industrial Park;

AND WHEREAS the businesses and residents opposed to the existing location in the St. Boniface Industrial Park have called on numerous occasions for other locations to be considered;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Council rescind the location stated by the OlyWest Project: Economic Development Incentive Package approved at the November 23, 2005 meeting of Council in favour of renegotiating a new location, with serious consideration to be given to the Tuxedo Industrial Park area proposal (Ownership: Government of Manitoba, Certificate of Title 1837939, Roll Number 10006339500), as noted in the attached Schedules A to E inclusive;

2. City Council instruct administration to immediately begin renegotiations with the OlyWest proponents, including with the Province of Manitoba, to establish the proposed mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility in a new location, with serious consideration to be given to the Tuxedo Industrial Park area proposal.

With the concurrence of the seconder Councillor Smith, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Wyatt withdrew his motion.