**Agenda - Council - January 24, 2007**

**Report – Executive Policy Committee - January 10, 2007**

**Item No. 1 General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres - Programming Grant for Community Centres**
**File PR-2**

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 10, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the December 6, 2006 Council Motion be concurred in and the request for the Programming Grant for Community Centres administered by the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres to be increased by $50,000 annually, be referred to the 2007 Operating Budget process.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

**Minutes – Executive Policy Committee - January 10, 2007**

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 10, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the December 6, 2006 Council Motion and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 6, 2006, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS Community Centres provide essential recreational services to children throughout the city of all ages with the help of many volunteers;

AND WHEREAS the Programming Grant administered by the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) has been set at $185,000 since 1998 and has never been increased;

AND WHEREAS there are no longer funds available nor new funds being put into the Recreation Program reserve fund which had been used for years as a source of funding for community centre programming;

AND WHEREAS the GCWCC no longer has reserve funds remaining from programming funding and these funds were used in the last few years to pay for essential programming at Community Centres;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Programming Grant for Community Centres administered by the GCWCC be increased by $50,000 annually and that this request be referred to the 2007 Operating Budget process.