Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 14, 2007

OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 7 Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – 2007 Operating Budget Recommendation
File FE(2007)

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Further on March 8, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommended that the Administration be requested to review and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development on the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program, addressing but not limited to the following issues:

- Increasing the assessment threshold from $115,000.00 to $160,000.00
- Increasing the amount allocated for the program from $325,000.00 to $500,000.00
- Investigate methods of carrying unexpended funds allocated for the program forward to the following year.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Further on March 8, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommended that the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program be referred to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee for review and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development for consideration during deliberations on the 2008 Operating Budget.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 22, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee referred the 2007 Preliminary Operating Budget to the Standing Policy Committees for review in accordance with the following timetable, namely:

February 26 to March 9, 2007	Standing Policy Committees – Review
March 12, 2007	Executive Policy Committee – Delegations
March 14, 2007	Executive Policy Committee – Recommendation to Council
March 20, 2007	Council