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Item No. 1 City of Winnipeg Procedure By-law
File GK-4

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 19, 2007, the Secretariat Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the February 21, 2007 Council Motion be filed.

2. That the Procedure By-law be amended to provide for the various revisions and housekeeping matters approved by the Committee.

3. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the revisions.

4. 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:

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 19, 2007, the Secretariat Committee recommended that the February 21, 2007 Council Motion be filed and that the Procedure By-law be amended to provide for the various revisions and housekeeping matters considered by Committee, and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL:

On February 21, 2007, Council referred the following motion to the Secretariat Committee for further consideration, namely:

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the current and proposed Procedure By-law provides for the mover of a motion, including an amendment to the main question, to speak for ten minutes and any other member of Council to speak for eight minutes, with an extension of two minutes, and for the mover to speak for eight minutes upon closing;

AND WHEREAS these speaking limits are meant to provide fair and equitable opportunity for Members of Council to address issues;

AND WHEREAS the current and proposed Procedure By-law stipulates that no member shall speak more than once to the same question;

AND WHEREAS it is preferred that the Procedure By-law be amended to ensure that a mover of an amendment speak to both the item and the amendment when introducing their motion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recommendation No. 1 of Item 1 of the Report of the Secretariat Committee dated January 22, 2007 be amended by adding the following words at the end of the recommendation:

"and that the proposed Rule No. 42 of the Procedure By-law be amended by inserting the following between the first and last sentences:

> 'In the case of an amendment to the main question, the time allocated to the mover and all other members of Council for speaking shall be utilized to speak to both the amendment and the main question' ".

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued)

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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