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Minute No. 438 Civic Building Green Roof Demonstration Project
File FB-1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the City of Winnipeg Public Service to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development by January 2008 on establishing a green roof on a civic building by including:

1. Proposed sites, including opportunities to be visited by the public
2. Opportunities for public education
3. Costs of implementation, including possible partnerships with the private sector
4. Timelines for implementation.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
WHEREAS a green roof is a vegetated area that becomes part of the building's roof;

AND WHEREAS green roofs can manage stormwater runoff, decrease energy use (especially during peak times), improve air quality and decrease urban air temperatures;

AND WHEREAS green roofs, on average, have twice the lifespan of standard roofs;

AND WHEREAS green roofs add green spaces to cities and can provide opportunities for recreation, commercial space and food production;

AND WHEREAS cities like Portland, Oregon and Chicago, Illinois have built green roof demonstration sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development by January 2008 on establishing a green roof on a civic building by including:

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