EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 49
In noting that the Forks North Portage Partnership office was relocating from the Forks to the former Birk's Building downtown, Councillor Steek inquired if any amount was prepaid on those leases.

His Worship Mayor Murray advised that he was not familiar with the agreement around the relocation of the offices, noting that it was a management and board decision, but agreed to pursue and forward the requested information.

Councillor Lubosch requested His Worship to provide an update on the status of the smoking by-law review process, to which he responded that that issue was under the jurisdiction of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and further noted that a review would be undertaken in early 2003.

Councillor Lazarenko inquired about the status of the report on the sex trade in the City of Winnipeg, to which His Worship advised that the question should be posed under the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services Question Period, and further reminded Council that the issue fell under the jurisdiction of the Federal and Provincial Governments.

In reference to the challenges by the City's Legal Counsel on the law that was struck down by Judge Susan Devine in November 1999, Councillor Lazarenko inquired if the Executive Policy Committee would address the matter.

His Worship replied that the Executive Policy Committee's role was primarily policy coordination, noting that the issue in question fell under the purview of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services. He further agreed to request an update on the status from the Province as most of the recommendations were within provincial jurisdiction and had been referred to the Province.

In noting that His Worship had made reference to a draft report outlining a four district model, Councillor Wyatt questioned if the Mayor, the Mayor's staff and / or the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat had seen the report.

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His Worship replied that the only document he was aware of was a ten page power point presentation from the Chief of Police dealing with a number of possibilities about realignment and reconstruction of offices at a very high level. He added that he had not seen any report, nor was aware that any member of Council had seen a report, but suggested that all Members of Council should read the effectiveness review report that came forward approximately two years ago in which the four district model was one of the numerous recommendations made by the Consultant.

Councillor Wyatt requested His Worship to provide all Members of Council with a copy of the power point presentation, to which His Worship agreed to do so.