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Report - Executive Policy Committee - January 28, 2003

Item No. 1 Funding for the True North Project
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 28, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion and recommends to Council:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has entered into an agreement with the True North Limited Partnership group to contribute $13.5 million dollars to the development of the True North Entertainment Complex;

AND WHEREAS the True North Limited Partnership has raised $18 million dollars of the $20 million private sector equity commitment needed to complete the project;

AND WHEREAS the True North Limited Partnership have secured sufficient debt financing through a consortium led by the Assiniboine Credit Union;

AND WHEREAS the True North Limited Partnership have eliminated the risk of construction cost overruns by entering into a fixed price contract for the construction of the development;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has agreed to increase the provincial contribution to the project by $1 million dollars;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg wishes the project to proceed without further delay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Winnipeg agree to increase the City contribution to the project by $1 million dollars.

2. That the appropriate legal documentation be prepared.

3. That $1 million dollars be paid from the $3.5 million accrued at year end 2002 for payment to True North.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to facilitate the above.