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Item No. 4 Preliminary Opportunities Analysis on the Removal of the CPR North End Rail Yards (Point Douglas and Mynarski Wards) File ST-6

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 23, 2008, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the CPR Rail Yards have dissected the north end of Winnipeg for over 100 years;

AND WHEREAS there would substantial housing, commercial, recreational and transportation opportunities for Winnipeg if the CPR Rail yards could be relocated or rationalized outside of the city;

AND WHEREAS there may be national transportation opportunities for Manitoba in the development of a modern inland port / container terminal which would complement the Asia-Pacific Gateway Initiative and / or Port of Churchill initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the Federal government have enacted the "Railway Relocation and Crossing Act" which facilitates the relocation of railway lines or re-routing of railway traffic in urban areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a preliminary opportunities analysis on the removal of the CPR North End Rail Yards be undertaken by the City of Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg consult with both CPR and the Province of Manitoba on this initiative.