Minute No. 213
Report - Executive Policy Committee - January 30, 2008

Item No. 2 **Preliminary Opportunities Analysis on the Removal of the CPR North End Rail Yards**
File ST-6

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Council Motion of January 23, 2008, be received as information, inasmuch as the Mayor's Trade Council has been requested to undertake a preliminary opportunities analysis on the relocation of the CPR North End Rail Yards.

2. 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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 30, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee requested the Mayor's Trade Council to undertake a preliminary opportunities analysis on:

(a) relocation of the CPR North End Rail Yards; and
(b) rail line consolidation of tracks of both CN and CP Rail;
keeping within the current jurisdiction of the City of Winnipeg, and identifying the roles and responsibilities of the private railways, provincial and federal governments.

Further on January 30, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee received as information the Council Motion of January 23, 2008, inasmuch as the Mayor's Trade Council has been requested to undertake a preliminary opportunities analysis on the relocation of the CPR North End Rail Yards, and submitted the matter to Council.

Further on January 30, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee received from Pat Martin, Member of Parliament, Winnipeg Centre, House of Commons, a communication dated January 29, 2008, in support of a Preliminary Opportunities Analysis on the Removal of the CPR North End Rail Yards, including a copy of a Winnipeg Free Press article dated January 21, 2008 titled "The case for rail relocation".

COUNCIL:

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL (continued):

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.