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Item No. 1 Proposed Development of the Upper Fort Garry Site
(Fort Rouge - East Fort Gary Ward)
File FI-2.4(32)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of February 20, 2008, be filed

2. That the Proper Officer 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 Councillor Swandel,

That pursuant to The City of Winnipeg Charter and By-law No. 5288/89, Committee go In Camera to discuss a matter under Category "C" of said by-law, in that it deals with property related matters including but not limited to reports respecting purchase, sale, lease, exchange, expropriation or development of City-owned lands.

Carried

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That Committee return to open session.

Carried

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That the Council Motion of February 20, 2008, be filed, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

The Executive Policy Committee received submissions from the following with respect to the proposed development of the Upper Fort Garry Site, namely:

- Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry, submitted a Master Plan and Master Plan Vision of the Upper Fort Garry Heritage Park and Interpretive Centre
- Councillor Vandal, St. Boniface Ward
- Earl Harrison

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2008, due to a tie vote, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council without recommendation.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Further on March 4, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development received submissions from the following:

- Earl Harrison submitted a communication dated February 6, 2008, in support of the Council Motion
- Rubin Spletzer, President, Heritage Landing Inc. submitted a communication titled "Executive Summary", in opposition to the Council Motion
- Ken MacKinnon, Friesen Tokar Architects, submitted a computer generated image titled "Upper Fort Garry – Perimeter Footprint and Buildings", in opposition to the Council Motion.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 20, 2008, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the December 13, 2007 decision of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development gave the Friends of Upper Fort Garry until March 31, 2008 to substantially complete the $12.5 million dollars of fundraising for development of the Upper Fort Garry plan;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Standing Policy Committee also required the Friends of Upper Fort Garry to secure the Grain Exchange Curling Club for their project by March 31, 2008;

AND WHEREAS if the Friends of Upper Fort Garry fail to meet any or all of the conditions set out by the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, the sale of 100 Main St for residential development will be considered approved and concluded without further consideration by Standing Committee, Executive Committee or Council;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba have committed $ 1.5 million dollars for the Upper Fort Garry plan;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the 100 Main Street site once comprised part of Upper Fort Garry, a historic site of national significance, which included the headquarters of Manitoba's first provisional government headed by Louis Riel;

AND WHEREAS Section 3.2 of the Procedure By-Law of the City of Winnipeg states the following,

> "Notwithstanding the delegation of any authority or power under this by-law to Executive Policy Committee or a Standing Committee, Council may, at its discretion, review or deal with any matter which falls within the mandate of Executive Policy Committee or a Standing Committee;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind the December 13, 2007 decision of the Downtown Development Committee;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg meet with the Province of Manitoba, Government of Canada and the Friends of Upper Fort Garry representatives to develop and implement a world class, historical destination for Upper Fort Garry;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a project planning phase be approved for the site, which includes public consultations with Winnipeg citizens on the Upper Fort Garry development.