EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS malaria is the leading killer of children in Africa, taking a child's life every 30 seconds;

AND WHEREAS on April 25, 2000, at the African Summit in Abuja, Nigeria, Africa Malaria Day was declared as April 25th as a commitment by all nations to halve the burden of Malaria by 2010;

AND WHEREAS April 25th is also known and recognized as World Malaria Day by the international community;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations acknowledges the importance of the need to halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria not only as a goal in itself, but as an essential path toward achieving all the Millennium Development Goals by the target year of 2015;

AND WHEREAS Canadian citizens make an immense contribution to improving quality of life in communities around the world through their efforts as volunteers and supporters of international cooperation and partnership;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to international cooperation and partnership to improve the quality of life of all people as demonstrated by its "Sister City's" projects;

AND WHEREAS the BUY-A-NET Malaria Prevention Group, a registered charitable Canadian citizen and volunteer driven initiative, based in Kingston with an active Winnipeg branch, believes that together, as united citizens against malaria, we can prevent malaria and alleviate the pain and suffering inflicted upon people [particularly children and pregnant women] in Africa through the procurement and distribution of long lasting insecticide treated bed nets and anti-malarial medicines free of charge, one village at a time;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is known as "the Gateway to the West";

AND WHEREAS it takes so little to make a difference by providing nets to protect whole villages in Africa from malaria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Katz and City Council express support for the outstanding efforts of community groups such as BUY-A-NET for their work on Malaria Prevention.