EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 595
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto Act 2006 has established strong ethical accountability mechanisms and officers for Municipal Governments;

AND WHEREAS those measures included a Code of Conduct and an Integrity Commissioner who applies the code;

AND WHEREAS via the Conflict of Interest Act of the Province of Manitoba, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Assembly on Legislative Affairs, the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoints a Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the purpose of the said Act who is appointed on a part-time basis;

AND WHEREAS the said Conflict of Interest Commissioner is required to make an annual report to the Speaker of the Assembly about the exercise of the commissioner's responsibilities under the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Act and the Conflict of Interest Commissioner only applies to the Province of Manitoba and Members of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS there is no such office in regards to the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council call on the Province of Manitoba to review and amend existing legislation to create stronger Conflict of Interest rules and guidelines for the City of Winnipeg and Council through such measures as the establishment of a separate municipal office for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner or by expanding the role and responsibilities of the existing Commissioner.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in Accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee - Consideration of Motions (continued)

Minute No. 596
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS bottled water is many times more expensive than water from the tap, even though bottled water is just filtered municipal tap water;

AND WHEREAS plastic bottles release dangerous toxic chemicals and contaminants into the air and water contributing to environmental degradation when they are manufactured;

AND WHEREAS toxic contaminants such as arsenic, mercury and bromides have been found in independent, peer reviewed scientific studies of bottled water;

AND WHEREAS the bottled water industry suggests that their product is more pure and healthy than tap water, when tap water is tested more stringently by the Water and Waste Department (hundreds of tests a month) while bottled water is tested by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency once a year;

AND WHEREAS by continuing to allow the sale of bottled water at civic facilities we are telling Winnipeggers that tap water is an inferior product;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we cease selling bottled water in city facilities.

Automatic Referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law