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Item No. 7 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games – Olympic Torch Relay File GC-8

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 22, 2008, Council referred the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration during the Budget Review Process:

Moved by Councillor Nordman
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games are taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia, and this will be an event of special significance to all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games has invited the City of Winnipeg to participate in the Olympic Torch Relay to take place prior to the Games, by hosting a special event to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay;

AND WHEREAS the prospect of Winnipeg's hosting an event to welcome the Olympic Torch Relay represents a unique opportunity for the City, as the eyes of the world would be focused on Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg conclude an agreement with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, committing the City to provide funding and services-in-kind in support of a civic celebration related to the visit of the Olympic Torch Relay to Winnipeg in January, 2010, in an amount not to exceed a total of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the necessary funds to meet the City's obligations pursuant to the proposed agreement with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games be allocated in the 2010 Operating Budget, and that the Public Service commence planning related to the visit of the Olympic Torch Relay to Winnipeg, in consultation with government and community stakeholders and potential partners.