# *PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF MANITOBA*
# *COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF WINNIPEG*

November 12, 2008

To: Joanne Park, Clerk, Executive Policy Committee
All Council Members, City of Winnipeg

Please record this objection in the minutes of today's EPC meeting.

Re: GL-5.6.1
City of Winnipeg Utility Corporation

The existence of this report became public on Thursday of last week. Two business days later it is on today's agenda.

The report urges such precipitate action in order to take advantage of two specific short-term **possible** benefits:

- Relieving City Council of ultimate responsibility for decisions on the construction of the two Waste-Water Treatment Plants, (**but** not relieving their constituents of the responsibility of paying the tab).

- Accessing proposed Building Canada grants from funds designated for Public Private Partnerships (**but** for which eligible investment categories and criteria for project eligibility have yet to be established by the Federal Government).

A case for the long-term benefits of a change of this magnitude to the delivery of vital public services must be made and defended by the proponents in a far more open and transparent manner than has been possible so far.

The Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba and the Council of Women of Winnipeg strongly urge the members of Executive Policy Committee to:

- Receive the report from the administration for information only at this time,

- Provide an opportunity for full disclosure and meaningful public discussion to take place.

Thank you for the opportunity to place our concerns on the agenda of today's meeting.

Sincerely,

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