Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 20, 2009

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Minute No. 265 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service, in consultation with the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee, to report back to the Executive Policy Committee in 90 days with recommendations regarding:

(i) a comprehensive strategy and action plan for achieving a further 20% reduction of corporate greenhouse gas emissions;

(ii) a status update on the 6% target for reduction of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions; and

(iii) opportunities for partnerships with other public and private entities on both corporate greenhouse gas reductions and community-wide greenhouse gas reductions.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS on November 25, 1998, Council passed a resolution signing on to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP), which commits a municipality to developing both a corporate and a community-wide climate change action plan;

AND WHEREAS in 1998, the City of Winnipeg committed to reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below 1998 greenhouse gas levels, which target was met through a number of initiatives that included:

- Establishment of an energy and emissions inventory tool and forecast
- Annual reporting on progress towards the corporate greenhouse gas target
- Identification and implementation of energy efficient and renewable energy upgrades in civic facilities
- Adoption of elements of green building standards for new civic facilities
- LEED certification for key staff members
- Reduction of water consumption through the "Slow the Flow" program
- Fleet initiatives to reduce emissions
- Ongoing replacement of existing traffic signals with high-efficiency LED systems
- The sale of Winnipeg Hydro;

AND WHEREAS in 1998, the City of Winnipeg committed to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 6% below 1998 greenhouse gas levels;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to further reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions beyond the City's initial 20% target;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee was mandated to provide a public perspective on environmental sustainability and how particular environmental issues impact the community and civic operations;

AND WHEREAS environmental issues are truly a community concern and are best addressed through co-operative community efforts;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service, in consultation with the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee, be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee in 90 days with recommendations regarding:

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Carried

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.