Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – May 27, 2009

REPORTS

Item No. 1 Our Winnipeg Initiative - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Grant Sustainable Community Plan
File EP-1.1 (PW)

The following resolution is submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg plays a significant role in shaping the community that we want our children and grandchildren to grow up in;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to creating a culture of social, economic and environmental sustainability within its organization and the community as a whole to ensure the highest quality of life for current and future generations;

AND WHEREAS this commitment to sustainability was publicly announced at the Mayor's Symposium on Sustainability on April 25, 2009;

AND WHEREAS the Sustainability Symposium marked the beginning of the City's comprehensive process to create a new Municipal Development Plan – the Our Winnipeg Initiative – that will be based on principles of sustainability;

AND WHEREAS the first stage of the Our Winnipeg process – the Call to Action – will be developed through an extensive public engagement process, and will articulate a sustainable community vision, outline key priorities and short-term achievable actions and sustainability targets for both the corporation and the community as a whole;

AND WHEREAS the second stage of the Our Winnipeg process – the municipal land-use and development plan – will set out how Winnipeg will achieve sustainable change and growth over the next 25 years, with a particular focus on sustainable transportation and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the land-use and development plan will be prepared in parallel with a series of action plans and sustainability targets for improving neighbourhoods, our economic vitality and ensuring the highest quality of life for all residents of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has applied for funding in the amount of $350,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund to support the development of Winnipeg's sustainable community plan – Our Winnipeg - which requires a Council Resolution committing to the creation of a sustainable community plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg confirm the Our Winnipeg Initiative as a sustainable community plan, which will include a sustainable community vision and sustainability targets.