Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 27, 2009

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Minute No. 284 Our Winnipeg Initiative - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Grant Sustainable Community Plan eFile EP-1.1 (PW)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. 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.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Swandel,

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.

Carried