Agenda – Council – September 30, 2009

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS Winnipeg is described as a River City with two main rivers and a variety of lesser tributaries;

AND WHEREAS the City owns land along these waterways that is under-utilized;

AND WHEREAS the Premier has recently expressed interest in the Province participating in a project to make some river lands more accessible to the public;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has recently declared the Red River a Heritage river;

AND WHEREAS all citizens should have access to our rivers;

AND WHEREAS enhancing our rivers, and growing the number of people enjoying our rivers would be of economic benefit to the City and add to the quality of life of citizens;

AND WHEREAS greater access to our rivers would create a greater appreciation for their environmental importance;

AND WHEREAS the City has an existing capital budget commitment to enhancing our rivers;

AND WHEREAS partnerships like the Forks North Portage, Centre Venture and the Core Area Initiative have brought great value to the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be directed to explore with the other levels of government a Tri-level Partnership to create a stand alone agency to enhance our rivers, create economic opportunities along our rivers, and grow the number of people that experience our rivers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a financial analysis be provided to value the City's current work on the rivers, provide a general cost analysis on future works, and provide an estimate of required funding from each partner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the mayor designate a member of EPC as the project lead on this initiative.