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Item No. 1 Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination
eFile CR-1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 13, 2009, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of October 28, 2009, be concurred in, namely, the City of Winnipeg join with the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination in endorsing and supporting the statements below, which will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at its March 2010 meeting:

    A. Express our strong and ongoing commitment to champion equity and respect for all people through the Coalition, the endorsement of the Ten Common Commitments Against Racism and Discrimination and each municipalities own unique plan of action;

    B. Acknowledge that racism and discrimination in Canada continues to divide communities, threaten democratic and participatory citizenship and entrench and aggravate inequalities within society;

    C. Recognize that the work of the Coalition will be strengthened by an increased membership representative of municipalities across Canada;

    D. Welcome the ongoing role of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in the work of the Canadian Coalition and of UNESCO in the international coalition and the regional coalitions;

    E. Call upon municipal governments, in partnership with local, municipal, provincial and pan-Canadian organizations, to invest in efforts and recommendations set forth by the Coalition;

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F. Further call upon the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make a strong and ongoing commitment to support the work of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and to reiterate its call to its members in the Member's Advisory issued October 14, 2005 to join the Coalition.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 13, 2009, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of October 28, 2009 and forwarded the matter to Council.

COUNCIL:

On October 28, 2009, Council ruled automatic referral of the following resolution to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg join with the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination in endorsing and supporting the statements below, which will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at its March 2010 meeting:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL (continued):

6. Further call upon the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make a strong and ongoing commitment to support the work of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and to reiterate its call to its members in the Member's Advisory issued October 14, 2005 to join the Coalition.