STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 36
Councillor Vandal questioned if there would be any business tax cuts or property tax freezes in the upcoming operating budget to which Councillor Fielding advised that they were just in the process of looking through the operating budget and no decision had been made on that as yet.

Councillor Vandal asked if the Chairperson could share with Council the directives given to the administration many months ago on their operating budgets. He further asked if departments were looking at 5% or 2% reductions or cost of living increases.

Councillor Fielding advised that they were looking at each department on a one on one basis. He stated that he would like to see a proper tax freeze and that they were moving in that direction. He reiterated what the Mayor had been emphasizing over the last number of years that Executive Policy Committee did not want to see reductions in any core services for the City of Winnipeg.