Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2010

OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 7 Funding for 50 new Police Cadet Positions
eFile GF-2

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COUNCIL DECISION:

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Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS within the most recent collective agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association, the City of Winnipeg has obtained the ability to establish a Police Cadet Unit of up to 200 Cadets;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will improve service to the citizens of Winnipeg by increasing the Winnipeg Police Service's (WPS) police presence in Downtown Winnipeg and other neighbourhoods in Winnipeg, assist the WPS in day to day duties as determined by the WPS, and will provide these services above and beyond the existing level of service at an economical cost to ratepayers when compared to conventional policing costs;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will assist the WPS in its succession planning by acting as a potential pool of new recruits for the regular police service, thus further strengthening the existing WPS;

AND WHEREAS no funds were included in the 2010 Preliminary Operating Budget for the purpose of funding Police Cadet positions, and that this is a lost opportunity to improve community safety considering the recent improvement in the collective agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funding for 50 new Police Cadet positions be included in the City of Winnipeg 2010 Operating Budget.