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Item No. 6 Recycling Depot Initiatives
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The following resolution is submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS Manitoba has implemented only municipal curbside recycling programs for plastic and glass containers;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan have deposit return programs for plastic and glass containers;

AND WHEREAS the Environment of Plastics Industry Council's 2004 report indicated that "recovery and recycling of plastic bottles in Canada varies dramatically based on the province and the bottle type";

AND WHEREAS in 2004 plastic beverage bottle recovery in Manitoba (30%) was less than half the recovery rate in British Columbia (78%);

AND WHEREAS in 2008 the Province of Manitoba had the second-highest increase in trash in the country as well as the worst recycling rate in Canada;

AND WHEREAS recycling of plastic bottles and non-beverage containers in Winnipeg is governed by the Province of Manitoba (Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM)) through a Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation under the authority of the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act;

AND WHEREAS the 2010 Provincial Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Stewardship Program Plan outlines that residential collection can include "curbside and depot systems that can be public and privately delivered";

AND WHEREAS the PPP Program Plan indicates that MMSM "will consult with municipalities…regarding best practices to recycling collection and processing in their communities";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg encourage the Province of Manitoba to reduce waste, increase recycling and provide province-wide incentives for recovery of plastic and glass containers by:

(i) implementing voluntary depot programs in the province of Manitoba;
(ii) providing economic incentives for returning containers to voluntary depots;
(iii) including beverage and non-beverage containers in voluntary depot programs (i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, Tetra Pak containers).