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Item No. 6 Financial Assistance Program for Homeowners – Installation of Backwater Value and Sump Pumps
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COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 21, 2010, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been encouraging homeowners to install both backwater valves and sump pumps for years;

AND WHEREAS the recent extraordinary heavy rain events overwhelmed the City of Winnipeg storm and sanitary sewer systems;

AND WHEREAS many residents in Winnipeg have yet to install either a proper backwater valve and sump pump with pit;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that the City of Winnipeg storm and sanitary sewer system was negatively impacted with storm water from weeping tiles and/or basements being directly drained into the sanitary sewer system;

AND WHEREAS homeowners who install both a backwater valve and sump pump with pit directly minimize the risk of sewer back up, while at the same time reducing the amount of storm water flowing into the sanitary sewer lines;

AND WHEREAS the installation of a backwater valve and sump pump with pit can cost homeowners over a thousand dollars and therefore poses a financial burden to many;

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED that the Winnipeg Public Service work with the Province of Manitoba and the Insurance Bureau of Manitoba to establish a credit and/or grant and/or finance program to directly assist homeowners with the financial cost of installing both the backwater valve and sump pump with pit.