Agenda – Council – February 23, 2011

Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 9, 2011

Item No. 2 City of Winnipeg Participation in the Municipal Local Economic Development Program

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 9, 2011, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the City's participation in the Municipal Local Economic Development (MLED) program be endorsed.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be instructed to implement the necessary policies, procedures, and administrative guidelines that would support the City's involvement in this partnership.

3. 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 February 9, 2011, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg, which is home to 110,335 Ukrainians, established a Sister-City Agreement with the City of Lviv, Ukraine, in 1973 and reaffirmed this Agreement in 2003 to emphasize the importance of the historical ties between the two cities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has applied to be a Canadian municipal (institution) partner for a municipal capacity building project in Ukraine under the Municipal Local Economic Development (MLED) program with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), which program is supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA);

AND WHEREAS the MLED program has been established to "contribute to improved economic opportunities for Ukrainians in a strengthened democracy, support improved planning and delivery of services that foster and support economic growth and development, and promote intergovernmental cooperation models" between cities, provincial and national institutions that are involved in this project;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg will not be required to make a direct financial contribution to the MLED program, but is instead expected to identify experts who will participate in the project on a volunteer basis, and engage the Winnipeg community in project activities, as appropriate;

AND WHEREAS all participant travel, accommodation and meal expenses for City of Winnipeg staff participating in the MLED program will be paid for by FCM through funding from CIDA;

AND WHEREAS City of Winnipeg staff would be providing advice, training and best practices to support local economic development through workshops, intergovernmental forums and direct meetings in Ukraine during approximately 3 two week missions a year over a period of 4 years and study visits to Canada by Ukrainian officials associated with this project;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the City's participation in the Municipal Local Economic Development (MLED) program;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be instructed to implement the necessary policies, procedures, and administrative guidelines that would support the City's involvement in this partnership,

and submitted the matter to Council.