## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## MOTIONS

**Minute No. 626**
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS through the Our Winnipeg public process, it was identified by Winnipeggers that Forestry and the City of Winnipeg's urban forest is greatly appreciated;

AND WHEREAS in the last five years the City of Winnipeg has improved its tree pruning practice from a 30 to 40 year pruning cycle to a 14 year pruning cycle, but is still short of the North American Best Practices standard of an 8 year pruning cycle;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg presently cannot replace trees that are lost to disease or other factors on a tree by tree basis, thus resulting in a decline, over time, of the size of the overall urban forest;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has led North America in successfully managing the Dutch Elm Disease epidemic, and maintaining the City's much prized Elm Tree Stock;

AND WHEREAS Emerald Ash Borer is a disease that will decimate the City of Winnipeg Ash Tree population in the near future;

AND WHEREAS at the last meeting of the Mayor's Environment Advisory Committee a similar motion on this matter was unanimously adopted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Council should increase funding for tree pruning so that the City of Winnipeg can achieve the 8 year best practice cycle for tree pruning;

2. That Council earmark funding for tree planting that would ensure a tree is replaced for every tree lost;

3. That the City of Winnipeg immediately establish a policy that bans the planting of any Ash trees that would be susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer, on public and private property, in light of the impending epidemic;

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4. That depending on cost of item 1 and item 2, the City of Winnipeg consider implementing these goals by a phased in approach in order to achieve full funding of these items over the next three years.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law