Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – January 23, 2013

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Item No. 1 Downtown Taxi Strategy

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 27, 2012, Council passed the following motion, namely:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
Seconded by Councillor Swandel,

WHEREAS the taxi cab industry is a vital component of an effective transportation network in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Council adopted Transportation Master Plan included an enabling strategy to 'seek to improve access and efficiency of the taxi system by expanding on-street taxi zones';

AND WHEREAS the Council adopted Downtown Parking Strategy included an enabling strategy to 'Investigate other demand-side strategies to provide a diverse range of short-distance Downtown transportation options that enhance mobility. These areas would require collaboration with service providers, regulatory agencies and others. Areas of potential include bike and transit integration with parking facilities, point-to-point shuttle services and improved taxi service;'

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be directed to work with the appropriate civic departments and key stakeholders to develop a downtown taxi strategy including but not limited to investigating converting loading zones in the downtown to be used as afterhours taxi stands, examining the potential use of taxis in fire lanes, and increasing the amount of taxi stands in the downtown;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Public Service explore taxi stands citywide at shopping centres and larger commercial areas including examining the potential use of taxis in fire lanes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Public Service report back to Executive Policy Committee within 120 days.