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REPORTS

Item No. 1 Review of City Council Governmental Structure

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 27, 2013, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the most important document City Council passes is the budget;

AND WHEREAS currently there is minimal opportunity for input from Councillors prior to it being tabled;

AND WHEREAS there are numerous better practices elsewhere in Canada that do not segregate Councillors as tier one or tier two Councillors and engage all Councillors on an equal basis;

AND WHEREAS the Charter Act is permissive, not mandatory, in terms of the number of members that can be appointed to Executive Policy Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Administration to provide a report within 30 days that reviews the current structure of Council as it relates to other Canadian cities and present a model whereby all Winnipeg City Councillors are included in providing input and have an equal opportunity to make their contribution.