Minute No. 271
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Item No. 1 Review of City Council Governmental Structure

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Council motion of February 27, 2013 be received as information.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Councillor Havixbeck for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Fielding, Mayes, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Steen, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt, and Nordman. 11

Nay: Councillors Eadie, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Orlikow, and Smith. 5

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 6, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee submitted to Council that the Council motion of February 27, 2013 be received as information.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.