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Item No. 1 Proposal for the Preparation of Separate Tax Bills for Municipal and Provincial portions of Realty Tax
File FL-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 4, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee recommended the following to Council:

1. That in accordance with Section 16.4 of the Procedure By-law, the Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council that a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day extension of time be granted in order to refer the matter to the Administration with instructions that the proposal be amended and further developed for inclusion in negotiations with the Province of Manitoba on the second phase of The City of Winnipeg Charter to allow the City of Winnipeg the necessary authority to prepare two tax bills.

2. 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:

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On March 5, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Chief Administrative Officer for report back.

COUNCIL:

On February 26, 2003, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

WHEREAS the current City of Winnipeg tax bill includes Municipal taxation, school division taxation and the special Provincial education levy;

AND WHEREAS the combined education taxes and Provincial education levy are greater than the Municipal portion of the tax bill in some school divisions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg collects all of the above noted forms of taxation but retains only the Municipal portion;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg Charter requires that the tax bill be in a form approved by the Provincial Minister;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Civic Administration prepare two tax bills, namely the Municipal portion and the Provincial portions, in order to clarify for taxpayers how their taxes are distributed and obtain appropriate approval from the Provincial Minister.