Agenda – Council – February 26, 2014

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the major railways own and operate hundreds of kilometers of rail track throughout the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS recent trends in goods rail transport have seen an increase in transport activity, as well as change in the quality of dangerous goods being transported;

AND WHEREAS recent high profile rail accidents have prompted public concern regarding the safety of Canada's rail network, especially on routes where large volumes of dangerous goods are being transported;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group has called for swift and concrete action to improve rail safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg call upon Transport Canada and the Federal Government to ensure that all rail safety rules, including those affecting large rail yards such as Symington, are reviewed and modernized to reflect the new realities in rail transport;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the review include information sharing to municipalities and cities by railroad companies on the nature and volumes of dangerous goods being transported;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT crude oil and all other flammable liquids be included on the list of substances deemed high-risk for transportation, and that detailed emergency response assistance plans (ERAP's) be in place in the event of an accident.