Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 9, 2014

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Minute No. 254 Hotel Accommodation for Citizens without Access to Water

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council motion of March 26, 2014 be received as information.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

That the Council motion of March 26, 2014, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 26, 2014, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS citizens have the right to access water in their homes;

AND WHEREAS the recent emergency situation where approximately 720 addresses throughout the City of Winnipeg still do not have municipal water nor do they have access to a neighbour's temporary connection for water;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT citizens be afforded the option of staying at a hotel or a bed and breakfast within the City of Winnipeg until either a temporary connection can be established or their pipes can be thawed and regular service resumes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be directed to negotiate a bulk discount with hoteliers and offer a rate similar to airlines offering rates to passengers when they need to layover.