Minute No. 490
Report – Executive Policy Committee – May 14, 2014

Item No. 2 2014 International Year of Family Farming

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That 2014 be formally recognized as the International Year of Family Farming.

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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 14, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 5, 2014, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the United Nations has recognized 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has substantial areas zoned as agricultural, many of these areas being family farms;

AND WHEREAS the importance of local food production is increasingly recognized as a health benefit for a community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City of Winnipeg formally recognizes 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in recognition of 2014 being “The International Year of Family Farming”, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to research and analyze potential planning approaches and provide recommendations on how best to ensure that the interests of the agricultural community residing on lands zoned agricultural within the city boundaries are considered as the city continues to grow.