EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Minute No. 573
Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is one of the last cities in Canada to hold the current model where the Mayor appoints all members of Executive Policy Committee, with associated pay increases;

AND WHEREAS there may be more responsive, service-oriented governance models such as the City of Calgary that Winnipeg's governance system could be modeled after;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg adopts the following model for governance:

The Council establishes its policies for governing the city based on information provided by four Standing Policy Committees:

Protection and Community Services
Finance
Transportation
Infrastructure Services
Operations and Environment

Committees should meet once every month at City Hall and be comprised of Councillors and are responsible for approving and recommending policies to City Council. The general public is invited to the Committee meeting to make presentations. Any decisions that come out of these meetings need final approval from the Council as a whole.

There should also be civic committees, boards, and authorities that help to create policies in specialized areas, such as parking, the preservation of heritage sites and buildings, and planning and development matters. These civic committees, boards and authorities will be comprised of citizens.

City Council should meet four times every month. Two meetings will be regular Council meetings, where issues from the four policy committees are discussed and debated in the Council Chamber. The third meeting is a public hearing, where planning matters will be discussed in the Council Chamber. The fourth meeting will be similar to a Council Seminar and the agendas will be set by Councillors, the Mayor and citizens including special interest groups.

Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motions (continued):

Every Council member will serve on each Standing Policy Committee throughout their term and will chair one of the committees during their term on Council.

One-half of pay increases currently given to Executive Policy Committee members will be distributed to all Councillors.

The Community Committee model will slowly be disbanded. The Planning and Development items will move to the Planning Committee and an alternative to awarding grants will be provided in near future.

Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
That the item be referred to the Governance Committee of Council.

Carried