EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 195
Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS Councillors play an important role in helping to communicate and inform Winnipeg's citizens about issues, including new projects, initiatives and events that affect the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Councillors are often on the front line and asked by media to comment on these issues;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service prepares media releases and public launches for many of these issues;

AND WHEREAS the media releases and public launches are planned for and prepared well in advance of the event itself taking place;

AND WHEREAS in recent months, there have been several high profile issues involving media releases and public launches, including the opening of Winnipeg's new Transportation Centre, where Councillors were notified only hours before the media release was put out;

AND WHEREAS same day notification does not offer Councillors sufficient time to attend or be prepared to comment on these issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be directed to ensure the Winnipeg Public Service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least one (1) week prior to the event, so that Councillors can arrange their calendars to attend any public launch and / or be prepared to comment and formulate opinion on these issues that are important to all Winnipeggers and their elected representatives.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law