EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 71
Councillor Steeves referred to the New Deal discussions and questioned what the Provincial Government's position was with respect to the provincial sales tax.

Mayor Murray noted that the Province understood the general principles of the New Deal and the challenges that the City was facing, and further noted that that the Province would be investigating options that could be undertaken.

Councillor De Smedt made reference to the potential expropriation of the school in which the Winnipeg Police Service houses its training academy and requested that the Mayor and Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs become involved in the debate with the Provincial Ministers of Education and Intergovernmental Affairs inasmuch as the expropriation would prove a hardship to the City.

Councillor Gerbasi confirmed that the Francophone School Division is considering the expropriation of Allard School where the Winnipeg Police Service training academy is located. She stated the City was in the process of signing a lease to allow the Winnipeg Police Service training academy remain in the facility, but noted that a dispute had arisen between the Provincial Government and the Francophone School Division that needed to be worked out. She advised that the City was monitoring the situation and that as new information unfolded, it would be brought forward to Council, as appropriate.

Councillor De Smedt questioned if the Mayor would consider sending correspondence to the province indicating Council's support on the position that the training academy remain at its current location. The Mayor took the question under advisement.