EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 577
Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

WHEREAS Members of Council must perform their functions with integrity, impartiality and transparency, putting the public interest before private and self-interest;

AND WHEREAS Members of Council must not act in situations in which they have a real or apparent conflict of interest, whether during a meeting of Council or Committee of Council or at any other time while performing their official duties;

AND WHEREAS Members of City Council should adhere to this principle during their time in office as well as the time immediately following their leave of office;

AND WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner has been preparing a new Code of Conduct for Members of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner has been meeting with Members of Council individually, as well as a group, to receive input on ways each Member felt the Code of Conduct could be revised;

AND WHEREAS The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Act restricts Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Assistant Deputy Ministers, as well as senior officers of Crown agencies from certain employment and activities for a period of one year following their leave of office;

AND WHEREAS Members of Council should be subject to a one year cooling off period consistent with provincial officials;

AND WHEREAS the City Solicitor has advised that legislative changes are necessary in order to impose and enforce a cooling off period for Members of Council including the Mayor.

BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg City Council request that the Province of Manitoba amend The City of Winnipeg Charter Act to require a one year cooling off period for Members of Council, including the Mayor, in a manner that is consistent with the cooling off period currently in place for provincial officials.

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