EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 139
Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS at other levels of government, contributions made to a political campaign receive some form of tax incentive;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto has operated a successful program for municipal political campaign contributions since 1990;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg Charter, Section 46(1), states that council may by by-law, establish a program that entitles a contributor of a contribution made to a registered candidate during a campaign period:

- to a credit, of an amount equal to part of the contribution against taxes that are imposed by the city and that are payable by the contributor; or

- to a rebate of part of the contribution

AND WHEREAS several citizens of Winnipeg have expressed interest in a related program for municipal political campaign contributions;

AND WHEREAS candidates are required to incur costly expenditures to put their platforms forward to the electorate;

AND WHEREAS this type of program could stimulate an increase in the number of candidates running for municipal election, and enhance the electorate's knowledge of the political platforms;

AND WHEREAS programs of this nature carry a cost and would require City funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee review this issue and report back to Council.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (Continued)

Minute No. 140
Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS the New Deal as initially presented would have resulted in raising an additional $70 million of revenue from the citizens of Winnipeg and Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Winnipeg were adamantly opposed to increasing the tax burden;

AND WHEREAS an important element in phase two of the City Charter process may request that the City of Winnipeg be given the authority to levy taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba passed the Balanced Budget, Debt Repayment and Taxpayer Accountability Act in 1995 to protect citizens against unwarranted tax increases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the civic administration be directed to draft a similar policy to ensure that any new forms of taxation are capped at specific levels;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any increase in these forms of taxation be realized only after a majority of the voters in a referendum authorize same.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law