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Item No. 1 Policy on New Forms of Municipal Taxation
File FR-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 18, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the January 28, 2004 Council Motion, pertaining to a proposed policy on new forms of municipal taxation, not be concurred in and filed.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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COUNCIL:

On January 28, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS the New Deal as initially presented would be 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.