Minute No. 204
Report - Executive Policy Committee - February 18, 2004

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee 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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

The motion for adoption of the item was put.

Councillor Steek called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Murray, Councillors Eadie, Clement, Gerbasi, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Thomas, Deputy Mayor Vandal and O'Shaughnessy. 9

Nay: Councillors De Smedt, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Wyatt and Lazarenko. 6

and the motion was declared carried.

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, and submitted the matter to Council.

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.