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Item No. 11 Manitoba Theatre for Young People - Grant in Lieu of Taxes
File FG-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 14, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That a grant in lieu of taxes be approved to the Manitoba Theatre for Young People in the amount of $24,197.00 for the 2004 fiscal year, and continued in each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to any operating or other grants which Council might otherwise provide.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 14, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Inc. (MTYP) has requested a grant-in-lieu of taxes advising that their organization is the only theatre company in Winnipeg with a performing venue that is paying City property tax, and that Winnipeg theatrical venues comparable in nature to the MTYP - in particular, the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the MTC Warehouse, the Prairie Theatre Exchange, and Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain - are exempt from municipal property taxes;

AND WHEREAS on November 13, 1985, Council adopted the following recommendation:

> "That where the City decides entirely at its own discretion that a particular group is performing some function with some identifiable benefit to the City-at-large which is worthy of financial assistance, such assistance be provided by way of a City grant in an amount which might equate to part or all of the group's property taxes, to be funded entirely by the City's taxpayers."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in recognition of the unique work being done by the Manitoba Theatre for Young People as a theatrical performing venue on behalf of Winnipeg's children and youth, Council approve a grant in lieu of taxes in the amount of $24,197.00 for the 2004 fiscal year, and continued in each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to any operating or other grants which Council might otherwise provide.