Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - May 5, 2004

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Item No. 3 Removal of School Property Taxes from Property Tax Bills
File FL-3

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 21, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko

WHEREAS school taxes of various school divisions have risen on average above the rate of inflation;

AND WHEREAS any progress made by the City of Winnipeg on property tax freezes of property tax cuts has created 'tax room' to allow school boards to raise property taxes and eat into any potential tax savings for property owners;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba is one of the last Canadian jurisdictions that relies so heavily on property taxes to fund education;

AND WHEREAS it is Provincial Government jurisdiction to fund education and develop education policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg immediately negotiate with the Province for a legislative change to remove all school property taxes from the property tax bill.