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Item No. 4 Operational Protocol for "Whistle-Blowing" Policy
File GK-4

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 12, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the March 24, 2004 Council Motion, pertaining to operational protocol for a "Whistle-Blowing" Policy be filed, inasmuch the matter has been referred to the Secretariat Committee for report back to Council.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 12, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the March 24, 2004 Council Motion, pertaining to operational protocol for a "Whistle-Blowing" Policy be filed, inasmuch as the matter has been referred to the Secretariat Committee for report back to Council, and submitted its recommendation to Council.

On April 14, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee referred the March 24, 2004 Council Motion to the Secretariat Committee.

COUNCIL:

On March 24, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS ongoing integrity is a fundamental axiom of our democratic system, especially regarding our administrative processes;

AND WHEREAS there are numerous questions regarding activities undertaken at other levels of government;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that the City of Winnipeg's municipal operations remain transparent and undertaken with a high level of professionalism and integrity;

AND WHEREAS "whistle-blowing" legislation would be the appropriate method to ensure continued integrity and professionalism, while encouraging and supporting staff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Secretariat Committee be directed to undertake all activities related to matters of this nature;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Secretariat Committee identify an operational protocol for "whistle-blowing" policy.