EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 504
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS School Boards are an important part of Manitoba's public education system that has helped to foster a universally accessible education system that is amongst the best in the world;

AND WHEREAS School Boards offer communities the opportunity to engage directly with local representatives and to participate in setting educational priorities;

AND WHEREAS through democratic process, citizens hold School Boards to account for student achievement;

AND WHEREAS the OurWinnipeg Plan, as approved by Council on July 20, 2011, states:

"Consult with the Public Schools Finance Board and affected school divisions during the preparation of neighbourhood secondary plans.";

"Foster closer relationships with local school divisions, universities, colleges and the not-for-profit sector to support the needs of the local business community."

AND WHEREAS the Mayor has appointed a Council Liaison for School Boards and Youth Opportunities to engage in collaborative dialogue to ensure cooperation between local School Boards and the City, recognizing the importance that an educated public has to our society;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba's proposed Bill 64, the Education Modernization Act, seeks to eliminate School Boards and the critical role that School Boards play in the public education system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council formally oppose Bill 64, the Education Modernization Act, which seeks to abolish school boards within the public education system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request that the Province of Manitoba amend Bill 64 to maintain the current role of School Boards within the public education system so that continued collaborative dialogue can be facilitated between School Boards and the City of Winnipeg, as outlined in the OurWinnipeg Plan.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law