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Item No. 1 Provincial Sales Tax Rebate for Manitoba Municipalities
File FR-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 20, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the February 25, 2004 Council Motion be filed, inasmuch on April 21, 2004, Council adopted a New Deal for Winnipeg, which strategy authorized requests to the Province of Manitoba regarding a share of the fuel tax collected and an income tax sharing formula.

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 October 20, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the February 25, 2004 Council Motion be filed, inasmuch on April 21, 2004, Council adopted a New Deal for Winnipeg, which strategy authorized requests to the Province of Manitoba regarding a share of the fuel tax collected and an income tax sharing formula,

and submitted the matter to Council.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 21, 2004, Council granted the Executive Policy Committee a One Hundred and Twenty (120) day extension of time in order for the Administration to report back on the matter.

On March 10, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee referred the February 25, 2004 Council Motion to the Administration.

COUNCIL:

On February 25, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Federal Government in the Throne Speech announced a 100 percent GST rebate for all municipalities;

AND WHEREAS as of February 1, 2004, the GST will be accumulated for distribution to all municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg also pays a 7 percent Provincial Sales Tax (PST);

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the Province of Manitoba follow the lead of the Federal Government and provide a 100 percent PST rebate to all Manitoba municipalities;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to be included as part of the resolution discussions at the 2004 AMM annual convention.