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Minute No. 19 Civic Environmental Committee - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
File E-7

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee, pertaining to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, to the Administration for review and report back.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee be referred to the Administration for review and report back.

Carried

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 8, 2004, the Civic Environmental Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Russia has recently signed the Kyoto Protocol, a move that will finally put into effect the international treaty requiring industrialized countries to cut emissions of gases that cause climate change;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and Government of Manitoba support the Kyoto Protocol;

AND WHEREAS the City has made a commitment to sustainability, environmentally-responsible decision-making and to reduce greenhouse gases through Plan Winnipeg Policies 2B-01, 2B-02 and 5A-01;

AND WHEREAS the City has joined more than 70 other communities across Canada by becoming a member in the Partners for Climate Protection Program;

AND WHEREAS the Partners for Climate Protection Program recommends that municipal governments set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from civic operations by at least 20 percent below 1990 levels, and community-wide emissions by at least six per cent below1990 levels within 10 years of joining the program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee request the Administration to provide an update on the City's progress on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in meeting the targets recommended by the Partners for Climate Protection Program.