Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 1, 2004

REPORTS

Minute No. 57 Electoral Process in Ukraine
File G(U)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg support the peaceful and democratic efforts of the Ukrainian people, who are now gathered in the streets to protest the disgraced electoral results.

2. That the City of Winnipeg appeal to its citizens and to the international community to promote, foster and encourage a free and democratic electoral process and to monitor closely the political situation in Ukraine.

3. 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:

His Worship Mayor Katz called Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, may also be considered by Committee at this time.

Carried

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS the people of Ukraine voted on November 21, 2004 in the second round of presidential elections;

AND WHEREAS there is evidence that the electoral process was flawed, fraudulent and corrupt;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg and the City of Lviv have in place a Sister City Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a large population of Ukrainian descent;

AND WHEREAS the City of Lviv and other Ukrainian cities have passed resolutions denouncing the results of the presidential elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg support the peaceful and democratic efforts of the Ukrainian people, who are now gathered in the streets to protest the disgraced electoral results;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg appeal to its citizens and to the international community to promote, foster and encourage a free and democratic electoral process and to monitor closely the political situation in Ukraine;

and forwarded to Council.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Katz resumed the Chair.