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Minute No. 443 Access Advisory Committee - Integration of Visitable Housing into City Housing Programs
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Access Advisory Committee, as amended, and referred the following to Administration for further research and consideration, in consultation with the home building industry, regarding the integration of Visitable Housing into the City housing programs and their related application processes:

1. Encourage the concepts of Visitability features in the housing initiatives that promote the three features of Visitable design:

    A. One zero step entrance into the home from an accessible path of travel that is 36 inches wide that is not steeper than a 5 % grade for walkways or 1:12 for ramps.

    B. Doorways that are 32 inches clear throughout the floor plan and hallways that have 36 inches of clear width.

    C. Basic access to at least a half bath on the main floor for a person in a wheelchair to enter and close the door.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Swandel,

That the recommendation of the Access Advisory Committee be concurred in, with the following amendment, namely:

- After the words "further research and consideration" add the words "in consultation with the home building industry".

Carried

ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 10, 2007, the Access Advisory Committee forwarded the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS on May 16, 2007, Council approved the following housing incentive programs:

1. By-law No. 122/2007, to implement the Neighbourhood Multiple Family/ Mixed-Use Building Grant Program
2. By-law No. 123/2007, to implement the Downtown Multiple Family / Mixed-Use Building Grant Program
3. By-law No. 124/2007, to establish a program of tax credits to encourage the construction of new infill housing in designated areas of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS on December 12, 2001, Council adopted the Universal Design Policy for the City of Winnipeg as recommended by the Access Advisory Committee, which states:

1. The City of Winnipeg will ensure all new construction and/or major renovations to buildings, exterior environments, as well as purchases and new developments in services, products, or systems that are funded in whole or part by The City will follow Universal Design criteria;

AND WHEREAS Plan Winnipeg … 2020 Vision, the foundation of all Civic activity that addresses accessible housing needs, includes:

1. 1C-02 Support Integration of Special Needs Housing.
2. 2A-05 Provide Leadership in Addressing Social Concerns, specifically
   The City shall provide leadership in addressing social concerns by: Striving to eliminate all forms of discrimination;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Access Advisory Committee recommends to the Executive Policy Committee that the following be referred to the Administration for further research and consideration regarding the integration of Visitable Housing into the City housing programs and their related application processes:

1. Encourage the concepts of Visitability features in the housing initiatives that promote the three features of Visitable design:
    A. One zero step entrance into the home from an accessible path of travel that is 36 inches wide that is not steeper than a 5 % grade for walkways or 1:12 for ramps,
    B. Doorways that are 32 inches clear throughout the floor plan and hallways that have 36 inches of clear width, and
    C. Basic access to at least a half bath on the main floor for a person in a wheelchair to enter and close the door.