Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 13, 2010

REPORTS

Minute No. 97 Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee – Third Quarter Report 2009 eFile E

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the inclusion of police and transit vehicles in the Green Fleet Plan targets to the Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency Special Operating Agency for its consideration.

Further, the Executive Policy Committee referred the recommendation of Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee, pertaining to investigating the Chicago Green Alley Initiative and Vancouver's Country Lanes program to determine the feasibility of a pilot initiative in Winnipeg, to the Public Service for recommendation and report back to the appropriate committee of Council in 90 days.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS on September 30, 2009, Council adopted a Corporate Climate Change Action Plan to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions;

AND WHEREAS transportation emissions contribute extensively to GHG emissions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's Fleet Management Agency is currently developing a Green Fleet Plan which will contribute to reducing GHG emissions;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Green Fleet Plan does not currently include police vehicles or transit vehicles;

AND WHEREAS police vehicles and transit vehicles make up 15% and 21% respectively of the total City of Winnipeg fleet;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) has recommended in its Third Quarterly Report of 2009 that "MEAC strongly encourage the inclusion of police, fire and ambulance vehicles as part of the Green Fleet Plan targets".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the inclusion of police and transit vehicles in the Green Fleet Plan targets be referred to Fleet Management Agency for its consideration.

Carried

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) considered a proposal that "the City investigate the Chicago Green Alley Initiative and Vancouver's Country Lanes program to determine the feasibility of a pilot initiative in Winnipeg";

AND WHEREAS MEAC has recommended that "the Winnipeg Public Service be requested to explore this matter further with the intent to initiate a pilot program in a city backlane to be determined by the aforementioned public works process";

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee be referred to the Winnipeg Public Service for recommendation and report back to the appropriate committee of Council in 90 days.

Carried

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.

MAYOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2009

The Mayors' Environmental Advisory Committee is pleased to submit a summary of its activities for the third quarter of 2009:

GOVERNANCE AND MEETINGS

MEAC held one regular meeting on September 14, 2009 and one informal meeting (to provide input to the draft Climate Change Action Plan report) on September 7, 2009. In addition, MEAC members participated in a half -day strategic planning session on September 22, 2009.

WINNIPEG FIRSTS ….

Two events supported by MEAC during the second quarter of 2009 were successfully staged in September – Winnipeg's first Ciclovia event drew hundreds of Winnipeggers to Broadway Avenue on a warm and sunny September 13th. Also a first for the City, Giveaway Weekend, held September 26th and 27tth, saw an estimated 3700 households put out their gently used items at the curb for others to "rediscover".


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RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO THE MAYOR

Following is a summary of the recommendations made by MEAC to the Mayor during the third quarter of 2009:

1 Green Fleet Vehicle Plan

The Committee heard a presentation from Ajaleigh Williams, Project Management Coordinator with the Fleet Management Agency, soliciting input from MEAC on the potential initiatives within the Green Fleet Vehicle Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That MEAC strongly encourage the inclusion of police, fire and ambulance vehicles as part of the Green Fleet Plan targets.

2 Chicago Green Alley Initiative

MEAC considered a proposal from William Dowie, MEAC member, that the City investigate the Chicago Green Alley Initiative and Vancouver's Country Lanes program to determine the feasibility of a pilot initiative in Winnipeg.

RECOMMENDATION: That MEAC recommend to the Mayor that that Winnipeg Public Service be requested to explore this matter further with the intent to initiate a pilot program in a city backlane to be determined by the aforementioned public works process.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Green House Gas Reduction Strategy

On May 20, 2009, The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service, in consultation with the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee, to report back to the Executive Policy Committee in 90 days with recommendations regarding:

(i) a comprehensive strategy and action plan for achieving a further 20% reduction of corporate greenhouse gas emissions;

(ii) a status update on the 6% target for reduction of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions; and

(iii) opportunities for partnerships with other public and private entities on both corporate greenhouse gas reductions and community-wide greenhouse gas reductions.

MEAC members provided input to the report at a meeting held September 7, 2009. The resulting report was approved by Council on September 30, 2009. MEAC will act as the Steering Committee for the Community-wide Climate Change Action Plan, along with representatives from other sectors. The Action Plan will be created through a process involving community partners and organizations as well as citizens through a community engagement process. The draft Community-wide Climate Change Action Plan will be submitted in August 2010.

PLANS FOR 2009 AND BEYOND

1 Strategic Planning Session

MEAC held a half-day planning session on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. Sheldon McLeod facilitated the session, which focused on clarifying the role and activities of the Committee. A full day session is scheduled for October 17th to create an action plan for MEAC.

2 Activity Calendar

MEAC has updated its Activity Calendar for the remainder of 2009.

HISTORY

Section 4.1 of the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) states that "MEAC shall provide advice and informal reports to the Mayor as requested and shall report formally to the Mayor with recommendations on a quarterly basis. Recommendations provided by MEAC will flow through the Mayor to City Council and / or the City's Public Service, as required."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

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