Minute No. 244
Report "A"– Executive Policy Committee – March 16, 2011

Item No. 6 Amendment to the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 – Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 be amended as follows:

   A. To rename the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development as the "Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management".

   B. To augment the mandate of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management to include the authority to hear all applications and appeals that would otherwise be heard by the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development involving real property located entirely or primarily in the area covered by the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-Law including, without limitation:

      i. Heritage matters;
      ii. Housing programs;
      iii. Vacant and derelict building matters;

      but excluding applications and appeals under the Winnipeg Building By-law.

   C. To clarify that the responsibility for providing policy advice to Council with respect to housing grant programs and vacant and derelict building matters remains with the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, and the responsibility for providing policy advice to Council with respect to heritage matters throughout the City, as well as for administering the Historical Building By-law, becomes the authority of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management.

   D. To abolish the Riverbank Management Committee by deleting section 15.1 in its entirety and assigning the Committee's previous responsibilities to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee has recommended to Council that the mandate of the Standing Policy Committee of Downtown Development be augmented to include responsibility for heritage applications involving real property located entirely or primarily in the area covered by the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law, as well as responsibility for providing policy advice to Council with respect to heritage matters throughout the city, including the administration of the Historical Buildings By-law;

AND WHEREAS the importance of this additional responsibility for heritage matters should be reflected in the name of the committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the item be amended to replace the words "Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and Riverbank Management" with the words "Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management".

The motion by Councillors Swandel and Gerbasi was put and declared carried.

The motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was put and declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 16, 2011, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Organizational By-Law No. 7100/97 establishes the governance structure of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to update the Organizational By-Law No. 7100/97 to reflect current organizational responsibilities and authorities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee recommend that Council amend the Organizational By-Law No. 7100/97 as follows:

(i) to rename the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development as the "Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and Riverbank Management"

(ii) to augment the mandate of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and Riverbank Management to include the authority to hear all applications and appeals that would otherwise be heard by the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development involving real property located entirely or primarily in the area covered by the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-Law including, without limitation:

(i) heritage matters;
(ii) housing programs;
(iii) vacant and derelict building matters;

but excluding applications and appeals under the Winnipeg Building By-law;

(iii) to clarify that the responsibility for providing policy advice to Council with respect to housing grant programs and vacant and derelict building matters remains with the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, and the responsibility for providing policy advice to Council with respect to heritage matters throughout the City, as well as for administering the Historical Building By-law, becomes the authority of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and Riverbank Management; and

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued)

(iv) to abolish the Riverbank Management Committee by deleting section 15.1 in its entirety and assigning the Committee's previous responsibilities to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and Riverbank Management.

and submitted the matter to Council.