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Item No. 2 Open and Accessible Data

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg endorse the principles of:

    A. Open and Accessible Data - the City of Winnipeg will share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns;

    B. Open Standards - the City of Winnipeg will move as quickly as possible to adopt prevailing open standards for data, documents, maps, and other formats of media.

2. That in pursuit of open data the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

    A. Identify immediate opportunities to distribute more of its data;

    B. Develop a plan to index, publish and syndicate its data to the internet using prevailing open standards, interfaces and formats;

    C. Develop a plan to digitize and distribute suitable archival data to the public;

    D. Report back to the Alternative Service Delivery Committee in 120 days.

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:

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

That the recommendation of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 22, 2012, the Alternate Service Delivery Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to providing more opportunities for citizen engagement and making civic government more open and accountable;

AND WHEREAS when data is shared openly, citizens are enabled to use and re-purpose it to help grow new business and seize opportunity in our city;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of open standards improves transparency, access to city information by citizens and businesses, and improved coordination and efficiencies across municipal boundaries and with federal and provincial partners;

AND WHEREAS digital innovation can enhance citizen communications; support the brand of the city as modern, vibrant and prosperous; improve service delivery; and create a stronger sense of civic engagement, community, and pride;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.