EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 635
Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg recognizes its responsibility to build and maintain a respectful workplace where all employees enjoy an environment free of behaviours such as unlawful discrimination, harassment, disruptive workplace conflict, disrespectful behaviour and violence in the workplace;

AND WHEREAS the principle of fair and respectful treatment is a fundamental one that the City commits to upholding for all employees and the public they serve.

AND WHEREAS all City of Winnipeg employees have a responsibility to set an example through respecting the dignity and human rights of fellow employees, councillors, and the public;

AND WHEREAS the entire Country has expressed its profound sorrow and outrage over the untimely death of Amanda Todd as a result of bullying;

AND WHEREAS the death of Amanda Todd has brought to light the seriousness of the bulling epidemic;

AND WHEREAS according to Public Safety Canada, studies suggest that roughly 6% of students aged 12 to 19, report bullying others on a weekly basis, 8% report that they are victims of bulling weekly, and 1% report that they are both victimized and bully others on a weekly basis;

AND WHEREAS according to another Canadian study, 41% of all students in grades 4 to 7 reported that they were victims of social media bulling and/or bullied others monthly, and that 7% of these students said they were victims of social media bullying on a weekly basis, and 2% reported that they bullied other students socially on a weekly basis.

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has recently passed anti-bullying legislation in order to address this serious National issue;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of Quebec and Nova Scotia have also introduced anti-bullying legislation;

AND WHEREAS Forty-nine states in the United States have passed school anti-bullying legislation;

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AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Association have launched the "Cool 2Be Kind" movement to combat bullying with honourary co-chairs Councillor Devi Sharma and Minister Kevin Chief;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg call upon the Province of Manitoba to take proactive steps and enact anti-bullying legislation similar to other jurisdictions to allow our children to enjoy a safe and respectful learning environment free from harassment, violence, and discrimination.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Carried

The motion moved by His Worship Katz and seconded by Councillor Sharma was put and declared carried.