Minute No. 260
Report – Governance Committee of Council – February 14, 2013

Item No. 1 Senior Election Official's Report Recommendations

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and adopted the following:

1. That City Council request the Province of Manitoba to provide a positive response to implementing the recommendations outlined in Item 1 of the Report of the Governance Committee of Council dated April 12, 2012, that were forwarded to the Province on May 31, 2012, especially the following:

    A. That the Province enter into an agreement with Elections Canada to provide the same motor vehicle registrar data to update the National Register of Electors that all other provinces in Canada provide.

    B. That Section 19 of The City of Winnipeg Charter be amended to change the day of the general election from being prescribed as the 4th Wednesday of October every 4 years to a date in October set by Council every 4 years, with such change to allow for the convening of future general elections on a Saturday or Sunday.

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 Councillor Steen,

That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 20, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 14, 2013, the Governance Committee of Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS on May 30, 2012 City Council received as information the report entitled "Senior Election Official's Report and Recommendations – 2010 General Civic Election" and forwarded 13 recommendations based on this report to the Province of Manitoba, to improve future elections for the Citizens of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the next Civic Election is fast approaching on October 22, 2014 and the administration is developing strategic plans, including location identification and facility utilization negotiations;

AND WHEREAS no response regarding Council's recommendations has been received from the Province:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City Council request that the Province of Manitoba provide a positive response to implementing the recommendations, especially the following:

1. "That the Province enter into an agreement with Elections Canada to provide the same motor vehicle registrar data to update the National Register of Electors that all other provinces in Canada provide."

2. "That Section 19 of The City of Winnipeg Charter be amended to change the day of the general election from being prescribed as the 4th Wednesday of October every 4 years to a date in October set by Council every 4 years, with such change to allow for the convening of future general elections on a Saturday or Sunday."

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.