Minute No. 444
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Item No. 6 Expenditures Criteria – Mayor's Office, Executive Policy Committee and Communication Functions

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. The Executive Policy Committee referred the Council Motion of May 29, 2013 to the Governance Committee of Council for consideration during its review of the Councillors' Representation Allowance (CRA).

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 by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 5, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee referred the Council Motion of May 29, 2013 to the Governance Committee of Council for consideration during its review of the Councillors' Representation Allowance (CRA), and submitted the matter to Council.

Further on June 5, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee received a communication dated June 5, 2013 from David M. Sanders in support of the Council Motion of May 29, 2013 with respect to Expenditures Criteria – Mayor's Office, Executive Policy Committee and Communication Functions.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 29, 2013, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS elected City Councillors are held accountable for spending of Councillor Representation Allowances through the Governance Committee and City Auditor by application of criteria for spending;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor of Winnipeg is elected in the same manner as City Councillors;

AND WHEREAS any elected official should be accountable for financial expenditures of funds set aside to represent the office, develop policy and communicate the activities of the Mayor's Office and selected Executive Policy Committee members;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Auditor with any resources needed, develop a set of criteria, similar to that for councilors representation allowances, for expenditures under the funds set aside for the Mayor's Office, Executive Policy Committee and Communications functions outside of staffing;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Auditor, with assistance of the City's Legal Department, recommend to the Audit Committee any steps required to have these criteria established in by-laws and policies or in legislation if need be.