Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 11, 2013

REPORTS

Minute No. 66 Encouraging Higher Density in Existing Communities

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to:

1. Initiate an interdepartmental study that identifies areas within existing communities that require infrastructure improvements in order to accommodate additional growth for higher densities, and an Implementation Strategy with clear timelines and targeted deliverables on how to address the infrastructure deficiency in these said older existing neighbourhoods.

2. Identify this effort as a priority project and report back to Council within 120 days.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the Conference Board of Canada is forecasting Winnipeg's population to grow by over 200,000 people over the next 23 years;

AND WHEREAS these additional 200,000 people will trigger the need for an additional 100,000 dwellings;

AND WHEREAS a share of anticipated growth and change will be accommodated within existing communities;

AND WHEREAS OurWinnipeg and Complete Communities promote moderate growth and change within existing communities;

AND WHEREAS some areas within existing communities do not have the infrastructure capacity to support higher densities;

AND WHEREAS proposed changes to the City of Winnipeg Zoning By-law 200/2006 may encourage higher density development within existing communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to initiate an interdepartmental study that identifies areas within existing communities that require infrastructure improvements in order to accommodate additional growth for higher densities, and an Implementation Strategy with clear timelines and targeted deliverables on how to address the infrastructure deficiency in these said older existing neighbourhoods;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service identify this effort as a priority project and report back to Council within 120 days.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Swandel asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.