Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – January 21, 2015

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Establishment of Membership of the Winnipeg Building Commission

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Establishment of Membership of the Winnipeg Building Commission.**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development; Executive Policy Committee; Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

On March 21, 2012, Council passed amendments to the Winnipeg Building By-law 4555/87 (By-law), which expanded the authority of the Winnipeg Building Commission to include providing advice and recommendations to the Designated Employee regarding interpretations and alternative solutions associated with the Manitoba Building Code, Manitoba Plumbing Code, Manitoba Fire Code, and the Winnipeg Electrical By-law.

The By-law amendments also adjusted the composition of the membership categories.

The existing WBC last met 5 times since 2012 to deal with specific applications. Although in most cases the building industry and the City's Public Service are able to sort out disagreements on matters relating to Code interpretations and alternative solutions directly, the WBC is an important forum to present issues where the matter is not resolved satisfactorily and there is a request for an independent recommendation.

This report recommends extending the memberships of seven existing members and to name two new members.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The list of proposed members is set out in Appendix A. All proposed members are knowledgeable and respected in their fields. While the By-law stipulates 3-year terms, some members were allocated an initial 2-year term in order for the Commission to allow for staggered terms. However, the 2014 renewal date has since expired and given the proximity to the 2015 renewal date, this single report recommends renewal of both sets of terms simultaneously.

HISTORY

The WBC is established pursuant to *The City of Winnipeg Charter* and the Winnipeg Building By-law.

The purpose of the Winnipeg Building Commission has evolved over the years. In the 1960's, it was responsible for the building by-law and the adoption of the National Building Code and the associated municipal amendments. In the mid–eighties, with the adoption of the Residential Buildings Fire Safety By-law, it became more important as an appeal board for orders issued to property owners under this by-law. That role largely disappeared as most buildings subject to that by-law have been upgraded.

In 2012, Council expanded the authority of the Winnipeg Building Commission to include providing advice and recommendations regarding interpretations and alternative solutions associated with the various codes enforced by the City. This mandate has provided a more formal mechanism for the building industry to challenge the City's position or interpretation on code-related matters.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** December 15, 2014

Project Name:

Establishment of Membership of the Winnipeg Building Commission

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

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Appendix A

	Name	Company / Organization	Membership Category	Term
1	John Frye	University of Manitoba	Member at Large	To June 30, 2017
2	John Wells	Crosier Kilgour	Engineer	To June 30, 2018
3	Chris Hewitt	SMS Engineering	Member at Large	To June 30, 2018
4	John Guenther	Nova 3 Engineering	Engineer	To June 30, 2017
5	Rick Marshall (new)	Bird Construction	Member, Winnipeg Construction Association	To June 30, 2018
6	Jim Wagner	Parks Canada	Architect	To June 30, 2017
7	Director of Fire Prevention (or Designate)	City of Winnipeg	Senior Fire Officer, City of Winnipeg	Permanent seat
8	Doug Hanna	number TEN Architectural Group	Architect	To June 30, 2018
9	Dale Verville (new)	Qualico	Member, Manitoba Home Builders Association	To June 30, 2017