Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 16, 2015

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Item No. 9 Open and Accessible Data Initiative – Machine Readable Format

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee requested the Winnipeg Public Service to conduct a review of all city data sharing and identify opportunities to apply machine readable format along with a review of security and privacy considerations and report back within 90 days.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS on May 30, 2012 Council concurred in the recommendation of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg endorse the principles of:
   A. Open and Accessible Data - the City of Winnipeg will share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns;
   B. Open Standards - the City of Winnipeg will move as quickly as possible to adopt prevailing open standards for data, documents, maps, and other formats of media.

2. That in pursuit of open data the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:
   A. Identify immediate opportunities to distribute more of its data;
   B. Develop a plan to index, publish and syndicate its data to the internet using prevailing open standards, interfaces and formats;
   C. Develop a plan to digitize and distribute suitable archival data to the public;
   D. Report back to the Alternative Service Delivery Committee in 120 days.

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has implemented initiatives to begin to address Council direction through the City of Winnipeg's open data portal;

AND WHEREAS identifying additional opportunities to provide City of Winnipeg data in a machine readable format still exist;

AND WHEREAS publishing data in a format that is machine readable format increases opportunities for citizens to access, analyze and share City data in innovative ways;

AND WHEREAS improving data sharing ensures City of Winnipeg continues to build on its commitment to openness and transparency;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Public Service conduct a review of all city data sharing and identify opportunities to apply machine readable format along with a review of security and privacy considerations and report back within 90 days.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.