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Item No. 10 Syrian Humanitarian Crisis – Refugee Resettlement Assistance

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Emergency Recommendation announced on September 12, 2015, which coordinates the work of cities and communities across the country to amplify the effectiveness of local initiatives already underway, be supported.

2. That the City of Winnipeg host an open house within 30 days where community partners involved in refugee settlement will detail their ongoing work with citizens who are eager to learn how they can provide assistance for newcomers and refugees.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 30 days regarding refugee resettlement assistance and ongoing initiatives offered by the various City of Winnipeg departments.

4. 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:

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 His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS the ongoing Syrian humanitarian crisis requires action and assistance from communities around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Emergency Recommendation announced on September 12, which coordinates the work of cities and communities across the country to amplify the effectiveness of local initiatives already underway;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City will host an open house within 30 days where community partners involved in refugee settlement will detail their ongoing work with citizens who are eager to learn how they can provide assistance for newcomers and refugees;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee direct the Public Service to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 30 days regarding refugee resettlement assistance and ongoing initiatives offered by the various City of Winnipeg departments.

and forwarded to Council.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.