Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 23, 2015

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies – Review of Procurement of Contract and Subcontract

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg Auditor and Legal Services, as appropriate and in accordance with the City of Winnipeg Auditor's and Legal Services' respective authorities, conduct a review of the contracts with all consultants and outside entities who were contracted with regards to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy, so as to ensure all aspects of the contracts contain necessary protections to the City of Winnipeg and all aspects of the contracts are being enforced, and report their findings back to the City of Winnipeg Council.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg enters into contracts and subcontracts on a regular basis to conduct city business whereby outside assistance is required;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Auditor and Legal Services, as appropriate and in accordance with the City of Winnipeg Auditor's and Legal Services' respective authorities, conduct a review of the contracts with all consultants and outside entities who were contracted with regards to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy, so as to ensure all aspects of the contracts contain necessary protections to the City of Winnipeg and all aspects of the contracts are being enforced, and report their findings back to the City of Winnipeg Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 15, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg enters into contracts and subcontracts on a regular basis to conduct city business whereby outside assistance is required;

AND WHEREAS any contract or sub contract now provides standard protections to City of Winnipeg to ensure professional and ethical conduct of those that are being contracted by the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS in regards to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy, one of the subcontractors to the main contractor hired for the purpose of writing the said Strategy for Council's consideration, has been using social media since the report was published, to publicly lobby, berate and compliment, in a partisan fashion, Members of Council, who are the decision makers required to make decisions on the said report, which is widely recognized as unprofessional, if not unethical behaviour of a contractor;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Auditor immediately conduct an independent review of the contracts with all consultants and outside entities who were contracted with regards to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy, so as to ensure all aspects of the contracts contain necessary protections to the City of Winnipeg and all aspects of the contracts are being enforced, and report their findings back to the City of Winnipeg Council.