EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 425
Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS on December 11, 2013 Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee with respect to the creation of an Office of Ethics Commissioner (the "2013 Motion");

AND WHEREAS the 2013 Motion also requested the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter Act (the "Charter") to provide the Ethics Commissioner with investigative powers to compel witnesses and evidence, which amendments have not as yet been made;

AND WHEREAS the 2013 Motion also provided that the Ethics Commissioner have jurisdiction over investigating complaints and recommending to Council sanctions with respect to members of the Public Service, and it is desirable to obtain further analysis of this issue from a labour relations perspective;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be requested to report back within 120 days to Executive Policy Committee with recommendations for a process and implementation plan to create an Office of Ethics Commissioner with the maximum authority under the existing Charter, which report shall include;

(i) a review of best practices in other jurisdictions;
(ii) human resource and labour relations implications;
(iii) budgetary implications;
(iv) legal implications; and
(v) all other relevant considerations.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Governance Committee of Council work with the City Solicitor to review the existing Councillor Code of Conduct (the "Code") to develop recommendations for Council consideration with respect to updating and amending the Code to ensure: (i) guidelines for ethical conduct are in line with best practices in other jurisdictions; and (ii) consequences for breaching the Code are clearly defined and articulated.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion.

Carried

The motion for adoption of the item was put and declared carried.