Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 21, 2015

REPORTS

Item No. 9 Amendments to The City Organization By-law No. 7100/97

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the following amendments to The City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 (the By-law) be approved that reflect the following:

    A. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services, and Parks be given the authority to address all matters pertaining to public parks within, or owned, by the City of Winnipeg;

    B. The deletion of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management, and the transfer of its authority as set forth in Recommendations 1C and 1D hereof;

    C. The renaming of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development with the additional authority to address all matters pertaining to downtown development and heritage;

    D. The creation of a new Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, with the authority to address appropriate matters pertaining to water, waste management, riverbank management, and the environment;

    E. The renaming of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation, with committee membership to be determined in accordance with the process set forth in Section 7 of the By-law;

2. That the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor be requested to submit the necessary amending by-law directly to Council.

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

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 the City of Winnipeg's governance structure is comprised of various committees that deal with specific areas of responsibility, as outlined in the Organizational By-law;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Water and Waste department provides a broad scope of city services and includes numerous major capital projects where there is merit for a specific focus as a Standing Policy Committee of Council;

AND WHEREAS City of Winnipeg matters involving riverbank management and issues pertaining to the City's waterways are relevant to the jurisdiction of the Water and Waste department;

AND WHEREAS matters of the environment are critical to building a sustainable growing city;

AND WHEREAS riverbank and environmental issues are frequently related under the activities and services provided through the Water and Waste department;

AND WHEREAS to ensure all parks matters are addressed consistently;

AND WHEREAS reports for issues relating to downtown development and heritage are currently prepared by the Planning Property and Development department and will align with related matters under the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development;

AND WHEREAS the Alternate Service Delivery is not currently a Standing Policy Committee of City Council;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has committed to develop innovative policies and committed $1 Million in the 2015 Budget to consider new ideas to save the City money;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS developing and considering opportunities for new and improved ways of doing business at the City of Winnipeg needs to be a regular and constant focus and warrants its own standing policy committee formally reporting to Council;

AND WHEREAS the Organizational By-law has been amended in the past to reflect a concentration on specific policy areas that Council determined to be of paramount importance by creating specific committees;

AND WHEREAS the priorities of Council, and that of Winnipeggers, change over time to reflect the wants and needs of a modern Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the Organizational By-law to reflect changes in the committee structure at City Hall;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve amendments to the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 (the By-law) that reflect the following:

1. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services, and Parks be given the authority to address all matters pertaining to public parks within, or owned, by the City of Winnipeg;

2. The deletion of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management, and the transfer of its authority as set forth in Recommendations 3 and 4 hereof;

3. The renaming of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development with the additional authority to address all matters pertaining to downtown development and heritage;

4. The creation of a new Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, with the authority to address appropriate matters pertaining to water, waste management, riverbank management, and the environment;

5. The renaming of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation, with committee membership to be determined in accordance with the process set forth in Section 7 of the By-law;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

6. The Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor be requested to submit the necessary amending by-law directly to Council.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.