Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 13, 2016

REPORTS

Item No. 6 City of Winnipeg Representative – Inland Port Special Planning Authority Board

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That Braden Smith, Chief Planner, Urban Planning Division, be nominated as the City of Winnipeg representative to the Inland Port Special Planning Authority Board for a three-year period expiring December 31, 2019.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: City of Winnipeg representative, Inland Port Special Planning Authority Board

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That Braden Smith, Chief Planner, Urban Planning Division, be nominated as the City of Winnipeg representative to the Inland Port Special Planning Authority Board for a three-year period expiring December 31, 2019.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Recent amendments to the Planning Act established the Inland Port Special Planning Authority (the Authority) to regulate land use and development in the Inland Port Special Planning Area (also known as CentrePort). This special planning area includes land in both the Rural Municipality of Rosser as well as the City of Winnipeg.

Section 12.9(1) of the Planning Act prescribes the composition of the Authority. The City of Winnipeg must nominate a representative by resolution of Council.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If the recommendation is concurred in, the Council resolution will be provided to Manitoba Municipal Government for appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

DISCUSSION

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Planning for CentrePort is regulated by the Planning Act. Referred to as the Inland Port Special Planning Authority in this legislation, it will advise the Minister of Municipal Government on planning by-laws, amendments to these by-laws, and subdivision approvals. Within the Inland Port Special Planning Area, the Authority will hold public hearings to:
    - Consider the adoption of, or amendment to, a development plan by-law, a secondary plan by-law, a zoning by-law, subdivision applications, and the declaration of obsolete plans of subdivision.
    - Hear and decide appeals respecting applications for variances and conditional uses.
    - Advise and assist the Minister on matters affecting land use planning within the area.
    - Perform any other duties assigned to it by the Minister.
- Section 12.9(1) prescribes the composition of this Inland Port Special Planning Authority. It must consist of:
    - Two representatives of the RM of Rosser, at least one of whom must be a member of Rosser Council.
    - One representative of the City of Winnipeg.
    - One representative of CentrePort Canada Inc.
    - One representative of Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc.
    - One representative of the Province of Manitoba.
- The City of Winnipeg's representative must be nominated by Council resolution, and this nominee has to be recommended to the Lieutenant Governor in Council by the Minister of Municipal Government for appointment to the Authority.
- As per Section 12.4(1) of the Planning Act, the term of office for a member of the Inland Port Special Planning Authority is three years.

MEMBER COMPETENCIES

- According to Manitoba Municipal Government, the following are desirable competencies of members of the Authority:
    - Knowledge of issues pertaining to land use planning and sustainable development;
    - Ability to think strategically and consider issues from a regional and provincial perspective;
    - Willingness to meet on a regular basis to review development applications and receive input from stakeholders;
    - An understanding of administrative tribunal and appeal procedures is an asset;
    - The ability to read and interpret written and visual material and verbal information to ascertain facts and then make and articulate recommendations in a fair and unbiased manner;

- Excellent written and oral communication and active listening skills are required; and
- Legal knowledge would be an asset but is not essential.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- As the Board is expected to operate in a fair, objective and transparent manner, the City of Winnipeg must also consider any real, apparent or potential conflict of interest situations prior to nomination of any individual. This involves careful consideration to avoid or effectively resolve conflict of interest situations where private or personal interests improperly influence or could reasonably be perceived to improperly influence the performance of a Board member's duties and responsibilities. Board members will be required to sign a Conflict of Interest Declaration Form.
- Board members are eligible for remuneration at a rate yet to be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as well as coverage of expenses according to Manitoba's General Manual of Administration.

URBAN PLANNING DIVISION HISTORY WITH CENTREPORT

- Chief Planner Braden Smith was a member of the Rosser CentrePort Secondary Plan Steering Committee, the process that oversaw the development of a plan to guide land use and development for the portion of CentrePort located within the RM of Rosser.
- The City of Winnipeg currently regulates land use for the portion of CentrePort located with City of Winnipeg boundaries via the Airport Area West Secondary Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: March 15, 2016

Project Name:

City of Winnipeg representative, Inland Port Special Planning Authority Board

COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation contained in this report.

"Original Signed By"
Mike McGinn, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Internal Consultation: N/A

External Consultation: Manitoba Municipal Government.

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Complete Communities 09 Airport Area

The Complete Communities Direction Strategy directs the City of Winnipeg to support the role of James Armstrong Richardson International Airport as a major transportation hub for passengers and cargo. Supporting Direction and Enabling Strategies include:

Direction 2: Collaborate with the Winnipeg Airports Authority on initiatives that capitalize on the airport's capacity to generate strategic economic development.

- Work with the WAA and partners in the realization of the Airport Area as a major centre for goods distribution and manufacturing and airport-related commercial/employment activity.

SUBMITTED BY

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Date:	March 14, 2016

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