Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 20, 2016

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Item No. 8 Strategic Plan – Public Policy Priorities

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of March 23, 2016 be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan,
That the Council Motion of March 23, 2016 be received as information and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2016, Council referred the following Motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

WHEREAS the 2014 civic election saw a large turnover in Council with eight new members elected to City Council;

AND WHEREAS with new members comes new ideas and platforms that require implementation;

AND WHEREAS every member of Council runs separately as an independent and not as one political coalition or party;

AND WHEREAS in Winnipeg Civic Elections, for all intents and purposes, 16 independent members of Council are elected, including the Mayor, all with differing and similar platforms;

AND WHEREAS in every other major city in Canada which successfully plan for the future, it does so by facilitating a Council-led strategic planning initiative in order to ensure a prioritization of Council priorities and to assist with giving clear direction to the Public Service in the implementation of those priorities, both in terms of public policy and City budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT via the Governance Committee of Council, that the City of Winnipeg Council immediately undertake amongst its members, and inclusive of the Mayor, the writing of a Strategic Plan which will provide leadership and direction on setting public policy priorities between now and the next general election of 2018;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council delegate authority via the Governance Committee to request from the Public Service any discretionary funds required to facilitate the writing of the Strategic Plan, including all public consultations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the first draft of the Strategic Plan be submitted for city-wide public input and review by the citizens of Winnipeg within the next 60-120 days and prior to the submission of the final Strategic Plan to Winnipeg city Council for Council approval and Adoption required no later than 150 days.