Minute No. 235
Report – Executive Policy Committee – March 9, 2016

Item No. 2 Exchange District Business Improvement Zone – Boundary Expansion

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the proposed amendments to the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law No. 8115/2002 to expand the boundaries of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone be enacted by Council (a copy of the draft amending By-law is attached hereto as Attachment “A”).

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 9, 2016, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: By-Law for the Boundary Expansion of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

The City of Winnipeg Charter provides for the creation of a Business Improvement Zone (BIZ) by by-law. Changing the boundaries of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone (the “Exchange BIZ”) requires an amendment to the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law No. 8115/2002.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, continued by By-Law No. 8115/2002, is one of sixteen Business Improvement Zones within the City of Winnipeg.
- The City Clerks Department received a petition from Joe and Lily, a coffee shop located on the main floor of 145 Pacific Avenue and Impark, parking services located at 5 – 90 Market Avenue, seeking to have the Exchange District BIZ boundaries expanded to allow the inclusion of their businesses (Attachment “B”).
- The proposed expansion follows the process and procedure prescribed within the Business Improvement Zone Procedures By-Law (No 8111/2002) for adding businesses to an existing zone.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- There are no regulatory Implications resulting from the proposed recommendations.
- External organizations and the community at large will experience economic benefit from the proposed recommendations.

HISTORY

The City of Winnipeg By-Law No. 5081/89 created the Business Improvement Zone known as the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone. The Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law No. 8115/2002 continued the Exchange District BIZ under the same name.

Business Improvement Zones are governed by prescribed processes and procedures, outlined within the Business Improvement Zone Procedures By-Law No. 8111/2002, which grants Council the authority to expand the boundaries of a BIZ to include additional businesses if certain steps are followed, namely:

1) A petition must be filed with the City signed by more than 50% of the proprietors in the proposed additional area of the zone representing more than 50% of the total taxable business assessment in the proposed area of the zone;
2) The City Clerk must give notice to all the businesses in the proposed additional area of the petition and must offer them an opportunity to object to the BIZ boundary expansion; and
3) The City Clerk must ensure that no more than one-third of the businesses in the proposed additional area representing at least one-third of the total taxable business assessment of the proposed additional area of the BIZ have objected in writing to the boundary expansion prior to the date set by the Clerk.

Petitions were submitted by Joe and Lily, a coffee shop located on the main floor of 145 Pacific Avenue, and Impark, parking services located at 5 – 90 Market Avenue. The Assessment and Taxation Department confirmed the petitioners were the only two businesses located in the block bounded by Lily Street, Alexander Avenue, Main Street and Pacific Avenue and that all Business Improvement Zone Procedures By-law requirements have been met.

The City Clerks Department confirmed that no objections were received for the proposed expansion of the boundaries to the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone.

Accordingly, the Winnipeg Public Service is recommending that the Exchange District BIZ boundary be expanded to include the block bounded by Lily Street, Alexander Avenue, Main Street and Pacific Avenue as denoted in the attached Schedule “B” and that Council enact the by-law amendment attached hereto as Attachment “A”.

Accordingly, the Winnipeg Public Service is recommending that Council enact the amending By-law, a draft of which is attached hereto as Attachment “A”, to expand the boundaries of the Exchange District BIZ to include the block bounded by Lily Street, Alexander Avenue, Main Street and Pacific Avenue as denoted in the attached Schedule “B” as denoted in the map to the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law No. 8115/2002.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** **January 26, 2016**

Project Name:
By-Law for the Boundary Expansion of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone

COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications to the City associated with the recommendations in this report.

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

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

City Clerks
Assessment and Taxation
Legal Services
Exchange District Business Improvement Zone

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01- A City that Works (Direction 4): Collaborate with all public, private and community economic development agencies to advance economic advantages.
Expansion of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone supports a thriving and vibrant Downtown as a citywide destination.

01- A City that Works (Direction 8): Encourage Activities Beneficial to the Winnipeg Economy.
Supporting the location and expansion of businesses within multiple business sectors supports economic growth both within the downtown community and city overall.

02- A Sustainable City (Direction 6) Plan for the sustainable development of healthy neighbourhoods based on their particular historic identity and character.
Support of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone and its expansion allows for the development of active, distinct, sustainable and vibrant districts.

03 – Quality of Life (Direction 6): Promote cleanliness and beautification.
Expansion of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone will enhance support for distinct identity, design and programs that enhance and promote the aesthetic appeal of public spaces and districts.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development
Division Office of the Director, Economic Development Branch
Prepared by: Martin Pasieczka, Economic Development Officer & BIZ Liaison
Date: January 29, 2016

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Attachment "A"

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BY-LAW NO. /2016

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to expand the boundaries of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone.

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law Amended

1 The Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law No. 8115/2002 is amended by this By-law.

Schedule "A" replaced

2 Schedule "A" is repealed and the attached document, identified as "Schedule "A" to the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone By-law No. 8115/2002", is substituted.

DONE AND PASSED, this day of , 2016.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved as to content:

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Director of Planning, Property & Development

Approved as to form:

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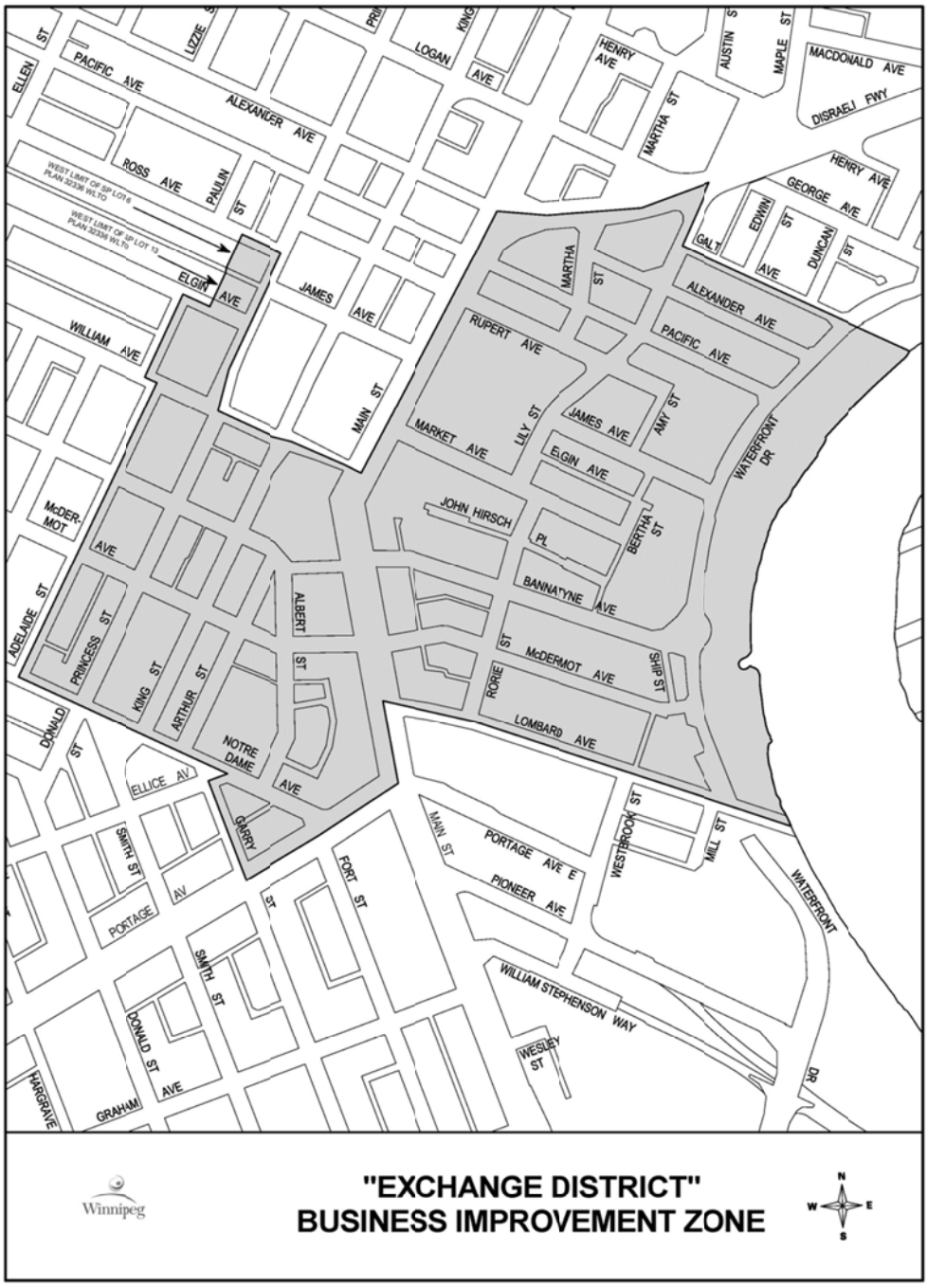
For Director of Legal Services and
City Solicitor

SCHEDULE "A"

to The Exchange District Business Improvement Zone
By-law No. 8115/2002



Attachment "B"

