Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – November 9, 2016

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee Second and Third Quarter Reports for period April 1 to September 30, 2016

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee's Second and Third Quarter Reports dated April 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee's Second and Third Quarter Reports dated April 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016, be received as information.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 20, 2016, the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the Second and Third Quarter Reports dated April 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016, be received as information.

Urban Planning Division
Activity Report to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee
2016 Quarter 2 (April 1 to June 30)

Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve

- Six projects were approved by the Director for a total of $302,000.
- Thirteen Payment Claims for progress on existing approved projects were processed for a total of $182,289.

Activities and Accomplishments

- Division staff attended nine meetings of Housing Stakeholders (monthly or bi-monthly meetings) in Housing Improvement Zone neighbourhoods where funds are allocated from the City's Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve. These meetings serve as a means to facilitate regular communication with community stakeholders regarding housing concerns and opportunities in targeted neighbourhoods.
- Division staff met with representatives of the Gas Station Arts Centre, Provincial staff and staff within PPD to analyse and negotiate a request for funding to be provided through Tax Increment Financing.
- Division staff met to discuss issues and opportunities regarding secondary suites in preparation of a report being submitted on July 5 to Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.
- Division staff continued to meet with representatives of the Seven Oaks School Division to discuss a potential housing development concept in the North End. Meetings also included representatives of the North End Community Renewal Association, the William Whyte Residents Association, the Dufferin Residents Association and the Province of Manitoba. Urban Planning Division staff and School Division staff met separately with staff from the Development and Inspections Division of PPD to discuss regulatory implications of the conceptual project.
- Division staff presented on four separate occasions on housing topics:
    - Presented to the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation Board of Directors on the City's housing programs;
    - Presented to the Centennial Community Improvement Association Board of Directors on the City's housing programs;
    - Presented at the Cooperative Housing Development Group (CHDG) on Tax Increment Financing and how programs are structured;
    - Presented to the Mayor's Age Friendly and Seniors Advisory Committee on the City's Housing Policy.
- Division staff attended the Annual General Meetings of the North End Community Renewal Corporation (NECRC) and of the Centennial Community Improvement Association (CCIA).

- Division staff attended planning meetings for the William Whyte/Dufferin Spring Clean-up, and participated in the clean-up event.
- Division staff met to discuss a potential pilot project for strategic disposition of City-owned land in the William Whyte neighbourhood, and identified lots that could be considered in such a strategy.
- Division staff participated in the five-year review process for OurWinnipeg and Complete Communities.

Urban Planning Division
Activity Report to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee
2016 Quarter 3 (July 1 to September 30)

Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve

- Six projects were approved by the Director for a total of $233,420.
- Seven Payment Claims for progress on existing approved projects were processed for a total of $74,845.

Activities and Accomplishments

- Division staff attended two meetings of Housing Stakeholders (monthly or bi-monthly meetings) in Housing Improvement Zone neighbourhoods where funds are allocated from the City's Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve. These meetings serve as a means to facilitate regular communication with community stakeholders regarding housing concerns and opportunities in targeted neighbourhoods. Note that most groups choose not to meet in July and August, due to summer holidays.
- Councillor Gerbasi and division staff met with Provincial Minister Scott Fielding to discuss housing opportunities and potential collaboration in delivering housing supports in Winnipeg. Discussion was fruitful and may lead to further discussions in anticipation of additional financial support from the federal government.
- Division staff co-authored a report submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development regarding a request for funding from the Gas Station Arts Centre. Recommendations were made to consider support for the theatre component of the development, as the housing component appeared to be adequately supported through other sources.
- Division staff submitted a report being submitted on July 5 to Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development regarding secondary suites. As per SPC concurrence with recommendations in the report, the public service will, in consultation with the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee, design and launch a public information / awareness campaign in consultation with the Office of Public Engagement to raise the profile of secondary suites among the general public. Division staff have met with the Planning, Property and Development Department Communications Lead to prepare information for posting on the City of Winnipeg website and to discuss potential activities to promote secondary suite development.
- Division staff continued to meet with representatives of the Seven Oaks School Division to discuss a potential housing development concept in the North End. Meetings also included representatives of the North End Community Renewal Association, the William

Whyte Residents Association, the Dufferin Residents Association and the Province of Manitoba.

- Division and departmental staff met with provincial staff to discuss Tax Increment Financing in context of a downtown strategy. It is hoped that evaluation of results will yield a better understanding of the effectiveness of this tool and how it might be considered in future programming.
- Division staff continued to discuss a potential pilot project for strategic disposition of City-owned land in the William Whyte neighbourhood, and consulted with staff from the Real Estate Division on how such a strategy might be implemented.
- Division staff participated in the five-year review process for OurWinnipeg and Complete Communities.