Minute No. 20
Report – Executive Policy Committee – November 9, 2016

Item No. 6 Renaming Administration Building of the City Hall Campus to "Susan A. Thompson Building"

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That to honour former Mayor Susan Thompson as one of Winnipeg's most influential women to advance the role of Canadian women in politics and to commemorate her commitment to public service, the Administration Building of the City Hall campus at 510 Main Street be renamed the "Susan A. Thompson Building".

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.

The motion for the adoption of the item was put.

Councillor Pagtakhan called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer and Sharma. 15

Nay: 0

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 9, 2016, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of women's first right to vote in Canada;

AND WHEREAS on the same day, January 28, 1916, the Lieutenant Governor also passed into law the right of Manitoba women to put themselves forward as candidates;

AND WHEREAS this historical anniversary celebrates women's democratic equality and recognizes the challenges women in Canada have faced, and overcome, and continue to face in the past century;

AND WHEREAS in the last 100 years, numerous women have made significant contributions to shape decision-making in Canada as leaders whose efforts continue to shape inclusiveness and the advancement of women's roles in politics;

AND WHEREAS in 1992, Winnipeg elected its first (and to date only) woman Mayor, Susan A. Thompson;

AND WHEREAS during her two terms as Winnipeg's 40th Mayor, one of her many considerable contributions to public service in Winnipeg was the implementation of the current administrative structure still utilized more than two decades later;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS pioneering women such as Susan A. Thompson act as role models and inspire other women members of diverse groups within our community to become more involved in traditionally male-dominated areas such as business and politics;

AND WHEREAS 2017 will mark the 25th anniversary of her election as the first woman mayor of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to honour former Mayor Susan Thompson as one of Winnipeg's most influential women to advance the role of Canadian women in politics and to commemorate her commitment to public service, the Administration Building of the City Hall campus at 510 Main Street be renamed the "Susan A. Thompson Building".

and submitted the matter to Council.