EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTION

Minute No. 244
Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS Councillors play an important role in helping to communicate and inform Winnipeg's citizens about issues, including new projects, initiatives and events that affect the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Councillors are often on the front line and asked by media to comment on these issues;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service prepares media releases and public launches for many of these issues;

AND WHEREAS the media releases and public launches are planned for and prepared well in advance of the event itself taking place;

AND WHEREAS in recent months, there have been several high profile issues involving media releases and public launches, including the opening of Winnipeg's new Transportation Centre, where Councillors were notified only hours before the media release was put out;

AND WHEREAS same day notification does not offer Councillors sufficient time to attend or be prepared to comment on these issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be directed to ensure the Winnipeg Public Service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least one (1) week prior to the event, so that Councillors can arrange their calendars to attend any public launch and / or be prepared to comment and formulate opinion on these issues that are important to all Winnipeggers and their elected representatives.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

THAT the Notice of Motion moved by Councillors Dobson and Schreyer be amended by adding the words "whenever possible" after the words "…one (1) week prior to the event", as shown below:

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be directed to ensure the Winnipeg Public Service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least one (1) week prior to the event, ***whenever possible,*** so that Councillors can arrange their calendars to attend any public launch and / or be prepared to comment and formulate opinion on these issues that are important to all Winnipeggers and their elected representatives.

The motion for adoption of the amendment moved by Councillors Eadie and Wyatt was put.

Councillor Dobson called for the yeas and nays as follows:

Yea: Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt. 5

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Sharma. 11

and the motion for adoption of the amendment moved by Councillors Eadie and Wyatt was declared lost.

The motion for adoption of the Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Dobson and seconded by Councillor Schreyer was put.

Councillor Eadie called for the yeas and nays as follows:

Yea: Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt. 5

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Sharma. 11

and the motion for adoption of the Notice of Motion was declared lost.