Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 10, 2017

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Request to Establish a Housing Roundtable

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee and recommended to Council:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to send a letter to Jay Rodgers, Deputy Minister of Families, Province of Manitoba, requesting the establishment of a Housing Roundtable to include representatives of the Provincial Civil Service, the Municipal Public Service, non-profit and for-profit housing developers, and representatives of affordable housing advocates in Winnipeg, and that the purpose of this Housing Roundtable be to share information and ideas on issues and opportunities related to development and provision of affordable housing in Winnipeg.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 27, 2017, the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada announced the 2017 Federal Budget with references to affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba announced the 2017 Provincial Budget with references to affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba is negotiating a cost-shared funding agreement for affordable housing development in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS OurWinnipeg, the City of Winnipeg's municipal development plan, directs the City to "establish partnerships with the private, not-for-profit and government sectors to provide affordable housing throughout the city";

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg would benefit from an opportunity to work collaboratively with other levels of government and with the housing sector to develop affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to send a letter to Jay Rodgers, Deputy Minister of Families, Province of Manitoba, requesting the establishment of a Housing Roundtable to include representatives of the Provincial Civil Service, the Municipal Public Service, non-profit and for-profit housing developers, and representatives of affordable housing advocates in Winnipeg, and that the purpose of this Housing Roundtable be to share information and ideas on issues and opportunities related to development and provision of affordable housing in Winnipeg.