Agenda – Council – May 24, 2017

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Clause 10(3) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, states the agenda of each regular meeting of a committee and all supporting material shall be provided to the members of the Committee and the public at least 96 hours preceding the committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS often an agenda item can be very complex in nature and can include not just one but multiple appendices that may raise questions and potential concerns;

AND WHEREAS on April 6, 2017 Mr. Doug McNeil, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Winnipeg, advised Councillor Janice Lukes that he would not allow any meetings with senior Directors or senior Management of the Public Service to address any questions or concerns on reports being published in the 96 hours proceeding a committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS unless an individual Councillor is member of a Standing Policy Committee, or a member of the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee, he or she will not have an opportunity to have a dialogue and ask questions of the Public Service pertaining to an agenda item on that specific Standing Policy Committee or Executive Policy Committee agenda item;

AND WHEREAS the fundamental basis of decision making for Councillors in the City of Winnipeg is based on the report system and administrative recommendations made in the reports;

AND WHEREAS the decision made by Mr. Doug McNeil to deny Councillor Lukes and any member of Council access to a senior Director or senior Management of the Public Service restricts the fundamental ability of an elected official to make informed decisions on behalf of their constituents and of all Winnipeggers;

AND WHEREAS this Council is attempting to increase the openness and transparency, and access to information within the City of Winnipeg to enable better governance, decision making procedures and use of tax dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council immediately direct the Chief Administrative Officer and all senior Directors and senior Management of the Public Service to always accommodate and meet with a member or members of Council, cooperatively providing all necessary information to the elected official(s) in said meeting, and answering all questions within the 96 hours proceeding a committee meeting.

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Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motion (continued):

THERFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Council immediately direct the Chief Administrative Officer and all senior Directors and senior Management of the Public Service to always accommodate and meet with a member or members of Council, whether or not the concern is on any agenda and facilitate in a timely manner.