Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 14, 2017

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Amendment to the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That section 5 (Business Meetings & Hospitality) of the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy be amended to prohibit the expensing of alcoholic beverages as follows:

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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 Gillingham,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

The Chairperson called Councillor Pagtakhan to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon elected representatives to conduct themselves according to the high standard of the office that they hold;

AND WHEREAS taxpayers expect their elected representatives to utilize the financial resources at their disposal in a cost effective, transparent, and appropriate manner;

AND WHEREAS Councillor expenses must be reasonable and reflect what the public expects of an elected official;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy already prohibits the expensing of alcohol, and has been amended to no longer allow the expensing of alcohol as a protocol gift;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.