Agenda – Council – June 21, 2017

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS this Council is increasing the openness and transparency of municipal government in the City of Winnipeg to enable better governance and use of tax dollars;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has not conducted a Governance Review seeking to improve the City's process of decision making in approximately 20 years, and will only be considering a recommendation to fund a Governance Review during the 2018 budget process, and improvements to governance may occur in a piecemeal approach;

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

AND WHEREAS the 96 hour period is not restricted to business hours, but includes evening and weekend hours, thereby significantly reducing the number of business hours available for both Council members and members of the public to seek clarity on reports from the Public Service, register and appear in delegation at committees;

AND WHEREAS the Citizens of Winnipeg have the right to register and appear in delegation to speak to public reports on issues deemed relevant to them but frequently are restricted from doing so due to having only 96 hours to make personal arrangements to enable them to appear in delegation at committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of well-informed government decisions, good policy creation, and public engagement in government, all elected members and citizens of Winnipeg should have access to public information in a timely manner, and have the opportunity to provide meaningful input in the decision making and policy creating process;

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 10(3) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be amended to change the time for posting Agenda for committees from a minimum of 96 hours to a minimum of 4 business days as follows:

AGENDA MATERIAL FOR COMMITTEES

10(3) The agenda of each regular meeting of a committee and all supporting material shall be provided to the members of the Committee by the Clerk ~~at least 96 hours~~ **a minimum of 4 business days** preceding the committee meeting and supplementary material forwarded by the Clerk will only be considered upon approval of the majority of the members of the committee present.