Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 20, 2017

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Item No. 15 Affordable Mixed-Use Housing Program

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee with recommendations for an affordable mixed-use housing program along regional corridors at its October 19, 2017 meeting.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

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

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS on July 5, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development (PDHDD) directed the Public Service to work with the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee (WHSC) to develop an affordable housing program using financial tools such Tax Increment Financing that enables multi-government levels of partnership;

AND WHEREAS on December 5, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on PDHDD concurred in the recommendations of the Public Service in their report back from the July 5 2016 disposition to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment analysis, that will, upon completion, identify specific strategic actions to increase the supply of affordable housing in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS on June 21, 2017, Council adopted the report Undertaking A Comprehensive Needs Assessment, which cites that completing the assessment will take up to 12 months and will delay implementation of a housing program that is based on findings of the Housing Needs Assessment;

AND WHEREAS an interim affordable housing program that is available until the Comprehensive Needs Assessment can be completed, could help prevent the City from missing opportunities to apply, or qualify for, existing federal funding opportunities for affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the WHSC, working in collaboration with the Public Service, has identified an opportunity to develop a mixed-use affordable housing program along regional corridors across Winnipeg, including the downtown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee with recommendations for an affordable mixed-use housing program along regional corridors at its October 19, 2017 meeting.

Carried