Minute No. 146
Report – Executive Policy Committee – January 17, 2018

Item No. 5 Audit of the Effectiveness of Current Systems and Processes in Relation to the Sterling Lyon / William Clement Parkway Study

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That Council request the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the effectiveness of the current systems and processes in place to support city staff and Council for identifying and communicating relevant and material information to decision makers through the City of Winnipeg report process; giving specific attention to the adherence of such current systems and processes by individuals in relation to the Sterling Lyon / William Clement Parkway study, with a particular focus on the accountability of elected and non-elected City officials that were either directly or indirectly involved in this study from its inception to the present time.

2. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the file on the William R. Clement Parkway and the surrounding study area also referred to as the "Extension of the Sterling Lyon Parkway", "Expansion of Wilkes" or "East/West Alignment" with a chronological timeline, identifying authorizations and knowledge of and direction for planning and engagement of Public Service members, external consultants and elected officials.

3. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the capital expenditures with timeline, authorization of, and size and scope of the William R Clement Parkway file and study area referred to as the "Extension of the Sterling Lyon Parkway", "Expansion of Wilkes" or "East/West Alignment"

4. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the scope and execution of work performed by WSP/MMM starting November 25th, 2014, until current, focusing on who provided direction to WSP/MMM from the Public Service.

5. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer complete and report back to Council by May 1st, 2018 (90 days).

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Morantz,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee date January 17, 2018 be amended as follows:

- Amend Recommendation 1 by adding the following wording at the end thereof:

  ", with a particular focus on the accountability of elected and non-elected City officials that were either directly or indirectly involved in this study from its inception to the present time."

- Delete Recommendation 2;

- Add following new Recommendations and renumber the remaining Recommendation accordingly:

  "2. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the file on the William R. Clement Parkway and the surrounding study area also referred to as the "Extension of the Sterling Lyon Parkway", "Expansion of Wilkes" or "East/West Alignment" with a chronological timeline, identifying authorizations and knowledge of and direction for planning and engagement of Public Service members, external consultants and elected officials.

  3. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the capital expenditures with timeline, authorization of, and size and scope of the William R Clement Parkway file and study area referred to as the "Extension of the Sterling Lyon Parkway", "Expansion of Wilkes" or "East/West Alignment"

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

5. That the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer complete and report back to Council by May 1st, 2018 (90 days).”

The motion moved by Councillor Lukes and seconded by Councillor Morantz was put.

Councillor Lukes called for the yeas and nays as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer and Sharma. 14

Nay: 0

and the motion moved by Councillor Lukes and seconded by Councillor Morantz was declared carried.

The motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was put.

Councillor Morantz called for the yeas and nays as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer and Sharma. 14

Nay: 0

and the motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 17, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS questions have been raised regarding the processes and overall management pertaining to the Sterling Lyon / William Clement Parkway extension study

AND WHEREAS specific questions have been raised about what details are sufficiently material to be highlighted in documents for consideration by the public service, Council and the public.

AND WHEREAS The City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer is a Statutory Officer appointed by City Council under The City of Winnipeg Charter.

AND WHEREAS The City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer reports to Council through the Audit Committee (Executive Policy Committee) and is independent of the City's Public Service.

AND WHEREAS The City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conducts examinations of the operations of the City and its affiliated bodies to assist Council in its governance role of ensuring the Public Service's accountability for the quality of stewardship over public funds and for the achievement of value for money in City operations.

AND WHEREAS after communication to City Council, an audit report becomes a public document.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer conduct an audit of the effectiveness of the current systems and processes in place to support city staff and Council for identifying and communicating relevant and material information to decision makers through the City of Winnipeg report process; giving specific attention to the adherence of such current systems and processes by individuals in relation to the Sterling Lyon / William Clement Parkway study.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Auditor / Chief Performance Officer immediately propose a revised schedule for 2018 audits to prioritize this audit.

and submitted the matter to Council.