Minute No. 369
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – May 7, 2018

Item No. 4 Membership of the Winnipeg Building Commission

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That John Wells, Chris Hewitt, and Rick Marshall be reappointed as members of the Winnipeg Building Commission for a term of three years ending June 30, 2021.

2. That Mark Ager be appointed as a new member of the Winnipeg Building Commission for a term of three years ending June 30, 2021.

3. 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 Councillor Orlikow,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 15, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Membership of the Winnipeg Building Commission**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development - Executive Policy Committee - Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Winnipeg Building Commission is established under the Winnipeg Building By-Law No. 4555/87 (the "By-law") to provide technical advice and recommendations regarding interpretations and alternative solutions associated with the various codes enforced by the City.

Under the terms of the By-law, the nine-member Commission requires that eight of its members be replaced, or have their terms renewed, on a 3-year basis. The terms of four members of the Winnipeg Building Commission will expire on June 30, 2018. It is recommended that the terms of three of these members be renewed and one new member be appointed, each for a period of three years (until June 30, 2021).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That John Wells, Chris Hewitt, and Rick Marshall be reappointed as members of the Winnipeg Building Commission for a term of three years ending June 30, 2021.
2. That Mark Ager be appointed as a new member of the Winnipeg Building Commission for a term of three years ending June 30, 2021.
3. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council has authority to appoint members to the Winnipeg Building Commission.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Members listed in Recommendation 1 and 2 will be appointed to the WBC for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2021.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Winnipeg Building Commission (the "WBC") is established pursuant to *The City of Winnipeg Charter* and the Winnipeg Building By-law No. 4555/87 (the "By-law").

The purpose of the WBC has evolved since it was established. In the 1960's, it was responsible for the City's building by-law, and for the adoption of the National Building Code and associated municipal amendments. In the mid–eighties, with the adoption of the Residential Buildings Fire Safety By-law, the WBC became more important as an appeal board for orders issued to property owners under that by-law. That role largely disappeared as most buildings subject to that by-law have been upgraded.

On March 21, 2012, Council passed amendments to the By-law that expanded the authority of the WBC to include providing advice and recommendations to the Designated Employee regarding interpretations and alternative solutions associated with the Manitoba Building Code, the Manitoba Plumbing Code, the Manitoba Fire Code, and the Winnipeg Electrical By-law.

The amendments to the By-law also included adjustments to the composition of the membership categories.

The existing WBC has dealt with 12 separate applications since 2012. Although in most cases the building industry and the Winnipeg Public Service are able to resolve disagreements on matters relating to Code interpretations and alternative solutions without involving the WBC, the WBC is an important forum to present issues where the matter is not resolved satisfactorily and there is a request for an independent recommendation.

The terms of four members of the WBC will expire on June 30, 2018: John Wells, Chris Hewitt, Rick Marshall, and Doug Hanna. It is recommended that the terms of John Wells, Chris Hewitt and Rick Marshall be extended for a period of three years each. It is also recommended that Mark Ager be appointed for the same three year period, as Doug Hanna has declined a renewal.

The list of existing and recommended members is set out in Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: April 19, 2018

Project Name:
Establishment of Membership of the Winnipeg Building Commission

COMMENTS:

There are no material financial implications associated with this report.

"Original Signed By"
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CONSULTATION

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning Property and Development
Division: Development and Inspections
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Attachments:

Appendix A: List of existing and recommended members

Appendix A

Name	Company / Organization	Membership Category	Term
Members to be Renewed			
John Wells	Crosier Kilgour	Engineer	Appoint to June 30, 2021
Chris Hewitt	SMS Engineering	Member at Large	Appoint to June 30, 2021
Rick Marshall	Bird Construction	Member, Winnipeg Construction Association	Appoint to June 30, 2021
Mark Ager (NEW)	Ager Little Architects	Architect	Appoint to June 30, 2021
Other Existing Members			
Director of Fire Prevention (or Designate)	City of Winnipeg	Senior Fire Officer, City of Winnipeg	Permanent seat
John Frye	University of Manitoba	Member at Large	June 30, 2020
John Guenther	Nova 3 Engineering	Engineer	June 30, 2020
Jim Wagner	Parks Canada	Architect	June 30, 2020
Dale Verville	Qualico	Member, Manitoba Home Builders Association	June 30, 2020