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Item No. 10 Response to the City of Winnipeg's Request to Amend The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the attached correspondence from the Minister of Finance dated May 19, 2018.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS City Council has committed to and launched initiatives for enhancing openness and transparency through greater disclosure of how public funds are spent;

AND WHEREAS all City of Winnipeg employees are under contract with the City as part of their employment agreement;

AND WHEREAS a City of Winnipeg employment contract is a record held by a public body and is therefore subject to accessibility laws;

AND WHEREAS on May 3, 2017 the Director of Legal Services sent the Honourable Eileen Clarke, Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relations a copy of the Council adopted motion requesting that The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act be amended to provide greater details regarding employee compensation, specifically that:

"A breakdown of compensation details and/or sources including regular pay, overtime, court overtime, special duty pay, vacation pay, sick-leave cash out, bonuses, allowances, severance and/or other sources of compensation be disclosed for all employees earning $50,000 or more as part of the City of Winnipeg's annual compensation report in accordance with The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act";

AND WHEREAS on May 4, 2017 Minister Clarke acknowledged receipt of said correspondence and on May 18, 2017 it was forwarded to the Honourable Cameron Friesen, Minister of Finance, for his review and consideration;

AND WHEREAS on December 18, 2017 Mayor Bowman wrote to the Minister of Finance expressing his disappointment that Bill 6 – The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Amendment Act did not contain the amendments requested by Winnipeg City Council which would have provided greater openness and transparency to Winnipeg taxpayers regarding compensation paid to City of Winnipeg employees;

AND WHEREAS on May 19, 2018 Minister Friesen responded to Mayor Bowman indicating that for reasons identified in the attached correspondence the Province is not prepared to proceed with the compensation disclosure improvements requested by City Council.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee receive the attached correspondence from the Minister of Finance dated May 19, 2018 as information.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.