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REPORTS

Item No. 21 Financial Implications to the City of Winnipeg Resulting from the Legalization of Cannabis

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back within 30 days with:

1. An estimate for the anticipated costs, broken down by department, that the City of Winnipeg will incur as a result of the legalization of cannabis consumption, including but not limited to regulation, training, and enforcement; and

2. Options available to the City of Winnipeg for recouping costs it will incur as a result of the legalization of cannabis consumption including but not limited to a sliding scale business licence, and/or a differential business tax, and/or occupancy permit for cannabis producers and retailers.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

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 four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS on September 27, 2017 the Public Service was asked, in consultation with the Winnipeg Police Service as appropriate, to review and report back on the financial implications of Bill C-45, the federal Cannabis Act, for the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has not yet produced a report on the financial impact of the legalization of cannabis consumption but continues to work toward providing this information;

AND WHEREAS cannabis consumption will be legal in Canada on October 17, 2018;

AND WHEREAS it is important to continue ongoing discussions with the Province of Manitoba about equitable revenue sharing;

AND WHEREAS the cost of the impact of legalizing cannabis consumption should not be borne by City of Winnipeg residents through increased property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service report back within 30 days with:

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Carried