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Item No. 20 Creation of a Crystal Meth Crisis Task Force

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

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 Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee be received as information.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 11, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks forwarded the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee motion to the Executive Policy Committee.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On August 31, 2018, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Crystal Meth Crisis is at an all-time high in the streets of Winnipeg, and;

WHEREAS the impact on public health, human suffering, and public safety is real and growing based on the most recent statistical data, and;

WHEREAS existing public services are being either over taxed or are non-existent to assist those who are addicted or those who are feeling the effect of the crisis, and;

WHEREAS there is a need for a coordinated, concerted and rapid response to the crisis by all levels of government and by public agencies, and;

WHEREAS even though the Crystal Meth Crisis is relatively new to Winnipeg, existing knowledge and expertise in the area of addictions and trauma does exist in Manitoba, with examples and best practices from other jurisdictions in North America, and;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be requested to:

1. Immediately create a Crystal Meth Crisis Task Force, to be made up of experts in addictions and trauma, and representatives of Public Health, Public Safety, the Public Service and Elected Officials, for the purpose of providing a report within 90 days that will:

    A. Provide a detailed analysis of the crisis, namely the who, what, when, where, how, and why.

    B. Review and provide the best practices of other jurisdictions including concrete examples of how they have dealt with addictions, individual and societal trauma, with those suffering and coping by the use of Crystal Meth.

    C. Consult with frontline, grassroots community groups and individuals involved with and affected by the crisis.

    D. Provide recommendations that can be implemented that will relieve the immediate sufferings of individuals who are choosing to cope by using Crystal Meth

    E. Provide long-term recommendations to treat, prevent, and educate to address the causes of the Crystal Meth Crisis and reduce the impact of addictions on the people of our City

    F. Provide for a system to measure and publically report the results of both D and E on a regular basis.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service do all things necessary to implement of the foregoing, including the requirement to identify the funding, for said Task Force.