Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 5, 2018

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Item No. 4 Access to Rehabilitation for Addictions Recovery

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and recommended to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg call upon the Province to address the issue of waiting periods to be able to obtain recovery through the Additions Foundation of Manitoba.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to research best practices in other jurisdictions to determine the potential of including coverage for access to rehabilitation facilities for recovery in future benefit plans for City of Winnipeg employees through the collective bargaining process.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 17, 2018, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS addictions affect all walks of life including industry and government;

AND WHEREAS it is noted that addictions negatively impact productivity in the workplace;

AND WHEREAS in the Province of Manitoba the main forum for additions recovery is through the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the waiting list for admission to a rehabilitation facility or other government funded facilities can be upwards of two months or more;

AND WHEREAS for those suffering from additions, such a wait can be the difference between recovery and no recovery;

AND WHEREAS City of Winnipeg employees impacted by addictions directly or indirectly are potentially affecting productivity and therefore impacting taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommends to the Executive Policy Committee:

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2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to research best practices in other jurisdictions to determine the potential of including coverage for access to rehabilitation facilities for recovery in future benefit plans for City of Winnipeg employees through the collective bargaining process.