Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 22, 2019

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Item No. 9 Red Tape Reduction

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Office of Public Engagement work directly with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, business owners, and other stakeholders to identify a list of the top ten outdated by-laws or regulations Council could update or eliminate to make doing business in the city more efficient, and report back in 180 days.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

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

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

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS growing Winnipeg and its economy means supporting existing businesses while also attracting new investment and enterprises to the city;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg strives to improve customer service and strengthen the city's economy, red tape reduction seeks to improve services, and lower costs for Manitobans as well as government;

AND WHEREAS red tape reduction is about removing regulatory requirements that are unfair, unclear, overly prescriptive, poorly designed, redundant, contradictory or antiquated, in order to eliminate unnecessary barriers and to promote economic development;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeggers will benefit from red tape reduction initiatives by having faster access to programs and services and finding it easier to carry out business;

AND WHEREAS January 21- 25 is the Canadian Federation of Independent Business Red Tape Awareness Week;

AND WHEREAS efforts to address red tape and improve the City of Winnipeg's permit system have been ongoing;

AND WHEREAS the annual Small Business Summit together with a new process to identify areas of red tape eligible for reduction will help further improve the permitting process as well as other business processes in the city;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg remains the economic engine of the province with real GDP over $37 billion;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's economy is projected to grow over the long-run by an average annual compound rate of over two percent;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba's current labour market forecast projects over 166,000 job openings in the province between now and 2023, and forecasts demand to be spread across multiple sectors including business, finance, services, trades and transportation, and agri-business.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Office of Public Engagement work directly with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, business owners, and other stakeholders to identify a list of the top ten outdated by-laws or regulations Council could update or eliminate to make doing business in the city more efficient and report back in 180 days.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.