Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 7, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 9 Creation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back within 90 days on the following:

1. A draft amending by-law to implement the following changes to City Organizational By-law No. 7100/97:

    A. The renaming of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation to the "Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development"

    B. The removal of Information Technology, Economic Development and Business Liaison from the jurisdiction of the Executive Policy Committee.

    C. The addition of Innovation, Transformation and Technology, Economic Development, Business Liaison, Economic Development Winnipeg and CentreVenture Development Corporation under the jurisdiction of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development.

    D. The addition of the following section to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development:

    "To consider and make recommendations on the operating and capital budgets formulated by the Executive Policy Committee and covering those administrative units having responsibility for the Committee's areas of jurisdiction."

    E. Revised wording to accurately reflect the reporting requirements between Special Service Units (SSUs) and the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development.

    F. Additional recommended changes to align the duties, responsibilities and jurisdiction of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development with approved budgets.

2. Amendments to any other by-law, policy or decision in order to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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 the 2019 budget created the Innovation, Transformation & Technology department by merging various Information Technology and departmental resources in order to form a cohesive department focused on innovation and technology initiatives city-wide;

AND WHEREAS the 2019 budget includes additional investments in technology to address years of deferred improvements for critical services such as minimizing 311 downtime, improving the public's access to open data, as well as renewed investments in emergency services communications;

AND WHEREAS the city is investing in the smart cities program to improve the City through innovation, data and connected technology;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to more effectively identifying, prioritizing, and planning for economic development opportunities based on a business case analysis and a clear understanding of the economic rate of return for the City;

AND WHEREAS an enhanced lens on economic development at the Standing Committee level will allow for a greater focus on economic return for the City by better aligning the work of Economic Development Winnipeg and Centre Venture with the City and other economic partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 90 days with the following:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.