Minute No. 320
Report – Executive Policy Committee – May 7, 2019

Item No. 5 Appointments of Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That Chief Financial Officer Michael Ruta be appointed as the interim Chief Administrative Officer, effective as of 4:30 p.m. on May 24, 2019.

2. That Corporate Controller Paul Olafson be appointed as the interim Chief Financial Officer, effective as of 4:30 p.m. on May 24, 2019.

3. The Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

At the request of Councillor Lukes and in accordance with Rule 20 of the Procedure By-law, the Speaker advised that Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 would be voted on separately.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 1 was put and declared carried.

Councillors Lukes and Klein asked to be recorded as having voted in opposition to Recommendation 1, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure By-law.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 was put and declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS on February 14, 2019, Doug McNeil indicated his intention to retire as the City of Winnipeg's Chief Administrative Officer effective April 26, 2019;

AND WHEREAS in response to reports of significant flooding risk, Doug McNeil's retirement date was extended to May 24, 2019 to assist the City of Winnipeg with its spring flood preparations;

AND WHEREAS on March 21, 2019, a committee was established and tasked by the Mayor with recruiting and recommending the appointment of the City of Winnipeg next Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS a request for proposals seeking the assistance of an external consultant to assist with the recruitment process was issued March 21, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the bid opportunity for this request for proposals closed April 11, 2019 and responses are being reviewed by the City of Winnipeg's public service;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS a new Chief Administrative Officer will not be recruited and recommended to Council for appointment prior to Doug McNeil's retirement date of May 24, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

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