Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – June 11, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Housing Activity Report – 2019 First Quarter (January 1 to March 31)

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve

- Three new projects were approved by the Director of the Planning, Property and Development Department for a total of $550,000.
- Three Payment Claims for progress on existing approved projects were processed for a total of $89,000.

Activities and Accomplishments

- Division staff attended five meetings of Housing Stakeholders (monthly or bi-monthly meetings) in Housing Improvement Zone neighbourhoods where funds are allocated from the City's Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve. These meetings serve as a means to facilitate regular communication with community stakeholders regarding housing concerns and opportunities in targeted neighbourhoods.

- Division staff met with representatives of the Institute of Urban Studies (University of Winnipeg) to discuss progress on the project to conduct a Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Winnipeg. Following the meeting, the IUS submitted a timeline change request, which recommended that the project continue to remain on pause until at least July 2019. The project team is still awaiting key data sets, which are critical to the project and have been substantially delayed. It would not be prudent for the project to proceed until these data sets are received.

- Division staff met with the OurWinnipeg Review team to discuss existing housing policy in *OurWinnipeg* and *Complete Communities*. Both *OurWinnipeg* and *Complete Communities* are currently under review and the Division has been examining existing housing policies and providing comprehensive recommendations to the OurWinnipeg team.

- The Real Estate Division has been negotiating the sale of eight City-owned lots within the William Whyte neighbourhood for reduced cost to non-profit housing providers. These lot sales are part of a pilot project approved by Council on January 25, 2018. To date, agreements have been reached for four lots.