Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 9, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 19 Review of Agreements between the City of Winnipeg Triple B Stadium Inc. and the Winnipeg Football Club

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to:

1. Report back in 120 days with the following, namely:

    A. A review of all current agreements that involve the City of Winnipeg, Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B) and the Winnipeg Football Club;

    B. The steps necessary to potentially remove the City of Winnipeg representative from the Board of Directors of Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club;

    C. The steps necessary to potentially divest the City of Winnipeg of its membership interest in Triple B.

2. Consider the City of Winnipeg's existing financial arrangements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club and report back in 120 days with a go forward plan that helps to positon the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field for success in the future.

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 motions:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is undertaking a review of the City's core service delivery responsibilities under the City of Winnipeg Charter and other relevant legislation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not have any legislative responsibility to govern or operate a professional sports team or stadium;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg currently has representation on the board of directors for the Winnipeg Football Club and Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B);

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is one of three members of Triple B, with the other two members being the Winnipeg Football Club and the University of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has entered into various agreements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has written off the value of its loans to Triple B related to the construction of IG Field;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General of Manitoba has reviewed the financing and accounting for IG Field and will be conducting a review of the land transaction involving the former Winnipeg Stadium site;

AND WHEREAS a review of the City of Winnipeg's current role in Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club is warranted;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned review should be conducted to ensure that both the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field are positioned for success in the future.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back in 120 days with the following, namely:

A. A review of all current agreements that involve the City of Winnipeg, Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B) and the Winnipeg Football Club;

B. The steps necessary to potentially remove the City of Winnipeg representative from the Board of Directors of Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club;

C. The steps necessary to potentially divest the City of Winnipeg of its membership interest in Triple B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service consider the City of Winnipeg's existing financial arrangements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club and report back in 120 days with a go forward plan that helps to positon the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field for success in the future.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.