Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 10, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Reports to be in Conjunction with the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to refer to the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, and consider and advise as a part of every report, whether the recommendation is consistent with the City of Winnipeg's objectives and targets with respect to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the harmful impacts of climate change.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee be concurred in.

Carried

Steve Snyder submitted a communication dated September 8, 2019, in support of the matter.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 8, 2019, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS climate change represents an enormous threat to current and future generations on Earth,

WHEREAS the Climate Atlas of Canada (climateatlas.ca) report for Winnipeg indicates we can expect increasing very hot days (+30 C) in the immediate future among other significant changes to our climate which will impact how we design, build and live in our cities and pose risks to community health, safety, and threaten the integrity of our infrastructure. June was the hottest month in the world on record according to the European Space Agency,

WHEREAS all levels of government have a major role to play in climate policy,

WHEREAS municipalities - delivering front line services, particularly transportation infrastructure and networks, land use planning, building permitting, enforcement of building energy code, solid waste management - have many opportunities to work proactively towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building a more climate resilient and equitable community,

WHEREAS Public Safety Canada estimates that every dollar invested in disaster mitigation saves $3-$5 in recovery costs and investing early in climate action can help to avoid future costs,
WHEREAS our climate change action plan calls for climate impact to be considered as a part of all reports

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that henceforward, any report from the Winnipeg Public Service refer to the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, and consider and advise as a part of every report, whether the recommendation is consistent with the City of Winnipeg's objectives and targets with respect to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the harmful impacts of climate change, and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.