Minute No. 515
Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 17, 2019

Item No. 3 Creation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That a by-law be enacted to amend the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 incorporating the contents of this report (draft by-law attached as Appendix A to this report).

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to 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.

Carried

Councillor Klein asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with rule 47(7) of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 17, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

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

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Creation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 7, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee directed the Public Service to report back within 90 days with a draft amending by-law to implement changes to the City Organization By-law 7100/97, with respect to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation.

Changes contained in the draft by-law include renaming the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development, the removal of Information Technology, Economic Development and Business Liaison from the jurisdiction of the Executive Policy Committee and placing it under the jurisdiction of the new Standing Policy Committee.

Additionally, Economic Development Winnipeg and CentreVenture Development Corporation are placed under the Standing Policy Committee's jurisdiction, as well as making recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee on annual operating and capital budget matters falling under the jurisdiction of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. Reference to the Idea Bank Reserve fund, which was closed by Council on March 22, 2011, has also been removed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council enact a by-law to amend the City Organization By-law incorporating the contents of this report (draft by-law attached as Appendix A to this report).

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

On May 7, 2019 the Executive Policy Committee directed the Public Service to report back within 90 days with amendments to the City Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 to establish the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. Council approval is required to adopt and amend by-laws.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 will be amended to rename the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development and amend its jurisdiction, authority, areas of policy advice to Council, and powers and duties, as outlined in the draft by-law attached to this report as Appendix A.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On February 24, 1999, Council established the Alternate Service Delivery Committee of Council to oversee the annual Alternate Service Delivery Review Agenda.

On March 22, 2011, Council adopted the 2011 Operating Budget and Financial Plans for 2012 and 2013. Adopted clause 11 closed reserves “with a zero or near zero residual balance”, among which was the Idea Bank Reserve.

On October 28, 2015, Council enacted By-law 106/2015 which renamed the Alternate Service Delivery Committee to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation.

On November 4, 2015, Council enacted By-law 111/2015 which added the responsibility to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation to hear appeals under section 13.1 of the Organizational by-law.

On May 7, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back within 90 days on the following:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: September 9, 2019

Project Name:
Creation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development

COMMENTS:
There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Original signed by T. Yanchishyn
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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommendations contained in this report align with OurWinnipeg Direction 1: Provide efficient and focused civic administration and governance.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: City Clerk's Department
Prepared by: P. Prinsloo
Date: September 9, 2019

Attachments:

Appendix A – Draft By-law