Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 15, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Tree Protection and Preservation By-law

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to conduct a cross jurisdictional scan and consult with industry and community stakeholders on the creation of a Tree Protection and Preservation By-law and integrate this into the Comprehensive Urban Forest Management Strategy and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in 2020.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Councillor Mayes to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by Councillor

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

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS trees provide substantial environmental, social, and economic benefits to the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is currently facing a substantial challenge with various invasive species including Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer, and cottony ash psyllid;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan acknowledges that increasing and preserving the tree canopy, including in new neighborhoods, is a key strategic opportunity for community climate resiliency;

AND WHEREAS all Winnipeggers have a role in protecting the tree canopy in our community;

AND WHEREAS many major cities in Canada have tree protection by-laws that address tree removal and alteration on private and public property;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service has begun the process of drafting Winnipeg's Comprehensive Urban Forestry Management Strategy anticipated for completion in 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service conduct a cross jurisdictional scan and consult with industry and community stakeholders on the creation of a Tree Protection and Preservation By-law and integrate this into the Comprehensive Urban Forest Management Strategy and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in 2020.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.

Steve Snyder submitted a communication dated October 14, 2019, in support of the matter.