Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 15, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Application to the Province of Manitoba for Disaster Financial Assistance

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg apply to the Province of Manitoba for disaster financial assistance in accordance with *The Emergency Measures Act*, C.C.S.M c. E80 and *The Disaster Financial Assistance Policies and Guidelines (Public Sector) Regulation*, MR 178/99.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

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 *The Disaster Financial Assistance Policies and Guidelines (Public Sector) Regulation*, MR 178/99 ("the Regulation") provides for the provision of Disaster Financial Assistance where eligible costs incurred as a result of a disaster exceed the amount which any one local authority may reasonably be expected to bear on its own;

AND WHEREAS the Regulation defines a disaster as including wide-spread damage to property or the environment;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg experienced an unprecedented weather event in October 2019 that included unseasonal and extreme rainfall, snowfall and wind which has resulted in significant damage to private and public real and personal property, including the tree canopy within the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS a State of Local Emergency has been declared in the City of Winnipeg in order to assist with the cleanup of trees and to enable the City to acquire the additional resources required to deal with this unprecedented weather event;

AND WHEREAS the unprecedented weather event has already resulted in significant financial costs to the City of Winnipeg and is expected to result in even greater costs as the damage to City infrastructure, including the tree canopy, becomes clear, and as the City's Public Service and external service providers paid by the City work to repair damage and restore services to City residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the costs incurred by the City to date and those anticipated to be incurred as a result of the unprecedented weather event will impose an unreasonable financial burden on the City of Winnipeg.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS in order for the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization to consider any municipal application for disaster financial assistance, a resolution supporting the application must be passed by the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg apply to the Province of Manitoba for disaster financial assistance in accordance with *The Emergency Measures Act*, C.C.S.M c. E80 and *The Disaster Financial Assistance Policies and Guidelines (Public Sector) Regulation*, MR 178/99;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.