Agenda – Council – October 24, 2019

Report – Executive Policy Committee – October 15, 2019

Item No. 1 Application to the Province of Manitoba for Disaster Financial Assistance

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 15, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following 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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 15, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

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.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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;

and submitted the matter to Council.