Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – November 20, 2019

BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 3 Winnipeg Food Council – External Coordinator

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 16, 2019, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee which included the following recommendation:

2. That consideration of a budget to support an external coordinator positon for the Winnipeg Food Council in 2020 and beyond be referred to the 2020 multi-year budget review.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 16, 2019, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That a Winnipeg Food Council budget of up to $25,000.00 in 2019 be approved to hire an external coordinator on a part-time basis to support the City Council approved mandate of the Winnipeg Food Council, to be funded by an equivalent increase to the City-wide corporate efficiency savings account in 2019.

2. That consideration of a budget to support an external coordinator positon for the Winnipeg Food Council in 2020 and beyond be referred to the 2020 multi-year budget review.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 30, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Food Council was established by Council at its February 22 2017 meeting, as a citizen advisory committee with a mandate to advise the Mayor and Council on food system related issues, support the work of the community on food matters as well as develop, implement, maintain and evaluate a City of Winnipeg Agricultural and Food Strategy;

AND WHEREAS when Council established the Winnipeg Food Council it referred an operating budget increase of $69,000.00 for the creation and operation of the Winnipeg Food Council to the 2018 budget review process, but there is currently no approved operating budget for the Winnipeg Food Council;

AND WHEREAS Council approved Terms of Reference for the Food Council which identifies the need for an independently contracted Winnipeg Food Council Coordinator to support the Winnipeg Food Council and liaise with the public service as needed;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Food Council has not hired a coordinator to date because there is no approved budget for this purpose;

AND WHEREAS a lack of a coordinator for the Winnipeg Food Council is impairing the Food Council’s ability to fulfill its function and mandate;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS an amount of $25,000.00 for a part time external coordinator for the Food Council is a reasonable amount based on remuneration paid to external coordinators that support other City committees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council approve a Winnipeg Food Council budget of up to $25,000.00 in 2019 to hire an external coordinator on a part-time basis to support the City Council approved mandate of the Winnipeg Food Council, to be funded by an equivalent increase to the City-wide corporate efficiency savings account in 2019.

2. Consideration of a budget to support an external coordinator positon for the Winnipeg Food Council in 2020 and beyond be referred to the 2020 multi-year budget review.

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

and submitted the matter to Council.