Agenda – Council – November 21, 2019

Executive Policy Committee - Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 City of Winnipeg Charter

Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter Act (the Charter) specifies that where the Mayor is absent or unavailable for any reason, the Deputy Mayor or in the absence of the Deputy Mayor, the Acting Deputy Mayor performs the duties and functions, and may exercise the powers, of the Mayor;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Charter, if the office of the Mayor becomes vacant in the last 12 months of the Mayor's term of office, no election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term, making the Deputy or Acting Deputy Mayor, the de facto unelected Mayor of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS while acting as the unelected Mayor, the Deputy or Acting Deputy Mayor would substantially increase their profile, giving them an unfair advantage should they chose to run for the office of Mayor in the subsequent election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter Act to disqualify the Deputy Mayor or Acting Deputy from being a candidate for the office of Mayor in any election where they have been previously acting as unelected Mayor, due to that office being vacated.