Minute No. 72
Report – Executive Policy Committee – December 3, 2019

Item No. 7 Amendment to Fees and Charges By-law No. 196/2008 – Impact Fee

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to annually increase or decrease the amount of the Impact Fee in an amount equal to the rate of construction inflation for the previous year or the rate of construction deflation for the previous year, as the case may be, to a maximum increase or decrease of 5% per year.

2. That a by-law to amend the Fees and Charges By-law No. 196/2008 in accordance with resolution 1 herein be enacted.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Schreyer 12

Nay: Councillors Klein, Lukes, Nason 3

and the motion for the adoption of the item declared carried.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS economic and market conditions cause prices to increase, referred to as inflation, and also occasionally decrease, referred to as deflation;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fees and Charges By-law No. 196/2008, the Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") for The City of Winnipeg (the "City") has the authority to increase annually a fee imposed by the City by the rate of inflation as well as the authority to increase annually the amount of the Impact Fee, established by the Impact Fee By-law No. 127/2016, by the rate of construction inflation for the previous year, to a maximum of 5% per year;

AND WHEREAS the City Economist has calculated 2019 construction inflation to be deflationary;

AND WHEREAS the CFO has determined that the rate of construction inflation for 2019 is deflationary rather than inflationary;

AND WHEREAS the CFO does not currently have the authority to reduce the Impact Fee to accommodate deflation;

AND WHEREAS it would be equitable to reduce the impact fee imposed by the City in situations of deflation;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

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