

Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 28, 2020

REPORTS

Item No. 13 Provincial Legislation – Bills 44, 48 and 49 – Implications to the City of Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 30 days to the Executive Policy Committee with individual written reports on the financial, organizational, policy and any other relevant implications to the City of Winnipeg with respect to Bills 44, 48 and 49, as tabled in the Manitoba Legislature in March, 2020.

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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 on March 19, 2020 the Manitoba Legislative Assembly gave first reading to three bills including Bill 44-The Public Utilities Ratepayer Protection and Regulatory Reform Act, Bill 48- The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act, and Bill 49 – The Building and Electrical Permitting Improvement Act (Various Acts Amended and Permit Dispute Resolution Act Enacted) (“The Bills”);

AND WHEREAS Bill 44 establishes a new regulatory framework that would replace Winnipeg City Council’s ability to determine water and sewer rates in favor of these rates being determined by the Public Utilities Board;

AND WHEREAS Bill 48 would provide the Municipal Board with jurisdiction to make binding decisions on appeals of municipal land use decisions in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Bill 49 would enact new legislation to resolve disputes related to building and electrical permits by having provincially appointed adjudicators issue binding orders on these matters;

AND WHEREAS The Bills may contain financial implications for residents of the City of Winnipeg and implications for the City’s decision making framework;

AND WHEREAS on April 20, 2020 the Standing Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development requested the Public Service provide a verbal update of Bills 48 and 49 at its April 12, 2020 meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to report back within 30 days to the Executive Policy Committee with individual written reports on the financial, organizational, policy and any other relevant implications to the City of Winnipeg with respect to Bills 44, 48 and 49, as tabled in the Manitoba Legislature in March, 2020.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.