Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 22, 2020

REPORTS

Item No. 1 Review of Agreements between the City of Winnipeg, Triple B Stadium Inc. and the Winnipeg Football Club

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee granted a further extension of time of 90 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

1. A review of all current agreements that involve the City of Winnipeg, Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B) and the Winnipeg Football Club.

2. The steps necessary to potentially remove the City of Winnipeg representative from the Board of Directors of Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club.

3. The steps necessary to potentially divest the City of Winnipeg of its membership interest in Triple B.

4. A go forward plan that helps to position the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field for success in the future, taking into consideration the City of Winnipeg's existing financial arrangements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

That a further extension of time of 90 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 10, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee granted a further extension of time of 60 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On December 3, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee granted an extension of time of 90 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

1. A review of all current agreements that involve the City of Winnipeg, Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B) and the Winnipeg Football Club.

2. The steps necessary to potentially remove the City of Winnipeg representative from the Board of Directors of Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club.

3. The steps necessary to potentially divest the City of Winnipeg of its membership interest in Triple B.

4. A go forward plan that helps to position the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field for success in the future, taking into consideration the City of Winnipeg's existing financial arrangements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club.

On July 9, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is undertaking a review of the City's core service delivery responsibilities under the City of Winnipeg Charter and other relevant legislation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not have any legislative responsibility to govern or operate a professional sports team or stadium;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg currently has representation on the board of directors for the Winnipeg Football Club and Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B);

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is one of three members of Triple B, with the other two members being the Winnipeg Football Club and the University of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has entered into various agreements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has written off the value of its loans to Triple B related to the construction of IG Field;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General of Manitoba has reviewed the financing and accounting for IG Field and will be conducting a review of the land transaction involving the former Winnipeg Stadium site;

AND WHEREAS a review of the City of Winnipeg's current role in Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club is warranted;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned review should be conducted to ensure that both the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field are positioned for success in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back in 120 days with the following, namely:

A. A review of all current agreements that involve the City of Winnipeg, Triple B Stadium Inc. (Triple B) and the Winnipeg Football Club;

B. The steps necessary to potentially remove the City of Winnipeg representative from the Board of Directors of Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club;

C. The steps necessary to potentially divest the City of Winnipeg of its membership interest in Triple B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service consider the City of Winnipeg's existing financial arrangements with Triple B and the Winnipeg Football Club and report back in 120 days with a go forward plan that helps to position the Winnipeg Football Club and IG Field for success in the future.