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Item No. 6 Provincial Legislation – Bills 44, 48 and 49 – Implications to the City of Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the matter as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 28, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

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 favour 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 Winnipeg Public Service provide a verbal update of Bills 48 and 49 at its May 21, 2020 meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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.