Minute No. 371
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 18, 2020

Item No. 2 Restaurants Tax Relief

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Council Motion of May 29, 2020, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 18, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee submitted to Council that the Council Motion of May 29, 2020, be received as information.

Shaun Jeffrey, Executive Director, Manitoba Restaurant and Foodservices Association, submitted a presentation in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 29, 2020, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS on May 27, 2020 the Province of Manitoba announced that effective June 1, 2020, restaurants will be allowed to reopen indoor spaces at 50 percent capacity;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restaurants are experiencing significant loses in revenue;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Restaurant and Food Services Association has indicated that "the potential is high that 80% of Manitoba independently owned restaurants may not survive";

AND WHEREAS temporary Business and Property Tax relief will provide restaurants support to remain open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg reduces Business and Property Taxes imposed on independently owned and operated restaurants by 50 percent, until such time as the Province of Manitoba removes the 50 percent capacity restriction on restaurants.