Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – July 15, 2020

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Item No. 5 Chief Administrative Officer – Inquiry Line

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 22, 2020, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to cease the operation of the dedicated inquiry line for members of Council and institute a new mechanism to provide Council members with expedited access to information, including providing direct access to senior administrators.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 22, 2020, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS City Councillors are elected to represent their constituents at City Hall;

AND WHEREAS Councillors often require information in a timely manner to aid in the decision making process and to address issues in the community;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Administrative Officer has established a dedicated inquiry line for Councillors to utilize when seeking information from the Winnipeg Public Service;

AND WHEREAS the response time of inquiries submitted through this process often exceeds the timelines that are required to address urgent situations;

WHEREAS The City Organization By-law 7100/97 provides the Executive Policy Committee with the specific power and duty to duty to supervise the CAO;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cease the operation of the dedicated inquiry line for members of Council and institute a new mechanism to provide Council members with expedited access to information, including providing direct access to senior administrators.