**Agenda – Council – September 30, 2020**

**Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 21, 2020**

**Item No. 16 Open Data Program**

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the International Open Data Charter (Attachment A) be adopted, to update the endorsement made in 2012.

2. That the City of Winnipeg continue to expand the Open Data program by releasing additional departmental data as outlined in the International Open Data Charter, while respecting privacy and security concerns.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to submit an annual report to Council detailing the progress of the City's Open Data program, to advise on the progress and successes of the preceding year.

4. That the Proper Officer of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the International Open Data Charter was developed in 2015 to represent a globally-agreed upon set of principles for publishing Open Data that is:

1. Open By default;
2. Timely and Comprehensive;
3. Accessible and Usable;
4. Comparable and Interoperable;
5. For improved Governance and Citizen Engagement;
6. For Inclusive Development and Innovation;

AND WHEREAS on May 30, 2012, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee and endorsed the principles of:

1. Open and Accessible Data - the City of Winnipeg will share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns;
2. Open Standards - the City of Winnipeg will move as quickly as possible to adopt prevailing open standards for data, documents, maps, and other formats of media;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has established an award-winning Open Data Program, accessed through the Open Data portal at data.winnipeg.ca, where residents can engage with a wide variety of datasets produced by departments under an Open Data License, for which they can use the data for any purpose;

AND WHEREAS the City has released many high-quality datasets that are updated daily, hourly, or even in 5-minute increments, to be usable for analysis, transparency, or application development, in many open formats;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit has released their bus routes, statuses, schedules both through a developer portal, for free, and as a standardized format used by all municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has released award winning financial transparency applications based on Open Data, for capital budget projects, and governance datasets tracking Councillor Ward Allowances, gift registry and lobbyist data;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City, through its own pursuits and policies has met or exceeded all of the principles stated in the International Open Data Charter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

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and submitted the matter to Council.