Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 20, 2020

REPORTS

Item No. 11 Implementation of Living Wage for City of Winnipeg Employees

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to take the necessary steps to implement a living wage of fifteen ($15) dollars per hour, beginning in 2023, for all City of Winnipeg employees.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS on April 26, 2018, City Council directed the Winnipeg Public Service to research what provisions are in place in other Canadian Cities for Contractors to pay their workers a fair wage;

AND WHEREAS on October 8, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee further directed the Winnipeg Public Service to consult with stakeholders, including but not limited to City of Winnipeg labour unions and the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, on the cost implications of implementing a fair wage policy ($15/hour minimum wage rate) for all City of Winnipeg employees;

AND WHEREAS on December 3, 2019, the Executive Policy concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received the Fair Wage Policy report as information;

AND WHEREAS the Economic Prosperity section of the draft OurWinnipeg 2045 Development Plan, released in 2020 by the Winnipeg Public Service, contains the following policy goal with respect to poverty reduction:

> *"Achieve a living wage minimum standard for municipal employees, for those contracted and subcontracted to provide City services and for organizations who receive City funding."*

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has indicated that through the OurWinnipeg Public Engagement Process there was overwhelming public support for the concept of a living wage.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to take the necessary steps to implement a living wage of fifteen ($15) dollars per hour, beginning in 2023, for all City of Winnipeg employees.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	5
Nay:	Browaty, Gillingham	2

Carried