Minute No. 619
Report - Governance Committee of Council – September 23, 2020

Item No. 1 Standing Policy Committee Composition

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 23, 2020, due to a tie vote, the Governance Committee of Council submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council without recommendation.

COUNCIL:

On July 23, 2020, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the following be referred to the Governance Committee of Council:

    A. That the City Organization By-law 7100/97 be amended to require that each Standing Policy Committee be comprised of at least 50% members of Council who have not been appointed to the Executive Policy Committee.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 15, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the following be referred to the Governance Committee of Council:

    A. That the City Organization By-law 7100/97 be amended to require that each Standing Policy Committee be comprised of at least 50% members of Council who have not been appointed to the Executive Policy Committee.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to fulfill the intent of the foregoing.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter (The Charter) authorizes the Mayor to determine the size of the Executive Policy Committee, provided that it represents less than 50% of the total number of members of Council;

AND WHEREAS The Charter further authorizes the Mayor to make appointments to the Executive Policy Committee and the positions of Deputy and Acting Deputy Mayor;

AND WHEREAS The Charter allows Council to establish committees and determine their authority and jurisdiction through by-law;

AND WHEREAS The City Organization By-law 7100/97, as established by Council, governs the area of jurisdiction of committees, the makeup of committees, and the reporting relationship between committees and Council;

AND WHEREAS a balance of perspectives help ensure that various viewpoints are considered in the decision making process;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That The City Organization By-law 7100/97 be amended to require that each Standing Policy Committee be comprised of at least 50% members of Council who have not been appointed to the Executive Policy Committee or the positions of Deputy and Acting Deputy Mayor.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to fulfill the intent of the foregoing.