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Item No. 6 Budget Recommendations from Community Committees

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2020, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the City Organization By-law 7100/97 be amended to require Community Committees to consider and make recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee on the operating and capital budgets.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2020, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS in accordance with the City Organization By-law 7100/97, the operating and capital budgets are referred by the Executive Policy Committee to Standing Committees for consideration and to make recommendations only on the subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS this current budget review process limits the ability of Councillors to ask questions of the Public Service and provide input on subject matter outside of the jurisdiction of the Committee they may sit on;

AND WHEREAS the current budget review process also discourages public participation by forcing citizens to attend up to six separate meetings if they want to provide input on different areas of the budget;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Act previously required that "each community committee shall conduct a meeting or meetings to facilitate participation by residents of the community in the preparation of submissions concerning the annual current and capital budgets;"

AND WHEREAS the City Organization By-law 7100/97 states that Community Committees operate as previously stipulated in the former City of Winnipeg Act, except with respect to the preparation or consideration of the operating budgets, the capital budgets, or the five-year capital expenditure programs of the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Organization By-law 7100/97 be amended to require Community Committees to consider and make recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee on the operating and capital budgets.