Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – November 18, 2020

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Flag Raising

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee granted a further extension of time of 180 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the installation of three additional flag poles at City Hall, directly adjacent to the three existing flag poles, to permanently fly flags honouring the Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations and the flag of the Métis Nation, including consultation with relevant stakeholders.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That a further extension of time of 180 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee granted an extension of time of 60 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the installation of three additional flag poles at City Hall, directly adjacent to the three existing flag poles, to permanently fly flags honouring the Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations and the flag of the Métis Nation, including consultation with relevant stakeholders.

On April 28, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee recommended:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back in 120 days on the installation of three additional flag poles at City Hall, directly adjacent to the three existing flag poles, to permanently fly flags honouring the Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations and the flag of the Métis Nation, including consultation with relevant stakeholders.

2. That Recommendation 2 of the March 10, 2020, East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee motion be received as information, namely:

   "2. That only the flags of The City of Winnipeg, The Province of Manitoba, Canada, Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations, Métis Nation and the flags of the countries of visiting dignitaries on official visits to City Hall shall be permitted to be flown at City Hall with the latter replacing the Flag of Manitoba for such events."

Councillor Nason submitted a communication dated April 28, 2020, on behalf of the Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc. with respect to the matter.

Dr. Bob Travica submitted a communication dated April 26, 2020, with respect to the matter.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 10, 2020, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg espouses to be a beacon of Human Rights and inclusion, free of discrimination, division, racism and xenophobia in all undertakings;

AND WHEREAS Indigenous peoples have called Winnipeg home long before Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Canada were established;

AND WHEREAS flags are a symbol of Indigenous, Civic, Provincial and National pride;

AND WHEREAS raising flags in a ceremonial event of another Nation can be viewed either directly or indirectly as divisive in the eyes of the citizens of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS on March 22, 2017 Council unanimously adopted Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord, as a demonstration of the City's commitment to the ongoing process of reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord states:

> *"The City of Winnipeg is committed to a reconciliation process guided by the knowledge and experiences of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples and will include distinct cultural traditions, protocols, ceremonies, and languages as an expression of their identity and nationhood."*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That in the spirit of reconciliation, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to place three additional flag poles directly adjacent to the three existing flag poles to permanently fly flags honouring the Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations and the flag of the Métis Nation.

2. That only the flags of The City of Winnipeg, The Province of Manitoba, Canada, Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations, Métis Nation and the flags of the countries of visiting dignitaries on official visits to City Hall shall be permitted to be flown at City Hall with the latter replacing the Flag of Manitoba for such events.

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