Minute No. 23
Report – Executive Policy Committee – November 18, 2020

Item No. 7 Municipal Enforcement Support Program

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That Council approve and ratify the City's application to the Municipal Enforcement Support Program to ensure that the City's contributions to COVID-19 Public Health Enforcement are compensated by the Province of Manitoba, in accordance with the Program Guidelines.

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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 18, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has had unprecedented and devastating effects on communities across the globe throughout 2020;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg has been no exception, with profound effects upon all of its residents, their communities, families, organizations and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has jurisdiction over matters of public health, including preparation for and the implementation of responses to this pandemic;

AND WHEREAS upon the global realization of the nature of the current pandemic, the City of Winnipeg moved swiftly and decisively to do what it could to support its residents and businesses, and lend its efforts to support the Provincial government in its efforts to respond to the pandemic;

AND WHEREAS this support to the Province of Manitoba has included:

- In the spring of 2020, redeploying City employees to act as Community Safety Ambassadors, who distributed and reinforced positive public messaging concerning the need to observe provincial Public Health Orders;
- Ensuring Rules were issued under its Parks By-law to reinforce and support provincial Public Health Orders;
- Deploying By-law Enforcement Officers to enforce those Rules;
- Ensuring its 311 service was resourced to support the Provincial COVID-19 effort;
- More recently, agreeing to a second round of redeployment of By-law Enforcement Officers, this time to enforce the provincial Public Health Orders directly by virtue of amendments to regulations under The Public Health Act;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Province has requested that the City formalize this recent redeployment of By-law Officers by submitting an application to its newly-created Municipal Enforcement Support Program;

AND WHEREAS formalization of this arrangement would confirm that the City will receive reimbursement for its participation in this effort as stated by the Province in its guidelines, issued to all municipalities:

- Funding support will be provided at a rate of $35/hour, to a maximum of $1,400 per week (40 hours) per enforcement person, for each hour spent in enforcement of public health orders.
- Participating municipalities will also be entitled to receive 100 per cent of the ticket revenue from any tickets properly issued in good faith to violators of public health orders. Fines for failure to comply with a public health order are $1,296 for individuals and $5,000 for corporations.

AND WHEREAS, in order to qualify for the Municipal Enforcement Support Program, it was necessary for the City to submit its application by Friday, November 13, 2020, which the Chief Administrative Officer has done, pending approval from Council in the form of a resolution endorsing and ratifying the application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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and submitted the matter to Council.