Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 9, 2020

REPORTS

Item No. 17 Social and Sustainable Procurement Practices

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee considered the Council Motion of November 26, 2020 and recommended to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 120 days on the following:

    A. What the City of Winnipeg is currently doing to support social and sustainable procurement practices.

    B. In collaboration with the social enterprise sector and industry, identify social procurement practices for appropriate City tenders with a goal of establishing a bid value for community benefits, consistent with the practice of other comparable Canadian municipalities, including a cost analysis of tendering under a social procurement policy where appropriate.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

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

Carried

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- Sean Hogan, Interim Executive Director, BUILD Inc.
- Michael Barkman, The Canadian Community Economic Development Network, submitted a communication dated December 9 2020
- Darryl Harrison, Director, Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy, Winnipeg Construction Association, submitted a communication dated December 9, 2020

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 26, 2020, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

WHEREAS social procurement leverages existing purchasing within existing budgets to advance positive economic and social development that achieve broader social and quality of life objectives;

AND WHEREAS social procurement agreements can benefit industry partners and those participating in employment and procurement opportunities;

AND WHEREAS by considering community and social benefits as a potential bid value in select public tenders, governments can support important socio-economic goals, including poverty reduction, improved labour conditions, and greater equality of income;

AND WHEREAS examples of community and social benefits could mean, but are not limited to, advancement in economic growth, education, training, and equity hiring;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg already has demonstrated a history of social procurement, including the Triple Bottom Line concept from the Asset Management Policy (FI-011), working with social enterprises such as Mother Earth Recycling, and including community, social, and environmental benefits on the RFP for food services at 510 Main Street;

AND WHEREAS as Winnipeg embarks on COVID-19 economic recovery, social procurement will aid in creating a sustainable and resilient economy by providing opportunities for those impacted economically by COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS social procurement at the City supports several strategic priorities of the City including Winnipeg's commitment to a Journey of Reconciliation and the Indigenous Accord;

AND WHEREAS social procurement could make a meaningful contribution to the City's poverty reduction strategy and could contribute to complete communities as outlined in OurWinnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to:

1. Report back on what the City of Winnipeg is currently doing to support social and sustainable procurement practices.

2. In collaboration with the social enterprise sector, identify social procurement practices for appropriate City tenders with a goal of establishing a bid value for community benefits, consistent with the practice of other comparable Canadian municipalities.