Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – January 20, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 12 Request to Publicly Release Draft Plan20-50 and Review of Changes between Bill 48 and Bill 37

His Worship Mayor Bowman has submitted the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration:

WHEREAS Bill 37, The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act, proposes significant changes to the land use planning appeal process and establishes a Capital Planning Region for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR);

AND WHEREAS a key aspect of Bill 37 is a requirement for the WMR to adopt a regional plan for at least a 30-year time span;

AND WHEREAS the regional plan (Plan20-50), has not yet been publicly released;

AND WHEREAS Plan20-50 will be given historic weight and authority with the anticipated passage of Bill 37 in the spring of 2021;

AND WHEREAS Bill 37 does not currently require the municipal Councils in the WMR to review and approve Plan20-50 before it is sent to the Province of Manitoba for review;

AND WHEREAS, in the interest of openness and transparency the WMR should publicly release Plan20-50 once it is drafted, and allow all municipal Councils in the WMR an opportunity to review and formally approve draft Plan20-50 before the WMR sends it to the Province of Manitoba for consideration;

AND WHEREAS other WMR municipalities including Selkirk and West St Paul have publicly endorsed making Plan20-50 public and allowing WMR municipal Councils to consider and formally approve it before the Province reviews it;

AND WHEREAS Bill 37 has been amended from its predecessor, Bill 48, with potential implications for the residents and businesses in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate for Winnipeg City Council to receive a fulsome report on Bill 37 that identifies major changes from its predecessor, and any aspects of Bill 37 that may require formal direction or input from Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

1. That City Council request the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) to publicly release draft Plan20-50 and allow all municipal Councils in the WMR an opportunity to review and formally approve draft Plan20-50 before the WMR sends it to the Province of Manitoba for their consideration.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council within 60 days with a report on Bill 37 that identifies major changes from its predecessor (Bill 48) and any aspects of Bill 37 that may require formal direction or input from Winnipeg City Council.

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