Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 20, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 14 Amendment to Economic Support Grant Program

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to amend the Winnipeg COVID-19 Economic Support Grant Program By-law No. 128/2020, to clarify that businesses are eligible for the program if they were forced to prohibit access by the public to all or part of their premises by the public health orders effective November 12, 2020 and thereafter, as long as they meet all other established program criteria.

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 Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg COVID-19 Economic Support Grant Program, was approved by City Council on December 16, 2020, as part of the multi-year budget update;

AND WHEREAS the program has been well received and may have sufficient applications to fully prescribe the program;

AND WHEREAS it was the intent of City Council to assist Winnipeg small businesses and not-for-profit organizations negatively impacted by the Province of Manitoba restrictions imposed on November 12, 2020;

AND WHEREAS questions have been raised regarding eligibility of some businesses that have had only a portion of their business closed, for example hotels with closed restaurants or bars.

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

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to amend the Winnipeg COVID-19 Economic Support Grant Program By-law No. 128/2020, to clarify that businesses are eligible for the program if they were forced to prohibit access by the public to all or part of their premises by the public health orders effective November 12, 2020 and thereafter, as long as they meet all other established program criteria.

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

Yea:	Bowman, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	6
Nay:		0

Carried