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REPORTS

Item No. 15 Land Dedication Reserve – City of Winnipeg, Urban Forestry Branch – Tree Planting Program (Daniel McIntyre Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the eligibility criteria for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived in this instance and that funding in the amount of $300,000.00, from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve (Daniel McIntyre Ward allocation), be approved to the City of Winnipeg, Urban Forestry Branch, to assist with the cost of the tree planting program within the Daniel McIntyre Ward.

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 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 Gilroy,

WHEREAS residents of the Daniel McIntyre Ward have seen the devastating impact of Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer beetle, which has resulted in the loss of a large portion of the tree canopy;

AND WHEREAS the inner-city neighborhoods have some of the oldest trees in the city and these canopies are of greater importance given the lack of urban trails and forests in many of these communities;

AND WHEREAS the city is also calling all citizens to do their part to plant more trees through the one million tree challenge to repopulate Winnipeg's tree canopy;

AND WHEREAS trees are important to help fight climate change and are home to many birds and animals that are important to our urban environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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Carried