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Item No. 16 Community Incentive Grant – Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

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   be approved to the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone to assist with the inclusive planning process and the costs of a Downtown Plan.

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

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WHEREAS a plan for Winnipeg's downtown is critical to economic and social development and Manitoba's post-pandemic recovery;

AND WHEREAS OurWinnipeg and Complete Communities policies acknowledge that a Downtown Plan is needed for Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, time is of the essence and funding to assist in the development of a Downtown Plan would help with the economic and social recovery of Downtown Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the three downtown Councillors have been leading a discussion on "Safer City by Design" so residential developments, public spaces, and social and economic investments in the downtown stimulate social development, as well as economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone will utilize this grant to initiate a collaborative downtown plan that will strengthen downtown as a place where everyone feels welcome and where people want to be;

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

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