Agenda – Council – February 25, 2021

Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2021

Item No. 11 Community Incentive Grant – Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Community Incentive Grant Program policy be waived and funding in the amount of $36,000.00, funded as follows:

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    - $12,000.00 from the Point Douglas Ward
    - $12,000.00 from the Daniel McIntyre Ward

    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.

Pursuant to the Voting Requirements By-law No. 126/2003, any Community Incentive Grant that does not comply with the terms contained in the Community Incentive Grant Policy requires approval by two-thirds of the Members present at Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

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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