Minute No. 234
Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2021

Item No. 10 Land Dedication Reserve – City of Winnipeg, Urban Forestry Branch – Tree Planting Program (Daniel McIntyre Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

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 His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the matter be referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Eadie called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Chambers, Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Schreyer and Sharma 7

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins and Santos 8

Absent: Councillor Allard 1

and the motion for to refer the matter to the Executive Policy Committee was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the Item was put.

Councillor Gilroy called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Schreyer 9

Nay: Councillors Chambers, Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, and Sharma 6

Absent: Councillor Allard 1

and motion for the adoption of the Item was declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

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:

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.

and submitted the matter to Council.