Minute No. 235
Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2021

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

Inasmuch as two-thirds of the Members present at Council did not support the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, the item was declared lost in accordance with to the Voting Requirements By-law No. 126/2003.

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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 Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks.

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

Yea: Councillors Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Schreyer and Sharma 6

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

Absent: Councillor Allard 1

and the motion for to refer the matter to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the Item was put.

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

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

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

Absent: Councillor Allard 1

and the motion for the adoption of the Item was declared lost, not having achieved the required two-thirds majority of the members present at Council, in accordance with the Voting Requirements By-law No. 126/2003.

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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 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:

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

    - $12,000.00 from the Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward
    - $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.

and submitted the matter to Council.