Minute No. 271
Report – Governance Committee of Council – January 22, 2021

Item No. 1 Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the January 22, 2021, recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Speaker, Councillor Sharma called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Eadie to the Chair in order to move the following motion.

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes

BE IT RESOLVED Item 1 of the Report of the Governance Committee of Council dated January 22, 2021 be amended by deleting Recommendation 1. and replacing it with the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with the Mayor's Office to develop a policy for the expenditures of funds from the Mayor's Office budget, to be submitted to Council for approval within 60 days.

The motion for the adoption of the amendment was put.

Councillor Klein 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 the adoption of the amendment was declared lost.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

The motion for the adoption of the Item was put.

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

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Schreyer 10

Nay: Councillors Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason and Sharma 5

Absent: Councillor Allard 1

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council that the January 22, 2021 recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be received as information.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

On January 22, 2021, the Governance Committee of Council recommended that the December 17, 2020 Council Motion be concurred in and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council, with the following amendment:

- That the Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy and the Councillors' Ward Allowance Fund Policy be attached to this item as reference.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 17, 2020, Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Governance Committee of Council for consideration:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Councillors office expenditures are governed by the Councillors' Ward Allowance Policy (CWA), which was first adopted by Council on April 28, 1993 and is readily available to the public on the City's web site;

AND WHEREAS any changes to the CWA are open to public scrutiny as they must be vetted through the Governance Committee of Council and Executive Policy Committee before being submitted to Council for consideration;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor is provided with an annual budget of approximately $1,800,000 to run his office but does not have a Council approved expenditure policy to govern expenditures from his budget;

AND WHEREAS on February 15, 2017, Council approved the City of Winnipeg Open Government Policy, which provides direction to continue to move towards being a more open, transparent, and accountable government;

AND WHEREAS in a report submitted to Council on November 26, 2020, the Public Service advised that "Winnipeg is ranked as the second most open Canadian city on the Open Cities Index for 2019"

AND WHEREAS having a Council approved Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy would further increase the level of openness and transparency of the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with the Mayor's Office to develop a policy for the expenditures of funds from the Mayor's Office budget, to be submitted to Council for approval within 60 days.