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Executive Policy Committee
City of Winnipeg

Dear Committee members:

Representing the three undersigned construction associations, we would like to begin by thanking the City of Winnipeg staff for their consultation during the stakeholder session held on January 28, 2021. The meeting was conducted in a thoughtful and professional manner. As meeting participants, we felt that the resulting recommendation clearly reflects the views presented in the meeting.

***We are supportive of the recommendation in the policy report #5 which suggests a working group be established to advise of improving sustainability in the City's procurement of good and services and report back in 240 days.***

The success of such an initiative hinges on full community input and a working group approach will assist in engaging all relevant aspects of the stakeholder community.

If the procurement of construction sector services is being considered it will be imperative that construction associations are represented, and we would gladly participate in the Working Group.

Also, upon further reflection, if construction procurement policy amendments are being considered it may be most appropriate to develop a **construction specific working group.** There are a lot of interested parties in the Social Enterprise/Social Procurement community and developing a working group that deals strictly with specific issues related to construction tendering, project delivery and outcome evaluation has a higher likelihood of delivering workable principles.

We look forward to working with the City of Winnipeg on this issue. Please feel free to contact Darryl Harrison, WCA, at darryl@winnipegconstruction.ca or 204-775-8664 if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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