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Report – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2021

Item No. 5 Creation of a Report Tracking System

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the Council Motion of February 25, 2020 be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 17, 2021, the Executive Policy submitted to Council that the Council Motion of February 25, 2020 be received as information.

On February 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee laid over the matter for 30 days.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 28, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

WHEREAS Council and committees regularly direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on a matter within a certain timeframe;

AND WHEREAS due to the large number of requests for reports, it can be difficult to keep track of when reports are expected back, especially if extensions of time are granted;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service currently maintains internal tracking documents for these pending reports, as well as items which have been laid over by Council and committees;

AND WHEREAS the Council Policy on Open Government states that "citizens are entitled to know about, and have access to, government proceedings and documents. That knowledge and access must be granted in a manner which allows for meaningful public participation in the civic decision-making process."

AND WHEREAS having access to a public tracking mechanism for outstanding reports / matters would not only be advantageous for both citizens and members of Council, but would further increase the heightened level of openness and transparency of the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to create a public online tracking mechanism for items which Council and/or committees have laid over or requested the public service to report back on, excluding matters which are in camera.