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Item No. 3 Request for Review of Contracts Awarded to Tree Pruning Service Providers

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 25, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS in October of 2019, the City of Winnipeg experienced a significant weather event which damaged up to 10 percent of the city's tree canopy, and left parts of the city littered with downed trees and broken branches;

AND WHEREAS in order to address the clean up as quickly as possible, the city engaged the generous assistance of other cities across the country and local contractors were procured for debris management;

AND WHEREAS tree pruning industry experts have recently expressed concern over the process in the awarding of substantial bid opportunities to tree pruning contractors and their sub-contractors, whom fail to provide the required safety and certification documentation of the bid opportunities within a Five (5) day timeframe;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in order to reassure the local business community that the City's procurement process is fair and unbiased, the City Auditor be directed to review all contracts awarded to tree pruning service providers since October of 2019, to ensure the contracts were awarded in accordance with city regulations, and report back to Council within 120 days with the results.