Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – April 21, 2021

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Item No. 4 Emergency Management Leadership Team COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS the impact of COVID-19 on municipal governments to meet their expected services levels and to continue to do so is under severe pressure when the economy and residents needs it the most;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is dealing with the immediate economic and public health crisis while maintaining service continuity;

AND WHEREAS COVID-19 impacts have shown the need to strengthen the City's economic and equity infrastructure in order to support City Departments with additional tools required to deliver on the unique needs of Winnipeg's economy, diverse residents, including those who are part of Black, Indigenous and equity-deserving communities, given the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on these communities;

AND WHEREAS as Winnipeg moves from response to recovery, investments will need to be made in addressing skills gaps in the labour force, developing spaces that suit the changing shape of business, and establishing resilient supply chains, business models, and workforces in emerging or growing sectors;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg can thrive in becoming stronger, more resilient community, with an economy that's better prepared for a highly uncertain future;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has adopted By-law No. 59/2020, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to ensure adequate preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the Emergency Management By-law provides for the ability of the City of Winnipeg to respond appropriately to emergency situations, provides for the appropriate preparation with carefully designed plans of action and clear decision-making structures and lines of responsibility and accountability;

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Emergency Management Leadership Team was established through the Emergency Management By-law as the local emergency response control group required by The Emergency Measures Act to provide guidance and advice to the Chief Administrative Officer and Council in preparation of, responding to and recovering from emergencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with the City of Winnipeg Emergency Management Leadership Team (EMLT) and be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 90 days with a proposed framework response and recovery plan to guide and develop the City's COVID-19 short term response and recovery strategies and actions that includes:

    A. A re-imagining of the way the City can deliver programs and services that have been impacted by COVID-19;

    B. A 2-year recovery plan that includes existing and new measures and strategies to promote job and economic growth, equity and resiliency;

    C. A plan to initiate dialogue with federal, provincial and indigenous governments as well as Economic Development Winnipeg to take a wholistic approach to address the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated recovery plan;

    D. A process for community consultations that identifies the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and provide recommendation to the EMLT for consideration into the Winnipeg COVID-19 recovery plan.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.