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Report – Executive Policy Committee – April 21, 2021

Item No. 3 Emergency Management Leadership Team COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 21, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee considered the Council Motion of March 25, 2021, and submitted the following to Council:

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 Winnipeg Public Service be directed to incorporate the previously approved reports, as outlined below, in the report required in Recommendation 1 above:

    A. The Development of an Economic Recovery Plan for Community Centers, as directed by Council on March 25, 2021;

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

B. Information on the feasibility and financial implications of providing a grant to all; establishments including hotels, motels and inns, which are required to collect an Accommodation Tax for the City of Winnipeg, equal to 50% of the value of the Accommodation Tax, to be provided on a monthly basis in 2021, as directed by the Executive Policy Committee on March 17, 2021.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 21, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS City Council voted at its March 25 meeting to support the development of an Economic Recovery Plan for Community Centers, a plan which includes identifying Community Centres which fall under the purview of the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres and are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee, at its March 17 meeting, directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back with information regarding the possibility of an Accommodation Tax rebate, equal to 50% of the value of the Accommodation Tax, to be provided on a monthly basis in 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is proposed that the Public Service be directed to consult with the City of Winnipeg Emergency Management Leadership Team and report back with a proposed framework response and recovery plan to guide and develop the City's COVID-19 short term response and recovery strategies;

AND WHEREAS for efficacy's sake it is desirable that City of Winnipeg COVID-19 recovery plans be considered concurrently and by the same parties;

AND WHEREAS there is merit in consolidating all assistance programs and reports related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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;

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