Minute No. 398
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – April 19, 2021

Item No. 12 Council Policy for the Sale of City-Owned Building Designated as a Historical Resource

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service be directed to report back within 90 days with an updated Real Estate Policy Framework that requires Council approval for the sale of any City-owned building which has been designated as a Historical Resource, in accordance with the Historical Resources By-law No. 55/2014.

2. 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:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 21, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 19, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Public Service be directed to report back within 90 days with an updated Real Estate Policy Framework that requires Council approval for the sale of any City-owned building which has been designated as a Historical Resource, in accordance with the Historical Resources By-law No. 55/2014.

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

Councillor Sharma, Old Kildonan Ward, submitted a communicated dated April 19, 2021 in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 25, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS the Historical Resources By-law No. 55/2014 was adopted by Council to protect and conserve buildings of special architectural or historic interest;

AND WHEREAS the City owns, occupies and leases a number of important Historical Buildings which have been designated and are on the list of Historical Resources;

AND WHEREAS Council has in the past decided to declare City-owned Historical Buildings as surplus, allowing for the Public Service to market the buildings for sale;

AND WHEREAS Council adopted the "Policy for the Sale, Acquisition, Rental, Leasing and Management of Properties" on July 18, 1979 which delegated the authority to approve sales of surplus City-owned property to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development;

AND WHEREAS Council adopted the "Delegation of Authority for Real Property Transactions" on January 28, 2009 which further delegated the authority to approve sales of surplus City-owned property to the Chief Administrative Officer where certain sale conditions are met;

AND WHEREAS the sale, future use and development of a City-owned Historical Building is a significant decision which should be considered by all of Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to report back within 90 days with an updated Real Estate Policy Framework that requires Council approval for the sale of any City-owned building which has been designated as a Historical Resource, in accordance with the Historical Resources By-law No. 55/2014.