Minute No. 420
Report – Executive Policy Committee – May 18, 2021

Item No. 4 Lobbyist Registry

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the following be referred to the Governance Committee of Council:

    A. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the following items within 120 days:

        i. A cross-jurisdictional scan of Canadian Municipalities that have implemented a mandatory registry, including staffing utilized;

        ii. A review of civic or provincial by-law or charter changes potentially needed to undertake such a change.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

Councillors Eadie, Gilroy and Klein asked to be recorded as having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 18, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 28, 2021, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg on April 26, 2017 through approval of Council established a voluntary lobbyist registry;

AND WHEREAS the use of the Registry is not clear in the effectiveness to ensure open and transparent lobby efforts from the individuals, groups or companies whose activities would be considered as lobbist activity;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS there is a clear want and desire that lobbying of Civic Officials and the Public Service is done in an open and transparent fashion to ensure the integrity of government decision-making is upheld;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following items within 120 Days:

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