Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 14, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Emergency Management Leadership Team COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consider the Community Committee recommendations, conduct consultations with key stakeholders and report back, as directed by Council on April 29, 2021, to each Community Committee for input and recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee within 90 days.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consider the Community Committee recommendations, conduct consultations with key stakeholders and report back, as directed by Council on April 29, 2021, to each Community Committee for input and recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee within 90 days.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

Kelly Ryback submitted a communication dated July 14, 2021, with respect to the matter.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 21, 2021, the Riel Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include the following as part of the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan:

    A. That the City of Winnipeg take further action to assist the homeless with the sanitary conditions in homeless camps, including having access to garbage receptacles and toilets in the areas.

    B. That the City of Winnipeg not engage in hostile architecture.

    C. That the Winnipeg Public Service work to increase mode shift in the COVID-19 Response Recovery Plan.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

On June 22, 2021, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include the discussion points from the June 22, 2021 meeting of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee as part of the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan, including, but not limited to:

    A. City of Winnipeg parks and green spaces.

    B. Community Incentive Grant Program and other grant eligibility criteria and budget amounts.

    C. Support increased Transit ridership.

    D. Level of adequate resources to Ward Councillors to serve constituents.

    E. Initiatives to attract more business downtown.

    F. Community Centres and recreation facilities.

2. That the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Plan Report, as prepared by the Winnipeg Public Service, be presented to each Community Committee at their September meeting, for further input and recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee.

On June 23, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee laid the matter over for up to 30 days.

On June 25, 2021, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan be received as information and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.

On June 28, 2021, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include the following as part of the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan:

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

A. Regional community consultations.

B. Insurance cost relief for community centres/sports organizations.

C. Economic stimulus for CN, Club Regent Casino and Amazon warehouse.

D. Support for marginalized citizens in the community (including soup kitchens and food banks).

E. Regular community committee updates from the Chief Financial Officer.

F. Plan for return of transit ridership to pre-pandemic levels.

G. Improve the level of city services including: street cleaning, maintenance of curbs and drainages.

H. Maintenance of roads.

I. Elimination of movie/theatre tax until December 31, 2021.

J. Reinvigoration of community centres.

On July 8, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consider the recommendations contained in Appendices B, C, and D, for inclusion in the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery plan.

2. That the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Plan Report, as prepared by the Winnipeg Public Service, be presented to each Community Committee at their September meeting, for further input and recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 29, 2021, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

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 in 90 days to each Community Committee for input and recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee, 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.

    E. A focus on the City of Winnipeg's downtown area, one that reflects the current collaborative economic recovery efforts of downtown stakeholders.

    F. Options to accelerate the servicing of un-serviced employed lands in Winnipeg.

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;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (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.