Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – November 17, 2021

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – November 10, 2021

Moved by Councillor

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.

Item No. 2 Waiving of Costs for Field of Honour Interments

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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COUNCIL DECISION:

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Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS Remembrance Day marks the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in service of their country and the courage of those who still serve;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities, including the City of Winnipeg, have dedicated space in Fields of Honour reserved only for the interment of persons who have qualified military service;

AND WHEREAS the Brookside Field of Honour at the Brookside Cemetery is one of the largest and oldest military interment sites in Canada;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Transcona Cemetery also has a separate Field of Honour where veterans are interred;

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