Item No. 13 City of Winnipeg Governance Review
Submission from:
Councillor Janice Lukes, Waverley West Ward

REQUEST that EPC forwards this report to:

- **EACH Community Committee for discussion.**
    - *This will allow each Councillor to provide input - much like the what was done with the Economic Recovery Plan.*
    - *This will also allow members of the public to have more than four days to review this 300+ page documents - and bring forward their comments. Having more than four days to review reports was identified as a key concern of the public.*

The pandemic has dramatically increase work loads / and focus – by sending to the Community Committee – it will allow for additional perspectives and ideas to be discussed.

Its taken over 25 years to get to this point – there is no immediate time deadlines – and I know many members of the public would appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comments.

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IF Mayor and EPC decide not to send back to Community Committees for discussion –

REQUEST the public service come back with a report on how to implement the following recommendations in a four year PHASED approach (short / med / long term)

<u>PRIORITIZE RECOMMENDATIONS 10, 11, 12, and 13 to enable Citizen Participation in Decision-Making PROCESS</u>

In the report – feedback from the public identified 87% of residents found information on issues being considered by council – not easy to find, useful and easy to understand.

RECOMMENDATION 10.

- Increase accessibility of Council meeting information to the public.

RECOMMENDATION 11.

- Enable delegations to present to the Committee or Council after the Administration report on an item.

RECOMMENDATION 12.

- Increase accessibility of Council decision-making and public engagement processes to marginalized groups.

RECOMMENDATION 13.

- Ensure the results of public input on a matter before Council are readily accessible to Council.

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REQUEST that EPC move that the remaining recommendations be considered in the first term of the 2022-2026 Council

- *Clear that under the current governing regime – even though promises were made – they were not delivered on.*
- *If there was a desire to make changes – they would have been made.*
- *The upcoming election will provide candidates for Mayor and Council to weigh in on the recommendations*

RECOMMENDATION 5.

- **Streamline the flow of information and recommendations to Council and ensure all direction by Members of Council to the Administration is recorded as a resolution.**
    - *As noted – society communicates dramatically different than we did 25 years ago*
    - *Its incomprehensive that information is withheld from democratically elected – or acclaimed - decision makers*

RECOMMENDATION 4.

- **Establish maximum number of appointments by Mayor to ensure these appointments plus the Mayor, do not exceed 50% of Council.**
    - *This was in place prior to the 2014 election - but was changed under the current governing regime's leadership*
    - *This is a violation of the Charter – and has been noted through motions – but has been disregarded by current Mayor*

RECOMMENDATION 6.

- **Incorporate a mechanism to ensure all wards are reasonably represented on EPC over time.**
    - *All ward representation enables equity / collaboration / fairness*
    - *Regrettable that the concepts of equity / collaboration / fairness are not being addressed*

RECOMMENDATION 8.

- **Orient Indigenous Advisory Council to provide advice to Council as a whole.**
    - *In this environment of so called collaboration – again – a move to orient the Indigenous Advisory Council - to provide advice to all of Council, it should be a given*

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RECOMMENDATION 7.

- **Discontinue Community Committee role in the Development Application Process.**

RECOMMENDATION 15.

- **Streamline the Development Application Process Development Procedures Bylaw**

RECOMMENDATION 1.

- **Develop a formal orientation process that includes documented Roles and Responsibilities for Members of Council.**

RECOMMENDATION 2.

- **Formalize process for requests for information and reports from Administration.**

RECOMMENDATION 3.

- **Increase Council access to resources, and improve public accessibility of Council budget information.**

RECOMMENDATION 9.

- **Adjust proposed By-law amendment for Council Leaves of Absence.**

RECOMMENDATION 14.

- **Establish an overarching Council approved strategic plan, including a framework to annually monitor progress, review priorities and renew the plan at least with each term of Council. (already recommended for 2022-2026 Council**