Minute No. 151
Report – Executive Policy Committee – January 19, 2022

Item No. 4 Indigenous Symbolic Items in the Council Chamber

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and granted an extension of time of up to 60 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service, led by the Indigenous Relations Division, be directed to:

    A. Engage with Indigenous governments and stakeholders on how best to reflect Indigenous history and culture through the permanent addition of a symbolic item or items displayed in Council Chamber to honour the land on which the City of Winnipeg is situated; and

    B. Consult the Planning, Property and Development Department to ensure any recommendations align with the historical designation of the Council Building and the City Clerk's Department on protocol related matters.

    C. Report back within 90 days.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 19, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee submitted to Council that an extension of time of up to 60 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

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COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 28, 2021, Council concurred in the following notice of motion and adopted the following:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS in a historic ceremony on September 15, 2021 the flags of Treaty 1 First Nations, the Dakota Nations and the Metis Nation were raised outside Winnipeg's City Hall;

AND WHEREAS initiatives such as the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord and the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy demonstrate progress the City of Winnipeg has made on its Journey of Reconciliation;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS progress has been made but it should be recognized that there is more to do;

AND WHEREAS there is an absence of symbols honouring Indigenous peoples within the Council Chamber;

AND WHERAS in recognition of the need to rectify that, a permanent and tangible symbol or item recognizing Indigenous peoples and their history, in all its rich diversity, within Council Chambers could be added;

AND WHEREAS consultation with Indigenous governments and stakeholders should be undertaken to determine how best to honour and recognize the history of the land on which the City of Winnipeg Council Chamber resides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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