Submission to Winnipeg City Council

January 26, 2022

Dear Mayor Bowman and members of Winnipeg City Council,

We are writing in support of Item #5 of the report of the January 19, 2022 Executive Policy Committee meeting, for discussion at the January 27, 2022 Winnipeg City Council meeting. **We support the recommendations as concurred unanimously by the Executive Policy Committee.**

We are pleased to see the City of Winnipeg move forward with a cogent plan to resource the facilitation of an External Working Group and bring in subject matter expertise to complete a Sustainable Procurement Action Plan alongside the working group, members of the Public Service, and a third-party expert.

The potential impact of the Social Procurement Framework and subsequent Action Plan is significant for our City, given the amount of purchasing undertaken by the City and the potential for social value to be generated for our community. The inclusion of resources to procure external consultant services is a worthwhile investment in making sure the Action Plan is the best it can be, the Social Procurement Framework receives any necessary amendments, and, ultimately, Winnipeg receives the intended social, economic, and community benefits of this policy.

We thank Mayor and Council for their support and interest in the development of Winnipeg's Social Procurement Framework and Sustainable Procurement Action Plan, as well as the leadership of members of the Public Service for their collaborative efforts and work to get to this point. **Please see our full submission to Executive Policy Committee dated January 18, 2022 below.**

Sincerely,

Members of the City of Winnipeg Social Procurement External Working Group:

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Submission to Executive Policy Committee

January 18, 2022

Dear Mayor Bowman and members of the Executive Policy Committee,

We are writing in regards to Agenda #5 of the January 19, 2022 Executive Policy Committee meeting of the City of Winnipeg, *Social and Sustainable Procurement Practices*. **We would like to convey our collective support for the revised recommendations proposed by the Public Service on January 12, 2022.**

We acknowledge, commend, and thank members of the Public Service for their collaboration and dialogue with External Working Group members since the December 8, 2021 Executive Policy Committee meeting. Specifically, we would like to thank Corinne Evason, Barb D'Avignon, Catherine Kloepfer, and Jonathan Hildebrand for their leadership and diligence in collaborating with members of the External Working Group on the revised recommendations.

The potential impact of this Framework and Action Plan is significant for communities in Winnipeg and on purchasing undertaken by the City. We appreciate the inclusion of resources to procure external consultant services to undertake facilitation and development of the Sustainable Procurement Action Plan, as well as the possibility of amendments to the Framework.

We believe the revised recommendations present a highly effective pathway forward to resource facilitation for the External Working Group and to provide subject matter expertise. We look forward to the completion of the Sustainable Procurement Action Plan alongside external subject matter experts, the Public Service, and members of the External Working Group.

Collectively, the revised recommendations reflect a strategic investment by the City of Winnipeg in creating a sound Sustainable Procurement Action Plan and in contemplating how to resource it once completed. In turn, we can presume this will result in positive social value for our community in addition to goods and services purchased.

We sincerely hope that the revised recommendations of the Public Service will be adopted by Executive Policy Committee on January 19, 2022. We reiterate our thanks to members of the Public Service for their hard work on this file as well as Mayor Bowman and members of Executive Policy Committee for their leadership on this encouraging policy.

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