Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 16, 2022

REPORTS

Item No. 12 Return to Work Plan for the Winnipeg Public Service

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of February 24, 2022, be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the Council Motion of February 24, 2022, be received as information and forwarded to Council.

Yea:	Bowman, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	6
Nay:		0

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication dated March 15, 2022, in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 24, 2022, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS after two years of coping through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province of Manitoba announced their intention to lift COVID-19 Public Health Orders;

AND WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chief Administrative Officer also instituted numerous measures to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including the requirement for members of the Winnipeg Public Service to work from home, where possible;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Administrative Officer has advised that there are currently 1800 members of the Winnipeg Public Service who are still working from home;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeggers now need to change our focus from restrictions, to the future, from division, to uniting us towards one goal, rebuilding our economy;

AND WHEREAS one of the pillars to rebuilding the economy is providing a solid foundation for small businesses to succeed in our downtown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed implement a return-to-work plan to begin the process of bringing members of the Winnipeg Public Service back to our

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

downtown offices in a safe manner, complete with multiple return dates, with a firm objective of having all staff working back downtown by April 19, 2022.

2. That the return-to-work plan be made public.

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