Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 16, 2022

REPORTS

Item No. 18 Harm Reduction

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

1. The Winnipeg Public Service be directed to liaise with the Province of Manitoba and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in 120 days on the following:

    A. When, where and how the Provincial Government is going to establish and implement a managed alcohol program, in line with this wrap around service; and establish low barrier housing with services for those living in areas of highest need.

    B. When, where and how the Provincial Government is fostering interagency connection and support, including strategic partnerships like the City has developed with WFPS, and Harm Reduction Network to share data including how many peer support directors or managers WRHA funds to act on data in the community.

    C. When, where and how the Provincial Government is going to invest in drug checking services that can identify poisoned drugs so people can know what substances they are consuming, thus reducing overdose deaths.

    D. When, where and how the Manitoba Government will renew Manitoba's Provincial Substance Use Strategy that includes the three above mentioned priorities, including evidence-informed decision making, and principles the Province of Manitoba is using for collecting and sharing their open data.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

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.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be concurred in.

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

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 9, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. The Winnipeg Public Service be directed to liaise with the Province of Manitoba and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in 120 days on the following:

    A. When, where and how the Provincial Government is going to establish and implement a managed alcohol program, in line with this wrap around service; and establish low barrier housing with services for those living in areas of highest need.

    B. When, where and how the Provincial Government is fostering interagency connection and support, including strategic partnerships like the City has developed with WFPS, and Harm Reduction Network to share data including how many peer support directors or managers WRHA funds to act on data in the community.

    C. When, where and how the Provincial Government is going to invest in drug checking services that can identify poisoned drugs so people can know what substances they are consuming, thus reducing overdose deaths.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

D. When, where and how the Manitoba Government will renew Manitoba's Provincial Substance Use Strategy that includes the three above mentioned priorities, including evidence-informed decision making, and principles the Province of Manitoba is using for collecting and sharing their open data.