Minute No. 292
Report – Executive Policy Committee – March 16, 2022

Item No. 9 Return to Work Plan for the Winnipeg Public Service

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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

Carried

Councillors Klein and Nason asked to be recorded as having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

David Grant submitted a communication in support of the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 16, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee submitted to Council that the Council Motion of February 24, 2022, be received as information.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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 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.