Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – April 20, 2022

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Item No. 13 Urban Agriculture as Part of the Armstrong Combined Sewer District Green Infrastructure Projects

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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1. Include Winnipeg Food Council members in discussions on green infrastructure project identification and design beginning in April 2022;

2. Incorporate urban agriculture into at least one green infrastructure pilot project;

3. Provide annual verbal updates to the Winnipeg Food Council, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2022, on progress to incorporate urban agriculture into green infrastructure projects.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 15, 2022, the Winnipeg Food Council passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is undertaking green infrastructure pilot projects to manage stormwater runoff as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow Master Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg public service has $104 million to spend over 22 years on green infrastructure projects;

AND WHEREAS green infrastructure, when designed well can incorporate multiple community benefits while meeting stormwater runoff objectives;

AND WHEREAS urban agriculture can be incorporated into green infrastructure to provide ecosystem co-benefits while also managing stormwater runoff;

AND WHEREAS, as per Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment meeting on February 2, 2022, Water and Waste Department staff are meeting with Public Works Department staff beginning in 2022 to identify green infrastructure projects in the Armstrong combined sewer district;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to:

1. Include Winnipeg Food Council members in discussions on green infrastructure project identification and design beginning in April 2022;

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