Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 20, 2022

REPORTS

Item No. 27 Update on Downtown Revitalization Projects

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended:

1. That the Public Service be directed to report back in 90 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage, and Downtown Development and provide an overview of the following:

    A. all downtown revitalization efforts underway;
    B. the alignment, coordination and integration of these revitalization efforts;
    C. the current status and proposed timing on their implementation.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Councillor Mayes to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

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 His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS on April 20, 2022 EPC considered the "COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plan - Projects Situated Inside of the Downtown"

AND WHEREAS on July 21, 2021 the Winnipeg Downtown BIZ released a "State of Downtown" document and introduced the downtown as follows "Our downtown is the front door to our city. It is the economic engine and the heart of Winnipeg where arts, culture, entertainment, and business come together for Winnipeg's greater good."

AND WHEREAS in October 2021 the Winnipeg Downtown BIZ released a "Downtown Recovery Framework" document which outlined a multi-year, multi-stakeholder and multi-government plan to assist the downtown in its recovery.

AND WHEREAS "The Downtown Recovery Strategy is designed to align with, and support, the City of Winnipeg's Downtown Plan, Poverty Reduction Strategy, and Transportation and Transit Master Plans."

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has taken steps to contribute to the recovery of downtown through work including but not limited to support of the SHED investments; the Market Lands renewal; the Bay Downtown Advisory Committee; the Exchange BIZ framework; the Downtown Community Safety Partnership; the Affordable Housing Now Program; the Tax Increment Financing Policy; the new Transit Master Plan and forthcoming Transportation Master Plan, and ongoing efforts like the Exchange BIZ value planning effort; and the Downtown Secondary Plan.

AND WHEREAS given the wide range of investments plans and activities underway across various standing policy committees, and departments, a summative report is needed on key measures of progress and action on recovery, revitalization efforts in the downtown

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.