Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 18, 2022

REPORTS

Item No. 27 Building Safer Communities Fund

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Community Services Department, on behalf of the Winnipeg Public Service, to explore next steps to submit a proposal to Public Safety Canada to access the Building Safer Communities Fund, and report back to the Executive Policy Committee in time for its July 2022 meeting with a report outlining the key details of its proposal and other relevant considerations as identified by the Public Service.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

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,

WHEREAS Public Safety Canada recently launched the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) to support municipalities and Indigenous communities in developing community-based prevention and intervention strategies and initiatives to tackle gun and gang activities;

AND WHEREAS BSCF seeks to curb violent crime by supporting upstream, crime prevention through social development strategies;

AND WHEREAS Police services or authorities are not eligible to receive funding, or re-distributed funds;

AND WHEREAS Based on crime severity and population data, Winnipeg has been identified by Public Safety Canada as a priority municipality;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been invited by Public Safety Canada to administer the local distribution of up to $4,544,138 in project funding over the next four years, beginning in Spring of 2022;

AND WHEREAS the proposed format would see the City of Winnipeg act as program administrator, redistributing this funding to community-based organizations delivering programs that engage children, youth and young adults in skill-based activities, trauma-recovery, and/or focusing on departure from gangs;

AND WHEREAS Public Safety Canada's regional project officer recommended the City of Winnipeg begin by submitting a proposal requesting funds as needed to ensure sufficient service capacity for successful project delivery;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Services Department, on behalf of the Winnipeg Public Service, be directed to explore next steps to submit a proposal to Public Safety Canada to access the Building Safer Communities Fund, and report back to the Executive Policy Committee in time for its July 2022 meeting with a report outlining the key details of its proposal and other relevant considerations as identified by the Public Service.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Gilroy, Rollins	6
Nay:		0

Carried