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Item No. 24 Request for Disaster Financial Assistance

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That subject to meeting the qualifications established as part of the Disaster Financial Assistance program announced by the Manitoba Government on May 9, 2022 ("the DFA program"), the City of Winnipeg request of the Manitoba Government that the City receive disaster financial assistance as provided for in the DFA program;

2. That the City of Winnipeg, on behalf of its residents and businesses, request of the Manitoba Government that Winnipeg residents and businesses be allowed to participate in any DFA program related to the 2022 spring flooding for which they may be eligible; and

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Broway,

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 Browaty,

WHEREAS many areas in the Province of Manitoba, including the City of Winnipeg, have been affected by spring flooding over the past weeks;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Government on May 9, 2022 announced Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) to individuals and municipalities experiencing damage to infrastructure, private residences, farms or small businesses;

AND WHEREAS it is not yet clear whether the City of Winnipeg will have incurred sufficient financial harm to meet the minimum deductible for the DFA program;

AND WHEREAS Provincial rules require that, in order to be eligible for DFA funding, a Council Resolution requesting assistance within 90 days of a DFA program announcement must be submitted to the Province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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