Minute No. 545
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 15, 2022

Item No. 8 Implementing the Nine-Point Plan of the International Energy Agency

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 60 days on the following:

    A. Aspects of the nine-point plan outlined in the International Energy Agency's Playing My Part report which can be incorporated into City policies and decision making.

    B. Strategies or actions the City of Winnipeg can take to promote and facilitate the adoption of the nine-point plan by the public, and members of the Winnipeg Public Service.

2. That Council submit a written request to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for unified national adoption of the International Energy Agency's Playing My Part report and its nine-point plan.

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 15, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication dated June 14, 2022, with respect to the matter.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 27, 2022, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on April 6, 2022 the EU Foreign Policy Chief stated "since the start of the war, (the EU has) given (Russia energy payments of) €35 billion, compared to the €1 billion we've given Ukraine to arm itself.";

AND WHEREAS on April 5, 2022 Reuters reported that "Russia expects to earn 798.4 billion roubles ($9.6 billion) in additional revenue from energy sales in April due to high oil prices.";

AND WHEREAS higher global oil prices result in increased profits from Russian oil sales, which can be used for war financing, with Canadian oil prices also impacting the global price and Russian profits;

AND WHEREAS the European Union (EU) and International Energy Agency (IEA) released the April 21, 2022 report "Playing my part - How to save money, reduce reliance on Russian energy, support Ukraine and help the planet" which endorsed the following nine-point plan for citizens and local governments to follow;

AND WHEREAS working together to follow these nine-points "would save 220 million barrels of oil a year, which is enough to fill 120 supertankers, and around 17 billion cubic metres of gas, which is enough to heat almost 20 million homes" according to the report;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the report states "it is government authorities – from the national to regional, city and local levels – that are ultimately best placed to incentivise energy saving actions.";

AND WHEREAS Canada is a member country of the IEA;

AND WHEREAS Lyiv, Ukraine is a sister city of Winnipeg since 1973, with 2023 celebrating 50 years of relations, motions, and joint programs;

AND WHEREAS the City should play its part in contributing to lower global energy prices, so as to reduce excess profits on energy sales by Russia used to finance war, through reducing oil/gas use and by following the request of the EU and IEA for local governments to adopt and promote to the public the nine-point plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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and forwarded the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.