Minute No. 559
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 15, 2022

Item No. 22 Request for Disaster Financial Assistance

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

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 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 passed the following motion:

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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and submitted the matter to Council.