Minute No. 587
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – June 7, 2022

Item No. 3 Review of the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the following during its annual report on the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan in 2023:

    A. Review the Climate Action Plan to highlight the specific areas and strategic directions where the City needs to invest, and improve departmental coordination under the Office of the CAO to help meet our long-term targets.

    B. Provide an update on the collaboration with other levels of government for increasing investment in programs supporting climate action, and any other initiatives that will help the City meet its targets.

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:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 15, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 7, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment considered the Council Motion of April 28, 2022, and recommended to Council:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 28, 2022, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEAREAS it has been more than four years since the City has reviewed Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan;

AND WHEAREAS there have been a lot of changes since we first approved the Climate Action Plan, including OurWinnipeg 2045, Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0, the Residential Infill Strategy, the Transit Master Plan and many more guiding documents and policies that intersect with the Climate Action Plan.

AND WHEAREAS coordination is required to ensure the city meets our Green House Gas (GHG) reduction targets by 20% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, relative to 2011 levels.

AND WHEAREAS the City has taken steps to meet these targets, including a pilot project on organics collection, mattress recycling programs, increased active transportation funding and prioritizing an increase in urban forestry and green space, however, we must do more to meet these targets and coordinate that work being done.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

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