Minute No. 232
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – February 2, 2023

Item No. 1 Incentives for the Development of Energy Efficient Buildings

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, as amended by the Executive Policy Committee, and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 60 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development on the upcoming changes to the current status of the Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings, specifically as they relate to energy efficiency certification.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 60 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment on the current status of the Community Energy Investment Roadmap (CEIR) and ways that the Manitoba Energy Code may enhance targets outlined in the roadmap.

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 Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, as amended by the Executive Policy Committee, be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 14, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, with the following amendments:

- Delete Recommendation 1 in its entirety and replace with:

  "1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 60 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development on the upcoming changes to the current status of the Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings, specifically as they relate to energy efficiency certification."

- Add the following new Recommendation 2 and renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly:

  "2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 60 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment on the current status of the Community Energy Investment Roadmap (CEIR) and ways that the Manitoba Energy Code may enhance targets outlined in the roadmap."

and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 2, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development considered the Council Motion of December 15, 2022:

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: (continued):

A. A review of upcoming changes to the current status of the Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings, specifically as they relate to energy efficiency certification.

B. Current status of the Community Energy Investment Roadmap (CEIR) and ways that the Manitoba Energy Code may enhance targets outlined in the roadmap.

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

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On January 9, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development laid the matter over to its meeting on February 2, 2023.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 15, 2022, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS according to the latest reporting on greenhouse gas emissions in the city of Winnipeg 2011 Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report, buildings are the 2nd-largest source of community emissions, second only to transportation;

AND WHEREAS there may be an opportunity for the City of Winnipeg to guide the shape of buildings in order for them to be more energy efficient;

AND WHEREAS a south-facing flat wall may be ideal for solar voltaic power insulation, or another configuration that allows for solar panel operations throughout the day regardless of the position of the sun;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS there may be other opportunities to reduce the energy consumption of homes by considering things likes the placement of windows, such as placements of windows on the south side to allow the sun inside in the summer as well blocking the sun with an awning in the summer;

AND WHEREAS there may be other ways to improve energy efficiency at no cost to the builder;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service report back on opportunities to encourage the use of energy efficiency concepts in the development approval process of new buildings.