Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 21, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Report on the Status of Downtown Public Washroom Initiatives

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the additional $18,000 required to maintain 10 hour per day operations at Amoowigamig (715 Main Street) for 2023 to the 2023 budget review process.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 13, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the Public Service be directed to prepare text amendments for the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 and the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning No. 100/2004 to facilitate the development of new public washroom facilities, as set out in Attachment 1.

2. That the Public Service be directed to renew efforts within Tiers 1 and 2 of the Places to Go Framework, and report back on this matter in March 2024.

3. That, subject to Council approval of the 2023 Operating Budget, the number of temporary washrooms provided by the City of Winnipeg in areas of identified need be reduced from six units to three units, and that the residual funds (estimated $20,000), be provided to Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre to increase the 2023 grant from $200,000 to $220,000 for peer support services at the permanent public washroom facility, Amoowigamig (715 Main Street), through an amendment to the current grant agreement.

4. That the funding necessary to expand the provision of peer support services at Amoowigamig from 10 hours per day to 24 hours per day, estimated at a minimum of $650,000 per year, be referred to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Process.

5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to maintain a sole source agreement with Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre for the provision of peer support services at Amoowigamig, and to engage Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre in exploring options to reduce the cost of on-site services, particularly between 6pm and 6am.

6. That the Public Service be authorized to explore a shared funding model with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for the continued provision of Peer Supports at Amoowigamig.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the additional $18,000 required to maintain 10 hour per day operations at Amoowigamig (715 Main Street) for 2023 to the 2023 budget review process.