EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 152
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS in 2022 addictions and housing were top of mind for Winnipeg voters;

AND WHEREAS the homelessness and addictions crisis remains a top priority for Winnipeggers;

AND WHEREAS St. Boniface Street Links provides outreach services in the City, east of the Red River, and have advised that City of Winnipeg funding in the amount $80 000 per year is an insufficient amount to support the level of service provided;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Director of St. Boniface Street Links indicated in January 2023 that without a contribution in the amount of $220 0000 from the City of Winnipeg for their outreach program, they will not have the resources to continue their outreach;

AND WHEREAS in on June 24, 2021, Council approved a grant to St. Boniface Street Links for mobile outreach support;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg, through the 2022 budget update, provided funding to St. Boniface Street Links through an administrative process;

AND WHEREAS St. Boniface Street Links has demonstrated that they are an excellent resource for unsheltered populations, proactively connecting people to housing and existing social supports and subsidies;

AND WHEREAS the current crisis of the unhoused is caused by a methamphetamine and opioid crisis;

AND WHEREAS St. Boniface Street Links, as an incremental component to their outreach program, has received funding from the federal government for addictions support;

AND WHEREAS if the St. Boniface Street Links outreach program were to close, the federal funding to address addiction would be at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a grant in the amount of $200,000 to St. Boniface Street Links be referred to the 2023 Budget Review Process for consideration.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law