REPORTS

Item No. 16 Supporting Housing, Addiction and Social Action Indicators – Monthly Update

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the matter as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
That the matter be received as information.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2023, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 13, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council.

1. That the Public Service be directed to provide monthly updates to the Executive Policy Committee on the following supportive housing, addiction and social action indicators:

    A. Proposed RHI Homes (prior term). RHI-funded supportive housing units 'in the pipeline' based on applications submitted prior to November 1, 2022.

    B. Actual RHI Units Delivered (prior term). RHI-funded supportive housing units completed and operational as a result of applications submitted prior to November 1, 2022.

    C. Proposed RHI Units (current term). RHI-funded supportive housing units 'in the pipeline' based on applications submitted after November 1, 2022.

    D. Completed RHI Units (current term). RHI-funded supportive housing units completed and operational from applications after November 1, 2022.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

E. Alternative Supportive Housing Units, Proposed (City-Supported). Supportive housing units 'in the pipeline' outside of the RHI stream, with approved City of Winnipeg financial or asset support (including, but not limited to: discounted permits, tax deferrals, and/or land contributions) as a result of proposals received after November 1, 2022.

F. Alternative Supportive Housing Units, Completed (City-Supported). Supportive housing units completed outside of the RHI stream, with approved City of Winnipeg financial or asset support (including, but not limited to: discounted permits, tax deferrals, and/or land contributions) as a result of proposals received after November 1, 2022.

G. Affordable or Deeply Affordable Housing Units, Proposed (City-Supported). Affordable or deeply affordable rental housing units 'in the pipeline' with approved City of Winnipeg financial or asset support (including, but not limited to: discounted permits, tax deferrals, and/or land contributions) as a result of proposals received after November 1, 2022.

H. Affordable or Deeply Affordable Housing Units, Completed (City-Supported). Affordable or deeply affordable rental housing units completed with approved City of Winnipeg financial or asset support (including, but not limited to: discounted permits, tax deferrals, and/or land contributions) as a result of proposals received after November 1, 2022.

I. Participation in intergovernmental or interagency initiatives on addiction, anti-poverty policy and/or other social crisis interventions, including action by the Mayor, Mayor's Office or City Public Service (meetings or other activities) since last report.

J. Key HIFIS (Homeless Individuals and Families Information System) indicators [details to be confirmed in coordination with End Homelessness Winnipeg by July 1, 2023).

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

On February 14, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee further laid the matter over to its meeting on March 13, 2023.

On January 17, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee laid the matter over to its meeting on February 14, 2023.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 21, 2022, Council adopted the following motion:

WHEREAS to address street-level homelessness and substance use, the City of Winnipeg must invest in safe, supportive, culturally appropriate housing, and mobile outreach services;

AND WHEREAS research indicates more than two-thirds of those experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg are Indigenous: survivors of legacies of colonization and cultural genocide including Residential Schools and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people;

AND WHEREAS more than half of people experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg have been in the care of Child and Family Services, meaning they are also survivors of family separation, abuse and neglect:

AND WHEREAS more than half of people experiencing homelessness have traumatic brain injuries, while nearly half are living with physical and/or mental health disabilities;

AND WHEREAS a consensus position of voices of lived experience, Indigenous community leadership, non-governmental housing and shelter organizations have come together to outline for Council what could enhance security, peace, dignity in transitioning people from encampments, bus shelters or sleeping rough.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to the appropriate Committee of Council within 90 days with options to:

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

A. Create housing by partnering with community organizations to run low-barrier transitional housing specifically to transition people from encampments, bus shelters or sleeping rough; including directing the Winnipeg Public Service to develop options and alternatives to include:

   i. a Minimum commitment of 150 new low barrier transitional housing;
   ii. assistance of a facility, such as a city owned building;
   iii. creation of safe consumption site(s) and additional mobile services connected to housing and treatment options;
   iv. creation of additional community-based crises stabilization spaces and services;

B. Budget options to enhance outreach grants to cover costs of 24-hour services within the City of Winnipeg, with casework supports;

C. Funding options and alternatives for implementation of the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult the Province of Manitoba on the intent of Recommendation 1 above, as well as:

   A. Increasing income supports and rental benefits to address the Housing Crises in Winnipeg.

   B. The creation of a working group to increase joint-work on poverty and related community grants, funding mechanisms on poverty reduction and 24/7 safe spaces.

3. That pending the report back within 90 days, that all matters having a budgetary impact, as contained in Recommendations 1-2 above, be referred to the 2023 budget process.

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