Minute No. 357
Report – Executive Policy Committee – April 18, 2023

Item No. 3 Requirement for a Four-Year Strategic Plan for the City of Winnipeg

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Council Motion of March 23, 2023, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

Councillors Allard and Wyatt asked to be recorded as having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 18, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of March 23, 2023, be received as information.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2023, Council referred the following motion to Executive Policy Committee:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is facing significant and diverse socio-economic challenges requiring collaborative leadership from City Council as a collective body;

AND WHEREAS the traditional ward-based and "strong Mayor" models of municipal governance inherently prevent City Council from tackling city-wide issues and embracing transformational city-building initiatives;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Scott Gillingham has set a strong example of inclusive leadership by holding a strategic planning session with members of City Council, symbolically sitting in alphabetical order amongst City Councillors in Council Chambers during meetings of City Council, and holding regularly meetings with City Councillors; and

AND WHEREAS an annual strategic planning process, with a formal, City-Council adopted plan would serve to coordinate City Council's governance and ensure that municipal government is working in unison and in an accountable manner to address the pressing demands facing the City of Winnipeg;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Winnipeg call upon the Province of Manitoba to amend The City of Winnipeg Charter Act to require City Council to produce a four-year strategic plan (the "Strategic Plan") prior to March 31st in the calendar year following a Winnipeg Civic General Election;

2. That the Province of Manitoba, in its amendment, require:

    A. all City Councillors to participate in the creation of the Strategic Plan, in a manner to be determined by the incoming Mayor;

    B. that all City Councillors sign the Strategic Plan, with an option for dissenting City Councillors to issue a separate minority report in the event of non-unanimity;

    C. that the Strategic Plan be subject to a vote of City Council requiring the support of no less than a 2/3 majority; and

    D. that the Strategic Plan be subject to an annual update by City Council in the years following the adoption of the Strategic Plan, no later than March 31st of each calendar year, with respect to City Council's progress on the Strategic Plan, subject to a vote of City Council, requiring no less than a 2/3 majority;

3. That the relevant by-laws or policies of the City of Winnipeg and Council be amended accordingly; and

4. That the Proper Officers of the City of Winnipeg do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.