Minute No. 383
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – April 6, 2023

Item No. 3 Supportive Housing Initiatives

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and adopted the following:

1. That an extension of time of 90 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the operationalization of the following:

    A. Ensure Federal rapid housing funds flow through to 2026 and work selectively with partners and to identify sites in order to quickly access funds yearly 2023-2026.

    B. Secure from Council pre-approval for six modular housing sites on city-owned or purchased land, sufficient to provide 270 units of safe housing and complete new supportive housing for the homeless within 8-12 months of site approval.

    C. Waive all municipal property taxes, permit and development-related fees on these projects for the duration of the Federal funding agreement.

    D. Collaborate with the Province of Manitoba in provision of wrap-around support services for supportive housing.

    E. Explore office-to-residential conversions to keep downtown buildings vibrant amid the ‘work-from-home’ trend; and propose appropriate changes for inclusion in the City of Winnipeg’s Zoning By-law Review which support key commercial corridors and transit-oriented destinations, including but not limited to residential construction as-of-right, and the reduction or elimination of parking minimums.

2. 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 Browaty,

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

Carried

Councillors Rollins, Santos and Schreyer were absent from the vote on the above motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 18, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 6, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That an extension of time 90 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 15, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg take steps to:

    A. Ensure Federal rapid housing funds flow through to 2026 and work selectively with partners and to identify sites in order to quickly access funds yearly 2023-2026.

    B. Secure from Council pre-approval for six modular housing sites on city-owned or purchased land, sufficient to provide 270 units of safe housing and complete new supportive housing for the homeless within 8-12 months of site approval.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

C. Waive all municipal property taxes, permit and development-related fees on these projects for the duration of the Federal funding agreement.

D. Collaborate with the Province of Manitoba in provision of wrap-around support services for supportive housing.

E. Explore office-to-residential conversions to keep downtown buildings vibrant amid the 'work-from-home' trend; and propose appropriate changes for inclusion in the City of Winnipeg's Zoning By-law Review which support key commercial corridors and transit-oriented destinations, including but not limited to residential construction as-of-right, and the reduction or elimination of parking minimums.

F. Report back in 120 days on the operationalization of the resolutions.

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