Minute No. 456
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – May 1, 2023

Item No. 1 Winnipeg Climate Action Plan – Annual Report

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and adopted the following:

1. That an extension of time of up to 60 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back with the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan Annual Report, including the following:

    A. Review the Climate Action Plan to highlight the specific areas and strategic directions where the City needs to invest, and improve departmental coordination under the Office of the CAO to help meet our long-term targets.

    B. Provide an update on the collaboration with other levels of government for increasing investment in programs supporting climate action, and any other initiatives that will help the City meet its targets.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment be adopted by consent.

Carried

Councillor Eadie was absent from the vote on the above motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 16, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 1, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That an extension of time of up to 60 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.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 21, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the following during its annual report on the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan in 2023:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

A. Review the Climate Action Plan to highlight the specific areas and strategic directions where the City needs to invest, and improve departmental coordination under the Office of the CAO to help meet our long-term targets.

B. Provide an update on the collaboration with other levels of government for increasing investment in programs supporting climate action, and any other initiatives that will help the City meet its targets.

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

On September 20, 2018, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and adopted the following:

1. That Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan: Planning for Climate Change – Acting for People (the "Plan"), a copy of which is attached as Attachment "A", be approved for implementation and that the Council decision of September 30, 2009 approving the report titled Corporate and Community-wide Climate Change Action Plans to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Winnipeg, including all subsequent amendments, be rescinded.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service review its departmental administrative objectives and plans to determine how they align with the strategic opportunity areas and priority actions identified within the Plan, and report the results to the interdepartmental Climate Change Working Group, as required by the Climate Change Working Group.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service identify budget risks for those projects to be implemented in the short, medium and long term, which are currently underfunded or unfunded, within their yearly budget processes.

4. That the Office of Sustainability apply for external funding, through such funding programs identified in Appendix E of Attachment A, in support of the actions identified in the Plan.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

5. That the Winnipeg Public Service undertake detailed greenhouse gas and economic modeling of the Plan to understand the estimated costs and benefits to the City of implementing the Plan.

6. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back annually to Council on the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan beginning in 2019.

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