Minute No. 458
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – May 1, 2023

Item No. 3 Retrofits to Reduce Carbon Tax Payment Obligations

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment at its September 8, 2023 meeting on the following:

    A. Provide a breakdown of projected carbon tax payments for the City of Winnipeg from 2023 – 2028 (inclusive), based on the projected increases in federal carbon tax rates.

    B. Identify the City of Winnipeg structures where retrofits could reduce carbon tax payment obligations in the most cost-efficient manner, including the following:

        i. Considerations for levels of services issues, asset renewal, and reliability.

        ii. A listing of up to 15 sites and/or $80 million in retrofit investments.

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

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 concurred in the Council Motion of April 27, 2023 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 27, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS the federal carbon tax encourages the retro-fitting of existing buildings in order to avoid increased tax payments arising out of the consumption of fossil fuels;

AND WHEREAS in his campaign platform, Mayor Gillingham committed to "…speed up deep energy-efficient retrofits of city buildings";

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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