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Item No. 4 Net Zero Ready Building Code

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of April 27, 2023, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

Josh Friesen, Co-Owner, Dueck Builders, submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 1, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of April 27, 2023, be received as information.

On May 4, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development laid the matter over to its meeting on June 1, 2023

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- David Grant
- Kenneth Klassen

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS residents of Winnipeg who are homeowners and/or tenants are almost always responsible for the cost of heating, cooling, providing electricity and sewer to their homes;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS these costs will be reduced when the new building code is enacted in 2023;

AND WHEREAS the opportunity is greater now not only to adopt the code in 2023, but to endorse the highest tier as the minimum requirement by 2025 because the sooner more efficient buildings are built the sooner homeowners and tenants will see lower utility costs;

AND WHEREAS the highest tier of code by 2025 will result in further savings for residents of Winnipeg who are either homeowners or tenants;

AND WHEREAS builders have the opportunity to market homes with the added benefit of the reduced cost of maintenance over time which will be net savings of money over the life of a new building.

AND WHEREAS The net zero by 2050 target has been included and approved by Council in the OurWinnipeg 2045 Development Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council endorsed the City of Winnipeg Investment Roadmap and that this opportunity is identified. p. 54 55;

AND WHEREAS the Net Zero Ready Building Code will be released in early 2023 and the City can lobby the Province to not only adopt the code in 2023, but to endorse the highest tier as the minimum requirement by 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City call upon the Province of Manitoba to enact Net Zero Ready Building Code immediately, and to endorse the highest tier as the minimum requirement by 2025.