Minute No. 499
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 12, 2023

Item No. 1 Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy (2021 – 2031)

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That an extension of time of up to 90 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back with a status update and the next implementation plan for the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy, including recommendations for actions to be considered in the 2024-2027 budget process.

2. That the Proper Officers at 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 His Worship Mayor Gillingham,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 12, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee submitted to Council that an extension of time of up to 90 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back with a status update and the next implementation plan for the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy, including recommendations for actions to be considered in the 2024-2027 budget process.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 25, 2021, Council concurred in the November 17, 2021, recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy (2021 – 2031), attached as Appendix A, be adopted to serve as the guide for City of Winnipeg partnerships, actions, and investments, particularly related to the Strategy's Life Poles (i.e. fundamental priorities) of Affordable Housing and Indigenous Children, Youth and Families.

2. That the Poverty Reduction Strategy Implementation Plan (2021 - 2023), attached as Appendix B, be received as information.

3. That delegated authority be provided to the Chief Administrative Officer to apply and accept individual grants and enter into partnerships and agreements of up to $500,000 each, to support implementation of Council approved strategies, policies, and action plans such as, but not limited to, the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion Policy and Strategic Framework, and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Strategy.

4. That the Public Service report back in spring 2023 with a status update and the next implementation plan for the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy, including recommendations for actions to be considered in the 2024-2027 budget process.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

5. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to refer to the City of Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy, and consider and advise as a part of every report, whether the recommendation is consistent with the City of Winnipeg's objectives and targets with respect to reducing poverty around the goals and objectives in the eight key areas as outlined in the said strategy.

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