Minute No. 525
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – June 1, 2023

Item No. 4 Net Zero Ready Building Code

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

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 adopted.

In amendment,
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;

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 Item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated June 1, 2023, be amended as follows:

- Delete Recommendation 1 and replace with the following:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

"1. 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."

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

The motion for the adoption of the amendment was put.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gilroy and Schreyer 4

Nay: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Sharma and Wyatt 12

and the amendment was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the item was put.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Sharma and Wyatt 12

Nay: Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gilroy and Schreyer 4

and the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 12, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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;

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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.