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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – June 27, 2023

Item No. 3 Supportive Housing Initiatives

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 a further extension of time of 30 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the specifics of the supportive housing motion from April 27th, 2023, namely:

    A. Ensure Federal rapid housing funds flow through to 2026 and work selectively with partners and to identify sites in order to quickly access funds yearly 2023-2026.

    B. Secure from Council pre-approval for six modular housing sites on city-owned or purchased land, sufficient to provide 270 units of safe housing and complete new supportive housing for the homeless within 8-12 months of site approval.

    C. Waive all municipal property taxes, permit and development-related fees on these projects for the duration of the Federal funding agreement.

    D. Collaborate with the Province of Manitoba in provision of wrap-around support services for supportive housing.

    E. Explore office-to-residential conversions to keep downtown buildings vibrant amid the ‘work-from-home’ trend; and propose appropriate changes for inclusion in the City of Winnipeg’s Zoning By-law Review which support key commercial corridors and transit-oriented destinations, including but not limited to residential construction as-of-right, and the reduction or elimination of parking minimums.

2. That the report specifically address how the forthcoming Housing Accelerator Fund programming could operationalize the specific asks included in the motion, specifically but not limited to, fee and tax reductions, modular housing sites or office-to-residential conversions.

3. That the report further address how the City intends to draw down on additional housing support programming already available from the Federal Government through the National Housing Strategy programs, on top of the Housing Accelerator Fund or Rapid Housing Initiative.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

4. 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 Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 27, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 27, 2023, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and granted an extension of time of 90 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 18, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 6, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That an extension of time 90 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.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 15, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg take steps to:

    A. Ensure Federal rapid housing funds flow through to 2026 and work selectively with partners and to identify sites in order to quickly access funds yearly 2023-2026.

    B. Secure from Council pre-approval for six modular housing sites on city-owned or purchased land, sufficient to provide 270 units of safe housing and complete new supportive housing for the homeless within 8-12 months of site approval.

    C. Waive all municipal property taxes, permit and development-related fees on these projects for the duration of the Federal funding agreement.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

F. Report back in 120 days on the operationalization of the resolutions.

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