Minute No. 574
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Item No. 11 Public Engagement on the 2024-2027 Budget Review Process

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the following be referred to the 2024-2027 Budget Review Process, namely:

    A. That public engagement be required on the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget as part of the Budget Review Process.

    B. That the Engage Winnipeg Policy be amended to formalize public engagement as part of all Multi-Year Budget Review Processes.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City 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.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee considered the Council Motion of June 22, 2023 and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the following be referred to the 2024-2027 Budget Review Process, namely:

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COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 22, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy
Seconded by Councillor Allard

WHEREAS conducting public engagement is critical to ensuring appropriate representation and participation in the budget process, especially for groups that face barriers to participation in the political process;

AND WHEREAS it is Council's responsibility to consider the public's views and perspectives when making decisions that affect the City as a whole;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS appropriate engagement leads to more informed decision making;

AND WHEREAS public engagement on the budget should be a requirement of the Engage Winnipeg Council Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That public engagement be required on the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget as part of the Budget Review Process.

2. That the Engage Winnipeg Policy be amended to formalize public engagement as part of all Multi-Year Budget Review Processes.

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