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Item No. 6 City of Winnipeg Endorsement of the Plant Based Treaty

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and submitted the following to Council:

1. The Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment in 90 days, on the City of Winnipeg officially endorsing the Plant Based Treaty.

2. That the Proper Officers of 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 Councillor Mayes,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Gillingham and Councillor Browaty asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 8 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the Council Motion of July 13, 2023, with the following amendment:

- Add the words “in 90 days,” after the words “Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment”

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 13, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment:

Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS the Plant Based Treaty is a companion to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Plant Based Treaty is designed to put food systems at the forefront of combating the climate crisis and aims to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal farming and promote a shift towards healthier, sustainable plant-based diets;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS a coalition of groups, including Toronto 350.org, Reimagine Agriculture and Plant Based Data, is urging town and City Councillors across the country to support sustainable diets by signing the Plant Based Treaty initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment on the City of Winnipeg officially endorsing the Plant Based Treaty.