Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 17, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Request to the Province of Manitoba to Prioritize the Review of Certification Requirements for Arena Operators

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of September 29, 2023, and recommended to Council:

1. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to prioritize the review of certification processes and requirements for arena operator certification and enact regulatory amendments to modernise the certification of arena operators.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,
That the Council Motion of September 29, 2023, be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 29, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,

WHEREAS there is a lack of certified arena operators within Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba due to the current certification process and regulations administered by Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS ice rinks are required to be staffed by a certified operator in accordance with *The Power Engineers Act* and The Power Engineers Regulation while open;

AND WHEREAS certified operators are required to have a Refrigeration Class License or a minimum 4th Class Power Engineer's certification;

AND WHEREAS current requirements do no accurately reflect the responsibilities of staff who monitor, operate or maintain ice rink refrigeration plants;

AND WHEREAS ice plexes are working "uncertified but qualified", creating an unsafe and unstable work environment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario recently adopted a Basic Arena Refrigeration 4-day course to make certification more accessible;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council request that the Province of Manitoba prioritize the review of certification processes and requirements for arena operator certification and enact regulatory amendments to modernise the certification of arena operators.

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