Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 17, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 20 By-law Enforcement Consolidation

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in up to 180 days on the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg develop a new model for one consolidated by-law enforcement system, for a visible proactive enforcement system of all City by-laws, that shall either be a single division under an existing City department, or a new City department.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,

That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 180 days on the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg develop a new model for one consolidated by-law enforcement system, for a visible proactive enforcement system of all City by-laws, that shall either be a single division under an existing City department, or a new City department.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 5, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services passed the following motion:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services recommend to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the City of Winnipeg shall develop a new model for one consolidated by-law enforcement system, for a visible proactive enforcement system of all City by-laws, that shall either be a single division under an existing City department, or a new City department.

On September 12, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services laid over consideration of the following motion to its meeting on October 5, 2023:

WHEREAS there has been a growing call for a consolidated by-law enforcement system;

AND WHEREAS presently by-law enforcement is divided up between various City of Winnipeg departments presenting challenges for enforcement;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the outstanding bylaw enforcement issues are growing which are impacting the City of Winnipeg citizens' quality of life causing health and safety concerns along with the demoralizing impact of inconsistent by-law enforcement;

AND WHEREAS full and complete by-law enforcement will not only communicate the importance of existing City by-laws but also increase citizen confidence in the present and future of our City;

AND WHEREAS a consolidated by-law enforcement system may require a new organizational restructuring and Organizational by-law of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has all of the by-laws in place that if they were proactively enforced we shall ensure Winnipeg is a beautiful City that it deserves to be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg shall develop a new model for one consolidated by-law enforcement system that shall either be a single division under an existing City department, or a new City department.