Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – November 14, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 12 Road Procurement Audit

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of October 26, 2023, be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the Council Motion of October 26, 2023, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 26, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Capital Roads Budget has seen significant inflationary pressures recently, and over the years;

AND WHEREAS the said program has had challenges with program delivery, with posted road project completion deadlines not being met;

AND WHEREAS the said program has been hamstrung with the need to contract via private consultants, even though the City has its own significant Engineering Division within the Department of Public Works;

AND WHEREAS the said program has seen, on numerous occasions, late tendering, and/or tendering following the tenders issued by the Province of Manitoba and their province wide road works;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint an Independent Auditor to conduct an Independent and Operational Audit of the Public Works Roads Procurement Program, that will apply to both in-house work and private sector contract tendering and contract management;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Audit shall consider timing of tendering, administration of said tender projects, as well as provide options for both Public Works and Council processes to provide for earlier tendering procedures and requirements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor shall consider alternative service delivery options for the road procurement program, to increase efficiency and effectiveness of said budget dollars;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor shall consider ways and means to coordinate program delivery with the Provincial Government, and their annual tendering for road works, along with addressing the issue of labour shortages and access to affordable aggregate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor shall conduct a random forensic audit of various road work tenders to ensure impartiality and efficiency.