Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – November 14, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 13 Code of Conduct for Senior Members of the Public Service

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 members of Winnipeg City Council have been subject to the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and a Code of Conduct, as well as the Annual Statement of Assets, as required under Provincial Legislation;

AND WHEREAS in the past, issues have arisen with the conduct of senior members of the Public Service, yet are still not subject to the same level of accountability as that of elected officials;

AND WHEREAS senior members of the Public Service have been, over the years, not only been delegated authority, granting them powers to make decisions previously made by Council or by Council Committees, but are also responsible for the day-to-day administration of all approved Council Operating and Capital Budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all senior members of the Public Service, namely from departmental divisional managers, all the way up through, to, and including the CAO, be subject to a Council Approved Code of Conduct;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be expanded to include all oversight and enforcement of said Code of Conduct, as the said office presently does for elected officials of City Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba amend Provincial Legislation so as to require senior management of the City of Winnipeg to be subject to the Annual Statement of Assets.