REPORTS

Item No. 19 Process Improvements for Community Centre Renovation Grants

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee, as amended, and directed the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide an interim verbal report at the April 16, 2024 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee and a written report in 120 days on streamlining and reducing the red tape associated with the Community Centre Renovation Grants for community centres, clarification on the definition of joint procurement and additional FTEs.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee be concurred in, with the following amendments:

- In Recommendation 1, delete the words "verbal report" and replace with "an interim verbal report at the April 16, 2024 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee and a written report in 120 days" and delete the word "considering" and replace with "clarification on the definition of"

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 23, 2024, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the well-being of volunteers, and voluntary boards are vital to maintaining a healthy recreation system and maintaining city community centres in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Council has directed the doubling up of the Community Centre Renovation Grant to fund necessary building envelope repairs and to maintain community centre amenities;

AND WHEREAS long intervals between being funded, receiving funding, and expending funding can result in escalation in costs from contractors;

AND WHEREAS the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centre Boards in District 1 have been applying and receiving grants from the City of Winnipeg but are experiencing barriers and slow response times from the City of Winnipeg, impacting their scope of work and/or their ability to pay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends the following to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide a verbal report back on streamlining and reducing the red tape associated with the Community Centre Renovation Grants for community centres, considering joint procurement, and additional FTE's.