Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 19, 2024

BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 20 Downtown Public Washroom Initiatives (Peer Support Services at Amoowigamig)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the matter as information.

(See Budget Review Item 31)

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the matter be received as information.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2023, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service be directed to prepare text amendments for the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 and the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning No. 100/2004 to facilitate the development of new public washroom facilities, as set out in Attachment 1.

2. That the Public Service be directed to renew efforts within Tiers 1 and 2 of the Places to Go Framework, and report back on this matter in March 2024.

3. That, subject to Council approval of the 2023 Operating Budget, the number of temporary washrooms provided by the City of Winnipeg in areas of identified need be reduced from six units to three units, and that the residual funds (estimated $20,000), be provided to Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre to increase the 2023 grant from $200,000 to $220,000 for peer support services at the permanent public washroom facility, Amoowigamig (715 Main Street), through an amendment to the current grant agreement.

4. That the funding necessary to expand the provision of peer support services at Amoowigamig from 10 hours per day to 24 hours per day, estimated at a minimum of $650,000 per year, be referred to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Process.

5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to maintain a sole source agreement with Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre for the provision of peer support services at Amoowigamig, and to engage Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre in exploring options to reduce the cost of on-site services, particularly between 6pm and 6am.

6. That the Public Service be authorized to explore a shared funding model with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for the continued provision of Peer Supports at Amoowigamig.

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