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Item No. 23 Winnipeg Jets Whiteout Parties at The Forks

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of April 25, 2024, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
That the Council Motion of April 25, 2024, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 25, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Jets Whiteout Street Parties are great for the City, for the downtown, and for the fans;

AND WHEREAS the Whiteout Street Parties are selling out in minutes, meaning that there are many other fans who would love to attend, but are unable to secure a ticket to the street party due to the great response from fans;

AND WHEREAS many fans also cannot afford seats inside the Canada Life Centre or are unable to purchase due to limited capacity inside the arena;

AND WHEREAS in the last year's playoffs, with two Whiteout Street Party days, the City of Winnipeg covered $15,000 toward the cost of street closures, permits and special duty policing, which Council supported unanimously.

AND WHEREAS we could make the Whiteout Street Parties so much bigger and better, by working with The Forks to include a large Whiteout Party at that venue, thus opening a new great location for Winnipeg Jets fans who want to attend an official Whiteout Party;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg immediately work with the True North Corporation, the Province of Manitoba and with The Forks, for the purpose of securing The Forks as an official Whiteout Party venue for the next Winnipeg Jets home playoff game on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in addition to the existing Whiteout Street Party venue at the Canada Life Centre.