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Item No. 12 Property Tax Credit Program for Fencing Installation

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure By-law 50/2007 a recorded vote was held on the above motion, as more than three Councillors asked to be recorded as having voted in opposition to the motion.

Yea: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Sharma. 12

Nay: Councillors Duncan, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt 4

and the motion for the adoption of the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 22, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS many properties are being abused by owners and renters from other properties dumping solid waste on lots without proper fencing to protect the victims' properties;

AND WHEREAS this dumping of solid waste is most prominent in low income areas of the city where owners cannot afford to build six-foot fences around their back yards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 120 days on the following:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

1. A cost estimate for constructing a six-foot fence that is not easily destroyed around the back yard of a 25-foot-wide lot in order to determine a possible property tax credit program.

2. A list of neighbourhoods in need of a property tax credit program to protect from solid waste dumping such as the William Whyte Neighbourhood and Dufferin Neighbourhood.

3. The establishment of a property tax credit program to assist properties that are susceptible to others dumping garbage on their lots to avoid constant need for By-law Enforcement to inspect and order victims to clean up the solid waste.

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