Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 9, 2024

REPORTS

Item No. 15 Establishment of a Tri-Level Agreement – Inner City Revitalization

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of June 27, 2024, be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the Council Motion of June 27, 2024, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 27, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

AND WHEREAS we know that investing in inner-city communities are central to health, wellness, and safety of our downtown;

AND WHEREAS investments in these communities from all three levels of government improves issues related to poverty, crime, and livability;

AND WHEREAS the Core Area Initiative, launched in 1981, was a successful tri-level arrangement for the social, economic and physical renewal of Winnipeg's inner city;

AND WHEREAS post-COVID, there has been a decreasing amount of funding in the inner-city neighbourhoods where there are major challenges associated with addictions, crime, and vacant buildings, leading to unhealthy communities;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the Housing Accelerator Fund, the City of Winnipeg has dedicated funding to increase the number of affordable units available in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City should be directing investment and renewal of aging housing stock in inner-city neighborhoods where there is a greater need;

AND WHEREAS in the draft CentrePlan 2050, policy 5.1.2 recommends that a tri-level agreement with the federal and provincial governments (like the Winnipeg Core Area Initiative model) be established to assist with CentrePlan 2050 implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to work with the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a tri-level agreement, similar the Core Area Initiative, to assist with the revitalization of the inner city neighbourhood right around downtown.