

Minutes – Council – June 27, 2024

Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment - Community Committees

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council referred the following to the Governance Committee of Council:

1. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter to re-establish Community Committees, as previously contained in the former City of Winnipeg Act.

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Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motion (continued):

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS the previous *City of Winnipeg Act* required the City to establish Community Committees with the following duties:

- “(a) to maintain the closest possible communication between the city and the residents of the community, and shall carry out and ensure that the residents are given full opportunity to represent their views on policies, programs, budgets and delivery of services;
- (b) to provide the residents of the community with information concerning existing and potential city policies, programs and budgets so as to facilitate their input concerning these matters; and
- (c) to make the fullest and best use of the residents' advisory group for the community, in providing advice and assistance to the community committee in the committee's consideration of plans, zoning changes or proposed plans of subdivision, or any amendment, repeal or replacement of them.”

AND WHEREAS when the City of Winnipeg Charter came into force, it did not contain the same requirement for the City to maintain the Community Committee structure;

AND WHEREAS, recognizing the critical role Community Committees play in being a liaison between Council and the citizenry, Council has chosen to maintain Community Committees through the City Organizational By-law 7100/97;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be referred to the Governance Committee of Council:

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Carried