Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 16, 2024

REPORTS

Item No. 9 Establishment of a Tri-Level Agreement – Inner City Revitalization

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee considered the Council Motion of June 27, 2024, and recommended to Council:

1. That City of Winnipeg Councillors Ross Eadie and Cindy Gilroy be designated to identify and propose for Council consideration policies that encourage social, economic and physical renewal for inner city and high-poverty neighbourhoods in Winnipeg.

2. That as part of this designation, the Councillors should meet with community renewal groups, neighbourhood associations, Federal, Provincial and Indigenous government representatives, and any other organization that the Councillors determine relevant to their activities.

3. That, if possible, the Mayor assign one of the Mayor's Office policy analysts to assist and monitor these efforts.

4. That the Public Service provide information that assists the efforts of the Councillors to develop these policy proposals.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Santos,

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and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 18, 2024, Council referred back Item 6 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 9, 2024.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 9, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

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

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;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.