Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – November 13, 2024

Report – Governance Committee of Council – November 12, 2024

Moved by Councillor

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Item No. 1 Committee Meetings – Free Parking and Refreshments

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 12, 2024, the Governance Committee of Council considered the Council Motion of October 24, 2024, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Public Service be directed to install beverage and snack vending machines in the lower level of the Council Building.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 12, 2024 the Governance Committee of Council recommended:

1. That the Public Service be directed to install beverage and snack vending machines in the lower level of the Council Building.

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

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2024, Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Governance Committee of Council for report back:

1. The establishment of free parking next to and around City Hall, with residents being informed in advance of any meeting and that security staff also be available in the event residents need a safety escort to their vehicle.

2. The establishment of drink, coffee, tea and snack machines inside City Hall for the public.

On September 26, 2024, the following Notice of Motion was filed with the Clerk, in accordance with section 17(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

Moved by Councillor Wyatt.
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS members of the public are now requested to come to City Hall for all matters, such as public hearings at Community Committee;

AND WHEREAS at one time Community Committees were actually held in the Community and not at City Hall;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS with all members of the public having to come to City Hall for community committee meetings, the residents of the City are subject to parking restrictions and paid parking, when before parking was free, and that members of the public have had their vehicles towed during public hearings that can sometimes be very lengthy in time;

AND WHEREAS the City presently offers zero options for food, snacks, coffee or bottled drinks and water;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg will cordon off parking for movie productions and music concerts to allow for their delivery of their product;

AND WHEREAS citizens are just as important and their input at a public hearing is instrumental in the democratic public hearing process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governance Committee of Council be directed to report back on the following:

1. The establishment of free parking next to and around City Hall, with residents being informed in advance of any meeting and that security staff also be available in the event residents need a safety escort to their vehicle.

2. The establishment of drink, coffee, tea and snack machines inside City Hall for the public.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.