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Item No. 3 City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment - Community Committees

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the following to Council:

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

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.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 12, 2024, the Governance Committee of Council received as information the Council Motion of June 27, 2024 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2024, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days for the Governance Committee of Council to provide a recommendation on the following:

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.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 16, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 10, 2024, the Governance Committee of Council recommended to Council:

1. That in accordance with Section 16(4) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, an extension of time of up to 60 days be granted for the Governance Committee of Council to submit a recommendation on the Council on the matter.

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.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 27, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following Notice of Motion to Governance Committee of Council:

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."

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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:

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.