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Minute No. 76
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – November 22, 2024

Item No. 1 Public Opinion Research on Winnipeg Climate Change Action

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and adopted the following:

1. That the Climate Action and Resilience Committee engage a public opinion research consultant to survey Winnipeggers for their views on climate change, including, but not limited to, level of awareness of City of Winnipeg climate change efforts and climate action priorities.

2. That the costs for the research consultant be funded through the Climate Action and Resilience Committee 2024 budget for non-professional services.

3. 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:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment be adopted by consent.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 4, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 22, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Climate Action and Resilience Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 28, 2024, the Climate Action and Resilience Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Community Energy Investment Roadmap (CEIR) identifies Program 12 – Communications, as an important component of climate action for storytelling, and building community support for challenging climate actions;

AND WHEREAS the Climate Action and Resilience Committee mandate includes promoting communication and involvement between the City and the community;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS, a baseline of resident perspectives is a useful tool to support the Climate Action and Resilience Committee in advising Council on climate change issues, to support the community in advancing climate action, and to see change over time;

AND WHEREAS in March 2023 Probe Research conducted a survey of Manitobans' Assessment of the Province's Efforts of Climate Change, including personal views on climate change, government performance on climate change actions and support for key climate change actions;

AND WHEREAS capturing how Winnipeggers view climate change, their level of awareness of City of Winnipeg efforts on climate change, and what climate actions and tools are supported could inform the work of the Climate Action and Resilience Committee;

AND WHEREAS on June 27, 2024, Council approved the 2024 Operating Budget for the Climate Action and Resilience Committee, which includes funding for non-professional services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment:

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