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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – November 22, 2024

Item No. 2 Rapid Response Process for Water and Wastewater Servicing Capacity Inquires

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That an extension of time of up to 120 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the creation of a rapid response process for applicant inquiries related to available water and wastewater servicing capacity for potential development sites.

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:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,

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

Carried

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.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 22, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That an extension of time of 120 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back 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.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 18, 2024, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service to be directed to:

    A. End the formal Pre-Application Process for development applications, and phase-out any voluntary uses of the process by no later than December 31, 2024.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

B. Work with applicants to complete any Pre-Applications currently underway, including offering an option to terminate a Pre-Application if an applicant wishes to do so.

C. Ensure that all informal inquiries regarding development application details are addressed in a constructive and timely manner.

D. Take steps wherever possible to accelerate completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Wastewater Capacity Studies, as directed by Council on December 15, 2021 as part of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budget, in order to create a rapid response process for applicant inquiries related to available water and wastewater servicing capacity for potential development sites and to have this process approved by Council no later than its December 2024 meeting.

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

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Rapid Response Process - Development Pre-Application Process

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Water, Wastewater and Environment

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 120 days be granted to report back on the following:

On July 9, 2024, Council directed the Public Service to create a rapid response process for water and sewer capacity inquires and present it to council by December 2024.

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

The Water and Waste Department (WWD) is in the process of finalizing the Review and Assessment of Municipal Servicing for Water, Sewer and Land Drainage Development study (RAMS), previously referred to as the Capacity Study. The RAMS report will recommend substantial changes to the WWD development review process, including a new Rapid Response procedure for capacity inquires. The Public Service is requesting the extension in order to finalize and combine all the RAMS report recommendations in a complete report to Council. The report is expected to be presented in Q2 2025.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

On July 9, 2024 Council adopted the recommendation:

1. That the Public Service to be directed to:
    D. Take steps wherever possible to accelerate completion of Phase 1 and 2 of the Wastewater Capacity Studies, as directed by Council on December 15, 2021 as part of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budget, in order to create a rapid response process for applicant inquiries related to available water and wastewater servicing capacity for potential development sites and to have this process approved by Council no later than its December 2024 meeting.