Agenda – Council – January 30, 2025

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Item No. 4 French Languages Five-Year By-law Update

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 21, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the following to Council:

1. That an extension of time of up to 60 days be granted to report back on the review and update of *The Official Languages of Municipal Services By-law No. 8154/2002*.

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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 21, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 30, 2020, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service be instructed to recognize that French language services should be accessible to all residents of the City of Winnipeg, and therefore, that when reasonably possible, French language services be provided upon request, regardless of geographic designation, through active offer (open invitation to the public to use one of our two official languages—English or French—when communicating with or receiving a service from the City of Winnipeg).

2. That the Public Service be directed to develop a five-year plan which will identify the capacity to provide services in French.

3. That the Department of Customer Service and Communications review *The Official Languages of Municipal Services By-law No. 8154/2002* with Legal Services to clarify the legal obligations of the municipal government, and report back within 180 days.

4. That the Public Service review and update the by-law a minimum of every 5 years to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

5. 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: French Languages Five-Year By-law Update

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 60 days be granted to report back on the following:

1. That the Public Service review and update the by-law a minimum of every 5 years to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

The Public Service has prepared information for the review of community leaders and the Council Liaison. All drafted documents and recommendations are being reviewed and translation is required before any potential by-law amendments are ready to be brought forward.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

On January 21, 2020, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the
following:

2. That the Public Service review and update the by-law a minimum of every 5 years to ensure it meets the needs of the community.