Minutes – Council – February 27, 2025

Minute No. 150
Executive Policy Committee – Motions

Item No. 1 Welcoming Winnipeg Policy Review

Moved by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Council adopted the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History policy on January 30, 2020, an important initiative to ensure Indigenous histories and personages, as the original peoples of Canada, are included in Winnipeg's place names;

AND WHEREAS aspects of the Welcoming Winnipeg initiative have been identified in the past as needing improvement and the five-year mark of the policy's adoption is an opportune moment to amend the policy;

AND WHEREAS Merrell-Ann Phare, B.A., LL.B., L.L.M., of Phare Law Corporation, was commissioned by Mayor Gillingham to ascertain how the policy could be refined;

AND WHEREAS policy feedback was received from Council, Indigenous Relations Division, the Committee of Community Members, the Office of the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer as part of that work;

AND WHEREAS the resulting Welcoming Winnipeg Policy: Thematic Interview Report is a useful guiding document that identifies key policy areas requiring attention, foremost among them the need for policy clarity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Public Service be directed to:

    A. Report back to Council in 120 days on changes to the current Welcoming Winnipeg Policy based on suggestions outlined in the Thematic Interview Report, attached as Appendix A, including the following:

        i. Funding implications of specific actions and policies that may require additional resources;

        ii. clarification that the policy affords equitable opportunity to all communities and groups, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, for park and place renamings;

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iii. a review of existing policies that may overlap with the Welcoming Winnipeg policy;

iv. Committee of Community Members' terms of reference.

B. Enter into a single-source contract with Merrell-Ann Phare, author of the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy: Thematic Interview Report, for consulting services to provide guidance on the implementation of the report's recommendations, to be funded by the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

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

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.