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Item No. 4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Energy Systems Program – St. Vital Arena Application (St. Vital Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That Council acknowledges that GEOptimize is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Energy Systems Program for Business Plan and Technical Feasibility Study for a community energy system at St. Vital Arena, in partnership with the City of Winnipeg.

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 Eadie,

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

Carried

Councillor Wyatt was absent for the vote on the above motion.

David Grant submitted communication with respect to this matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 18, 2025, 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 February 3, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 31, 2025, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund supports the adoption of energy solutions that meet community needs which are aligned with a net-zero future;

AND WHEREAS the Community Energy Systems Program within the Green Municipal Fund provides funding for business case studies, feasibility studies and capital projects that support municipalities with a streamlined approach to assess and deploy a variety of district and renewable energy systems;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has an interest in Business Plan and Technical Feasibility Study for a community energy system at St. Vital Arena, conducted by GEOptimize;

AND WHEREAS the goal of the study is to capture waste heat from the indoor ice-skating rink and distribute the energy to nearby homes and public facilities including a school, library, and personal care home;

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

1. That Council acknowledges that GEOptimize is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Energy Systems Program for Business Plan and Technical Feasibility Study for a community energy system at St. Vital Arena, in partnership with the City of Winnipeg.

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