Minute No. 196
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development – March 7, 2025

Item No. 2 Housing Stats Data Model Analysis

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to create a data model which estimates the number of people per new unit of housing created in each ward, and when new population statistics are provided by ward, that the same model be used to provide the number of people per new unit of housing by ward.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee on the matter when the annual Population Estimates by Ward report comes forward in December.

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 Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 18, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 7, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development concurred in the Council Motion of February 27, 2025, with the following amendments:

- Delete the words “neighbourhood” and replace with “ward”
- Add the following new Recommendation 2:

  “2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee on the matter when the annual Population Estimates by Ward report comes forward in December.”

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 27, 2025, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the discussion about housing and population in greenfield versus infill development is difficult to define in actual numbers;

AND WHEREAS Council previously received two reports in regards to population growth in wards, and new housing units by ward, which allowed for an unstructured calculation on population growth generated by new housing;

AND WHEREAS it is important to know whether greenfield development or infill development derives more people per unit of housing built, to make future decisions on dealing with population growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to create a data model which estimates the number of people per new unit of housing created in each ward, and when new population statistics are provided by neighbourhood, that the same model be used to provide the number of people per new unit of housing by neighbourhood.