Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 22, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 7 Increase of Funds to the West End BIZ for City Graffiti Removal (Daniel McIntyre Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation be received as information.

Carried

Joe Kornelsen, Executive Director, West End BIZ, submitted a communication in support of the matter.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 7, 2025, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS there are economic and social damages caused by graffiti that impacts our communities in Winnipeg and it is a growing issue;

AND WHEREAS the West End BIZ conducts Graffiti removal on behalf of the City;

AND WHEREAS over the years the West End BIZ has become experts and have the equipment for the types of cleaning and weather conditions they are having to deal with;

AND WHEREAS the West End BIZ has not seen an increase funding from the City to meet the demand of service;

AND WHEREAS the West End BIZ is conducting graffiti removal for seven other BIZ zones;

AND WHEREAS the West End BIZ zone has had to charge a fee to other BIZ Zones to recoup the cost of the demand for services;

AND WHEREAS three BIZ Zones have opted out of this service due to an increase in the fees for graffiti removal;

AND WHEREAS the West End BIZ is seeing an increase in demand and the level of funding has been kept the same;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to the Executive Policy Committee that the City provide an increase in grant funding to the West End BIZ in the amount of $55,000.00 per annum, commencing in 2025, to ensure that funding for graffiti removal is kept at a commensurate level in relation to the demand of service.