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Minute No. 250
Executive Policy Committee – Motions

Item No. 1 Age-Friendly Winnipeg Action Plan

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS the United Nations Principles for Older Persons call for the promotion of dignity, respect and full participation for older persons, recognizing the growing demographic of seniors in our society;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-friendly Cities (AFC) framework is considered the international standard for guiding municipalities on how to become more inclusive and supportive of older persons, and applies an aging lens across all facets of a city;

AND WHEREAS 17 per cent of the City's population was 65 years of age or older as of the 2021 census, and that figure was set to increase and remain at or around 20 per cent, necessitating more work on age friendliness to ensure older persons have access to adequate living conditions, emergency services, and opportunities to participate fully in all aspects of life within our city;

AND WHEREAS renewing the Age-Friendly Winnipeg initiative plays a critical role in advancing the rights and well-being of older Winnipeggers, addressing challenges and promoting a more inclusive and supportive environment;

AND WHEREAS the 2014 Age-Friendly Winnipeg Action Plan outlined a path forward for Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative that an update to the Plan incorporates a local focus on the promotion of dignity, respect, and equal access for all older persons, ensuring it aligns with both the United Nations principles and our community's values;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Public Service be directed to report back within 180 days with the following:

    A. An updated Age-Friendly Winnipeg Action Plan that builds on the 2014 plan;

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B. An Older Persons Strategic Framework based on the United Nations Principles for Older Persons and the AFC framework, that illustrates each City department's area of responsibility for implementation, and establishes a comprehensive and cohesive approach for the City of Winnipeg's ongoing efforts to support its aging population.

2. That the Human Rights Committee of Council, and its sub-committees on access and inclusion, be responsible for conducting engagement and consultation, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

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

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Executive Policy Committee, in accordance with Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.