Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 8, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Annual Report – Communities Fund Expenditures

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and granted an extension of time of 60 days to report back on the following:

1. Annual Communities Fund Expenditures Report (subsequent to year-end financial report) specifying:

    A. Expenditures made by each councillor from the Fund including amounts carried forward to the Commitment Reserve;

    B. The recipient project or organization, the purpose of the award or grant, and whether or not the funding is sourced from the City's capital or operating fund; and

    C. The criteria from the eligible criteria options applied for that expenditure by the awarding City Councillor (e.g. "PREP" or "CIGP" or "Per Capita").

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

Councillor Browaty was absent from the vote on the above motion.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 20, 2024, Council adopted the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Operating and Capital Budget, which included the following recommendation:

1.Q. To act on the Mayor's commitment to expand flexible funding for investments in more neighbourhood projects and organizations, Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to create a new Communities Fund. Available funds will be divided equally by ward each fiscal year.

v. Communities Fund expenditures shall be reported annually (subsequent to year-end financial report) by the Public Service to the appropriate committee of Council, working with the City Clerks' Department, with the report specifying:

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NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Annual Report - Communities Fund Expenditures

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

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REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

This the first report for the Communities Fund expenditures. A draft report is being prepared by the Public Service which will be compiled to include data to year-end 2024, and year-to-date 2025. Future Reports will follow an annual reporting cycle starting for the full year-ended December 31, 2025.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

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