Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 8, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Progress of the Proactive Clean-Up of Dangerous Debris – Interim Verbal Report

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the verbal report as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Santos,

That the verbal report be received as information.

Carried

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

J. Berezowsky, Director of Public Works, provided a verbal report on the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 29, 2025, Council adopted the 2025 Preliminary Operating Budget, which included the following recommendation:

1. E. That the Parks Division of the Public Works Department be directed to use the $60,000 noted in Recommendation 1.B.i. to fund the proactive clean-up of dangerous debris in City of Winnipeg Parks through the following:

    i. Crew of 2 seasonal staff including a vehicle for approximately 7 months of the year (April – October);

    ii. Proactively investigate 16 high risk parks in the downtown area, in consultation with affected area Councillors, on a rotating basis every 2 to 4 days with the parks to be identified from Appendix 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services dated November 4, 2024 titled "Proactive Cleanup of Needle Debris and Weapons in City Parks";

    F. That the Public Service be directed to provide an interim verbal report on the progress of the cleanups outlined in Recommendation "E" at the May 2025 and July 2025 meetings of the Executive Policy Committee and provide a written report back at the November, 2025 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee of the outcomes and how much dangerous debris was collected.