Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 16, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 7 Outreach Service Providers

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of July 17, 2025, be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,
That the Council Motion of July 17, 2025, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 17, 2025, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS St. Boniface Street Links provides a valuable service to the City of Winnipeg by assisting the unsheltered population;

AND WHEREAS Main Street Project provides a valuable service to the City of Winnipeg by assisting the unsheltered population;

AND WHEREAS Main Street Project has been announced as the successful applicant in the City's recent RFP for outreach services, with funding in support of this award to flow for six months, followed by two potential extensions of said award;

AND WHEREAS St. Boniface Street Links was not a successful applicant for the RFP award, but continues to receive funding from the City of Winnipeg for services other than outreach, as well as a lease at minimal cost to offer services from the city-owned 604 St Mary's Rd.

AND WHEREAS media reports suggest that St. Boniface Street Links has obtained private funding that would allow it to continue to offer outreach services in the East of Red portion of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS having St. Boniface Street Links provide service East of the Red without having to provide city funding might allow Main Street Project to enhance its outreach funding and efforts in other parts of the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That St. Boniface Street Links and Main Street Project be encouraged to enter into dialogue with the City of Winnipeg to determine if a model of operation can be developed that would allow both agencies to continue their outreach efforts and thereby increase service levels while maintaining the same level of civic funding.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.