Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 16, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Continuation of Voting Requirements By-law

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the continuation of the Voting Requirements By-law No. 63/2021 be approved.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Continuation of Voting Requirements By-law

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Winnipeg Charter (the "Charter"), as well as a number of City of Winnipeg policies and by-laws, specify certain decisions which require more than a simple majority to adopt.

Subsection 73(1) of the Charter specifies that any decision to require more than a simple majority must be included in a by-law. Subsection 73(2) of the Charter outlines that the by-law must be reconfirmed every four years in order to remain active.

The Voting Requirements By-law No. 63/2021 (the "By-law"), adopted by Council in 2021, lists all decisions that require more than a simple majority to adopt in one central appendix for ease of reference and, unless a continuation of the By-law is approved by Council, it will expire on October 28, 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the continuation of the Voting Requirements By-law No. 63/2021 be approved.

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Per subsection 73(2) of the Charter, the Voting Requirements By-law No. 63/2021, originally passed by Council on October 28, 2021, will expire on October 28, 2025, unless Council approves its continuation.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Voting Requirements By-law No. 63/2021, outlining the matters that require more than a simple majority decision to adopt, will remain active.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Subsection 73(1) of The City of Winnipeg Charter (the “Charter”) stipulates that Council may resolve that certain matters will require more than a simple majority decision to adopt. It further specifies that any decision to require more than a simple majority must be included in a by-law.

Subsection 73(2) of the Charter states that a by-law passed under subsection (1) expires four years after the day it is passed unless council approves its continuation.

The Voting Requirements By-law No. 63/2021 (the “By-law”), originally passed by Council on October 28, 2021, details all decisions that require more than a simple majority vote. The By-law will expire on October 28, 2025, unless Council approves its continuation, in accordance with subsection 73(2) of the Charter.

Since its adoption in 2021, the By-law has been amended several times to include additional requirements.

On May 26, 2022, Council adopted amendments to the By-law to clarify that the 2/3 requirement for disposing of parks and cemetery properties applies to leases in excess of five years and leases of five years or less without a cancellation clause and further that a 2/3 majority of Council is required for these properties to be declared surplus.

On July 21, 2022, Council passed a technical amendment to the By-law in order to ensure that the repair, renewal and/or replacement of bridges is exempted from the usual 2/3rds voting requirement, as per the direction from Council on March 19, 2019.

On May 30, 2023, Council adopted amendments to the By-law to require support by 2/3 of the members of Council present to repeal or amend a required (rather than permitted) condition outlined in the Development Agreement Parameters, or to adopt a new required (rather than permitted) condition not contained within the Development Agreement Parameters.

And most recently, on June 27, 2024, Council adopted the Community Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) By-law, which included a consequential amendment to the By-law to require that any application that does not meet the eligibility criteria in the CIGP by-law may only be approved by a two-thirds vote of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: June 16, 2025

Project Name:

Continuation of Voting Requirements By-law

Comments:

There are no financial impacts associated with the recommendations in this report

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommendations contained in this report align with OurWinnipeg Direction 1: Provide efficient and focused civic administration and governance.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (CAP), and it was determined that the CAP is not applicable to this specific report.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) and its Goals and Objectives, and it was determined that the PRS is not applicable to this specific report.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: City Clerk's Department
Prepared by: K. McMillan, Manager of the Decision Making Process
Date: July 3, 2025
Attachments: Appendix A – Consolidated By-law No. 63/2021