Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 21, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 16 Disaster Financial Assistance Program Participation

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended the following to Council:

1. That subject to meeting the qualifications established as part of the Disaster Financial Assistance program announced by the Manitoba Government on October 1, 2025 ("the DFA program"), the City of Winnipeg request of the Manitoba Government that the City receive disaster financial assistance as provided for in the DFA program.

2. That the City of Winnipeg, on behalf of its residents and businesses, request of the Manitoba Government that Winnipeg residents and businesses be allowed to participate in any DFA program related to the 2025 wildfires for which they may be eligible; and

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS many areas in the Province of Manitoba have been affected by this year's unprecedented wildfire season;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg served as the primary host community for wildfire evacuees that were supported by the Province, and incurred additional staff, resource and service costs as a host community, including those associated with the use of City facilities through Provincial Emergency Orders as reception centres and congregate shelters;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Government on October 1, 2025 announced Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) to municipalities and local authorities that have either been directly impacted or have incurred significant costs while hosting evacuees including: pre-emptive preparation efforts; emergency response operations; recovery and restoration activities; relief and recovery support; and long-term wildfire mitigation strategies;

AND WHEREAS Provincial rules require that, in order to be eligible for a DFA program, a Council Resolution requesting assistance within 60 days of a DFA program announcement must be submitted to the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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Carried