Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 21, 2025

Report – Governance Committee of Council – October 16, 2025

Item No. 2 Establishment of an Audit Committee and Citizen Member Appointment Process

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Public Service be granted an extension of up to 90 days to report back with recommendations for appointing citizen members to the Audit Committee and the reporting relationship between the Audit Committee and Council.

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

Report – Governance Committee of Council – October 16, 2025

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 16, 2025, the Governance Committee of Council concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Establishment of an Audit Committee and Citizen Member Appointment Process

Critical Path: Governance Committee – Executive Policy Committee – Council

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Public Service be granted an extension of up to 90 days to report back with recommendations for appointing citizen members to the Audit Committee and the reporting relationship between the Audit Committee and Council.

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

On March 27, 2025, Council directed that the Organizational By-law be amended to transfer jurisdiction over all audit matters currently delegated to the Executive Policy Committee, to a new Audit Committee, with the following committee's membership to be appointed at the organizational meeting of Council in November 2025:

i. The Mayor, Chairperson,
ii. Two Councillors who do not sit on the Executive Policy Committee,
iii. One citizen member with a professional designation in law,
iv. One citizen member with a professional designation in accounting.

Council further directed the Public Service to report back with recommendations for appointing citizen members to the Audit Committee and the reporting relationship between the Audit Committee and Council.

The Public Service is in the final stages of finalizing a report and is requesting up to 90 days to report back on the matter.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

On March 27, 2025, Council adopted the recommendations of the Governance Committee of Council, on the City of Winnipeg Governance Review, which included the following:

7. That the City Organizational By-law 7100/97 be amended as follows:
   B. to transfer the jurisdiction over all audit matters currently delegated to the Executive Policy Committee, to a new Audit Committee, comprised of the following members, to be appointed by Council annually at the Organizational Meeting of Council, beginning in November 2025:
      i. The Mayor, Chairperson,
      ii. Two Councillors who do not sit on the Executive Policy Committee,
      iii. One citizen member with a professional designation in law,
      iv. One citizen member with a professional designation in accounting.

8. That prior to November 2025, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council, through the Governance Committee, with recommendations for appointing citizen members to the Audit Committee and the reporting relationship between the Audit Committee and Council.