Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – December 9, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 23 Greenspace Investment Reserve

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 27, 2025, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS greenspace and natural corridors are critical to public health, climate adaptation, biodiversity, and equitable access for all Winnipeg residents;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is working on adopting the Greenspace and Natural Corridors Master Plan, which identifies targets for canopy cover, corridor restoration, and community access;

AND WHEREAS timely investment, clear governance, enforceable by-laws, and measurable outcomes are required to ensure these objectives are realized;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be directed to report back within 180 days on the following:

1. Creation of a capital reserve titled the Greenspace Investment Fund for the purpose of land acquisition, restoration, and long-term greenspace management to include the following:

    A. Initial annual allocations should be tied to the next four-year multi budget cycle.

2. Measurable, neighborhood-level targets using key performance indicators including canopy cover by ward, hectares of corridor restored, and greenspace access within 400m of residents.

3. The establishment of a five-year prioritized neighbourhood investment map using defined equity metrics.

4. Creation of an interdepartmental Greenspace Working Group to focus on recommendations for acquisition, implementation, permits, and funding coordination made up of staff from the Public Works Department (Parks and Open Spaces), Planning, Property and Development, Water and Waste, Legal Services, and Corporate Finance.

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

5. The Greenspace Master Plan By-law, which shall include timelines for developer contributions, tree retention requirements, and penalties/offset rules for canopy loss on both private and public lands.

6. Recommendations for an outcomes-based monitoring program using key performance indicators.