Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 9, 2025

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Item No. 25 Support for Spence Neighbourhood Association Programming

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee be received as information.

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 24, 2025, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA) provides critical recreation, community programming, and support services that help break down barriers related to poverty;

AND WHEREAS the Spence neighbourhood continues to face significant social and economic challenges;

AND WHEREAS reductions in key grants such as funding for community recreation and liaison programs will have a negative impact on residents, particularly youth and families who rely on these supports;

AND WHEREAS the Spence neighbourhood has already experienced a greater impact than many other communities from rising property taxes, water rates, and the increasing cost of living, including food insecurity;

AND WHEREAS these programs play an essential role in keeping youth engaged, supported, and away from gangs and other high-risk activities;

AND WHEREAS I was not part of the Budget Working Group and therefore did not have the background knowledge or involvement in determining the allocations within the current funding document;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to reinstate the grant funding previously allocated to the Spence Neighbourhood Association's Community Recreation Programming in the amount of $60,000.00 and Community Liaison Programming in the amount of $21,150.00, identifying a source of funding from wherever the original reallocation occurred.