Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 9, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 26 Support for UN Safe Cities Work in Winnipeg

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 UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Initiative is a global program focused on improving safety in public spaces, particularly for women, girls, and those who are perceived to be female, who face higher risks of harassment, assault, and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS Winnipeg participated in this program last year and heard directly from women and girls about their lived experiences and the changes needed to make our city safer; and

WHEREAS research shows that when cities design public spaces to be safe for women and girls, those improvements increase safety and comfort for all residents; and

WHEREAS recent reductions in funding threaten the City's ability to continue collecting data, engaging with at-risk groups, and implementing safety-focused initiatives through this important lens; and

WHEREAS at a time when many in our community are expressing heightened concerns about safety, it is vital that we maintain not reduce our commitment to evidence-based approaches to public safety; and

WHEREAS the discontinued $20,000 in funding can be restored by reallocating funds from the same source to which the original allocation was directed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That funding in the amount of $20,000 be restored to support Winnipeg's continued participation in the UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Initiative; and

2. That this funding support the ongoing collection of data, engagement with women and girls, and safety-driven recommendations required to improve the design and use of public spaces in Winnipeg; and

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

3. That the funds be reallocated from the same location within the budget where the previous amount was redirected.