Minutes – Governance Committee of Council – January 15, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 1 Establishment of an Audit Committee and Citizen Member Appointment Process

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Governance Committee of Council concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the Public Service be granted an extension of up to 60 days to report back with recommendations for appointing citizen members to the Audit Committee and the reporting relationship between the Audit Committee and Council.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 30, 2026, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and adopted the following:

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.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 21, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

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

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 60 days be granted 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

The Department requires up to an additional 60 days to allow for the drafting of the associated amending by-laws and the report financial review.

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.