Minutes – City Centre Community Committee – April 24, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Amendment to the Purchasing Policy

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The City Centre Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the administration report back to Council within 90 days with options to promote local businesses by adding to the tendering process criteria a point system that promotes local businesses when selecting a business for City contracts.

2. The administration provides to Council with a revised criteria that includes local businesses for Council consideration.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

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 Orlikow,

WHEREAS during Covid, Winnipeg encouraged residents to support the incredible array of local businesses that provide exceptional services and products;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg continues to promote buy local to keep and grow property taxes by keeping and increasing jobs and investment in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS several Canadian cities and municipalities such as Toronto, Ontario, Halifax, Nova Scotia and Beaumont, Alberta to name a few, incorporate local procurement to support local economic development;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has set a precedent for prioritizing Canadian companies in procurement;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has set a precedent for prioritizing unions in provincial procurement;

AND WHEREAS considerations for local businesses during the evaluation process would only be part of Winnipeg's criteria to ensure value for the taxpayers of Winnipeg;

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

1. That the administration report back to Council within 90 days with options to promote local businesses by adding to the tendering process criteria a point system that promotes local businesses when selecting a business for City contracts.

2. The administration provides to Council with a revised criteria that includes local businesses for Council consideration.

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