Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – May 19, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 7 Amendment to the Purchasing Policy

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 24, 2026, 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:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 24, 2026, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

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.