Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 19, 2026

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Item No. 9 Housing Funding

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of April 30, 2026, be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the Council Motion of April 30, 2026, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

Councillor Duncan asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 30, 2026, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS the Government of Canada's Housing Accelerator Funding goes primarily to Corporate/Institutional investors who build rental properties;

AND WHEREAS the federal government funding does not promote home ownership and home equity for the vast majority of Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the federal government is not promoting and subsidizing affordable housing that people could actually own;

AND WHEREAS homeownership and home equity are important financial tools that many residents rely on for long term financial security, including retirement planning and protection against inflation;

AND WHEREAS a shortage of affordable owner-occupied housing in Winnipeg means many residents may never have the opportunity to achieve homeownership or build home equity;

AND WHEREAS as a former Governor of the Bank of Canada, the Prime Minister would have an understanding of importance of homeownership as a mechanism to build equity;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFOR IT BE RESOLVED:

1. That the Government of Canada, and the Province of Manitoba, be requested to create programs and incentives that make affordable homeownership achievable, through the purchase of basic single story, newly built homes intended for owner occupancy, including taking immediate action to lower the cost of new home construction and purchase through the elimination of the Goods and Services Tax and the Provincial Sales Tax on building materials used in the construction of such homes, so that these savings are passed directly on to homebuyers.

2. That any such federal and provincial programs be structured to prioritize affordability and principal residence ownership, with eligibility criteria and a minimum occupancy of ten years, in order to ensure public funds and tax measures are used to support Winnipeg residents seeking a home to own and live in, rather than to benefit speculative, rental, or investment driven activity.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.