Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 7, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 15 Disaster Financial Assistance Program Participation

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That subject to meeting the qualifications established as part of the Disaster Financial Assistance program announced by the Manitoba Government on June 11, 2026 ("the DFA program"), the City of Winnipeg request of the Manitoba Government that the City receive disaster financial assistance as provided for in the DFA program.

2. That the City of Winnipeg, on behalf of its residents and businesses, request of the Manitoba Government that Winnipeg residents and businesses be allowed to participate in any DFA program related to the 2026 June Heavy Rains for which they may be eligible.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

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 Browaty,

WHEREAS many areas in the Province of Manitoba, including the City of Winnipeg, have been affected by severe storms and heavy rains over the past few weeks (the "2026 June Heavy Rains");

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Government on June 11, 2026 announced a Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program for the 2026 June Heavy Rains to which local authorities, individuals with primary residences, farms, businesses and non-profit organizations with impacts related to the heavy rains may apply;

AND WHEREAS residents and property owners in the City of Winnipeg have realized response and repair costs for the 2026 June Heavy Rains;

AND WHEREAS it is not yet clear whether the City of Winnipeg will have incurred sufficient financial harm as a result of the 2026 June Heavy Rains to meet the minimum deductible for the DFA program;

AND WHEREAS Provincial rules require that, in order for a local authority, or individuals, farms, businesses, or non-profit organizations located inside that local authority, to be eligible for DFA funding, a Council Resolution requesting assistance must be submitted to the Manitoba Government within 90 days of the DFA program announcement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That subject to meeting the qualifications established as part of the Disaster Financial Assistance program announced by the Manitoba Government on June 11, 2026 ("the DFA program"), the City of Winnipeg request of the Manitoba Government that the City receive disaster financial assistance as provided for in the DFA program.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

2. That the City of Winnipeg, on behalf of its residents and businesses, request of the Manitoba Government that Winnipeg residents and businesses be allowed to participate in any DFA program related to the 2026 June Heavy Rains for which they may be eligible.

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

Carried