**Full Authority**

**18 June 2015**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**Executive Committee - Reintroduction**

Background

Further to the discussion and Motion G39/15 moved by the Board at the 16 April 2015 meeting, staff have revised the original Draft Terms of Reference submitted at that time. Changes have been made to alleviate many of the concerns and definitively state the purpose of the proposed Executive Committee. By doing so, the scope of the Committee is narrowly defined to ensure the Committee does not arbitrarily to make decisions which should be discussed and debated around the Board room table.

The intent to create an Executive Committee is quite simply to act as a group to have the initial discussions about the upcoming draft budget for the following year. This gives Amanda and I the opportunity to hear some of the Board’s concerns and ideas which will help to formulate a draft budget. In turn, the initial Draft Budget will be closer in line to the final draft version which is then submitted to our member municipalities later in the year after it receives approval in principle.

Staff certainly understand and appreciate the viewpoint that all discussions, facts, information, etc., especially budgetary discussions should be inclusive, not limited to a Committee.

A possible alternative to an Executive Committee would be the addition of another Board meeting to ***only*** discuss the draft budget for the following year and the General Manager’s review.

Board Decision

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