STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOTIONS

Minute No. 535
Moved by Councillor Benham,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg desires to consult with the community regarding the proposed Obstructive Solicitation By-law;

AND WHEREAS the issues raised by panhandling – both passive and aggressive – reflect complex social problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council establish a Poverty Action Committee under the leadership of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poverty Action Committee be requested to develop a framework plan to deal with the many social components, related to health, mental health, housing, employment, substance abuse and income support issues faced by panhandlers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poverty Action Committee consist of representatives from the Social Planning Council; other organizations involved in poverty and social issues; at least two Councillors, at least one of whom is a member of Executive Policy Committee and at least one of whom is not; at least one representative of the Provincial government; at least one Winnipeg Police Service officer; and other members as shall be agreed upon by City Council and the Social Planning Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Obstructive Solicitation By-law be referred to the Poverty Action Committee for further study, with a report to be made to open session of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services no later than December 31, 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poverty Action Committee continue after that time to provide advice to City Council on issues related to the City's role in fighting poverty.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Gerbasi, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Benham withdrew his motion.