Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - July 5, 2005

Item No. 3 Waiver of Development Application Fees - Just a Second Store
File EP-1

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 20, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations from the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and the City Centre Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the development application fees for Just a Second Store under the Planning, Development and Building Fees By-law No. 166/2004 be waived in this instance.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 7, 2005, the City Centre Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the development application fees for Just a Second Store be waived in this instance.

Just A Second Store
725 Osborne Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3L 2C1

City Centre Community Committee
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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April 28, 2005

Dear City Centre Community Committee,

We are writing to you regarding the zoning status for the Just A Second store at 725 Osborne Street. Just A Second is owned and operated by National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, a non-profit charitable organization. Our mandate is education, service and social action. We have been involved in a multitude of community minded projects over the years, including audiometer testing in schools, initiating the idea of Block Parents in our community and our most ambitious endeavour is our Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre at 1588 Main Street.

Just A Second, formerly known as The Opportunity Store, was established in 1949. The store sells gently used clothing, household items and furniture which are donated to us by our members and friends. (Furniture is only about 5% of our business, and the side door is used for deliveries). All of the proceeds from the store help to support local projects such as Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre. Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre is a facility for older adults, providing educational, recreational and social programming.

It has come to our attention that the zoning status of our store is such that selling household items and furniture requires a conditional use variance with a licensing fee of $750.00 plus tax plus $11.00. We are writing to request the waiving of the fee for the licence as we are a non-profit organization and all of our proceeds help support older adults in our community.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Susan Vickar
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