Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated September 10, 2002

Proposed Grade III Listing on Building Conservation List - former Pelissier's (Blackwood's) Brewery - 409 Mulvey Avenue East

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15. The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development has been advised that the Historical Buildings Committee evaluated the former Blackwood's Brewery Building at the request of the Planning, Property and Development Department. The Department advised that in 1995, the City acquired the 50,000 square foot building at 409 Mulvey Avenue by means of a land exchange for City property located in the St. Boniface Industrial Park. The Department also advised that the existing building is not only beyond its economic life but that it is in very poor condition as a result of repeated acts of vandalism.

The Department pointed out that the Winnipeg Police Service and the Fire Paramedic Service have to attend this site on an increasing basis and that activity within the vacant building is beginning to represent an arson and safety threat within the community. The Planning, Property and Development Department has recommended that the building be demolished.

On June 20, 2002, the Historical Buildings Committee recommended that the former Pelissier's (Blackwood's) Brewery located at 409 Mulvey Avenue East be placed on the Buildings Conservation List, under the Historical Buildings By-law No. 1474/77 with a Grade III rating.

On July 9, 2002, the City Centre Community Committee considered the recommendation of the Historical Buildings Committee along with a communication dated June 26, 2002, from the Senior Negotiator, Planning, Property and Development Department with respect to the City-owned building at 409 Mulvey Avenue.

The City Centre Community Committee did not concur in the recommendation of the Historical Buildings Committee and recommended that the subject building not be placed on the Buildings Conservation List.

On September 10, 2002, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development heard representation from Cindy Sciberras, Executive Director of Heritage Winnipeg and David McDowell, Past President of Heritage Winnipeg, in support of listing the subject building. The Committee also heard representation from Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge Ward, in opposition to listing the subject building.

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The Historical Buildings By-law provides that if the owner of the building objects to listing the property on the Buildings Conservation List under the By-law, that Council is the authority to approve or reject the proposed listing.

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommends:

I. That the former Pelissier's (Blackwood's) Brewery located at 409 Mulvey Avenue East not be placed on the Buildings Conservation List, under the Historical Buildings By-law No. 1474/77.

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