STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 756
Councillor Smith questioned why community clubs were being told that in order for a facility to expand, some rationalization of total recreational space was required and that Isaac Brock could not build a new gym without closing down part of their present facility, to which Councillor De Smedt replied that he would take the question under advisement.

Councillor Swandel requested an update on the issue of plans for certain types of buildings now being needed to be stamped by architects.

Councillor De Smedt noted that this was a difficult situation that the City has been put in and that the administration was actively working in trying to seek reconciliation of the issue.

Councillor Swandel questioned if there were any ongoing negotiations by the Planning, Property and Development Department as to what future legislation may look like, to which Councillor De Smedt responded that the process was being addressed by the City with the Province.

Councillor Swandel asked if Council could be provided with a list of all occupancy permits that have been granted for buildings of over 400 square metres, since the ruling that the plans have to be stamped by an architect, to which Councillor De Smedt advised he would take the question under advisement.

Councillor Gerbasi requested an update on the issue of the corner of Portage and Main as it was in the spotlight again with the Asper project going forward.

Councillor De Smedt advised that a consultant had been hired to look at the issues and make a proposal in consultation with the stakeholders involved.

Councillor Magnifico advised that Southdale Community Club had been told that they will not be allowed to expand unless they amalgamate with another club. Councillor Magnifico requested that the Chairperson, when researching the Isaac Brock matter, research the Southdale matter at the same time, to which Councillor De Smedt replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Wyatt raised the matter of impost fees and questioned if members of Council could be brought into the picture in order to provide input on development of the policy.

Councillor De Smedt advised that a report was being prepared for submission to the administration. He felt that following the administration's review of the report, it would be appropriate to seek advice from members of Council on the contents of the report.

Councillor Wyatt requested clarification if Council members would have an opportunity to provide input prior to the report being formulated and submitted to Council for consideration, to which Councillor De Smedt replied in the affirmative.