STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 478

Councillor Wyatt questioned if negotiations with the Provincial government to expand the ability of the City to do photo enforcement outside of construction, school zones or parks were taking place; to which Councillor Steeves replied in the negative.

Councillor Lazarenko inquired why information was not released to the public about a particular restaurant in the City of Winnipeg that was visited by patrons who had tuberculosis and had been inspected by authorities. Councillor Steeves agreed to take the question as notice.

Councillor Swandel questioned if at the onset of the photo radar program there was a commitment that there would be no reduction in current enforcement of traffic offences by uniformed officers of the Winnipeg Police Service to which Councillor Steeves agreed to take the question under advisement.

Councillor Swandel inquired if there was any further explanation to the Auditor's report for the discrepancy between the Manitoba Public Insurance statistics of increased accidents at red light camera locations as opposed to the City of Winnipeg statistics that show a decrease in accidents at red light camera sites. Councillor Steeves agreed to report back to Council with an answer.

Councillor Swandel questioned if the primary objective of the photo radar program was safety to which Councillor Steeves replied in the affirmative.

In reference to the Environmental Health Inspectors and the discrepancy between the City enforced Environmental Health districts, where there was one Health Inspector per 13,000, and the suburbs and surrounding areas governed by the Province where it was one per 58,000, Councillor Wyatt inquired what progress had been made to ensure the Province provides the proper inspections needed. Councillor Steeves noted that he would endeavour to obtain the information from the administration and report back to Council.

Councillor Wyatt stated that the administration indicated two or three years ago that they would forward a report to the Executive Policy Committee and questioned if the Chair, in the interest of the health and well-being of the citizens of Winnipeg, had been briefed about the work and progress; to which Councillor Steeves reiterated that he would obtain an answer.

In noting that the Provincial Government had placed a freeze on inspections not deemed a priority in the suburbs of Winnipeg, Councillor Wyatt inquired if the freeze on non-priority inspections had been lifted; to which Councillor Steeves replied, not to his knowledge.