Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 2, 2007

REPORTS

Minute No. 320 Graffiti Control - Spray Paint Action Plan
File ER-1.5

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the City of Winnipeg Public Service to undergo a consultation process with stakeholders and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in September 2007 with a draft by-law incorporating, without limitation, the following:

1. Prohibition of the sale of spray paint to persons under the age of 18;

2. Prohibition of the possession of spray paint in public places by persons under the age of 18;

3. A requirement that spray paint retailers place a sign in clear view to shoppers where the spray paint is located denoting that graffiti and selling spray paint to persons under 18 is against the law and punishable by fine; and

4. A requirement that spray paint be locked in secure storage spaces in retail establishments;

and an enforcement strategy for such by-law.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Leipsic to the Chair in order to move the following motions:

Moved by Mayor Katz,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS random graffiti is a blight on the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS one of the outcomes of the May, 2006 Winnipeg City Summit was to clean our city more diligently with new steps, policies or programs to make the city shine;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg in its 2007 operating budget increased funding for graffiti removal by approximately $500,000, which includes an expanded graffiti removal program through partnerships with community organizations, and enhanced graffiti removals from historic buildings and other removals that require special equipment / processes;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg desires not only to ensure that random graffiti is cleaned after the fact, but also that proactive steps are taken to prevent random graffiti from occurring;

AND WHEREAS cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and London, Ontario have enacted by-laws that take firm action to impede youths who deface property by prohibiting the accessibility of spray paint to minors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to undergo a consultation process with stakeholders and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in September 2007 with a draft by-law incorporating, without limitation, the following:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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The Chairperson resumed the Chair.