Minute No. 222
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – February 5, 2008

Item No. 1 Elimination of Plastic Grocery Bags
File E

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That an extension of time of 60 days be granted to enable the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed by the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works on January 8, 2008.

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:

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 13, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 5, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended that an extension of time of sixty (60) days be granted to enable the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed by the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works on January 8, 2008, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On January 8, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works referred the Council Motion of December 19, 2007 to the Winnipeg Public Service for report back on the feasibility of the elimination of plastic bags and any other associated information, including but not limited to costs and possible recycling of plastic bags.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL:

On December 19, 2007, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Steeves,

WHEREAS there is no consistent economical means of recycling plastic grocery bags;

AND WHEREAS they are constantly blowing form the landfill and store parking lots creating a visual blight in our clean and green City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to prepare a report on a strategy for the elimination of their use in the City of Winnipeg.