STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 56
Councillor Vandal stated that the last Plan Winnipeg was adopted in 2001, and questioned when Council would again be discussing Plan Winnipeg in the public forum.

Councillor Fielding advised that Plan Winnipeg was to be reviewed every five years or so and in 2007, parts of that process were launched including the downtown housing strategy. He stated that City was in the latter stages of developing the process and in the next few weeks more information would be available.

Councillor Swandel questioned if the City had received full funding from the Province of Manitoba for what was believed should be their commitment to a good planning process for Plan Winnipeg.

Councillor Fielding replied that some funding had been received, but not to the level needed. He stated that there had been a commitment of some funding, but that there would be further discussions with the Province and possibly through the budgetary process.

Councillor Swandel questioned if that meant that the City was shortening the scope of work being done if not as much funding from the Province had been received or would the City be continuing with the same scope of work. He further questioned whether the City was still negotiating with the Province.

Councillor Fielding noted that the funding was a bone of contention. He reiterated that the Province had committed some money, but the full amount that was needed for the process was not on the table, but was something the City needed to finalize.