Agenda – Council – May 19, 2010

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has an extremely low vacancy rate that makes it difficult for many Winnipeggers to find affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg currently does not address apartment to condominium conversions and its impact on vacancy rates;

AND WHEREAS the cities of Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon have condominium conversion policies which regulate the creation of condominium properties;

AND WHEREAS the cities of Regina and Saskatoon have condominium conversion policies which protect minimum vacancy rates;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto gives opportunity for tenants to address the conversion of their buildings to condominiums through the Ontario Municipal Board and Tenant Support Grants Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be requested to report back to Council in 120 days with a report including:

(i) examining the salient issues involved in apartment to condominium conversion in the Winnipeg market, compared with other Canadian markets;

(ii) a proposed policy to regulate Condominium Conversion in the City of Winnipeg.