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Item No. 2 Proposed Amendment to The Smoking Regulation By-law - Inclusion of all existing and future City-owned Community Centres File EH-1.2 (Vol. 10)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 18, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That Clause 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 26, 2001, be filed, inasmuch as the matter has been addressed in the administrative report dated February 25, 2003, relative to a one-year review of the Smoking Regulation By-law.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 18, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 3, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended that Clause 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 26, 2001, be filed, inasmuch as the matter has been addressed in the administrative report dated February 25, 2003, relative to a one-year review of the Smoking Regulation By-law, and submitted its recommendation to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On January 10, 2002 the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Smoking and Environmental Tobacco Smoke in Public Places for report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 12, 2001, Council referred back Clause 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 26, 2001 to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 5, 2001, the Executive Policy Committee recommended a 365 day extension of time in order to refer Clause 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 26, 2001, back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, with instructions to conduct a comprehensive review, in consultation with the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres and the Administration, for report back after a one year period.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 26, 2001, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended to Executive Policy Committee and Council:

WHEREAS smoking and second-hand tobacco smoke are the leading causes of preventable illness and death;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg will be implementing a new smoking by-law in January 2002 to ban smoking in various and designated private establishments to protect minors and children from tobacco smoke;

AND WHEREAS Plan Winnipeg clearly states that the City's primary priority shall be protecting the health and welfare of all City of Winnipeg citizens;

AND WHEREAS smoking is currently not permitted in City owned public buildings and facilities, or those facilities occupied by City employees;

AND WHEREAS City of Winnipeg community centres are public civic properties and ultimately the responsibility of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the chief purpose of community centres is to provide wholesome recreation programs and activities for families, children and other people in their respective communities;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS community centre staff and volunteers are often required to work or supervise private functions and fundraisers held by community centres and are currently exposed to hazardous levels of second-hand tobacco smoke;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg undertake to extend the 2002 new smoking by-law to include all of the City of Winnipeg's existing and future civic-owned community centres, consistent with the City of Winnipeg smoking policy as it currently extends to all other civic-owned and occupied buildings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg undertake to include all of the City's community centres in the January 2002 smoking by-law implementation plan developed to communicate and facilitate the implementation of the new smoking by-law.