Questions Re: Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 67/2010 - PW 1/2010

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from Elizabeth Fleming

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1. The applicant is rushing to pass this By-law just before the municipal election in October after which there will be considerable turnover of members of Council.

Why not table the By-law now, allow the new Council to hold the public hearings and take some ownership of the Plan Winnipeg By-law?

2. The current Plan Winnipeg 2020 Vision (By-law No. 7630/2000, page 59) Council commits to an implementation strategy to monitor and publish annually a "Plan Winnipeg Progress Report" on activities that supported the policies of the Plan.

Would the applicant please explain if these annual "Plan Winnipeg Progress Reports" were published and, if not, why not?

3. The current Plan Winnipeg 2020 Vision (By-law No. 7630/2000, page 59) Council commits to an implementation strategy to monitor the effectiveness of the Plan as measured against indicators and publish annually a "Quality of Life Report".

Would the applicant please explain if these annual "Quality of Life Reports" were published and, if not, why not?

4. *Would the applicant please explain what assessment and evaluation has been conducted to measure the effectiveness of the current Plan Winnipeg 2020 Vision By-law before embarking on the 'Our Winnipeg' review?*

5. The 'Our Winnipeg' review reportedly cost $3.12 million.

Would the applicant please provide a breakdown of how the money was spent?

6. The Winnipeg Free Press reported 27 February 2010 on a 107-page draft 'Our Winnipeg' document. A citizen request for the same document was denied.

Why the secrecy?

Would the applicant please provide that draft document to the public.

7. The Provincial Land Use Policies (PLUP) regulation which has been under review for the last few years applies to the City of Winnipeg (page 40).

Would the applicant please explain which version of the PLUP the City is applying to the By-law.

8. Plan Winnipeg is a joint City - Province of Manitoba document. The public consultation list includes meetings with the Province on December 12, 2009 and April 18, 2010. After a Municipal Board hearing and report, the Province of Manitoba will inform the City of Winnipeg if it approves - with or without amendments - or rejects this By-law.

Would the applicant please provide the public with all of the provincial interdepartmental review comments on the by-law?

9. The current Plan Winnipeg By-law has a series of detailed Policy Plates depicting Land Use; Transportation; Transportation Concept Plan to 2020 and Beyond; and Targeted Neighbourhoods. By-law No. 67/2010 proposes replacing these policy plates with a little, general, 'Proposed Urban Structure' map (Figure 01a, page 29).

Why is the applicant removing the detail that would show citizens what the City is planning over the next 25 years for land use, transportation, Transit, etc., development?

10. *Why is the applicant making the plan so vague that it is unlikely to trigger a Plan Winnipeg amendment?*