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Item No. 3 Bed Bug Infestations – Public Information

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Council Motion of March 23, 2011, pertaining to the Winnipeg Public Service developing a policy to inform the public fully where bed bug infestations have occurred and have been dealt with, be received as information.

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 Steeves,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 20, 2011, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the Council Motion of March 23, 2011, pertaining to the Winnipeg Public Service developing a policy to inform the public fully where bed bug infestations have occurred and have been dealt with, be received as information, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 4, 2011, due to a tie vote, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council without recommendation.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2011, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS bed bugs have become an increasing concern in the City of Winnipeg and citizens have a growing anxiety regarding both increased incidents of infestation as well as the high rate of transferability;

AND WHEREAS, in 2010, bed bug related complaints to the City's Community By-Law Enforcement Service went up by 30%, to more than 500 complaints;

AND WHEREAS bed bugs are not exclusive to any one area or group of people;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS, to properly protect themselves and their homes, members of the public must know where bed bug infestations have occurred and where they have been declared eradicated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City's Community Services Department develop a policy to inform the public fully where bed bug infestations have occurred and have been dealt with.