STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOTIONS

Minute No. 268
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law No. 91/2008 regulates the activities of businesses dealing in used goods;

AND WHEREAS on occasion used goods businesses also sell new or reconditioned items purchased directly from manufacturers or their agents;

AND WHEREAS the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law requires that a used goods dealer must make and maintain a record of transaction when the used goods dealer acquires goods that are not used as if they were used goods including, paying suppliers by cheque and holding merchandise for at least 15 days after a record of acquisition is delivered to the Police Chief;

AND WHEREAS other retail outlets that sell new and reconditioned merchandise are not subject to the same stringent regulations;

AND WHEREAS The City has received complaints from Used Goods Businesses that the requirement to pay retail suppliers by cheque and holding merchandise delays transactions, and causes financial hardship for the purchaser;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law No. 91/2008 and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Service on the feasibility of amending the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law to allow used goods businesses to pay commercial retail suppliers for new or refurbished items by credit card, without the requirement for the 15 day holding period for merchandise.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – Motions (continued)

Minute No. 269
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;

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.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law