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REPORTS

Item No. 4 OurWinnipeg By-law No. 67/2010

Submitting communication dated June 23, 2011, from the Honourable Ron Lemieux, Minister of Local Government:

"After careful review and consideration, I am pleased to advise that I am approving the City of Winnipeg's new Plan Winnipeg By-law – OurWinnipeg – subject to conditions, pursuant to clause 229(1)(b) of *The City of Winnipeg Charter* (the Charter).

I am of the view that certain alterations to OurWinnipeg and conditions of approval are necessary to ensure that Winnipeg's new Development Plan meets all statutory requirements of the Charter and that all areas of provincial planning interest are satisfactorily addressed. The conditions of my approval are as follows:

1. That OurWinnipeg be altered to incorporate policy and mapping to identify the Airport Vicinity Protection Area. Although the Complete Communities document makes reference to adhering to Winnipeg's existing Airport Vicinity Protection Area, language to this effect is needed in OurWinnipeg itself as Section 269(3) of the Charter requires that this information be included in Plan Winnipeg (i.e. OurWinnipeg).

2. That OurWinnipeg be altered to include policy stating that the Public Schools Finance Board and affected school divisions will be consulted during the preparation of neighbourhood secondary plans. This condition will ensure that the OurWinnipeg planning framework is consistent with legislation recently passed under *The Planning and Land Dedication for School Sites Act*.

3. That the City of Winnipeg is required to provide the Province with an Annual Report summarizing how OurWinnipeg and its four supporting Direction Strategies are serving as the City's land use and development planning framework and identifying the positive effects they are having on Winnipeg's built environment.

4. That the Complete Communities Direction Strategy is adopted as a Secondary Plan By-law and that any future amendment By-laws to Complete Communities meet the statutory requirements of Section 234 of the Charter, which require that the Secondary Plan maintains consistency with OurWinnipeg and that the amendment By-laws involve a public notice and hearing process.

In addition to the above conditions and alterations, I have been advised that the City of Winnipeg Planning, Property and Development Department forwarded my Department a listing of minor errors, omissions and changes they requested to have incorporated into the provincial approval of OurWinnipeg. I have reviewed the requested changes and am of the view that the vast majority are indeed minor in nature. Accordingly the City may make the necessary changes to address these errors and omissions as proposed.

Please be advised, however, that the one alteration request from Winnipeg's planning staff that I am not incorporating as a condition of approval is the mapping change to identify a portion of the Fort Whyte Alive lands as New Community. Though I am not including this change in my overall approval of OurWinnipeg, I would be willing to consider any future amendment By-law in this regard following the standard public notice and hearing procedures outlined in the Charter.

As well, after OurWinnipeg is altered as required and given Third Reading, the City of Winnipeg is required to send me certified copies of the approved By-law, in accordance with Section 231 of the Charter. Please send me one copy of the By-law and four additional copies to my Department care of the Community and Regional Planning Branch (604 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3G 0N4). Please also send the same number of copies of the approved Complete Communities Secondary Plan.

I would like to congratulate the Mayor and City Council for the continued efforts being made in planning Winnipeg's future development. I would also like to congratulate the City of Winnipeg Planning, Property and Development Department for their successful public consultation efforts and for their cooperation and collaboration during the development plan review process. I look forward to building on this relationship in the future."