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Item No. 12 Sustainability of Farmers' Markets

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 2011, the City Centre Community Committee recommends that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with community food system experts and market organizers to develop policy recommendations to enhance the sustainability of farmers' markets while respecting safety and fairness, and report back to the appropriate Committee of Council in 90 days.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 2011, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS OurWinnipeg and the Complete Communities Direction Strategy (pending third reading) contain enabling policy that is relevant to the issue of farmers' market;

AND WHEREAS farmers markets offer unique opportunities for community connection and connection to food producers;

AND WHEREAS fair business opportunities for both temporary and permanent food vendors/businesses need to be balanced;

AND WHEREAS these business opportunities have a positive impact on Winnipeg's economy, create opportunity and can positively impact our local food system;

AND WHEREAS regulatory fairness, transparency and clarity are important to fostering these opportunities;

AND WHEREAS food safety and the enforcement of safe food handling in Winnipeg is a paramount concern;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with community food system experts and market organizers to develop policy recommendations to enhance the sustainability of farmers' markets while respecting safety and fairness, and report back to the appropriate Committee of Council in 90 days,

and forwarded the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.