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Item No. 1 Pilot Project - Taxi Use of Fire Hydrant Space

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of July 20, 2011 be concurred in, and the Winnipeg Public Service be asked to investigate and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on the viability of a Taxi Use of Fire Hydrant Space Project, with safety being the primary consideration.

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 Havixbeck,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 8, 2011, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended that the Council Motion of July 20, 2011 be concurred in, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 20, 2011, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,
Seconded by Councillor Swandel,

WHEREAS it is in the public interest and the interest of the City of Winnipeg to make taxi cabs more accessible to the public;

AND WEHREAS it is in the interest of the public and the interest of the City of Winnipeg to protect fire hydrant street side areas from illegal parking;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary, in cooperation with the City of Calgary Fire Department has come up with a one year pilot project to explore the idea of taxis using fire hydrant space to wait or stand to optimize the use of street space, provided always that the vehicles are not left unattended, with anticipated benefits of:

1) better protected hydrant space from illegal parking
2) greater access to taxis
3) better and more efficient use of street space
4) increased public parking space;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg administration, along with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, be asked to investigate and report back to the standing policy committee on the viability of such a project, with safety being the primary consideration.