STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 259
Councillor Smith asked why the names of restaurants in Winnipeg convicted of food infractions were hidden on the City website under the Community Services Department and why the City was not going ahead with the Province listing restaurants in the suburbs that have such convictions.

Councillor Havixbeck stated that this was a service the City was divesting itself of as of April 1. The City would no longer be reporting infractions as the Province would have its own web site and the City would likely not want to duplicate a service the Province was offering.

Councillor Smith noted that the Province may do all the inspections but it is in the interests of everyone in Winnipeg, and the tourism sector, to know that restaurants are breaking the Food By-laws and asked if Council should not be concerned and have the list on the City web site.

Councillor Havixbeck replied that the City divested itself of the service for a particular reason and indicated that it makes no sense to have duplication and she does not see it as a tourism feature to highlight restaurants that have health violations.

Councillor Mayes inquired when he might expect a response from the Winnipeg Police Service to the question he asked last month about costs charged for finger printing and criminal record checks.

Councillor Havixbeck replied that she still did not have a response from the department about this issue and what the logic for the charges was.