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Item No. 5 Review of By-laws to Permit the Raising of Hens in the City of Winnipeg

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 Winnipeg Public Service take into consideration the Council Motion of October 24, 2012 as part of the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law review.

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 Fielding,

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

Carried

The Executive Policy Committee received submissions with respect to the review of By-laws to permit the raising of hens in the City of Winnipeg from the following:

- Natalie Carreiro, submitted a PowerPoint Presentation titled "City Hens" dated November 7, 2012
- Paul Chorney, submitted a presentation titled "Review of By-laws to Permit the Raising of Hens in the City of Winnipeg" dated November 7, 2012
- Jen Funk, submitted a communication, undated
- Trevor Kirczenow, submitted a presentation titled "Animal Services and Urban Chickens"
- Kim Routledge-Blondal, submitted a webpage titled "Shattering seven urban myths about raising chickens", and a webpage titled "Chicago Chicken Keeping Recommended Practices".

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 29, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended that the Winnipeg Public Service take into consideration the Council Motion of October 24, 2012 as part of the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law review, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2012, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS it is beneficial for families to raise their own food;

AND WHEREAS chicken eggs are an essential part of most families' diets;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS large poultry operations and farms produce eggs that have increased levels of hormones and antibiotics, whereby raising chickens at home, you have organic eggs;

AND WHEREAS the raising of hens is allowed in Seattle, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Vancouver, Victoria, and Kamloops with no negative impacts on neighbourhoods;

THRERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask the Winnipeg Public Service to consider the by-laws and practices of cities that allow the raising of hens and report to the Standing Policy committees having jurisdiction on the feasibility of allowing the raising of hens in the City of Winnipeg.