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

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 29, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community submited 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:

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;

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.