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Item No. 1 Solid Waste By-law No. 110/2012 Amendment – Fine Increase for Abandoned Bulky Waste

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to Committee in 60 days on the October 24, 2012 Council motion regarding an Amendment to the Solid Waste By-law No. 110/2012 to increase fines for abandoned bulky waste.

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 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works requested the Winnipeg Public Service report back to Committee in 60 days on the October 24, 2012 Council motion, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works received a communication from Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward, in support of Amending the Solid Waste By-law No. 110/2012 regarding the fine increase for abandoned bulky waste.

Further on October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works received a communication from Annette Champion-Taylor, submitted on behalf of Adrian Peters, and 3 photographs of surrounding properties in support of the fine increase for abandoned bulky waste.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2012, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the Summary Convictions Act allows for a maximum fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00);

AND WHEREAS Summary Convictions Act allows for paying half of a fine within fifteen (15) days lessoning the impact or deterrent associated with the fine;

AND WHEREAS there continues to be a problem with the dumping of bulk waste by individuals and businesses in many parts of Winnipeg despite the new garbage and recycle master plan;

AND WHEREAS bulk waste abandonment on public and private property presents a high risk for fires jeopardizing both property and people;

AND WHEREAS home rentals are a business;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City administration provides recommended amendments to the Solid Waste By-law and any other by-law to establish a separate, higher fine of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) on individuals and two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) on businesses that dump or abandon bulk waste on public and private property.