STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 259
Councillor Orlikow noted that Council just approved an amendment to the Doing Business in Winnipeg and the Food Service Establishment By-law and questioned if food trucks would be running around the City this summer.

Councillor Fielding replied that the piece brought forward in terms of the by-law was a great new step forward, was a good balancing act between protecting the public and reducing the red tape that businesses have to face.

Councillor Eadie asked how many and what kind of businesses would not have to file for permits annually. Councillor Fielding advised that there were a number of businesses affected such as Dickie Dee and businesses handling small items where there was not a wash centre. He further noted some changes in term of Farmers' Markets, so they do not have to re-apply every 14 days for temporary permits. He concluded that this would most importantly protect the public.

Councillor Eadie inquired about the status of appointments to the Police Board. Councillor Fielding advised that the Province hosted some training sessions on the weekend and that the City was in the process of doing the extensive process of applicant background checks, were working with the Province to ensure their two appointees were in place, and the item should come before Council in March.

Councilor Eadie questioned who attended the training sessions; to which Councillor Fielding replied that, as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, he was there all weekend as the City of Winnipeg representative.