Agenda – Council – July 17, 2013

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Minister of Finance, Stan Struthers,

Submitting communication advising that By-law No. 84/2013, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing of money in the amount of up to $16,008,000.00, which received first reading by City Council on June 26, 2013, is approved. By-law No. 84/2013 is submitted for second and third reading. (By-law No. 84/2013)

From the City Auditor, Chief Performance Officer, Audit Department

Submitting communication dated June 12, 2013, advising that pursuant to the provisions of the *Councillors' Representation Allowance (CRA) Fund Policy* ("the Policy"), they have audited the annual allowance reports of each City Councillor for the year ended December 31, 2012. Councillors are responsible for maintaining compliance with the Policy for expenditures incurred. The City Clerk's Department is responsible for processing expenditures and preparing annual allowance reports for each Councillor in accordance with the provisions of the Policy; they are also responsible for such internal controls as are determined necessary to maintain compliance with the Policy, and to enable preparation of annual allowance reports that are free from material misstatement. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the compliance of fund expenditures, and on the fair presentation of the annual allowance reports, based on our audit. Our audit has been conducted to satisfy the provisions of the Policy and, therefore, may not be suitable for use for other purposes.

Further advising that the audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that they plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance that fund expenditures complied with the Policy, and that the annual allowance reports are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts presented in the annual allowance reports. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, and include risk assessments of non-compliance and material misstatement. Accordingly, we considered the internal controls relevant to the expenditure processes, and the preparation of annual allowance reports, in order to design procedures that were appropriate under the circumstances. We believe the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Fund expenditures of all the City Councillors were found to be in compliance, in all significant respects, and the annual allowance reports for the year ended December 31, 2012 have fairly presented the fund expenditures, in all material respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Policy. The individual reports are attached for information and include a summary of expenditures.

Council – Communications (continued):

They have also provided the Councillors' Representation Allowance Control Systems Report to the Governance Committee of Council discussing our findings and recommendations on the internal controls for the fund. This additional report is an integral part of performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

From the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor,

Submitting as instructed by Council on June 26, 2013, draft by-law to amend the Complete Communities Direction Strategy By-law No. 68/2010, which by-law may receive second and third readings. (By-law No. 55/2013)

From the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor,

Submitting as instructed by Council on January 30, 2013, draft by-law to approve a plan of subdivision and amend Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 to rezone land located at 604 Jessie Avenue, in the City Centre Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 23/2012 (By-law No. 90/2013)

From the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor,

Submitting as instructed by Council on February 27, 2013, draft by-law to approve a plan of subdivision and amend Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 to rezone land located at 582 Jessie Avenue, in the City Centre Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 35/2012 (By-law No. 91/2013)

From the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor,

Submitting communication dated July 9, 2013 advising that a draft by-law to amend s. 109.2(2) of the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law to correct an incorrect numerical reference to another provision of the By-law is submitted to Council for enactment.

Further advising that the current reference to s. 53(4) is incorrect can be easily ascertained by the fact that s. 109.2(2) refers to it as dealing with dumping of garbage when in fact s. 53(4) deals with large scale dumping of garbage and is referred to correctly in s. 109.2(3). The subsection that addresses dumping of garbage is s. 53(3).

By-law No. 93/2013, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg, to make a technical amendment to the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law, may receive all three readings. (By-law No. 93/2013)