STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOTIONS

Minute No. 496
Moved by Councillor Steeves,
Seconded by Councillor Swandel,

WHEREAS it is in the public interest and the interest of the City of Winnipeg to make taxi cabs more accessible to the public;

AND WEHREAS it is in the interest of the public and the interest of the City of Winnipeg to protect fire hydrant street side areas from illegal parking;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary, in cooperation with the City of Calgary Fire department has come up with a one year pilot project to explore the idea of taxis using fire hydrant space to wait or stand to optimize the use of street space, provided always that the vehicles are not left unattended, with anticipated benefits of:

1) better protected hydrant space from illegal parking
2) greater access to taxis
3) better and more efficient use of street space
4) increased public parking space.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg administration, along with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, be asked to investigate and report back to the standing policy committee on the viability of such a project, with safety being the primary consideration.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law