

Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – February 10, 2014

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law No. 91/2008 – Escort Agencies and Massage Parlours

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 29, 2014, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has by-laws to protect citizens and to regulate escorts, escort services, and massage parlours;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has an obligatory role to ensure safety of women and girls and to eliminate chances of sexual exploitation and human trafficking;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service provide a report about the number of registered escort services and massage parlours and develop a strategy for ensuring by-law compliance given the significant numbers of these establishments listed in the City of Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report incorporate safety measures the City of Winnipeg could undertake to prevent women and girls from being trafficked in these establishments across Winnipeg.