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Item No. 5 Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law No. 91/2008 – Escort Agencies and Massage Parlours
File EL-1

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 10, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of January 29, 2014 be referred to the Winnipeg Police Board, for report back in 120 days, in consultation with the Community Services Department and the Chairpersons of both the Winnipeg Police Board and the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

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 February 10, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

1. That the Council Motion of January 29, 2014 be referred to the Winnipeg Police Board, for a report back in 120 days, in consultation with the Community Services Department and the Chairpersons of both the Winnipeg Police Board and the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

Further on February 10, 2014, Councillor Havixbeck, Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward accompanied by Diane Redsky, submitted a pamphlet and brochure on human trafficking from the Canadian Women's Foundation, and a package entitled "Human Trafficking" from the Royal Canadian Mounted Place, in support of the Council Motion on Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law No. 91/2008 – Escort Agencies and Massage Parlours, which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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.