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Item No. 9 Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to formulate a Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy for both public and private lands and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development in 120 days.

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:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 15, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development directed the Winnipeg Public Service to formulate a Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy for both public and private lands and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development in 120 days, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 26, 2014, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has hundreds of acres of land within the City that sits idle as said land has been negatively impacted by historic environmental conditions, and such lands, either publically or privately owned, are often referred to as 'brownfield lands';

AND WHEREAS if these lands were remediated, it would create an economic opportunity, by way of potential development and therefore increase the tax base of the City, as well as increasing density and making our City more vibrant;

AND WHEREAS the costs to remediate lands has prevented these lands from becoming productive, but that this is not uncommon within other large industrial centers in Canada, and therefore other Canadian cities have established active and effective Brownfield Redevelopment Strategies;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS Our Winnipeg identified brownfields as an issue that must be addressed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg formulate a Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy for both public and private lands and present said policy for adoption by City Council.