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***Attention Business Owners and Operators**
This letter contains important information about the City of Winnipeg's Business Licensing Program

As of April 1, 2015, the City of Winnipeg will no longer be responsible for licensing businesses that require public health approval to operate under the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law. The following licences will be affected:

1. Food Service Establishment Licences (restaurants, retailers, caterers, outdoor mobile vendors, and temporary food service operations associated with a special event or farmers' market);
2. Public and Semi-public Swimming Pool Licences (indoor and outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, and whirlpools); and
3. Body Modification (Tattoo) Establishment and Body Modification Technician Licences

Public Health Inspection services were transferred from the City of Winnipeg to the Province of Manitoba on April 1, 2012, to resolve the issue of split jurisdictional public health service delivery within the city of Winnipeg. The three-year transition agreement between the City and the Province will end on March 31, 2015, after which the City of Winnipeg will no longer be responsible for licensing these businesses. For licences in these categories issued after April 1, 2014, the associated fees will be pro-rated to reflect the duration of the licence being issued.

Please note that Manitoba Health is currently developing a licensing strategy to ensure a seamless transition of responsibilities. Public Health representatives will contact you closer to the transition date to provide specific details on future process, fees and services. In the meantime, Manitoba Health would like to remind all business owner/operators that the requirement for licensing under the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law, for the categories of businesses noted above, remains in effect until March 31, 2015.

For more information about public health inspection services, please visit the Manitoba Health - Health Protection Unit webpage at www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/protection/index.html.