Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management – May 7, 2015

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Item No. 3 Winnipeg Zoning By-law – Bee Keeping

The following resolution is submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management for consideration:

WHEREAS the maintenance of a healthy bee population is critical to sustaining bio-diversity through the pollination of vegetation;

AND WHEREAS the declining population of bees throughout North America has been recognized as a significant environmental issue;

AND WHEREAS many Cities have amended by-laws and adopted policies to encourage the practice of urban bee keeping in an effort to restore and enhance the bee population;

AND WHEREAS a number of property owners in Downtown Winnipeg have expressed an interest in establishing bee colonies on high roof tops;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage Riverbank Management be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to investigate and report back at the September meeting on the following:

1. A cross jurisdictional analysis and a summation of best practices over several Canadian cities of urban bee keeping in particular on the roof tops of high buildings.

2. Recommendations for amendments to the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 100/2004to allow for the keeping of bees on building roof tops in the downtown.