Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management – November 2, 2015

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Item No. 2 Historical Buildings and Resources – Prevention of Deterioration

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 27, 2014, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management and adopted that the Winnipeg Public Service report back within 180 days, on mechanisms to prevent heritage resources from being allowed to deteriorate by incurring structural and safety concerns (de facto demolition by neglect); by strengthening relevant policy and by-laws including but not limited to the Vacant Buildings By-law.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 22, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management granted a further extension of time of 90 days, for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On April 10, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management granted a further extension of time of 90 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed by Council on May 27, 2014.

Further on April 10, 2015, Mr. J. Kiernan, Manager Urban Design, Planning, Property and Development Department, submitted Appendix A: Analysis of Building Maintenance Standards in Current City of Winnipeg By-laws, with respect to Historical Buildings and Resources – Prevention of Deterioration.

On January 26, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management granted an extension of time of 60 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 27, 2014, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management and adopted the following:

1. That a new Historical Resources By-law (draft attached as Appendix A to this Report) incorporating the features outlined in this Report and repealing the existing Historical Buildings By-law, be enacted and generally taking effect June 1, 2014.

2. That the fees set out in Appendix E be approved and come into effect on June 1, 2014, the effective date of the new By-law.

3. That a “Commemorative List” of Historic Resources created by the By-law be produced immediately as a means of recognizing those resources that merit commemoration without the imposition of any obligations or controls.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

4. That the Director of Planning Property and Development be authorized to send letters to owners of all buildings currently on the Conservation List and Inventory of Historic Buildings, advising them of the status of their buildings and the process the City will follow with respect to them as the new By-law is adopted.

5. That the Public Service report back within 180 days on mechanisms to prevent heritage resources from being allowed to deteriorate by incurring structural and safety concerns (de facto demolition by neglect); by strengthening relevant policy and by-laws including but not limited to the Vacant Buildings By-law.

6. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.