Minute No. 26
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – November 10, 2015

Item No. 2 Cannabis Regulatory Provisions

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to look to other Canadian cities for cannabis regulatory provisions in order to establish limits on cannabis related facilities in Winnipeg, and report back at the May 2016 meeting.

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 Orlikow,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 18, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 10, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development recommended to Council that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to look to other Canadian cities for cannabis regulatory provisions in order to establish limits on cannabis related facilities in Winnipeg, and report back at the May 2016 meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 13, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development laid over the matter to its meeting on November 30, 2015.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 30, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

WHEREAS Canadian society's perspective on allowing the use of cannabis for medical and other purposes is changing along with the United States of America's perspective in a number of states;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS medical cannabis users continue to push for their rights for easier access in purchasing cannabis to be upheld in every province and major city;

AND WHEREAS cities such as Vancouver, Victoria, and Toronto are regulating or seeking to regulate cannabis related facilities;

AND WHEREAS cities do have a legislative role in determining facility related issues under such federally regulated items like cell towers;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does regulate facilities such as bath houses and body rub parlors in zoning by-laws and the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law;

AND WHEREAS a substantial portion of society will continue to be opposed to the use of cannabis;

AND WHEREAS life style decisions and influences for minors continue to be in the domain of parents and guardians;

AND WHEREAS so called head shops are selling cannabis related apparatus / tools;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not have any provisions in its by-laws to limit the opening of cannabis dispensaries or retail outlets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service look to other Canadian cities for cannabis regulatory provisions in order to establish limits on cannabis related facilities in Winnipeg.