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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – January 4, 2016

Item No. 2 The Blue Dot Project

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 4, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to monitor the Provincial Government announcements and report back, as directed by the Council Motion of December 9, 2015, at such time as the Province provides further details on The Blue Dot Project.

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:

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COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 9, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment:

Moved By Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS the David Suzuki Foundation has brought forward the Blue Dot project, which is calling upon communities across Canada to call upon all levels of government to recognize people's right to live in a healthy environment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has recently announced their commitment to lead the country as the first province to support the Blue Dot Declaration;

AND WHEREAS ensuring a safe and clean environment and building a sustainable community remains a priority for the City of Winnipeg (the City);

AND WHEREAS through A Sustainable Winnipeg, the City acknowledges that our environment is the foundation for economic and social health, that people comprise a part of the environment, and that a healthy environment is essential to the well-being of all communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the Province's commitment and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment.