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Item No. 11 Free Wi-Fi Services in City of Winnipeg Facilities

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 12, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to Committee in 90 days on the implementation of free Wi-Fi services to the public in City of Winnipeg facilities.

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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 12, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development requested Council to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to Committee in 90 days on the implementation of free Wi-Fi services to the public in City of Winnipeg facilities.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 25, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS in a thriving modern city, municipal facilities need to be leaders in meeting the public's expectation of modern services being available in our facilities;

AND WHEREAS the opportunity exists to offer free Wi-Fi Internet to the public in hundreds of municipal facilities at little cost to the city of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS private Wi-Fi services are currently offered in many city facilities but in many cases, these services are not available to the public;

AND WHEREAS there are currently hundreds of Wi-Fi access points in City owned facilities where internet service providers pay a modest fee to the city for these Access Points;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been approached to allow for the provision of free public wifi in City of Winnipeg Facilities in lieu of payment for these fees;

AND WHEREAS Council approval may be required to pursue this exciting opportunity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the administration report in 90 days on the implementation of free Wi-Fi services to the public in City of Winnipeg facilities.