STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION,

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg cuts the majority of the Boulevards and the majority of Parks on an averaged 10 day cycle;

AND WHEREAS weather related circumstances and other factors may cause the cycle to reach as high as 14 days;

AND WHEREAS regional parks tend to be mowed more frequently than every 10 days, with the number of cuts per season ranging from approximately 8 to 12 cycles;

AND WHEREAS the grass mowing cycle of the City is not adjusted to ensure the frequency of mowing is higher in May, June and early July, when the rate of grass growth is the highest, versus slower grass growth in latter July, August and September;

AND WHEREAS the failure to increase the frequency of mowing in our parks and on our boulevards every year causes the City to be unsightly and causes problems for sporting groups that use park playing fields;

AND WHEREAS the issue could easily be addressed by increasing the frequency of grass cutting in May and June, and possibly part of July, and by reducing the frequency in the latter of July, in August, and September;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg direct the public service to immediately develop a solution to ensure grass is cut based on the growing cycle of lawns in our parks and on our boulevards by ensuring the frequency of mowing is increased when the grass actually grows rapidly, namely in the months of May, June, and Early July, and to report to Council within 60 days of the steps taken to ensure this is done.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in accordance with Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law