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Item No. 2 Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008 – Rooming Houses

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and submitted the following to Council:

1. That an extension of time of up to 90 days, from today's Standing Committee meeting, be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

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 Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 11, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks recommended that an extension of time of up to 90 days, from today's Standing Committee meeting, be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further on July 11, 2016, Sel Burrows, President of the North End Seniors Association Inc., submitted a copy of Part 2 – Residential Properties of the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008 in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 27, 2016, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS affordable housing is very difficult to find in Winnipeg, making rooming houses an important amenity for people with low incomes;

AND WHEREAS there are many rooming houses kept in liveable condition by the owners;

AND WHEREAS some rooming houses do not meet the liveability criteria under the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS due to the lack of affordable housing options, many rooming house residents are afraid to make complaints about unliveable conditions in their rooming houses because they do not want to get kicked out on to the street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service undertake whatever it must do to have existing building inspectors conduct annual inspections of rooming houses to ensure all Neighbourhood Liveability by-law dwelling provisions are met in “Part 1” and “Part 2”.