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Item No. 2 Bill C-45, the proposed Cannabis Act – City of Winnipeg Financial Implications

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 13, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council motion of July 19, 2017 and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Public Service, in consultation with the Winnipeg Police Service as appropriate, review and report back on the financial implications of Bill C-45, the proposed Cannabis Act, for the City of Winnipeg.

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 July 19, 2017, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS the Federal Government intends to bring its proposed Cannabis Act (Bill C-45) into force no later than July 2018, at which time adults would be able to legally possess, grow, buy and consume limited amounts of cannabis;

AND WHEREAS the implementation will require action by the Provincial Government and the City of Winnipeg to ensure oversight and regulation of cannabis sales;

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that the legalization of cannabis may result in incremental costs for City services including, but not limited to, policing;

AND WHEREAS tax revenues from the sale of cannabis should be shared with the City of Winnipeg to cover costs associated with the regulation of distribution and sales as well as additional City services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service, in consultation with the Winnipeg Police Service as appropriate, review and report back on the financial implications of Bill C-45, the proposed Cannabis Act, for the City of Winnipeg.