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Item No. 9 North District Police Station

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 8, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council motion of December 13, 2017, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 8, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development received the Council motion of December 13, 2017 as information and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward, provided a submission in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 13, 2017, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS many past Manitoba provincial and Winnipeg municipal governments understood the importance of park and recreational spaces in connecting the people of the city through healthy activities (prevention land) by establishing the provisions in the City of Winnipeg Charter, Part 5, Division 5, section 205(2) (attached as City of Winnipeg charter Provisions) in regard to a 2/3 vote of all Council members to dispose of park and cemetery land, and by City Council establishing the following provision in Council policy PD-003 Property Sales:

"Council Minutes - July 18, 1979"
"Report of the Committee on Finance dated June 26, 1979"
"2. All sales of property designated or acquired for park purposes shall be subject to Section 144(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act 'approval of at least two-thirds of the members Of Council.'"

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Old Exhibition Grounds, zoned PR3 Regional Park/Recreation defined in the pertinent Winnipeg Zoning By-law definitions attached, has been a North End regional park, recreation, leisure, and amusement property serving the people of the North End and Winnipeggers for over 100 years when the City of Winnipeg's Parks Department took over the property in 1907 (a short history and legal description attached);

AND WHEREAS the current public engagement process in late summer and fall, 2017 has not consulted with the regional stakeholder neighbourhoods of the area including the traditional North End the Old Exhibition Grounds has served all these years;

AND WHEREAS the North District Police Station public engagement has been misleading the public on the issue of the City of Winnipeg's ability to obtain privately owned land derived through statements paraphrased such as "we cannot name a private property due to the price of the land going too high, and because of that, we cannot go onto the private land to inspect it for suitability for a police station" at the Thursday, November 2, 2017 engagement session at the West Kildonan Library as heard by Councillor Eadie in a discussion between city staff and stakeholders at the library;

AND WHEREAS the ability of the City of Winnipeg to obtain land for its purposes described in the City of Winnipeg Charter, Part 5, Division 5, on powers related to property from sections 204 to 206 (attached) where it states a city employee may undertake the activities to determine if the property will meet the needs for its intended purpose in the case of expropriation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's four district model requires the North district Station to serve the population far beyond the traditional North End with a need to find a minimum of five acres (East District Station 6.8 and West district 4.4) of land with access to a major road to serve the population beyond the traditional North End in District 3, requiring a 2/3 vote of Council to rezone the PR3 property to C3 as described in the attached extracts from the Winnipeg Zoning By-law;

AND WHEREAS past land deals for "protection and emergency services" facilities led to the sound advice to undertake an RFP process to find private sector land for public services as described in the attached Winnipeg Zoning By-law descriptions;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service undertake all things necessary under the City of Winnipeg Charter, pertinent by-laws and pertinent policies to obtain and make ready a city owned or private property other than PR zoned properties for the new North District Police Station within 90 days of the passing of this motion.