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**Item No. 11 Community Gardens**

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 8, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development considered the Council Motion dated December 13, 2017, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of a license agreement with Manitoba Hydro with respect to the Active Transportation Corridor that includes terms and conditions for the City to act as the one entity dealing with Manitoba Hydro in the ongoing management of community gardens along the subject right-of-way.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to Council at the conclusion of such negotiations to seek Council approval to enter into, execute and deliver such license agreement.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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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 concurred in the Council motion of December 13, 2017 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Councillor Pagtakhan, Point Douglas Ward, provided a submission in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Morantz,

WHEREAS Community Gardens provide City of Winnipeg residents of all ages with an opportunity to engage in a healthy recreational activity while growing nutritious food, benefiting from social interaction by meeting neighbours, and building community ties while learning about the growing cycle and beautifying public open space;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg City Council adopted the Community Garden Policy on June 28, 2006;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro owns the right-of-way (ROW) in North West Winnipeg from just south of Selkirk Avenue to just north of Templeton Avenue;

AND WHEREAS there are several community gardens on this ROW, and Manitoba Hydro administers several agreements individually with several citizens for these community gardens;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro is desirous to deal with one entity in the ongoing management of the existing and future potential community gardens along this ROW;

AND WHEREAS there is a shortage of public community garden plot opportunities in North West Winnipeg;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City operates allotment gardens at various locations throughout the City that are available for rent through the Public Works Department - Parks and Open Space Division;

AND WHEREAS the City is planning an Active Transportation Corridor along this ROW and this creates synergies with respect to creating community gardens adjacent to the Active Transportation Corridor;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro and the City are currently working on a license agreement that will span the entire length of the Active Transportation Corridor;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the City be the one entity dealing with Manitoba Hydro in the ongoing management of the existing and future potential community gardens along this ROW;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Public Service be authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of a license agreement with Manitoba Hydro with respect to the Active Transportation Corridor that includes terms and conditions for the City to act as the one entity dealing with Manitoba Hydro in the ongoing management of community gardens along the subject ROW.

2. That the Public Service report back to Council at the conclusion of such negotiations to seek Council approval to enter into, execute and deliver such license agreement.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.