STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION,

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 76
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS the crystal meth crisis in 2018 has resulted in a huge increase in bicycle thefts;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service cannot identify a stolen bicycle if the serial number is not recorded anywhere for them to check a bike's status;

AND WHEREAS a police officer working in the North End (North Point Douglas) has indicated a great solution to ensuring serial numbers are registered by having a bike registered in the City of Winnipeg's online bike registry at the time of purchase;

AND WHEREAS the voluntary online bike registry only has 2,052 bikes registered for the whole city of approximately 730,000 people;

AND WHEREAS registration of identifying information works in dealing with theft and other problematic issues for automobiles with vehicle identification numbers (VIN) and pawn shops under the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service undertake a consultation with retail outlets, specialty shops and the company that maintains the online bike registry for the purpose of identifying how bicycles can be registered at time of purchase in Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back to City Council with the required amendments to the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law and plan to implement bicycle registration at time of purchase.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law