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Item No. 2 Bicycle Registry

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 22, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service undertake a consultation, in cooperation with the Office of Public Engagement, with the Winnipeg Police Service, 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 the challenges and benefits of such registration.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to City Council within 150 days with recommendations including any required amendments to the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law No. 91/2018 and plan to implement bicycle registration at time of purchase.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service provide a verbal update to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in April of 2019.

4. 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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 22, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 9, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the Council Motion dated December 13, 2018, with the following amendments:

- In the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
  After "consultation" add "in cooperation with the Office of Public Engagement", before "retail outlets" add "the Winnipeg Police Service", at the end add "and the challenges and benefits of such registration"

- In the AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
  Delete "with the" and replace with "within 150 days with recommendation including any"

- Add the following new recommendation:

  "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 No. 91/2018 and plan to implement bicycle registration at time of purchase.",

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 13, 2018, 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 Rollins,

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.