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REPORTS

Item No. 3 Tax Sale Process Changes

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development recommended to Council:

1. That, as part of the comprehensive City of Winnipeg Real Estate Policy Review, the Winnipeg Public Service be granted an extension of time of 180 days to report back on the following:

    A. Potential changes to the City's current tax sale process policies, including:

        i. Reducing the number of years that the real property taxes in respect of a property must be due and unpaid before the tax sale process is triggered; and

        ii. Offering for sale by public auctions any property that is liable to be sold for unpaid taxes, except for any specific properties for which the City intends to exercise its prior right to purchase.

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:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That, as part of the comprehensive City of Winnipeg Real Estate Policy Review, the Winnipeg Public Service be granted an extension of time of 180 days to report back on the matter, and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

J. Kiernan, Director, Planning, Property and Development Department, submitted a communication dated May 17, 2019 with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 19, 2018, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service be directed to submit a formal request to the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter to amend or repeal section 385 in respect of assignment of a tax sale certificate.

2. That the Public Service be directed to review and report back within 180 days on the following potential changes to the City's current tax sale process policies:

    A. reducing the number of years that the real property taxes in respect of a property must be due and unpaid before the tax sale process is triggered; and

    B. offering for sale by public auctions any property that is liable to be sold for unpaid taxes, except for any specific properties for which the City intends to exercise its prior right to purchase.

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