Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – May 27, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 7 Purchasing of Land – Sumka Forest

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to investigate the possibility of purchasing the 62.5 acres of privately owned land located at 36 and 88 Sumka Road in the neighbourhood of St. Vital Perimeter South, identified by Roll Nos. 08005845500, 08005855000, 08005890000 & 08006367000, and report back to the Standing Committee within 120 days.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Councillor Rollins to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee be concurred in.

Carried

Councillor Mayes resumed the Chair.

Denis Gautron and Laurie Ringaert, Save our Seine, submitted a presentation titled "The Vermette-Seine River Forest: Stewarding the Protection of our Wild Urban Spaces" in support of the matter.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 6, 2019, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS there is 62.5 acres of privately owned land located at 36 and 88 Sumka Road, identified by Roll Nos. 08005845500, 08005855000, 08005890000 & 08006367000 (the "property");

AND WHEREAS a portion of the property is designated as a Natural Area with a Grade A classification;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is desirous of owing and protecting all highly graded Natural Areas;

AND WHEREAS OurWinnipeg Direction 02-2 Environment states that the City should "recognize and preserve Winnipeg's parks, green spaces and riverbanks as green oases in our urban setting."

AND WHEREAS the property is currently listed for sale by Cushman & Wakefield/Stevenson;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage, and Downtown Development direct the Winnipeg Public Service to investigate the possibility of purchasing the 62.5 acres of privately owned land located at 36 and 88 Sumka Road in the neighbourhood of St. Vital Perimeter South, identified by Roll Nos. 08005845500, 08005855000, 08005890000 & 08006367000, and report back to the Standing Policy Committee within 120 days.