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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – July 13, 2020

Item No. 15 Affordable Housing Pilot Project

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to establish a new pilot program designed after the William Whyte Pilot project and expand the boundaries to include all five Housing Improvement Zones, and report back on program requirements with 90 days

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 Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 15, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 13, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development passed the following motion:

WHEREAS, The City of Winnipeg is in receipt of a Housing Needs Assessment;

AND WHEREAS the public service will consult the Needs Assessment and report back on recommendations for an affordable housing program(s) as well as short, medium and long activities for consideration to advance affordable housing opportunities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a history of using surplus lands to support affordable housing,

AND WHEREAS the most recent program using surplus lands to support affordable housing is the William Whyte pilot program, which expired January 2020,

AND WHEREAS much interest has been expressed to expand this program, to further support the development of affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the development of a new program based off the William Whyte pilot could be achieved as a short term initiative to get immediate action on housing activity;

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct the Public Service to establish a new pilot program designed after the William Whyte Pilot project and expand the boundaries to include all five Housing Improvement Zones, and report back on program requirements with 90 days.