STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,

HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 611
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the cultivation, possession, acquisition and consumption of cannabis for medical purposes has been permitted in residential properties under certain circumstances pursuant to federal legislation for many years;

AND WHEREAS the federal Cannabis Act came into effect on October 17,2018 and made Canada the second country in the world, after Uruguay, to formally legalize the cultivation, possession, acquisition and consumption of cannabis and its by-products for both recreational and medical purposes;

AND WHEREAS there are properties within the City where hundreds of cannabis plants are actively cultivated at any one time, ostensibly under the authority of one or more federal registrations to cultivate cannabis for medical purposes;

AND WHEREAS the cultivation of hundreds of cannabis plants within a single residential dwelling has the potential to create or contribute to negative impacts within neighbourhoods, including but not limited to: odour complaints, long-term damage to buildings, and increased likelihood of criminal activity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council within 120 days with options legally available to the City to regulate or prohibit the cultivation of cannabis for any purpose, including for medical purposes, in residential neighbourhoods and/or in properties with a residential zoning designation.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law