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Moved by Councillor

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Item No. 2 Development of an Economic Recovery Plan for Community Centers

On March 10, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks considered the Council Motion of February 25, 2021 and recommended to Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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2. That the economic recovery plan for community centres, as developed in Recommendation 1, utilize a portion of the $2.5 million tax surplus to fund the plan.

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Julie Fisher submitted a communication dated March 9, 2021, with respect to the matter.

Margie Reis, Garden City Community Centre submitted a presentation titled Economic Recovery for Community Centres, with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 25, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS Winnipeg's community centers are critical to the health and wellbeing of the residents of the City;

AND WHEREAS section 1-5 RECREATION of the OurWinnipeg Plan states that "The City of Winnipeg is a leader in delivering recreation services that build healthy communities."

AND WHEREAS section 07 PARKS, PLACES AND OPEN SPACES of the Complete Communities Direction Strategy states that "Winnipeg's Parks, Places and Open Spaces contribute to all its citizens' enjoyment and quality of life. These public spaces are valued as essential to the urban fabric, encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles, cleaner environments, connectivity, recreation, community pride and urban beautification".

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS although most of Winnipeg's community centers are owned by the City they are run by volunteers and supported by General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC);

AND WHEREAS with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, time is of the essence and there is a need to develop an economic recovery plan of for Winnipeg's community centers to be able to provide health and well being services for the residents of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to work with the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) to develop an economic recovery plan for the City's community centers.