STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 354
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the potential exists for the CNR to subdivide property at the CN Transcona Yards for the purpose of sale;

AND WHEREAS planning issues and concerns have arisen with the existence of heavy industrial zoning next to residential zoning, with little or no buffer or transitional zoning, and the need for predictable and acceptable land use policies,

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Planning, Property and Development Department has recently reviewed all industrial lands in Winnipeg and has found there to be a surplus of industrially zoned lands and therefore an opportunity to redevelop some industrial lands for other uses;

AND WHEREAS the CN Transcona Yard industrial lands are addressed in Plan Winnipeg, under section 3B-06 and Policy Plate A, namely, "evaluating new industrial development proposals to ensure that the existing neighbourhoods are protected";

AND WHEREAS at the East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee meeting of April 6, 2004, the committee requested that CN, in cooperation with our administration, supply a plan for the future of the CN Transcona Yards;

AND WHEREAS under Plan Winnipeg, the provision is made for a formal Secondary Planning Process to address these concerns and, if implemented, can offer a long-term vision and plan for the existing CN Transcona Yards, in cooperation with the CNR and the community of Transcona;

AND WHEREAS a Secondary Plan By-law for the CN Transcona Yards would provide land use predictability that would provide industry with economic stability and ensure the long term preservation and integrity of existing neighbourhoods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg, through the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, have administration request the CNR enter into a collaborative Secondary Planning Process in order to achieve a long-term plan that is acceptable to both the community, the City of Winnipeg and the CNR;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to expedite the situation, the City Administration immediately contact the CNR and receive agreement from the CNR to place a voluntary freeze on any further permit applications, as new permits could be detrimental to the Secondary Plan Process and failing that, that effective immediately, City Council, under authority of Section 246(1), City of Winnipeg Charter, approve the withholding of permits for all those lands in the CNR Transcona Yards Industrial Policy Area in Plan Winnipeg until a Secondary Plan for the CNR Transcona Yards is established by Council.

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