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Hi colleagues,

Below are my presention notes on the report topics I registered to speak on:

ADDENDUM - REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED OCTOBER 13, 2021
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1. Cannabis Cultivation in Residential Areas

I am in total support of the Public Service's recommendations in this matter of inappropriate use of residential properties for LARGE medical cannabis production. I presented to PDHDD an extensive explanation and recommendations of my own, but for today, I am only asking you as leaders of Council to add a recommendation on an action to inform Health Canada about our concern for people's health described below:

We know that many years ago, the health problems involved with illegal grow operations from mold and other factors meant the house if purchased by someone else would face many issues that led the Winnipeg Police Service and the province to list busted addresses for illegal cannabis growing. Mr. Squires presenting today can explain that controversy if you ask him. Yes there are filtration and H-vac systems that work better to some degree today, but there are still many issues inside a house where large numbers of plants are grown.

Health Canada has acknowledged these health problems in a round about way with their limitations on how many certified prescriptions can be grown at one address. Health Canada came up with those rules before we faced the large number of plants / grams of cannabis prescribed for medical cannabis consumers. Given their consideration in the past about number of plants being grown in one address, I am recommending the following amendment to be added to the recommendations on proceeding to some kind of resolution for residents of Winnipeg:

Be it resolved that on behalf of Winnipeg City Council, the Winnipeg Public Service send an official letter to Health Canada describing the problems in trying to deal with people growing their own large certifications in a residential property, and demanding/requesting Health Canada set a limit of how many plants can be grown in a residential property before affecting ones health, the responsibility of Health Canada on behalf of Canadians.

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Ross listens!

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