STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION,

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 797
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the community by-law enforcement division is responsible for carrying out inspections under the Neighbourhood Livability By-Law No. 1/2008;

AND WHEREAS provisions set out in the By-law identify applicable fines and monetary penalties for specific infractions;

AND WHEREAS the collection of unpaid fines and monetary penalties are sometimes sent to a collection agency while others are added to the real property taxes, pursuant to section 187 of the Charter;

AND WHEREAS it can be difficult for the city to recoup all of the fees sent to a collection agency due to change in company ownership, and other methods of evading payment of the fines;

AND WHEREAS recouping the costs associated with the enforcement of the neighborhood liveability by-law will ensure a safer and stronger sense of community among neighbors and will also ensure that property owners are being held responsible for the maintenance of their properties;

AND WHEREAS when these fees are applied to the property tax bill they must be paid, and if not, the city has means to take over property due to non-payment of property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not currently have the authority to add certain fines to real property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter to allow for the addition of fines and penalties, not limited to those listed in sections 185 or 186, directly onto the property tax bill of the offending property.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law