Minute No. 80
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – November 30, 2022

Item No. 3 Occupancy Permits – Garbage Bin Requirements for Multi-family Properties

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the appropriate Standing Committee within 90 days on a garbage management plan process for existing multi-family dwellings within old mature neighbourhoods in Winnipeg.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

WHEREAS the insufficient garbage bin capacity problem exists beyond the five Housing Improvement zones in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS neighbourhoods such as St. John's Neighbourhood, Inkster Faraday Neighbourhood, Chalmers Neighbourhood, and West Alexander Neighbourhood are just some examples of old mature neighbourhoods that do or may have multifamily properties with insufficient garbage capacity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1 of Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated November 30, 2022 be amended by deleting the words "the Housing Improvement Zones" and replacing them with "old mature neighbourhoods in Winnipeg".

The motion for the adoption of the amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the item, as amended, was put and declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 7, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 30, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development considered the Council Motion of September 22, 2022, and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the appropriate Standing Committee within 90 days on a garbage management plan process for existing multi-family dwellings within the Housing Improvement Zones.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 22, 2022, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS landlords of multifamily building have a choice on the use of city services or private contract service for garbage pickup;

AND WHEREAS this could result in a building owner not having a garbage bin on site and large amounts of garbage are left out and scattered throughout the neighboring properties resulting in health and safety hazards for the community;

AND WHEREAS the city by-law enforcement has had to go to these building and issue tickets and there is a large cost to the city on dealing with these matters because there is no requirement of a bin if you are not using city services;

AND WHEREAS the community should know that when a building is in use, that it has adequate garbage bins and garbage plan to mitigate the mess related from garbage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the occupancy permit process, and other relevant processes, to establish a requirement for multi-family residences to have an adequate number of garbage bins on the premises, regardless of whether garbage collection is provided by the City, or a private contractor.