STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 97
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS according to the latest reporting on greenhouse gas emissions in the city of Winnipeg 2011 Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report, buildings are the 2nd-largest source of community emissions, second only to transportation;

AND WHEREAS there may be an opportunity for the City of Winnipeg to guide the shape of buildings in order for them to be more energy efficient;

AND WHEREAS a south-facing flat wall may be ideal for solar voltaic power insulation, or another configuration that allows for solar panel operations throughout the day regardless of the position of the sun;

AND WHEREAS there may be other opportunities to reduce the energy consumption of homes by considering things likes the placement of windows, such as placements of windows on the south side to allow the sun inside in the summer as well blocking the sun with an awning in the summer;

AND WHEREAS there may be other ways to improve energy efficiency at no cost to the builder;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service report back on opportunities to encourage the use of energy efficiency concepts in the development approval process of new buildings.

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