Proposal to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale the Assiniboia Community Committee Office at 2000 Portage Avenue

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4. On March 21, 2001, Council approved an initiative entitled "Public Works/Water and Waste Facilities Master Plan which provided, among other things, for the consolidation of Public Works staff/operations at 1155 Pacific Avenue. The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development has been advised that once vacated in the fall of 2003, the City property at 2000 Portage Avenue will be surplus to the accommodation needs of the City. Consistent with the Council Order of March 21, 2001, the net proceeds from the sale of 2000 Portage Avenue were to be credited to the above consolidation Project.

The migration of staff out of 2000 Portage Avenue began in earnest in late 2001 with the relocation of the Public Works Department executive and finance division into available space within 1155 Pacific Avenue. In the coming months the Naturalist Services Branch and the Community Resource Coordinator will be relocated to 5006 Roblin Boulevard leaving only the Parks and Open Space Division and the Community Committee meeting room occupied.

On February 19, 2002, the Assiniboia Community Committee, upon being advised by the Administration of the potential of relocating their meetings to 5006 Roblin Boulevard, consented to relocate its regular and public meetings from 2000 Portage Avenue to 5006 Roblin Boulevard.

The sole remaining occupant of 2000 Portage Avenue, the Parks and Open Space Division, in accordance with the Public Works Facility Master Plan, is slated to be relocated to new space in 1155 Pacific Avenue sometime in 2003. No civic use for this building has been identified.

While 5006 Roblin Boulevard has been vacant for some time, because of its location on the same site as the Charleswood Library and Fire Station, both of which are anticipated to be in service for some years to come, it is not considered marketable.

Back on February 20, 2001, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the City-owned building located at 5006 Roblin Boulevard be established as a Community Resource Centre, and that the City enter into a lease with the appropriate community non-profit groups in this connection.

On March 8, 2001, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development referred the Community Committee recommendation involving 5006 Roblin Boulevard to the Administration, and has subsequently received as information a status report on the subject.

The relocation of the City Naturalist and Community Resource Coordinator plus the monthly Assiniboia Community Committee meetings to 5006 Roblin Boulevard are considered to be complementary uses to the proposed Community Resource Centre.

Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated March 11, 2002

The proposed terms and conditions of any offers to purchase 2000 Portage Avenue will be forwarded to the Standing Committee on Property and Development for consideration and approval.

The Financial Impact Statement regarding this matter, prepared by the Planning, Property and Development Department, is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommends:

I. That the City-owned property at 2000 Portage Avenue be declared surplus to the City's requirements and made available for sale (sold).

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.