Minutes - Executive Policy Committee - July 14, 2004

REPORTS

Minute No. 457 Leave and License Fees - Patio Restaurants within the Downtown File ED

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee requested the Administration to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development on assessing the feasibility of utilizing a city-wide standard Leave and License Fee per square metre, as well as what the implications would be of providing a preferred rate for patio restaurants within the downtown.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the City wishes to support vibrant and active streetscapes within the downtown and specifically along Portage Avenue;

AND WHEREAS the current formula for the calculation of Leave and License Fees for patio restaurants within the public right-of-way includes a factor considering the assessed value of the adjacent property;

AND WHEREAS downtown assessments tend to be higher than other parts of the city reflected in higher Leave and License Fees within the downtown;

AND WHEREAS patio development within the downtown street right-of-way tend to also be impacted by restrictions which may involve additional liability and risk for the restaurateur with regard to underground utilities, circulation, and accessibility;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is attempting to facilitate the development of additional restaurant patios within the downtown and the City has a Downtown First Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administration be requested to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development on assessing the feasibility of utilizing a city-wide standard Leave and License Fee per square metre, as well as what the implications would be of providing a preferred rate for patio restaurants within the downtown.

Carried