STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,

HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 528
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has seen a steady increase in the number of retail cannabis stores being established over the past year;

AND WHEREAS some areas of the City have seen multiple retail cannabis stores being clustered in close proximity to one another;

AND WHEREAS exterior storefront treatments of these stores, including signage and opaque windows negatively impact the aesthetic value of our commercial retail streets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 120 days with:

1. An update on the number and geographic distribution of new retail cannabis store locations established since the previous two-year report back in October 2020.

2. Discussion on best practices from other Canadian municipalities in terms of regulatory approaches to prevent cannabis retail stores clustering and to ensure compatible signage and storefront design for cannabis retail stores.

3. Discussion of any land use issues or recommendations for policies and/or By-law amendments that may be necessary to address the aforementioned concerns.

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