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Item No. 7 Leasing City Property to 1st John de Graff group (Scouts Canada) (Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of July 13, 2023, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 18, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of July 13, 2023, be received as information.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 13, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development:

Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the 1st John de Graff group (Scouts Canada) group based in NE Winnipeg has stored its gear in a portion of the Valley Gardens Community Centre (as their Sponsor) exterior building called the Clubhouse or Lodge at 218 Antrim Rd for approximately 20 years at no cost to this volunteer based non-profit group so the limited funds they collect can be put back into their youth programming;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS this gear is to facilitate their co-ed youth based programs for their Beaver Colony (ages 6-8), Cub Pack (ages 8-10) Scouts Troop (ages 11-14) and Venturer Scouts (ages 15-17) sections for their weekly meetings and activity's over the winter months and outdoor camping in the spring, summer and fall seasons;

AND WHEREAS on February 3rd,2023 the Group Commissioner of the 1st John de Graff Scout group received an urgent email from the new manager of the VGCC telling them all their gear had to be moved out of the storage area before March 1, 2023 as the building was to be boarded up on this date;

AND WHEREAS the group requests the ability to use space at either of the properties located at 640 or 954 Kimberley Avenue to meet the requirements needed store their gear with a non-monetary lease agreement, similar to what other non-profit groups have with the City of Winnipeg, so the limited funds for this organization can stay focused on their youth programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back within 30 days on the options to lease space at either of the properties located at 640 or 954 Kimberley Avenue to the 1st John de Graff group (Scouts Canada) for the purpose of a storage facility.