STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 143
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

WHEREAS residents are, through new builds or major renovations, constructing homes that are ready for the installation of solar panels on roofs;

AND WHEREAS at the time of the initial installation, residents may be under the impression that no additional permits will be required for the future installation of solar panels;

AND WHEREAS increased costs deter some residents from choosing solar power in order to reduce their energy costs;

AND WHEREAS solar panels increase affordability of utility costs over time;

AND WHEREAS solar panels generate green electricity while reducing demand with Manitoba Hydro who may then sell electricity in jurisdictions where fossil fuels would be used to generate the electricity required by those jurisdictions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to report back with options to streamline and expedite the approval process for solar panel installations and permit requirements for wall mounted, roof mounted and ground mounted installations for both housing applications.

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