STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOTIONS

Minute No. 171
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS within the defined higher needs areas of the City, community members and daycares have been finding weapons (knives, machetes, etc.) and discarded needles littered around city parks, playgrounds and tot lots, which is creating an unsafe environment for children;

AND WHEREAS discarded needles are a bio hazard and can cause injury to people who find them;

AND WHEREAS parks, playgrounds and tot lots are valuable community assets and are essential to the health and well-being of all Winnipeggers;

AND WHEREAS the proactive cleanup of any needle debris and weapons in City of Winnipeg parks, playgrounds and tot lots will alleviate the strain on 311 and the concerns around safety from residents and children using the parks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee in 60 days on the following:

1. Creation of a policy for the proactive cleanup of needle debris and weapons, prioritizing all parks, playgrounds and tot lots located within a 1km radius of a daycare within the higher needs areas of the City.

2. Potential partnerships with community organizations that may have the infrastructure and capacity to assist.

3. Options for provincial funding to help offset the cleanup costs.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law