SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 3 OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 16, 2024, REGARDING BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSOLIDATION

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Committee: Council
Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations
Committee - other: N/A
Agenda item (number and title): bylaw enforcement consolidation

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing

Comments in writing: This move will change life in Winnipeg. No one knows all of the 700(??) bylaws that they might violate. WPA does not believe in warnings, just the biggest fines in Canada. This change requires more than 5 seconds of your time for deliberation.

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Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing

Comments in writing: At first glance, this effort is likely to reap new levels of profit.
There are several problems with this.
1. The WPA's focus on maximizing fine income, while increasing costs, and neglecting service, stand in stark contrast to what voters expect. Folks want service far more than they want the WPA empire to grow. By not providing a pay station within sight of every block of spaces, fine income goes up as those seeking to pay wander the streets. This drives business away from the streets under WPA jurisdiction.
2. The WPA decision to punish residents near 1 and 2 hour parking zones, if they have more than 1 car, is another example of bad customer service.

3. There are many bylaws which are archaic and others which are not serving their original purpose. Council has long been asked to correct or withdraw those. The reports suggest that no such action has begun. Does the city has a comprehensive list of "noxious weeds"? Are all wildflowers on this list? Will city departments with weedy land be granted exemptions, like WPS grants speeding-ticket exemptions to a long list of vehicles?
4. My resident's Association still has concerns with rooming houses. The bylaws that we were told would solve the problem do nothing, but put Family Sunday dinners at risk of ticketing, if a driveway has 3 cars in a row. Our Association expects to have recommendations to offer soon. Will Council consider fixing these problems?
5. Your OURWINNIPEG and other guides oppose your bylaws. You say the city depends on pollinators, but complying with some bylaws is very bad for those little bees. Watering a lawn and cutting it frequently wastes fuel and water, but that is what your old bylaws seem to demand. Before telling WPA to grow to be able to fine every time a front lawn is in violation, please update the worst bylaws to allow the greenest practices.