

SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 4 OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 CONCURRENCE OF PRIORITIZED LIST OF ISSUES WITH RECENT LEGISLATIVE
CHANGES TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER ACT

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Committee you want to address

Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

Property 4

I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation

Via zoom

Submit comments in writing

Comments

1. This agenda item makes reference to bills 34 and 37. Those bills include no wording involving the city act or city powers. I suggest that this agenda item be stricken from Council's agenda, until these apparent typos are corrected, and until the public has sufficient days to review the corrected agenda item.

2. While no action can be taken lawfully until the above corrections are made, it is obvious to all that the changes proposed violate the basis for good governance, and parliamentary procedure. They mark a new low in the city's respect for residents and those doing business here. These changes are based on the presumption that city hall never makes an error in its decisions and actions. If you check outside city hall, I believe you will find that not everyone believes that this is true.

3. in 2021, the MB Legislature worked on the Winnipeg Act. that topic has not been before the Legislature since. It seems most strange that this Agenda Item reads as if this were currently under consideration, and all these 'power-grab' proposals were about to become law.

These are the notes from 2021-22: This Bill amends The City of Winnipeg Charter and The Planning Act.

The key changes to The City of Winnipeg Charter are as follows.

Individuals who are not employees of the city may be appointed to act as inspectors and issue orders to remedy contraventions.

The city may serve certain compliance orders and demolition orders by substitutional service, as directed by the district registrar for the Winnipeg Land Titles Office, if it is not reasonably possible to serve the order personally.

The city may now require secondary plans to be prepared and submitted by a property owner before certain applications made by the owner for adoption, or amendment to, a zoning by-law or approval of a plan of subdivision are considered.

Timelines for planning appeals are clarified and may be extended with the agreement of the applicant.

The manner for giving notice of public hearings concerning development applications is updated.

The key changes to The Planning Act are as follows.

Timelines for application processing and planning appeals are clarified and may be extended with the agreement of the applicant.

The deadline for appeal to The Municipal Board is changed from 30 days to 14 days for appeals concerning subdivisions, aggregate quarries and large-scale livestock operations.

The expiry date of an approved variance may be extended for up to three years.

Consequential amendments are made to The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (unproclaimed) and The CentrePort Canada Act.

Whenever city documents refer to provincial bills, the reference should name the session etc. as well as the sequential Bill number. The current Bill 34 has nothing to do with the city.

When major changes are contemplated, as in the disappearance of paths for appeal, there should be press releases and consultation/ open house events. It seems wrong that such changes were "in the works" but those who might need to use them were blissfully unaware, for years.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes

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