

Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – December 2, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Winnipeg Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours Taskforce

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and granted an extension of time of 60 days to report back on the following:

1. The Winnipeg Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours Taskforce, including
 - A. The number of referrals and where they were referred to.
 - B. In-kind costs incurred by the City.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 5, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services directed the Winnipeg Public Service to provide a written report on a semi-annual basis to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services, commencing in November 2023 regarding the Winnipeg Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours Taskforce, including:

1. The number of referrals and where they were referred to.
2. In-kind costs incurred by the City.

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

On June 29, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks approved the following:

1. That the report of the Winnipeg Public Service be received as information.
2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in 180 days with a verbal report containing an update on the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION (continued):

On April 11, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, as amended, and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in 90 days on the following:

1. Establishing a taskforce on Hoarding and Collecting Behaviors in public and private spaces within Winnipeg led by the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service with the following action items to be considered:
 - A. Set terms and references to guide the work of the taskforce;
 - B. Identify and invite stakeholders, including those with lived experience, to ensure an inclusive approach.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 22, 2022, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS it is difficult to address Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours without explicitly naming Hoarding Disorder,

AND WHEREAS this motion is wanting to specifically address Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours in the following areas:

- the acquisition of, and failure to discard, a large number of possessions that appear to be useless or of limited value;
- living spaces sufficiently cluttered so as to preclude activities for which those spaces were designed;
- public spaces sufficiently cluttered so as to preclude activities for which those spaces were designed;
- significant distress or impairment in function caused by the hoarding;

AND WHEREAS Hoarding Disorder represents both a mental health concern and a public safety issue;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS there is a definitive need to balance the rights and needs of a person exhibiting traits of a hoarding disorder and that of the public health and safety of the individual and others;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in 90 days on the following:

1. Establishing a taskforce on Hoarding and Collecting Behaviors in public and private spaces within Winnipeg led by the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service with supports from Manitoba Shared Health with the following action items to be considered:
 - A. Set terms and references to guide the work of the taskforce;
 - B. Identify and invite stakeholders to ensure an inclusive approach.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Winnipeg Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours Taskforce

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Community Services

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 60 days be granted to report back on the following:

1. The Winnipeg Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours Taskforce, including
 - A. The number of referrals and where they were referred to.
 - B. In-kind costs incurred by the City.

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

The Information Sharing Agreement has just recently been finalized. The team working on this project was reassigned to other projects including encampments while waiting for the agreement to be finalized. Now that the agreement is finalized the team will re-engage on the work.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

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1. The number of referrals and where they were referred to.
2. In-kind costs incurred by the City

On October 31, 2023 The Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That this semi-annual update be received as information.

2. That the City enter into, execute, and deliver an Information Sharing Agreement with:

- A. A&O: Support Services for Older Adults, Inc.;
- B. Healthy Aging Resource Team – Winnipeg Regional Health Authority;
- C. Healthy Outreach and Community Support, Complex Community Service Integration, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority;
- D. Canadian Mental Health Association – OCD Centre Manitoba;

and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the foregoing (the “Ancillary Agreements”).

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Information Sharing Agreement and Ancillary Agreements, and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.
4. The authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future Information Sharing Agreements with external organizations providing services or participating in the Winnipeg Hoarding and Collecting Behaviours Triage Group, and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.
5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.