Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – February 5, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Coat Hooks in City-Run Arenas and Recreation Facilities

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 27, 2026, the City Centre Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review and report back on the following:

1. Information required to ensure that all women's bathroom stalls in City-run arenas and recreation facilities are equipped with a sturdy coat hook; and

2. The budgetary requirements to complete the work, should Councillors wish to contribute funding to their local arena's hooks, using their Communities Fund.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 27, 2026, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS in winter, many women and girls, particularly hockey moms and grandmas, are wearing long coats, parkas, and winter gear. In several City arenas, including Sam Southern and Eric Coy (to name just two), women's washrooms either lack coat hooks entirely or have too few of them. As a result, it's often near impossible to use a washroom stall without having to place a coat on the floor or awkwardly juggle winter gear;

AND WHEREAS during peak hockey season when arenas are full and washrooms are busy. The absence of hooks is a practical barrier that disproportionately affects women and girls during winter months;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to review and report back on the following:

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