Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – February 3, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 2 "Places to Go" – Public Restroom Strategy Annual Report

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the following to Council:

1. That an extension of time of 30 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

    A. The three-tiered Places to Go Framework Annual Report.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Durand-Wood,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 18, 2025, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That an extension of time of 60 days be granted to report back on the following:

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On July 23, 2020, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and adopted the following:

1. That the three-tiered Places to Go Framework as detailed herein be approved and direct the Public Service to:

    A. work with external stakeholders to:

        i. conduct a public restroom facility analysis to determine existing gaps and high-needs areas;

        ii. determine best locations for installation of public restrooms, for all Winnipeggers inclusive of vulnerable persons on a priority basis; and

    B. work with external stakeholders to create a program and criteria to encourage private and public building owners to provide public washroom access; and

    C. identify all potential barriers within City By-laws, processes or procedures inhibiting the establishment of public restroom facilities, along with any proposed amendments to address same and report back in December of 2020 to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

2. That the Public Service report back annually on the matter commencing in December 2021.

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

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: "Places to Go" – Public Restroom Strategy Annual Report

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Community Services

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of 30 days be granted to report back on the matter.

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

2025 usage data for Amoowigamig was delayed until January 2026. This report has been drafted but accurate numbers were not available prior to the submission deadline. An extension of 30 days will provide the time needed for completion.

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