Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – March 2, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Construction Waste Diversion Strategy

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and granted an extension of time of up to 90 days.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Dobson,

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

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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4. Report back to Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment within 180 days with recommendations for implementing a construction and demolition waste reduction strategy for the City of Winnipeg.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Construction Waste Diversion Strategy

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 90 days be granted to report back on the following:

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REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

The Province of Manitoba undertook a review of construction waste management within the province. Recommendations from that review will guide municipalities in their own management practices. The Public Services is requesting an extension for the City report in order to align with results of the Provincial review when they are made public.

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