Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – May 6, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 7 Verbal Report on the Conversion of the Former Aubrey Bus Loop to Community Park Space and Urban Dog Park

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in 90 days with a recommendation on declaring 139 Aubrey Street as surplus to the City's needs, including site plans of possible configurations and potential uses, and in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Santos,

That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee in 90 days with a recommendation on declaring 139 Aubrey Street as surplus to the City's needs, including site plans of possible configurations and potential uses, and in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Carried

J. Kuczera, Acting Administrator of Real Estate and Land Development, Planning, Property and Development Department, provided a verbal report on the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 5, 2026, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development considered the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to undertake a formal circulation of the former Aubrey bus loop lands (139 Aubrey Street) to determine interest in site and use, and provide a verbal report back to the Standing Committee in 90 days.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 23, 2026, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the former Aubrey bus loop at 139 Aubrey street is no longer in service for transit operations;

AND WHEREAS residents in the surrounding neighbourhood, including the Wolseley community, have consistently identified the need for additional accessible green space to conserve existing natural environments per the Montreal Pledge, that Winnipeg is a signatory of;

AND WHEREAS this centrally located site presents a unique opportunity to increase urban park space and provide a walkable, community-focused amenity that could look at increasing park space and or potential dog park.

AND WHEREAS established urban neighbourhoods such as Wolseley face significant challenges in identifying and acquiring suitable land for new park development and dog park spaces due to density and limited vacant parcels.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS re-purposing under-utilized municipal land aligns with the principles of sustainable city-building, efficient land use, and enhancing quality of life for residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on whether the former Aubrey bus loop lands are required for any current or future transit purposes, and include the cost associated with rezoning this space to parkland and the additional cost for remediation, for community consultation.