Minutes – Winnipeg Committee for Safety – May 13, 2026

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Item No. 7 Designated Encampment Sites

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Winnipeg Committee for Safety recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Public Service be directed to report back within 30 days on the following:

    A. Potential designated encampment sites in all areas throughout the City for service providers to attend, with access to garbage receptacles and washroom facilities for a pilot program.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Melanie Murchison,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Melanie Murchison,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Committee for Safety feels strongly that a designated encampment area would be a safer space for people experiencing homelessness, but also for the community;

AND WHEREAS there are many vacant building fires because of people struggling with addictions and homelessness that are looking for places to stay;

AND WHEREAS the City is already taking on the costs associated with homelessness through our many emergency service providers;

AND WHEREAS businesses, communities, schools, and daycares are concerned with the open drug use and violence that is impacting communities and this could help with the impacts to these sectors;

AND WHEREAS we are seeing that even when housed people with addictions, there is still wanting and engaging in encampments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Committee for Safety recommends to the Executive Policy Committee:

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