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Item No. 11 Designated Encampment Sites

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the matter be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Committee for Safety be received as information and forwarded to Council.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 13, 2026, the Winnipeg Committee for Safety passed the following motion:

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:

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.

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