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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Carlos Gameiro
City Clerk

From: Justin Voris
Solicitor, Legal Services Department

File: R.1.2026(369)

Date: June 10, 2026

**RE: A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
To Amend the Vacant Buildings By-law No 79/2010
Vacancy to Vitality – Strategic Policy Options
to Address Vacant and Derelict Properties**

On December 18th, 2025, Council concurred in the recommendation of Item No. 5 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated December 4, 2025 and adopted the following:

8. That the structure for the existing Empty Building Fee be revised from a flat fee of 2 percent of assessed property value per year beginning after a third Schedule A inspection, to 1 percent of assessed property value per year beginning after the first Schedule A inspection, and that the fee increase 1 percent per year to a maximum of 5 percent of assessed property value in year five of vacancy and beyond.
9. That the Director of Legal Services be directed to amend the relevant By-Laws and fee schedules, in accordance with Recommendation 8, and bring same directly to Council by way of communication within 30 days for all three readings.

I have enclosed a By-law to give effect to the said Amendment. Please place the By-law before Council for their consideration at their June 25, 2026 meeting.

An electronic copy of the By-law has been provided by my assistant to Lorraine King and Nicole Carnegie via email.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Justin Voris
Solicitor
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