Agenda – Winnipeg Food Council – September 16, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Urban Farming and Community Gardens

The following motion is submitted for favourable consideration:

WHEREAS a 2025-26 research project was performed by Pro Bono Students Canada on the subject of urban farming and food gardens, and received as information by the Winnipeg Food Council in June of 2026;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Food Council wishes for the project findings to be translated into recommendations for policy changes to strengthen the protection of community gardens and urban farms in the City of Winnipeg, as shown on the report attached as Appendix "A";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 180 days on:

1. Integrating community gardens and urban farming into the OurWinnipeg 2045; Complete Communities, and other City-wide planning documents.

2. Strengthening legal recognitions of community gardens and urban farms via an urban agriculture land-use class and expanded zoning provisions;

3. The feasibility of business licensing for urban farms;

4. Publishing accessible guidance for community groups outlining processes and requirements related to site selection, approvals, establishment, operation and maintenance of community gardens and urban farms;

5. Establishing long-term tenure arrangements for community gardens and urban farms, including consideration of replacing the current 30-day notice period with multi year leases or land-use agreements for gardens on city-owned land.

6. Methods to designate City-owned property where permanent tenure may not be possible, but where temporary or relocatable forms of urban agriculture, including raised planters and container gardens, could be accommodated and encouraged.

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