

**Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and
Downtown Development – April 11, 2017**

REPORTS

**Item No. 17 Single Family Dwellings in Neighbourhoods Adjacent to the
University of Manitoba
(South Winnipeg - St. Norbert Ward)**

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 3, 2017, the Riel Community Committee recommended that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development direct the Winnipeg Public Service to consult with other municipalities that have implemented regulatory licensing requirements for single family homes that rent rooms and report back within 90 days with an implementation plan to identify, license and inspect single family dwellings renting rooms in the neighborhoods adjacent to the University of Manitoba (Fort Richmond, Agassiz, Montcalm and University Heights).

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 3, 2017, the Riel Community Committee moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba is a located in a suburban community and has the highest student population in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the University of Manitoba is one of Canada's 15 research-intensive universities and has the lowest number of on-campus housing facilities;

AND WHEREAS the construction of on-campus residences is not currently or anticipated to meet the forecasted increase for student housing demands for at least the next 10 years;

AND WHEREAS the lack of supply for housing combined with the increasing demands is forcing students into off-campus housing in the nearby surrounding neighbourhoods of Fort Richmond, Agassiz, Montcalm and University Heights;

AND WHEREAS an increasing number of students' housing needs are being met in older single family homes constructed prior to the current Building Code regulations that establish the necessity and the dimensions for secondary means of exiting for bedrooms in basements;

AND WHEREAS recent basement fires with students residing in the basement highlighted the importance of ensuring current Building Code regulations are incorporated into basement housing accommodations;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has an obligation and fiduciary duty to protect the public and vulnerable persons residing in structures through enforcement, licensing, permitting, by-laws and inspection of dwellings and structures;

AND WHEREAS other Canadian cities with large Universities such as London, Waterloo, and Oshawa have implemented regulatory licensing systems for single family home conversions with mandatory inspections to ensure properties meet safety standards and comply with the Building Code;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development direct the Winnipeg Public Service to consult with other municipalities that have implemented regulatory licensing requirements for single family homes that rent rooms and report back within 90 days with an implementation plan to identify, license and inspect single family dwellings renting rooms in the neighborhoods adjacent to the University of Manitoba (Fort Richmond, Agassiz, Montcalm and University Heights).