

Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – January 12, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Use of Retention Ponds for Recreational Activities

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 17, 2020, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS retention / detention ponds are City infrastructure located in many neighbourhoods throughout the city;

AND WHEREAS retention / detention ponds are promoted as desirable features in a community, and increase the City's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS there is a limited supply of affordable recreation activities in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS across Canada, some jurisdictions monitor ice thickness on retention/detention ponds to allow public access;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to conduct a cross jurisdictional review of the use of retention / detention ponds for recreational activities, and report back to Council within 90 days with recommendations on requirements needed to enable recreational activities on retention / detention ponds in the City of Winnipeg.