

Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – May 11, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 22 Regulating Short-Term Rentals

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 3, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 120 days with recommendations for regulating short-term rentals, including, but not limited to, fire and safety, land-use, and licensing requirements.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 3, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the business of short-term rental of residential property is a rapidly growing industry in the City of Winnipeg which has been fueled by online platforms such as AirBnB;

AND WHEREAS these rental properties currently are not required to pay business tax and are not subject to inspections to ensure health and safety requirements are being met;

AND WHEREAS the health and safety of citizens and visitors to the City of Winnipeg is of paramount concern;

AND WHEREAS many other cities have implemented or are implementing regulations to mitigate the negative impact of short-term rentals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development within 120 days with recommendations for regulating short-term rentals, including, but not limited to, fire and safety, land-use, and licensing requirements.