

City of Winnipeg City Council

Meeting of January 25, 2012

Moved by: Councillor Orlikow _____

Seconded by: Councillor Gerbasi _____

WHEREAS the public service has not produced evidence that Winnipeg has an abundance of public green space available for development.

WHEREAS the City Winnipeg's OurWinnipeg identifies golf courses as major green spaces

WHEREAS OurWinnipeg states that "public spaces are valued as essential to the urban fabric, encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles, cleaner environments, connectivity, recreation, community pride and urban beautification.."

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has an Ecologically Significant Natural Lands (ESNL) Strategy that identifies ecological or heritage lands within the major green spaces, including golf courses, which has not been implemented.

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has not properly consulted the public or community groups regarding re-purposing of major green spaces including golf course lands.

WHEREAS public green spaces are entrusted to Council for future generations.

WHEREAS any sale of public green space should be done in an open tendering process once Council has determined if, and what green space, can be developed and the appropriate development for that particular land is determined

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that negotiations with developers regarding the potential development of golf courses be suspended.

And THEREFORE BE IT further RESOLVED that Council direct the administration to outline a process that follows The City of Winnipeg's Ecologically Significant Natural Lands (ESNL) Process and report back to Council.