

**Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and
Downtown Development – December 7, 2020**

REPORTS

**Item No. 25 Declaration of Surplus City-owned Property located at 145 Osborne
Street
(Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward)**

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City-owned property located at 145 Osborne Street, identified as “Subject City Property” on Misc. Plan No. 13365/2, attached hereto as Schedule A, be declared surplus to the needs of the City.
2. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Declaration of Surplus City-owned Property located at 145 Osborne Street

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and
Downtown Development – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service recommends that the City-owned property identified as “Subject City Property” on Misc. Plan No. 13365/2, attached as Schedule A, be declared surplus to the needs of the City. If the property is declared surplus by Council, it is the intention of the Public Service to publicly market the Subject City Property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the City-owned property located at 145 Osborne Street, identified as “Subject City Property” on Misc. Plan No. 13365/2, attached hereto as Schedule A, be declared surplus to the needs of the City.
4. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Policy for the Sale, Acquisition, Rental, Leasing and Management of Properties, adopted by Council on July 19, 1979 requires Council approval to declare land surplus to the City’s requirements.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no financial, regulatory, environmental, operational, human resources or other implications associated with this report.

The City’s standard terms and conditions of sale will include provisions to protect the City’s interests in the event that environmental contamination is discovered.

The Public Service intends to sell the Subject City Property on the open market and in accordance with standard City policies.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Subject City Property was acquired by the City of Winnipeg in 1965 for the purpose of an off-street parking facility. It is currently operated as a 20-stall surface parking lot, managed by the Winnipeg Parking Authority (“WPA”).

The Subject City Property was circulated to all City Departments and no civic need was identified.

The Urban Planning & Design Division has advised that surface parking lots should be redeveloped into a higher and better use based on direct initiatives within OurWinnipeg. As such, a proposed sale would include the provision that development of the Subject City Property must occur within 24 months from the time of possession.

The WPA is supportive of re-development of the Subject City Property to a higher and better use and will continue its management operations until the date of transfer, should the Subject City Property be sold.

The WPA has indicated that the gross parking revenues for the Subject City Property in 2019 were approximately \$94,870.00.

In 2016, the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone (the “BIZ”) installed a public streetscaping art installation on and adjacent to the Subject City Property facing Osborne Street. This streetscaping installation is comprised of a collection of illuminated lanterns, potted garden features and a small seating node. Since part of this streetscaping installation falls within the Subject City Property, a lease agreement exists between the City of Winnipeg and the BIZ.

The Real Estate and Land Development Division has consulted with the BIZ and they are supportive of a sale of the Subject City Property.

Should the Subject City Property be declared surplus to the City’s needs, a provision will be included in the offer to purchase agreement that the streetscaping installation is relocated by the Purchaser at their full expense to an approved location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact StatementDate: [October 15, 2020](#)

Project Name:**Declaration of Surplus City-owned Property located at 145 Osborne Street****COMMENTS:**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Mike McGinn Oct. 15, 2020

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services Department (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-4 Housing - Direction 2

“Continue to use initiatives to facilitate housing rehabilitation in reinvestments neighbourhoods and infill housing in mature neighbourhoods.”

The Subject City Property is in the Mature Neighbourhood classification of OurWinnipeg. Redevelopment of the Subject City Property will be a requirement of the proposed sale, and it is likely that a housing component may comprise a portion of future redevelopment on this site.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Land Use: Facilitate Compact, Complete Development and Increase Density – Section 4.1

“Explore measures to encourage the re-purposing of surface parking lots in existing built areas.”

The recommendations of this report align with the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan as a proposed sale of this property would result in the re-purposing of an existing surface parking lot and spur new development at this site.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development
Division: Real Estate & Land Development
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Date: October 22, 2020
File No: N/A

Attachments: Schedule A – Misc. Plan No. 13365/2

Schedule A

