

**Minutes - Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works -
September 12, 2006**

REPORTS

**Minute No. 164 Permanent Flood Protection in the City of Winnipeg
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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee, namely, that the Water and Waste Department be requested to prepare a cost benefit analysis and funding plan with respect to a program to assist property and home owners with the installation of permanent flood protection works.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,

That the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee be concurred
in.

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 18, 2006, the Riel Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

WHEREAS the frequency of flood events in the past several years has resulted in the expenditure of approximately one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars on average per event;

AND WHEREAS taxpayers at large are paying for the current protection;

AND WHEREAS the number of properties requiring protection has been significantly reduced as a result of flood protection improvements made after the flood in 1997;

AND WHEREAS flood protection to a level lower than the current requirement of 1997 flood level plus two (2) feet could provide a financial benefit to all three levels of government and, in particular, the taxpayers of the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works request the Water and Waste Department prepare a cost benefit analysis and funding plan with respect to a program to assist property and home owners with the installation of permanent flood protection works.