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Five Dates, Five Opportunities to talk Zoning

The City's new proposed zoning by-law will be open to public discussion and examination at five public meetings to be held throughout the city.

Two previous public meetings have given the public an overview of the proposed changes. At this series of meetings, the city will be presenting detailed maps of all regions of the city, with the exception of the downtown, where citizens will be able to examine the proposed zoning revisions for their own and surrounding properties.

“We encourage the public to attend one of these meetings to gain an understanding of the zoning by-law review,” said Councillor Peter De Smedt, Chair of the City's Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. “The Project Team has recommendations for zoning changes, but we really need the public to come forward and tell us if the changes are in harmony with how they see the city evolving.”

All maps and presentations will be the same for each of the five public meetings. At all meetings the format will be same; **an open house from 4:00 to 8:00 pm; half hour presentations will take place at 4:30 and 6:30 pm.**

The dates and locations of the meetings are:

- **Wednesday, February 22 – Canad Inns, 2100 McPhillips Street**
- **Thursday, February 23 – Winnipeg Convention Centre- 375 York Avenue**
- **Tuesday, February 28 – Canad Inns Transcona – 826 Regent Avenue W**
- **Wednesday, March 1- Holiday Inn South – 1330 Pembina Highway**
- **Thursday, March 2 - Canad Inns Polo Park- 1405 St. Matthews Avenue**

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting. Please call ND LEA Engineers and Consultants at 943-3178 to confirm attendance.

The meetings are being hosted by and presentations will be made by the City of Winnipeg, Planning Property and Development Department and local consultants ND LEA.

The Zoning By-law is the foundation for managing development in the city. The purpose of the review is to update the Winnipeg Zoning By-law and strengthen ties with Plan

Winnipeg and the City's overall planning and development policy. Other objectives of the review include: improving the clarity and transparency of the By-law; reducing red tape; enhancing customer service; and improving the quality of urban design.

It is anticipated that a new Zoning By-law will be presented to Council for consideration by October 2006. To review the draft By-law prior to one of the meetings, visit the City's website at www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/zoning_6400review.stm