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City Plans Public Open House To Present Initial “Approach Report” For Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 6400 Review Project

WINNIPEG – The City of Winnipeg’s Planning, Property and Development Department is holding a Public Open House to present the Winnipeg Zoning By-law Approach Report. This Report, which outlines the proposed direction for the new By-law, is the first major deliverable for the City’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review Project launched in June of this year. The Approach Report has been prepared by the Clarion Associates consulting team.

Details of the Public Open House are as follows:

- Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2005
- Location: Delta Winnipeg Hotel, 350 St. Mary Avenue
- Time:
 - Open House – 4:00 to 8:00 pm
 - Presentations – 5:00 and 7:00 pm

The purpose of the Open House is to:

- provide an overview of the Zoning By-Law Review Project
- present the proposed direction (Approach Report) for this important new By-Law
- provide an opportunity for citizen input

“This is an important step in our By-law Review project,” said Councillor Peter De Smedt, Chair of the City’s Standing Policy Committees on Property & Development and Downtown Development. “This open house provides an opportunity for the public and key stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed direction for the new by-law, and in turn, on the future of development in our city. We encourage people to come and participate in the process.”

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 visibility of the By-law; reducing reliance on negotiated approvals; simplifying and modernizing zoning districts; and improving design and development quality through tailored standards.

It is anticipated that a new zoning by-law will be presented to Council for consideration by October 2006. To review the Approach Report in advance of the Open House, or for more information on the comprehensive review of the Winnipeg Zoning By-law, visit the Project Web site at http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/zoning_6400review.stm