

The following motion on Condo Conversions was defeated at the City's Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development on April 6th. The motion, brought forward by Coun. Gord Steeves, simply requested a study of the impact of apartment- to-condominium conversion on affordable rental housing. The motion cited other jurisdictions that have implemented condominium conversion policies. The vote was tied 2-2 and therefore failed to proceed. Coun. Russ Wyatt voted against, arguing that such a policy would limit affordable home ownership options for families. [See final document here](#) (go to Reports, Item 100).
- [Winnipeg Rental Network](#)

Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – April 6, 2010

Moved by Councillor

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

ADDENDUM REPORTS

Item No. 11 Condominium Conversions eFile EX

The following resolution is submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg currently does not address apartment to condominium conversions and its impact on vacancy rates;

AND WHEREAS the cities of Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon have condominium conversion policies which regulates the creation of condominium properties;

AND WHEREAS the cities of Regina and Saskatoon have condominium conversion policies which protects minimum vacancy rates;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto gives opportunity for tenants to address the conversion of their buildings to condominiums through the *Ontario Municipal Board* and *Tenant Support Grants Program*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be requested to report back to the appropriate committee of Council in 120 days with a report including:

- (i) initiatives taken by other municipal governments across Canada to address the impact of condominium conversions on vacancy rates;
- (ii) a recommendation regarding the desirability of developing a condominium conversion policy in The City of Winnipeg, including whether such policy falls within municipal jurisdiction.