## **CWW Resolution #1**

# <u>Inadequate Numbering on Buildings and Structures within the City of Winnipeg</u>

**Whereas** an accurate numbering system is essential for the safety and security of citizens and to facilitate locating a home, business or other building and

**Whereas** it is a requirement of City of Winnipeg Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No.1/2008, that owners of buildings must ensure that the numbers be attached to the building or fence of the home or business or other structure, be at least 3 inches (8cm) high and be clearly visible from the street and

**Wherea**s a property that is adjacent to a back lane must have a number attached so that it is clearly visible from the back lane and

**Whereas** the City of Winnipeg by-law enforcement officers give notice of non-compliance with By-law No. 1/2008 to the building owner only after a specific complaint has been made and

**Whereas** By-law No.1/2008 the City of Winnipeg regulates the numbering system to assist in the location of properties by fire department, police, ambulance, taxi drivers, postal workers and other citizens and

**Whereas** universal enforcement of By-law No.1/2008 through specific dedicated by-law enforcement officers similar to parking commissioners, would generate self- sustaining revenues for the City of Winnipeg; therefore be it

**Resolved** that the Council of Women of Winnipeg establish policy to address the issues of inadequate numbering on buildings and residences within the City of Winnipeg and inadequate enforcement of the City of Winnipeg Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008 and be it further

**Resolved** that the Council of Women of Winnipeg ask the City of Winnipeg Council to enforce Part 7 (Addresses and Building Names) of the City of Winnipeg By-law No.1/2008 and appropriately fine owners of buildings and residences who do not comply; and be it further

**Resolved** that the Council of Women of Winnipeg urge the City of Winnipeg to launch a campaign to inform citizens and owners of buildings about By-law No.1/2008 and of the fines for non-compliance.

#### **CWW Resolution #2**

### Visibility of Building Numbers and Street Signage

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**Whereas** part 7 (Addresses and Building Names and Numbers) of City of Winnipeg Bylaw No.1/2008 specifies that the minimum size of numbers on buildings be 3inches (8cm) and

**Whereas** many street signs are inadequate in size and visibility of letters and numbers and

**Whereas** these deficiencies pose a challenge to residents with vision impairment, seniors or people in a moving vehicle and

Whereas this poses safety risks to both drivers and pedestrians; be it

**Resolved** that Council of Women of Winnipeg establish as policy, to advocate for reform of City of Winnipeg By-law No./2008 to increase the size of numbering on buildings and structures and of letters on street signs, to improve visibility, and be it further

**Resolved** that Council of Women of Winnipeg actively advocate for a prompt amendment and implementation of City of Winnipeg By-law No. 1/2008 to increase the size of numbers on front and back of buildings; and place easily readable street signs consistently at all intersections in the city of Winnipeg.

## National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) Update

NCWC is one of the oldest non partisan volunteer women's organizations in Canada established in 1893. And since we do NOT receive any government monies, the councils of women have had, and continue to hold an unique opportunity to speak out for women's issues without fear of loss of funding. Our briefs to all levels of governing bodies allows to share concerns as well as express support for programs, policies and actions that impact on women throughout the country and around the world as part of the **International Council of Women**. As an organization that stretches across this large country and encompasses diverse cultures, religions, social and economic, educational, business and political issues we have many challenges. But that is what makes our voices so strong and important.

Resolutions which reflect current issues and up date previous ones are the way councils of women at the international, national, provincial and local formulate the policies that we are able to advocate and bring forth to governments.

**The 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** of the Council of Women of Canada will be held in Ottawa from **May 31 to June 3, 2012 at the Extended Stay Deluxe Hotel**.

Delegates from 6 provincial and 13 local councils, 2 study groups, 9 board directors and their conveners, as well as representatives from 10 federate organizations will meet to review resolutions brought forth from their respective groups.

For more information check the website <a href="http://www.ncwc.ca/">http://www.ncwc.ca/</a>

Representatives from our Winnipeg and Provincial Councils will be carrying our recommendations to that meeting.