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Roger Fontaine worries the 'Doing Business in Winnipeg could limit the way his stamp club operates.

## **Feeling squeezed by "Doing Business in Winnipeg"**

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Some Winnipeg antique dealers and collectors say the "Doing Business in Winnipeg" bylaw is doing just the opposite.

They worry the major fee increases it includes could limit the way they operate.

Stamp collector Roger Fontaine used to pay \$18 for a license to hold a day long public auction with other members of his club, after the by-law was passed last June they were required to buy a yearly license for \$375.

The fee increase is designed to pay for measures requiring businesses that sell second hand goods, to profile the items they acquire, and the sellers they buy them from.

"It's designed to make it more difficult for people to steal things in Winnipeg and then sell them as if they were their own," councilor Gord Steeves told CTV News.

The by-law was aimed at city pawn shops, but Steeves admits other people are getting pulled in unintentionally.

Steeves will meet with Fontaine and others at a Protection and Community Services Committee meeting on Monday.

He hopes they can make an exception for the group.

*With a report from CTV's Shaneen Robinson*