Minutes – Executive Policy Committee - June 13, 2007

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Minute No. 382 Traffic Light Synchronization
File ST-5

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the City of Winnipeg Public Service to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in January 2008 with a city-wide plan for synchronization of traffic signals on major city routes including, without limitation:

1. priorities for implementation;
2. timelines for implementation; and
3. costs of implementation.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS fuel prices in the City of Winnipeg have increased to a rate greater than $1.15 per litre and continue to rise;

AND WHEREAS excessive vehicle idling results in increased fuel consumption and increased greenhouse gas emissions that are harmful to the environment;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee recognizes the role and importance of Winnipeg in the Mid-Continent Trade Corridor to develop trade and transportation opportunities, which opportunities will be enhanced by better traffic flow;

AND WHEREAS computerized coordination of traffic flow can reduce travel time, fuel consumption and vehicle congestion while maintaining a positive impact on the environment;

AND WHEREAS other North American cities such as Kansas City, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Raleigh, Los Angeles, Moncton and London have embarked on the process of traffic light synchronization;

AND WHEREAS City Council prioritized three areas of focus for the 2007 budget process, which included visible front line services (clean and green) and infrastructure (pipes and pavement), and in its 2007 capital budget and 2008-2012 capital forecast allocated a total of $12 million for traffic signals enhancement to improve the movement of people and goods using the City's transportation system by improving the synchronization of traffic signals along major city routes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in January 2008 with a city-wide plan for synchronization of traffic signals on major city routes including, without limitation:

(i) priorities for implementation;
(ii) timelines for implementation; and
(iii) costs of implementation.

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