Minute No. 203
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – March 4, 2008

Item No. 7 Temporary Speed Limit Reduction – Dugald Road (Transcona Ward) File ST-1.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submits the following to Council:

1. That the temporary reduction of the speed limit on Dugald Road from Plessis Road to Lagimodiere Boulevard outlined in the Council Motion of February 20, 2008, be referred to the Director of Public Works for appropriate action, subject to Council delegating authority to the Director of Public Works to set speed limits under emergency circumstances.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works referred the Council Motion of February 20, 2008, to the Director of Public Works, subject to Council delegating authority to the Director of Public Works to set speed limits under emergency circumstances, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 20, 2008, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS at the end of last week the City of Winnipeg Public Works Department was required to take the unprecedented step of installing 'Warning' road signs or 'Bump' road signs to demark two kilometres of Dugald Road, a section of the city's regional road network which extends from Plessis Road to Lagimodiere Blvd, due to the terrible state of the road condition;

AND WHEREAS the Speed Limit on the said section is 70 Kilometres/hour and it has now been recognized that the ability to safely drive on that section of the road at said speeds is in question due to the poor state of road maintenance;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works is the City's Traffic Authority under s. 13(d) of the City Organization By-law, and under its powers, can reduce the speed limit in an emergency or when construction is underway;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Public Works has the power to install "advisory" speed limit signs if he believes that the situation requires more immediate action;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT failing any action by the Director of Public Works to immediately install "advisory" speed limit signs, the Standing Policy Committee of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works immediately reduce the speed limit on Dugald Road, from Plessis to Lagimodiere, on a temporary basis and until the road returns to a 70 KM/HR drivable condition.