STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE

ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 224
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS no long-term transportation plan exists with regard to river crossings (bridges) and connecting regional streets for the Northeast Winnipeg/North and South Point Douglas area;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg, including the departments of Public Works and Winnipeg Transit, have both immediate and long-term plans to develop a number of new bridges and rehabilitate existing bridges in the North East Winnipeg/North and South Point Douglas area;

AND WHEREAS, in the 2009 Capital Budget and Five Year Capital forecast, the Public Works department intends on possibly rehabilitating the existing Louise Bridge as well as building a new Louise Bridge to meet existing and future traffic demands for a growing city;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit, as part of their dedicated rapid transit corridors, requires a new bridge over the Red River to service Northeast Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS each bridge project planned for the Northeast Winnipeg/North and South Point Douglas area are presently being planned and developed on a project by project basis, in isolation of each other;

AND WHEREAS there is growing public concern in both North East Winnipeg and Point Douglas over the lack of public input and long term planning over the existing Disraeli Bridge plan; corresponding pedestrian bridge plan, and future bridge works;

AND WHEREAS the City is currently undergoing a South Point Douglas Secondary Plan to guide the redevelopment of South Point Douglas;

AND WHEREAS there is a neighbourhood consensus that Higgins Avenue's current location and heavy traffic usage divides the South Point Douglas neighbourhood;

AND WHEREAS there is a growing consensus among residents of South and North Point Douglas that the proper redevelopment of South Point Douglas is contingent upon diverting traffic from Higgins onto the Disraeli Freeway;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be instructed to immediately facilitate a comprehensive Northeast Winnipeg/Point Douglas River Crossing Transportation Study, that would extensively involve the public, with the goals of maximizing limited capital dollars, minimizing impacts on existing neighbourhoods while concurrently guiding the city to ensure Winnipeg meets its existing and future transportation requirements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of this study be forwarded to Council for consideration prior to the awarding of the final contracts for the Disraeli Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal And Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Minute No. 225
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Steeves,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a comprehensive recycling program;

AND WHEREAS blue box pick occurs concurrently on garbage day cycle,

AND WHEREAS renaming all references to Garbage Day to Recycling Day may have a positive effect towards encouraging all citizens of Winnipeg to recycle;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO investigate the possibility of renaming all references to Garbage Day as Recycling Day.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal And Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law