Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2010

REPORTS

Minute No. 197 High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes
eFile SC-3.15

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the usage of diamond lanes and the potential implementation of high occupancy vehicle lanes for vehicles including taxis to the Winnipeg Public Service for recommendation and report back to the appropriate committee of Council through the ongoing OurWinnipeg process.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Swandel,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Katz called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS in the 2006 Implementation Plan for Rapid Transit Task Force Recommendations, the City of Winnipeg has defined diamond lanes as traffic lanes designated for exclusive use by transit vehicles, cyclists, emergency vehicles, and right-turning vehicles;

AND WHEREAS a 2009 Winnipeg Taxi Study commissioned by the Manitoba Taxi Board recommends assisting the efficiencies of the Winnipeg taxi industry by opening up high occupancy vehicle and diamond lanes;

AND WHEREAS the cities of Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto and Ottawa specify the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes to include vehicles such as taxis, motor vehicles with two or more occupants, bicycles and buses;

AND WHEREAS the OurWinnipeg process launched on April 25, 2009 includes the preparation of a Sustainable Transportation Direction Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the usage of diamond lanes and the potential implementation of high occupancy vehicle lanes for vehicles including taxis be referred to the Winnipeg Public Service for recommendation and report back to the appropriate committee of Council through the ongoing OurWinnipeg process.

Carried

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.