OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Minute No. 220 **Snow Removal Service – Park Walkways - Multi-use Active Transportation Pathways**
eFile SC-3.6

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the February 24, 2010 Council Motion pertaining to snow removal service for walkways within parks and all multi-use Active Transportation pathways, be received as information, inasmuch as funding is already included in the budget of the Public Works Department.

(See Minute 221)

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

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 9, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council that the Council Motion of February 24, 2010 be received as information.

The Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Renewal also received submissions in support of Amendment to Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy and the 2010 Preliminary Operating Budget from the following:

- Walter Mirosh, submitted a communication dated March 8, 2010
- Sigrun Bailey, RENN-TC, submitted a communication dated March 8, 2010
- Wendy Wilson, Leone Banks, Kathleen Leathers and Sheila Spence, Prairie Pathfinder Walking Club, submitted a communication dated March 8, 2010
- Marc Cohoe, Bike to the Future, submitted a presentation dated March 9, 2010

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 24, 2010, 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 Browaty,

WHEREAS Active Transportation has become an important part of urban life with growing public use and support;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is a winter city which creates special challenges for active transportation by way of snow removal and ice control and that the existing city policy does not provide for the removal of snow from all pathways and this greatly limits the ability for the public to enjoy these important amenities that improve our quality of life;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg now removes snow on some multi-use active transportation corridors, but does not remove snow and conduct ice control on walkways/paths within community parks;

AND WHEREAS funds have not been included in past budgets nor in the 2010 Preliminary Operating Budget for the removal of snow and ice control for both multi-use active transportation corridors or single use active transportation, such as walkways within community parks;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works voted on March 1, 2004 to add $200,000 to the 2004 Operating Budget for snow clearing of walkways within parks, but the recommendation was not included in the final budget adopted by Council;

AND WHEREAS the public service now estimates the cost of amending the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy to include snow clearing for walkways within parks and all multi-use active transportation pathways to be approximately $500,000.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend both the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy and the 2010 Preliminary Operating Budget to include $500,000.00 for the purpose of ensuring walkways within parks and all multi-use A.T. pathways have snow removal service.