Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 15, 2010

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Minute No. 490 Amber Lights – Intersection Safety
eFile ST-5

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee requested the City of Winnipeg Public Service to review the State of Georgia legislation, which required yellow lights at signalized intersections to be timed to United States federal engineering standards, plus one additional second; as well as any other relevant studies or legislation regarding the effect of longer yellow lights on intersection safety, and report back to the appropriate committee of Council in 30 days with their analysis and recommendations.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg currently uses photo enforcement cameras to monitor high traffic intersections for speeding vehicles and vehicles that run red lights;

AND WHEREAS the primary purpose of the photo enforcement program is to promote intersection safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians;

AND WHEREAS recent media reports cite a 2008 State of Georgia law which required yellow lights at signalized intersections to be timed to United States federal engineering standards, plus one additional second;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to exploring all options to further increase the safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee request the City of Winnipeg Public Service to review the above-referenced State of Georgia legislation, as well as any other relevant studies or legislation regarding the effect of longer yellow lights on intersection safety, and report back to the appropriate committee of Council in 30 days with their analysis and recommendations.

Carried

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.