STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 311
Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Havixbeck,

WHEREAS the Centre Port development could ensure the future success of Winnipeg as a major trading and commercial centre for Canada and North America;

AND WHEREAS a major component of Centre Port's development has been focused on improving road access in and around the Centre Port Lands, specifically with upgrades to the Perimeter Highway, Inkster Boulevard and the construction of the new Centre Port Canada Way;

AND WHEREAS based on the fact that the Provincial Government has spent over $200 million of federal infrastructure dollars on road access improvements for Centre Port, Centre Port represents a high public policy priority for the Government of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS a completed inner ring road system, as documented in the recent Transportation Master Plan and previously documented in the Mayor's Trade Council Report, is crucial to both the development of Centre Port and securing Winnipeg's future status as an ongoing centre for trade and commerce in North America;

AND WHEREAS the completion of the inner ring road will divert truck traffic that presently rely on existing regional roads which pass through Winnipeg's centre and impact older neighbourhoods such as Elmwood, St. Boniface, the West End, West Kildonan, the North End, and Downtown Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS for the Chief Peguis Trail to be fully effective as one of the main transportation routes for Centre Port, the Trail's transportation infrastructure must first be built so as to connect into the Route 90 transportation system;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Peguis Trail, from Main to McPhillips, is in the Transportation Master Plan under the Medium-term timeframe (by 2021) at an estimated cost of $110 million and the Chief Peguis Trail, from McPhillips to Route 90, is in the same Plan under the Long-term timeframe (by 2031), with an estimated cost of construction of $130 million;

AND WHEREAS plans are now underway for 'Ridgewood' in Charleswood, a new housing development on an estimated 900 acres of land that will create new property tax revenues for the City of Winnipeg, enhance an existing older neighbourhood (Charleswood), and provide housing to a growing city by building infill development rather than suburban sprawl;

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AND WHEREAS that a prerequisite to facilitate the Ridgewood development reduce existing traffic issues will be the construction of the William R. Clement Parkway, from Grant to Wilkes, providing this development with its main source of ingress and egress to Winnipeg's regional street network and helping to fulfill the goal of completing Winnipeg's inner ring road system with its strategic importance to the Centre Port Project and other will support the retail and commercial development in the area;

AND WHEREAS the William R. Clement Parkway, from Grant to Wilkes, is in the Transportation Master Plan under the Medium-term time frame (by 2021) and at an estimated construction cost of $60 million;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg City Council amend the Winnipeg Transportation Master Plan by moving up to the Short-term timeframe schedule (by 2016) the following projects:

i) Chief Peguis Trail - from Main to McPhillips - a total estimated construction cost of $110 million
ii) Chief Peguis Trail – from McPhillips to Route 90 – a total estimated construction cost of $130 million
iii) William R. Clement Parkway – from Grant to Wilkes – at total estimated construction cost of $60 million.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in Accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law