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Item No. 3 Establishment of Construction Criteria - Minor Repairs on Regional Streets

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That an extension of time of 90 days be granted to enable the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works on the establishment of new criteria that would ensure the efficient work of minor repairs and utility cuts on major regional streets, by involving 24 hour and weekend construction schedules.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 6, 2012, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 29, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended that an extension of time of 90 days be granted to enable the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the establishment of new criteria that would ensure the efficient work of minor repairs and utility cuts on major regional streets, by involving 24 hour and weekend construction schedules, and forwarded the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On March 6, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended that the Council Motion of February 22, 2012 be referred to the Winnipeg Public Service for a report back in 90 days, and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 22, 2012, 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 Fielding,

WHEREAS Winnipeg's Regional Street system is crucial to the economy of the city with both the movement of people and goods;

AND WHEREAS existing construction criteria does not ensure minor repairs and utility cuts are carried out as quickly as possible by using 24 hour and weekend construction schedules;

AND WHEREAS for nearly two weeks now, eastbound traffic lanes of Regent Avenue West, at Lagimodiere Boulevard, have been subject to two lane closures due to a utility cut causing large and lengthy traffic delays;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service establish a new criteria on major regional streets that would ensure the efficient work of minor repairs and utility cuts by involving 24 hour and weekend construction schedules.