STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 535
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS in the interest of improving road safety for children, City Council is considering reducing speeds to 30 km/h in some school zones in Winnipeg to be in force Monday to Friday, 07:00 – 17:30, during the months of September to June;

AND WHEREAS road safety for children is a concern also outside of school zone boundaries and at all times, particularly at neighbourhood parks and playgrounds and around homes;

AND WHEREAS according to experts, a pedestrian or a cyclist hit at 50 km/h is two to three times more likely to die as one hit at 40km/h and injuries and property damage are also greatly reduced at a lower speed;

AND WHEREAS the City of Edmonton recently reduced speed limits to 40km/h in several residential neighbourhoods with a 25% drop in severe collisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask the Winnipeg Public Service to consider lowering the residential speed limit in Winnipeg to 40km/h.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law