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Minute No. 338
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – July 3, 2012

Item No. 6 Installation of a Signalized Pedestrian Corridor – Corydon Avenue between Oak Street and Elm Street (River Heights-Fort Garry Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and the City Centre Community Committee, as amended, and submits the following to Council:

1. That a pedestrian corridor be constructed on Corydon Avenue in close proximity to the Elm Street intersections to enhance access by improving safety to the local community centre and junior high school.

2. That the cost of the installation of the pedestrian corridor, in the amount of $30,000 be allocated from the River Heights - Fort Garry Ward allocation of the City Centre Community Land Dedication Reserve, subject to the following condition:

   A. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by The City of Winnipeg.

3. That should this project not meet the eligibility criteria for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund, said criteria be waived.

4. That should the minimum pedestrian crossing criteria be met after the installation of the pedestrian corridor, the Public Works Department reimburse the funding to the River Heights - Fort Garry Ward allocation of the City Centre Community Land Dedication Reserve.

5. 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 recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and the City Centre Community Committee, as amended, be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 3, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee, with the following amendments:

- Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety and replace with the following recommendations:

  "2. That the cost of the installation of the pedestrian corridor, in the amount of $30,000 be allocated from the River Heights - Fort Garry Ward allocation of the City Centre Community Land Dedication Reserve, subject to the following condition:

  A. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by The City of Winnipeg.

  3. That should this project not meet the eligibility criteria for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund, said criteria be waived.

  4. That should the minimum pedestrian crossing criteria be met after the installation of the pedestrian corridor, the Public Works Department reimburse the funding to the River Heights - Fort Garry Ward allocation of the City Centre Community Land Dedication Reserve.

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and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Also, on July 3, 2012, Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works received documentation in support of the installation of a Signalized Pedestrian Corridor on Corydon Avenue Oak Street and Elm Street from the following:

- Councillor Orlikow, River Heights-Fort Garry Ward
- Rod Miller

Further, on July 3, 2012, Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works received documentation with respect to the installation of a Signalized Pedestrian Corridor on Corydon Avenue Oak Street and Elm Street from the following:

- Craig Tataryn

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 12, 2012, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the crossing at Elm Street and Corydon Avenue is the main crosswalk for students and the residence crossing to the River Heights School and River Heights Community Centre;

AND WHEREAS this area has a history of safety issue as expressed through the school and community centre;

AND WHEREAS three students have been struck by cars on Corydon Avenue in the proximity of Elm Street in the last 18 months and incidents have occurred each year for many a year;

AND WHEREAS the June 28, 2011, decision that the signed and marked pedestrian crosswalk across Corydon Avenue be re-located from Oak Street to the west side of Elm Street, prior to the starting of school in September 2011, has not resolved the safety issue;

AND WHEREAS traffic has increased on Corydon Avenue both in volume and speed;

AND WHEREAS the situation of having a community centre and a school side by side is unique;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That a pedestrian corridor be constructed on Corydon Avenue in close proximity to the Elm Street intersections to enhance access by improving safety to the local community centre and junior high school;

2. That the cost of the installation of a signalized pedestrian corridor be allocated from the Public Works 2013 Capital Budget and this project be prioritized for installation,

and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

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City Councillor John Orlikow
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June 1, 2012

Dear Councillor John Orlikow;

As you are aware we have been requesting a marked, lit crosswalk on Corydon Avenue to help ensure the safety of students and River Heights Community Club patrons as they traverse Corydon for the past 9 ½ years.

Since I appeared with our Parent Advisory Committee Chair, Mr. Rod Miller, before a civic committee last July with this repeated request two of our students have been struck trying to cross at the unlit crosswalk. It is not a safe pedestrian situation. The latest young woman struck was transported to hospital by ambulance. It was a very upsetting and dangerous situation for all involved. It is also confusing for me that despite our ongoing attempts and despite the repeated injuries we are unable to obtain a safer crossing for our 520 students, the community club patrons and the elementary students attending Robert H. Smith School who cross Corydon Avenue. We knew when we left from our appearance before your committee last summer that students could be injured this school year and they were.

We are appealing once again for support for this crucial safety measure.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Anderson

CENTRAL CORYDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

June 12, 2012

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this as Central Corydon Community Centre's support for a controlled crosswalk at the corner of Montrose Street and Corydon Avenue.

There have been several children hit by cars and in the interest of safety, we strongly support this position.

Thank you.

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Jayde Matheson
Harold Brown
Co-Chairs
Ecole River Heights School Parent Advisory Council

June 6, 2012

To whom this may concern,

We are writing to you because there needs to be a lighted crosswalk on Corydon Ave at Ash Street. Presently, there is crosswalk signage and a photo radar car that sits just ahead of this location; however it is simply not enough. The crosswalk sign provides a false sense of security for the children crossing the street because it is essentially ignored by most drivers. This year alone, two children have been hit at this crossing, which has caused serious trauma to the children, the drivers and the community as a whole. We understand that this section may not meet the "numbers" of pedestrian traffic to warrant the expense of installing a lighted crosswalk, however, the amount of car/pedestrian accidents that have occurred at this location not just this year, but over the past 10 years certainly must justify it. How many more accidents have to happen here or worse a death of a student or community member before something is done about this very evident problem area? There are many other areas in the city with much less traffic which have a lighted crosswalk; including the neighbouring Crestwood Community Club.

We beg you, please do not view our community members both young, elderly and everything in between as "numbers" crossing the street. Please see them as they deserve to be seen, as people whose lives we value and who deserve to be kept safe no matter what the cost. It would be a definite tragedy when someone loses their life and it came down to matter of "lack of funding". What value do you place on human life?

As a member of the Parent Advisory Council of Ecole River Heights School, we are willing assist in any way you may need to facilitate getting this in place. Please help us build a safer community for everyone.

Respectfully Yours,

Jayde Matheson

Harold Brown

Co-Chairs - Ecole River Heights School Parent Advisory Council