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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – July 3, 2012

Item No. 12 Waiving Use of Street Petition Requirements for Four Special Events

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submits the following to Council:

1. That the requirement for a minimum 50% supporting petition for a Use of Street permit for Entertainment Purposes be waived for the current approved routes for the Manitoba Marathon, The Pride Parade, The Sikh Parade and the Santa Clause Parade.

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

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – July 3, 2012

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works 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 Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **WAIVING USE OF STREET PETITION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOUR SPECIAL EVENTS**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, EPC and Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Policy of Temporary Closure of Streets for Entertainment Purposes, approved by Council on July 27, 1988, requires that applications for street closures for entertainment purposes (Use of Street Permit) be submitted with a minimum 50% of a valid support petition. Larger events have had issues with the scope of work associated with the petition and the requirement to update the petition annually.

Prior to 2011 three of these four events were considered Parades and were originally authorized by a parade permit and did not require a majority supporting petition.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no financial implications of the recommendations. The recommendations will require less work for the applicant to meet the requirements to obtain a Use of Street Permit for Entertainment Purposes.

HISTORY

See reason for the report. Winnipeg Public Service evaluation of the recommendations is provided in Appendix ‘A’ of the report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** May 15, 2012

Project Name:
WAIVING USE OF STREET PETITION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOUR SPECIAL EVENTS

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact associated with the recommendation of this report.

"Original signed by D. Stewart, CA"

Manager of Finance & Administration

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Film and Special Events Office
Planning, Property and Development.

SUBMITTED BY

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Attachment: Appendix “A”

APPENDIX 'A'

Winnipeg Public Service Evaluation

Approval for temporary street closures, fully or partially closed, with a Use of Street Permit (Streets By-law 1481/77) for entertainment purposes excluding residential block parties, is subject to the approval of the Public Works Department.

The current administrative procedure requires that applications for street closures (Use of Street Permit) should be submitted with a minimum 50% of a valid support petition signed by commercial property owners/lessees/tenants affected by said closures, at least 2 months in advance before the event (approved by Council July 27, 1988). Partial closures do not require a petition. If it is too onerous to obtain a majority supporting petition, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works can approve the application.

The Winnipeg Public Service is recommending that the "minimum 50% of a valid support petition signed by commercial property owners/lessees/tenants affected by said closures" requirement be waived for the following four events when applying for a Use of Street Permit:

1. Manitoba Marathon, historically on Father's Day in June. Although the route contains major streets like Pembina Hwy and Osborne Street, the full closures are limited to the residential areas of the route.
2. Pride Parade, historically first Sunday in June, route as follows:
    - Start at Manitoba Legislature Grounds. North on Memorial Blvd. to York Ave. East on York Ave. to Garry St. South on Garry St. to Broadway Ave. West on Broadway returning to the Legislature. Pedestrians are guided by vested volunteers into Memorial Park; floats are unloaded at the entrance to the Legislature Grounds, and then turned into the Grounds.
3. Sikh Procession, historically Sunday of Labour Day weekend in September, route as in Pride Parade, except no use of Legislature grounds. Floats are marshaled on Memorial Blvd. between York Ave. and Broadway Ave., and parade starts and ends from Memorial Park.
4. Santa Claus Parade, historically on the Saturday after Remembrance Day in November, route on Portage Ave. from Sherbrook St. to Main St., then via William Stephenson Way to Lot P117 at the Forks. The parade marshals on Sherbrook St., Furby St., Langside St., and Young St. between Portage Ave. and Broadway Ave.

Prior to 2011 three of these four events were considered Parades and were originally authorized by a parade permit and did not require a majority supporting petition. Prior to 2008, The Santa Claus Parade, was also a parade permit and required no support petition. However, these events have grown to a size that the Winnipeg Police Service no longer feels a parade permit is adequate and has requested they are handled under a Use of Street Permit. Since 2008 the Santa Claus Parade has been done as a Use of Street Permit and the other three events have been done under the Use of Street Permit since 2011. The parade permit had set precedent that these four events had not needed a petition and now having this requirement is viewed by this Department to be onerous and we recommend the waiving of the 50% valid support petition requirement.

The cost for the Use of Street Permit is not waived as part of the report recommendation.