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Item No. 1 Spirit Bus Re-route

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the Council Motion of July 17, 2013 be referred to the Winnipeg Public Service for a report back to Standing Committee.

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 concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 10, 2013, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works referred the Council motion of July 17, 2013 to the Winnipeg Public Service for a report back to Standing Committee, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 17, 2013, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi
Seconded by Councillor Smith

WHEREAS with the closure of the grocery store at The Bay, there is a void in large grocery store options for downtown residents;

AND WHEREAS it is crucial that the downtown population has access to basic services in order to maintain and grow the number of people living downtown;

AND WHEREAS many downtown residents do not have access to a motor vehicle;

AND WHEREAS it may take some time before a new large grocery store will be open in the downtown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT until such time as a large grocery store opens in the downtown, that consideration be given to re-routing the Spirit Bus to a grocery facility near the downtown to provide access to a larger grocery store for downtown residents.