Minute No. 297
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – February 4, 2014

Item No. 1 Establishment of a U-Pass Program

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That a U-Pass Program be established subject to the following:

    A. That the program be conditional on successful membership referendums held by the University of Manitoba Students' Union and the University of Winnipeg Students' Association to be held by November 1st of 2014, at a level of $260 per student to cover the fall and winter semesters.

    B. That the $260 fee be subject to inflationary increases as per the City of Winnipeg policy.

    C. That the Winnipeg Public Service provide budgetary implications of a U-Pass Program and report back to Council.

    D. That the U-Pass Program commence in September 2016 or sooner if possible.

    E. That following successful student referendums, Winnipeg Transit prepare an implementation report to be presented to Council for approval.

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 Swandel,

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

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Mayes, Nordman, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Smith, Steen, Swandel, Vandal and Sharma. 13

Nay: Councillors Browaty and Fielding 2

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 12, 2014, 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 February 4, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the Council Motion of January 29, 2014 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Also, David Sanders submitted a presentation dated February 4, 2014, in support of the Establishment of a U-Pass Program.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 29, 2014, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

That Council endorse the establishment of a U-pass program as follows;

1. That the program be conditional on successful membership referendums held by the University of Manitoba Students' Union and the University of Winnipeg Students' Association to be held by November 1st of 2014, at a level of a $260 per student to cover the fall and winter semesters;

2. That the $260 fee be subject to inflationary increases as per City of Winnipeg policy;

3. That the public service provide budgetary implications of a U-pass program and report back to Council;

4. That the U-pass program would begin in September 2016 or sooner if possible;

5. That following successful student referendums, Winnipeg Transit prepare an implementation report to be presented to Council for approval.