Minute No. 488
Report – Executive Policy Committee – May 7, 2014

Item No. 5 Costs and Benefits of Railroad Rationalization

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg establish a high level working group made up of railroad leaders, other transportation stakeholders and regulators, Federal representatives, Provincial representatives, and City representatives to work toward a high level understanding of the costs and benefits of railroad rationalization to all parties.

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 His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of April 30, 2014, with the following amendment:

- Add the words, "Federal representatives," after the words "stakeholders and regulators," and before the words "Provincial representatives"

and submitted the matter to Council.

Further on May 7, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee received a communication dated May 7, 2014, from David Sanders in support of Costs and Benefits of Railroad Rationalization.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 30, 2014, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS railroad rationalization is becoming of increased importance in urban centres;

AND WHEREAS railroad rationalization can provide opportunities for Rapid Transit, Active Transportation, land assembly and better continuity of neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS the City needs to have a better understanding of the costs and benefits for the City and other stakeholders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City establish a high level working group made up of railroad leaders, other transportation stakeholders and regulators, Provincial representatives, and City representatives to work toward a high level understanding of the costs and benefits of railroad rationalization to all parties.