STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 533
Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS it is a fact that, as of today's date, there are still 522 properties with frozen water pipes;

AND WHEREAS other cities including Brandon, Manitoba and Regina, Saskatchewan have long resolved their frozen pipe issue in their respective cities and it is a fact that thawing equipment is available and sits idle;

AND WHEREAS there has been no agreement to have regular or even periodic updates about the frozen pipe situation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to provide a comprehensive report including the following information:

1. The municipalities contacted, contact person and dates relative to borrowing other municipalities' thawing equipment;

2. The cost incurred to date for:
   -overtime as it compares to this time last year
   -water running continuously by affected properties
   -reimbursement to date for pipes thawed by private contractors and
   -additional equipment costs;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. That the Public Service be directed to research and consult with the home building industry and provide Council with suitable options suitable concerning to what depths new development should be required to lay pipes;

2. That the Mayor write the federal minister responsible for municipal infrastructure issues to request immediate funding for all City of Winnipeg pipes being replaced this year toward laying these pipes to the new required depths;

3. That a long term plan be developed and brought forward to Council in the form of a Council Seminar in July 2014 for review and input;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public administration provide Council with this information within 30 days.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law