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Item No. 4 Pedestrian Crossing Analysis at Portage Avenue and Main Street

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management requested that the Winnipeg Public Service consult with Legal Services in order to provide an update in 60 days, In Camera if necessary, on the legal framework with respect to agreements in place regarding the Portage Avenue and Main Street intersection and Underground Concourse.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That the Winnipeg Public Service consult with Legal Services in order to provide an update in 60 days, In Camera if necessary, on the legal framework with respect to agreements in place regarding the Portage Avenue and Main Street intersection and Underground Concourse.

Carried

On January 26, 2015, Mr. M. Pittet, Acting Director of Planning, Property and Development, Mr. Brad Sacher, Director of Public Works, Mr. G. Holmes, Manager of Economic Development and Mr. J. Kiernan, Manager, Urban Design Division, Planning, Property and Development Department, provided a verbal update on the pedestrian crossing analysis at Portage Avenue and Main Street.

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

On April 10, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works that in the interest of possibly reopening the intersection of Portage Avenue and Main Street to pedestrians, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to, at the appropriate time:

1. Initiate discussions with the applicable property owners at the intersection of Portage Avenue and Main Street regarding the implementation of an at grade pedestrian crossing at that intersection, including potentially amending existing agreements.

2. Engage with Stakeholders to include consultations and research as applicable.

3. Prepare the terms of reference for a comprehensive traffic study to assess the impact of introducing at grade pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Portage Avenue and Main Street.

4. Explore in more detail financing options and operating and maintenance costs.