STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 170
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS snow and ice clearing in the City of Winnipeg has been heavily criticized over the last few years;

AND WHEREAS councillors' offices have had to deal with many complaints on private sector snow zones with actual damage, poor quality clearing, and part of zones not cleared identified;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been dependent on private sector contracts to get the snow and ice cleared away;

AND WHEREAS it is time Council finds out if the city is getting value for money from its contractors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service provide an Administrative Report reviewing the quality and cost of internal service delivery and external contracts within the Department of Public Works, Roadway Snow Removal and Ice Control including:

- A comprehensive review of its approach to contracting for snow and ice control services;
- A comparative analyses of the costs of services delivered by area contractors versus the same services delivered by City forces;
- Determining the cost of hired equipment (with labour) compared to the cost of City equipment (and labour) in various circumstances;
- A three-year review of complaints related to snow clearing made by the general public and private businesses to 311, Councillor's offices, and the Mayor's office, based on snow clearing Areas;
- A 3 year review of health and safety data and scheduling issues for both contract and city services;
- A review of damage to curbs, roads, and boulevards, and private property due to snow clearing over the past three years, based on snow clearing Areas;
- A report on all instances of contractors violations of the terms of contracts over the past three years;
- A review of commercial vehicle safety records of contracted equipment, including accident rates and mechanical condition of equipment;
- Recommendations on decreasing the department's reliance on Area contracts for Snow Clearing and Ice Removal.

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