STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 172
Councillor Schreyer questioned if the private sector owners of the Disraeli Bridge were contracting the City of Winnipeg to plow snow on the Disraeli Freeway and asked how much there were paid for the service.

Councillor Lukes replied that the Disraeli project was a P3 project and agreed to get the information from the administration and report back with the information.

Councillor Schreyer asked who the owners of the Disraeli Bridge were. Councillor Lukes replied that it was her understanding that the City of Winnipeg was the owner of the Disraeli Bridge and through the P3 process they were contracted to do the work. She added that she would verify that information with the administration and report back.

Councillor Browaty questioned if the Chair was aware that prior to the Disraeli being replaced, the major arterial roads in that particular area were ploughed by the City of Winnipeg with their own forces and that in the case of the Chief Peguis Trail Extension, which was also a P3 project, that it was plowed by the same independent contractors that do the other arterial roadway in that vicinity. Councillor Lukes replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Schreyer asked what the estimated cost was for the entire bus rapid transit plan for Winnipeg. Councillor Lukes advised that the City did not have a cost for the entire project for the City of Winnipeg as the entire system had not yet been defined. To narrow it down, there were a lot of variables and functional designs that needed to be done to understand where the routes were going to be and the land acquisitions that were required.