Minute No. 610
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – June 3, 2014

Item No. 3 Frozen Water Pipes Research

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That Recommendation No. 1 of the Council Motion of May 27, 2014 be received as information, inasmuch as the Winnipeg Public Service provided a verbal update.

2. That Recommendation No. 2 of the Council Motion of May 27, 2014 be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance, for the reason that Committee is addressing the same issue as requested and will be reporting back to the aforementioned Committee and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council

3. 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 Councillor Swandel,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 18, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 3, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended to Council:

1. That Recommendation No. 1 of the Council Motion of May 27, 2014 be received as information, inasmuch as the Winnipeg Public Service provided a verbal update.

2. That Recommendation No. 2 of the Council Motion of May 27, 2014 be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance, for the reason that Committee is addressing the same issue as requested and will be reporting back to the aforementioned Committee and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 27, 2014, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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;