STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 331
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the summer construction season is approaching;

AND WHEREAS road construction projects throughout the season cause traffic bottlenecks where lanes are blocked off for road work;

AND WHEREAS these bottlenecks cause delays for commuters well ahead of the actual blocked off lane;

AND WHEREAS the City of Saskatoon and the State of Minnesota have sought to address this problem through the implementation and promotion of the "zipper merge" traffic management technique;

AND WHEREAS the "zipper merge" method, a regular part of driver culture in other Canadian cities, has yet to catch on in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Saskatoon Public Works department has produced evidence suggesting an up to 40% reduction length of traffic bottlenecks;

AND WHEREAS it is likely only limited changes to the highway traffic act may be required, and a change in driver culture and behaviour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Works Department provide a report on the feasibility of promoting a "zipper merge" culture on Winnipeg streets 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