Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – September 23, 2015

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 21, 2015

Item No. 4 Amendment to Reduced-Speed School Zones By-law No.76/2014 – Removal of Eastbound and Westbound Zones adjacent to Gray Academy of Jewish Education on Wellington Crescent (Charleswood – Tuxedo – Whyte Ridge Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Schedule to the Reduced-Speed School Zones By-law No.76/2014 be amended to remove both the eastbound and westbound zones adjacent to Gray Academy of Jewish Education on Wellington Crescent as part of the designated school zone.

2. That upon approval of Recommendation 1, the Department of Public Works proceed as soon as practicable to remove all related signage and other markings identifying the zones.

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 Lukes,

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 Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 7, 2015, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS section 98.1 of The Highway Traffic Act, C.C.S.M., c. H60 provides for the creation of reduced-speed school zones by by-law;

AND WHEREAS subsection 4(3) of The Reduced-Speed School Zones Regulation, Manitoba Regulation 136/2013 provides that the by-law must identify the beginning and end of a reduced speed school zone on a highway –by-highway basis, which has been done in the City of Winnipeg by the Reduced Speed School Zones By-law No. 76/2014;

AND WHEREAS subsection 98.1(3) of The Highway Traffic Act makes it an offence for a person to drive a vehicle at a speed greater than the maximum permitted speed established by the by-law;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS there currently exists a reduced-speed school zone on Wellington Crescent adjacent to Gray Academy of Jewish Education, which is located at A100 - 123 Doncaster Street;

AND WHEREAS there is a consensus among all stakeholders that the reduced-speed school zone at this location does not serve any purpose from a safety perspective;

AND WHEREAS students travelling to and from the school do not typically access the school from Wellington Crescent, but rather, from the other adjacent streets;

AND WHEREAS representatives of the school have clearly indicated their support for removal of the reduced-speed school zone at this location;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assiniboia Community Committee recommend to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed as follows:

1. That the Schedule to the Reduced-Speed School Zones By-law No.76/2014 be amended to remove both the eastbound and westbound zones adjacent to Gray Academy of Jewish Education on Wellington Crescent as part of the designated school zone;

2. That upon approval of Recommendation 1, the Department of Public Works proceed as soon as practicable to remove all related signage and other markings identifying the zones; and

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

From: Rory Paul
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Morantz, Marty
Subject: 30K school zone

Hi Marty

The 30K school zone that is currently located on Wellington Crescent north of the Asper Jewish Community Campus and Gray Academy of Jewish Education is not necessary. The main entrances and exits as well as vehicular traffic are all located on the south side of the property. Further, no students are ever assembled or walking on the north side of the building near Wellington. Additionally, traffic exiting from the Asper Campus is required by traffic signage to turn south toward Tuxedo Ave. and therefore does not move toward Wellington at all.

I support the removal of the 30K school zone along wellington Crescent immediately north of the Asper campus and Gray Academy.

Rory Paul
Head of School
Gray Academy of Jewish Education
Chief Executive Officer
Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education

From: Hart Sera
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Morantz, Marty
Subject: RE: 30 K zone on Wellington Crescent

Good morning.

As principal of Gray Academy of Jewish Education , I am in favour of the motion being brought forward by Marty Morantz , for the removal of the 30K restriction on that particular stretch of Wellington Crescent

Hart Sera

-----Original Message-----
From: Lori Shenkarow
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Morantz, Marty
Subject: RE: 30 K zone on Wellington Crescent

Hi Marty.

Here is a letter following up on our conversation about the speed limit on Wellington Crescent near the Asper Jewish Community Center. As President of the Parent Advisory Council, I do not think that there is any benefit having a school zone speed reduction near Gray Academy. There are no kids walking on Wellington Crescent before or after school. Kids are on Doncaster or Tuxedo Boulevard. If you need any more information from me let me know.

Lori Shenkarow

Gail Asper, O.C., O.M., LL.D.

April 7, 2015

Councillor Marty Morantz
Council Building
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3B 1B9

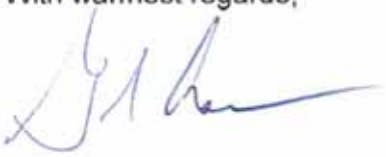
Dear Councillor Morantz:

I thought I would send you a note with regard to a number of traffic issues that I hope can be addressed over the next few months and years.

2. The 30 km school zone speed limit on Wellington Crescent in front of the Asper Jewish Community Campus is completely unnecessary. Having sent my kids to the Gray Academy I know that the entrance of the school is completely on the other side and that there is absolutely no children's activity on Wellington Crescent at any time. Not during the school rush hour, not during the school day – not any time. I would therefore respectfully ask that this 30 km sign be taken down because it is not protecting any children and is impeding traffic flow.

Thanks for any attention you can give to these matters!

With warmest regards,



Gail Asper, O.C., O.M., LL.D.
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