STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 446
Councillor Wyatt asked if they could look at a process to allow for more community engagement on the Transportation Master Plan to improve cycling strategies.

Councillor Lukes confirmed that there would be an opportunity to further discuss the pedestrian cycling strategy when the report was before the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Councillor Wyatt asked, in terms of potential recommendations, how the process would work and inquired if they could make amendments to the plan.

Councillor Lukes replied that if and when the Pedestrian Cycling Strategies plan was approved, and funding for the projects identified, then, at that point, there would be community engagement and consultation and opportunity to make changes.

Councillor Wyatt questioned if there was something that had been missed in the plan that could be amended to prevent having to wait for the change later; to which Councillor Lukes replied that she would get back to Councillor Wyatt, but her understanding was that when funding was identified for an action plan that would be when the community would be engaged and changes made.

Councillor Eadie questioned who decided that that the route to cross Main Street would be at Pritchard Avenue and why they did not choose Magnus instead, which already had a pedestrian corridor.

Councillor Lukes replied that there was extensive consultation done in regards to the process.

Councillor Eadie inquired how the crossing of Main Street could be changed from Pritchard to Magnus.

Councillor Lukes agreed to discuss the matter further with the Public Works Department in order to have more answers when the issue came before the committee.

Councillor Browaty noted that the current draft of the Pedestrian and Active Transportation Plan identified some specific routes for various projects and questioned if installing mini roundabouts and raised intersections on streets that were priority two collector streets, in terms of snow plowing, made the most sense.

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Councillor Lukes replied that when funding became available, at that point in time, the community would be consulted on what would be constructed. She added that the strategy was a very big plan with a 20 to 25 year vision.

Councillor Browaty voiced concern that the budget allocated more money than had ever been spent on amendments going forward and asked the Chair to commit that there would be an opportunity to correct the map before it went forward.

Councillor Lukes stated that if there were any inaccuracies, mislabeling, or incorrect information that would be corrected.

Councillor Browaty asked for a commitment that Council would have the opportunity to make changes to the proposed strategy; to which Councillor Lukes agreed to take the matter into consideration.