STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 255
Councillor Gillingham questioned if Council or the Innovation Committee would receive regular reports on the Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system as to what this system was measuring. What kind of data would be collected on the report, were there any departments that will be excluded from this, and what kind of data and will there be reporting on that data, to which Councillor Browaty replied there is still a little bit of jurisdictional question when it comes to the Innovation Committee, however, the Committee has asked for updates, within proper jurisdiction.

Councillor Gillingham asked the Chair, if he could ensure that appropriate reporting was implemented, to which Councillor Browaty replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Schreyer asked the Chair how the AVL technology would be applied to snow clearing machinery, to which Councillor Browaty replied there would be limited ability to track it and that this particular AVL project would not extend to private contracted snow clearing at this time. Councillor Browaty suggested some type of Global Positioning System (GPS)-enabled smartphone for plow operators.

Councillor Schreyer understood that GPS was already utilized and asked the Chair for clarification; to which Councillor Browaty advised the decade old GPS system did not have proper cellular technology.

Councillor Schreyer referred to the AVL project being applied to the snow clearing public sector, and questioned if they would have that information or did he mean, at most, to which Councillor Browaty replied he did not think the snow clearing element of AVL was relevant.

Councillor Allard asked if the Innovation Committee should apply to all departments and all operations of the City of Winnipeg to look for new innovative ways of saving taxpayers' dollars and providing better service. Councillor Browaty replied that the current jurisdiction was over the Special Operating Agencies, but hoped to expand the scope of the Committee's jurisdiction.

Councillor Allard asked if the Chair was aware of a recent development in the "Know Your Zone" application whereby bilingual service was not provided and would he consider it in future applications. Councillor Browaty replied that this was not under the purview of the Innovation Committee.