STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 453
Councillor Wyatt asked if there was an update on the motion about a snow removal on-line app that was referred from the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation to the administration; to which Councillor Browaty replied in the negative, and stated that he would follow up and report back.

Councillor Wyatt asked if there was a time limit to report back; to which Councillor Browaty replied in the negative, and noted that the jurisdiction of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation was limited and that this may be more of a Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works issue.

Councillor Wyatt inquired if Councillor Browaty knew if the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works made an application to the Innovation Fund; to which Councillor Browaty replied that the applications had been delayed and that further to his last communication with the Public Service, there was no preparation done on the snow removal app.

Councillor Allard asked about Wi-Fi on transit buses and what the next steps would be to explore a pilot project. Councillor Browaty replied that the size and scope of the project was beyond the Innovation Capital Fund, however, it would be a discussion worth having.

Councillor Gillingham noted a recent motion on Wi-Fi in municipal facilities and inquired what the next steps were; to which Councillor Browaty replied there were cost implications, however it was a worthwhile endeavour.

Councillor Gillingham inquired if there was a pathway established within the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation for front line workers to bring forward ideas, through their Directors, to the Committee. Councillor Browaty replied the process was currently to email the Committee Clerk.

Councillor Gillingham advised that he was very supportive of the idea of employees and the public bringing forward creative ideas and asked if the Chair was aware of that; to which Councillor Browaty replied in the affirmative and that he was hopeful it could be extended in the future.

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Councillor Wyatt asked for a follow up on the process of the $1 million Innovation Fund, to which Councillor Browaty replied he was working with the Public Service on the process and that he hoped to have something before the end of July, 2016 in this regard.

Councillor Wyatt asked if Councillor Browaty could advise what the process was and who could apply for the Innovation Fund, to which Councillor Browaty replied the Public Service and Council as well as the public who appear at the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation as a delegation.

Councillor Wyatt asked what the structure was for call for ideas, to which Councillor Browaty replied that the call for ideas would be a City wide e-mail.