Minute No. 375
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – May 2, 2017

Item No. 1 Utility Cut Restorations

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to its October 3, 2017 meeting regarding opportunities to improve the cut restoration process.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Morantz,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 10, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 2, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted to the Executive Policy Committee and Council that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to its October 3, 2017 meeting regarding opportunities to improve the cut restoration process.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

On April 26, 2017, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS every year, due to water main breaks that occur in both cold and hot seasons, numerous utility cuts and repairs are required on residential streets and on residential boulevards;

AND WHEREAS these utility cuts are disruptive to the neighbourhood both in terms of public property and in some cases private property;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service has yet to provide Council with a clear standard for the level of service delivery in terms of utility cut restoration work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to Council within 60 days on the level of service with regards to utility cut restorations, specifically:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (continued):

1. Time frames and/or deadlines for the restoration work to be performed following a utility cut made due to a water main break.

2. Quality control guidelines and requirements for the delivery of these restoration works so as to ensure proper workmanship.

3. A reporting process which will ensure the Winnipeg Public Service follows up with both the contractor performing the work and the client, namely the private property owners affected by the repairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that similar to the reporting provided to Council for missed recycling and garbage pickups, as mandated by Council, that Councillors be provided weekly reports that contain the following:

1. Addresses of all water main breaks that occur within their ward and length of time to repair, and;

    a. the timeframes and schedules for full restoration.

    b. Confirmation that full repair and restoration has been done with quality control standards in place for proper completion.