Minute No. 376
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – May 2, 2017

Item No. 2 Electric Car Recharging Stations

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 matter be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation.

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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, that the matter be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation, be adopted .

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 matter be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation.

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 Eadie,

WHEREAS the electric car is a growing and positive development in terms of reducing the carbon footprint and hopefully concerns over climate change;

AND WHEREAS the commercial viability of the electric car has now become more affordable and accessible to a larger community and the future looks positive;

AND WHEREAS the greatest practical challenge facing the electric car is the lack of recharging stations, namely the quick charging stations that can charge back up an electric car in 30 minutes or less;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS in all of Winnipeg, only one location of a quick charge exists, and presently the average distance on a charge of an electric car is 180km, therefore more charging stations are required in Winnipeg and in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is now investing tens of millions installing recharging stations across the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is now offering external seed funding for establishing electric car charging stations for making the electric car dream a true reality in cities across the Country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Winnipeg Public Service to immediately develop and implement a city wide program to, as soon as possible, install quick recharging stations in our city for electric cars and to apply for federal funding to help finance this project and that the public service report back to Council within 60 days.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service develop the above said initiative, in cooperation with the Manitoba Electric Car Association.