Minute No. 450
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – May 30, 2017

Item No. 2 U-Pass Program Exemptions

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 Council Motion of May 24, 2017 be referred to the 2018 Budget Review Process, and that during the 2018 budget review process, the Winnipeg Public Service review options to exempt student U-Pass holders who meet all of the following criteria:

   A. Reside outside of the perimeter.

   B. Reside outside of the "transit service area".

   C. Choose to opt out of the U–Pass program.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to 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 June 7, 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 30, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted to the Executive Policy Committee and Council that the Council Motion of May 24, 2017 be referred to the 2018 Budget Review Process, namely:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service review options to exempt student U-Pass holders who meet all of the following criteria:

    A. Reside outside of the perimeter.

    B. Reside outside of the "transit service area".

    C. Choose to opt out of the U–Pass program.

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 24, 2017, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

WHEREAS the U-Pass program has extended the benefits of a transit pass to many thousands of university students living within the City of Winnipeg boundaries; and

AND WHEREAS the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg have students who are paying for the U-Pass who live both outside of the perimeter AND outside of Winnipeg Transit's "transit service area" though such students still reside within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg; and

AND WHEREAS students who reside within the City of Winnipeg and who live both outside the perimeter AND outside the "transit service area" have no access to transit services; and

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit was able to define with precision the scope of "the transit service area" in an October 30, 2012 Administrative Report to IRPW Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that during the 2018 budget review process, the City of Winnipeg review options to exempt student U-Pass holders who meet all of the following criteria:

1. Reside outside of the perimeter.

2. Reside outside of the "transit service area".

3. Choose to opt out of the U–Pass program.