Minute No. 614
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 11, 2017

Item No. 4 Renewal and Redevelopment of Fermor Avenue

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 July 19, 2017, be received as information.

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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 September 20, 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 September 11, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of July 19, 2017, be received as information.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 19, 2017, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the launch of the National Trade Corridors Fund described in FCM's newsletter article below provides opportunity for the City of Winnipeg to make many improvements to Highway One's entrance into Winnipeg and its trade route system;

"On July 4, Transport Minister Marc Garneau announced the details for the federal government's National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) and launched the application period for funding requests. The fund will provide $2 billion over 11 years to projects that reduce bottlenecks at major transportation hubs and modernize Canada's transportation network, including municipal priorities such as roads, bridges and grade separations.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

The NTCF is an important new federal investment that responds directly to FCM's recommendations for improving Canada's transportation system by:

A. providing dedicated funding for transportation needs not directly addressed in Phase 1 of the federal government's infrastructure plan;

B. permitting proponents to stack multiple sources of federal funding beyond 50 percent of eligible costs; and

C. including a $400-million carve-out for Canada's northern transportation needs.

The submission period for Expressions of Interest is now open until September 5, 2017. If you have any further questions, please contact Transport Canada at tc.ntcf-fncc.tc@tc.gc.ca."

AND WHEREAS Fermor Avenue, from Lagimodiere to Plessis Road (Winnipeg's boundary road), is the Number One Trans Canada Highway and is therefore a significant gateway into Winnipeg for many visitors arriving to Winnipeg from the east, and is also the site of the beautifully constructed building and grounds of the Royal Canadian Mint, a major industry that has a successful international business by minting coins for countries the world over;

AND WHEREAS Fermor Avenue, from Lagimodiere to Plessis Road, and inclusive of the Fermor and Legimodiere intersection, is in poor condition and is congested at peak traffic hours and this is not fitting such a gateway and indirectly does a disservice to the Royal Canadian Mint;

AND WHEREAS the City works hard to find ways and means to finance its share of road works when we engage in tripartite funding programs with other levels of government other than direct mill rate support;

AND WHEREAS developer obligations presently exist at this location from a previous Council decision, which makes this a unique opportunity for the City of Winnipeg;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service do all things necessary to submit an expression of interest to Transport Canada to remove the bottle neck at the intersection of Lagimodiere Blvd. and Fermor Ave. and renew and redevelop Fermor Avenue from Lagimodiere Blvd. to Plessis Road, including upgrades for the Fermor / Lagimodiere intersection.