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Item No. 5 Wilkes Avenue Alignment to William R. Clement Parkway Extension

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 31, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to ensure that any planning and design of a future roadway for the east/west connection of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project utilize only the existing Wilkes Avenue right-of-way and property directly contiguous thereto (the along Wilkes alignment), to minimize disruption to existing property owners south of Wilkes. It is recognized that the only exception to this resolution is that portions of the east/west connection may have to be south of the Along Wilkes alignment where it is not feasible to move certain infrastructure such as gas lines and hydro stations. In the event that this infrastructure cannot be moved, those portions of the east/west connection that may be positioned south of Wilkes Avenue shall minimize property acquisitions to the greatest extent possible. In addition, if property acquisitions are required in the vicinity of the gas lines and hydro stations, those may be permitted subject to Council approval.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to ensure that any future planning and design of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project does not contemplate, in any way, shape or form, a new road south of Wilkes Avenue that is not contiguous with the existing Wilkes Avenue right-of-way.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on a quarterly basis on the progress made with respect to the planning of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project.

4. That the Wilkes Avenue alignment to the William R. Clement Parkway extension project be reevaluated through the infrastructure planning office processes.

5. 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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 31, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

WHEREAS the Public Service has been engaged in a planning and design process for the extension of the William R. Clement Parkway (WRCP) from Grant Avenue to Wilkes Avenue;

AND WHEREAS the proposed WRCP project also includes an east/west connection from Shaftesbury Boulevard on the east to the Perimeter highway on the west;

AND WHEREAS the current proposed configuration of an east/west connection put forward by WSP Global Inc. contemplates an alignment of this connection to the south of Wilkes Avenue (the South of Wilkes alignment);

AND WHEREAS the South of Wilkes alignment would result in expropriations of an entire neighborhood including many homes on McCreary Road, Loudon Road, Liberty Street as well as other residential streets, directly impacting almost 100 properties and indirectly impacting many more property owners by decreasing the values of their properties;

AND WHEREAS the homeowners in the area have voiced serious and significant concerns about their property values after the South of Wilkes alignment was presented to certain homeowners who were notified of the proposal in the summer of 2017;

AND WHEREAS it is preferable that the east/west connection should be consistent with the existing Wilkes right-of-way (the along Wilkes alignment) in order to minimize disruption to properties south of Wilkes Avenue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the committee recommend that Council direct the public service to ensure that any planning and design of a future roadway for the east/west connection of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project utilize only the existing Wilkes Avenue right-of-way and property directly contiguous thereto (the along Wilkes alignment), to minimize disruption to existing property owners south of Wilkes. It is recognized that the only exception to this resolution is that portions of the east/west connection may have to be south of the Along Wilkes alignment where it is not feasible to move certain infrastructure such as gas lines and hydro stations. In the event that this infrastructure cannot be moved, those portions of the

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: (continued)
east/west connection that may be positioned south of Wilkes Avenue, shall minimize property acquisitions to the greatest extent possible. In addition, if property acquisitions are required in the vicinity of the gas lines and hydro stations, those may be permitted subject to Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee recommend that Council direct the public service to ensure that any future planning and design of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project does not contemplate, in any way, shape or form, a new road south of Wilkes Avenue that is not contiguous with the existing Wilkes Avenue right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee direct the public service to report back on a quarterly basis on the progress made with respect to the planning of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilkes Avenue alignment to the William R. Clement Parkway extension project be reevaluated through the infrastructure planning office processes.

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Further on October 31, 2017, the following persons submitted communications in support of the matter:

Murray Morien
Ainsley Price
Cecilia and Jayson Bellingham
Kim Robinson
Sheldon Nimetz
Krista Ginter
Rick Pluchinski
Olga Smith
Gary Smith
Patricia Wiebe
Les Wiebe
Lori Dobbie
Wayne Loeppky
Judy Albiani
Melanie Derwin
David Derwin
Max Waddell
Eugene T. Romaniuk
Sam Zurzolo
Stavros Iacovides
Ted Charne
Kelly Beattie
Kevin Sharpe
Jodi Sharpe
Rick House
Melanie Armstrong
Murray Burkett
Karen Burkett
Carol-Ann Swayzie
Jerrod Cox
Tyeba Cox
Dr. James Nagy
Christine Hansen
Eric Hansen
Bryan Armstrong

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

David Ames, South Wilkes Community Association, submitted a presentation with respect to the matter.

David Ames, South Wilkes Community Association, submitted a petition in support of the matter purporting to contain the signatures of 225 area residents.

Paula Havixbeck, Consultant to South Wilkes Community Association, submitted a presentation with respect to the matter.

Ryan Anhalt, submitted a presentation with respect to the matter.

Darla Rettie, Legal Counsel to South Wilkes Community Association, submitted a presentation with respect to the matter.

Councillor Morantz, submitted a communication dated July 27, 2017 from Danette Sahulka, WSP, with respect to the matter.