Minute No. 143
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – January 5, 2016

Item No. 1 Snow Clearing Cost Saving Measures – C.U.P.E. 500 Report

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 November 25, 2015 be received as information.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to have a verbal discussion with C.U.P.E. officials on the cost saving measures identified in their report.

3. 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 Lukes,

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 13, 2016, 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.

On January 5, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of November 25, 2015 be received as information.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to have a verbal discussion with C.U.P.E. officials on the cost saving measures identified in their report.

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

Gord Delbridge, President of CUPE Local 500, submitted a presentation titled "Speaking Notes to Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Re: Snow Clearing Cost Saving Measures" dated January 5, 2016, in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 25, 2015, 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 Schreyer

WHEREAS Council requested a report on having the Know Your Snow Zones cleared by the city itself versus the private sector ending up in a report comparing costs for snow clearing and ice control only;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS CUPE 500 had a former Fleet Management chief operating officer write a report on taking over the snow clearing and ice control currently provided by the Know Your Snow Zones private contractors, ending up in a report that utilized the personnel and some equipment for more than just snow clearing and ice control during street maintenance season resulting in a three million dollar potential savings or efficiency;

AND WHEREAS the private snow zone contracts, which were increased to pay for snow clearing equipment, are ending in 2017;

AND WHEREAS in 2017, City Council is projecting a $115,214,959.00 short fall to pay for all expenditures;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg financial woes can be partially resolved through cooperation and good faith efforts with city labour unions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service work with the City of Winnipeg's CUPE 500 representatives to provide a report on implementing cost saving measures identified in the CUPE 500 report describing a potential savings of $3,000,000.00.