STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 146
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has an obligation to provide prompt and efficient clearing of snow on public thoroughfares, roads, sidewalks and backlanes;

AND WHEREAS the current methods of snow clearing leave Priority 3 streets and sidewalks sometimes clogged with snow for weeks due to initial focus on clearing the Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes;

AND WHEREAS windrows in the back lane have been an issue of great contention with the Winnipeg people and are not currently addressed under the current City of Winnipeg snow clearing policy;

AND WHEREAS this is not only a safety concern for residents and motorists, it is also not the best quality of service that the City of Winnipeg can provide;

AND WHEREAS the emergence of technology has allowed for the proliferation and expedition of service in many areas such as transportation and travel;

AND WHEREAS this type of app already exists within the private sphere and can be tailored to ensure that it meets the City's requirement in terms of material management and insurance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to

a) Create an app/service that allows smaller private contractors and individuals to bid on snow clearing opportunities on P3 designated streets, sidewalks and in backlanes where existing larger private contractors offer services;
b) That the app shall be tested as a pilot project in a smaller geographical area of the City and that this be targeted for the 2016/2017 winter season and;
c) That the Public Service report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works with the results of the pilot project;
d) In the event the pilot project is successful, that the City begin to expand the app services into other areas of the City for P3 snow clearing of roads, sidewalks, and back lanes where existing services are offered presently by existing contractors.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law