Minute No. 414
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – June 9, 2020

Item No. 4 Extending the Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to amend By-law No. 1573/77 and take all other necessary steps to extend the Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route from the current expiry date of July 6, 2020 to September 7, 2020 for the following streets:

    A. Lyndale Drive – Cromwell Street to Gauvin Street

    B. Scotia Street – Anderson Avenue (at St. Cross Street) to Armstrong Avenue

    C. Wellington Crescent – Academy Road (at Wellington Crescent) to Guelph Street

    D. Wolseley Avenue – Raglan Road to Maryland Street

    E. Churchill Drive – Hay Street to Jubilee Avenue

    F. Egerton Road – Bank Avenue to Morier Avenue

    G. Kildonan Drive – Helmsdale Avenue to Rossmere Crescent & Larchdale Crescent to Irving Place

    H. Kilkenny Drive – Burgess Avenue to Patricia Avenue and Kings Drive

    I. Rover Avenue - Hallet Street to Stephens Street

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be requested to work with the Councillor of the Charleswood -Tuxedo - Westwood Ward to find an alternate temporary active transportation route within the area.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with local Councillors to determine if any changes are required to the above noted active transportation routes that are located within a local Councillor’s ward.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

4. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works within 120 days, with the results of the extended Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route, and recommendations for establishing permanent year-round active transportation routes.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS the North Winnipeg Parkway is being sought to be a reconciliation related effort by Public Works, the City of Winnipeg and external organizations in acknowledging the land used by the indigenous peoples for thousands of years;

AND WHEREAS the Healing Trails community group is working with Public Works on a specific project to calm traffic with medicine boxes explained as follows:

"The profound trauma experienced by Indigenous peoples has also affected the earth itself and all of the descendants, says Indigenous psychologist Dr. Eduardo Duran. In order to heal the community, we must heal the collective trauma. The Rover street medicine boxes are the first step in order for healing to happen, for as Dr. Duran says, the healing must take place on the land in which it happened. The Indigenous green team of Winnipeg Trails Association will be stewards of the medicines with the guidance of knowledge keeper, Audrey Logan. After the installations are in place, we will smudge the community by hosting a healing walk. By weaving together the component of medicine, language revitalization, youth programs and active transportation, we create community wealth. The planted medicines will be available for picking by the community members."

AND WHEREAS Rover Avenue is part of the North Winnipeg Parkway active transportation route, making a connection between the Disraeli pedestrian bridge, Annabella St to Michelle Jean Parc and ultimately Scotia St, which is an existing expanded Sunday/holiday active transportation route;

AND WHEREAS Rover Ave is adjacent to the Red River with no cross traffic, low traffic volumes and low traffic speeds making it a favourable candidate for an expanded Sunday/holiday active transportation route from a technical perspective, and it has been reviewed by PWD;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1. of item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated June 9, 2020 be amended by adding the following street as an additional expanded Sunday/holiday active transportation route with the same conditions as the existing nine routes;

"J. Rover Avenue - Hallet Street to Stephens Street"

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS on May 5, 2020, the City extended its annual active transportation route schedule and expanded the temporary routes to include additional Assiniboine Avenue between Bedson Street to Westwood Drive;

WHEREAS the attached petition dated June 25, 2020, containing 84 signatures (67 of which are residents of Assiniboine Avenue) has been submitted to the City of Winnipeg, requesting that Assiniboine Avenue between Bedson Street to Westwood Drive be removed from the list of extended annual active transportation routes;

AND WHEREAS the petition identifies "an increased disregard for safety, and for the basic rules of the road by some of the cyclists and pedestrians who are using Assiniboine Avenue, which creates a hazard for vehicles as well", as the reason for the request;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Recommendation 1. of item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated June 9, 2020 be amended by deleting Recommendation "1. E. Assiniboine Avenue – Bedson Street to Westwood Drive", and renumbering the remaining recommendations accordingly.

2. That the following new Recommendation 2. be added, and the remaining recommendations be renumbered accordingly.

    "2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be requested to work with the Councillor of the Charleswood -Tuxedo - Westwood Ward to find an alternate temporary active transportation route within the area."

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The motion moved by Councillor Klein and seconded by Councillor Nason was put and declared carried.

The motion moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Schreyer was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the item as amended was put.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays as which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma. 14

Nay: 0

and motion for the adoption of the item as amended was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 18, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, with the following amendments:

- In Recommendation 1, delete “by-law 91/2014” and replace with “By-law No. 1573/77”, and delete the words “annual active transportation route schedule” and replace with “Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route”

- In Recommendation 3, delete the words “active transportation route initiative” and replace with “Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route”

and submitted the matter to Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

The following persons submitted communications:

- Tom Pearson, submitted a communication dated June 17, 2020, in opposition to the matter.
- Mark Cohoe, Executive Director, Bike Winnipeg, submitted a communication titled "Results of the May, 2020 Bike Winnipeg Open Streets Survey (draft: June 16, 2020)", with respect to the matter

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 9, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the Council Motion of May 29, 2020, and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to amend by-law 91/2014 and take all other necessary steps to extend the annual active transportation route schedule from the current expiry date of July 6, 2020 to September 7, 2020 for the following streets:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with local Councillors to determine if any changes are required to the above noted active transportation routes that are located within a local Councillor's ward.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works within 120 days, with the results of the extended active transportation route initiative, and recommendations for establishing permanent year-round active transportation routes.

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

The following persons submitted communications in support of the matter:

- Ben Plett submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Brienna Swanson submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Don Sourisseau and Joy Simpson submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Elizabeth Fleming submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Gail Perry submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Keith Plezia submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Melanie Janzen submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Mercede Poirier submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Susan Algie and James Wagner submitted a communication dated June 7, 2020
- Barbara-Ann McKirdy submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Colin Jones submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- John Anderson submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Melissa Bowman Wilson submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Patricia Forsythe submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Shirley McKenzie submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Whitney Morrison and Carlos Rueda submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Andrea de Vries submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Gareth Neufeld submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Ryan Giuliano submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Julie Fine submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Coleen Unger submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Carla Bergstrom submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- Jackie Avent submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Karalyn Boermann submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Aaron Levere submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Sarah Leo Piché submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Allyson Hornung submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Bev Stephenson submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Eveline Buehlmann submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Alexis Hornung submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Cole Hornung submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Caroline Fisher submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Lisa-Joy and John Gunther submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Eric Blais and Johanna Rileysubmitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Bev Peters submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Brennan Smith submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Paula Dunfield submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Krystal Thorington submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Jeffrey Thorsteinson submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Daniel Leonard submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Fraser Paterson submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Laura Noel-Romas submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Siri McCaulder submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Teresa Prokopanko submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Jason Carter submitted a presentation titled Bike Winnipeg Open Streets Count Survey
- Mel Marginet submitted a presentation
- Marc Piché submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Meghan Hayden submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Zilla Jones submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Elizabeth Spence submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Shelley Dalman Betts submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Heather Antenbring submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Adele Perry submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Shayla Barrett-McMurray submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Sarah MacDougall submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Ruby Pastuch submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Joy Antenbring submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Alana Spindler submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Austin Church submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Christine Antenbring submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- Christopher Beauvilain submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Lawrence Bird submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Matt Schellenberg submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Meagan Valdmanis-Miller submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Natasha Kyle submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Sara Neufeld submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Shauna Labman submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Tamara Biebrich and Mike Carroll submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020

The following persons submitted communications in opposition to the matter:

- Cathy Scharf submitted a communication dated June 8, 2020
- Toni Kotaska submitted a communication dated June 9, 2020

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 29, 2020, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS on May 5, 2020, in an effort to assist with physical distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City extended its annual active transportation route schedule and expanded the temporary routes to include additional streets;

AND WHEREAS these active transportation routes limit vehicular traffic from 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week until July 6, 2020;

AND WHEREAS these routes have been well received by the public, encouraging greater physical activity and creating a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians;

AND WHEREAS it is appropriate as part of the COVID-19 recovery efforts to consider continuing these routes throughout the summer on a pilot basis and explore possibilities to continue them beyond 2020;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS it is important that the local Councillor have input on any changes to the active transportation routes that are located within their respective wards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to amend by-law 91/2014 and take all other necessary steps to extend the annual active transportation route schedule from the current expiry date of July 6, 2020 to September 7, 2020 for the following streets:

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public service be directed to consult with local Councillors to determine if any changes are required to the above noted active transportation routes that are located within a local Councillor's ward;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to report back to the appropriate standing policy committee in 120 days with the results of the extended active transportation route initiative, and the feasibility of establishing permanent year-round active transportation routes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.