

Agenda – Council – September 30, 2020

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 16, 2020

Item No. 5 Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Routes – Wolseley Avenue and Churchill Drive

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include the following additional streets, or portions of streets, in their report back to the Standing Committee with recommendations for establishing permanent year-round active transportation routes, as directed by Council on June 26, 2020:
 - A. Glenwood Crescent
 - B. Alexander Avenue from King Edward Street to McPhillips Street
 - C. Alexander Avenue from Arlington Street to Princess Street
 - D. Youville Street from Eugenie Street to Haig Avenue
 - E. Vialoux Drive
 - F. Rosseau Avenue West from Day Street to Plessis Road
 - G. Ellen Street between Notre Dame Avenue and William Avenue
2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to add all streets included in the Sunday/Holiday bicycle route to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies document.
3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include options for additions to the Sunday/Holiday Bicycle Route in wards that have not previously been included in the listing, in their report back to the Standing Committee.

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

4. That that the days and hours of operation of the Sunday/Holiday Bicycle Route be consistent with the Traffic By-law No. 1573/77, starting the Saturday of the long weekend in May, ending on Thanksgiving Monday in October, and that they be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2020, 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 16, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works passed the following motion:

WHEREAS extending the Sunday/Holiday Bicycle Route has been a tremendous success, prompted first by the social distancing demands of the COVID-19 pandemic but evolving into a popular and beneficial amenity in our communities generally;

AND WHEREAS on June 26 2020, Council unanimously passed a motion to establish 10 new open streets 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm as well as asking the public service for recommendations for establishing permanent year-round active transportation routes;

AND WHEREAS Sunday/Holiday Bicycle routes have traditionally opened the first long weekend in May and closed after the Thanksgiving long weekend;

AND WHEREAS communities have been asking City Councillors to restore the Sunday/Holiday Bicycle routes that were established by Council on June 26, 2020;

AND WHEREAS if Council were to reinstate the Sunday/Holiday Bicycle routes at the September 30, 2020 meeting of Council, the streets would only be open from October 3 to October 12, 2020 and this period of time is not an ideal amount of time to reopen the streets to all road users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to add all streets included in the Sunday/Holiday bicycle route to the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies document.
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 5. 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:

- Councillor Gilroy, Daniel McIntyre Ward, submitted a communication dated September 15, 2020
- Sarah Phillips submitted a communication

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 4, 2020, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on June 26, 2020, Council directed the Winnipeg Public Service to extend the annual Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Routes until September 7, 2020 for a number of streets, including Wolseley Avenue from Raglan Road to Maryland Street and Churchill Drive between Hay Street to Jubilee Avenue;

AND WHEREAS the extension of these routes has been a popular measure to assist with physical distancing requirements during the coronavirus pandemic;

AND WHEREAS there are schools located in the vicinity of both Wolseley Avenue and Churchill Drive and the extension of the routes would ensure that children would be able to safely ride their bikes to and from school;

AND WHEREAS as the number of COVID -19 cases rise within the City, it is increasingly important to ensure residents have access to outdoor activities that support physical distancing guidelines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to take all necessary steps to extend the Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route until November 1, 2020 on the following streets:

1. Wolseley Avenue between Raglan Road and Maryland Street
2. Churchill Drive between Hay Street to Jubilee Avenue

and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.