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Item No. 1 Initiating Transit Plus Service based on Conditions of Roads and Sidewalks

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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 report back to the Standing Committee within 180 days on a policy for determining when winter Transit Plus service should be initiated based on a defined metric of "appropriate conditions of our roads and sidewalks based on ice and snow and or other conditions worthy of consideration for safety".

2. 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 Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 10, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the Council Motion of October 29, 2020 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS Council recently changed the policy for winter-only eligible users of Transit Plus from a system where users would be eligible for Transit plus service automatically on October 15 annually;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS The original policy didn’t recognize that often our roads and sidewalks are free of snow and ice significantly later than October 15;

AND WHEREAS the discretion to start access to winter seasonal Transit Plus service now lies with the Manager of Transit Plus and that power has not been utilized as of today, despite there being significant ice and snow on streets and sidewalks;

AND WHEREAS many in the community and on Council believe that given today's conditions winter seasonal Transit Plus service should now be available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the public service develop a policy for consideration and approval of Council for determining when winter Transit Plus service should be initiated based on a defined metric of "appropriate conditions of our roads and sidewalks based on ice and snow and or other conditions worthy of consideration for safety".