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To: CLK-CityClerks
Subject: Submission for EPC - Plebiscite on speed limits

Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I would like to put forward my opposition to the proposed plebiscite on lowering the current residential speed limits.

A decision on speed limits in our city should not be made by a generally uninformed public. A decision of this importance cannot be made based on opinion, it needs to be based on science (and the science is clear), sustainability, quality of life, advice from professionals/experts and even on a true understanding of the actual impact of reduced speeds on Winnipeggers travel times. The general public does not have access to all of the pieces of this decision making puzzle.

Generally people answer surveys, and a plebiscite is just another form of a survey, based on their personal preferences and not on what represents the best interests of the public at large. Our city is dominated by cars and people that want to get everywhere as quickly as possible. We don't even need to hold a plebiscite to know what the response will be. In general they will vote based on the perceived impact that a reduction in speed will have on them personally without considering all of the factors identified previously.

This is the kind of decision that must be made by our elected officials, one based on science, safety and best practice. For council to let the citizens of Winnipeg make the decision as to what represents the best interests of our city is simply avoiding your responsibilities as leaders. It's instead your job to educate the public on the impacts of speed and assuming that we follow the science, why and how a reduction will benefit all Winnipeggers.

Please do not allow this decision to be made through a plebiscite. This decision must be an informed one, one based on the best interests of all Winnipeggers.

Thank you

Dave Elmore