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To: CLK-CityClerks
Cc: Mayes, Brian ; Allard, Matt Browaty, Jeff ; Gillingham, Scott (Councillor) >; Gilroy, Cindy >; Rollins, Sherri>
Subject: Submission regarding EPC motion #4

Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing you today regarding item number 4: 2022 Municipal Election Question – Speed Limits in Residential Areas. The members of the East Kildonan – Transcona Community Committee have asked that a plebiscite question asking residents "Do you support a change that would lower the present 50 km/h residential speed limit city wide?"

I urge you to reject this motion. It is the responsibility of the professionals in the public service, the mayor and councillors to make important decisions about the safety of Winnipeggers rather than abdicating their responsibility and leaving the decision up to the public. Crowd sourcing the opinions of electors on matters of public health is not appropriate. Rather than asking the public for their opinion, the public service and council ought to determine how they will educate the public on this important matter and determine how to implement safe speed limits in our city.

The General Assembly of the United Nations endorsed the Stockholm Declaration as a key to delivering its Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 in its 2nd UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. The assembly has set a target of a 50% reduction in road deaths and injuries by 2030. Within the declaration they note that:

> "the strengthening of law enforcement to prevent speeding and mandate a maximum road travel speed of 30 km/h in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix in a frequent and planned manner, except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe"

It also noted that "efforts to reduce speed in general will have a beneficial impact on air quality and climate change as well as being vital to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries".

Thank you for your consideration on this critical matter.

Sincerely,
Ian Walker