Minute No. 358
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Public Works - May 4, 2004

Item No. 3 **Winnipeg Intermodal Terminal (WIT) Traffic Study - Designating Camiel Sys Street, De Baets Street, and Beghin Avenue in the St. Boniface Industrial Park as Full-Time Truck Route**
Files SC-4 and ST-7

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee referred the matter back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the matter be referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

Carried

Bob Dolyniuk, General Manager, and Laurie Bracken, Member Services and Training Coordinator, Manitoba Trucking Association, submitted a presentation in opposition to the recommendation from the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

Further, David Angus, President and CEO, The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction also submitted communications dated May 11, 2004, with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 4, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works did not concur in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On April 6, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works directed the Administration to provide the report with respect to the truck route status on Plessis Road for their meeting scheduled for May 4, 2004, and provide rational for the unavailability of the report.

On March 9, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works passed the following:

1. That the Public Works Department be authorized to apply to The Highway Traffic Board of Manitoba to implement the following:

    A. That the speed limit on Plessis Road of 50 km/hr, be extended further south to a point 100 meters south of the Camiel Sys-Plessis Road intersection, and that all proper signage be installed.

    B. That the speed limit on Dugald Road, from a point 400 meters east of Plessis Road and 400 meters west of Plessis Road and all the space between these two points, be lowered to 50 km/hr and that all proper signage be installed.

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DECISION MAKING HISTOR (continued):

2. That the Administration be requested to report back to the meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works scheduled for April 6, 2004 with proposed amendments to The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 (Schedule 1) with respect to the removal of the Truck Route Status of Plessis Road, from Dugald Road (Highway #15) to Camiel Sys Street, and that the route of Camiel Sys Street/DeBaets Street/Beghin Avenue, starting from Plessis Road in the south and ending at Dugald Road in the north, be designated as a full-time truck route.

3. That "Children-At-Play" signs be installed on Plessis Road, south of Dugald Road, for both southbound and northbound traffic and on Dugald Road for both eastbound and westbound traffic at a point just west of Plessis Road.

4. That an assessment of the truck route status be conducted by the administration in one year and that these results be reported to the Winnipeg Intermodal Terminal (WIT) Working Group for input and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee of Public Works, and further that the WIT Working Group meet, as required, at the call of the chair, as issues may arise.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE: DESIGNATING CAMIEL SYS STREET, DE BAETS STREET, AND BEGHIN AVENUE IN THE ST. BONIFACE INDUSTRIAL PARK AS FULL-TIME TRUCK ROUTES

FOR SUBMISSION TO: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Acting Director of Public Works

REPORT DATE: March 29, 2004

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the procedure for amending the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 to revise the current Truck Route on Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street be received as information.

REPORT SUMMARY:

Key Issues:

1. On March 9, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works received representation from Councillor Wyatt and a group of concerned residents of Plessis Road south of Dugald Road regarding an increase in the volume of truck traffic on Plessis Road attributable to the recent opening of the CNR Winnipeg Intermodal Terminal on the west side of Plesiss Road north of Fermor Avenue. The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works requested the Administration to report back with proposed amendments to The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 regarding the deletion of Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street as a Full-Time Truck Route and the addition of Camiel Sys Street between Plessis Road and De Baets Street, De Baets Street between Camiel Sys Street and Beghin Avenue, and Beghin Avenue between De Baets Street and Dugald Road to the Full-Time Truck Route system.

2. Plessis Road has been a Regional Street and a Full-Time Truck Route for more than three decades. Removing Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street will have a detrimental effect on the trucking industry, since trucks would be required to take a more circuitous routing, resulting in an increase in travel time and operating costs.

3. Re-routing truck traffic through the St. Boniface Industrial Park will result in an increase in the volume of truck traffic on Dugald Road between Beghin Avenue and Plessis Road. Although there are 22 residences on the west side of Plessis Road

between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street, there are also 5 residences on the south side of Dugald Road between Beghin Avenue and Plessis Road.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications:

[ ] None
[ ] For the organization overall and/or other departments
[X] For the community and/or organizations external to the City
[ ] Involves a multi-year phase in process

Comments: Eliminating Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street from the Full-Time Truck Route system and adding Camiel Sys Street between Plessis Road and De Baets Street, De Baets Street between Camiel Sys Street and Beghin Avenue, and Beghin Avenue between De Baets Street and Dugald Road to the Full-Time Truck Route system, would result in a more circuitous routing for the displaced trucks, adding to the trip length and time.

Policy Implications:

[X] No
[ ] Yes

Comments:

Environmental Implications:

[ ] No
[X] Yes

Comments: Eliminating Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street as a Full-Time Truck Route and adding Camiel Sys Street, De Baets Street, and Beghin Avenue within the St. Boniface Industrial Park as Full-Time Truck Routes will increase the net travel distance and travel time for truck operators, thereby resulting in increased fuel consumption and exhaust emissions.

Human Resource Implications:

[X] No
[ ] Yes

Comments: The necessary signing associated with the Truck Route changes contained herein can be undertaken with the existing complement of human resources.

Financial Implications:

[X] Within approved current and/or capital budget
[ ] Current and/or capital budget adjustment needed

Comment: The estimated $1,000 cost to undertake the necessary signing associated with the Truck Route changes contained herein can be funded within the current budget

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

At its meeting on March 9, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works passed the following motion:

> "That the Administration be requested to report back to the meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works scheduled for April 6, 2004 with proposed amendments to the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 (Schedule 1) with respect to the removal of the Truck Route Status of Plessis Road, from Dugald Road (Highway # 15) to Camiel Sys Street, and that the route of Camiel Sys Street/DeBaets Street/Beghin Avenue, starting from Plessis Road in the south and ending at Dugald Road in the north, be designated as a full time truck route."

HISTORY:

At its meeting on December 9, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works considered a report titled "Winnipeg Intermodal Terminal Traffic Study" dated 2003 11 24 prepared by The Public Works Department and did not concur in a recommendation contained therein that the report be received as information and be forwarded to the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee for their consideration.

In order to resolve the outstanding issues and concerns of residents, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works established a Winnipeg Intermodal Terminal (WIT) Working Group, chaired by Transcona Councillor Wyatt, with administrative support provided by the Public Works Department, and membership made up of the following:

1. A representative of The City of Winnipeg Public Works Department.
2. A CNR representative.
3. Transcona residents who have already volunteered to be on the WIT Resident Liaison Committee.
4. Bidhu Jha, MLA for Radisson.
5. A member of The Manitoba Trucking Association.

The WIT Working Group met on February 9, 2004 and considered a number of items. The group passed several motions including that Camiel Sys Street, De Baets Streets, and Beghin Avenue be designated as a Truck Route to replace Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street.

At its meeting on March 9, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works considered a report prepared by Councillor Wyatt based on the February 9, 2004 WIT Working Group meeting which outlined the process and time line for consideration of the items discussed at the meeting, as well as the motions passed at same. Committee

also heard representation by a group of concerned Plessis Road residents on the matter, as well as from a representative of the Manitoba Trucking Association.

After hearing the representation, the Committee passed a number of motions, including:

> "2. That the Administration be requested to report back to the meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works scheduled for April 6, 2004 with proposed amendments to the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 (Schedule 1) with respect to the removal of the Truck Route Status of Plessis Road, from Dugald Road (Highway # 15) to Camiel Sys Street, and that the route of Camiel Sys Street/DeBaets Street/Beghin Avenue, starting from Plessis Road in the south and ending at Dugald Road in the north, be designated as a full time truck route."

DISCUSSION:

In order to proceed with the implementation of the motion of the March 9, 2004 Standing Policy Committee on Public Works meeting regarding the above referenced, Schedule 1 to The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 would need to be amended as follows:

- Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street be deleted as a Full-Time Truck Route

- Camiel Sys Street between Plessis Road and De Baets Street; De Baets Street between Camiel Sys Street and Beghin Avenue; and Beghin Avenue between De Baets Street and Dugald Road be added to the Full-Time Truck Route system

Additionally, the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services must be instructed to prepare the necessary amendment to Schedule 1 to The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 for submission to Council for approval.

For the information and consideration of the Committee*, there are a number of concerns with the motion to delete Plessis Road from Camiel Sys Street to Dugald Road from the Truck Route system and replace it with Camiel Sys/DeBaets/Beghin.*

1. Inconsistent with the Intent of the Truck Route System

The Truck Route System was first adopted in the early 1970's in order to minimize truck travel on local streets. Truck operators are obliged to stay on Truck Routes and utilize the shortest distance to/from a Truck Route to/from their point of business. *The intent of the Truck Route system is to maintain truck travel (that is trucks with 6 or more tires) to the extent as is practical upon arterial streets.*

Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street has been a Truck Route for more than 30 years. It is part of a Regional Street that extends between Grassie Boulevard in the north and Fermor Avenue (PTH 1) in the south, and intersects Dugald Road (P.T.H. # 15). It is the only continuous North/South Regional Street in the central Transcona area.

2. Additional Truck Traffic on Dugald Road east of Beghin Avenue

Although there are 22 residences on the west side of Plessis Road between Dugald Road and Camiel Sys Street, it should be noted that there are also 5 residences on the south side of Dugald Road between Beghin Avenue and Plessis Road. Truck traffic which formerly utilized Plessis Road to access Dugald Road east of Plessis Road or which formerly utilized Plessis Road to access the area north of Dugald Road will be transferred onto Dugald Road between Beghin Avenue and Plessis Road. This will impact the residences on the south side of Dugald Road in this area.

3. Trucking Industry Objections

The Manitoba Trucking Association, an association that represents the interests of the trucking industry in Manitoba, made a presentation to the March 9, 2004 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works. In part, their submission stated that "… all MTA carrier members that responded (to a survey) reject this proposal (to change the Truck Route)…" They further stated that they felt increased truck traffic in the industrial park would be detrimental to the local businesses in the area, and that emissions would increase. MTA was also concerned about the added delay to their members by having to make several additional turns and wait longer at the traffic signal at Beghin/Dugald.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: March 16, 2004

Project Name:

First Year of Program 2004

Designating Camiel Sys Street, De Baets Street, And Beghin Avenue In the St. Boniface Industrial Park As Full-Time Truck Routes

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required					
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - To Be Determined					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 1,000				
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 1,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	1,000	-	-		
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

The estimated $1,000 cost to undertake the necessary signing associated with the Truck Route changes contained herein can be funded within the current budget.

"Original signed by Darcy Stewart, CA"

Manager of Finance & Administration

In preparing this report there was consultation with, and concurrency by: N/A

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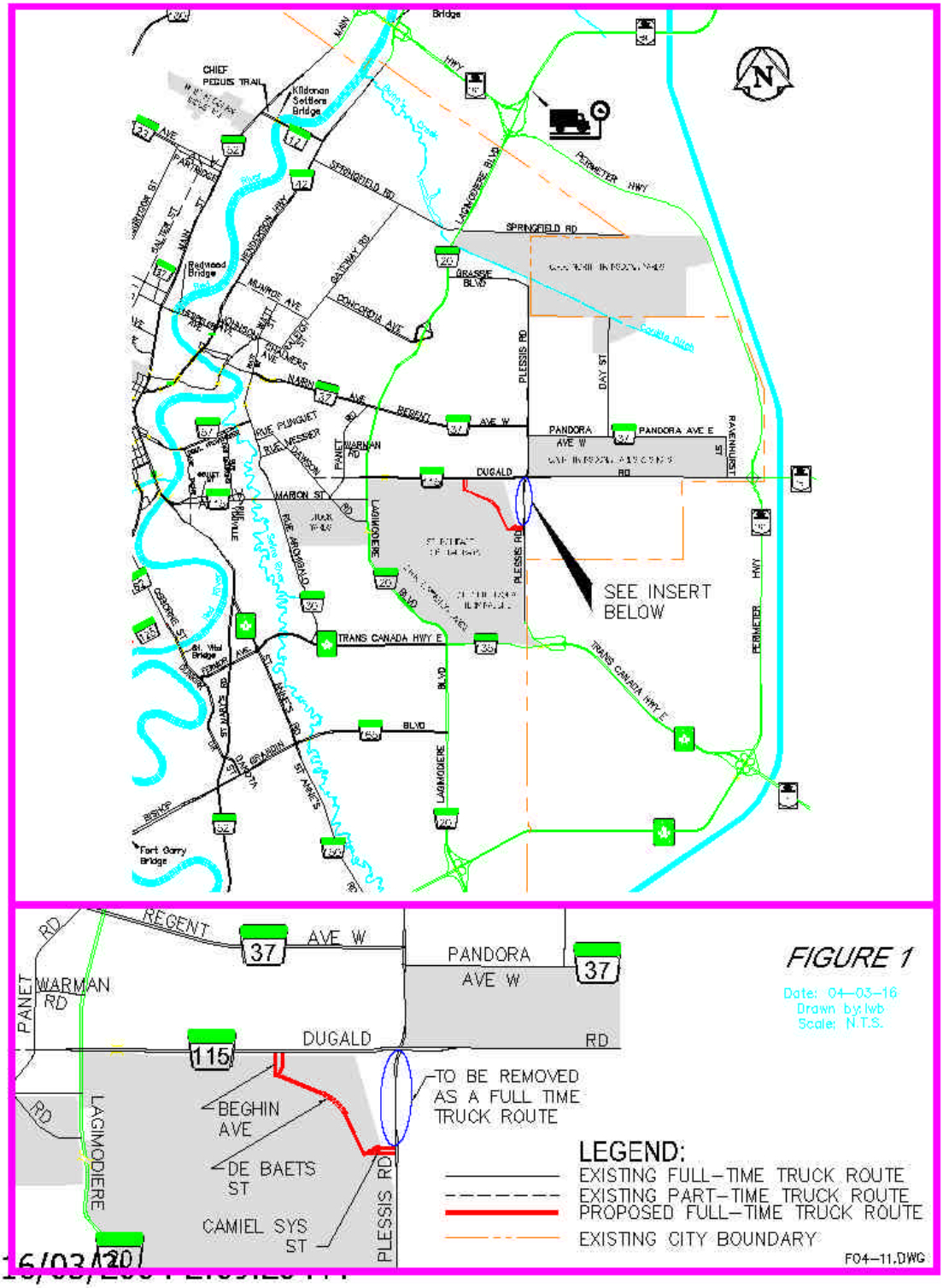
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