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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – July 7, 2021

Item No. 6 Fare-Free Transit for Immunization Clinic Super-Site Volunteers

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, as amended, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to implement fare-free travel on Winnipeg Transit for volunteer workers at the Immunization Clinic Super-sites located at the RBC Convention Centre and the Winnipeg Soccer Federation on Leila Avenue, until such time as the Super-sites close.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be concurred in, with the following amendment, and forwarded to Council:

- In Recommendation 1, add the words "until such time as the Super-sites close" immediately after "Winnipeg Soccer Federation on Leila Avenue"

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

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 7, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works passed the following motion:

WHEREAS: Winnipeggers and Manitobans are exceeding vaccination targets in an effort to reach herd immunity and begin the process to re-opening our local economy;

AND WHEREAS there are many moving parts to the well-organized processes of the COVID-19 vaccine supersites including volunteer staff who have been travelling to and from the supersites and logging 12-hour days;

AND WHEREAS volunteers have hardcopy identification cards which allows them staff access to the COVID-19 Supersite locations;

AND WHEREAS: while some workers use their private vehicles to travel to the COVID-19 supersites, others take public transit as a means to commute back and forth at their own personal costs;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg can play an important role in alleviating the costs to volunteers by providing free transit fares to volunteers at the COVID-19 vaccine supersites through the presentation of their identification cards as they board transit buses for the period of time the COVID-19 supersites are operational;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to implement fare-free travel on Winnipeg Transit for volunteer workers at the Immunization Clinic Super-sites located at the RBC Convention Centre and the Winnipeg Soccer Federation on Leila Avenue.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.