Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – September 21, 2021

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 15, 2021

Moved by Councillor

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.

Item No. 6 Temporary Parking Measures

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 15, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg be continued until December 31, 2021 and that this be available without the need to pay for parking but that this should not be combined with the existing two hours of complimentary parking on Saturdays in the Downtown area.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed not to enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets, until December 31, 2021 but to continue to enforce all other parking restrictions (such as obstructing fire hydrants, parking too close to intersections, etc.), with the exception of streets around Deer Lodge Centre where there are ongoing parking availability issues, namely:

    A. Moorgate Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    B. Sharp Boulevard (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    C. Duffield Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    D. Guildford Street (between Lodge Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    E. Woodlawn Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    F. Belvidere Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
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3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide residents who purchased or renewed a Residential Parking Permit between March 28, 2020 and September 30, 2021 with the option of a full rebate or a credit toward future Residential Parking Permit renewals when:

    A. a formal request for the rebate or credit is submitted in a manner prescribed by the General Manager of the Winnipeg Parking Authority; and

    B. the request is received no later than December 31, 2021.

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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

4. That Residential Parking Permits issued after October 1, 2021 with an expiry date on or before September 30, 2022 be offered at no charge, valid for all residents who are eligible for a Residential Parking Permit, except for those located around Deer Lodge Centre where permits sold to these residents will be eligible for a rebate to be prorated for the period from March 28, 2020 to October 29, 2020.

5. That the Public Service be directed to implement the following communications related to enforcement of residential time limits:

    A. Email or letter communications to current residential permit holders to notify them that the rebate or credit is available to them for permits purchased between March 28, 2020 and September 30, 2021, so long as they apply on or before December 31, 2021.

    B. Email or letter communications to residents who previously held a residential permit in 2019, prior to the pandemic, to notify them of the ability to secure a residential permit which will be valid between October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 at no cost, for those residents interested in proactively obtaining a permit now so that it is in place once enforcement activities begin again.

    C. Email or letter communications to residents who currently have a residential permit or previously held one in the 2019 year to notify them once time restricted parking enforcement begins again.

    D. Once enforcement begins again, warning tickets will be issued in areas with time limited parking for a two-week timeframe to help inform all residents that time limits are being enforced again.

    E. Issue a news release to advise residents that time limited parking enforcement is beginning again.

6. That the Public Service be directed to continue to work with the Downtown and Exchange District Business Improvement Zones to implement loading zones in locations which will benefit local business, as previously directed by Council during the COVID-19 pandemic, with those ending December 31, 2021.

7. 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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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WHEREAS effective March 28, 2020, in recognition of COVID-19's continued negative impact on businesses, and the recommendation that Winnipeg residents work remotely, the City of Winnipeg began offering one-hour free parking at all parking meters throughout Winnipeg and ceased to enforce parking time limit restrictions in residential areas;

AND WHEREAS on October 29, 2020 Council, wishing to formalize the temporary COVID-related parking measures, approved one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg until December 31, 2020, and directed the Winnipeg Parking Authority to not enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets until December 31, 2020 but to continue to enforce all other parking restrictions (such as obstructing fire hydrants, parking too close to intersections, etc.);

AND WHEREAS on December 17, 2020, Council further extended the expiry of the temporary parking measures from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021;

AND WHEREAS on June 24, 2021, the expiry of the temporary parking measures was extended from June 30, 2021 to September 30, 2021;

AND WHEREAS an additional extension of the temporary parking measures would be beneficial to businesses and residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS regular users of the Residential Parking Permit program would benefit from certainty regarding residential parking permit requirements going forward;

AND WHEREAS it is important that changes to parking enforcement on residential streets be communicated clearly to City residents;

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

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and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.