Minute No. 694
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 15, 2021

Item No. 5 Motor Vehicle Noise Monitoring Technology

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee in 90 days on the costs of noise monitoring technology and its potential use to help inform and guide traditional enforcement measures.

2. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to consult with the Winnipeg Public Service, including the Winnipeg Police Department and the Winnipeg Police Board, to pursue changes to relevant provincial legislation to allow for the use of photo noise enforcement technology either as a trial or on a permanent basis.

3. That the Council representative for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) engage the AMM City Caucus to seek support for the request to changes to permit photo noise enforcement.

4. 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 adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 15, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee in 90 days on the costs of noise monitoring technology and its potential use to help inform and guide traditional enforcement measures.

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4. 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 (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 19, 2021, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service ha been reviewing best practices with respect to motor vehicle noise policies, as per the September 12, 2019 direction from the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works;

AND WHEREAS photo enforcement of traffic violations is addressed under Manitoba's Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS on on January 30, 2020, Council requested the Province of Manitoba consider for potential legislative changes to allow for photo enforcement of noise infractions;

AND WHEREAS the Province has advised that they are not considering and legislative or regulatory initiatives to permit photo enforcement of noise infraction matters, however there are certain measures within the City's jurisdiction that may be applied;

AND WHEREAS it may be appropriate for the City to explore the use of noise enforcement technology to guide traditional enforcement measures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the costs of noise monitoring technology and its potential use to help inform and guide traditional enforcement measures.