STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 696
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS many Canadian cities observe the zipper merge which reduces traffic lineups and improves vehicular movement where there is high traffic volumes and low speeds due to congestion;

AND WHEREAS the zipper merge manoeuvre is not observed by most Winnipeggers;

AND WHEREAS if there were more participation by motorists, vehicular movement during construction would improve at little cost to the city, if zipper merge signage was placed at the lane closure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to update the Manual of Temporary Traffic Control on City Streets for 2022, to include zipper merge signage encouraging motorists to merge at the point where a lane closes due to construction.

2. That if the zipper merge signage requires approval by the Province of Manitoba, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to undertake the following in time for the 2022 construction season, and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in March, 2022:

    A. Submit a request for approval to the Province to accommodate the usage of zipper merge signage;

    B. Submit a request to the Province for the authorization to conduct a pilot project for the usage of zipper merge signage, if it is evident the signage will not be approved in time for the 2022 construction season.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law