STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 699
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS winning the fight against climate change is vital to the survival of future generations, and the City has committed to a Winnipeg Climate Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS the climate action committee had previously recommended to the Mayor that the Office of Sustainability report through the Chief Administrative Office because of the importance of the role, and the cross departmental aspect of community greenhouse and corporate gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS mode shift is a major component of the climate action plan, which aims to shift the mode of transportation within the City to 50% by 2030;

AND WHEREAS despite being the policy of Council to build active transportation during road renewals in a line with the City's pedestrian and cycling strategies using road renewal dollars, there have been many cases in which this policy has not been achieved;

AND WHEREAS the outcome of this practice is that road renewals dollars that would normally have been assigned to active transportation are not spent on active transportation and less active transportation facilities are built than could have been with road renewal dollars;

AND WHEREAS green house gases from private vehicle travel currently accounts for approximately 50% of community emissions;

AND WHEREAS the construction of active transportation amenities is one of the best ways to encourage mode shift in citizens and reduce the dependence on the automobiles, which in turn contributes to the reduction of green house gas emissions in line with the Climate Action Plan which aims to achieve mode shift of 50% by 2030;

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT criteria be added to the road renewal budget to include active transportation projects as part of road renewals in order to provide a new funding source, where appropriate.

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