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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:23 PM
To: CLK-CityClerks <CityClerks@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: Submission for tomorrow's EPC meeting

Good afternoon,

I would like to submit this letter in support of councillor Allard's motions to increase spending and improve active transportation in the City of Winnipeg.

Thank you!

Ian Walker

Dear councillors,

I am writing you today in support of agenda items 7, 8 and 9 from the report of the standing policy committee on infrastructure, renewal and public works dated October 12, 2021.

Climate change is the defining issue of our time. We've had a front row seat to the effects of the carbon we've burned over the last century this summer. Wildfires have filled our city with smoke for weeks on end. We are suffering through an unprecedented drought that has had negative effects on Manitoba farmers, homeowners have suffered damage to their homes due to a lack of moisture around their foundations, food prices are rising at an unsustainable rate making it harder for families to put food on the table and we have seen countless climate fueled natural disasters around the globe.

The time for action from the City of Winnipeg is now. Your decision today will determine whether or not Winnipeggers can cut their transportation emissions sufficiently to help us stave off much worse disasters in the future. 50 percent of Winnipeg's emissions come from transportation and could be easily mitigated with very reasonable investments in our active transportation network and by lowering speed limits to 30km/h where people that walk and cycle share road space with motor vehicles.

I have spent the last decade advocating for active transportation in Winnipeg and have been very disappointed by our council over the past couple of years as active transportation investments have been slashed in order to make record investments in moving people in the least efficient mode of transportation (the personal automobile).

I hope that you decide to support councillor Allard's motions. We will all be keenly following these motions as they make their way through EPC and council. Our kids are counting on you to do the right thing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

Ian Walker