Minute No. 32
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – November 5, 2021

Item No. 2 Updates on the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Document – Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase 1

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to communicate with Manitoba Hydro in order to facilitate the construction of the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase 1 from Leila Avenue to Church Street North.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide the Standing Committee with a verbal update on the matter at its December 1, 2021 meeting.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, with the following amendment:

- Delete Recommendation 1 and replace it with the following:

  ”1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to communicate with Manitoba Hydro in order to facilitate the construction of the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase 1 from Leila Avenue to Church Street North.”

and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 5, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That Council submit a request to Manitoba Hydro, the Chair of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board, and the Minster of Crown Services, that an agreement be entered into between Manitoba Hydro and the City of Winnipeg to facilitate the construction of the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase 1 from Leila Avenue to Church Street North.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide the Standing Committee with a verbal update on the matter at its December 1, 2021 meeting.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

D. Patman, Manager of Transportation, Public Works Department, provided a verbal report on the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 12, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service, with the following amendments:

- Add the following new Recommendations:

    "2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 90 days on talks with CN rail regarding active transportation upgrades around Archibald Street.

    3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide a verbal report to the Standing Committee at its November 5, 2021 meeting on the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase 1 from Leila Avenue to Church Street North."

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- Steve Snyder submitted a communication dated October 7, 2021
- Mark Cohoe, Executive Director, Bike Winnipeg, submitted a presentation

On September 15, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works granted an extension of time of 30 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On April 20, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service, as amended, and approved the following:

1. That the report be received as information.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include the following in its annual report to the Standing Committee on the proposed Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies work plan for the upcoming calendar year:

    A. A listing of unfunded projects identified within the existing plan.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

B. A listing of all budgeted projects which have not yet been undertaken.

Mark Cohoe, Executive Director, Bike Winnipeg, submitted a communication dated April 16, 2021 with respect to the matter.

On November 10, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works passed the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

1. Provide the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works with the 2021 annual project budget detail for the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies document, at its April 16, 2021 meeting.

2. Every year thereafter in September, provide the Standing Committee with the next year's proposed work plan for the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies document, highlighting any changes from the current five-year forecast.