Minute No. 406
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – April 6, 2022

Item No. 2 Amendment to the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy

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 Council Motion dated March 24, 2022, be received as information.

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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.

Carried

Councillors Gilroy and Rollins asked to be recorded as having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

David Grant submitted a communication dated April 27, 2022 in opposition to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 20, 2022, 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.

David Grant submitted a communication dated April 19, 2022, with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 6, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion dated March 24, 2022, be received as information.

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- Greg Oughton submitted a communication dated April 4, 2022
- David Grant submitted a communication dated April 5, 2022

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 24, 2022, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS wards like Daniel McIntyre and Fort Rouge East Fort Garry have large, high density urban neighborhoods where many residents walk to access services;

AND WHEREAS these areas also represent some of the highest rates of transit and active transportation users in the city;

AND WHEREAS increasing access to transit services and active transportation routes supports the City's climate action plan goals by helping to reduce transportation greenhouse gas emissions and supporting mode shift;

AND WHEREAS snow clearing on streets and sidewalks used to access transit and active transportation routes requires prompt and efficient service to meet the needs of area residents;

AND WHEREAS sidewalks along P1 and P2 streets are cleared to a compacted snow surface upon inspection and in the downtown, are cleared to the paved surface, when possible, within 36 hours following an accumulation of 5 cm of snow;

AND WHEREAS the P3 sidewalks and streets are just as important to accessing high frequency transit routes located on P1 and P2 corridors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That, as part of the 2022 review of the Snow and Ice Clearing Policy, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

    A. Reprioritize sidewalks in areas of the city that are close to high frequency transit routes, specifically in the Daniel McIntyre and Fort Rouge East Fort Garry wards;

    B. Provide recommendations for increasing the amount of quality, in-house snow clearing services that the City provides.