Minute No. 409
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – April 6, 2022

Item No. 5 Requiring the Installation of Low-Mounted Flashing Lights at New Lighted Pedestrian Crossing Signals

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 matter 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 by consent.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication dated April 26, 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 submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the matter be received as information.

David Grant submitted a communication dated April 5, 2022, with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 24, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, and adopted the following:

1. That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be referred back to Standing Committee.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

David Grant submitted a communication dated March 23, 2022 in opposition to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 16, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be referred back to Standing Committee.

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

David Grant submitted a communication dated March 15, 2022, with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 8, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works passed the following motion:

WHEREAS in the past, after fatalities of children occur at lighted pedestrian crossings, the public works department recommended and completed the installation of low mounted lights at lighted pedestrian crosswalks;

AND WHEREAS there have been 25 low mounted lights at pedestrian crosswalks installed to date;

AND WHEREAS a report commissioned by the public service confirmed that low mounted lights at lighted pedestrian crosswalks improved the safety of these crosswalks;

AND WHEREAS the updated 2022 budget included an additional $145,000 in spending on low mounted lights at existing pedestrian crosswalks;

AND WHEREAS the cost of installing low hanging lights at a pedestrian crosswalk can range from 2500 to 20 000 according to the department;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the public works department estimates that low mounted lights installed at lighted pedestrian crosswalks would require $1.6 million dollars, minus the $145,000 budget authority already approved by Council;

AND WHEREAS Council has not yet set policy that low mounted lights at lighted pedestrian crossings should be installed when new lighted pedestrian signals are installed;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg has been recognized as a leader regarding our open data initiatives and this gives the ability to any member of the public to see the status and funding status of a project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to install low-mounted flashing lights at all existing lighted pedestrian crosswalks that are not yet equipped with them, as soon as possible.

2. That any future installations of lighted pedestrian crossing signals be required to include low-mounted flashing lights.

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to install all warranted but unfunded pedestrian crossing locations as soon as possible.

4. That the initiative be funded from one of the following sources:

    A. Closing out the capital project entitled Archibald - St Catherine to Elizabeth Road; and/or

    B. The Local and Regional Streets Renewal Budget; and/or

    C. The Mill Rate Stabilization Reserve; and/or

    D. Another source identified by the Executive Policy Committee

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