Minute No. 573
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – June 9, 2022

Item No. 1 Regent Avenue Bus Shelters (Transcona Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council received as information the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

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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 received as information.

Carried

Councillor Browaty asked to be recorded as having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- Kris Clemens
- Amanda Mondaca, Family and Community Development Coordinator
- Victor Mondaca
- Communication titled "June 22, 2022: Joint Statement on Proposed Dismantling of Winnipeg Bus Shelters by City Council" submitted by Kris Clemens on behalf of those listed in the submission

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 15, 2022, due to a lost vote, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the matter to Council without recommendation.

The following persons submitted communications in opposition to the matter:

- Connor McDonell submitted a communication (undated);
- Cynthia Drebot, North End Women's Centre, submitted a communication dated June 14, 2022
- Kris Clements, End Homelessness Winnipeg, submitted a Joint Statement dated June 14, 2022
- Kris Clements, End Homelessness Winnipeg, submitted a presentation dated June 15, 2022

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 9, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, with the following amendments:

- Delete the words "report back within 30 days on the following" and replace with "undertake the following"

- Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety and replace with the following:

  "2 Provide a verbal report to the Standing Committee at its September 7, 2022 meeting on the number of critical incidents in the area and the vicinity, after the removal."

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- David Grant submitted a communication dated June 8, 2022
- Sarah Borbridge submitted a communication dated June 8, 2022
- Councillor Lukes, Waverley West Ward, submitted a communication dated June 9, 2022

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 25, 2022, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg continues to work collaboratively with community support partners to address problematic bus shelter situations;

AND WHEREAS the situation involving the enclosed transit shelters on Regent Avenue between Stapon to the west and Rougeau to the East has continued for more that 2 years without a permanent resolution;

AND WHEREAS the persons utilizing the Transit Shelters are generally connected to a community support partner that is not the primary support partner for areas east of the Red River which has created a situation that is not attainable for positive relations for the community as a whole;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the activities that the community observes regularly in the transit shelters are not seen as for the common good and welfare for those undertaking the behaviours. It is believed that the removal of the two shelters along the Regent Avenue Corridor be undertaken to support a potentially better outcome and seeking supports for those in this position;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back within 30 days on the following:

1. Removal of all glass walls, doors, seating & electrical units from the 2 Westbound bus stops on Regent Avenue directly in front of Kildonan Place Mall.

2. Confirm that all contractual obligations that the City of Winnipeg has entered into with good and faithful operation of the Transit Loop contained with the boundaries of the Kildonan Place Mall are being adhered to by the City of Winnipeg.