Minute No. 581
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – June 9, 2022

Item No. 9 Granular Roadway Improvements

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 Winnipeg Public Service be directed to allocate up to $800,000 from the Province of Manitoba's one-time grant of $8.9 million for road repair, to the application of 33 cubic meters per lane kilometre on the City's 138 kilometers of granular surface roadways, including the maintenance hours required to maintain the roadway surface.

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:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 15, 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 9, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to allocate up to $800,000 from the Province of Manitoba's one-time grant of $8.9 million for road repair, to the application of 33 cubic meters per lane kilometre on the City's 138 kilometers of granular surface roadways, including the maintenance hours required to maintain the roadway surface.

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 24, 2022, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS in addressing road safety, the ultimate goal is to reduce injuries and fatalities from traffic accidents to zero - road safety is about being proactive and safety-conscious through the proper planning of road design as well as education;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS granular road surfaces in areas South of the Perimeter and in St. Boniface Industrial areas have been particularly hard hit this winter and are in a continual state of pot holes and wash board conditions - this impacts business, the access of school buses and other couriers whom have cancelled pickup and delivery services as a result of the deteriorating road conditions in the area;

AND WHEREAS according to the Gravel Roads Maintenance Manual, granular roads only receive a top-up of one inch of gravel application every two to three years which has not allowed the road surface to be built up allowing for crowning and proper drainage, resulting in standing pools of water which has contributed to the creation of pot holes and wash board conditions;

AND WHEREAS the province of Manitoba has announced $15 million of additional grant funding to municipalities, including the City of Winnipeg, which will receive $9 million towards road reconstruction, rehabilitation and preservation projects in 2022;

AND WHEREAS in the 2012 City of Winnipeg Capital Budget at p.3-12, the total regional and local roads budget was $30.8M of which $3.0 (or almost 10%) was for "granular roadway improvements";

AND WHEREAS in the current City $164.7M regional and local roads budget there is no explicit mention of granular roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to:

1. Use 2022 provincial road repair funding to add additional gravel materials beyond a one-inch application, on the following roads:

    A. Forbes Road

    B. Fraser Road

    C. Veert Road

    D. Budd Road

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

E. Paul Boulevard

F. Nicholas Avenue

G. Laurier Street

2. Inspect and assess conditions of the remaining public gravel roads in the Vermette, St. Germaine and the Mission Industrial areas, and report back to Standing Committee with costs of for adding additional gravel beyond a one-inch minimum.