Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – September 14, 2022

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 7, 2022

Moved by Councillor

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Item No. 6 Free Transit on Orange Shirt Day

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 7, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee and submitted the following to Council:

1. That Council approve free bus fare on all routes on Orange Shirt Day, September 30, 2022.

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

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 7, 2022

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 7, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 2, 2022, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Orange Shirt Day is a national holiday of significance similar to Remembrance Day given the senseless death of indigenous kids and the need for reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Wa-Say Healing Centre is asking City Council to support the Survivors Walk from Oodena Circle at the Forks to the RBC Convention Centre for the 2nd Annual Orange Shirt Day Pow Wow by providing free bus fare and parking for the participants and organizers;

AND WHEREAS the First Annual Orange Shirt Day Pow Wow attracted 15,000 to 20,000 indigenous and non-indigenous people to St. John's Park's Healing Forest in support of "Every Child Matters";

AND WHEREAS despite a projected $10.5 million shortfall in 2022 operating budget for Winnipeg Transit, the Transit projected cash, e-cash, ticket and Transit Plus fares of $120,000.00 revenue loss due to free bus fare on all routes for Orange Shirt Day is insignificant compared to the horrors indigenous children faced in residential schools, and remembering all the death of indigenous peoples across Canada in the century before residential schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lord Selkirk – West Kildonan Community Committee recommend to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

1. That Council approve free bus fare on all routes on Orange Shirt Day, September 30, 2022.

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