Minute No. 802
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 7, 2022

Item No. 3 Service Delivery Options for Snow Clearing on Sidewalks

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council referred the item and amendment back to 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 adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1 of Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated September 7, 2022 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to negotiate and approve one-year contract extensions for sidewalk snow clearing for services beginning October 2022 through April 2023, including the additional 217 km of sidewalks.

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

Moved by Councillor Klein,

That the item and amendment be referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Allard, Chambers, Eadie, Gilroy, Klein, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma 12

Nay: Councillors Browaty, Gillingham and Lukes 3

Absent: His Worship Mayor Bowman

and the motion to refer the item was declared carried.

David Grant submitted a submission in opposition to the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE:

On September 14, 2022, due to a lost vote, the Executive Policy Committee did not make a recommendation on the matter, as such, the September 7, 2022, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works was submitted to Council, namely:

1. That the report of the Winnipeg Public Service dated September 6, 2022, and attached as Appendix A, be received as information.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 7, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the report of the Winnipeg Public Service dated September 6, 2022, and attached as Appendix A, be received as information.

The Winnipeg Public Service submitted a communication dated September 6, 2022, and attached as Appendix A, with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 21, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That the consolidated Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy, attached as Appendix B to this report, be approved.

2. That, subject to approval of Recommendation 1, amendments to the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy, attached as Appendix C to this report, be approved.

3. That $3,017,400 in additional 2022 capital budget be approved in the Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency and approved debt limit for the agency be increased by the same amount in order to the purchase of 15 additional sidewalk machines and lease them to the Public Works Department.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

4. That Council approve new capital external borrowing authority of $3,017,400 for Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency for 2022.

5. That in order to fund the additional operating costs associated with the lease of 15 sidewalk machines, the snow fence setup and the modification to the Snow Route signs, the 2022 operating budget of the Public Works department be increased by $292,500 and the 2023 through 2026 operating budget forecasts be increased by the amounts identified in Appendix A of this report.

6. That $87,334 in operating funds be referred to the 2023 budget process to fund one FTE Garage Mechanic position in accordance with the CUPE Collective Agreement.

7. That the draft by-law to amend the Winter Parking Ban By-law No. 76/2011 and make consequential amendments to other by-laws, attached as Appendix D to this report, be approved.

8. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to negotiate one-year contract extensions for sidewalk snow clearing for services beginning October 2022 through April 2023, specifically for the approximate additional 200 km of sidewalk referred to in the report, and that these negotiated contracts be subject to the approval of Council.

9. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council in September 2022, after meeting with CUPE representatives, comparing the snow clearing of sidewalks by contractors and the services being delivered by City workers with options to deliver the level of service identified in this report in time for the 2022 snow clearing season.

10. That the Winnipeg Public Service be further directed to report back to Council in September 2022 with options for public sector delivery of approximately 200 km of sidewalk snow clearing for the 2022 snow clearing season, and that the report explore options including but not limited to the single source purchase of equipment and the hiring of necessary staff in order to deliver the 200 km of sidewalk clearing which has traditionally been provided by the Public Service.

11. 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 with respect to the matter.