Minute No. 112
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – November 29, 2022

Item No. 7 Service Delivery Options for Snow Clearing on Sidewalks

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and adopted the following:

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

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

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to issue a letter of understanding to CUPE with respect to Recommendation 2.

4. 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 Lukes,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order add Appendix A to the Council Agenda, as it was inadvertently missed when this item was forwarded to Council for consideration.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

WHEREAS the public service at the time of renewal and renovation ensures that sidewalks are in a condition that is good where plowing to pavement is not an unreasonable risk to equipment

WHEREAS in every ward there may have been a street with a sidewalk that has had a road renewal or a renovation where a sidewalk was either reconstructed or deemed to be in good shape in order to allow for the plowing to pavement

WHEREAS currently, when sidewalks are not plowed to pavement, residents including those who need to use mobility aids such as wheelchairs need to use the street in order to get to their destinations in the city

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 7 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated November 28, 2022 be amended by adding the following recommendations, and renumbering the remaining recommendation accordingly:

4. That the Public Service pilot for the 2022-2023 snow season plowing to pavement on a sidewalk apply to all fifteen wards in the city.

5. That the Public Service compile a list of sidewalks, as roads are renewed and renovated where sidewalks may be plowed to pavement.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 7 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated November 28, 2022 be amended by adding the following recommendation, and renumbering the remaining recommendations accordingly:

4. That the Public Service ensure appropriate sanding and salt to the sidewalk to ensure appropriate level of service.

The motion for the adoption of the second amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Allard, Santos and Schreyer 3

Nay: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Sharma and Wyatt 12

and the second amendment was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the first amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Allard, Eadie, Santos and Schreyer 4

Nay: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Sharma and Wyatt 11

and the first amendment was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the Item, was put.

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

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Yea: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer Sharma and Wyatt 15

Nay: 0

and the Item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 7, 2022, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 29, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works received the amending motion as information, and 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.

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

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to issue a letter of understanding to CUPE with respect to Recommendation 2.

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

Romeo Ignacio, President Business Agent, Amalgamated Transit Union 1505, submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 22, 2022, Council referred back Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated September 7, 2022.

Further, on September 22, 2022, Council referred the following amending motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works for consideration:

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.

David Grant submitted a submission in opposition to the matter.

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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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 adopted the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, as amended, which included the following:

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.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.