Minute No. 114
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – November 29, 2022

Item No. 9 Snow Clearing and Ice Control – Annual Report Date

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Council decision of January 27, 2022 with respect to Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be amended by directing the Winnipeg Public Service to provide its annual report on snow clearing and ice control in June, instead of July.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

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

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 recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council decision of January 27, 2022 with respect to Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be amended by directing the Winnipeg Public Service to provide its annual report on snow clearing and ice control in June, instead of July.

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On August 30, 2022, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS street conditions are currently ranked every two or three years by the Winnipeg Public Service;

AND WHEREAS sidewalks are inspected prior to reconstruction or rehabilitation, and at the end of the project, the sidewalk is deemed to be in “good” condition;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to conduct a trial in the 2022-2023 snow clearing season to plow sidewalks deemed to be in good condition to bare pavement and report back on the trial at the June 2023 Standing Committee meeting.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 27, 2022, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the previous directions of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works on June 10, October 12 and December 1, 2021, together with the Council direction of October 28, 2021, be amended, and the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee at its July 5, 2022 meeting on the following:

    A. An annual report on process and service improvements to the snow clearing and ice control and spring cleanup programs.

    B. Improvements to current services, including but not limited to:

        i. Improving timelines for when residential snow clearing will occur based on severe snow events through a delegated authority instrument.

        ii. Consideration of delegation of authority outside of the Annual Snow Route Parking Bans.

        iii. Efficacy and costs of plowing sidewalks to the concrete as opposed to snow packed levels.

        iv. Alignment with city policy of plowing sidewalks at the same time as roads on P1s, P2s and the enhanced snow clearing around schools.

        v. Options regarding sanding and salting and sidewalks to enhance walking conditions, ways to improve completion timeframes, as well as treatments made to sidewalks based on complaints.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

vi. Enhanced plowing operations in residential neighbourhoods without sidewalks.

C. The impact of salt products used for snow and ice control on Winnipeg roads and sidewalks in relation to:

i. The survival of newly planted trees;

ii. The health of existing, mature trees.

iii. Alternative products available for ice control which can replace the use of salt.

D. A fully revised and updated Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy which will include all the policy amendments that were approved by Council in the past several years.

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