Minute No. 222
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – February 7, 2023

Item No. 2 Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal on Residential Streets

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Council Motion of December 15, 2022, be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

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

Carried

Councillor Allard asked to be recorded as having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

Councillor Orlikow was absent from the vote on the item.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 14, 2023, 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 February 7, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of December 15, 2022, be received as information.

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- Kelly Ryback
- Councillor Allard, St. Boniface Ward

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 26, 2023, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the Council Motion of December 15, 2022, be referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

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 (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 17, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of December 15, 2022, be referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

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 communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 10, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

1. That the Council Motion of December 15, 2022, be received as information.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On December 15, 2022, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

WHEREAS Winnipeg is a winter city with an average annual snowfall of 117.9 cm over the past 15 years, according to Environment Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Sidewalk Cleaning By-law No. 3422/83 states that no person shall deposit snow, ice, dirt or any other obstruction cleared from a sidewalk onto an adjacent roadway or any other public space;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 180 days on the following:

1. Changes to the necessary by-laws and policies to allow residents the ability to perform limited snow and ice clearing on sidewalks on residential streets.

2. Rescinding existing fines in by-laws and policies associated with residents performing limited snow clearing on sidewalks on residential streets.

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