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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – April 11, 2023

Item No. 5 Pilot Project for the Use of Recycled Asphalt to Fill Potholes

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the following to Council:

1. That Winnipeg Public Service be directed to initiate discussions with the mover of the Council Motion and Recycle Your Driveway, to determine if opportunities exist to pursue a pilot project for the use of recycled asphalt to fill potholes, and provide a verbal report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works in 30 days.

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 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.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 11, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That Winnipeg Public Service be directed to initiate discussions with the mover of the Council Motion and Recycle Your Driveway, to determine if opportunities exist to pursue a pilot project for the use of recycled asphalt to fill potholes, and provide a verbal report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works in 30 days.

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 (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

WHEREAS taxpayers of Winnipeg have consistently complained that we have the worst potholes and pothole repair in Canada;

AND WHEREAS independent contractors in Winnipeg have demonstrated to Councillors a technology and technique to effectively, and at a low cost, fill potholes essentially in all seasons;

AND WHEREAS the reuse of waste asphalt is an efficient use valuable resources, including fossil fuels in asphalt bitumen;

AND WHEREAS a pilot could consist of a maximum of four days, with one day per season with different street types and locations such as Kenaston Boulevard, Higgins Avenue West of Main Street, and Regent Avenue, where the City has had limited success in pothole repair;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with the private sector and City staff to pilot the use, in a specified way, of recycled asphalt using tamping or other means to bind and / or compress asphalt to fill potholes.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide quarterly verbal updates on the pilot project to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, beginning in June, 2023.

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