Minute No. 541
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – June 10, 2021

Item No. 7 Temporary Parking Measures

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg be continued until September 30, 2021 and that this be available without the need to pay for parking but that this should not be combined with the existing two hours of complimentary parking on Saturdays in the Downtown area.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed not to enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets, until September 30, 2021 but to continue to enforce all other parking restrictions (such as obstructing fire hydrants, parking too close to intersections, etc.), with the exception of streets around Deer Lodge Centre where there are ongoing parking availability issues, namely:

    A. Moorgate Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    B. Sharp Boulevard (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    C. Duffield Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    D. Guildford Street (between Lodge Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    E. Woodlawn Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    F. Belvidere Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
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    H. Lodge Avenue (between Conway Street and Sharp Boulevard)

3. That upon formal request from residents, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to issue rebates for Residential Parking Permits purchased after March 28, 2020 and up to and including September 30, 2021, and work to identify a funding source for approved rebates from within existing budgets.

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 Allard,

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 16, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 10, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works passed the following motion:

WHEREAS effective March 28, 2020, in recognition of COVID-19's continued negative impact on businesses, and the recommendation that Winnipeg residents work remotely, the City of Winnipeg began offering one-hour free parking at all parking meters throughout Winnipeg and ceased to enforce parking time limit restrictions in residential areas;

AND WHEREAS on October 29, 2020 Council, wishing to formalize the temporary COVID-related parking measures, approved one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg until December 31, 2020, and directed the Winnipeg Parking Authority to not enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets until December 31, 2020 but to continue to enforce all other parking restrictions (such as obstructing fire hydrants, parking too close to intersections, etc.);

AND WHEREAS on December 17, 2020, Council further extended the expiry of the temporary parking measures from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021;

AND WHEREAS a further extension of the temporary parking measures would be beneficial to businesses and residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS some residents purchased a Residential Parking Permit but did not receive value for that purchase once relaxed parking enforcement came into effect;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that following be recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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