Minute No. 412
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – April 11, 2023

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 18, 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 April 11, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works considered the Council Motion of March 23, 2023, and 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.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.