**Agenda – Council – July 13, 2023**

**Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – June 26, 2023**

**Item No. 6 Amendment to the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77**

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the following to Council:

1. That a by-law be enacted to amend the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 in accordance with this report, a draft of which is attached as Schedule A to this report.

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

**Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – June 26, 2023**

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 5, 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 June 26, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**Title:** Amendment to the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77

**Critical Path:** Standing Policy Committee on Public Works - Executive Policy Committee - Council

## AUTHORIZATION

| Author | Department Head | CFO | CAO |
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| D. Patman, P. Eng. | J. Berezowsky | N/A | M. Jack |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 36,500 kg gross vehicle weight restriction in Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 is no longer required on the Dublin Avenue, also commonly known as Route 57, crossing of Omand's Creek (Dublin Avenue bridge between St. James Street and Notre Dame Avenue). The bridge was recently reconstructed with a design that permits the structure to carry full legal loads.

Further, the Province of Manitoba repealed *the Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation 575/88*, and the new *Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation 155/2018* is now in force.

This report recommends updates to the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 to ensure the bylaw is congruent with the new regulation and to remove the weight restriction on the Dublin Avenue bridge.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council enact a by-law to amend the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 in accordance with this report, a draft of which is attached as Schedule A to this report.

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

## REASON FOR THE REPORT

The recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service require a By-law amendment which must be approved by Council.

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations. The regulatory weight restriction signage was not reinstalled when the Dublin Avenue bridge was reconstructed in

2020. The subject waterway crossing will now be capable of carrying legal gross vehicle weights.

With respect to the new Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation, changes are required to ensure the bylaw is congruent with the new regulation. Non-Road Transportation Association of Canada (RTAC) vehicles will continue to fall within legal length, height, and width. There are no significant changes for those currently operating RTAC vehicles.

## HISTORY/DISCUSSION

### AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE 6 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TRAFFIC BY-LAW NO. 1573/77

Schedule 6 of the *City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77* ("Schedule 6") lists waterway crossings and overpasses upon which gross vehicle weights are limited to 36,500 kg pursuant to Section 47 of that By-law. Reconstruction and/or rehabilitation projects endeavour to fulfill a design standard that is consistent with current bridge design codes and increase the permissible gross vehicle weight to encompass all legal weights.

Clause A(3) "Dublin Avenue also commonly known as Route 57 crossing of Omand's Creek" is no longer required as the Dublin Avenue Bridge was reconstructed within the past few years with a design load that permits the structure to carry full legal loads. Accordingly, the 36,500 kg gross vehicle weight limit is no longer required. The regulatory weight restriction signage was neither required nor reinstalled when the Dublin Avenue bridge was reconstructed.

### NEW VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS ON CLASSES OF HIGHWAYS REGULATION

Under the old Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation (M.R. 575/88), Manitoba had two standards for vehicle weights and dimensions: the Road Transportation Association of Canada (RTAC) standard and a non-RTAC standard. Other Canadian jurisdictions, with the exception of Ontario, have only the RTAC standard. Removing the non-RTAC standard from the Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highway Regulation (VWDR) simplifies the regulation and significantly reduces the regulatory requirements for commercial vehicle operators in Manitoba.

The new Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation (M.R. 155/2018) created a less complex system, and harmonizes the provincial regulations adopted by the New West Partnership Trade Agreement partners of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This helps reduce barriers that affect the efficient transportation of goods across western Canada. Non-RTAC vehicles will continue to fall within legal length, height, and width. There are no significant changes for those currently operating RTAC vehicles.

The *City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77* references the old regulation (M.R. 575/88) and "RTAC truck" definition. The text changes in Schedule A are required to ensure the bylaw text is congruent with the new regulation (M.R. 155/2018).

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

# Financial Impact Statement Date: May 16, 2023

# Project Name:
# Amendment to the City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No. 1573/77

**COMMENTS:**

There are no financial impact associated with the recommendations of this report.

*J. Ruby, 2023-05-19*
J. Ruby CPA, CA
Manager of Finance & Administration

## CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

## OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

This report is in accordance with OurWinnipeg2045 as per:

- ***Policy 4.10 Transportation Safety:*** Design, construct, maintain, and regulate an integrated and sustainable transportation system and related infrastructure that optimize safe, connected and reliable mobility, and minimize severe injuries and fatalities for all road users.

## WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

There is a linkage between making Winnipeg's transportation network safer and more efficient with Key Directions 3.1 "Increase Use and Efficiency of Public Transit Systems", 3.4 "Increase Active Transportation Rates", and 3.5 "Reduce Traffic Congestion".

## WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) and its Goals and Objectives, and it was determined that the PRS is not applicable to this specific report.

**SUBMITTED BY**

Department: Public Works
Division: Transportation
Prepared by: T. Jangula, C.E.T., Traffic Analyst
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Date: May 19, 2023

ATTACHMENTS:

Schedule A: Draft By-law Amendment

Schedule A – Draft By-law Amendment

**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

**BY-LAW NO. /2023**

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to amend Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 to eliminate gross weight restrictions on the Dublin Avenue bridge and ensure compliance with the *Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highway Regulation 155/2018*.

**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG,** in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

**Traffic By-law amended**

1. The Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 is amended by:

(a) Amending section 2(1) by deleting the reference to "*575/88*" and replacing it with "*155/2018*";

(b) Deleting the definition of "*RTAC truck*" from section 2(2);

(c) Delete section 45 and replace it with the following:

*No person may drive or move, or permit to be driven or moved, on any street within the City of Winnipeg, a vehicle which contravenes the requirements set out in Part 8 of* The Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation, Manitoba Regulation 155/2018 *with respect to a highway classed as an RTAC route*.

(d) Amending Schedule 6 to the By-law by deleting clause A) (3).

**Coming into force**
**2** This by-law comes into force upon being given third reading by Council.

**DONE AND PASSED** this day of , 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved as to content:

Director of Public Works

Legally reviewed and certified as to form:

for Director of Legal Services
and City Solicitor