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Item No. 2 Speed Limit for Active Transportation Pathways

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 the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works in 300 days on options for establishing a speed limit along active transportation pathways for bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices.

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:

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

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 10, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the Council Motion of September 29, 2023, with the following amendment:

- Add the words “in 300 days” after the words “report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works”

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

The following persons submitted communications:

- Irwin Corobow in support of the matter
- Jason M Ward with respect to the matter
- Tyler Crichton in opposition to the matter

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 29, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices are becoming more prevalent;

AND WHEREAS the speed of bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices has in some cases, become excessive on our active transportation pathways;

AND WHEREAS the possibility of a collision and subsequent injuries on our pathways, increases with speed;

AND WHEREAS many residents are afraid to use our pathways for fear of being struck and injured by speeding bikes, E, bikes, scooters, or other devices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works on options for establishing a speed limit along active transportation pathways for bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices.