

Minute No. 781

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – October 10, 2023

Item No. 2 Speed Limit for Active Transportation Pathways

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Allard,

Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated October 10, 2023 be amended by deleting the word “bikes” in Recommendation 1.

Carried

Councillor Eadie asked to be recorded as having voted against the amending motion in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

The motion for the adoption of the item, as amended, was put and declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 17, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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

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.