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Minute No. 222
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – March 4, 2024

Item No. 1 Climate Impacts of Infrastructure Improvements

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council did not concur in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste and the Environment, and as such, the item was not adopted.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment be adopted.

Councillor Eadie called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gilroy, Mayes and Schreyer 5

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Duncan, Lukes, Rollins, Santos, Sharma and Wyatt 9

Absent: Councillor Chambers 1

and the motion was declared lost.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE:

On March 12, 2024, due to a lost vote, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the matter to Council without recommendation.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the Council Motion of February 22, 2024, with the following amendments:

- In Recommendation 1, add the words “at its October 28, 2024 meeting” after the words “Climate Action and Resilience Committee”
- Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 22, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS the proposed 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget is still planning a $558 million widening of Kenaston Boulevard, which is a single road widening project that is greater than the cost of the $514 million six-year capital forecast for the entire local street renewal budget;

AND WHEREAS the renewal of streets may be beneficial to climate action including the construction of active transportation facilities, road safety enhancement, as well as improvement to the bus service with better roads, without expanding the road network;

AND WHEREAS net-new additions to the road network are known to induce demand for personal vehicle travel;

AND WHEREAS personal vehicle travel is responsible for about half of the greenhouse gas emissions in Winnipeg, according to the last climate inventory report of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council has previously directed the public service to create a Transportation Master Plan that would incorporate a modal shift from single passenger personal vehicle travel to other modes of travel by 50% by 2030;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg adopted a Climate Action Plan with goals to 2030;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Climate Action and Resilience Committee on the following:

1. The direct climate impacts of the widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90 Improvements).

2. A summary of other municipal infrastructure improvements that would be comparable in size, scope and resources to the widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90 Improvements), and would support the City’s climate action goals.