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Item No. 2 Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy – Eligibility Criteria

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 include in the Semi-Annual Report on the Transit Plus Advisory Committee an update on changes to the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy that are currently underway, at the June 12, 2025, meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

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 Browaty,

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 in opposition to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 7, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works considered the Council Motion of October 24, 2024, and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to include in the Semi-Annual Report on the Transit Plus Advisory Committee an update on changes to the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy that are currently underway, at the June 12, 2025, meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

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

The following persons submitted communications with respect to the matter:

- Melissa Graham
- David Grant

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg should have accessible transit service for those who need it;

AND WHEREAS Transit Plus policies should be reviewed and updated to reflect the changing professional standards in regards to assessment for service delivery;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg must ensure that the eligibility criteria in the Winnipeg Transit Plus policy is consistent with professional occupational standards and ensure that assessment for service is in keeping with physician and occupational therapist standards of practice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

1. Review the Winnipeg Transit Plus policy and report back within 180 days on any necessary changes to the eligibility criteria for registrants/customers to ensure the requirements reflect necessary changes to the policy as it relates to physician and occupational therapist standards of practice.

2. Consult community and professional designation advocacy organizations to ensure the recommended changes to the Winnipeg Transit Plus policy are consistent with current professional standards of practice.