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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Speed Limit Reduction on Wellington Crescent

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments

I am writing to express my support for the proposed speed limit reduction on Wellington Crescent. Lowering the speed limit will enhance cycling safety and contribute to creating a more vibrant and walkable city.

As a former Osborne Village resident and current downtown Winnipeg resident, I regularly cycle down Wellington Crescent during my commute. Of all portions of my route, Wellington Crescent is where I feel the least safe, having experienced numerous close calls with vehicles. This street is a major cycling route connecting Osborne Village, River Heights, Crescentwood, and Wolseley—neighborhoods with some of the highest percentages of cyclist commuters in the city. The federal census identified Wolseley as a top ten neighbourhood in Canada for bicycle commuting. Reducing the speed limit would improve safety on this critical cycling route and encourage more people to choose active transportation.

Moreover, reducing the speed limit will enhance the area's vibrancy. Urban design experts like Christopher Alexander have noted that cars traveling at high speeds discourage people from occupying the same space. Similarly, urban planner Jane Jacobs emphasized that high-speed traffic disrupts the urban fabric. Slowing down traffic on Wellington Crescent would make the area more inviting for pedestrians and cyclists, fostering a sense of community and improving the quality of life.

The proposed speed reduction aligns with the broader goal of making Winnipeg a more attractive city for young people. A report by the Canada West Foundation found that one of the main reasons young people leave Winnipeg is the desire for a more walkable city. This sentiment is echoed by many of my friends who have moved elsewhere. Reducing the speed along Wellington Crescent would signal that Winnipeg is serious about enhancing alternative modes of transportation and creating a richer urban environment that can retain and attract young people from across Canada.

In conclusion, reducing the speed limit on Wellington Crescent is a crucial step toward improving cycling safety and enhancing the vibrancy of our city. I wholeheartedly support this proposed speed reduction.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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