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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I have lived on Wellington Crescent for over a decade. I strongly and deeply support reducing the speed limit on the full length of Wellington Crescent to 30km/h year round. I chose to live in this neighbourhood so I wouldn't need a car. I primarily get around by bicycle and commute by bike on Wellington Crescent every day. I never feel safe or comfortable on Wellington Crescent.

Four years ago, I switched my main method of transportation from transit to bicycle. Over these last four years, I've witnessed a dramatic increase in the number of fellow cyclists in Winnipeg. For the previous three winters, my bike was the lone bike at my small company's bike rack. Two days ago, I counted five other bikes, all equipped with studded tires at the rack. I credit this to many factors - a shift is occurring worldwide and a shift has been occurring locally. I've noticed that for every small improvement the city makes, from adding a new bike lane to doing a better job of snow clearing, there is a big increase in ridership as a result. It is very encouraging but there are still too many people in this city that would like to bike, but don't because of safety concerns.

I know a speed limit reduction is only as good as driver compliance and police enforcement allows. Obviously, Wellington Crescent needs built infrastructure to make it impossible to travel at speeds beyond 60km/h, let alone 150km/h. But reducing the speed limit is the cheapest and quickest to implement option we have.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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