Minute No. 27
Minutes – Council – November 27, 2025

Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – Motions

Item No. 3 Tree Loss During Major Construction Projects

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is currently undertaking its Green Space and Natural Corridors Master Plan, which emphasizes the preservation of greenspace, biodiversity, and the protection and expansion of Winnipeg's tree canopy;

AND WHEREAS any proposed future widening of Kenaston Boulevard and extension of Chief Pequis will result in the significant loss of mature trees and greenspace;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg must demonstrate strong environmental stewardship and responsible planning by accounting for the full ecological and financial costs associated with tree loss;

AND WHEREAS maintaining and growing our urban forest is critical to climate resilience, neighbourhood livability, stormwater management, air quality, and long-term community well-being;

AND WHEREAS a one-for-one tree replacement strategy when replacement is not possible directly along the Kenaston or Chief Peguis corridor must include planting equivalent trees elsewhere in the city to ensure no net loss to Winnipeg's overall canopy;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with tree loss, tree replacement, and greenspace mitigation must be reflected in any future capital planning for construction projects like the Kenaston project and the Chief Peguis Trail extension;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Public Service be directed to evaluate and report back in 90 days on the loss of trees on both public and private land associated with the expropriation of private lands and financial replacement costs associated with any loss of trees due to the future plans of both the Kenaston Boulevard widening and the Chief Peguis Trail extension, including:

    A. A full costing of tree loss, including valuation of removed trees based on size, species, and ecological value.

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B. Funding for a one-for-one tree replacement program including on private property, ensuring that any trees removed are replanted either on the Kenaston corridor or, where not possible, within other neighbourhoods across Winnipeg.

C. Adequate capital allocation to ensure the city keeps pace with its canopy protection and restoration goals under the Green Space and Natural Corridors Master Plan.

2. That the costs identified in Recommendation 1 be included in the preliminary design and financial planning for any city-owned lands affected by future Kenaston widening the Chief Peguis Trail extension.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works in accordance with Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.