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Delegation information

Committee you want to address

Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

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Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments

I have loved the idea of electric vehicles since I was a kid. As a teen, I got plans to make a small battery-powered car, from a company in NYC. It had manually-raised pop-up headlights. ;-) As I learned more, I did not proceed.

I have followed Winnipeg's E-bus odyssey for many years. Those of you who have been here for a while may recall my concern that your reports do not include the experience of other cities. Folks here speak as if we will be the first city to be trying them.

Have any of you toured the Hydro Museum? The electric trolley there provided heat for passengers with a coal stove, even though the wires overhead provided enough power to electrically heat the interior. Gasoline and diesel fuel have been used for space heat, over the decades, when engine heat is not sufficient. Will your new E-buses have better space heating than used in other cold cities?

Page 3 in your report fails to provide the economic analysis upon which every city hall decision must be based. At the end of page 3 there is a misleading reference to a federal document. That document also fails to provide any economic analysis. If you believe in the importance of economic analysis, your report author should have pasted that info into his report. If any such analysis was done by the feds, searching their documents does not find it.

I was the sole passenger on the very first E-bus trip from 820 Taylor to 360 Portage. It was just as noisy as a diesel bus, as it had to crash through the same pot holes as everyone else. We have decades of experience with E transit vehicles. Why do these reports include zero info on out of service time and costs? You represent taxpayers. You are in effect the buyer. Why have you not asked for a report on your current fleet of E buses?

Public engagement (optional)

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

No

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