

Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – January 8, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and granted an extension of time of 360 days to report back on the following:

1. The Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy once the policy update and report are complete.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

Councillor Eadie was absent from the vote on the above motion.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and granted an extension of time of 270 days to report back on the following:

1. The Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy once the policy update and report are complete.

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

On September 12, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received the report as information.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 12, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works directed the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in 180 days on the Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy once the policy update and report are complete.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

On May 7, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works granted a further extension of time of 90 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

On March 5, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works granted a further extension of time of 60 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

On May 8, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on and Public Works granted a further extension of time of 270 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On May 4, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works granted an extension of time of 270 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On November 5, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works passed the following motion:

WHEREAS there have been various inquiries over the last year regarding road noise, which covers both background traffic noise, as well as “spot” noise from individual vehicles revving their engines, loud sound systems, etc. which are a source of nuisance for adjacent homes;

AND WHEREAS the City’s documentation on noise policy / sound attenuation, as maintained by Public Works Department, requires updates, as it dates back to the 1980s;

AND WHEREAS attempts by the Public Service to work on this in recent months have not been fruitful in commencing work on this task;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service to be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works at its May 4, 2022 meeting on the following:

1. Developing a scope of work and cost estimate for an updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy with recommendations for what is deemed publicly acceptable for daytime and nighttime noise mitigation, and information on enforcement tools and mitigation methods, and include the following in the scope of work:
 - A. Best practices from other Canadian jurisdictions
 - B. Consultation with stakeholders, including but not limited to, the Province of Manitoba, the development industry, the Manitoba Trucking Association, and automobile enthusiast groups.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 360 days be granted to report back on the following:

The Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy once the policy update and report are complete.

REASON

The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) has recently started a project titled *Best Practices for Assessing and Mitigating Transportation Noise and Vibration*. The final deliverable is due in October 2026.

Public Service staff are on the Project Steering Committee for this TAC project and will be involved in its review and approval. The Public Service recommends that the Winnipeg Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy not be finalized until the national TAC project is finalized, so that our updated manual will be consistent with, and make use of the findings of the TAC national project.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

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Item No. 9 Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and granted an extension of time of 270 days to report back on the following:

1. The Updated Motor Vehicle Noise Policy once the policy update and report are complete.