Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – February 4, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 1 Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) Membership Update – February 2026

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and approved the following:

1. That Bob Chrismas, Community Safety Team Lead, be re-appointed for a new term ending December 31, 2027.

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3. That Kyle Owens, Functional Transit Winnipeg, be re-appointed for a new term ending December 31, 2027.

4. That James Van Gerwen, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) President, Local 1505, be appointed for a new term ending December 31, 2027.

5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) Membership Update – February 2026

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per the Terms of Reference, expiring terms will be renewed by the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works at the first meeting after the Organizational Meeting of Council each year. In this instance, additional time was required to confirm the appointment of one committee member.

The Public Service recommends the following members be appointed to a new two-year term ending December 31, 2027:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

At its May 30, 2017, meeting, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred with the recommendations (as amended) in the report titled *Comprehensive List and Explanation of Current Safety Management Practices, Initiatives and Potential Concepts for the Benefit of Transit Operators and Customers* in that:

3. A Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) be established following consultation with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), the Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers (WAPSO) and other stakeholders to review industry practices, assess and determine trends and recommend strategies to improve safety on the Winnipeg Transit system.

Membership of TAC shall be comprised of one City Councillor plus nine other members, all to be appointed by the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of the recommendations by the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works will establish the full TAC membership and they will continue to meet to review industry practices, assess and determine trends and recommend strategies to improve safety on the Winnipeg Transit system.

There are no financial implications to this report.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

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The TAC's Terms of Reference state that the committee will forward their recommendation for appointments to fill any vacancies that may occur to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works for approval and expiring terms will be renewed by the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works at the first meeting after the Organizational Meeting of Council each year. In this instance, additional time was required to confirm the appointment of one committee member.

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Jessica Paley has declined to renew her term.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** November 20, 2025

Project Name:

Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) Membership - February 2026

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact associated with the report recommendations.

Laurie Fisher *November 20, 2025*
Laurie Fisher, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance & Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

n/a

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

OurWinnipeg 2045 (2022)
Goal: Good Health and Well-Being
Objective 3: Proactively identify and address threats to community safety and well-being. Promote physical and mental health by mitigating, planning for, responding to, and recovering from, emergencies, disasters and crime.
Policy 4.6 Community Safety
Facilitate a culture of safety and crime prevention across the City and community, by building trusting relationships to enable collaborative action.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

This report is in accordance with the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (WCAP) as per Direction 3.1 *Increase Use and Efficiency of Public Transit Systems* (p.46).

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 5(a) Transportation System Equity is Enhanced – the affordability and accessibility of transportation and transit service is increased.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Transit
Division: Operations
Prepared by: Richard Young, Manager of Operations
Date: January 13, 2025