Minutes - Executive Policy Committee – November 25, 2004

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Minute No. 50 **Plan Winnipeg Amendment: 1535 Wellington Crescent – Oak Point Transit Corridor**
File EP-1.1 (PW 1/2004)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council:

1. That By-law No.112/2004, a proposal to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law Vision 2020 No. 7630/2000 by:

   A. Deleting from Policy Plates B and C, that portion of the "Busway" route crossing the Assiniboine River at the St. James Bridge known as the "Oak Point Transit Corridor",

   be forwarded to Council for second reading.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Administration advised that all statutory requirements with respect to this application have been complied with.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the administrative report be taken as read.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the receipt of public representations be concluded.

Carried

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,
That the administrative recommendation be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,
That the following supporting reasons be provided, namely:

1. The Executive Policy Committee agreed with the administrative comments contained in the Report from the Director of Planning, Property and Development dated November 16, 2004.

1. As the option of a transit corridor at this location is no longer, this amendment would update Plan Winnipeg.

2. Removing the subject corridor from Plan Winnipeg allows for consideration of non-transportation-related developments.

Carried

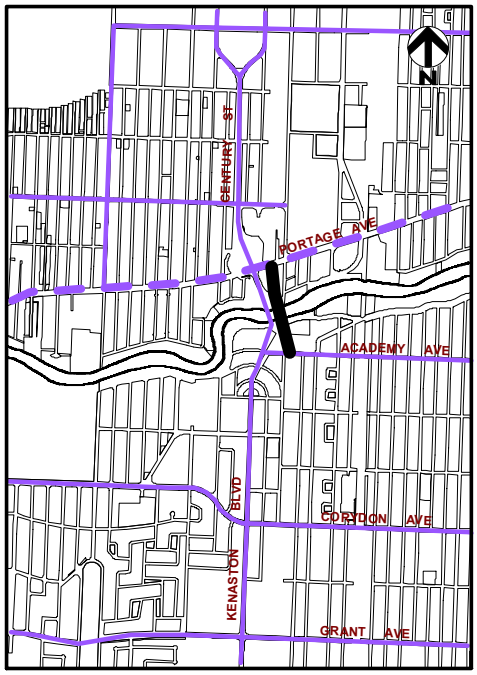
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the public hearing with respect to this application be concluded.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

File:	EP-1.1 (PW 1/2004)
Before:	Executive Policy Committee His Worship Mayor Katz, Chairperson Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan Councillor Clement Councillor Eadie Councillor De Smedt Councillor Steeves Councillor Thomas
Public Hearing:	November 25, 2004 West Committee Room Council Building, 510 Main Street
Applicant:	Stechesen Katz Architects – Alec Katz
Subject:	A proposal to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 7630/2000 by:

1. Deleting the area shown as black line (portion of the Busway Route crossing the Assiniboine River at the St. James Bridge).



Exhibits Filed:

1. Application dated March 25, 2004
2. Council Decision of July 21, 2004; contains report from the Director of Planning, Property and Development dated June 14, 2004
3. First Reading of By-law No. 112/2004 by Council on July 21, 2004
4. Notification of Public Hearing to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs dated November 1, 2004
5. Advertising Notices dated November 10 and 17, 2004
6. Report from the Director of Planning, Property and Development dated November 16, 2004
7. Communication dated November 12, 2004, from the Manager Environment and Risk Management, Winnipeg Airports Authority, with respect to the application
8. Communication dated November 15, 2004 from Elizabeth Fleming in opposition to the application
9. Communication dated November 16, 2004 from Vic Pruden in opposition to the application
10. Communication dated November 22, 2004 from Doreen F. Pruden in opposition to the application
11. Communication dated November 23, 2004 from Jeff and Lillian Duff in opposition to the application
12. Communication dated November 24, 2004 from Ed Hume, Organizer of Citizens Against Condos on the Bridge, in opposition to the application
13. Communication dated November 24, 2004 from Donna Beynon-Patterson and Gary Patterson in opposition to the application
14. Presentation submitted by Larry Dagg in opposition to the application at the public hearing
15. Presentation with respect to the application from Ken Klassen submitted by Elizabeth Fleming at the public hearing.
16. Listing of 30 residents, in opposition to the application, submitted by Doreen F. Pruden at the public hearing

REPRESENTATIONS:

In Support:

Alec Katz, Stechesen Katz Architects
Councillor Benham, River Heights- Fort Garry Ward
Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward
Mark Olson

In Opposition:

Bertie Bell
Donna Beynon-Patterson
Michael Cox
Larry Dagg
Phyllis Doran
Jeff and Lillian Duff
Elizabeth Fleming
William Helgason
Ed Hume
Ken Klassen
James Rodney Ledwich
Jeff Lowe
Terrance A.W. Muzychuk
Margaret Orr
Gary Patterson
Doreen F. Pruden
Vic Pruden
Margaret A. Saundry
Don Smith
Barbara Teskey

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Terence Clifford
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Alex Robinson, Winnipeg Airports Authority
P.J. Thomson

For the City:

Harry Finnigan, Director of Planning, Property and Development
Chris Knoll, Manager of Planning and Land Use, Planning, Property and Development Department
Martin Grady, Senior Planner (Plan Winnipeg), Planning, Property and Development Department
Bill Menzies, Manager of Planning and Schedules, Transit Department

SUMMARIZATON OF REPRESENTATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS MADE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Alec Katz, Stechesen Katz Architects, appeared in support of the application and provided an overview of the proposed Plan Winnipeg Amendment for 1535 Wellington Crescent, Oak Point Transit Corridor. He referenced proposed Policy Plate "B" Transportation to Plan Winnipeg 2020 to describe the property Stechesen Katz Architects has control of.

Councillor Benham, River Heights – Fort Garry Ward. appeared in support of the application and indicated the subject location is no longer needed for a rapid transit corridor.

Michael Cox appeared in opposition to the application and advised that he has lived 33 years adjacent to the subject application. Mr. Cox requested that the public hearing be adjourned and conducted on an evening at a location within the community.

Larry Dagg appeared in opposition to the application, and read into the record his presentation, filed as Exhibit 14.

Alex Robinson, Vice-President, Business Development. Winnipeg Airports Authority, appeared with respect to the application. He advised that although the subject application is deemed contradictory to the Winnipeg Airport Vicinity Development Plan which was adopted by Council in 1994, mitigating measures can be undertaken to offset them.

Phyllis Doran appeared in opposition to the application, and advised that she is a long time resident on Centennial Street. She requested that the bridge be converted into a walking path to the Polo Park mall.

Elizabeth Fleming appeared in opposition to the application, and referred to her presentation, filed as Exhibit 8. She submitted a presentation, including a number of newspaper articles, on behalf of Ken Klassen, filed as Exhibit 15.

Doreen Pruden appeared in opposition to the application and referred to her presentation, filed as Exhibit 10. In addition, she submitted a listing of 30 residents in opposition to the application, filed as Exhibit 16.

Don Smith appeared in opposition to the application.

Barbara Teskey appeared in opposition to the application.

Alec Katz, Stechesen Katz Architects, summarized the application.

Councillor Thomas questioned the Administration to advise if the bridge is available to still accommodate street cars as it was designed to accommodate originally. Bill Menzies, Manager of Planning and Schedules, Transit Department, advised that there is not sufficient room on the existing bridge to accommodate a street car or a bus. In this connection, Bill Menzies provided an overview of the current bus service in the area and advised that service from Portage Avenue south to Academy Road is included in Plan Winnipeg.