

Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – June 10, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Winnipeg Transit Plus Semi-Annual Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Report November 2025 - April 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 the semi-annual report of the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee, attached as Appendix A to this report, be received as information.
2. That the composition of the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee membership be amended to consist of:
 - A. Manager, Client Services Division, as Chair;
 - B. One member appointed by the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities;
 - C. One member appointed by Spinal Cord Injury Manitoba;
 - D. One member appointed by the CNIB Foundation;
 - E. One member appointed by the Manitoba Deaf Association;
 - F. One member appointed by the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba;
 - G. One member appointed by the Manitoba Brain Injury Association;
 - H. One member appointed by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba and Winnipeg;
 - I. Two members appointed by organizations representing seniors/older adults such as A & O: Support Services for Older Adults or the Manitoba Association of Senior Communities;
 - J. One Winnipeg Transit Plus customer who uses a wheelchair, appointed by the Director of Transit; and
 - K. One Winnipeg Transit Plus customer who is ambulatory, appointed by the Director of Transit.

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WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

3. That the Terms of Reference for the Winnipeg Transit Plus Public Advisory Committee, attached as Appendix B, be approved.
4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

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

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 11, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to provide semi-annual reports on the activities of the Transit Plus Advisory Committee, beginning June 26, 2023.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 21, 2023, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Transit Plus Advisory Committee meets regularly discussing many pertinent issues and concerns;

AND WHEREAS these issues and concerns are relevant to decisions made by Standing Policy Committee on Public Works;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to provide the Standing Committee with a report on the activities of the Transit Plus Advisory Committee on a semi-annual basis, beginning in June, 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Winnipeg Transit Plus Semi-Annual Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Report
November 2025 - April 2026

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report gives an update on the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee's work from November 2025 to April 2026. It outlines the Committee's activities, discussions, and advice about accessibility in public transit.

This report also includes a recommended Terms of Reference and changes to the committee membership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the semi-annual report of the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee, attached as Appendix A to this report, be received as information.
2. That the composition of the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee membership be amended to consist of:
 - A. Manager, Client Services Division, as Chair;
 - B. One member appointed by the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities;
 - C. One member appointed by Spinal Cord Injury Manitoba;
 - D. One member appointed by the CNIB Foundation;
 - E. One member appointed by the Manitoba Deaf Association;
 - F. One member appointed by the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba;
 - G. One member appointed by the Manitoba Brain Injury Association;
 - H. One member appointed by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba and Winnipeg;
 - I. Two members appointed by organizations representing seniors/older adults such as A & O: Support Services for Older Adults or the Manitoba Association of Senior Communities;
 - J. One Winnipeg Transit Plus customer who uses a wheelchair, appointed by the Director of Transit; and
 - K. One Winnipeg Transit Plus customer who is ambulatory, appointed by the Director of Transit.

3. That the Terms of Reference for the Winnipeg Transit Plus Public Advisory Committee, attached as Appendix B, be approved.
4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The semi-annual report is submitted in accordance with the April 11, 2023, direction of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works to provide semi-annual reports on the activities of the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee beginning June 26, 2023.

Changes to the composition of PAC membership and Terms of Reference must be approved by the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications associated with receiving the semi-annual report on the activities of the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy Advisory Committee (Appendix B) as information.

If approved, the composition of the Policy Advisory Committee will be updated and the Terms of Reference will be formally established.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The semi-annual report provides an overview of PAC activities and discussions, as well as advice from the PAC about accessibility issues related to public transportation, including:

- Public information sessions on eligibility, no-show/late cancellations, and carry-on item policy updates.
- Continued modernization of Winnipeg Transit Plus eligibility criteria.
- Winter accessibility concerns related to snow clearing and collaboration with Public Works.
- Enhancements to customer communications and digital application processes.
- Ongoing review and development of PAC Terms of Reference.

A summary of activities for the period of November 2025 to April 2026 is attached in Appendix A.

Currently, the PAC consists of:

- Manager, Client Services Division, as Chair;
- Two members appointed by the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities;
- One member appointed by Spinal Cord Injury Manitoba (formerly Canadian Paraplegic Association);
- One member appointed by the CNIB Foundation (formerly Canadian National Institute for the Blind;

- Two members appointed by organizations representing seniors; such as Age and Opportunity, the Manitoba Society of Seniors, or the Seniors Directorate;
- One Winnipeg Transit Plus customer who uses a wheelchair, appointed by the Director of Transit; and
- One Winnipeg Transit Plus customer who is ambulatory, appointed by the Director of Transit.

To better formalize the committee's mandate and ensure sustained engagement, members identified a need to restructure and modernize the Policy Advisory Committee. This process began at the July 7, 2025, meeting with a discussion on updating membership composition. Subsequently, on September 22, 2025, the Committee formally recommended the development of a comprehensive Terms of Reference to provide the structure, purpose, and consistency required for effective committee governance. As the Committee had been operating without a formal Terms of Reference, the proposed document establishes a clear mandate; defined roles and responsibilities; and consistent meeting practices, strengthening both accountability and long-term effectiveness. The Terms of Reference is attached as Appendix B.

The committee's recommendation to expand and formalize its membership is driven by the upcoming modernization of Winnipeg Transit Plus eligibility criteria.

Given the significance of these policy shifts, the PAC identified a critical need for a diverse composition that ensures:

- **Breadth of Lived Experience**
By including both wheelchair-using and ambulatory customers, the committee gains direct insight into the daily realities of varied mobility and customer needs.
- **Subject Matter Expertise**
Integrating new representatives from specialized organizations provides the technical and functional context necessary to evaluate barrier-free transportation solutions as Winnipeg Transit Plus updates the eligibility criteria.
- **Advocacy and Representation**
Broadening the group to include advocates for those with mental health or cognitive disabilities ensures that transportation barriers are addressed through an intersectional lens, particularly as digital application processes and new policies are updated.

As such, the recommendation is to amend the composition of the PAC by reducing the complement of members assigned to the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities from two to one, and introducing positions for persons representing the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba, the Manitoba Brain Injury Association, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and the Manitoba Deaf Association.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: [April 27, 2026](#)

Project Name:

**Winnipeg Transit Plus Semi-Annual Policy Advisory
Committee (PAC) Report November 2025 - April 2026**

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact from the recommendations in this report.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Goal: Environmental Resilience

Objective 2 - Prioritize sustainable transportation as the mobility options of choice.

Transition to a sustainable transportation system that safely and efficiently moves people, goods and services, increases access to a variety of affordable mobility choices, encourages less reliance on personal vehicle travel, reduces travel time, mitigates congestion and related greenhouse gas emissions, and supports the development of denser, better-connected, healthy and complete communities.

Winnipeg Transit Master Plan (2021)

Section 4.1 – Transit Vision – Network Goals

1. Enhance Customer Experience
2. Improve Ridership
3. Improve Downtown Mobility
4. Complement Land Use Development
5. Improve Multi-Modal Mobility
6. Ensure Transit is Inclusive
7. Continuously Innovate
8. Empower Healthy Communities
9. Balance Investment with Affordability

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Opportunity #3

Advancing Sustainable Transportation – Increasing Mobility Options and Shift to Zero Emission Vehicles

Key Direction 3.1

Increase Use and Efficiency of Public Transit Systems

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 5 – Transportation System Equity is Enhanced

Objective A – The affordability and accessibility of transportation and transit service is increased.

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Client Services
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Date: April 27, 2026

Attachments:

Appendix A, WTP PAC Semi-Annual Report - November 2025 to April 2026
Appendix B, Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), Terms of Reference