

Minutes – Council – September 24, 2026

Minute No. 469

Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 15, 2026

**Item No. 13 Proposed Opening of Public Right-of-Way at 650 Beecher Avenue
(Old Kildonan Ward)
File DAO 3/2025**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That subject to Recommendation 2, the proposed street opening shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 16170 (Appendix A), be approved.
2. That, upon instructions from the Director, the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and bring directly to Council for enactment, a by-law to facilitate the street opening in accordance with Miscellaneous Plan No. 16170 (the “By-law”).
3. 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 His Worship Mayor Gillingham,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted
by consent.

Carried

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 15, 2026, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Proposed opening of public right-of-way at 650 Beecher Avenue – File DAO 3/2025

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service is proceeding with an application to open a parcel of land on Beecher Avenue. The proposed street opening is shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 16170 and the aerial diagram attached to this report (see Appendices A and B). The City will get the land needed through a land exchange with the owners of 650 Beecher Avenue.

This will allow the sidewalk extension along Beecher Avenue to be completed.

The Public Service recommends approval of the proposed opening.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That subject to Recommendation 2, the proposed street opening shown on Miscellaneous Plan No. 16170 (Appendix A), be approved.
2. That, upon instructions from the Director, the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare and bring directly to Council for enactment, a by-law to facilitate the street opening in accordance with Miscellaneous Plan No. 16170 (the "By-law").
3. 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

Council approval is required before land can be legally opened as street, lane or public right-of-way.

Dedication of land as a street, lane or public right-of-way requires a by-law pursuant to Section 139 of The City of Winnipeg Charter.

The application has been submitted to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Section 4(20) of the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97.

Legally opening the street is required to allow public use of the land for vehicular and pedestrian traffic as well as utility improvements.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

All costs associated with the proposed street opening are the responsibility of the Public Works Department. Council has provided its approval for funding as outlined in the History/Discussion section of this report. This includes costs for the application fee, survey work and registrations at the Winnipeg Land Titles Office. Costs are considered immaterial in nature and within the existing budget.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Public Service is proceeding with an application to legally open the land shown on Misc. Plan No. 16170 and the Aerial Diagram accompanying this report (see Appendices A and B). The proposed street opening is to facilitate the completion of the sidewalk extension along Beecher Avenue.

On October 22, 2025, the Public Works Department requested the Planning, Property and Development Department to begin negotiations regarding the acquisition of land required for the proposed street opening.

On December 17, 2025, Council approved the funding for the Pedestrian and Cycling Program for this project.

The Public Service has negotiated a Land Exchange Agreement to acquire a portion of the front of 650 Beecher Avenue to accommodate the proposed opening in exchange for City-owned lands at the back of the property. On April 30, 2026, a Land Exchange agreement was executed for the required land.

Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, BellMTS, Rogers Communications Partnership, Teraspan Networks Inc., Flexnetworks, Imperial Oil and Exxon Mobil, and Canadian National Railway Company have all indicated that they have no concerns or objections.

Bell Canada, Telus Communications, Fibre.Ca Inc., Crown Pipeline Ltd., TC Energy, Canadian Pacific Railway did not respond to the request for comment on this application.

The proposed street opening was circulated to the Ward Councillor and the City Departments. The Public Service has no concerns with the proposal and recommends approval of the proposed opening.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement**Date:** June 15, 2026

Project Name:

**Proposed opening of public right-of-way at 650 Beecher Avenue – File DAO
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COMMENTS:

There are no material financial implications associated with this report.

Mike McGinn June 15, 2026
Mike McGinn, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services Department (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The proposed street opening aligns with the following goal and objective of OurWinnipeg 2045:

Goal: City Building

Objective 2: Integrate resilient land use, transportation, and infrastructure planning and investments.

Ensure that land use, transportation, and infrastructure planning are aligned to provide the conditions for compact, complete, and connected communities, supported by sustainable transportation options and municipal infrastructure capacity.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

The proposed street opening aligns with the following strategic opportunity and key directions of the City's Climate Action Plan:

Strategic Opportunity #3: Advancing Sustainable Transportation – Increasing Mobility Options and Shift to Zero Emission Vehicles

This Opportunity emphasizes the need to increase travel options providing greater access and options for walking, cycling and connectivity to public transit systems.

Key Directions:

- 3.1 Improve active transportation connectivity to transit services by installing sidewalks and cycling routes to link stops with surrounding community.
- 3.4 Prioritize capital investments in active transportation to establish connected and integrated corridors for walking and cycling.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

The proposed street opening aligns with the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy by increased interconnectivity to employment and affordable goods and services through increased access to public transportation services.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development Department

Division: Real Estate and Land Development

Prepared by: Danielle Villamor

Date: June 18, 2026

File No.: DAO 3/2025

Attachments:

Appendix A: Miscellaneous Plan 16170

Appendix B: Aerial View of Proposed Opening

APPENDIX A – MISCELLANEOUS PLAN 16170



APPENDIX B - AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED OPENING

