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Item No. 1 Snow Clearing of school sidewalks on Priority II and Priority III streets
File SC-3.6

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 8, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended to Council:

1. That the January 26, 2005, Council motion with respect to provision of more immediate and timely clearing of sidewalks surrounding elementary schools on Priority II and Priority III streets in keeping with the active school week, be filed inasmuch as the motion has been referred to a total review and analysis of the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy and report back to the Standing Committee in the early summer of 2005.

2. 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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 8, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended that the January 26, 2005, Council motion with respect to the provision of more immediate and timely clearing of sidewalks surrounding elementary schools on Priority II and Priority III streets in keeping with the active school week be filed, inasmuch as the motion has been referred to a total review and analysis of the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy and report back to the Standing Committee in the early summer of 2005, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further, on February 8, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works referred the January 26, 2005, Council motion to the Administration for consideration during the total review and analysis of the City of Winnipeg Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy and report back to the Standing Committee in the early summer of 2005.

COUNCIL:

On January 26, 2005, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Benham,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Public Works Department endeavours in its snow clearing efforts to serve the best interest of the citizens of the city - mindful of the volume of snow that from time to time falls over the course of the winter months;

AND WHEREAS the impassibility of sidewalks surrounding schools forces children to walk in the streets - a practice that is inherently unsafe and places these precious young lives at excessive risk;

AND WHEREAS the protection of our school children's safe passage to and from school grounds is of utmost concern to all citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Works Department be directed to provision for more immediate and timely clearing of sidewalks surrounding elementary schools on Priority II and Priority III streets in keeping with the active school week.