

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Council Meeting of January 27, 2010

MOTION

Moved by _____ (Councillor Wyatt)

Seconded by _____ (Councillor Smith)

WHEREAS Council amended the 2009 Capital budget and increased funding for local sidewalk renewals by \$600,000 from \$400,000 to 1,000,000;

AND WHEREAS in the 2010 Capital budget, Council did not maintain the \$1,000,000 level of funding, but again approved only \$400,000 for the funding for local sidewalks renewals;

AND WHEREAS funding for sidewalk renewals is included in both the Capital and Operating (current) Budgets of the city and both include similar mandates, specifically the renewal of sidewalks;

AND WHEREAS, according to the Winnipeg Public Service, we are underfunding the renewal of our regional sidewalk network in both our capital and operating budgets by \$500,000 and underfunding the renewal of our local sidewalk network in both our capital and operating budgets by \$1,000,000, for a total of \$1,500,000 of underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as per the proposed operating (current) budget for 2010 and approved capital budget for 2010, Winnipeg funds regional / local sidewalk renewal in both budgets by a total of \$2,344,393;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding this existing level of funding, according to the Winnipeg Public Service, the underfunding of sidewalk renewals by \$1,500,000 is a part of Winnipeg's Infrastructure deficit and directly contributes to the growth of Winnipeg's infrastructure debt;

AND WHEREAS an increase of funding by another \$1,500,000 a year for sidewalk renewals would, in effect, actually eliminate the infrastructure deficit for sidewalks, thus setting a positive precedent as we work towards addressing the remaining infrastructure challenge;

AND WHEREAS Council found resources to add \$3.5 million to the 2010 capital budget to purchase a police helicopter in the name of making our city safer;

AND WHEREAS the deplorable state of many of our city's sidewalks poses a real safety hazard to pedestrians, especially for seniors and our youth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council include \$1.5 million in additional funding for sidewalks, specifically \$500,000 more for regional sidewalk renewal and \$1 million more for local sidewalk renewal, in the 2010 Operating Budget, and that this would be in addition to the \$900,000 approved in the 2010 capital budget for regional/local sidewalk renewals and in addition to the \$1,444,393 as proposed in the 2010 operating (current) budget, for a grand total of \$3,844,393 for regional/local sidewalk renewals.

RECORDED VOTE	YEA
	NAY

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LOST	