

**Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works –
June 27, 2017**

REPORTS

**Item No. 6 Pedestrian Accessibility to Victoria General Hospital
(South Winnipeg - St. Norbert Ward)**

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

That this report be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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1. The installation of a short sidewalk on the south side of Dartmouth Drive, between the eastern most parking lot entrance to connect to the west sidewalk.
2. Investigate the installation of a pedestrian island on Pembina Highway at the intersection of Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive, to enable pedestrians a safe access spot while crossing 6 lanes of traffic to Victoria General Hospital and to the south bound bus stop.
3. Investigate the installation of a “No U-turn” sign for northbound Pembina Highway traffic at the intersection of Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive to improve pedestrian safety.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 5, 2016, the Riel Community Committee moved the following motion:

WHEREAS pedestrian accessibility to Victoria General Hospital is needing improvement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works request the Winnipeg Public Service to consider the following improvements as part of the 2017 budget:

1. Install a short sidewalk on the south side of Dartmouth Drive, between the eastern most parking lot entrance to connect to the west sidewalk.
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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Pedestrian Accessibility to Victoria Hospital

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service has reviewed pedestrian accessibility at the intersection of Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive and where to relocate nearby u-turns.

A concept plan has been prepared for proposed changes and the Public Service will include funding for the physical improvements in the 2018 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received as information.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

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IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications to the recommendations.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2016 the Public Service recommended that a pedestrian crossing control device not be installed at the intersection of Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive at that time, as it was not warranted based on a low crossing demand.

On November 7, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works directed the Public Service to add the pedestrian crossing control device at the intersection of Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive to their Pedestrian Crossing Control Priority List, and complete in the future when the budget is available.

The crossing location has been added to the Pedestrian Crossing Control Priority List. The Public Service recommends that the following physical improvements be implemented independently of a potential future controlled crossing:

- The installation of a short sidewalk on Dartmouth Drive. This sidewalk is warranted based on the desire line and to accommodate pedestrians of all abilities.
- The provision of a u-turn at the median opening immediately south of Dartmouth Drive to accommodate the displaced demand from Dartmouth Drive.
- Prohibition of the northbound u-turn at Pembina Highway/Dartmouth Drive to allow room for a pedestrian access spot to make the crossing of Pembina Highway less stressful for pedestrians.
- The installation of detectable warning tiles at all curb ramps at Pembina Highway /Dartmouth Drive.
- The relocation of the existing southbound Transit stop southwards, such that pedestrians are not encouraged to cross in front of a stopped bus.

These improvements are summarized in the attached drawing T-3420 Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive (Appendix A).

The estimated cost (Class III) of the improvements is \$150,000.

These improvements are suited to be funded through the Regional Street crossing improvements under the New Regional Sidewalks budget in the Pedestrian and Cycling Program and will be added to the 2018 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: [May 17, 2017](#)

Project Name:

Pedestrian Accessibility to Victoria Hospital

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact associated with the recommendation of this report.

Upon approval of the 2018 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan, there will be a financial impact of \$150,000 for installation of the improvements.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with: N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The Sustainable Transportation Direction Strategy developed as part of OurWinnipeg forms the policy framework for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Sustainable Transportation identified a vision and five Key Strategic Goals which are critical to achieving a balanced and sustainable transportation system for Winnipeg. These goals form the basis for the TMP and the directions and strategies contained within it:

1. A transportation system that is dynamically integrated with land use;
2. A transportation system that supports active, accessible and healthy lifestyle options;
3. A safe, efficient and equitable transportation system for people, goods and services;
4. Transportation infrastructure that is well maintained;
5. A transportation system that is financially sustainable.

The recommendations within this report are consistent with the Key Strategic Goals.

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Transportation

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Attachments: Drawing T-3420 Pembina Highway and Dartmouth Drive.

