Chairman and Members,
Advisory Traffic Commission,
Winnipeg.

Gentlemen:—

I herewith enclose communication from W. Marginson, dated the 17th inst., respecting traffic conditions in the vicinity of the new Federal Building.

Said communication was presented to Council last evening and was referred to you.

Yours truly,

LMA.FL. Encl. City Clerk.
Mr. G. F. Bentley,
City Clerk,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir:

I would like to draw the attention of the Winnipeg City Council regarding the deplorable traffic conditions which at present exist at the corner of Main St. and Graham Ave.

The writer has already referred this matter to Chief Constable George Smith, and he in turn referred the matter to the Traffic Commission, but apparently that body is taking very little interest in the matter.

I am writing on behalf of several employees of the C.N.R. and who have to cross over from the east to west side of Main St. opposite the Federal Bldg., and it is almost impossible to get across with safety, furthermore, when endeavoring to board a Corydon Car we more or less take our lives in our hands, as the automobiles do not stop for anything, unless there is a constable on duty at this particular corner. Immediately the Federal Bldg. becomes in operation, traffic conditions at this point will become worse unless the City or Traffic Commission decides to prohibit parking, for 100' north of Graham Ave on Main St.

Surely the Council could supply enough funds to erect a loading platform at the south west corner Main and Graham, and this would allow cars to turn off Main on to Graham without any difficulty and we pedestrians would feel more safe.

I think some action should be taken at once, either by the Council or Traffic Commission. The Commission I believe has been formed almost a year now but I do not see were they have done very much good insofar as protecting the pedestrian is concerned.
Two of our employees stood in the middle of the devil strip at noon for almost 7 mins before they could get across the road, then they missed their car going south simply because they did not have the chance to board same due to autos coming down on Main and turning west on to Graham Ave.

It might be a good thing if parallel parking was enforced at this corner, or as previously stated, eliminate parking from Graham to a point 100' north on Main St.

You might see what can be done in regards to this matter, otherwise there will be a serious accident at this intersection and then of course, the Traffic Commission will then take some action.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

W. Marquissou
G. F. Bentley, Esq.,
CITY CLERK, City.

ATTENTION: TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Dear Sir:

Re: TRAFFIC IN VICINITY OF NEW FEDERAL BUILDING.

In reply to the letter of June 13th from the Advisory Traffic Commission, I have the honor to submit the following report for the benefit of this body:

"The intersection at Main St. & Graham Ave., is not only a dangerous place for pedestrians crossing Main St., but also a very congested place for vehicular traffic, especially during rush hours. Three changes, hereafter mentioned, could be made which would tend to reduce the general congestion and make crossing safer for pedestrians:

1. Move streetcar stop for southbound street cars from north of Graham Ave. to south of Graham Ave. People on the west sidewalk of Main St., boarding southbound streetcars at this point would then be able to cross Main St. on the green light and would not have to fight their way through a heavy flow of traffic coming off Water St., and turning west on Graham Ave., as they now have to do.

2. A Traffic light signal could be erected on the east side of Main St. to control northbound vehicular traffic, which is now uncontrolled. This would give pedestrians crossing Main St. from east to west to board street cars, a chance to do so in safety, on the green light; while the northbound vehicular traffic would be stopped by the red light of this suggested traffic signal.

3. That parking of vehicles be prohibited on the west side of Main St. from Graham Ave. to a point 100 feet north thereof. This would permit the heavy flow of vehicular traffic coming off Water St. and turning west on to Graham Ave. more room rounding this corner, and would doubtless relieve the badly congested condition during rush hours."
GEORGE SMITH,
CHIEF CONSTABLE

G.F. Bentley - re Traffic
vicinity of new Federal
Bldg.

WINNIPEG, CANADA July 10th, 1936

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Yours truly,

[Signature]

Charles [Signature]
Chief Constable.
June 13th, 1936.

Mr. Geo. Smith,
Chief Constable,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that your communication of the 4th inst., submitting copy of letter from W. Marginson, 73 Pullmer Apartments, Wardlaw Avenue, respecting traffic conditions in the vicinity of the new Federal Building, was presented to the Advisory Traffic Commission last Thursday afternoon and the matter was referred back to you for report and any recommendation you care to make in this connection.

Yours truly.

LHA. FL. Secretary.
George F. Bentley, Esq.,

CITY CLERK, City.

ATTENTION: TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Dear Sir:

I beg to forward herewith copy of a letter received from W. Marginson, 7B Pullmer Apartments, Wardlaw Avenue for the information of the Traffic Advisory Commission and for their recommendation.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Chief Constable.

GS/SHL.
Enc.
7B Pullmer Apts.,
Wardlaw Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

May 26th, 1936.

Mr. Geo. Smith,
Chief Constable,
Central Police Station, Winnipeg.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I would like to draw your attention to the condition of auto traffic at the corner of Graham and Main Streets, opposite the new Federal Bldg.

The writer is representing several C.N.R. employees who have to cross the street at this intersection to board the Bus or Street Car, and can honestly say that during the noon hour and again at 5 PM we practically take our lives in our hands in attempting to board the bus or electric car. In the first place there is no loading platform at this intersection and again parking is allowed right to the very corner of Graham and Main, west side, and I believe that when the new Federal Bldg. opens, employees will certainly have a hard time crossing this intersection.

I certainly would like to see a loading platform erected and eliminate parking for a certain distance, Graham to say 75 or 100' north on the west side, then we pedestrians might be able to get on the cars without taking our lives in our hands. Will you kindly see what can be done to eliminate this condition in the interests of Safety First. I would suggest that you have one of your representatives at this point say sometime between 12 noon and 1 P.M. or again around 5 PM to 6 PM and I think he will bear out my remarks in this connection.

Trusting you will use your good influence.

I remain,

Yours truly,

(sgd) W. Marginson.
May 22nd, 1936.

Mr. H. L. Matthews,
Manager,
The Canadian Fairbarks-Morse Company Limited,
324 Main Street,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise that your communication of the 12th inst., asking for 30 minute parking restrictions in front of premises 324 Main Street, was considered by the Advisory Traffic Commission on the 21st inst., and I was instructed to advise you that the Commission has already recommended 30 minute parking restriction on Main Street between Higgins Avenue and Broadway. The question of the changing of the Bus Loading Zone in front of your premises has been referred to the Chief of Police to take up with the Winnipeg Electric Company and report.

Yours truly,

LMA:BQ

Secretary.
May 22nd, 1936.

Mr. Geo. Smith,
Chief of Police,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose copy of communication from The Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company Limited, in reference to parking restrictions in front of premises 324 Main Street.

This matter was considered by the Advisory Traffic Commission on the 21st inst., and was referred to you for report on the question of possible changing of the Bus Stop loading zone at said location. I am enclosing a copy of letter from Mr. L. W. Greeniaus suggesting certain changes in parking regulations in this vicinity which may have some bearing on the subject in question.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

LMA: BQ
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Secretary.
City of Winnipeg,
Traffic Commission,
City Clerk's Office,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

Gentlemen:  

SUBJECT: 30-minute parking area in front of 324 Main Street.

With reference to our application for changing the Bus Loading Zone to a 15 or 30 minute parking area in front of 324 Main Street.

We believe a 30-minute parking limit would be the most satisfactory and would ask you to kindly consider our application for change on this basis.

Your kind considerations in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

THE CAN. FAIRBANKS-MORSE CO. Ltd.,

[Signature]
Manager.

HLM/GK
G. F. Bentley, Esq.,
CITY CLERK, City.

ATTENTION; TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Dear Sir:

The attached letter has been received from
L. W. Greeniaus, along with diagram.

Respectfully forwarded to your Board for
attention.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Chief Constable.

GS/SHL.
Encs.
City of Winnipeg Police,
Traffic Department,
WINNIPEG, Man.

Dear Sirs:-

Suggestions re Parking west side Main Street between Portage and Graham.

1. Bus stop now occupying approximately 90 feet between 322 and 330 Main be moved north to use the space opposite end of safety loading platform and hydrant opposite London & Western Trust Bldg., roughly the same amount of space and not at present used for any kind of parking. The bus does not run very often and stopping here would not interfere with traffic past end of safety loading platform.

2. Move cross walk opposite 332 main street approximately 20 feet further south so as to come between hydrant and pole opposite 330 main street. You can't park here any way and if a car is parked where there is supposed to be room for one car the end of the auto cuts off almost 1/2 of the walk.

3. Cross walk opposite 318 main street should be moved approximately 30 feet south to enter prohibited parking zone near hydrant opposite Carlton Club.

As at present arranged nearly one half of the road in this block cannot be used in any way for parking.

The above changes are respectfully submitted in the interest of the tenants in this block and it is hoped may receive favorable consideration by the traffic department.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
G. F. Bentley, Esq.,

CITY CLERK, City.

ATTENTION: ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

Dear Sir:

Re: Communication from Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co.
Parking Restrictions in front of 324 Main St.

In reply to the letter received from Mr. Ault, dated May 22nd, please be advised that this department is of the opinion that the new location for this bus stop should be on the West side of Main Street from the southerly limit of Notre Dame Avenue, East to a point 40 feet farther South, which really means adding 40 feet on to the prohibited parking area in a southerly direction.

The Winnipeg Electric Railway also approve this location through Mr. W. Jones. Crosswalks at this location have already been painted to conform with Mr. Greeniaus's suggestion. As to the half-hour parking suggested in this locality: when the bus stop is removed as proposed this space automatically becomes one-hour parking which, I believe, would suit most business concerns in the district and should be given a trial.

Yours truly,

George Smith
Chief Constable.