

**Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works –  
September 12, 2019**

**REPORTS**

**Item No. 15                    Reopening of Speers Road for Pedestrian and Cyclist Use  
(St. Boniface Ward)**

**STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:**

The Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received the report as information.

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**DECISION MAKING HISTORY:**

Moved by Councillor Santos,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

**STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

On June 25, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works further laid the matter over to its meeting on September 12, 2019.

On May 28, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works laid the matter over to its meeting on June 25, 2019.

On February 5, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works granted a further extension of time of 90 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On November 20, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works granted a further extension of time to its February 5, 2019 meeting for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On September 7, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works granted a further extension of time to its November 20, 2018 meeting for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On June 26, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works granted an extension of time to its September 7, 2018 meeting for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the matter.

On February 27, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to review and report back within 120 days on the requirements for reopening Speers Road right of way, between Winakwa Road and Jogues Road, for use only by pedestrians and cyclists.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 5, 2018, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Speers Road between Cottonwood & Niakwa was closed as a part of the creation of the Windsor Park CanadInns Hotel in order to prevent excessive commercial through traffic in the residential areas of Windsor Park;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg signed lease with the Louis Riel School Division for use of the land;

WHEREAS the Louis Riel School division has used the space for special events school bus drop off but does not necessarily require the space for this purpose in the future

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service review and report back on the requirements for reopening Speers Road right of way between Winakwa Road and Jogues Road for use only by pedestrians and cyclists, and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**Title:** Speers Road Change of Use from Louis Riel School Division Bus Loop for Pedestrian and Cycling Access

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

### AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Winnipeg currently has a lease with the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) for use of a section of Speers Road for bus queueing behind College Beliveau. In order to provide access to Speers Road for pedestrians and cyclists, the Public Service will be required to terminate the lease with LRSD. Once the lease has been terminated, an opening application will need to be completed, as well as an overall plan, for Council approval, submitted by Public Works.

Upon Council approval of the opening application and corresponding by-law, the property must be registered at Manitoba Land Titles for the changes to take legal effect.

It is contemplated that this work will be added to the adjacent road renewal on Speers Road, from Elizabeth Road to Winakwa Road scheduled for a future year, pending funding.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That this report be received as information.

### REASON FOR THE REPORT

On February 27, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and directed the Winnipeg Public Service to review and report back within 120 days on the requirements for reopening Speers Road right of way, between Winakwa Road and Jogues Road, pedestrians and cyclists use.

### IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications as the report is to be received as information.

## HISTORY/DISCUSSION

In the 1990s the City of Winnipeg closed Speers Road from Winakwa Road to Joques Road. Speers Road was being used for cut through traffic, from Windsor Park and Southdale, accessing Lagimodiere Boulevard. Subsequent to this the LRSD leased this land from the City of Winnipeg for bus queuing behind College Beliveau. The red portion in the photo below indicates the currently closed portion of Speers Road.

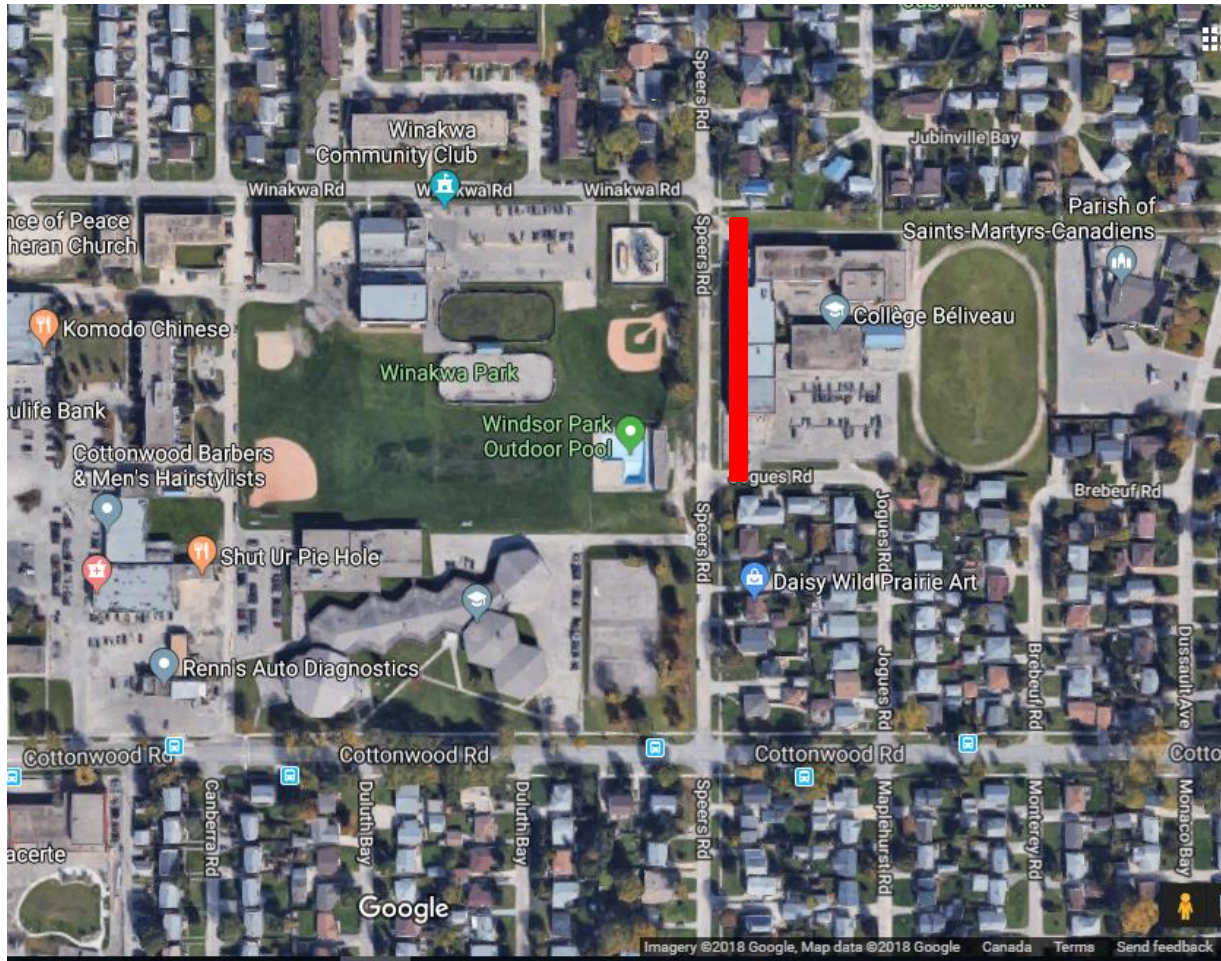
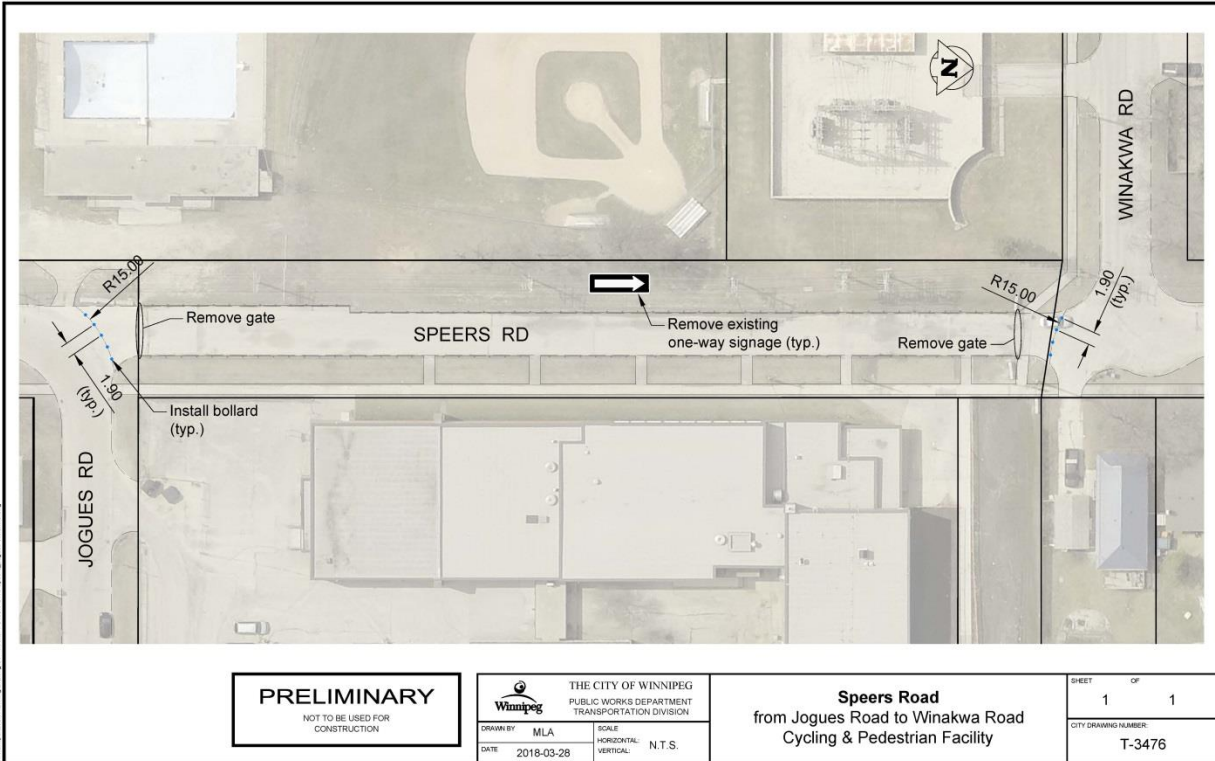


Photo 1: Closed portion of Speers Road.  
Photo courtesy of Google Maps.

The lease of Speers Road is in overholding, meaning that the terms of the lease have lapsed, but as both parties had no reason to end the agreement, the Tenant is permitted to keep using the lands so long as they still abide by the conditions of the lease.



Drawing 1: Needed changes to Speers Road. T-3476. Prepared by Public Works.

In order to make Speers Road accessible to pedestrians and cyclists, there are a number of steps the Public Service must take:

*Action – 1: The first step in changing the use of Speers Road is for the City of Winnipeg to terminate the lease with the Louis Riel School Division.*

*Action 2: An opening application will need to be completed by Public Works.*

*Action 3: Concurrent with the opening application, a plan will have to be prepared for the opening application. This will be completed within Public Works.*

*Action 4: Once Council approves the application, a Council by-law will have to be passed.*

*Action 5: Once the by-law is passed, documents, including the by-law and plan, will have to be registered at Manitoba Land Titles for the changes to take legal effect.*

The section of Speers Road from Elizabeth Road to Winakwa Road is scheduled for renewal by Public Works. Changes to Speers Road in the segment currently closed (Jogues Road to Winakwa Road) will be completed as part of the adjacent road renewal, to be as efficient as possible with staff and funding resources. This project is not currently approved and was one of the local street renewal projects that has been deferred due to insufficient funding being approved in the 2019 Capital Budget to undertake construction.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

### **Financial Impact Statement**

Date: April 25, 2019

#### **Project Name:**

### **Speers Road Change of Use from Louis Riel School Division Bus Loop for Pedestrian and Cycling Access**

#### **COMMENTS:**

This report is for informational purposes, so there is no financial impact associated with approving this report at this time.

This report identifies a number of actions that need to occur prior to this work moving forward. The cost to remove gates, install bollards, and add signage is estimated at \$15,000. It is contemplated that this work will be added to the adjacent road renewals project planned for Speers Road from Elizabeth Road to Winakwa Road.

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## CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with: n/a

## OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommendation of this report is aligned with the Transportation Master Plan key strategic goal Number 3: To provide a safe, efficient and equitable transportation system for people, goods and services.

## SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Transportation  
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Date: April 9, 2019