COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday June 28, 2006

The Council met at 9:33 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Wyatt.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Mr. Speaker Councillor Eadie, His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Benham, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Magnifico, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Smith, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas, Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: We have no pages joining us this morning. Under announcements, Councillor Lazarenko I understand you have an announcement.

Councillor Lazarenko: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to, as you see there are two Council Members here with their jerseys of their nationality and their country, which the soccer, world soccer game we played on Friday, and I want to thank Councillor Magnifico for presenting his nation, the Italians. I myself am representing the Ukrainians. So, I wish him well for both on Friday and Mr. Speaker I just want to emphasize and make this very clear, regardless as, what, which team wins on Friday, it's a game of sports, professional sports and there is not to be no ill feeling or anything on that. I want to thank Franco Magnifico for putting on his jersey.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Magnifico you have an announcement?

Councillor Magnifico: Well I do, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank Councillor Lazarenko for representing the Ukraine. I disagree it's not a game, it's not for fun, it's who wins that counts. And you're going down.

Councillor Steeves: Another point of order Mr. Speaker that may be the biggest soccer jersey in the world.

Mr. Speaker: Well on that happy note we'll move on to the agenda, shall we.

MINUTES

Councillor Magnifico moves the Minutes of the meeting held on May 24, 2006 be taken as read and confirmed.

All in favour. Contrary? Carried.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt you have a point of order.

Moved by Councillor Wyatt
Seconded by Councillor Smith

WHEREAS the City Council resolution enabling the building of a mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility in the St. Boniface Industrial Park was introduced only seven calendar days before Councillors were asked to vote on it, allowing for no public consultation or administrative due diligence;

AND WHEREAS many residents and nearby businesses have made it clear through meetings with Councillors and media interviews that they are opposed to the building of the mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility in that location;

AND WHEREAS some businesses currently located in the St. Boniface Industrial Park have stated they will move out of the area, and possibly out of Winnipeg and Manitoba, if the mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility is built in that location, which would be harmful to the economy of our city and province;

AND WHEREAS administration has reported that major considerations in favour of the St. Boniface Industrial Site location included the existing zoning of Heavy Industrial (M3) for said lands, good access to roads and city services, "buffering" by other industrial land uses (including light and medium industrial), and that the land (60 acres with an option

for another 40 acres) was already owned by the tax payers;

AND WHEREAS a similar vacant property exists in west Winnipeg (Tuxedo Industrial Park Area) that is already zoned for Heavy Industrial uses (M3 - Industrial - Potentially Noxious), is 87.3 acres in size, has access to road (Kenaston) and nearby city services, and has superior "buffering" on all sides with lands that are already zoned for Heavy Industrial (M3) uses or for Agricultural (A) land uses;

AND WHEREAS this property, with all the above noted benefits, is already owned by Her Majesty the Queen Manitoba (Government of Manitoba) and therefore could be considered in a renegotiated incentive package as a replacement for the City of Winnipeg owned lands in the St. Boniface Industrial Park;

AND WHEREAS the businesses and residents opposed to the existing location in the St. Boniface Industrial Park have called on numerous occasions for other locations to be considered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Council rescind the location stated by the OlyWest Project: Economic Development Incentive Package approved at the November 23, 2005 meeting of Council in favour of renegotiating a new location, with serious consideration to be given to the Tuxedo Industrial Park area proposal (Ownership: Government of Manitoba, Certificate of Title 1837939, Roll Number 10006339500), as noted in the attached Schedules A to E inclusive;

2. City Council instruct administration to immediately begin renegotiations with the OlyWest proponents, including the with the Province of Manitoba, to establish the proposed mega hog slaughterhouse and rendering facility in a new location, with serious consideration to be given to the Tuxedo Industrial Park area proposal.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise, at the last Council Meeting a notice of motion was filed, moved by myself and seconded by Councillor Smith, a notice of motion. I'd like to move that the matter be withdrawn.

We held a public meeting on Tuesday, Monday night and overwhelmingly the people of west Winnipeg do not want to see a hog plant near their community and we wouldn't want to wish it upon them as we don't want to wish it upon the residents of east Winnipeg. So, in light of that fact, we're going to move to withdraw the motion that was moved as a notice of motion.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt has asked that the notice of motion on the agenda be withdrawn. Is it agreed? Agreed? Agreed and so ordered, the motion is withdrawn and it's removed from the agenda. Thank you. Councillor Lazarenko, you.

DELEGATIONS

Councillor Lazarenko: Yes, once again, Mr. Speaker, I stand to move suspension of the rules to hear a delegation. The delegation was before the Executive Policy Committee In Camera this morning. I'd like to call on Gail Asper to give us a brief presentation on her request that was heard before the Executive Policy Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Lazarenko has moved that the rule be suspended to hear Ms. Gail Asper on the report, the report hasn't been distributed yet, but it's on its way, with respect to the Canadian Human Rights Museum. All in favour. Opposed? That's carried. Ms. Asper is here, you have ten minutes.

Gail Asper: Good morning Your Worship, City Councillors. First of all I would like to thank Councillor Lazarenko and Councillor Magnifico for edifying me on the importance of the upcoming soccer game, which I guess I will be obviously watching and I'm sure the best team will win and I will not comment further on that matter.

But most of all I would like to thank you all very, very much for allowing me the opportunity to come before you this morning and seek the formal approval of

the city's commitment to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

We've had informal support, written informal support for about five years actually and it's really time to put this before City Council and ensure that that's a specific, binding support.

We could have done this a long time ago, and unfortunately we were distracted, worrying about federal government support which I'm pleased to say has been reconfirmed. But the time has come to now go to City Council and obtain the formal approval. And circumstances have arisen just this week that have required this.

Many of you may know that in order to access the federal government development money of about 28 million dollars, we had to meet two conditions. One was an environmental impact statement which has been submitted and has been approved by Western Economic Diversification and the other was we had to confirm to their satisfaction that we have raised 130 million dollars towards the development of the museum

And so, we sent all our information in from the province, from the city, and 60 million dollars in private sector pledges. Western Economic Diversification came back and said that they had approved everything except the letter from Mayor Katz confirming the city's contribution and they said that they required a resolution from City Council approving this contribution.

So we just received that letter a few days ago and I am really delighted that we have a swift and responsive and entrepreneurial City Council that was able to respond so quickly to our request, turn around the request and say, let's get in, lets discuss it, let's have any questions that we have and lets get this formally approved. We can then send the, if we receive approval we'll get that back to Western Economic Diversification and be able to start accessing this 28 million dollars, which will be used to proceed to the next phase of development which is the working drawings for the museum.

So with that, I just wanted to thank you very much for this opportunity again and I'd be happy to answer any questions, but I do hope we can count on City Council approving this 20 million dollar contribution of cash and in kind support.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Ms. Asper. I believe Councillor Benham, you have a question.

Councillor Benham: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and I thank Ms. Asper for her presentation and for her hard work on behalf of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. My question is, is there anything that Ms. Asper or the board would like us to do as individual City Councillors or as the Mayor, in order to further this project and show our support in an even greater way, writing letters to members of parliament and so on. Is that, are we at a stage where that would be useful or are you satisfied that the process can continue without that sort of political support. I'm looking for your guidance.

Gail Asper: What a lovely offer and I can't tell you how much I appreciate that kind of support. It gives our team a lot of energy.

I would say that the City Council support will be very, very helpful. I'm sure there's a lot of media interest in it and it will again send a strong message to all the parties, private sector, provincial, and federal, that the city is behind this project. But I think it's always probably useful to maybe do a formal letter to a Member of Parliament, Joy Smith, again, reiterating what City Council has done and why and the importance of the project for Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Canada. So a letter would be nice.

And secondly, I have the honour of chairing the 160 million dollar private sector campaign. So just in your daily lives, if you're running across wealthy individuals who might be inclined to invest in the museum, it's always great to promote it so that's what I'd be looking for from you, nothing further and if you can't do that, this City Council resolution is really what we're seeking today and thank

you for anything else, it would just be gravy.

Mr. Speaker: Anything else? Thank you very much Ms. Asper. We'll be dealing with this later on this morning.

Gail Asper: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks. And the report is being distributed right now; Councillors just so, keep it handy. All right, the report of the Executive Policy Committee of June 7th, Mayor Katz.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 7, 2006**

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce the Report of E.P.C. for June 7, 2006 and move adoption of consent Agenda Items 1 to 8.

Mr. Speaker: Okay. There's clause 8 has to be stood down. There is an amendment to it which is motion number 1 but, pardon me? Clause 7, okay. 7 and 8 have been set aside. Any others? On the balance of the report that be adopted by consent, all in favour, opposed? Carried. Clause 7, Mayor Katz.

Item 7 - Red Tape Commission, Recommendation 13 - Improve Public Notification for Public Hearings File GG-5

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to hear from Councillor Benham and then to address any issues or concerns that may arise out of that. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Benham on the clause.

Councillor Benham: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I thank the Mayor and I am rising again in a quite positive spirit regarding this report and I do intend to support it. It is one of the recommendations that has come out of the Red Tape Commission and Councillor Magnifico has heard me say before that despite my skepticism at the beginning of that process, I think it turned out well and had a number of good recommendations.

This one is of particular interest to me. As a new Councillor when we started into the zoning process I felt that it was unnecessarily adversarial and one of the most, one of the aspects of it that made it adversarial and put the city on one side or the other in view of those coming before us, was the public notification.

That these small yellow posters that are only identifiable if people actually go past that site every day. Sometimes on a side street I had an issue in the ward with the Van Wellingham School where the posting was on a side street where most people think of the school as being on Lindenwood Drive and there is, and at the current time there is no mailing notification.

This report anticipates mailing out notices to citizens. It doesn't commit us to it and I would like to see us committed to it. And it does mention the cost, the very high cost or not a very high cost but a moderate cost that would be involved, Mr. Speaker, a thousand, 1,500 dollars or so, depending on the circumstances. And I would just like to say that I think some of those costs could be absorbed by the applicant. That perhaps what we should consider here is saying to the applicant fine, we've got a procedure now; it's going to cost you a certain amount of money and as part of the process the applicant paid for that public notification.

I'm not going to propose an amendment to this and so on; I'm just suggesting that during debate that as we work out these details that would be perfectly acceptable to me, Mr. Speaker.

We also have the question of major versus minor and this was a theme in the Red Tape Commission and its one of the themes that made me a little bit nervous and that is yes we can all agree that the deck and the garage are minor, we can all agree that a rezoning is major but it's what lies in between and so certainly again, Mr. speaker in terms of offering debate to the public servants, who offering ideas in debate to the public

servants who will be interpreting this and to E.P.C. as it goes forward and interprets things, it's certainly my view that we should be very careful that the minor thing should not be used to again, get things through and jam people. I guess jam people is really the word I'm looking for because that's what's wrong with the process now. People think they're being jammed. People think that the city is a partner with the applicant in trying to hoodwink them and that's what we don't want to see.

I think this recommendation goes a long way towards addressing that. For that reason I will be supporting it. I've struck two cautionary notes but generally I'm very supportive of this and I congratulate Councillor Magnifico for the work on the commission and the Mayor for bringing it forward. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Any other debate on the clause? Mayor Katz closing if you wish.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Councillor Magnifico is the Chair and the committee have done a phenomenal job. We are trying to make Winnipeg a much more friendlier city, easier to do business in, easier to accomplish productive projects.

This particular clause really addresses the issue of awareness and has been stated earlier, quite often in the past, signs were put up in a place where hopefully, the fewest people might see them so we're trying to make sure that we are dictating specifics on how to make sure the public is aware, as well as exploring opportunities about mail outs to try and make the public as aware as possible. Keeping in mind that we never can fulfill 100% awareness, but I think it's our duty to try and attain that goal, and I hope Council will support this.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of the clause, opposed? Motion's carried. Clause 8, Mr. Mayor.

Item 8 - Red Tape Commission, Recommendation 12 – Streamline Permits Processing File GG-5

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, this clause is basically about amending 3 bylaws and the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning Bylaw. I will wait to hear if any Councillors have any questions or concerns and take it from there.

Mr. Speaker: The amendment proposed by Councillor De Smedt and seconded by Councillor Steeves which is motion number 1, Councillor De Smedt did you wish to give a brief explanation?

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor De Smedt
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

WHEREAS The Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 100/2004 is affected by the recommendations in Item 8 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 7, 2006 in the same manner as The Winnipeg Building By-law No. 4555/87 and The Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 6400/94;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1 of this item be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. That the Planning, Property and Development Department proceed immediately to implement changes through amendment of The Winnipeg Building By-law No. 4555/87, The Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 6400/94 and The Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 100/2004 in order to:

A. Eliminate the requirement for Building and Development Permits for decks two feet and under in height.

B. Eliminate the requirement for Building and Development Permits for a temporary tent less than 901 square feet (83.7 square meters) in size.

C. Increase the threshold for the exception of Building Permits for non-structural alterations or repairs from $1,000 to $10,000.
(Note: Electrical and Plumbing Permits are still required).

Councillor de Smedt: Mr. Speaker, it's just administrative, the downtown bylaw should have been included in the original protocol that we had received so.

Mr. Speaker: So add the downtown zoning bylaw to the clause. Any further discussion? All in favour of the amendment, opposed? The amendment is carried on the clause as amended all in favour, opposed? That is carried. Okay, the report of Executive Policy Committee of June the 14th.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 14, 2006

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce the Report of E.P.C. for June 14, 2006 and move adoption of consent agenda Item 1.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi
Seconded by Councillor Smith

WHEREAS when arts organizations request grants from City Council, outside of the Winnipeg Arts Council programming, it is customary to have the Corporate Finance Department review the proposal and provide a report to Council;

AND WHEREAS this has not been done in the instance of the Cercle Molière funding request of $300,000;

AND WHEREAS regardless of the worthiness of any particular request, it is desirable to have a level playing field for all arts and non-profit groups seeking funding from the city such that the same process applies to all organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report be referred back to the administration and that approval of the funding request for Cercle Molière be subject to a report from Corporate Finance being provided and considered by Council

Mr. Speaker: Okay, we have a referral motion with instructions, which is motion number 2 on this clause. So, Mr. Mayor if you wish to open debate on the main clause, it's the referral motion, we have with instruction so it's debatable but you may wish to open debate on the main clause before I call on Councillor Gerbasi.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank you for that opportunity. The clause is basically providing 300,000 dollars of funding for the Cercle Moliere. The entire project is approximately 5.4 million dollars and the private sector is coming forward with a contribution of approximately 2 million dollars.

As you can see, the city's contribution is very small. It's being used to leverage monies from the federal government, the provincial government as well as the private sector. A very worthy project for one of Canada's oldest live theatres and I will wait to hear from Councillor Gerbasi. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi you may speak on your referral with instructions please.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to start by making it very clear that this motion is not in any way to take away from the merit of the Cercle Moliere initiative. I think it's an excellent initiative for a city but this is an issue of process that is important enough to bring forward a motion for discussion, and I ask you to consider it.

The reason this issue is very important is that I think it's crucial that Council has a fair and equal process for all arts and non-profit groups who come forward to Council. It is of great concern if there's a perception in the public's mind that one particular group is receiving a different kind of treatment without having to jump through the same hoops and process that other worthy groups have to do.

The perception that one has to have some sort of political support beyond the merits of a project to get ahead in this city is a dangerous perception. We all have a responsibility to ensure that if some groups must have a report from corporate finance and have scrutiny which is available to all Councillors, then every group that seeks special funding outside of Winnipeg Arts Council funding,

Winnipeg Arts Council funding processes, that there has to be some due process.

Other arts and non-profit groups are unlikely to speak openly and raise concerns about the perception that one group is able to bypass the system, that they must comply with it. They are afraid that the environment is becoming more and more political in nature and they don't want to be singled out and pay some sort of price for speaking up. So that's why if anybody asks, I'm sure they're not comfortable coming forward to discuss this today. We are the only ones who can do that.

So it's up to us as Councillors to say something and to ask that all non-profit groups go through a fair and consistent process with proper due diligence. This motion if passed would not create any significant hardship as the delay could be very short term, but what is very positive about this is that you'd be sending a positive message to all other non-profit groups and arts groups that seek funding and the message would be, that there is a level playing field for all and that decisions are based solely on the worthiness alone of a project.

I think this is a very reasonable request and again, I say because I'm sure this may be thrown back at me and it's risky even to raise this issue but I'm doing it because I think it's the right thing, that this is in no way to criticize the Cercle Moliere project. In fact I spoke with the Executive Director of the Cercle Moliere who was at E.P.C. and explained that I was raising this issue and that it had nothing to do with the worthiness of their project which is a fantastic project for Winnipeg. But I think process is important and perception of fairness is important.

By asking Council to have a report from corporate finance before approving this request, it addresses a valid public concern.

Two weeks ago, the Mayor had a press conference congratulating Councillor Magnifico for getting the funding for this project and in today's paper; the Mayor stated that he's confident St. Boniface voters will reward Franco Magnifico with a second term for among other things, funding this project. Is this the kind of message we should be sending to the public before Council has even voted on the matter.

I think that the intelligence of our citizens deserves more respect than that. But more so, I think Winnipeg needs to be concerned when politics is so clearly front and centre in a significant funding request. Especially when there is a contentious election campaign race that is expected.

So again, I would point out because I'm ready for the arrows coming back at me saying that I don't support some arts groups, I just want to be really clear, I'll say it another time, I will say it a hundred times, Cercle Moliere project is excellent and their funding request should be considered fairly and with the same process that all groups undergo and that's all that this motion request and I think its quite reasonable to set a standard especially during an election campaign period, I think we need to go to a high standard during that time so that the public can trust that Council is acting in a fair manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Magnifico.

Councillor Magnifico: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Councillor Gerbasi would have us stop doing business in the City of Winnipeg for the 6 months prior to an election because everything would be pork barrelling. Everything would be something that is done for the election.

I think it's time everybody understood what happened with Cercle Moliere. I think Councillor Gerbasi maybe hasn't got all the facts. We were left with a mess two years ago, roughly two years ago when I entered Council and I got elected by the previous administration. Promises were made by Mr. Murray and Mr. Vandal to the Cercle Moliere for 500,000 dollars of funding. As irresponsible as that was, they gauged their project on that 500,000 dollars.

For the last two years we have been trying to find a way to get them, if we could, some money towards that false promise that was made by Mr. Murray and Mr. Vandal. This is nothing about a group coming in, prior to an election, looking for money. It's important that, that is made public here, because this is an ongoing issue.

We have a responsibility at city hall to honour our predecessor's promises. That is our job. We hope not to have irresponsible ones to honour, but we have to honour them. That is what we're doing here. We didn't give them their 500,000 dollars, we gave them 300. Are they happy with it, not as happy as they would have been because they were promised 500,000 dollars, we gave them 3.

Now, they're able to proceed to the next step. Any time you can leverage that kind of money for 300,000 dollars in any part of the city we'd be foolish not to. So this is not about process. This is about honouring a promise that city hall made through their previous Mayor, to Cercle Moliere. Minister Lemierre heard it, (in audible), these are people, credible people that heard these promises made we're just finishing that. We're cleaning up some messes and some of them take two years to clean up. Excuse me there is an election coming up. Maybe we should just close city hall.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Smith on the motions, please.

Councillor Smith: Yes, I'm supportive of this motion. Let me tell you this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan Vandal because his entry, rumours about him running against Councillor Magnifico has spurred this on and this is the result. I like the project, I think it's wonderful and I thank former Councillor Dan Vandal for helping to get this passed.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I'd actually like to speak to the issue and it's pretty clear what the motion is about. It has nothing to do with the Cercle Moliere or any type of process, it's got everything to do with an upcoming election and that's really unfortunate.

I want to speak on something totally different than that. It talks about a level playing field here. First of all, there is a huge difference between an arts group coming forward looking to get support from the city towards a capital program. This is not about ongoing operating costs and that's what the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council does.

It's not the same issue whatsoever, Mr. Speaker. Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council deals with the money that we give them every year to support the arts and they dole that money out as they deem reasonable and fit.

This is about a capital issue and that's a totally different type of issue and the other thing that's I think important about this is the amount, will have no budget impact. This money has been secured through existing accounts and will have absolutely no budget impact whatsoever in any negative way for anybody, and so I can't support the motion, Mr. Speaker.

I have supported arts groups for many years in this chamber in various fashions. I can't remember ever not helping the arts when we've had issues in this chamber. I appreciate that the comments that were made weren't talking about this group specifically or their project, and they were trying to raise it as a process issue, but the fact of the matter is, is that we have a group that's worked very, very hard to fund a huge project that will be a wonderful initiative to have inside our city.

They are a long standing group within our community in terms of what they've done and it's got nothing to do with what sector of Winnipeg that they're from or any of those issues. The fact is, is that they've had a capital program; it's been in the bowels of this building for a number of years. I think it's been in this area, close to 5 years now since they first raised this issue that I'm aware of, Mr. Speaker and the bottom line is that they're anxious to get going with their project. They've been pursuing this for some time. And I think that the grant is a reasonable amount with

no budget impact and it allows them to go after other monies from other groups and move forward with their project, Mr. Speaker.

And I think that's the issue that we should be dealing with, not worrying about all of the amusing and innuendos that are flying about other things. It's very, very specific what this is. It's a very, very good project, it's a very, very good project for our city over the long haul and it's a reasonable amount of money with no impact and I think that's what's important, Mr. speaker so I can't support the motion and I will support the clause.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Thomas, please.

Councillor Thomas: Thank you. I'm very disappointed by some of the innuendos that have been thrown around here today and I also intend to speak to the clause and I'd like to call Council's attention to something that I think that we all feel very strongly about that we're going to deal with in a few seconds and that's the Canadian Human Rights Museum which is also a capital program.

This went to the administration; it has an administrative report including a recommendation. It has history, it has reasons for the report, it has a very detailed feasibility package. There is financial impact statements, all of this was done and has been done in the past whenever we've considered financially funding capital programs.

This has not been done for this report and it's very unfortunate that this organization is getting caught in the crossfire, because the administration is not being allowed to do their due diligence on this item. I'm very confident that if the administration is allowed to do their due diligence that they'll come back with a fairly similar report that says that we should be funding this as we've done many times when we've had capital programs that have needed funding. This is very unusual for something to come forward without a financial assessment from the administration and I find it most inappropriate that it has been done so. I see nothing wrong with requests to be made for the due diligence to become and I'm very disappointed that it wasn't done before it got here, and I chastise E.P.C. for not doing that due diligence.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The item which really hasn't been touched on with regards to this which I find interesting is the fact that the source of funding, the unused funds as was pointed out by Councillor Clement, this has no budget implications because of the fact that the unused funds were, according to what we have here, unused funds and the commitment reserve which were previously allocated for the new deal initiative, so my question would be, Mr. Speaker, what other unused funds, if you want to term it that way, are out there in various city reserves, that could be used for city initiatives.

Because I know that every one on this Council would appreciate, for example, an investment into sidewalks and curbs to the tune of 300,000 dollars per ward or improvements in back lanes. What other unused funds exist that we do not know of about, that maybe E.P.C. is aware of, but the rest of Council is not. At the discretion of E.P.C. that could be useful for the purpose that instead of sitting in some bank account being reinvested into our communities and across the city.

I'd like to know because, but that's not part of this because its not in and there is no report, but I'd like to know what other unused funds are out there that are sitting in an account somewhere not being used that could be reinvested into public services. If Councillor Magnifico chooses to use part of the unused funds to invest in Cercle Moliere, to support that project that is obviously his decision. But clearly there are initiatives across the city such as some very basic infrastructure improvements that could be used if there are another 300, 500 who know, maybe a million, maybe plus unused funds sitting around that could be invested. That's my concern, Mr. Speaker and it's something that hasn't been touched on so far. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Benham.

Councillor Benham: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate the comments made by other Councillors previous. I will be supporting the amendment and I hope that it passes. If it doesn't I will be voting for the main clause because I don't think Cercle Moliere should be punished for the lack of due diligence by this Mayor and the Councillors who supported it.

I think its shocking, absolutely shocking that there is no administrative report on a request for 300,000 dollars and I honestly don't know how Councillor Clement can stand in his place and support it when he has stood up for being responsible with the budget so many times. It seems to me quite out of character.

Again, I repeat as I guess all of us will have to in supporting this motion, I am a supporter of the Cercle Moliere. I actually attended a fundraising event and couldn't keep up with Councillor Steeves and the number of lobsters he downed at the Cercle Moliere's event, but in fact they do a number of creative things in the community to raise funds from people to support and they have thousands of supporters. I saw them. I was in the room with them.

This harks back, to my mind, to the deal for the Burton Cummings Theatre, very similar, Mr. Speaker, very similar. A report that's rushed ahead, sorry, a motion that's rushed ahead without a report, without any paper, without any background and we're told we just have to do this and get on with it right away, no time, no time, like the hare in Alice and Wonderland, no time, no time says the march hare.

Well Mr. Speaker, we can make time, we can send this to the administration for a month and ask them to do their usual excellent job as Councillor Thomas has pointed out. The same work they did, there is no doubt in the mind of any us of that the Canadian Museum for Human Rights deserves the support of Winnipeg City Council. I believe there's a complete consensus on that but of course we have administration officials looking at the proposal and giving us background and history. Of course the Mayor has designate a member of E.P.C. Secretariat staff to go out and deal with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and to talk to Councillors and provide them with background. That is the responsible decision, that is the way to act properly, that is the way the Canadian Museum for Human Rights gets treated and how does Cercle Moliere get treated, well your motion that is simply a motion, there is no background, there is no report but we expect Councillors to follow blindly.

Well Mr. Speaker, I don't think we should be following blindly. I will support Councillor Gerbasi's motion which says that we should have the information before us.

Some of the comments that have been made, I appreciate Councillor Wyatt pointing out the question of these unused reserves. Are they simply slush funds for Executive Policy Committee, can they just take something that has been clearly designated by a majority of Council members Mr. Speaker, the famous at least 9 out of 16, Council makes the decision that says we want to invest a million dollars in getting a new deal for the City of Winnipeg under the leadership and with the vision of the Mayor of the day, Glen Murray, who realised that we were never, never going to be able to solve the infrastructure deficit alone and who realized that the only solution was to permanently move some of the tax gathering capabilities of the federal and provincial governments into the hands of City Council. Mr. Speaker, we haven't succeeded in doing that and in fact, this Mayor has completely failed in showing any leadership or any vision in terms of getting those new revenues for the city. What we have is a handout from the federal government, of federal gas taxes.

Mr. Speaker: Back to the clause please Councillor.

Councillor Benham: Federal gas taxes, Mr. Speaker I'm referring to the new deal what we are doing is using money that we were going to invest in getting a new deal

for the City of Winnipeg and we will no longer have that money available to us.

So I'm sorry if I made a leap there but the leap is that this Mayor is choosing to throw away the money, not throw away the money, to use the money for a different purpose than this Council designated. I believe in the original purpose.

If the mayor had come before us and said we still have 300,000 dollars to fight for a new deal from the federal and provincial governments, are you with me, I'd say I'm with you Mayor. I'm with you. Yes, let's use the 300,000 dollars that's left and let's try to get further taxing capabilities for this City Council. Let's get the federal government to move tax points on income tax from the federal level to the city level, in the same way that they did with the provincial governments for Medicare in the 1980's.

It's not complicated Mr. Speaker but it does take leadership, it does take determination, it does take vision and it does take a consensus among this Council.

So Mr. Speaker I will be supporting this motion because I believe that as City Councillors we should be responsible for the spending of public money. We should have all the information that's available, we should trust our administration to do a good job of gathering that information and once we have it, of course, I agree, we should support a worthy capital project like this which will be important to our francophone community and important to the whole community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Councillor Lazarenko.

Councillor Lazarenko: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had spoken yesterday afternoon with Councillor Gerbasi when she was preparing this motion and had requested that she would not have a lay over of the 300,000 dollars that has been requested.

I know the process has been flawed in this case and I'm touchy on the process a number of times, each time I'll give you an example of True North, held back by over a year and a half and Members of Council who voted for it without a report insisted and still insist now that they did the right thing.

But now we're talking about 300,000 dollars which is the program that's in place the federal government is giving their share, the province is, they're sharing 1.6 million dollars each. This has been in the works for a number of years. I know that for a fact that Councillor Clement had alluded to.

But I had requested that Councillor Gerbasi would include not the latest over with the 300,000 dollars but get a report later on from the administration and like each Member of Council has spoken and said of the report, it would be positive from the administration and I'm sure it would be.

The issue what we'll be dealing with later on with the human rights, I had asked at Executive Policy Committee for Gail Asper to appear as a delegation and it was very important that she would come and give her own explanation of what she had talked about in the In Camera at Council. Some members felt that this was not called for but I'll thank her she did come here but this gives you an indication, Mr. Speaker of what happens, is when you don't have a report.

But, it concerns me also, very deeply, when you have Members of Council get up on the floor of Council and start using a former Member of Council, his name, to say that in speaking that he may be seeking re-election and this is an election employ.

In St. Boniface, some years back, the former Mayor, Murray, did not concur, put that on the back burner, a number of times, you know politics are in play here all the time, but to use that now to say that this is an election, each and every Member of Council be doing their share of using innuendos for their own gain while saying that you know seeking for re-election, but this in itself, I would be supporting and I'm still supporting the

300,000 dollars but the way it's being worded now, to, that is, report be referred back to the administration and that the approval of the funding requested be subject to.

Now what I ask is subject to, but not refer the whole report because a one month delay, and don't forget, this is getting on to the month of July and August which everything will be toned down. I know the organization is seeking approval now because they want to proceed and I agree with Councillor Gerbasi when she had said you know we've done this too many times but sometimes these particular Council also voted before in the past to say without a report that we go ahead and approve it.

River Heights Councillor Garth Steek, how many times did he bring an issue to the floor of Council for his own ward to make it better without even the criteria being met by council, procedural by-law, we proceeded to not concur with that, with that criteria and proceeded to help the Councillor out in his area to help out the community. I know that the issue of politics will be under way now until October but to use this as a means of an organization that's saying we need this money, I don't think the organization would care who would be elected in St. Boniface. They're concerned about one thing. We want action. We want this for our community.

We have commitments from the other levels of government. So I'm surprised that Councillor Gerbasi, I know we talked about this and I made it very clear, proceed with the 300,000 dollars but then ask for a report from the administration and the report no doubt would be a positive one but at least to have that.

I asked the chief administrator was there a report, she says no, that there was no report provided but Councillor Clement has said it's been dealt with so many years back, I guess you know the report is somewhere down the line, down in the system somewhere, but Mr. Speaker I don't want to dwell on this. I know the organization, they're honest and they're committed and the volunteerism that goes on in there and they want to proceed with this project and I don't think that they're looking at whether to see it's one Councillor or another Councillor be representing them.

I think that's not even in the equation. They want process to take place and the one thing Mr. Speaker, I just hope that we stop playing politics and using the effect of saying that the Mayor is at fault, that the Mayor is wrong in this and that, let's get on with the business of Council what we were elected to do.

You know, this is providing assistance to an organization. The process I would like to see a motion from Council that no, nothing will be proceeded with without having a report from the administration as what policy we've got in place. This is not happening. Get someone to move, someone who is concerned, move that as a motion on the floor of Council. Council will give that direction to the administration; nothing will be proceeded to the floor of council without that contact and the report that will be coming in from the administration.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'll wait for Councillor Gerbasi to finish. I'm going to encourage people to vote for the request for funding this morning and not support any referral or delay in this matter.

Not because I don't appreciate there is some merit to the arguments that are being made and they ring true to a certain extent. But, I think it behoves all of us to look at the history of this chamber and recent history.

I want to preface my comments by saying, I really don't blame Council in this instance or on instances I'm about to make comment on because I think actually it's one of those circumstances where we as a Council have been and are in a pretty difficult position.

If we look at precedent in this area and I know there's all different types of funding areas and there's different programs and

sometimes there is no programs at all, sometimes it's just different levels of government who are involved in projects. We always seem to run into this problem on these types of issues and no two processes have ever been exactly the same. I think of the Transcona field of dreams project. Perfectly worthy project that everyone likes, everyone was happy to support, something that is going to do wonderful things in that part of our community.

I think Councillor Wyatt, Councillor Thomas, Councillor Lubosch would be the first to stand up and say that. But who in this chamber wasn't somewhat concerned about the way it came to pass in terms of the provincial government, in terms of the federal government and that funding. It wasn't a perfect process, think of the Human Rights Museum, a wonderful project, something we heard about again this morning. There was reports that came forward, there was all sorts of talk about it but to be fair, I do recall showing up at the Forks and listening to the then Mayor announce this as a fait accompli before we'd even had a chance to really discuss it at the Council level.

I don't blame him. I mean these things happen in politics. That's kind of the way it is. I also happen to know the Prime Minister then, stood up and made some announcements where there wasn't necessarily at that time full caucus support, now thankfully it came together and appears its going to be coming together further, further and further thanks probably to the most part of the work of Gail Asper and the people that work with her on this project.

I found out about the MTS Centre on the front page of the Winnipeg Free Press the morning of the announcement. That's how I found out about it. A great project, wonderful thing and a great thing for this city and I wasn't even an opponent of Mayor Murray.

I was on Executive Policy Committee but I was a guy who worked with him, I thought, but I didn't find out about it until the Winnipeg Free Press ran the story on the front page of the paper and good for them for scooping me. But that's the way that process unfolded. Of course, yeah, we went through the process of public hearings and hours and hours and hours of delegations and opposition and those types of things but, perfect process, Mr. Speaker, you'd find a lot of people in this city who are attached to that Eatons building who would stand up and say bad process, bad process. But a project worth supporting so we worked through it.

The hog plant, not the one most recent incarnation but the one before, the Schneider's, you've heard the talk about the way it was walked on to the agenda an hour before Council, some folks on Executive Policy Committee had more detailed knowledge prior to that coming to council floor. Expressions of humongous faith in the CEC process and how this could be trusted and people should just not question what's going on and we should just move forward, ostensibly no chance for the community to even react but deemed acknowledgment from Executive Policy Committee of the day and by extension Council who went along with it, myself included, saying that it's a worthy project and something that should be supported by Council. Great process, Mr. Speaker, you could make an argument that the process wasn't perfect in that circumstance, I think.

I recall again being summoned to the Forks again for the Kenaston Underpass, for the water sewage treatment announcement, for the bus rapid transit announcement, same thing, I mean, didn't know what was going to be announced, and still quite confused as to what the province plans to do for their portion of the water sewage treatment part of that funding announcement. I still don't quite understand it.

My understanding is no money has yet flowed. It's really not enough money to make any appreciable difference in that area but yet it was announced as a fait accompli. Kenaston, bus rapid transit, those things were kind of out there. Kenaston is going forward, the other two projects, I guess we're going to be discussing the bus rapid transit today, the water sewage treatment we've started, I

don't think we've seen any money from the province. Great process, Mr. Speaker, wonderful process, something we should be proud of I suppose as Council, I'm not sure.

So the question I guess that sits in the laps of Councillors this morning is do we punish Cercle Moliere this morning. Complete acknowledgment that it's a wonderful project, complete acknowledgement that these people have done their homework, complete acknowledgment that they have other levels of funding from different governments.

For that reason, I think it would be okay in this instance if we look at what we have, the relatively small percentage of funding that we're planning in this particular project and we move this one ahead. If we're going to have a discussion we could probably have a fair discussion on how we are going to deal with projects that come with big levels of funding from other levels of government. Because it is very, very difficult and to our credit, to our collective credit in this Council, we have tried, we have tried at Executive Policy Committee on certain infrastructure funding of capital project programs to send to the other levels of government, lists of projects that we might, that we would support if they were to come back under these heads of funding.

It's been reasonably general. There's been a fairly decent list of them but to my knowledge we've never heard back. So before we beat ourselves up around Council, I think we probably have the right to acknowledge in these circumstances when we're talking about projects that incur large amounts of funding from other levels of government it's very, very difficult for us to try and deal with them.

We've tried to open that door with the other levels of government and say what exactly do you want from us. What exactly do you want from us in this process, to sort of, I guess, have a more congruent, a more cohesive approach to funding projects in our city, but we have not heard back despite the fact that we've sent now I think a fair number of motions to the other levels of government, from Executive Policy Committee and from this Council talking about different levels, different projects in our city that might make some sense.

My own project in St. Vital, the Y.M./ Y.W.C.A., I've never heard back, I have no idea where the provincial or federal government are at on this project. I spoke to representatives from the Y.M.C.A. on Monday, they have no idea. So it begs the question well okay if this is not a perfect process, if we're not satisfied with this process that's fine, but what exactly are we suppose to do.

I mean yeah, we've talked about getting more information on a report from this but that's not really the issue here I don't think. The issue is a grander one that we've been trying to wrestle with for a very, very, very long time and that's federal government, provincial government, we have been trying to reach you on these types of programs.

We need to get together. We, they need to know our priorities, we need to know that we've been heard by them Mr. Speaker. That's the problem here, not this project.

Mr. Speaker: Good timing. Councillor De Smedt.

Councillor De Smedt: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I'll be relatively short. I will not be supporting the amendment being proposed by Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Smith though I'm pleased to hear that certainly Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Benham have indicated that they are very supportive of the project.

It's been often my interest, Mr. Speaker, that we consider ourselves a working Council, that we just don't come to the monthly Council meetings to have debating points on issues. In this particular case, I think Councillor Gerbasi brings up an interesting point. In a perfect world, I think as Councillor Steeves has just indicated; we would have probably a report. But you know we have the opportunity and I believe the obligation to

be a functioning, working Council so you have to be tactile of mind and be prepared to on balance, look at the issues.

So I simply would say that we have the support obviously, many people are speaking very glowingly about the project for one of the, for the oldest theatre in Canada and French speaking theatre in Canada, and in this particular case I believe the requisite spending of public money is justified.

I think this Council can, without benefit of a report, considering our experience and knowledge of other projects that we've seen come through here that we're able to make a decision that's positive and reflects some unanimity. So well some may wish to support the amendment, I'm very hopeful if the amendment does not pass that we will have as unanimous a vote as we can in supporting the Cercle Moliere on the wise expenditure of city public money towards a thoroughly important project. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Any other debate on the clause or the referral? Councillor Gerbasi closing debate on your referral.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the discussion today. I'll comment on some of the things that have been said. Councillor Steeves sort of said we've always had a bad process so we should continue on and I think this is basically simply something that could be easily remedied.

Councillor Magnifico said that we've been, we've known about this for two years. We've been trying to solve this, why didn't the group come to E.P.C., they could have easily asked for a report. It could have been done a long time ago. So there was time, you know this isn't the group's fault, why didn't it come to a public agenda. Why isn't there more transparency, that's all I'm asking for.

And I think that is the true issue here is transparency of process and fairness, because I'd also like to point out that waiting for one month for a report is not six months as Councillor Magnifico indicated. This is a much more straightforward project than other projects like the Human Rights Museum that we instantly had a detailed report. I'm not complaining that they walked on the Human Rights Museum, the morning of Council because we've had reports on that project and we have a report this morning on this project and there's a clear reason why it has to be done immediately which Gail Asper explained.

I'm not complaining about that process. Sometimes you have to, the business of Council is not stopping at all but there's no reason that this couldn't have been transparently on a public agenda a month or two ago and gotten a simple report from corporate finance like we, yes, sometimes and I agree that sometimes we announce things ahead of Council agreeing to all of the funding and so on and that has happened in the past.

But announcing it in advance doesn't mean you still don't have corporate finance. Look at the funding and the source of funding and provide that information to Council before it's approved by Council even if it comes to the morning of Council. We have that process and this is being bypassed and that's my point today.

And then it's been said that this has nothing to do with the election, we're being accused of innuendos. I'm not saying innuendo; I am quoting the Free Press which says the Mayor is confident St. Boniface voters will reward Magnifico with a second term. I didn't make that up. The mayor said it.

So, but I think the point, that, all I'm trying to make is that there should be this report; there should be the same process, there should be the same process, Councillor Steeves said this was a complicated project that includes all three levels of government. Well the Canadian Rights Museum was too and we have the reports required and we're all unanimously supporting that and I will be supporting the funding for Cercle Moliere and part of the, whether this passes or not and clearly it won't because of some debate for today in terms of delaying it.

And Councillor Lazarenko I only, the clerk suggested the wording of referral, they said we can't approve it and then have a report later so I didn't, they changed it and suggested that change so I just wanted you to understand that I wasn't trying to change the intent of it at all and the intent of it was not to delay the project significantly at all but simply to get the proper process.

So I will be supporting the original, the clause in spite of not having a report simply because I accept the arguments that it's a worthy project but I think it was an important debate to have and I think we need to watch ourselves in terms of the perception that the public is getting when we do things like this for one group and then other groups are wondering well why not me. And how many more groups are going to avoid that kind of scrutiny.

And you know look at how much scrutiny the group that was trying to build a soccer facility has had. How many meetings have they come to. How many reports have been written, how many times has it been referred back and that's another capital project. So like other groups are going to look at this and go wow, what do I have to do to get this and I'm just saying that public perception is important. Public trust in Council is important and there's a simple remedy to the solution to this that could have easily happened. There's been two years since Councillor Magnifico was here. He could have had them come to an E.P.C. meeting last month and then there wouldn't even be a discussion here today. So that's, I'd like to close on that and I think we should have that report and then we can support this. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mayor Katz closing on the main clause please.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I'm going to try and make comments that are based on fact not fiction. One, this is a project that has a great deal of merit that has been on the table for over two and a half years.

In addition to that, this is about transparency. What was mentioned earlier was that two weeks ago there was a press announcement. It was actually May the 26th, over a month ago, when an announcement was made about the Cercle Moliere and that it would have to come to Council for approval. If anyone had done their homework, it was moved that clause they could check, this did not have to come to Council, Mr. Speaker. I wanted it to come to Council so we could have transparency.

In addition to that, when I made that announcement a month ago, Mr. Speaker, I was hoping that all of Council would take the initiative to be proactive, do their due diligence, assess this project, okay and for all intensive purposes support it based on its merit. I never dreamt I would see political grand standing on this type of issue.

But the facts are, a month passed, and did Councillor Gerbasi call my office for any information or questions. No. Councillor Benham, no. Councillor Thomas, no. No one called. Thirty days, not one phone call, no one seemed to show any genuine interest and I guess the real question that I would like to ask and it's a rhetorical one so it doesn't require an answer, is that when Councillors Thomas and Councillors Gerbasi were on E.P.C. I would love to know where was this administrator report they talk about for the restaurant on the Esplanade Riel, a project with millions of dollars in overruns, or how about building safer communities for 250,000 dollars or how about the downtown festival grant for 200,000 dollars or how about the arts stabilization grant for a 100,000 dollars.

This is all documented Mr. Speaker in the E.P.C. report of December 6, 2000. The answer is very clear. There were no administration reports and even more alarming, Mr. Speaker; it never even came to Council. If this is not the epitome of hypocrisy that I'm seeing today from some Councillors, I don't know what to call it.

This is a worthy project. It was a promise made by the previous Mayor and the

previous Councillor for the ward. Hopefully it'll be a promise kept by the current Councillor, the current Council and the Mayor. I hope everybody will support this. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, debate is closed. On motion number 2, the motion to refer with instructions, recorded vote? All in favour of the motion please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Smith, Thomas and Wyatt.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Magnifico, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel, Mr. Speaker Councillor Eadie.

City Clerk: The vote Mr. Speaker, Yeas 5, Nays 11.

Mr. Speaker: Okay, the motion is lost on the main clause. All in favour, opposed? Carried. Councillor Wyatt is recorded against. The report of Executive Policy Committee of June the 21st, Mayor Katz.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 21, 2006

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce the Report of E.P.C. for June 21, 2006 and move adoption of consent Agenda Items 1 to 12.

Moved by Councillor Wyatt
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi

THAT Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 21, 2006 be amended by adding to the end of Recommendation No. 1, the words "and to report back to Council in 60 days".

Mr. Speaker: Clause 1, before I take any others, clause 1 has an amendment and Councillor Wyatt I'm just going to ask you to, before I go any further just to clarify it because it's hard to read this. I take it your proposed amendment which is motion number 5 is to amend recommendation number 1 by putting a comma after information matrix and adding "and to report back to council in 60 days"; is that the intent? Okay. I just had to be clear because, make sure I was reading your great handwriting. Just a moment, clause 1 has been stood down, any others?

Councillor Swandel: Mr. Speaker on a point of order there is only one Council meeting in the next 60 days.

Mr. Speaker: Sorry, Councillor Lubosch, clause 6, okay, we have 1, we have 6, any others, and 10. One, six and ten. Okay with the exception of those three clauses Mayor Katz moves that the balance of the report of June 21st be adopted be consent, all in favour, opposed? That's carried. Clause one.

Item 1 - Rapid Transit Task Force Final Report, Section 7 File TT-8

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Rapid Transit Task Force worked very hard and consulted with our citizens and came forward with a report. At our last meeting, Executive Policy Committee, there certainly was a question whether this report would gather dust or move forward. As a result of Councillor Wyatt appearing as a delegation, E.P.C. made some very specific recommendations so that we would get an information matrix and be able to proceed with this and make it very definitive. So I will wait to hear the questions or concerns from Councillor Wyatt and will go from there.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt do you want to open on your amendment.

Councillor Wyatt: I'm going to keep my comments very brief. I appreciate the action taken by E.P.C. following my presentation and thank the Mayor for making those recommendations that are

before us today. This is just simply to give it a time frame for the administration to report back in 60 days. I believe we have a meeting in September, so, well, Councillor O'Shaughnessy is shaking his head. August doesn't count but apparently but 60 days, we have one in July and one in September so it should be back by the September meeting at that point. So, that was the idea behind the motion and to give it a time frame, fairly straightforward with regards to the administration's work and I thank E.P.C. for making that initiative at the last, at the E.P.C. meeting on the 21st. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, is there any other debate on the clause or the amendment? I don't think we need to close, do we, can we vote on the amendment. All in favour, opposed? The amendment is carried on the main clause all in favour, opposed? That's carried. On clause 6.

Item 6 - Installation of a Pedestrian Corridor at 1970 Henderson Highway (Kildonan Personal Care Home) – Land Dedication Reserve File DASZ 15/95

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is a situation that was brought forward to us by Councillor Lubosch for a concern for the citizens crossing Henderson Highway. It was basically looking for funding to have this installed. The concern that Executive Policy Committee had was that we would be, I guess, letting the developer off the hook for their commitments. We were fortunate in the fact that Councillor Clement was able to identify monies that could be available in the traffic emergency program and we are hoping to proceed that way and we do believe this is a worthy project and obviously we all want to address the concerns of the safety of our citizens. At this particular point in time, I will be happy to hear what Councillor Lubosch has to add or say, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Lubosch please.

Councillor Lubosch: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I suppose it's okay if the Mayor steals my thunder once in a while. I did want to say that I commend Executive Policy Committee and in particular Councillor Clement for his leadership on what has been a very frustrating and challenging issue in North Kildonan for well over a decade.

Crossing at Henderson Highway at this location is very challenging at the best of times. There is no median in the middle of Henderson Highway at this location and for the many seniors who live on the west side of Henderson Highway and in particular, those people living and visiting at the Kildonan Personal Care Home have significant challenges in crossing the street to visit the shops and restaurants on the east side of Henderson Highway.

A pedestrian corridor at this location will serve as a means for those people to get across safely and the method that has been chosen to fund this traffic improvement, the credit is due to Councillor Clement, who understood that there was a particular budget in the Public Works Department appropriate for funding this type of amenity and with that I'll close by saying that the citizens of North Kildonan will be very, very grateful to Council and in particular to Councillor Clement for his leadership and assistance in solving what has been a decade long frustration and problem. So thank you with that and I hope that you all will support it.

Mr. Speaker: Any further debate? Mayor Katz do you wish to close.

Mayor Katz: I don't want to close but I want to correct something Mr. Speaker. I may have said the word traffic emergency program it's a traffic engineering program that was identified with these funds, just for clarity.

Mr. Speaker: On clause 6, all in favour, opposed? That is carried. Clause 10 Mayor Katz or Clerk and then Mayor Katz.

Item 10 - Intermunicipal Shared Service Initiative: Expression of Interest Process File EP-1.5

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker for almost two years now we've been working towards solving a major problem that we have with the capital region. It's obvious that development continues to take place in the capital region which I think is good but it certainly has not been controlled whether it's been residential or commercial. We've been working towards a solution to this problem and working in, I guess a partnership with the capital region, thanks to the hard work of the administration we were able to come up with some concrete ideas. We put forward an expression of interest. We got phenomenal response and we're hoping to go forward on that. So at this particular point in time I will be glad to hear what Councillor Wyatt has to say and then of course I'd love to respond to it.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt on the clause please.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stood this down because I think it's significant and I think an important step, a positive step for the future. I want to thank the Mayor and I know also Councillor De Smedt has been also actively working on this item.

Council supported it, started the initial I believe it was back in December of last year with regards to starting this process and I think it's the beginning of a détente if you like with our fellow municipalities surrounding the city; a period of détente which I think is a welcome thing.

They have a lot of trials and challenges to face much like ourselves but there is no reason why we can not work together as a region, a capital region with regards to overcoming those trials. I think the principles set out by the document, the policy document and the approach with regards to the actual expression of interest I think are very, are well thought out. You know that needs to be a government to government process of sharing services, that it has to be within the capacity of cities existing in future, service delivery, that it's based on a strong business case with the efficient delivery of the service in the region, that it incorporates a joint planning agreement to manage and develop related environmental concerns and finally included a provision for tax revenue sharing so that both the city and the partnering municipality share the costs and benefits associated with the delivery of the service. They'll be paying for the service but also the city will be receiving a benefit with regards to taxation from those municipalities.

Based on what is before us today out of municipalities that have responded in the capital region to the EOI, two have been identified, East St. Paul and McDonald to move forward which I think is positive. Two others needs a little bit more work, with Rosser and West St. Paul, that's understandable. Clearly a lot of good work has gone on, I'd like just to note, Mr. Speaker that in the R.M. of East St. Paul one of the items actually that the R.M. of East St. Paul come forward to was an item which was identified by the administration and through the Rapid Transit Task Force which was to set up a park and ride in the R.M. of East St. Paul with the transit service so that we could increase ridership on our transit service, therefore making it more sustainable but from riders not necessarily living within the City of Winnipeg

And it's a positive step in the right direction as well as other issues and you can see the benefit of when it comes down to it, Mr. Speaker of us working together with the surrounding municipalities. Dutch Elm Disease, working together with the R.M. of East St. Paul with Dutch Elm Disease. Dutch Elm Disease does not simply stop at the city border, it doesn't recognize the city limits. It goes beyond that. Here's an opportunity to work together, we have the abilities to, and a lot of the technical skills and equipment. They'll be paying for the services so we'll be funded and it's a step in the right process along with the other upgrades that are being proposed are service delivery, cost sharing delivery

that's been proposed. Very positive Mr. Speaker, I think this is, quite often we talk about the negative on the Council floor, I pulled it off the agenda to talk about the positive and I think this is going in the right direction and I welcome, I hope that we can continue to work together.

I know I have issues in the Transcona area. We have challenges with the fellow R.M. of Springfield. I've been working together with Council to formalize that, I think it would be a positive step and I know other Councillors have also had some challenges as well with some issues surrounding their communities on the edge of the city.

So it's a very good step, positive direction, glad to see it and I know from talking to the officials at FCM who attended from the capital region they appreciate the hard work done by Councillor De Smedt representing the city, they also know the work done by Councillor Thomas with regards to RPAC and they appreciate the direction the city is going with regards to this co-operation. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi on the clause.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will support this at this stage as it's setting up a process in place but I would like to put on the record some concerns.

First of all, I assume there will be a detailed administrative report in plenty of time for all of us to view before any of these initiatives come forward and I do have concerns that the city does not make any decisions that encourage ex-urban development at the expense of our city's interests.

I'm concerned that this fits into the context of the capital region plan, I'm not sure how effective of a plan we actually have and that's, there is an issue there as well which concerns me. In terms of moving forward with individual initiatives, I mean at least there's some process here to scrutinize whatever issues come forward. And we do have to work; it is beneficial to work together with the municipalities around us.

But we also have to make sure that the full cost implications of these kinds of choices are considered every time one of these comes forward. It might, if we only look at it through kind of a narrow tunnel of the specific service that's being asked for, and we don't look at the other implications such as how much housing and having that service would consider, would encourage to develop in that municipality rather than developing the City of Winnipeg for example. Then I'm concerned about those kinds of issues of urban sprawl and the lack of a capital region plan that's really cohesive.

So I will be supporting this but I just want to put those comments on record and put the Mayor and E.P.C. on notice that all Members of Council would like to have full detailed information and be kept well in the loop as these decisions are coming forward because they could impact our city in a significant way in terms of our financial bottom line if there's things that are missed in terms of the extra costs or extra effects it has on possibly encouraging more urban development rather than development within the inner city and the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Councillor O'Shaughnessy in the chair)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm going to put a few comments on the record on this clause, which is the first action since City Council adopted a revised capital region policy last December called the Intermunicipal Shared Services Arrangement and why did we do that, Mr. speaker, because we've been waiting probably for 15 years to find out what the provincial capital region policy is and as of today they don't have one.

And all of the municipal governments in the capital region have been trying to find ways and means of working together to develop the capital region in a responsible and in a sustainable manner

have been really very frustrated at the lack of any sort of provincial policy with respect to land use or anything else that relates to the capital region.

And earlier on, about 4 or 5 years ago, all of the member municipal councils in the capital region approved a memorandum of understanding which was an agreement amongst all of us as to the basis of how we would operate together, how we would work together, how we would share information with each other on development activities and our respective communities and all of that sort of thing and that's been very positive and all of the capital regions councils including ours signed on to that memorandum of understanding and that was the first, that was the beginning really of a more formalized approach to capital region issues and in the meantime, the provincial government of various stripes, they've had committee after committee doing a navel gazing in the capital region trying to find solutions, trying to find or determine what their policy should be.

I'm not critical of any of those reports or any of the people who served on those committees, but I am critical, Mr. Speaker and have been for a long time about the considerable lack of provincial government policy. They won't make a commitment. They won't make a statement; they refuse to develop a cohesive, coherent and wide ranging policy with respect to how they at the provincial level want to deal with capital region issues. That's why we initiated here in the City of Winnipeg last December and it's been worked on for a long period of time, the basis for capital regions structure that we have.

And I've said all along that the capital region strategies and the capital region development is going to be lead by the municipal governments in the capital region simply because the provincial government which does have some wide ranging authority, which does have some land use planning authority outside of the City of Winnipeg and some limited control in the City of Winnipeg, because the provincial government simply will not sit down and create their policy so that all member municipal governments in the capital region have an understanding of how we should operate and what is the context of provincial land use policy and fiscal policy and other arrangements by which we should work.

And there are lots of projects out there. There are lots of projects in the capital region which we in the city a number of years ago, said well you know we'd like to sit down and discuss these with you and see if we can work something out, but we have this RPAC group that's currently, this was then, it was currently in place, we should out of respect wait to see what they report on and what their recommendations are and then find out what the provincial government is going to do with those recommendations before we start doing one off arrangements with this municipality or that municipality, on whether it's water treatment or other things, we should at least get the process that, that you know the third or fourth iteration by the provincial government at least be completed and then find out what the provincial policy is as a result of that so that we are all working together as partners in the region.

Well as I've said, Mr. Speaker, the processes, the iterations, the reports have all been done, they're all sitting on a shelf over there in that, in the legislative building which is now you know dark for another year or so and we still don't know what the provincial government policy is.

So last December the initiative was taken by the City of Winnipeg and I concur with what Councillor Wyatt has said, I sit on the AMM board and I know many of our AMM members are very, very appreciative of the leadership role taken by the city in the Intermunicipal Shared Services Arrangement, it's a collaborative process. We have some projects in this clause that will begin more specific negotiations between the various municipalities, and if you look at recommendation number 5, Mr. speaker, which is standard in any event, all these, any agreements that might be agreed to in principle after administrators have done their job have to be approved number one by this Council and number two by the

other municipal council who's involved in the agreement or the agreements as the case may be.

So all of these things, at the end of the day if there's going to be moving, if they're going to be moving forward, we do require council approval. That's a standard process, that's the right process to take because agreements cannot be entered into, binding agreements cannot be entered into under our charter without the approval of City Council.

So I think this is a good first step. The background to it is what I've already outlined. We are now embarking on the first of a number of projects where we can sit down and negotiate with our colleagues in the capital region municipal governments based on a clear policy that we have outlined, government to government. At the end of the day we want any of these arrangements or agreements between each municipality to be a win/win situation for both, or for any of the municipalities that are involved in these service sharing arrangements.

So I'm happy to support this clause, I'm glad we've had an opportunity actually to have some debate on it because I didn't participate or actually we passed the main policy process last December unanimously but the background is we are doing all of this because the municipal governments have to take the lead as they always have been in this capital region process and we're doing it because there's, continues after some 15 years of a capital region, not a single shred of provincial government policy when it comes to capital region.

So again Mr. Speaker as we do in many things its municipal governments that are taking the lead. This is a good step forward and it sounds like it's going to receive broad support in this chamber and I hope in the other council chambers in the capital region as we deal with these individual arrangements.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Councillor De Smedt.

Councillor De Smedt: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and I appreciate Councillor Eadie's summation of the long history of the capital region growth or the major region in this province, which is ourselves and the surrounding municipalities which contain about seven percent of the population of Manitoba.

This is a milestone day. I think we are moving ahead in the proper path, and I believe if I could use the term that Councillor Gerbasi uses in terms of serving notice, that this serves notice to our provincial government, that we are moving ahead and that I think they have a significant part to play in this. A regional planning council authority if you wish will have to eventually emerge from this particular process.

These first initial positive steps I think will put us on the path for reconciling clusters of growth that we see that are happening on our boundary in a consistent, practical way. This isn't about new urbanism verses new feudalism. We can't go back into everything being concentrated into one area, it isn't going to happen, first of all we don't have the land space and secondly this city is growing significantly, not as much as we would like. We're not the Calgary of Western Canada. We're not growing like Toronto, but these large municipalities, like Vancouver, have consistent regional plans, we desperately need one.

It's about our transportation nodes, it's about the clusters of industrial land, it's about preparing for the future and it is indeed also, about having residential growth on our boundaries. I don't like it immediately next to ourselves unless it makes sense and that's why we have the process.

So I appreciate Councillor Gerbasi indicating that she's serving notice that we have to have a proper analysis of this. I agree with that. And that's why we've been trying to motivate our provincial government, no matter who is over there. As Councillor Eadie had indicated this has been going on for well over fifteen years.

It is time that we sit down and try to establish a regional planning process. Now this is an enactment of some of our partners in the capital region. But I think they even at the bottom line of it all if we look at this process, will agree that planning is essential.

I think I want to come back to an old point if I have to put it on the record, and there are some around this table that understand this issue. The Acting Speaker, Councillor O'Shaughnessy is aware of this issue. You know, the future for Manitoba in this region, from an environmental perspective is all about water, high quality water for all our citizens in this particular region not just for the citizens of Winnipeg. And so as we continue to face diminishing precious resource, we'll have to find a way to distribute them in a regional way.

What better would the assets that we have here in the City of Winnipeg, they can grow moderately as the need and the plan shows, and by the same token, we don't need to put any more septic fields into a precious area of land that we have around ourselves. We need to protect the aqua fill, that's very important to some of our regional municipalities.

So a waste water, regional waste water distribution system becomes vitally important. And recall that from time to time we mentioned that we should not use the word vital, Mr. Speaker, unless it's important but water and waste water is indeed vital to our collective economic security in the future. So I hope that with a plan to get clusters of growth that are a companion to what we do best here in Manitoba will emerge from a regional plan and from that plan we can then move ahead to distribute what is going to be required to the citizens throughout the region.

With that, Mr. Speaker, obviously I'm very supportive of this. It's been under way for, from my perspective for some seven and a half years. We've had an interesting tango between leadership at this city and the regional municipality. I think we now have an opportunity to try a project, trial it out, put it towards analysis, allow people to measure this in a reasoned way for the benefit of not only our citizens of Winnipeg but for the citizens of Manitoba.

So these are generous, wide ranging words but I think what started off as might have appeared as a very soft policy last December, I think will emerge to be a critical mass point for the province and ourselves to deal with this in the future no matter what government is over at the province, they are now if I have to use the term on notice that this would be an important matter to them as well as it is to ourselves and Winnipeg, so I'll be supporting this Mr. Speaker, thank you.

(Councillor Eadie in the chair)

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Benham on the clause.

Councillor Benham: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker on the clause and I will be supporting the clause and I actually was not intending to speak but I've been inspired by your words and Councillor De Smedt and also Councillor Gerbasi.

I share Councillor Gerbasi's concerns about the long term affect of this, that if the City of Winnipeg is going to sell services to people who choose to live outside of the boundaries, that, that could only further the ex-urban effect. The effect of driving tax paying citizens out of the City of Winnipeg and have them continue to use our services, our roads, continue to work in the city and commute back and forth and I agree with the comments made by Councillor Eadie from his seat and by Councillor De Smedt that in fact there has been an atrocious lack of leadership from successive provincial governments and I appreciate that both Councillors made their comments in a non-partisan sense, that they are talking about governments of both the New Democratic stripe and Progressive Conservative stripe and that both have failed to wrestle with this problem.

Mr. speaker, my understanding from our civic officials, when we approved Waverley West which is likely to have approximately 10,000 homes in it for people to live in, 10,000, that we are

facing half that number, that is 5,000 houses, half of Waverley West, half of the size of the City of Brandon to use the analogy that we all like to use, have already been approved by rural municipalities surrounding Winnipeg. We are already going to have half of Waverley West built outside our borders. Half the City of Brandon will be living outside the borders of the City of Winnipeg, not paying taxes to this city government and yet expecting the roads and the services and everything else to be up to par for free, for free Mr. Speaker.

They get to live somewhere where taxes are low, they get to live somewhere where now we may be providing services that are equivalent to those people who choose to live in the city and choose to pay taxes and they get them for free, for no contribution at all. Mr. Speaker that is appalling and that is the situation that we as a City Council should not allow to stand and frankly that the provincial government should not allow to stand either.

Mr. speaker, we don't have to cast our minds back far and its within our life time for some of us to think about what was done as this problem developed in the 1950's and 1960's Mr. speaker. There was of course a great period of suburbanization and to a certain extent exurbanization in the late 1950's and early 1960's across North America and Winnipeg was part of that and the government of the day chose to set up a metropolitan council as a form of government and that governed things like regional transportation for instance and regional waste water, important issues.

And then the government of the day, the government under Premier Ed Schreyer recognized that that system was not working and that more direct control was needed and they came up with the idea of uni-city with which we're all familiar.

To any one of us it would clearly be ridiculous now to have a city government of Fort Garry, all of us represent an area, well some of us don't, some of us are from the old City of Winnipeg solely but many of us represent entire areas that were represented by an entire city council previously and in some cases two or three such areas.

Clearly Mr. Speaker we would not turn back the clock. All of us realize that it was ridiculous for Tuxedo or one of the Kildonans or Transcona for that matter to have control over its development in a way that was separate from the City of Winnipeg which at that time was half the population of the entire urban area and Mr. Speaker, the move to a uni-city form of government showed some foresight, it showed some vision, it showed some leadership and nobody would turn back the clock today.

But Mr. Speaker I agree with the comments made by Councillor Eadie and by Councillor De Smedt that there has been an appalling lack of such leadership and such foresight from the provincial government for at least fifteen years.

Councillor De Smedt says he talked in the past about annexation. I notice he didn't take about that today and I think in some ways that's too bad, but I appreciate he makes his decision about what he will say, but the fact is Mr. Speaker, we're going to have to think about something drastic because it's unacceptable, it is unacceptable to have rural municipalities set up cities, city blocks, entire city blocks and in some cases entire subdivisions outside our borders without agreeing to some king of planning process.

Councillor De Smedt has referred to the need for a regional planning council authority and that would be at least a beginning, at least a beginning but the fact is Mr. Speaker we need more than that. Democracy demands, democracy demands that we expand the borders of the City of Winnipeg and allow the people in those areas to vote and allow them to pay taxes for the services that they are using. That in my opinion, Mr. Speaker is the only long term solution and if we have a provincial government that is simply going to try and ignore this issue because it knows it might upset people, then we should demand it Mr. Speaker, we should go forward and be a lobby group as council just as we should be a lobby group with the federal and provincial

governments demanding in a collegial way and in a way that reflects the consensus on this council. We should be demanding additional revenues and additional ways of raising our own revenues from those two levels of government in a similar way.

We should go to the province and say we want control. We want planning control and we want to ensure that future development in the City of Winnipeg meets the priorities of all citizens of Winnipeg and if that means expanding our boundaries to include more citizens, Ed Schreyer showed some leadership, Ed Schreyer showed some vision, Ed Schreyer made it more democratic, let us challenge the current Premier of Manitoba to start to live up to some of the legacies that his predecessor created. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker Thank you. Any other debate on the clause? Mayor Katz closing.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief because I do believe that almost all the speakers addressed the important points and I don't believe I could have done a better summation than was done by the previous speakers.

The key thing is as everyone knows is that the capital region is not the enemy, they're our neighbour. We have to work together. As a result of waiting and nothing happening, we decided to show some leadership and we worked out something that I think can be very beneficial for the city and the capital region.

As has already been stated here, although there appears to be concerns about what might take place there, that it certainly has been pointed out that development is taking place there. A great deal of development and right now we have no say whatsoever. If we're able to have this working relationship, not only will we be providing services and bringing revenue to the City of Winnipeg, much needed revenue, but most importantly we will have a say on how development takes place and that's what this is all about because right now, Mr. speaker, we have none and we know that cannot continue.

Mr. Speaker I certainly hope everyone will support this motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of the clause, opposed? Clause is carried. We now go to the additional report of Executive Policy Committee dated June 28th which was distributed earlier this morning, just refer to it please. It's hard copy on your desks, Mayor Katz.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 28, 2006**

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I would like to move that the rules be suspended so that we can deal with clause 1 of the June 28th E.P.C. report.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? That's carried. Clause one is contribution for Canadian Human Rights Museum, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, I'm sorry. Mayor Katz did you wish to open debate on this.

Item 1 - Contribution for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights File PR-9.8

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I believe that everybody on the floor of Council is very much aware of this issue. I believe that at one point or another we've all talked about how important this is for all of Canada, not just for Winnipeg and we know the hard work that's been taking place to date.

Most of you know that this was announced almost three years ago and for reasons that I can't explain, although many people thought some Councillors and some of the media that a council resolution had taken place. I think we all know today it has not and in order for the Museum of Human Rights to basically come to fruition, we need to pass the council resolution.

We know that it's tied into their other funding. I want to make it very clear that we did approve a 200,000 dollar expenditure which will be applied toward this and that no other monies will go forward until this whole plan is brought to fruition and all the funding is there.

But it appears that the Human Rights Museum is very close to achieving their goal. They have done a phenomenal job of raising monies in the private sector. There is no secret that they are still working on the operation costs which I hope they will have finalized in the very near future. But this is a great project for Canada; it's a wonderful project for the City of Winnipeg. Gail Asper and the entire Asper family and many other people have worked very hard for this project. I certainly hope this will get support here today on the floor of Council Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Benham on the clause please.

Councillor Benham: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion and I support all of the comments made by the Mayor. This is an important subject to me. I was fortunate in my previous career to be part of the planning for the news conference at which this announcement was made. Israel Asper still alive then was part of the planning for that as was Gail Asper who's with us today and I have to say Mr. Speaker that it was a wonderful opportunity to hear the words directly from the late Izzy Asper and to be inspired by his vision.

He had a clear vision of what should happen for the City of Winnipeg that this should be a world class museum, it should be a federal museum. That is part of the federal museum chain, that there was nothing wrong or in fact there was something very good about establishing a new national institution in Winnipeg.

He argued clearly that the Forks is the very best place in Canada for a Museum for Human Rights, that it has been a meeting place and a place that brought together early settlers with the first nations people who already lived here, for the sake of peaceful trade and communications. It wasn't always a perfect relationship and that will be explored in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights but it was a good start.

That's the place, that was the meeting place and that's where it should be. Not only that but izzy Asper was prepared to think big and dream big as Gail has said. Mr. Asper talked about a world class piece of architecture, something that would, as soon as you saw it you would know that's Winnipeg in the same way that the Concert Hall in Sydney, speaks Sydney and the Eiffel Tower in Paris of course is an icon for Paris and for France.

His was a grand vision, Mr. Speaker but not unreachable, not at all. It's a grand vision that I believe all of us support. I support it strongly. The Mayor will recall that at one of the first question periods after we were elected I asked him about what he was doing to go out there and support the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and very much to his credit Mr. Speaker I will say that at the following meeting when I asked him the same question again he was able to say that he had met with the federal minister. That he had pressed the case and that he was doing everything he could to support the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

I was happy to hear that at the time Mr. Speaker and I'm very happy to see him introducing this motion of support for commitments that were made by a previous administration but which he is obviously committed to as well.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to one day walking into a Canadian Museum for Human Rights located at the Forks, part of a national museum system with a national museum located in Winnipeg, a museum that will tell all the stories of all Canadians and indeed of people from all over the world that will talk about the good things that have happened in the human rights field, but won't cover up the bad things even when they were done by Canadians. That will be a truly educational experience for all the people who go through there, especially students from across Canada who will be coming here under special program to ensure that they do.

I think it will be a life changing experience for everyone who goes through that experience and has an opportunity to be at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and for that reason I'm very happy to support this clause and I hope to see

and I'm sure that the museum with this kind of momentum will be completed and we will see Izzy Asper's vision supported so agley by Gail Asper and by as the Mayor has said by thousands and thousands of other Canadians across the country, it will indeed be a proud moment for all Winnipeggers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Lazarenko.

Councillor Lazarenko: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was very glad to appear before the Executive Policy Committee this morning to hear Gail Asper and her request for what we have before us today.

Human rights do not grow on trees, Mr. Speaker; rights are work by peoples such as what we have before us today. When you have the question of the rights that have been exploited by individual countries such as what happened in Ukraine, back in 1932/1933, ten million Ukrainians had perished through a man made famine, eight million in Ukraine about two million were sent to Siberia never to be seen again.

The same thing what happened with the holocaust, of the number of Jews that were perished by the movements of the right wing Imperites of Germany. This in itself Mr. Speaker when you have a human rights commission it is not only to say but it's to remember and never forget as what can happen if you lose your rights and if dictators come along and take those rights away from you, you really don't have anything, as what has happened in the past and history has a habit of repeating itself.

The, in my talk to, when I talk to a representative from the Human Rights Commission proponents they had said that this in itself is a commitment that the city has done in the past and we were here to make sure that it is carried out. I welcome and I thank the Asper family for what they've done. I remember when I met with the late Izzy Asper shortly before his untimely death when he was talking about issues, not only about, but to make citizens of Winnipeg a better place to live such as stabilization that he had talked about that we should have a two other levels of government participate to help out people that are living at the (in audible) ration of riverbank properties.

But his untimely death, that had died with him and, but we proceed to go on and to make sure we follow the footsteps of leaders that have passed on since the time when they started doing things that they felt was needed to provide a better community, a better country.

Mr. Speaker, when you hear the problems that are happening in other parts of the world. I've been to Europe a few times now and I've seen the problems that exist in some of the countries that have said they have democracy back in place now. Democracy, to return back such as Ukraine will take at least 10, 20 years or move, maybe even 40 years because under communism for the past 85 years they have been indoctrinated into one thing, dictatorship, in which they're even too scared to speak out about their own rights. They're too scared to speak up about government because they still feel that they'll be punished to the point of non-existence, that some of them were taken away never to be heard of again.

And what is happening right now in the Middle East that in itself has to get you to think how many of us would be able to live in a City of Winnipeg to know that once sooner or later something going to happen where children will die, older people will die because some radical group, some terrorist may be out there to try and destroy what you have because they have one, one program in mind and that is their belief and going the direction they go where there is in some cases no rights for anyone who lives in a country that's run by dictators who don't seem to understand except their own greed.

Mr. Speaker, I've gone through this and I've been raising the issue about the commitment, the participation of the other levels of government. You have the Government of Canada, they contribute, but they take in the GST, they take in the personal taxes and all taxes that fall within their mandate, within their authority. The province of Manitoba will

be giving 20 million and the City of Winnipeg is asked to give 20 million. The private sector for 171 million but I just want to speak briefly about the Manitoba Government and the City of Winnipeg.

The Manitoba government, the 20 million dollars that they will be allocating here, they'll get it back in five to six years and that in itself has been said by the Premier of Manitoba, that when they were contributing their share to the True North, they said, the Premier said we'll get it back in five years because with the taxation powers that they have, every ounce of concrete that'll go into this particular building, there is a certain amount that will be going into the coffers of the province such as their taxation powers.

They also have the 7% G.S.T. and P.S.T. Well of course the feds now are saying it'll be dropped by 1% but the provincial government still has the 7% P.S.T. Everything that is being purchased they get the money. The city does not have the privileges. We don't have no other source of revenue except the two sources of revenue we have is the, the taxpayers of the City of Winnipeg, such as the business, you know the business taxes and also the taxes they pay on commercial properties.

The City of Winnipeg Mr. Chairman of, to give an example, a person who pays their personal income tax, and I've said this so many years now I've been trying to send a message across to say where is the fairness, why is that we have to cost share equally dollar for dollar like we did with the losses paid to the Winnipeg Jets, dollar for dollar. We loss 59 million dollars in that deal, 50 million dollars was gained by the provincial government when they went partners with us on the paying the losses to the Jets and we lost 15 million dollars because of the powers of the taxation system they have in place.

What happens here for every person who's paying the income tax, fifty dollars is paid out of that person's income tax, thirty dollars goes to the federal government, twenty dollars goes to the province and the City of Winnipeg gets forty four cents. Now these are the numbers that I'm using that the former treasurer at the City of Winnipeg (in audible) that provided that information for me about eight years ago or more and I've always said you know where is the fairness that we have to match them dollar for a dollar. Sure they'll never; they will always go in on any project such as this because they get their money back.

The question that has to be addressed and asked now is why are we going with equal expense shares when we get the lowest scale of revenue from any monies that we have allocate, or we will allocate to any project. When you have this formula that is being used and the provincial government will not say anything because I said in the chambers many years back with those who are in the legislative assembly, now those who went to the legislative assembly, those who went to the federal politics, all had said here the same thing, let's get our share from the provincial government. Former Premier, Gary Filmon sat in these chambers, Councillor O'Shaughnessy was here at that time, he was the Chair of the Public Works and capped on and on, we have to get out to the province, the provincial government, to get our share of funding.

Once they went to that direction into the legislative assembly, all of a sudden the tide changed and nothing has happened. So I think what we have to do, also I expect to get the leadership from the Mayor and Executive Policy Committee is to hold table talks with the province and say look we want our share.

The city of Winnipeg has more than two thirds of the population of the province of Manitoba. We don't get anything for the huge trucks, semi-trailers that rip down Portage Avenue, down McPhillips, down Main Street and what happens, we have to keep resurfacing those major thoroughfares at least once every five to six years because of the damage that has been caused by those heavy vehicles.

We get nothing, we can't even get one little penny from, you know, from that, you know type of service that's being provided

and we provide, Mr. Speaker, we provide them with everything, snow clearing, we pay for it. When we have to fix bridges, we pay for it. When we have to upgrade the roads, we pay for it.

There's nothing coming from the province because they sit idol and they know we don't have anyone in these chambers that will go and say look we're not proceeding with this project until you give us some equality to say we want our rights to say that we have more than two thirds of the population of the province of Manitoba how much revenue are they taking in out of 8 billion dollars a year that the provincial government takes in revenue, we get about 1.2% and not even that. And I asked that if by the Mayor or the chief administrator called for a seminar we had, on the interest of priorities. And I asked the question and our administration will be getting that report. I have asked for the actual figures.

Now that is not fair, Mr. Speaker and I endorse what they're doing here today with this clause that is before us here today and I welcome, people that are contributing their time, they volunteer to make this place a better place to live, such as the Human Rights Museum that will be put into place starting next year and I welcome that because we would be put on the world map to say that we have leaders, not only with politicians but we have leaders mainly, mostly who are the citizens that are provided to proceed and go into the direction to say that the world can be a better place to live, that human rights do not grow on trees. You have to work for them, people have died for those rights that we have now and lest we never forget as those who contributed their lives for what we have here today and we will continue to have.

Mr. Speaker: Any other debate on the clause? Mayor Katz closing.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe it was the musical 'Man of La Manche' where they used the title song 'to dream the impossible dream' Mr. Speaker. I believe Izzy Asper dreamed the impossible dream. I don't believe there is another individual in this city or in this province whoever thought that this would become a reality in our city. As we all know most people think it should be out east somewhere in the province of Ontario, more than likely Toronto.

The facts of life is that Izzy had this dream. Gail in the Asper family, have done everything they can to fulfil it. I know it's been a lot of hard work. I know there have been many obstacles. I know there will be a few more but I also know they're very close to making this a reality and I believe that everybody in this chamber can hardly wait for that day to happen. And this could be one of the most wonderful things that ever happen to our city and I'm quite confident this will be supported by Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much. All in favour of the clause, opposed? Clause is carried. Thank you. We have two notices of motion, number 3 and motion number 4 which will on the agenda for the July meeting. One under Executive Committee, the other under Public Works.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Benham
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi

WHEREAS Mr. Speaker Councillor Eadie issued a memorandum "To all Members of Council" on February 13, 2006, regarding election year regulations for the Councillors' Representation Allowance;

AND WHEREAS the regulations prevent City Councillors from spending public money under their control on their re-election campaigns;

AND WHEREAS the regulations apply to all Councillors whether or not they run as candidates;

AND WHEREAS the regulations do not apply to the Mayor, who is not governed by the CRA policy;

AND WHEREAS there are no other regulations or legislation that prevent the

Mayor spending public money under his control on his re-election campaign;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Council hereby authorizes the Senior Election Official for the City of Winnipeg to institute immediately the following measures:

a. During the campaign period for Mayor, May 1 to October 25, 2006, the Mayor must report to the Senior Election Official all expenditures made by him, all staff of the Mayor's Office and all staff of the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat from any and all City accounts under their direction;

b. During the campaign period for Mayor, May 1 to October 25, 2006, the Chief Administrative Officer must report to the Senior Election Official all expenditures made by the CAO Secretariat or any other branch of the public service at the request of the Mayor, his office staff, or the staff of the EPC Secretariat, or any other spending which she deems to be in potential conflict with the spirit of this resolution;

c. The Senior Election Official or his designate will examine all such expenditures to determine if they are campaign expenditures, using the same criteria as being applied to the Constituency Representation Allowance for all City Councillors;

d. The Senior Election Official will disallow any spending that does not meet the criteria and ensure that the public purse is reimbursed for the Mayor's campaign expenses.

Moved by Councillor Smith
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi

WHEREAS the Autobin collection system has been haphazard during the past year with the contractor and the Water and Waste Department monitoring the level of garbage in the bins before making the decision to empty them;

AND WHEREAS overflowing Autobins create unsanitary conditions in back lanes and are thus a health problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Autobin pickup be serviced every 7 calendar days.

Mr. Speaker: By-laws Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'll move that the following By-laws be read a first time, By-laws No. 161/2006, 179/2006 and 181/2006.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 161/2006, 179/2006 and 181/2006.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'll move that By-laws No. 161/2006, 179/2006 and 181/2006 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 161/2006, 179/2006 and 181/2006.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 161/2006, 179/2006 and 181/2006 be read a third time, and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried. Questions? Councillor Gerbasi, go ahead.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the City Summit a major issue emerged that, which was the need for revitalization of the downtown. That seemed to be a huge emphasis, particularly the emphasis on housing in the downtown and the need for affordable housing as well. And at E.P.C. last week a motion was walked on directing the

administration to eliminate the 250,000 dollar operating grant for Centre Venture and my question to the Mayor is this, will the Mayor consider taking that 250,000 dollars and redirecting it to a new tool incentive or program for Centre Venture to use to focus on increasing housing options in the downtown.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I thank Councillor Gerbasi for that question. I think first of all just to shed some light on it, the last 5 year mandate that Centre Venture had, it was stated in their mandate that they wanted to be self sufficient and would no longer need this funding so that was stated in their mandate very clearly and they also said they could continue to do what they do without these monies. That's number one. Number two, part of the problem that exists right now is that we are basically running out of land for Centre Venture to do what they've been doing and some of it very, very successfully. I do concur that there is a need and an initiative that should come forward regarding more housing in our downtown. I may have to speak to Councillor Gerbasi to define what her definition of downtown is because everybody has a different definition of downtown, but I can assure Councillor Gerbasi that there are many options at this stage of the game that are being discussed about more housing in the downtown and also some initiatives that could motivate more housing as well.

Mr. Speaker: Supplementary Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Will the Mayor knowing that Centre Venture's mandate is up in November; will the Mayor confirm that the intention is to renew the mandate for a three year term of Centre Venture.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: I can only assume that question Mr. Speaker, that Councillor Gerbasi obviously is not aware of the fact that that is exactly what I thought took place at Executive Policy Committee and if I'm wrong I would gladly be corrected but I think that already has already taken place Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Final supplementary Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much for those answers, Mayor Katz. This is the last question on a different issue. There still is been no decision on Executive Policy Committee on the Poverty Action Committee and I'm just wondering since we're not waiting for an administrative report on this, we're really laying it over for some kind of a political decision as to whether or not E.P.C. wishes to proceed with setting up a poverty action committee to develop a municipal strategy on the poverty issue. Will the Mayor please enlighten the rest of Council as to why that this is being laid over repeatingly and why we haven't heard a decision on this.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker through you to Councillor Gerbasi. Number one, this matter is not being laid over for a political decision. I've already stated on the record that although there may be some who believe that poverty is something that should be addressed by another level of government, that I believe the City of Winnipeg has a role to play, I continue to believe that and what we are hoping to do in the very near future and I can assure Councillor Gerbasi that this will not take very long, we hope that something will come forward, hopefully for our next Council meeting, that we are able to come up with a long term solution that addresses the real issues, okay, that no one is playing politics and we're actually trying to solve a real problem and that we can find a proper mechanism to address and to solve a very real problem.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Benham.

Councillor Benham: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker at May's Council meeting the Mayor acknowledged that he has used taxpayer's money to pay for a poll. He said he didn't know what was asked in the poll but we know from people who were asked, that the pole asked

voters whether or not they supported his policies. In view of the fact that representatives of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation say governments should release polls done with public money, will the Mayor release the complete results of this poll including questions, answers, sample size, who did it and the cost today.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker through you to Councillor Benham. I thank him for the question. Mr. Speaker, in my role as Mayor, it's very important that you consult with the public, you ask for advice, you ask for feedback. It's called research and that is what we do and that's what has been done previously and we will continue to do that Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Supplementary Councillor Benham.

Councillor Benham: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I do know what a poll is; the question is whether he will release the results today. Does the Mayor intend to continue using taxpayer's money to fund poling for his re-election campaign.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker that last question I am happy to answer. Although I find it totally inaccurate but I'm not surprised or shocked. Number one is that there is no public money being used on my campaign. Number two, I wish some other Councillors would be concerned about how they use the public's money and number three, as I've said before, alright, I am the Mayor until the next election. I will continue to work for the public. I will continue to solve problems and I will continue to make this city the best it possibly can be. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Final Supplementary.

Councillor Benham: Thanks Mr. Speaker, I note the Mayor hasn't answered either question. I will ask the third, will he extend that polling at taxpayer's expense to include a beneficial poll to the candidates running on his slate in River Heights, Fort Garry, St. James, Brooklands and North Kildonan.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker since I do not have a slate I obviously cannot do that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Any other questions? If not we'll move on. Councillor Magnifico you had a point of order?

Councillor Magnifico: Yes if I could Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to at this point, I think I speak for all of us, congratulate the Mayor for completing 26 arduous miles and raising over 80,000 dollars for some fabulous charities. It's amazing. I didn't think he could do it Mayor Katz, but you surprised me and I think it took about as long as it took us to golf that day, four and a half hours and congratulations I think from all of us.

Mr. Speaker: Duly noted, it was out of order but duly noted. Congratulations to the Mayor. Standing Policy Committee on Fiscal Issues, no report, are there any questions? Moving on, Committee on Downtown Development, Councillor Magnifico.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED JUNE 5, 2006

Councillor Magnifico: Mr. Speaker I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda items 1 and 2.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? That's carried. Are there any questions for Downtown Development? Hearing none we move on to the report of the Property and Development Committee for June the 2nd, Councillor De Smedt, June 6th I'm sorry.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED JUNE 6, 2006

Councillor De Smedt: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to move the report of the committee and Items 1 to 22 as consent.

Mr. Speaker: Sorry, did you have a clause?

Councillor Gerbasi: Clause 5 I would just like to be recorded in opposition.

Mr. Speaker: Very good. Councillor De Smedt has moved the report of June 6 all of the clauses be adopted by consent with that one notation, all in favour, opposed? That is carried. By-laws, Councillor De Smedt.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor De Smedt: I would like to move a first time By-laws No. 159/2006, 160/2006, 162/2006, 163/2006, 164/2006, 165/2006, 166/2006, 167/2006, 168/2006, 169/2006, 170/2006, 171/2006, 172/2006, 173/2006, 174/2006, 175/2006, 176/2006, 177/2006 and 180/2006 be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? That's carried.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 159/2006, 160/2006, 162/2006, 163/2006, 164/2006, 165/2006, 166/2006, 167/2006, 168/2006, 169/2006, 170/2006, 171/2006, 172/2006, 173/2006, 174/2006, 175/2006, 176/2006, 177/2006 and 180/2006.

Mr. Speaker: And for the clerk to note that Councillor Wyatt has recorded his opposition to By-law No. 170/2006 and that be recorded all the way through. The second reading Councillor De Smedt please.

Councillor De Smedt: I would move that Bylaws No. 159/2006 and 160/2006, 162/2006 to 177/2006 both inclusive and 180/2006 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 159/2006 and 160/2006 and 162/2006 to 177/2006 both inclusive and 180/2006.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor De Smedt.

Councillor De Smedt: I would move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 159/2006 and 160/2006, 162/2006 to 177/2006 both inclusive and 180/2006 be read a third time and that the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried. Any questions for Property and Development? Councillor Wyatt.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The programs that are being worked on right now with regards to housing, just wanted to get a status on where the reports are at and how soon we would be seeing something come forward with regards to the infill housing program, the multi-family housing program that's being considered. I realize the multi-family was, we were looking at May and I understand that this was a provision, that's fine, but how soon can we see this come forward as the construction season is on right now.

Councillor De Smedt: I have a question Mr. Speaker. I would like to indicate to the Councillor and the other Members of Council that I would take his question and have the administration, ask them to reply to all Members of Council.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Supplementary Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you. Also, just to give us an update on the status of the secondary plan negotiations with

regards to Waverley West and exactly the provincial role with the costing of infrastructure. How is that going?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor De Smedt.

Councillor De Smedt: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. It's going carefully. I can't give you a specific answer at this moment in time. As you know the Intergovernmental Affairs is handled by the Mayor, but I certainly can indicate that we are engaged and hopefully there will be some resolution in the very near future. But it's an important matter to the city and to the province and HRC and so I'm hopeful and to the private sector and I'm hopeful that there will be some resolution in the near term, certainly before Council prorogues for the election.

Mr. Speaker: Final supplementary.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. The other day the Chair was good enough to show me a document which indicated that the status of our housing starts now in the City of Winnipeg and I'm wondering if he'd be able to share that with all Members of Council as it was quite an interesting document, it showed northeast Winnipeg now has 11 years of housing starts available to go forth for the future and the work being done by the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee has been part of that. So, I'm wondering if you could, would you say so yourself, yes, but it was a very positive document so I'm hoping, I realize the Chair has many things but if he could share that it would be wonderful.

Councillor De Smedt: Mr. Speaker, I think what Councillor Wyatt is indicating is the housing lot availability analysis that the department has noted from the industry and has updated. I will commit to the Councillor to have that information from the administration shared with all Members of Council. It is an interesting document, I think if I recall in the northeast, there is roughly 11 year supply but in the southeast its more like about 1 to 2 to 3 years, just depends on the assumptions that you would make and so it is important to make that relationship to Waverley West and how this evolution will take place. We need to; you know have reconsolidation on this thing. But I'll have the administration provide a copy of that analysis, its very simplistic chart form that just gives a rough estimate of the lot available in various sectors of the city. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Any other questions? No, we move onto the Committee of Protection and Community Services, Councillor Steeves the report of April 10th is not before us so we move to the report of June the 12th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED JUNE 12, 2006

Councillor Steeves: Thank you Mr. Speaker regarding the report of June 12, 2006, I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 to 3.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? That's carried. Any questions for Protection and Community Services Councillor Gerbasi.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My question has to do with the current round of mosquito fogging that has just occurred in the city. Fogging occurred basically the instant we have 3 days in a row where the average trap counts were over 25. This is the minimum requirement for the province under our licence in which fogging can possibly occur. I looked at the numbers provided by the administration that on June 22 and June 25, the average in each quadrant of the city was well under 25, yet the fogging program continued through those days. It is my understanding that the new idea, the idea of our new mosquito policy was to use fogging as a last resort. And, so my question to the Chair of the committee is why is it that the city is fogging with malathion at the earliest possible time

allowed under the provincial licence rather than as in the past waiting until numbers were high enough to actually be a significant nuisance throughout the city and how do you describe this as a last resort.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: I guess, it's always a difficult matter every single year. It's difficult to respond to Councillor Gerbasi's comments directly on any given day because as everyone can appreciate the numbers are up and down. They're constantly moving up and down and Councillor Gerbasi has made reference to some numbers that occur at a certain period of time. We had some email exchanges and I thank Councillor Gerbasi for that. On, with administration on this and administration has come back stating some quadrant numbers which were in the hundreds, above 100. Some are between 200, and Councillor Gerbasi took issue with those numbers and said there was a period of time where it was lower. I mean the fact is, I guess we've given the policy to our administration. They're working with numerous traps throughout the city and they're making the determination to the best of their ability Mr. Speaker on an ongoing basis. I did note this week that our administration sent out a directive that the threat had gone down from high down into a medium, I believe, so the cessation of the program happened. Now I suppose we could argue or discuss or debate for a very, very long time as to whether or not we should be fogging after 25 or we should be moving, waiting until after 100 but the bottom line is the minimum policy is what the minimum of the policy is. So it's one of those issues, Mr. Speaker, where I would respectfully suggest that we should be talking today only about whether or not we're going to change the black letter of the policy. And then we should be allowing our administration to, I guess, enforce or administer the policy to the best of their ability. I understand what Councillor Gerbasi is saying but when you get into issues of a last resort, quote unquote, that's impossible to define. I mean we don't know how to define a last resort. Obviously we know what our administration is trying to do. They're trying to work hard at the front end on the larviciding piece which most people accept as being more By-law user friendly, I know Councillor Gerbasi supports the land (in audible) which I know Councillor Gerbasi supports and all those sort of things. The truth is we put in a lot of funding into those areas to try and do that, so, I mean, what I'd like to see in terms of debate on this is if we don't agree with the number 25, what new number should we plug into it? If I was an administrator, I bet you that's what I'd want to see, I'd want to see a different number, so I know Councillor Gerbasi has no opportunity for preamble so perhaps it's not fair in this venue, but if you want to change the black letter of the policy and put in a new number, what should the new number be.

Mr. Speaker: Do you have a supplementary Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Yes, I do and unfortunately I don't have time for a preamble. But I'm wondering that since fogging unlike larviciding does not prevent any mosquitoes from hatching how it can be termed and just how it was described when this fogging program was announced as proactive to fog before the number of mosquitoes you know get too high, how is that respecting the clear intent of the policy as discussed at our Standing Committee to use fogging as a method of last resort as it's not proactive or preventative.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: The difficulty is it's a matter of opinion Mr. Speaker. We can debate and Councillor Gerbasi had asked for this information from administration which administration responded to and it's a very long email sort of outlining the thought process that went into the decision. I will undertake to send this to the entirety of Council so they'll have that information, so I think it's pretty much impossible Mr. Speaker in this venue to get to a debate as to what constitutes or does not constitute a quote unquote last resort. I mean there are probably as many definitions of last resort as there is Councillors and Mayors around this table

this morning. Last year you'll recall we waited I think it would probably be fair to say, until the numbers were significantly higher. That's what we did last year and it was pretty, pretty tense around the city to a large degree. My personal opinion, this is only my personal opinion, I've always said with respect to the adulticiding of mosquitoes in the City of Winnipeg, I think our best tact on this is to kind of adhere to the informal contract, I think that has developed over the course of several years here in the city of Winnipeg in that, by and large, this community that we represent, I'm not exclusively, but by and large this community and the Councillors around this table will support proactive and more biologically friendly and more environmentally sustainable, perhaps, and more, I guess, expensive upfront measures on the understanding that we will leave the arrow of malathion adulticiding in our quiver of measures to deal. And if this is the decision that administration has made this year I will send this information to the Councillors if it pleases. But that they're doing the best they can in terms of the interpretation of the policy and it's inexact. So again, I mean, unless there are actual black letter changes to the writing of the policy, unless we want to change the number, we're always going to be running into this because it doesn't matter where the level is. I assume we could always get into an argument over what constitutes the last resort. It would just never satisfy everybody.

Mr. Speaker: Final supplementary Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you and just for the information of Council I've emailed you some additional information that I just assumed the administration would have copied to Councillor Steeves which shows the numbers more like under 25 on two particular days so I don't think we're working from the same information but we don't have time to have that debate right now. Will Councillor Steeves, considering that the intent of the policy as understood by three members of the Standing Committee is not being followed, would Councillor Steeves endeavour to have this discussion at our next committee in which we can look at how we can actually carry out, what number or what approach would be appropriate to actually carry out the intent of the policy so that fogging is done as a last resort and not at the first available opportunity that someone sees a mosquito.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: To give a tad of information on numbers because I imagine people would like that, I'll read a brief piece of what administration sent and this is in or about the time we were discussing this. The reasons follows, on June 20th we saw these mosquitoes begin to diffuse out into the residential neighbourhoods throughout the city referring to previous parts of the email. The 3 consecutive nights over 25 which meet provincial pesticide permit requirements including the following, June 19th the city wide average trap count was 26, June 20th the city wide average reads 196, June 21 the city wide average was 88. On June 20 all four quadrants exceeded 100, northwest 215, northeast 129, southeast 197, southwest 202. So those are the numbers that we were working with at the time Mr. Speaker and again, I completely acknowledge that these numbers are up and down and of course Councillor Gerbasi would acknowledge that our administration reacted and then lessened the reaction this throughout the course of the week. In answer to her specific question as to whether or not we can discuss it at committee the answer is, yes, we certainly can.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Speaker, in the Councillor seminar with regards to mosquito fogging I asked the question of the administration and their response was not that clear but I'm wondering if the Chair can look into it again. The city of Grand Forks in North Dakota when they conduct their fogging they actually do their fogging combined with aerial as well as they actually conduct fogging with regards to the time of the day rather than in the middle of the night. They start fogging at dusk and early

dawn when the mosquitoes are more active and they find that it's most effective with regards to the money they're spending and the resources, they get the biggest bang for their buck in resources they're using. Is this something that you'd be prepared to explore further and maybe even look at what the city of Grand Forks is doing?

Councillor Steeves: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will.

Mr. Speaker: Do you have a supplementary Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, one year ago I spoke to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on the issue of positive ticketing, an idea that came forward from the F.C.M. conference of last year, and this year F.C.M., F.C.M. Toronto is now implemented the same program implemented by Richmond. I'm wondering what's the status of that initiative as presented by myself to the committee one year ago.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: I'll endeavour to find out. I don't have an immediate answer for that, I'll find out for you Councillor Wyatt.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Final supplementary.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, final supplementary, could you give us an update on the status of Comstat and the work going on with the initiative announced by the Mayor.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: We've been having some discussions with respect to policing in general and the issue of, it's not strictly speaking on Comstat but the issue of, just for people's edification and reminder, Councillor Wyatt when he is talks about Comstat he's referring to among other things, what former Mayor Giuliani made reference to when he came to speak at the City of Winnipeg Summit, that the idea was, I guess as best that I can interpret it right now, the idea of tracking specifically with numbers in certain areas, different areas in the city, the amount of crime that's occurring, how that crime is being dealt with and sort of gauging how funds are being expended, how people are being utilized and how well it's working. We have started those discussions with Chief Ewatski, we've had I guess a couple of meetings and we've been trying to plan ongoing the police department, I don't know that we have anything imminent to announce, but suffice it to say I hope that the issues are being looked at right now and we're hoping that as part of our ongoing business plan for the Police Department that we are going to include something in the vein of that. I'm not an expert on Comstat or any other programs. I'm learning I guess like everybody else. I don't know if the New York model would work here or not. But we are considering that issue, we are working on it and we do hope that we will have something in that vein represented here in Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Yes. Councillor Steeves, in my ward, I'm getting phone calls regarding mosquitoes, people have not seen a mosquito. I have not personally seen a mosquito, what do I tell, you sound like an accountant when you talk about these figures. What do I tell people when there's no mosquitoes and we're fogging?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: Here's what you do. You pick up the phone and you say the three consecutive nights over 25 which meet provincial pesticide permit requirements included the following; June 19th the city wide average trap count was 26, June 20 the city wide average reached 196, June 21, the city wide average was 88. On June 20th all 4 quadrants exceeded 100, northwest 215, northeast 129, southeast 197, southwest 202. I don't know where these folks particularly live. I would remind them how blessed they are not to be bothered by any of these mosquitoes and if they're not, I guess if they're not seeing the mosquitoes right now then that's wonderful maybe it's an example of

certain programs working in certain areas, but you have to remember, this is a difficult program and when I talk about the numbers and I sound like an accountant, the reason is we're trying to do it on the basis of something that's accountable. So, that's the idea, so I guess hence the reason I sound like an accountant, Mr. speaker, is because, and this underlies the entire difficulty in the area of mosquito spraying and we all talk about the idea that we don't want to get into numbers or have a general policy but it does always seem to boil down to numbers for a lot of people in our community. So, I don't know that I have any better answer than that. Granted, the mosquito problem doesn't seem as bad as it was last year but who knows what the future holds.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Time has expired for questions. I'm just going to seek your advice Councillors. We have one committee report left, agree the speaker not see the clock and we'll complete the agenda. Okay, I won't see the clock. Report of the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee of June 13th, Councillor Clement.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED JUNE 13, 2006

Councillor Clement: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move the agenda of the meeting of June 13, 2006 and I will move clauses 1 and 2 as consent agenda items.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? That's carried. By-laws, Councillor clement.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Clement: I would like to move By-laws No. 158/2006 and 178/2006 be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour, opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 158/2006 and 178/2006.

Councillor Clement: I would move that Bylaws No. 158/2006 and 178/2006 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 158/2006 and 178/2006.

Councillor Clement: I would move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 158/2006 and 178/2006 be read a third time and that the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour. Opposed? Carried. Any questions for Public Works?

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Speaker, back in April the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee moved a motion with regards to the monies earmarked, the 200,000 dollars earmarked for graffiti removal that was placed in the budget with E.P.C. and Mayor support. That was then forwarded onto Public Works in May requesting a report back with regards to the funding and getting that money out into the communities and not for profit groups as quickly as possible. The idea was that it was to try to get money to maximize the not for profit group's work. It's been a fairly nice spring and summer so far and the graffiti has been extremely abundant in certain parts of the city. And those groups have been trying to keep up with the work but definitely looking forward to the status of that report and ideally like to see the money flow this year and this summer, rather than wait any longer. Could you give us an update on where that report is at and exactly what it's looking like right now and where it's at? How soon is it going to be coming back? Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: Yes, I don't know the current status of that report but I will ask the Director for the status and have it forwarded. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker: Okay, supplementary.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, if it could be forwarded to all Members of Council I'd appreciate it and also a lot of the presenters and stake holders who attended the Public Works meeting in May; it would be useful because they're wondering the status of that.

Mr. Speaker: Okay, that's it? Any other questions? Councillor Clement moves adjournment.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His worship Mayor Katz, Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Lazarenko, Benham, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Smith, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker Councillor Eadie.

Mr. Speaker: Council is adjourned.

Council Adjourned at 11:59 A.M.