COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, February 20, 2008

The Council met at 9:32 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 Leipsic.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Mr. Deputy Speaker Councillor Pagtakhan, His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Gerbasi, Leipsic, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Smith, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas, Vandal, Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Joining us today, we have a very able and competent Page residing in the Elmwood-East Kildonan ward, of Miles MacDonnell Collegiate, Miss Simone Jaman. (Applause).

I'd like to recognize for the Welcoming of Guests and Announcements we have Councillor Vandal, who is wearing his sash today, he's got an announcement for all of us.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker it is that time of the year again, although we are eagerly awaiting the Festival du Voyageur thaw which I hope is around the corner. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite everybody in the chamber, politicians, non-politicians, people in TV land to attend western Canada's largest winter festival, Festival du Voyageur in St. Boniface. There is fiddling, there's jigging, there's all sorts of world music, and it's an excellent activity and I invite everyone to come out and enjoy the Festival du Voyageur. Merci beaucoup.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. I would also like to recognize Councillor Steeves who has an announcement.

Councillor Steeves: This is a very important one Mr. Speaker. This weekend marks the auspicious return of the City Hall hockey team. Under the direction of coach Councillor Swandel, myself, Councillor Fielding, Councillor Nordman, Marc Pittet from the Clerk's office and I think Jeannine Stotski from the Mayor's office are going to be, we're going to be icing a team in the Canada Pond Hockey Championships at the Forks this weekend as sort of, to get that Festival rolling. So I would invite everybody. We'll send out the schedule. It might be tough to get seats to be honest with you, but we will be out there giving our all. And our name is The Kids from the Hall and we expect to win this tournament Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well done. All the best to you Councillor. Okay thank you very much. Councillor Nordman has an announcement.

Councillor Nordman: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to rise today and offer my congratulations and the congratulations of this esteemed chamber to the Kerry Burtnyk rink who won the Manitoba Men's Curling Championship this past weekend in Brandon. They're from the great club of Assiniboine Memorial and the great ward of St. Charles and we're looking forward to their great participation in the Brier to be held here in about three weeks. So good luck to the Burtnyk rink at the Brier.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Good luck to all. Thank you very much Councillors. I'd like to recognize Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Good morning. It is my pleasure to rise this morning to recognize our City's people for receiving the Project Management Institute's Award yesterday for Project of the Year on the Northeast Pioneers Greenway. It's a pleasure that they were able to do that project under budget and in a shorter period of time than was budgeted. So I would just like to pass along my congratulations this is morning. (Applause).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Are there any other announcements this morning before we

move to the next item? Okay thank you very much Councillors.

MOTIONS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Before we all stand for a moment of silence, I'll ask the clerk to read a Condolence Motion and a brief biography of the late Councillor Henry Kozlowski.

Motion
Moved by Councillor Thomas
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi

That Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Henry Kozlowski, which occurred on February 5, 2008.

Mr. Kozlowski served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Jefferson Ward from 1975 to 1977.

This Council extends to his wife Hanna, children Barbara, Donna, Deborah, Michael, Linda and their families, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will all those members of Council and those in the public gallery please stand for a moment of silence.

Motion
Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

That Councillor Lazarenko be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to his absence from the City on City business.

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

MINUTES

Councillor Clement moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Speaker: Addendum Communication. Councillor Smith moves that the rule be suspended and the communication which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda be received as information.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Delegations, we have none. We're moving on to the Executive Policy Committee report of January 30th, 2008.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 30, 2008

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 4.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: His Worship Mayor Sam Katz introduces the report and moves adoption of Agenda Items 1 to 4. Sorry, Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Item 2.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Item 2 will be stood down. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 - Preliminary Opportunities Analysis on the Removal of the CPR North End Rail Yards File ST-6

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I would very much appreciate the opportunity to hear comments from Councillor Vandal and then I'll be happy to try and respond.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to rise to congratulate the Mayor and the Executive Committee for being very proactive, I believe, in the exploration of the opportunities on the removal of the CPR North End Rail Yards. I think this is something that should have been started years ago and actually I think if you check the record there will be Council motions that attempted to address this issue but I think this is the sort of idea that we need to bring forward to this Council.

I note that the Plan Winnipeg review should be occurring very soon, and I think this is the sort of idea that could be a part of the Plan Winnipeg review. I also note that the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement is concluding very soon, and this is also the sort of idea that could be discussed with the Provincial government, the Federal government, as one of those cornerstone ideas that is really the base of a tri-level government agreement. Because let's face it whatever work we start now, I dare say that nobody around this chamber is going to be around this chamber if this ever gets done. So we have to get going today on this.

And, it could be, it could be that after preliminary analysis we realize that the potential is limited or there is simply too much expenses to move forward on this but its incumbent on us to do our due diligence and I congratulate Executive Committee for being proactive and visionary on this.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker a very short comment. I thank Councillor Vandal for those comments. And when this was first brought to light, it was by a Member of Parliament, and, Pat Martin, a member of the N.D.P. I don't always agree with comments that Pat Martin makes, but in this particular instance (applause), but in this particular instance I thought the idea had some merit and it should be explored. And I can tell you that I took a great deal of criticism for saying that it should be, because it came from Pat Martin, a member of the N.D.P. Frankly speaking, I don't care where a good idea comes from or who it comes from, a good idea is a good idea.

By the same token I've also made it very clear that this project obviously is going to take a phenomenal amount of leadership from both the Federal and Provincial government as well as dollars and cents the City of Winnipeg cannot be leading. But I do agree with Councillor Vandal this is something that probably should have been looked into a long time ago, because the longer you wait, the more it costs. So we are proceeding hopefully in a positive direction and we will determine what happens in the near future. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. On the clause.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

The Executive Policy Committee of February 6th, 2008 there is no report. We move on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 13th, 2008, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Item 1.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On the report.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I would like to move that the rule be suspended and that the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February the 20th, 2008 be considered.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Item 1 - Memorandum of Agreement - Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 500 File GU-4.1.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On the clause, on the report

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Thank you very much.

Executive Policy Committee Consideration of By-laws, third reading only. Motions, sorry.

Mayor Katz: Motions first.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Clement
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works is scheduled to act as the Appeal Committee from February 1, 2008 to April 30, 2008;

AND WHEREAS an appeal has been received against Board of Adjustment Conditional Use Order DCU 161690 2007C, affecting 845 Shaftesbury Boulevard, and this appeal would normally be heard by the Appeal Committee in February 2008;

AND WHEREAS section 52(5) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 states that if a member of Council who sits on the appeal committee has made representations to the Board of Adjustment on an application which is before the appeal committee on appeal from the Board that member shall not be or remain in the appeal hearing room during the conduct of that appeal;

AND WHEREAS the appellant is a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and therefore in accordance with the Procedure By-law shall not be or remain in the appeal hearing room during the conduct of the appeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services act as the Appeal Committee to hear this appeal.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay on Motion No. 1. Councillor Clement do you wish…? All right, call for a vote on Motion No. 1.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Okay now we're moving on to Consideration of By-laws third reading only.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Katz: I'd like to move that By-law No. 149/2007 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Clerk.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I would move that the following By-laws be read a first time, By-laws No. 9/2008, 10/2008, 11/2008, 12/2008, 13/2008, 14/2008, 15/2008, 16/2008, 17/2008, 18/2008, 19/2008, 20/2008, 21/2008, 22/2008, 23/2008, 24/2008, 25/2008, 26/2008, 27/2008, 28/2008, 29/2008 and 30/2008.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 9/2008, 10/2008, 11/2008, 12/2008, 13/2008, 14/2008, 15/2008, 16/2008, 17/2008, 18/2008, 19/2008, 20/2008, 21/2008, 22/2008, 23/2008, 24/2008, 25/2008, 26/2008, 27/2008, 28/2008, 29/2008, and 30/2008.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I move that By-laws No. 9/2008 to 30/2008, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 9/2008 to 30/2008, both inclusive.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 9/2008 to 30/2008, both inclusive, be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Question Period. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. There was talk in the media this week about potential agreements with Capital Region communities to share City services and we know that providing services to outlaying communities will lead to more exurban development and a further exodus of taxpaying residents to the Capital Region communities.
Is this being factored in to any cost benefit analysis to determine if it makes financial sense to extend City services to the exurban areas? Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I appreciate Councillor Gerbasi asking that question. That is something that came up. And I think the first point is, in my opinion, Councillor Gerbasi's observation is incorrect.

When I came into office Mr. Speaker there was absolutely no relationship, no communication whatsoever between the Capital Region and the Mayor's office. Since then we have had meetings together. We have discussed problems. And I would like to believe that there are many Councillors here today who will remember that vote of 1998 on an 8 – 8 tie with what took place with Headingley.

And as a result of that vote Mr. Speaker, the Provincial government provided monies and guess what happened when we refused to provide services to Headingley? They built their own water and sewer and they grew. And they continue to grow to the extent that they thought they had a supply for another 10 years, they filled up that supply Mr. Speaker.

If you look around us right now Mr. Speaker in every Capital Region there is something going on that nobody on this floor of Council can do anything to prevent. It's called growth. It happens. We can't get in the way of growth. And the sad part of what happened in Headingley is we gave up the right to control that growth.

And in my opinion we should be working with the Province, which I am doing right now, and I can tell you Premier Doer is very supportive of the City working with the Capital Region to solve this problem and the whole purpose of it is to control growth. Every one of us has traveled and seen a situation whereby you will see a development right on our border, almost identical houses within 100 yards of each other and one paying one-half of the taxes of the other. We know what's going on and we blew it back then. And I don't think we should blow it again.

For all intents and purposes the idea is to co-operate. This is not about money. This is about working in partnership to control development. And right now we have no say whatsoever, none whatsoever. And the only way for us to have a say is to work with the Province and the Capital Region to make sure that we have controlled development.

You can't stop the Capital Region from growing and if anybody thinks they can I'd love to hear it. Nor should we try to stop them from growing. But to work in harmony, to have controlled planning, which I'm sure Councillor Gerbasi supports, is something we should do. And I hope we've all learnt from what happened in 1998 with Headingley Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Would the Mayor agree though that we should have that controlled plan or some sort of plan in place before we provide services which certainly could encourage additional people to move there faster. Or does the Mayor disagree that if the services are there that could actually speed up growth?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Through you to Councillor Gerbasi, I agree with her and I will share with her right now that we've made it clear in our negotiations with surrounding municipalities that any provision of services are based on a sound business case, the municipality's ability to pay all capital costs associated with sharing the service, the City's ability to provide the service without any negative impact on its citizens, revenue or tax sharing and joint planning to manage development. This is the model the public service has had discussions based on with the Capital Region. And to date nothing has been done but this is what it's all about.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Gerbasi: I also wanted to ask about a there was a story in the media about the number of planning staff that we have in the City as being quite low compared to other cities. And I'm wondering if we, and also knowing we have lost senior planning staff and haven't filled certain positions yet… Excuse me Mr. Speaker could… Will the vacancy, I'm…

Councillor Swandel: Point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Point of order. Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Is it contrary to our procedure here in chambers to ask members of the chamber to confirm stories from the media?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Councilor Gerbasi do you have a question?

Councillor Gerbasi: Will the vacancy management that's been imposed on all departments apply to Planning as well? And if so how is the planning work that needs to get done going to get done considering the shortage of staff we have right now. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: I will be happy to address Councillor Gerbasi's question. First of all, I think we all know we don't automatically accept what we hear or read in the media. Councillor Gerbasi is probably not aware of the fact that as a result of that article myself and Councillor Swandel and a member of the public service received an apology because the article was flawed and full of inaccuracies. So that's number one. Just for the record. The article was written by Joe Paraskevas from the Winnipeg Free Press. But Councillor Gerbasi would not be aware of that so I appreciate, that's why I'm pointing it out. That's number one.

Number two, I'm of the opinion that Councillor Gerbasi along with all the Councillors know the importance of the department of Planning, Property and Development, know that it guides our City's growth and know that we are in the process right now of hiring a director for that department.

And I would also like to point out when there was a comparison done apples to apples that we were not only in line with some cities but actually exceeded some cities with the number of planners and I would be happy to share that information because unfortunately and it's not the fault of Councillor Gerbasi, she never had the opportunity to view some of the information that I have received and I'd be happy to do that.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Next up we have Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker, through you to the Mayor. The southeast quadrant of St. Boniface is probably the fastest growing segment of the City of Winnipeg. Southdale is fully built out. Island Lakes will be fully built out soon. Royalwood Phase II is complete and Sage Creek has approximately 7,000 residents they are going to attract in the next five to seven years.

These neighbourhoods are in desperate need of more modern, larger community clubs, recreational services. The Southdale Community Centre has been denied funding for three years because of a bad policy I believe which was adopted

by this Council, which I call the stalemate recreational policy. No community centre can expand unless another one agrees to get smaller, to shrink and that's near impossible to do in an area of the City that's growing.

My question to you Mr. Mayor is do you agree that our stalemate policy, recreational policy is not working for Southdale and needs to be amended?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I thank Councillor Vandal. I believe that's a very valid question. He is there to represent those citizens and obviously there is a concern with supply and demand for recreational facilities. As Councillor Vandal is aware of, I have made it a priority of this Council to try and deal with recreational facilities, not just in that part of the City but in every part of the City.

And I know that Councillor Vandal is aware of the fact and he may want to share some information if he has more than we may have, but I believe there was a commitment during the Provincial election for more monies going into community centres. I know that he was very close with the governing government and maybe he can share something on that.

What to specifically address the question I'm not going to say that the policy is wrong or flawed and it should be looked into. What I should say is that any policy could be looked into and I would be more than happy to discuss that with Councillor Vandal as well as get feedback from the GCWCC.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Your second question Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Mayor. The Provincial government, as you have alluded to under Premier Doer and MLA Erin Selby, have been waiting patiently to invest between $2 and $3 million dollars into the Southdale Community Club for improved recreational services. However our policy has denied the Southdale residents access to this Provincial dollar.

My question is, my question is… Can I ask my question Mr. Speaker without being interrupted? Can you take control of the meeting Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Vandal your question?

Councillor Vandal: My question to the Mayor is can you commit to the residents of Southdale, Island Lakes, Royalwood, Sage Creek that you will help them access this Provincial dollar?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I find it hard to believe that a commitment was made during an election that cannot be fulfilled under existing policy but if that's the case then I will still try and address the question.

Is that I would find it to be the right thing in any part of the City if there is a problem with recreational facilities, if there is a problem with funding to most definitely look into it and to explore it. What the end result may be may be something different but I think its incumbent upon us to address any issue that comes up for taxpayers in any part of the City.

So I would be more than happy once again to sit down with Councillor Vandal, look exactly what the issue is and see what some of the solutions are because when a commitment is made by the Provincial government I'm sure they want to fulfill it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. You have a question Councillor Vandal?

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker I want to go back to the questions that were asked by Councillor Gerbasi on Capital Region. And I realize that there's been some negotiations going on and there is no plan. Not only is Plan Winnipeg several years overdue but there is no Capital Region plan.

So my question to the Mayor is that can you ask the Provincial government next time you meet with them about negotiating servicing agreements to actually table a Capital Region plan so that we have a blueprint to work off of rather than negotiating with no plan?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker not only would I be happy to do that but it's my understanding that that is something that is in process that the Province has been working on and I'm glad that Councillor Vandal understands that if we work with the Province and the Capital Region maybe we can accomplish something very positive as opposed to what took place in Headingley and I certainly will address that issue.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker it's been presented in this chamber that $1.8 million to $2 million dollars, or $2 to $3 million dollars has been committed to the Southdale Community Centre by the Province during the election. It seems like some pretty nice political parochialization of taxpayers dollars.

Will the Mayor Mr. Speaker commit to getting equitable funding for all community centres in the City of Winnipeg and not just buying votes in the Southdale ward?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker have you ever felt like a ping pong ball? (Laughter) Mr. Speaker I certainly understand that question and I can tell Councillor Swandel that after the election I did meet with the Premier and address this commitment and told him that there would be a problem with this commitment because it doesn't basically flow with our policy.

But by the same token that doesn't mean that I won't fight for more money from the Provincial government if they have monies for recreational facilities for our entire City and for every single citizen in our City. I believe that is my job and I am most willing to do that job.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Contrary to the numbers put forward by Councillor Vandal Mr. Speaker the fastest growing part of the City is actually going to be the St. Norbert ward with the development of Waverley West. What, what, what funding has the Province committed for recreational amenities in the Waverley West subdivision?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker it's rather difficult for me to answer a question that should be addressed to the Provincial government. To my knowledge I haven't heard of any commitment to date but that's just to my knowledge Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Swandel your last question.

Councillor Swandel: Sure, would it surprise the Mayor to learn that the Waverley West riding is represented by the Leader of the Opposition at the Legislature?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I am very much aware of the fact that that riding is represented by the Leader of the Opposition and I'm not surprised, I'm not shocked, it just is. And from my point of view it appears that Councillor Swandel is trying to make a point. I believe he's made his point.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thanks Mr. Mayor. On the second round we have Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thanks Mr. Speaker. I would just wonder if you could provide Council with an update on the Plan Winnipeg process just where it's at

because there hasn't been an announcement of a committee of Councillors or a group working on it. At the last Plan Winnipeg review there was a clear group of people working on it and it was sort of public. I realize that at some point it will be but some of the people, I've been hearing a lot of people in the community asking, who want to know what is happening with this process and when is it going to get started and what is it going to look like?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker through you to Councillor Gerbasi. I thank her for the question. And Plan Winnipeg is a major priority for the City of Winnipeg and I am sorry to share with Councillor Gerbasi that although the process has started we haven't been able to do what I think she's asked for which is, which to me is very basic and we should be doing.

And the problem is, is that we are having a problem with funding. We have gone forward and asked the Provincial government for X-amount of dollars towards, to do our Plan Winnipeg and so far we haven't gotten a response that we were looking for. There is still dialogue going on. I'm hoping that will be resolved very shortly and then we can move forward with a very important issue.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: I have one more question. I believe it was last year's budget or the year before where Council gave a one time grant to the United Way to establish a, towards their poverty strategy and I'm just wondering again there hasn't been any report back to Council or news of how effective that group has been or what they're doing and I'm wondering if you can give Council an update.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Councillor Gerbasi. Councillor Gerbasi is absolutely correct. As Councillor Gerbasi knows there was a change in the membership that was representing the City of Winnipeg. My understanding is that they have now met and they are putting together a plan and I expect to see one within 60 days, which is later than I would have liked to have seen something, but they have met and they have told me that we will be getting back some information. As soon as I get that I will gladly share that with not only Councillor Gerbasi but all of Council.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm curious Mr. Mayor as to why you would expect the Province of Manitoba to fund Plan Winnipeg given that it's not Plan Manitoba. It's the plan for the City of Winnipeg. And given the fact that we have $350 million dollars in our reserve accounts why would we go to the Province of Manitoba and ask them to fund our Plan Winnipeg?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker let me clarify something. The Province was not asked to fund Plan Winnipeg. They were asked to share in the cost of funding Plan Winnipeg, and if I didn't make that clear the first time I will make it clear this time. That's number one.

Number two, if Councillor Vandal does not think that is a reasonable request and the right thing to do then obviously we have a very different thought process on this matter. I believe its incumbent on the Provincial government to participate in the funding. Not only do I know that but I believe they know that because they have offered to fund part of the cost. So obviously they know they have a responsibility. And if each of one of us knows we are a creature of the Province. They created us in case anybody forgot.

And I would like to remind all members of Council that I think its incumbent upon us to always get other levels of government to participate in funding these types of priorities because the bottom line is we do

not have the necessary resources because our revenues are very limited.

As you probably know Mr. Speaker what we have is basically property taxes and some user fees. We have no share of revenues whatsoever when it comes to growth revenues – income tax, GST, PST. Cities and municipalities get 8¢ of every dollar from all taxes that come in, which I think you can see that 92¢ is going to the Federal and Provincial governments.

And I would think that I would get criticism on the floor of Council for not asking for other levels of government to participate in funding as opposed to the opposite. That I would gladly accept because I believe that is our responsibility.

And to take it a step further Mr. Speaker, since we are on the subject, if we do not start getting a share of those growth revenues, specifically PST, etc., we are in big trouble. You've already heard about the City of Toronto saying they're going broke. They're not alone Mr. Speaker. We can't continue on the formula that we have. So when we go out and ask another level of government to participate in funding, I'm proud to do that and I will continue to do that Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Any further questions Councillor? Any other questions from members of the Council? If not we'll move on to the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated January 8th, 2008. Councillor Clement.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED JANUARY 8, 2008

Councillor Clement: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I will move the clause, or move clause 2 of the January the 8th meeting as Consent.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Report of February 5th, 2008, Councillor Clement.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Councillor Clement: The report of February 5th, I'll move clauses 1 to 3 as Consent.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Items 1 to 3.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS MOTIONS

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Wyatt
Seconded by Councillor Vandal

WHEREAS at the end of last week the City of Winnipeg Public Works Department was required to take the unprecedented step of installing 'Warning' road signs or 'Bump' road signs to demark two kilometers of Dugald Road, a section of the city's regional road network which extends from Plessis Road to Lagimodiere Blvd, due to the terrible state of the road condition;

AND WHEREAS the Speed Limit on the said section is 70 Kilometers/hour and it has now been recognized that the ability to safely drive on that section of the road at said speeds is in question due to the poor state of road maintenance;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works is the City's Traffic Authority under s. 13(d) of the City Organization By-law, and under its powers, can reduce the speed limit in an emergency or when construction is underway;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Public Works has the power to install "advisory" speed limit signs if he believes that the situation requires more immediate action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT failing any action by the Director of Public Works to immediately install "advisory" speed limit signs, the Standing Policy

Committee of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works immediately reduce the speed limit on Dugald Road, from Plessis to Lagimodiere, on a temporary basis and until the road returns to a 70 KM/HR drivable condition.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Motions. We have a Motion, which is automatic referral. Motion No. 4 which is automatic referral, moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Vandal, and that will be automatically referred.

We have Consideration of By-laws. Councillor Clement.

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

Councillor Clement: I'll move that By-law No. 31/2008 be read a first time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 31/2008.

Councillor Clement: I'll move that By-law No. 31/2008 be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 31/2008.

Councillor Clement: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 31/2008 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Question Period. No questions? Moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report. No Motions. No By-laws. Question Period. No questions. We'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development Councillor Wyatt.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED JANUARY 28, 2008

Councillor Wyatt: I'll move adoption of the Consent Agenda Item No. 1.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On Item No. 1.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Vandal
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi

WHEREAS the December 13, 2007 decision of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development gave the Friends of Upper Fort Garry until March 31 2008 to substantially complete the $12.5 million dollars of fundraising for development of the Upper Fort Garry plan;

AND WHEREAS the Downtown Standing Policy Committee also required the Friends of Upper Fort Garry to secure the Grain Exchange Curling Club for their project by March 31 2008;

AND WHEREAS if the Friends of Upper Fort Garry fail to meet any or all of the conditions set out by the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, the sale of 100 Main St for residential development will be considered approved and concluded without further consideration by Standing Committee, Executive Committee or Council;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba have committed $ 1.5 million dollars for the Upper Fort Garry plan;

AND WHEREAS the 100 Main Street site once comprised part of Upper Fort Garry, a historic site of national significance, which included the headquarters of Manitoba's first provisional government headed by Louis Riel;

AND WHEREAS Section 3.2 of the Procedure By-Law of the City of Winnipeg states the following,

"Notwithstanding the delegation of any authority or power under this by-law to Executive Policy Committee or a Standing Committee, Council may, at its discretion, review or deal with any matter which falls within the mandate of Executive Policy Committee or a Standing Committee."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind the December 13, 2007 decision of the Downtown Development Committee

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg meet with the Province of Manitoba, Government of Canada and the Friends of Upper Fort Garry representatives to develop and implement a world class, historical destination for Upper Fort Garry;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a project planning phase be approved for the site, which includes public consultations with Winnipeg citizens on the Upper Fort Garry development.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We have a Motion No. 3 moved by Councillor Vandal, seconded by Councillor Gerbasi, this will be automatically referred.

Question Period for Downtown Development. Okay, no questions. We'll be moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Councillor Swandel.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED JANUARY 29, 2008

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will move the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items…

Councillor Vandal: Point of order Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Point of order.

Councillor Vandal: I would like to excuse myself from Items 2 and 3 because of a conflict of interest.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay, thank you Councillor. Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: I've introduced the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On Items 1 through 6.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Swandel
Seconded by Councillor Steeves

WHEREAS on December 19, 2007, Council adopted Item 6 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated November 27, 2007, with respect to the subdivision and rezoning of property at 1189 Troy Avenue and 1180 Chamberlain Avenue;

AND WHEREAS through clerical error a recommendation was omitted regarding the approval of the plan of subdivision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council reconsider Item 6 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated November 27, 2007, as adopted by Council on December 19, 2007, and adopt the following recommendation:

1. That a new recommendation No. 1 be added as follows:

"1. That the plan of subdivision under File DASZ 33/2007 be approved for preparation as a plan of subdivision by a Manitoba Land Surveyor in accordance with Schedule "A" for File DASZ 33/2007 dated November 1, 2007, for registration in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office." and the balance of the recommendations be renumbered accordingly.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Motions. We have Motion No. 2 which is moved by Councillor Swandel, seconded by Councillor Steeves. I'll call the question.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Consideration of By-laws, second and third readings, Councillor Swandel.

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

Councillor Swandel: I will move that By-law No. 181/2007 as amended be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 181/2007.

Councillor Swandel: I will move that By-law No. 181/2007 as amended be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Consideration of By-laws Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: I will move that By-law No. 33/2008 be read a first time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 33/2008.

Councillor Swandel: I'll move that By-law No. 33/2008 be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 33/2008.

Councillor Swandel: I will move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 33/2008 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Addendum Consideration of By-laws, Councillor Swandel, sorry.

Councillor Swandel: Addendum? I don't have an addendum here. I will move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 34/2008 be read a first time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 34/2008.

Councillor Swandel: I'll move that By-law No. 34/2008 be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 34/2008.

Councillor Swandel: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 34/2008 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Thank you Councillor. Question Period. Okay we're moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, the report of February 1, 2008. Councillor Steeves.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Councillor Steeves: Thank you Mr. Speaker, regarding the report of February 1, 2008, I'll introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Items 1 and 2.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On Items 1 and 2.

All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Motions, we don't have any. Consideration of By-laws Councillor Steeves.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Steeves: Thank you. I'll move that By-law No. 32/2008 be read a first time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 32/2008.

Councillor Steeves: I will move that By-law No. 32/2008 be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 32/2008.

Councillor Steeves: Prior to my last reading I should say that I forgot to mention clerk Lemoine will be on our hockey team as well Mr. Speaker.

I'll move the rules be suspended and By-law No. 32/2008 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Question Period. None.

Councillor Thomas moves that Council now adjourn.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Mr. Deputy Speaker Councillor Pagtakhan, His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Gerbasi, Leipsic, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Smith, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas, Vandal and Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 10:14 a.m.