# COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
# Wednesday, August 6, 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 Swandel.

**ROLL CALL**

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

*Pursuant to Section 79(1) of The City of Winnipeg Charter, I am directed by His Worship, Mayor Katz to arrange a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, August 6th, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to consider a Memorandum of Agreement with Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1505.*

*R. Kachur,*
*City Clerk.*

**Mr. Speaker**: Thank you. Pages, we have none. Delegations, none.

At this time I'd like to say some Councillors do not have the proper attire but that in itself is forgivable now since we do have to be here just for a few minutes, and that's, I forgive you.

**MOTIONS**

**Moved by Councillor Wyatt**
**Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy**

*That the following Councillors be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting:*

*Councillor Leipsic due to illness; Councillor Vandal away from the City on City business.*

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Now, Mr. Mayor the Executive Policy Committee, it's a walk-on report of August 6th which is today, 2008. Introduce the report Sir.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
**DATED AUGUST 6, 2008**

**Mayor Katz:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I very much appreciate all Councillors attending the emergency meeting and I think we all realize that this is a very important issue. As everyone should be aware of the fact that our public service has been working diligently to conclude a deal with the Amalgamated Transit Union.

We were fortunate at one point in time where we came to agreement with the representatives of the Union and unfortunately the membership did not approve the proposal on the table. We went back and worked very diligently with them once more and came up with another agreement which was accepted, and we thought that was the end of it Mr. Speaker, but it appears this has to go back for ratification which will take place on August 20th.

So before you all I think you see the proposal that our public service has worked on, and it will be going to ratification on August the 20th. I think it would put us in very good stead to approve this. I very much want to listen to hear what Councillors have to say and hopefully we can conclude this in a very positive manner.

**Mr. Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Any discussions?

Councillors I would like just to allude briefly to what the Mayor has said. I want to thank Dave Wardrop and his team and also, our staff from the City and also to you Mr. Mayor. I'll be more than glad to support this.

I would not want to have a repeat what we went through in 1976. Councillor O'Shaughnessy and myself were here at that time. It was a disaster. Five weeks, close to six weeks of a strike that nobody won. Nobody won Councillors and I just hope that when this vote is taken I hope

that the rank and file of the Union is going to accept it, because I read through this and it's a good contract.

So, are we ready for the question?

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Speaker Councillor Lazarenko. His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Smith, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas and Wyatt.

**Mr. Speaker**: Councillor Nordman moves adjournment.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Council adjourned at 9:39 a.m.**