COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday November 5, 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 Browaty.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Lazarenko, Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Gerbasi, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Smith, Swandel, Thomas, Vandal and Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Katz: We have some very special guests here today. You probably are aware of the fact, "Take our Kids to Work Day", and I would like to acknowledge today as "National Take our Kids to Work Day." More than one and a half million young Canadians and thousands of work places have participated in this program in the past. I believe this program is a great opportunity to mentor our youth and provide them with first hand experience when it comes to charting a career path. As the old expression suggests, "It takes a village to raise a child." This day certainly allows our whole village to take part in shaping our future.

I want to thank all the children of civic employees who are joining us here today. To our right, accompanied by Becky Jacobs. Thank you so much for being here.

I would like to ask the Clerk to read leave of absence motions for Councillors Leipsic and Steeves due to personal family matters.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Fielding,
Seconded by Councillor Nordman,

That Councillors Leipsic and Steeves be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to personal family matters.

Mayor Katz: Call the question? All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

2008 – 2009 MAYORALTY APPOINTMENTS

At this particular point in time, I would like to make all the announcements for Executive Policy Committee.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DEPUTY MAYOR - Councillor Swandel

ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR - Councillor Steeves

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Pagtakhan

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Councillor Swandel

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS - Councillor Clement

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Fielding

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor Steeves

SECRETARY, STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL - Councillor Wyatt

CHAIRPERSON, ALTERNATE SERVICE DELIVERY - Councillor Swandel

Mayor Katz: There are also additional appointments.

CHAIRPERSON, WINNIPEG HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE - Councillor Pagtakhan

SECRETARY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Councillor Steeves

YOUTH AMBASSADOR - Councillor Browaty

KANSAS CITY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP - Councillor Browaty

CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Councillor Gerbasi

ALTERNATE SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE

Councillor Vandal
Councillor Browaty

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Councillor Nordman

ASSINIBOINE PARK GOVERNANCE - Councillor Nordman

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP - Councillor Nordman

SECRETARY OF URBAN ABORIGINAL OPPORTUNITIES - His Worship Mayor Katz

Mayor Katz: Just a brief comment to everyone here. Each year we look forward to making decisions that are aligned with the priorities of Winnipeggers. There are always challenges and opportunities that, as Council, we are presented with. As always I look forward to working collaboratively with each and every one of you to address the priorities of Winnipeggers.

It's no secret that those priorities remain improving public safety, fixing our crumbling infrastructure, and ensuring that our city remains competitive at a time of economic uncertainty. We are already under way in this year's budget and, of course, there are always tough decisions to be made. But as always, I look forward to your input and positive suggestions, as we work for the citizens of our city.

This past year we have seen unprecedented projects taking root in our city. We have seen the start of a renaissance and renewed confidence in our city. We are able to hold the line on property taxes yet again. We've hired a new CAO, who is taking action to improve the efficiency of our public service and improve services to our citizens.

Winnipeg could be the centre for a new inland port, home to a new football stadium, and we will be seeing rapid transit in the very near future. But as always, there are many challenges that we face in the future. I'm confident that as a Council, we will always work to serve the citizens of Winnipeg and engage in healthy debate to serve the best interests of our city.

As I've said many times before, my door is always open. I look forward to hearing all of your ideas on how to build a city of opportunity, and I want to thank you all very much.

MOTIONS

Councillor Lazarenko: Mr. Mayor I'll move Motion No. 1. It's self-explanatory. It's all on your desk and I'll move it.

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS at its annual Organizational Meeting, Council must elect the members of the Standing Committees and the members of all other Committees, Boards and Commissions;

AND WHEREAS the City Organization By-law calls for the membership of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance to include the Chairperson and the Deputy Mayor;

AND WHEREAS both these positions are currently filled by the same Councillor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Organization By-law be amended by striking out the period at the end of section 6(3), substituting a semi-colon, and adding the following immediately following subsection (3):

(4) In the event that the Chairperson is already a member of the Committee by virtue of subsection (2), then a third member of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council make the following appointments and referrals to the related Committees, Boards and Commissions:

SPEAKER – Councillor Lazarenko

DEPUTY SPEAKER – Councillor O'Shaughnessy

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Pagtakhan, Chairperson
Councillor Fielding
Councillor Steeves
Councillor Gerbasi
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councillor Swandel, Chairperson
Councillor Leipsic
Councillor Thomas
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Clement, Chairperson
Councillor Lazarenko
Councillor Smith
Councillor Vandal
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Fielding, Chairperson
Councillor Browaty
Councillor O'Shaughnessy
Councillor Wyatt
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councillor Steeves, Chairperson
Councillor Gerbasi
Councillor Nordman
Councillor Pagtakhan
His Worship Mayor Katz

ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Gerbasi, Chairperson
Councillor Smith, Alternate

ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST GARRISON

Councillor Thomas

ASSINIBOINE PARK CONSERVANCY BOARD

Councillor Nordman

ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES INC.

Councillor Wyatt

BOARD OF APPEAL (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT APPEALS)

Councillor Fielding
Councillor Nordman
Councillor Vandal

CITIZEN EQUITY COMMITTEE

Councillor Pagtakhan, Chairperson
Councillor Smith

CITY COUNCIL BENEFITS BOARD

Councillor Lazarenko

CONVENTION CENTRE CORPORATION

Councillor Nordman
Councillor O'Shaughnessy

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Councillor Gerbasi

FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVICES LIAISON

Councillor Vandal

HERITAGE WINNIPEG CORPORATION

Councillor Nordman

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development for appointment
Councillor Gerbasi, Councillor at-large
Councillor Smith, Alternate

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Councillor Browaty

RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Lazarenko, Chairperson
Councillor Gerbasi
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wyatt

ST. BONIFACE MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Vandal

ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Nordman

SEVEN OAKS HOUSE MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Lazarenko

TAKE PRIDE WINNIPEG INC.

Councillor Nordman

TAXICAB BOARD OF MANITOBA

Councillor Lazarenko

TRANSCONA HISTORICAL MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Wyatt

TRANSCONA-WEST JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Fielding
Councillor Wyatt
Councillor O'Shaughnessy, Alternate

WINNIPEG ART GALLERY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Councillor Browaty

WINNIPEG ARTS COUNCIL INC.

Councillor Smith

WINNIPEG COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY

Councillor Smith

WINNIPEG HOUSING REHABILITATION CORPORATION

Councillor Browaty
Councillor Fielding
Councillor Pagtakhan

WINNIPEG POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councillor Steeves

WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor Smith, Councillor at-large
Councillor Pagtakhan

ACADEMY ROAD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Leipsic

CORYDON AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Gerbasi

DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Gerbasi

EXCHANGE DISTRICT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Pagtakhan

MOSAIC MARKET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Lazarenko

NORWOOD GROVE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Vandal

OLD ST. VITAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Steeves

OSBORNE SOUTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Gerbasi

OSBORNE VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Gerbasi

ST. JAMES VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Fielding

SELKIRK AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Lazarenko

TRANSCONA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Wyatt

WEST BROADWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Gerbasi

WEST END BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Smith

ZONE D'AMÉLIORATION COMMERCIALE BOULEVARD PROVENCHER BOULEVARD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE BOARD

Councillor Vandal

Mayor Katz: I will call the question. All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Lazarenko: Mr. Mayor, I'll move that By-law No. 157/2008 be read a first time.

Mayor Katz: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 157/2008.

Councillor Lazarenko: I'll move, Mr. Mayor, that By-law No. 157/2008 be read a second time.

Mayor Katz: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 157/2008.

Councillor Lazarenko: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 157/2008 be read a third time and the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mayor Katz: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Do we have a motion to adjourn? Point of Privilege.

Councillor Wyatt: Point of Privilege. Mr. Chairman, I have had the honour of being in this Council Chamber for six years and worked with many of you here and I can honestly say, I have never, ever seen Councillor Smith with a blazer in the Chamber before. I must say, I'm very impressed. Yes he can, yes he can!

Mayor Katz: Councillor Wyatt, I'm glad you pointed that out and I don't normally do this, but I'm going to take credit for that.

Just the other day I saw Councillor Smith at an awards ceremony where Winnipeg accomplished a great thing as far as safe communities. We're the 54th city to acquire that, and Councillor Smith was wearing a blazer, a tie, a shirt and slacks and I told him how marvelous he looked, he should do it more often. So here he is. Councillor Lazarenko.

Councillor Lazarenko: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I would like to also just briefly wish Councillor Smith a very happy birthday. That's why the suit is on. I'll move adjournment.

(applause).

Mayor Katz: All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Lazarenko, Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Gerbasi, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Smith, Swandel, Thomas, Vandal, and Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 9:41 a.m.