COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, October 28, 2009

The Council met at 9:31 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 Gerbasi.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Pages, we have Nick Bruneau of Garden City Collegiate resides in the Mynarski ward. Welcome.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Welcome of guests and announcements. We have a number of guests up in the gallery, Duncan McMonagle and Steve Vogelsang, Journalism Instructors at Red River College and the class of journalism students. Welcome. (Applause) Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a...

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, thank you, I very much appreciate the opportunity. As many are probably aware, Manitoba Métis Federation Senator, Edward Head passed away yesterday at the age of 75…78, and on behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I would like to express my sympathy and condolences to his family, to President David Chartrand and to all members of the MMF. Senator Head was elected MMF President in 1975, and for his dedication and contributions to the Métis nation he was named MMF Senator in 2004. He was an immense voice and advocate for Métis peoples across the province and his accomplishments also include co-founding NCI Radio, Canada's largest aboriginal radio network. In 2005 he was honoured, province wide, with the order of Manitoba. His contributions to Métis and aboriginal culture in Winnipeg and Canada are immeasurable and are certain to carry on his legacy as an advocate for Métis issues for generations to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Would members of Council and the Gallery please rise for a moment of silence?

(Moment of silence)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. A motion for leave of absence for Councillor Wyatt. All in favour? Oh please read the motion.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

That Councillor Wyatt 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 Browaty moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on September 30 and October 7, 2009, be taken as read and confirmed.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Mr. Speaker: We have addendum delegations. Motion No. 3 first, Councillor Steeves.

MOTIONS

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Steeves,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

THAT Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated October 13, 2009 regarding "Delegated Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer - Put or Pay Agreements with High Volume Private Waste Haulers and other Municipalities"

be referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works with instructions that they direct the administration to undertake industry consultation regarding this matter, and that the delegations registered to speak to this matter today be included in this consultation.

Councillor Steeves: Mr. Speaker, I don't know if this is the right time or not but I take it is by your cue. The…with respect to the Put and Pay Report for Infrastructure and Public Works, I'm going to move that the rules be suspended that matter be referred back to Committee. We've heard concerns in the community that people haven't been heard. It did go through the regular process, received no attention. It's arrived at Council and people have expressed the wish they want to be heard and have their questions answered on this report. I would make those two motions, suspension of the rules and referral back.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. On the motion to suspend the rules? Councillor Clement, you have a question? You can do it from the chair, from your seat.

Councillor Clement: I'm okay. I don't have a question specifically. I don't have a problem with this, going back to Public Works. I don't think it's a very significant issue, Mr. Speaker, notwithstanding that there's some people who would like to come to Public Works to speak about it. My only request would be that Councillor Steeves is working so hard to make this motion that he come to Public Works that morning and listen to all the speeches. Thanks.

Mr. Speaker: On the motion, Councillor Steeves motion, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. (Inaudible) (Laughter)

That motion is referred back to the Public Works Committee. (Inaudible)

Mr. Speaker: We did that first. We did. We just did that, suspend the rules and now…and the.

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

Mr. Speaker: Okay. That's referred to the Public Works and the two delegations that are on the list here will be heard next time when it comes back to Council. Report of the Executive Policy Committee, report of October the 7th of 2009. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED OCTOBER 7, 2009**

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Report of October 21 of 2009, Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED OCTOBER 21, 2009**

Mayor Katz: I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda items 1 to 3.

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

EPC motions. Moved by Councillor Smith. It's automatic referral but Councillor Smith would you like to move a motion to suspend the rules to deal with this motion? There's notice of motion? (Inaudible) No? It's automatic referral. (Inaudible) Yeah

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS**

**Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Mayor Kats,**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg join with the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination in endorsing and supporting the statements below, which will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at its March 2010 meeting:

Express our strong and ongoing commitment to champion equity and

respect for all people through the Coalition, the endorsement of the Ten Common Commitments Against Racism and Discrimination and each municipalities own unique plan of action;

Acknowledge that racism and discrimination in Canada continues to divide communities, threaten democratic and participatory citizenship and entrench and aggravate inequalities within society;

Recognize that the work of the Coalition will be strengthened by an increased membership representative of municipalities across Canada;

Welcome the ongoing role of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in the work of the Canadian Coalition and of UNESCO in the international coalition and the regional coalitions;

Call upon municipal governments, in partnership with local, municipal, provincial and pan-Canadian organizations, to invest in efforts and recommendations set forth by the Coalition;

Further call upon the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make a strong and ongoing commitment to support the work of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and to reiterate its call to its members in the Member's Advisory issued October 14, 2005 to join the Coalition.

Mr. Speaker: Motion No. 2, moved by Councillor Gerbasi, notice of motion. (Inaudible) Smith and Gerbasi. Councillor Smith. (Inaudible) Yeah…Oh he's…he introduced it. It's Councillor Smith's motion. (Inaudible) Yeah, that's what... (Inaudible).Okay, but I'm just saying Councillor Smith, is that okay with you?

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS on September 24, 2008, Council adopted Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 24, 2008 regarding Organizational Restructuring;

AND WHEREAS on September 24, 2008, Council also adopted By-law 143/2008 regarding amendments to the City Organization By-law 7100/97;

AND WHEREAS the above 2 items changed the reporting relationship of the City Auditor from reporting directly to Council through the Executive Policy and Audit Committees to reporting administratively to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO);

AND WHEREAS the City Auditor is charged under The City of Winnipeg Charter with undertaking examinations of the operations of the City and reporting on such examinations to Council;

AND WHEREAS having the City Auditor report to the CAO, rather than to elected officials, potentially hinders the democratic process by making it less transparent;

AND WHEREAS ensuring the City Auditor keeps Council informed aids them in protecting the public purse;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Organization By-law be amended to have the City Auditor report directly to Council, through the Audit Committee and the Executive Policy Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Okay. That will go to the next agenda. Consideration of By-laws, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Mayor. By-laws.

Mayor Katz: By-laws. I don't think there are any.

Mr. Speaker: No By-laws. Question period. Councillor Gerbasi. Your first question.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, your first question.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question for the Mayor is regarding bus rapid transit. It was good to see the Mayor supportive of the project that we're now building the first phase of bus rapid transit. I'm wondering if the Mayor could let us know his intention in terms of supporting funding for the next phase and also for the status on the detailed design studies on the eastern corridor that are being worked on. I guess I'm just wondering what is his commitment to continuing the next phases of B.R.T. We know the Province has made a commitment to funding the second phase. So what's the City's commitment?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, as I'm sure Councillor Gerbasi is aware of, through you to Councillor Gerbasi, Stage 1 as we call it, from the downtown to Jubilee, was obviously the first stage we wanted to complete. As most people know, as they drive to and from downtown the construction is ongoing, and from what I understand, things are progressing at a proper rate. As we also know it was our intention to, after that, complete Stage 2, which would go from Jubilee to the University which we know could be a very important role, hopefully connecting the University of Winnipeg to the University of Manitoba, and also, God willing there's a football stadium there, will have a great deal of merit. It was yours truly who went to the Province to get them to commit to B.R.T. and they have done that. We still have to work on the Federal Government, and when that opportunity arises which it does every time, we certainly, I certainly intend to keep on working with the Province as well as the Federal Government to get access to more monies to complete Stage 2, but right now we are working on Stage 1.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question Councillor.

Councillor Gerbasi: I realize we're just going into the Capital Budget process, but are we likely to see something for the next phases of B.R.T. in the Capital Budget as it is a five-year capital budget document? Are we going to see something in there for further stages of rapid transit?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, as we are in the Capital Budget we are looking at right now, discussions are ongoing. I can also tell you that I am speaking to the Federal Government about potential programs for rapid transit, and there could be some very positive opportunities down the road as well, so we're exploring all the opportunities that exist right now.

Mr. Speaker: That's it? Councillor Browaty, your first question.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Earlier in October, all members of Council received a copy of a letter that was sent from the Mayor to Greg Selinger, Steve Ashton and to the Minister of Conservation regarding the license requirements to remove nitrogen from the effluent of our water treatment plants. Now that we have a new Premier in place, I was wondering if the Mayor has received a response to his question from then candidate Selinger, now Premier Selinger.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Through you I thank Councillor Browaty for the question. I can tell you Mr. Speaker that it's extremely apparent to us at this stage of the game when you have the backing of 63 scientists and some of the top in North America saying that this is basically a waste of money and could cause significant damage. We're talking in the terms of about $350 million, which is as the C.E.C. has mandated us to do, as well as operating costs alone could be approximately another $30 million a year. So we are pushing hard on this and as

you know we've gone back a second time and the decision was the same. I can tell you that actually my recollection was that I actually addressed a letter to Minister Stan Struthers and made all the candidates for Premier aware of it. Since that particular point in time, I have had the opportunity to meet with Premier Selinger. We had a very positive meeting. I think in all fairness, you have to realize that he had just been elected. I'm sure we can appreciate the burden of work that he has to get caught up on that's sitting on his desk. This is one of the issues that we did discuss, and I can tell you the Premier is open-minded and wants to see the information, and basically asked for the City to send him all the data that we have, which we are in the process of doing right now, so he and his staff can go through it and hopefully the end result will be this may not be needed, keeping in mind that it's the Clean Environment Commission that has mandated this, not specifically the Province, but there's no question the Premier wants to see the information and wants to learn as much as he can and we intend on sharing it with him. Many people here may have had an opportunity to have seen this one page that was prepared. It really wasn't done for the City. It was done at a seminar by our staff. It won awards and it very eloquently tells everybody exactly what the facts are. So I don't think any one of us would ignore 63 scientists. I think we'd listen. Hopefully others will listen so that is moving forward. I don't want our taxpayers to unnecessarily spend $350 million or $30 million a year on operation costs, and that is where that stands right now.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Through you to the Mayor, I thank the Mayor for his information there. I was wondering if you would be able to share the document that was from the University of Manitoba there. I haven't personally seen it and I'm quite interested in it. As well, I want to know how far along we are in terms of tendering and doing this work that is required by the CEC in terms of our license, and whether or not what costs to this point have already been spent, and if there is any consideration to delay any further spending and further development on the nitrogen removal component, have our water plant upgrades while these discussions are still ongoing.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I can certainly make sure today that everybody gets a copy of this. I just got this this morning so, but I'd be happy to give you mine. Okay, that's number one. Number two, is right now we are working with the Federal Government as far as the South End Water Treatment Plant is concerned, trying to get some funding from the Federal Government for some of the work that has to be done. The process is moving fast as well as the North End Water Treatment Plant. As far as details, Mr. Speaker, I don't have access to that but I certainly would take it under advisement and get Councillor Browaty all the information that he has requested.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That's it? Councillor Vandal your first question.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Last year I moved a motion asking that a new fire hall be constructed in the southeast part of St. Boniface to serve Southdale, Sage Creek, Royalwood and Island Lakes, and I'm wondering if you could update this Council on where this issue is at today.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Through you to Councillor Vandal, it would be my pleasure. Mr. Speaker, we are, the City of Winnipeg is looking at a fire station in the area that was identified as well as a few others in the City that are required. I can tell you just recently the Administration, along with the Winnipeg Firefighters, did a trip and explored some other cities that have built some fire halls in recent time and there seemed to be consensus this made sense. My understanding is that a report is flowing through the system right now and for Councillor Vandal's benefit, I believe you will be seeing movement on this very quickly.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That's it Councillor Vandal? Councillor Steeves, your first question.

Councillor Steeves: Just Mr. Speaker, through you to the Mayor. On one comment the Mayor made regarding the nitrogen removal, I thought he said that this was a recommendation from the Clean Environment Commission, not necessarily something done by the Province of Manitoba. I may have misunderstood him. My understanding was its requirement under our license from the Provincial Government who issues such things to municipalities that we have to undertake these projects. I'm wondering if you could just clarify that. (inaudible)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, what I was referring to is that the Province is basically listening to what the Clean Environment is saying and following what they're saying. Even though I am speaking to the Premier of the Province, my understanding was the Clean Environment Commission whose decision was not to review it, not to go back, I would be certainly happy to follow up on that for Councillor Steeves, but that is my understanding.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Your second question Councillor?

Councillor Steeves: I just wanted to make sure Mr. Speaker the Mayor wasn't being too easy on the Province. That's all.

Mr. Speaker: That's the question, "are you".

Mayor Katz: It's always been my purpose to be very fair with the Province.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Thomas, your first question.

Councillor Thomas: Yes, I had asked the last two times with regard to the at-risk programming in my area, and I thank you for receiving the answer. However, I have some concerns. The Chalmers program was an all-year round program and it was operating five days a week and included an after-school club and it went quite late into the evening. I had been told that the resources were switched over in the e-mail that I got from someone in your office, had been switched over to another program which is now closed. It was a summer program and it was now closed and my concern is that this at-risk program, regardless of where it takes place in the community, and I'm not aware of it being in another place in the community, should be continuing all year and have a program where kids could go and get assistance with their homework, and if the Mayor's aware of something else that's taking place in the community to replace that, but the program that apparently received an upgrade was just a summer program and actually people, that was one of the ones that was being cut back, so to find out some resources were switch over to this program when it was being cut back from when it was the year before is confusing for me. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, through you I thank Councillor for the question. I know the original question during last Council meeting actually walked over it and handed the document there and obviously the Councillor has looked at it. I can tell you that Councillor Thomas, I am not aware specifically of all the details of what you just said. What I would be happy to do, and if you could accommodate me is just, you know, send me a quick email, I would be happy to ring up the Director of the department, Clive Wightman, and maybe myself and Councillor Thomas could sit together and get the specific answer. I don't know all the details. I don't have the answer to that. I can tell you that certainly addressing issues of at-risk youth is a high priority. I would be happy to follow that up and hopefully Councillor Thomas will join me.

Councillor Thomas: That's it.

Mr. Speaker: That's it? Any further questions Councillors?

Now we get into the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development,

no report, no motions, consideration of By-laws, none. Question period. None.

We're moving right along. Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Report of October the 8th of 2009, Councillor Fielding.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED OCTOBER 8, 2009

Councillor Fielding: Sure, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to advise that 9 and 10 have been referred back to the Property Planning Development Committee, and also I would also like to introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda, 1 through 8 and 11 through 16.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Motions. None. Consideration of By-laws, Councillor Fielding.

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

Councillor Fielding: I would like to move that the following By-laws be read a first time. By-law No. 121/2009, By-law 122/2009, 123/2009, 124/2009, 125/2009, 26…126, sorry of 2009, 127/2009 and 128/2009.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 121/2009, By-law No. 122/2009, By-law No. 123/2009, By-law No. 124/2009, By-law No. 125/2009, By-law No. 126/2009, By-law No. 127/2009, and By-law No. 128/2009.

Councillor Fielding: Okay I'd like to move that By-laws numbered 121/2009 to 128/2009 both inclusive be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-laws numbered 121/2009 to 128/2009, both inclusive.

Councillor Fielding: I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws numbered 121/2009 to 128/2009, both inclusive be read a third time and at the same time passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Question period. No questions. Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Service, report of October 9 of 2009, Councillor Steeves.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED OCTOBER 9, 2009

Councillor Steeves: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm beginning to become a bit concerned that our friends from across the street are coming into the most uneventful Council meeting in the history of the City of Winnipeg here. So I'm hoping someone's going to pull off the Transcona High Neighbour Festival so we're going to have a raucous debate about that. So I'll see how I do with that.

Councillor Swandel: Mr. Speaker, I think if you look at the report, there may be a conflict here. The recommendation is to approve funding for good neighbour Sam. I don't know if the Mayor may have a conflict here....

Mr. Speaker: Could be.

Councillor Steeves: And if members of Council would take the next step and look at the actual photo of the statue, it is a dead ringer for Councillor Russ Wyatt. (Laughter) With that I'll introduce report and move adoption of Consent items 1 to 3.

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

Councillor Steeves: I'll move that By-law No. 129/09…

(Inaudible)

Mr. Speaker: No, no motions. Consideration of By-laws, Councillor Steeves.

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

Councillor Steeves: Again, I will move that By-law No. 129/09 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 129/2009.

Councillor Steeves: I will move that By-law No. 129/09 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 129/2009.

Councillor Steeves: I'll move the rules be suspended. By-law 129/2009 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal, your first question.

Councillor Vandal: I'm wondering where the whole issue of taser is in the City of Winnipeg. I know it was, I believe there was a verbal report on your agenda last month. If you could update this Council on where the taser issue is relative to our City?

Councillor Steeves: Fair question. The answer of course is next meeting, which I think is next week if I'm not mistaken, the agenda will be published on Thursday. Our Police Service is going to be coming to Committee and giving a full report on the Braidwood Inquiry. You'll recall the Braidwood Inquiry was the inquiry set in place in British Columbia after Mr. Dziekanski died in the Vancouver airport. Out of that report came, I think, 18 recommendations, not applicable necessarily to Manitoba but applicable in British Columbia. Of course Mr. Speaker, we know how this sometimes goes. Recommendations have a way of going across borders. Some of the recommendations in that report are pretty onerous. They talk about things like having defibrillators available whenever a police officer uses a taser. Having a paramedic readily available whenever a police officer uses a taser. These are the types of things that are suggested. There's also fairly rigorous reporting procedures that are talked about in the Braidwood Inquiry and the report recommendations. The other thing that has happened and will be talked about at the meeting is the manufacturer of the device that we use itself. Taser, as it happens, is the name of the company, has issued a directive that the device be used in a certain way such that police officers try to avoid a certain part of the body, and that has been, I understand, implemented into City of Winnipeg police policy right now, along with all the other policy that exists with respect to taser use. As Council already knows, there's automatic reporting provisions. The devices themselves have technology that indicates where and when it is used certainly, and all those things are required to be reported in the same way that our police officers require to report when they use a gun.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor, by any chance at that meeting, are you going to be the first one to show, to give a test to see how much a Councillor could take from a taser?

(Laughter)

Councillor Steeves: You know what Mr. Speaker, I won't be doing that but it's funny, it's interesting you should say that. When we first brought out the tasers, that type of thing did go on. I think we've kind of moved into an era where the device is being taken a lot more seriously than that now, so even though from time to time,

although I love all my colleagues dearly, there are times I would like to do exactly that.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal. Councillor Vandal. Councillor Vandal, your second question.

Councillor Vandal: Yes, there appears to be some momentum to purchase a police helicopter for City police services. I'm wondering as Chairperson of Protection and Community Services, if you could let this Council know if you're a supporter of a helicopter for police services?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: Again, another poignant question. I think we'll be getting some information out in the relatively near future. Personally, I have concerns about the costs. I can tell you that, before I see the report I guess, and have a chance to ask our Administration questions on a report that I hope will be forthcoming, I would hope that other levels of government have something to do with the costs of this piece of machinery. I imagine it's going to be exceedingly expensive, or at least expensive to run. I don't see in the budget right now how the City of Winnipeg Police Service could operate and do this on their own. I know other levels of government have expressed an interest to assist in funding. As far as I'm concerned, the assistance in that funding would be crucial. If it exists that may be a different matter.

Mr. Speaker: Your final question Councillor? Councillor Smith, your first question.

Councillor Smith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. To Councillor Steeves, the last taser shooting, was that in violation of the policy that we adopted after hearing from the manufacturer?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves?

Councillor Steeves: I'd be pretty reluctant to talk about something that probably will be in the course of being discussed. I can't tell you as of right now, I have no indication that anything done pursuant to that was outside of our policy, or outside of regulation or in any way contravened any law.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question Councillor? No further questions?

Next on the agenda is the Standing Policy Committee Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, report of October 13th of 2009. Councillor Clement.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED OCTOBER 13, 2009

Councillor Clement: Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Happy to move the Agenda from the 13th of October and I'll move items 1, 2…pardon me…yeah, 1, 2 and 4 as Consent.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Motions. None. Consideration of By-laws, Councillor Clement.

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

Councillor Clement: By-law…I'll move that By-law No. 131 be read.

Mr. Speaker: the first time.

Councillor Clement: first time, yeah.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 131/2009.

Councillor Clement: I move that the By-law No. 131/2009 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 131/2009.

Councillor Clement: I move that rule be suspended and By-law No. 131/09 be read a third time and that same be

passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD**

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This past summer, users of Henderson Highway were very puzzled to see sidewalk and road works done between Hespeler and Johnson. There were fancy new sidewalks put in with concrete, new asphalt put done and then only weeks later to see it torn up again. I was wondering if the Chairman could answer what happened and at what cost was this street work to the taxpayers of Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Clement?

Councillor Clement: Yes, thank you for the question Councillor Browaty. The…what started out…first of all there was a "mill and fill" on Henderson Highway north of Hespeler, and because we're going to be doing work on the Disraeli, the Department felt that they would go further south with the "mill and fill". When they initially checked, there was no other project that was going to be causing them any grief, so they moved forward, and a short time later found out that there was a watermain renewal happening south of Hespeler in the second leg of the area that they were looking at. The Public Works people, actually in fairness to the Water and Waste people, they had in fact catalogued this particular initiative and when the people in Public Works reviewed it, they didn't catch it. The Director takes full responsibility for the error. Frankly, given the situation that he's in with the number of engineers that he's got at his disposal and the amount of work that we're trying to push through that department, we're lucky that this is the only one that we had a bit of a problem with. In fairness to the Department, once they found out that there was an issue they immediately remediated the work on the sidewalk and also some of the asphalt and then finished it later on after the watermain renewal was completed, and the cost of this error was $3,630.40 Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: I'm surprised to hear the number being that low Mr. Speaker. I was wondering if the Chairman could answer, again, he suggested it was lucky that this was the only one and I'm thankful that the cost of it was as low as he suggests. I'm wondering if he could let us know if the Department is going to be doing anything differently in the future to ensure that errors like this don't happen again.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: Well, none of us like to see errors, particularly when it's your key hierarchy, and frankly it was some of our best people involved in this Mr. Speaker. Sometimes it's not that simple to defend against these things. They missed it, they admit that they missed it, the Director has taken full responsibility. I don't know what else we can say. These things happen from time to time. The good news was that they climbed all over it once they knew, and that's why the costs were so low.

Mr. Speaker: That's it Councillor? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to follow up. I noticed in your response that you said with the number of engineers we have, it's not surprising…I took from the jist of what you're saying that it's not surprising that things like this aren't happening more often, and I guess I'm wondering do you feel there's been an impact to the 83, or whatever it is, professional W.A.P.S.O. staff that have been eliminated just this year, not to mention the ones leading up

to this year, that we're starting to see breakdowns like this in the system because of those budgetary cutbacks?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: No.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, your second question. Your second question Councillor. None? No further questions? Thank you Councillor Clement.
Standing Policy Committee on Finance. No report. Finance motions, none. Consideration of By-laws, none. Question period. Councillor Vandal.

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Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: To the Chairman of Finance, I'm wondering if you can answer if there's going to be money for a new fire hall in St. Boniface in the upcoming Capital Budget.

Councillor Swandel: Until that question there might have been Mr. Speaker.

(laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions?

To the students of red river college I thank you for coming here today to see the actions of Council. We've had a very extensive agenda but it turned out since you came here, it kind of mellowed down to a point. We're trying to impress you to get involved in Politics also. It's very important that you do that. With that, thank you for coming to Council and we've reached the end of our Council meeting here and moved by Councillor Swandel that Council do now adjourn. Roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 10:07 a.m.