COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday January 27, 2010

The Council met at 9:35 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 Smith.

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, Vandal and Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. We have pages, Kayla Ruiz of Kelvin High School, resides in Daniel McIntyre Ward. Welcome. (Applause) Welcome of guests and announcements, University of Winnipeg students in the Politics and Mass Media program, and their instructor, former Councillor, Donald Benham. Welcome. (Applause) Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker, I Just want to take a quick second to invite all of City Council and all of…all the people in the Gallery to Western Canada's largest winter festival, Festival du Voyageur. It opens February 12 and it runs to I believe the 21st, and I especially want to invite the Councillors to the opening ceremony which will be at St. Boniface City Hall on February 12th at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. I'll send out the information. I know winter is long, winter is cold and we have to take the time to celebrate the joie de vivre, so please attend. Merci.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't think I can stall long enough but I see they're just walking into the Council Chambers, and I certainly want to welcome Councillor Billy Wahpay from Shoal Lake No. 40. Most of you may know that is the source of our drinking water, and though he is attending today's meeting, and I think Councillor Wahpay I think you just entered the chambers? (inaudible) Okay anyway, so I just want to welcome you today. What did she say?

(Speaking in the background: Security has got him.)

Mayor Katz: Oh, security has got him. So, Mr. Speaker, if you would be so kind as when he walks in, we could…Councillor Wahpay, we just want to welcome you and acknowledge you for being here and thank you for attending.

Mr. Speaker: Welcome. (Applause) Condolence Motion for former Councillor Harold MacDonald, Madam Clerk.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy, Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Harold MacDonald, which occurred on December 14, 2009.

Mr. MacDonald served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Corydon Ward from 1979 to 1988.

This Council extends to his wife Frances, children Susan, Mary, Nancy and Harold, and their families, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Would everyone please rise for a moment of silence in the Gallery and the Chambers?

(Moment of silence)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you.

MINUTES

Councillor Nordman moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on December 15th and 16th, 2009, be taken as read and confirmed.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

We have one delegation who needs no introduction. He is the Dean of City of Winnipeg Council meetings for a long, long time. Nick Ternette. Mr. Ternette, you have ten minutes.

DELEGATIONS

Nick Ternette: All I say is Harry, you're the Dean of City Council. You've been around as long as I have. (Laughing)

I am glad to speak probably for the last…I've said before and most of you don't believe it, the last time in 40 years publicly here at City Council.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Katz and City Council. I'm here to speak first of all in opposition to the establishment of a Winnipeg Police Service Flight, the Operation Unit, mainly the acquisition of the helicopter. Firstly, your approval is subject to all ongoing annual operating costs supported by the Province, estimated at $1.3 million in 2010, and additional cost increases thereafter. Tell me, to what extent has the Province agreed to pay all ongoing annual operating costs beyond 2010? There's been no evidence that they have agreed to that. Secondly, here we go again. The Councillors again giving up its authority and giving it to the Chief Administrative Officer to acquire the helicopter and the hangar and all other operational necessities. Once again, delegating decisions to the CAO that should be made by City Council. Furthermore, the capital costs of the purchase of the helicopter hangar and other cost is $3.5 million, even though the capital budget has already been approved for 2010 because it was passed on December the 15th.

The report suggested a helicopter is an enhancement to police resources and I can accept that. But to suggest that it would produce many tangible benefits to the citizens of Winnipeg is debatable at best. The suggestion that the use of a helicopter would result in improvements in criminal escape management, search for lost children and adults, Alzheimer's, (inaudible) management, or special events management, and traffic management, street racing and impaired driving, is probably true. As Dr. Paul Whitehead, Professor of Sociology at the University of Western Ontario, concluded there is evidence of increased efficiency and effectiveness when the helicopter was involved in the above-mentioned activities. But there is no evidence that it would increase public safety or as Dr. Whitehead says, there is no hard data to conclude that the helicopter use suppresses rates of crime or in fact what he says, lowers the rate of crime or perception of public safety. That is… …and this is my comment, more…would more people from suburbia go downtown if they knew there was a helicopter overhead? Or as the Chief McCaskill said, if we don't buy the helicopter we could put 11 more police officers on the street as beat cops on foot, and reopen many neighbourhood police stations. Hey, maybe we need to spend some of the money that you're considering spending on a helicopter to indeed pay police officers to stay fit. Then beat cops would surely be more effective in decreasing crime because they were actually in shape. What's even more disturbing to me in this report on the acquisition of the helicopter is under the title "consultation". There is no indication that there has been any consultation with the citizens of Winnipeg. There has been with the various police departments across Canada, including Calgary and Edmonton that have a helicopter, but no, not the public in general.

In my 40 years in participating as a public person in the political process, I have continually emphasized three main issues: democracy, that is part of public consultation, accountability, and transparency. All of my presentations on the Capital and Operating Budgets and other issues have dealt with all of these three issues. I have noticed that suddenly out of the blue after six years of no public consultation, there is going to be public consultation on the operating budget this year at the Convention Centre, tonight and tomorrow. Why now? After six years? At least former Mayors Glen Murray and Susan Thompson and the Provincial Government have made a pretence of having consultations for the public previously on civic and provincial budgets.

Now, to my surprise, I recently received a letter from Mayor Katz and stating and in part and I do want to quote some of this. It's quite interesting and I quote, from quote, "For nearly four decades you have fought passionately for everything you believe in while many people believe their opinions do not count or that their voice does not matter. You have demonstrated, Nick, that speaking up and speaking out for what you believe is fair and right has a profound impact." I'm not sure about that. "I know your wife, Emily, is proud of all your hard work on behalf of the community and I'm certain that the last 39 years have established you as a man of integrity and respect among Winnipeggers. You have for many causes and issues at City Council presented another perspective, such as your presentation on Rapid Transit, pesticide

use and numerous other urban issues. You are greatly admired for your citizen advocacy." End of quote. Never mind that Councillor Gord Steeves has publicly stated that he has never agreed with anything that I've ever said.

So, what does citizenship really mean? Recently at a concert, someone came up to me and told me that he didn't agree with a lot of what I said or stood for. But then he admired me because I best represented democracy in action. I asked him what he meant and he said that in many countries in the world, if I spoke out as I do here, I would be arrested, put in jail, and shot. Here in Canada, I do have the right to express my opinions and I take that right very seriously. I practice citizenship. Most Winnipeggers do not practice citizenship for many reasons. Working full time, raising a family, many of them can't take time off to attend Council and committee meetings during the day, and also, perhaps, they don't think that their opinions will be heard or will make a difference.

During my illness I received hundreds of letters from people from the inner city and suburbia that they read what I write and appreciate the fact that I represent them by giving Council, in one word, hell. One letter, for example, said, "Your zeal and dedication and your values over the years have been impressive and inspirational. I have been an activist in the women's movement and know how difficult it is to implement change." As I say my final farewell to City Council, I do want to stress the important role that you play in directly affecting the citizens of this city and how important I feel your role is. However, I feel that the institution of City Council is more and more isolated from the average citizen, not those who lobby City Council, such as CUPE 500, the Heavy Construction Industry, the BIZ groups and Chamber of Commerce. However, just take time to go to any coffee shop and listen to what people really think about City Hall.

I will miss City Council, the Administration, and Councillors who I have befriended throughout the 40 years that I've known, many of whom are not elected any more, some who are here right now. I only hope that someone else will step forward to take my place as a citizen advocate to speak out on issues that affect us all. Thank you very, very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillors, any questions of Mr. Ternette? Nick, on behalf of all members of Council and the citizens of Winnipeg, I want to thank you for all the dedication you have been working on. I've known you for…since 1966 in your activities. I was active at the same time with you and I just want to wish you well, you and your wife and I don't think that you are going to leave what you're doing now. You may not appear in Council as a delegation any more but you're still going to be active. It's in your blood like it is in my blood. It's not going to stop. Nick, thank you. Congratulations and take care.

Nick Ternette: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillors, Executive Policy Committee report of January 6th of 2010. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 6, 2010

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 to 5.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Report of January 13th of 2010, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 13, 2010

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

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 3, Mr. Mayor. I mean Madam Clerk.

Item 3 - Endorsement of the Call to Action for OurWinnipeg
eFile EP-1.1(PW)

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I just want to take the opportunity to once again, thank our department and staff for the approach they have taken for OurWinnipeg, our new plan for the future, as well as the 76 actions that they've recommended, and Deepak Joshi and all the staff. They've done an enormous amount of work and to be very frank with

you, this is one of the most encompassing events that's ever taken place and I just want to take the opportunity to commend them and thank them.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Thomas.

Councillor Thomas: Thank you. The staff has done a good job on identifying the concerns of Winnipeg. I think now the issue is what Council will do with that. It's where Council will put the money and what specific priorities will come forward from these recommendations, and I'm looking forward to seeing some positive changes happen from this, and I hope that Council puts its money where its mouth is with regard to the implementation of quite a few of these initiatives that the citizens have spoken on. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to vote in favour of this Motion today. I just want to point out, however, that it says that we are approving it in principle. The reason why we're approving it in principle is because we don't have a lot of data about many of the issues and initiatives that are in this document, yet in many cases they are just ideas that haven't been formulated, and I don't want anybody to get the idea either politically or administratively, that by moving this forward and voting for it in principle that it means we're voting for it, period. That's not what it says. And I want to make that real clear because I'm voting for it in principle, and when I start seeing some of the other issues come forward, doesn't mean that the way that they all come forward that I'm necessarily going to agree with them all. And, so far, that's not what's in front of us and I just want to make that clear. But I support going forward and making that information available to us, and looking at these things. There's a lot of very, very broad issues, if you read this, but there's nothing definitive in certain areas, and until we see what they think is definitive, and…like with the future land development as an example, and how we would go about connecting that new land with the existing development and so on, I…I'm very much supportive of this in principle, until I see that, and then think that we should be dealing with those matters again in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councilor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd also like to rise and thank the Administration for the work they've done on this. I too, though, have some concerns that we're spending a significant amount of money and time on this initiative and I think it's important that we deliver clear results. I've read the call to action items, starting on page 36 of the document, and you know some of the proposals are very specific and very good, and others are a little bit more vague. And I think we have to drill down and we have to ensure that we deliver true items which are very clear, that have clear time lines, that have deliverables and we know what we're trying to achieve.

And secondly, Mr. Speaker, I want to raise a point which, you know, as the previous Councillor had indicated, as a member…as he and other members of EPC will have an opportunity to see the document, probably prior to the rest of Council seeing it, I'm assuming, and having input into it prior to the rest of Council having input into it, but we…we did hear a small amount of information at the Standing Committee or the Committee of…on Housing recently, whereby it was indicated by the Public Service that they were looking at or considering the complete elimination of neighbourhood policy areas verses rural policy areas in the Plan Winnipeg document. Basically, everything would become in a sense…there would no longer neighbourhood policy areas or no longer rural policy areas it was explained to us. You know, everything would become a so-called neighbourhood policy area as long as all levels of services are supplied in the development. I have a concern with regards to that, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the fact that the document does clearly state that there is going to be serious growth in the next 20 years they estimate, over the next 20 years, and they estimate the numbers, and based on that estimation of growth they're arguing that we need to free up as much land supply as possible, and specifically, green fill land potentially for development based on that growth. Mr. Speaker, these are projections, number one, and they've been known to be wrong in the past. Number two, our policy in the past has been to attempt to control suburban sprawl and try to enhance existing neighbourhoods by increasing density, by making it more feasible for older neighbourhoods to renew themselves, and the document does refer to having a balanced approach, and indeed a memo was circulated to all Councillors last year from the CAO himself, speaking to this issue, specifically in the document. So I'm just putting these comments on the record, hoping that this issue will be addressed by staff and by EPC and by the Mayor. Do not want to see us go…this member of Council does not want to see us go wholesale into encouraging more suburban sprawl. I believe if we have growth challenges, we should face them together. The Province is putting money into this, largely, Mr. Speaker, because they have an agenda with their capital region issues. And if that's the case, Mr. Speaker, with the future growth and development, we have to ensure that it's coordinated between the capital region and the city, otherwise no matter what we do, it will be undermined no matter what our recommendations are, specifically, Mr. Speaker, if we do try to genuinely find a balanced approach to manage growth in our city for the next number of years. So those are my comments, I sincerely hope that they are taken into consideration. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: With respect to the document, obviously I will be in support of where we're at right now. I too, have been impressed with the process as has been stated many times, Mr. Speaker. This process has been one of pretty impressive uptake by the citizens who live in this city, and not just citizens but organizations that represent larger bodies of citizens within our community. I think we've already, in this brief exchange, got a small taste of the diverse interest that exists in the City of Winnipeg and how difficult it might be going forward to have any document that completely represents everybody's exact interests. That's the essence and the difficulty of some of these types of documents. So you can appreciate the scope and again, some of the difficulty of our department trying to bring all those diverse interests together.

The 76 items that are listed at the…in… within the document itself are action items. We expect that when the time comes each one of these items is going to, in some fashion, be supported with a report and an idea as to how to realize that specific item. Now, it is possible, of course, that it could be contained within other reports. There could be parts of other initiatives that could happen as well. But, each one of these items, which have come from the community, is anticipated to go through a process from this Council, or subsequent Councils, to realize whatever that might be. And, of course, the comments are well taken when you look at some of the items. For example, if you pick anything off the list, the City of Winnipeg Green Work Place Initiative, obviously, within that comment it's sufficiently vague but specific enough, I guess, to tell you where we're going but there's going to have to be specific details put into a report or anything that supports that direction and at that time, any Councillor can either support or not support that specific direction that we move in. There's obviously has to be some details and some fleshing out of each one of these processes. I think that's fair enough.

The comments with respect to where we're going as a city are, I think, stark. Right now, the anticipated growth over the next 20 years or so, I think, is around 180,000 people within the limits of the City of Winnipeg. We've commissioned the Conference Board of Canada and two other independent bodies to give us their best estimate as to population growth within the City of Winnipeg. That is a city the size of Regina, almost, that is going to be dropped within the limits of the City of Winnipeg, and that doesn't include the additional 40 to 50,000 people of growth that are anticipated in the ex-urban area just in the municipalities surrounding Winnipeg. If, indeed, this does come to pass and right now, again, our experts are telling us that it probably will, we are going to be looking at a land use window that tells us our supply, using our current projected models, will run out in the next 13 years.

Councillor Wyatt is quite correct, within that context, we have to change a lot of our current thinking, start striving towards greater densities. If you delve deeper into the report itself, you'll see and if you've had a chance to see the OurWinnipeg presentations, you'll see that a lot of the demand for housing in this city is going to be mixed-use or higher density residential uses. In essence, our people are telling us that a lot of the population that we are going to be serving are not going to be asking for the traditional suburban type developments. Some will, but the greater percentage will not. We'll have to, I guess as an entity that is working in the supply and demand marketplace, provide that supply, a change in thinking is certainly in order. Obviously, with that type of parameters and that type of 13-year window, it probably does behoove us to bring all our land into stewardship right now. I think the more land that we have under our control will allow us to do greater not worse planning, and that's the idea behind that. This is obviously a ways from completion, Mr. Speaker, but I do look forward with all of the contingent comments, to all of Council's cooperation on this very, very important document. And I thank our Administration and the entire population of the City of Winnipeg for their cooperation to date.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I of course support this. Let me tell you this. This is fantastic. I have to congratulate the Provincial Government for helping us with this, because you know, 34,000 people had input. Compare this to Plan Winnipeg. We had a committee of City Council doing it. You know 34,000 people have voiced their vision of what Winnipeg should be, and let me tell you this, density is important. You know, I think we've gone too far in suburban sprawl. It hurts my area. It hurts the existing neighbourhoods and this document outlines many things that I support, basically, and the city of arts, culture, poverty. These are issues that are included in this that I think are worthwhile, and so I'm looking forward to Council giving some weight to the arguments presented and the positions presented in this paper. You know, I hear Councillor Clement, you know, sounded to me like he's sort of backing out of supporting it whole-heartedly. I think this is worthwhile. I think we should all support this.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just sort of wanted to bring us back to the matter at hand today and that's the action items that are in front of us. I think this is a good list of action items. They've come out of the

consultation process so far. It's not the actual OurWinnipeg document and land use issues and where we might be going in this city. There are 76 individual items in here that have come out through the consultation processes we've gone through so far, and what's being brought forward to us today is some actionable items that we can start moving on right away, today. We don't have to wait for the final OurWinnipeg report to start doing some of these things and most of them you'll see are…are around sort of those principles of sustainability that we've been discussing in this process and they're from all three streams…they're both…all three streams being the environment, the economic, and the social streams of sustainability. So that's what we have in front of us. It's pretty easy to support this. Not all items may end up getting dealt with in…is specifically as they're recommended here, and that's why there's some wiggle room because we…some of them do have budget implications, but it certainly makes sense and it's great to see us actually, rather waiting for the whole report, to begin to working towards these items today. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: No further speakers? Mr. Mayor, would you want to close?

Mayor Katz: I thank everybody for their input, Mr. Speaker, and I just want to remind all the Councillors that there will be quarterly Council seminars, and I believe the first one will probably be no later in March. So all this will be discussed before a full Council, so I just want everybody to be aware of that as well, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: On Item 3, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Report of January the 20th of 2010, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 20, 2010

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 5.

Mr. Speaker: There is a Motion on No. 5. Pardon me, on 1. Motion No 1. Two, 3, 4 and 5, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 1, Madam Clerk.

Item 1 - Amendments to City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 - City Auditor - City Clerk eFile GL-5.6

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan?

Mayor Katz: Pardon me? No, I'm going to let him introduce the Motion. I'm fine.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Lazarenko,

THAT Recommendation 1.C. of Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 20, 2010 be amended by deleting the words "on a day to day basis", so that it reads:

"C. In section 24.2 by striking out "and the Chief Administrative Officer" and substituting "and the Executive Policy Committee shall supervise the City Clerk."

Councillor Pagtakhan: Mr. Speaker, pretty self explanatory. Just basically saying that we'd like to revise the current Motion to strike out the word "CAO" and substitute…sorry strike out the word "on a day to day basis", sorry, just this is in line with our Organizational By-law, Mr. Speaker, and it's a simple house cleaning item.

Mr. Speaker: Any speakers? Councillor Thomas?

Councillor Thomas: I won't be supporting either the Amendment or the Clause. I think the appropriate thing for both the City Auditor and the City Clerk is that they be reporting to Council as a whole, and if there is anything that has to be in the subcommittee it should be the Secretariat. It shouldn't be Executive Policy Committee. I see that is taking more and more power away from Council that should…should be going to the Secretariat and to Council as a whole, so I will not be supporting this Clause or the Amendment.

Mr. Speaker: The Clerk does report to EPC. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I also won't be supporting the recommendation, Mr. Speaker. I believe that as other Councils across this country, the Clerk should report to Council and I think we're getting into semantics here by saying that on a day to day basis, the reporting EPC, the wording is even odd, Mr. Speaker, you know, and I hear the Amendment here "so supervised" the same thing basically. Mr. Speaker, the reality is we know how the system works here. I mean, reporting to Council and then the power of EPC and the Mayor already have the real politic is there and it will always be there so why enshrine it even further. The principle of the Clerk reporting to Council I think is primary and it should be the first and foremost principle that we should be following and then the reality of the politics of our Council will kick in anyway to ensure that there's EPC has their ability to influence or to have the supervision as they desire. So you don't need to put in a Motion, Mr. Speaker. I think that's just silly and not only that, I agree with Councillor Thomas. I think it strengthens and goes in the wrong direction when it comes to openness and transparency. It should be with the Secretariat Committee. It should be with Council first and foremost. That's the main body that should be the…the Clerk should be reporting to and as we see across this country, Mr. Speaker. So I won't be supporting this.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Clarify this because once again it's day of Council and we're amending these things which are fairly serious issues, and I guess I just wanted to be sure this is only a housekeeping matter. Is this any change, is what my question is that I hope someone can answer before we vote on this. Is this any change in how the City Clerk reports? Is it still overseen by Council through EPC or is Council somehow taken out of the equation? That's the key question I'd like to hear explained. Thank you. (Inaudible) That it's still Council? Because that's the key concern here and I just want to make sure that's covered.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillors, any further speakers? If not, on the Motion, all…Councillor Vandal? Councillors, please read the Organizational By-law. I mean this in itself, the Clerk does report to the Executive Policy Committee. That's the mandate. The only thing that's on the Motion here before us is the day to day.

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

Mr. Speaker: That's what we're talking about. Section 14.

Councillor Vandal: My concerns were addressed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Mr. Speaker: Any further speakers? All in favour of the Motion? Opposed? Councillor Wyatt and Thomas in opposition. Thank you. On the…what's that? Oh pardon me. On 1 as amended. All in favour? Contrary, Carried. Same, Councillor Thomas and Wyatt in opposition. Now we've got the walk-on report of January the 27th of 2010. I believe it's…the rules be suspended has been moved. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Who's going to introduce it? Madam Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 27, 2010

Item 1 – Old Market Square Redevelopment – Amendment to 2010 Capital Budget (Point Douglas Ward)
eFile FC (2010)

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 1 be adopted.

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

Item 2 – Linden Woods Community Centre Redevelopment Project – Community Centre Investment Fund (River Heights – Fort Garry Ward)
eFile PR-2(32)

Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I move that Item 2 be adopted.

Mr. Speaker: All in fav…Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: I just wanted to speak to this quickly. We dealt with this in EPC this morning. This is a very worthwhile project, you know. We're trying to get as much done in community centres as we can with very limited…very limited resources. Traditionally all three levels of government have been very supportive. I think there's some timing issues here that are throwing some hiccups into this and it's not getting through the Province as well as it could or it should. So I'm just standing up to voice some encouragement to the Province to get to the table and get this resolved because the time is quickly running out where this community centre will have access to the Federal Rink Funding. Our funds are there and they are committed to this community centre but what we've done in every other community centre…we've had all three levels be completely supportive. Specifically the last one we just did was the Southdale Community Centre which had very significant Provincial contribution and we even went as far as to do a loan guarantee that was, you know, I think the biggest loan guarantee we've ever done so far for a community centre. So, I'm rising today just to signal to the Province that we need them to do the right thing here, that this is in keeping with what we've been doing all along and trying to get these community centres refurbished and updated and expanded as required so hopefully these words will not fall on deaf ears on Broadway and this project will continue to move along.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: Yeah, I'd like to speak basically to the same issue, Mr. Speaker. It's…I find it a little bit frustrating. We had an issue in front of us, similar type of issue at the last Council meeting dealing with Southdale, where it was clear that the Provincial Government was not only supportive but, frankly, meddled in our business a wee bit, and came out of an Election Campaign and I sure hope that the fact that they don't want to participate in this particular initiative, which is a good initiative, isn't because this is in Hugh McFadden's seat area or ward in the Province. You know, this last issue with Southdale, I mean, if you look at the business plan we bent over backwards trying to help that situation. That business plan was questionable at best, and not only did we provide money to that project to go along with the Provincial Government and local politicians added money to it as well, but the fact of the matter is, is that the City then had to guarantee a loan for the Community Centre to go forward with that project. And now we've got a project that we've got the Federal Government at the table and we've got the City at the table and we don't have the Province, and it's a good project, and I don't understand why the Province wouldn't come forward and participate in this, and in particular, given the way that they brought forward the initiative in Southdale, you'd think that they'd want to make amends a wee bit and to try and show a little bit of fairness to some of the other suburban areas that are also trying to put forward appropriate type of initiatives for the kids in their area. As an example, there's going to be a gymnasium as a phase 2, I believe, with the Southdale one, so here's a gymnasium on an existing community centre who's gone out and raised over a quarter of a million dollars of their own, as well as they've got a million dollars of rink money sitting there and it's not going to go ahead because the Province won't participate? I think that that's shameful, Mr. Speaker, and I hope that somebody at the Province is watching. They usually are when I'm speaking because about two minutes after I finish, they're e-mailing the Mayor's Office asking why he can't get control of Clement, but anyway the fact of the matter is, is that the Province should be ashamed of themselves. They should be participating in this, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I just want to rise of course and offer my support and I believe all of Council's support through this project. This project has been on the works for a while. Some people have asked me why does Linden Woods need a gymnasium. You know, they can just get in their car and drive somewhere to a nice expensive gym somewhere or the Y. Well, that's not the point. There's many people in Linden Woods that want the opportunity to have recreational facilities within their own community and this isn't just for Linden Woods. This is for Whyte Ridge and it's a very large area that they're willing to open up their doors to. So on the recreational side and the community building side, it's a very, very good project. It also provides revenue streams, again, with hall rental and renting out the facility, that will help Linden Woods and all our community centres sustain themselves and we need to have those revenue streams so the community centres can keep growing and being a part of their community.

Now I know that there is some timing issues. We have three levels of government working together trying to figure out a way to fund this, and there's some disagreements of who paid what and how much. I'd like to offer hope to both the Province and the Federal Government and the City that, and whom other partners want come in, we all have to work together to try to find out these shortfalls and try to figure out how we can get this project done rather than try to find out ways to divide us. Let's stick on the course right now and our goal is to get the gym at Linden Woods happening, so let's work in a positive and constructive behaviour, so we all can get this project to happen. So that's my goal. I know there's some difficulties but together I think we can make it. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. No further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you want to close?

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the realities are we know how important community centres are for basically our future for our children. This is a great project, Mr. Speaker. This was number three on the priority list for the

GCWCC. We know that there is extreme pressure that there is a possibility of losing the rink funding of a million dollars unless commitments are made ASAP, and I certainly concur with Councillor Orlikow that everybody should work together to make this happen. This is a very, very, very wonderful project and I don't want to think for a moment that the speculation that it come from other Councillors is correct. I certainly hope that the entire city gets treated fairly and equally and there is no part of the city that is discriminated against because of the representation. So I'm certainly hoping that everybody here will support it and certainly hoping that all three levels of government, and I commend Linden Woods for the private sector fundraising they've done to date and I know they will continue to work hard to raise more funds, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Opposed? It's carried. No. 3.

Item 3 – Building Communities II Agreement
eFile EU-5

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 3 be adopted.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to rise and speak to this to congratulate the Mayor and the members of EPC for bringing this initiative forward. It should be noted, Mr. Speaker, that Building Communities II Agreement phase 1 and phase 2, this is actually a doubling of funding. Previously we had been funding the project to a total of $10 million on a cost shared basis with the Province. This program actually will double the funding, Mr. Speaker, between now and 2015, for a total of $20 million with $15 million targeted equally across the entire city in all the 15 wards of the city, used I know by many Councillors to fix parks and playgrounds, to assist different businesses in their enhancement projects on their main streets, to assist community centres, community clubs, this sort of thing, community groups. So this is a very positive development. There is 5 million also being set aside for targeted neighbourhoods, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate…I understand where they're coming from. I would've hoped…preferred if all of the 20 million was dedicated right equally with all the wards in the city because I happen to believe that every ward of the city and every community in the City is just as equal as the next.

There are other programs out there to assist inner cities such as Neighbourhoods Alive and Targeted Programs and Housing and everything else. This is Building Communities, Mr. Speaker, that's the title of it, it's not called Building Inner City Communities, it's Building Communities and that's what it should be. And, I think it's a…but having said that, Mr. Speaker, you know, 15 million equally spread across the city I think is very positive and I want to congratulate again and thank Mayor Katz and members of EPC for spearheading this and negotiating with…this with the Province. I know it takes time to negotiate these types of things with the Provincial Government and having the patience to do so and thank the Public Service as well for working with them on that. It's definitely a positive announcement. We're…we're very quick around here, Mr. Speaker, you know, to point out the negative and of course that's what the press loves to cover, right? They know you can't sell newspapers with good news. So, you know, sometimes I think we should celebrate our victories a little bit too, and we don't do enough of that around here. And this is a positive thing, Mr. Speaker, so, you know, it definitely is a positive step forward and an improvement over the old program, so thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor. Closing.

Mayor Katz: In closing, I would just like to say one word after Councillor Wyatt's speech, amen and let's move this forward.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Motion, go ahead.

Item 4 - Assiniboine Park Conservancy - Assiniboine Park Nature Playground and Duck Pond Expansion Project
eFile PR-7.1

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, this is a wonderful project and I'm hoping everybody will embrace it as we know the Assiniboine Park Conservancy has some ambitious projects and some great projects for the park. We all know it's been neglected for many, many years. The circumstance that exists in order to move some projects forward, not all levels of government are giving equal to every project. In this situation the Federal Government is giving a million dollars. They haven't got all their private sector monies raised which they intend to do, so the City is basically stepping up to the plate,

filling the voids to get these projects going and down the road, the other level of government will give more for the next project as well as the private sector, so that's it and I certainly hope this will be supported by all.

Mr. Speaker: On Item 4, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Motions. Motion No. 2. is Automatic Referral. Motion No. 3, Automatic Referral. Motion No. 4 is Automatic Referral. And Motion No. 5 is Automatic Referral.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has budgeted approximately $3.5 million in Capital dollars towards the purchase of a Police Helicopter;

AND WHEREAS Council has now been informed that today's annual operating costs of the said helicopter are approximately $1.3 million a year and subject to inflationary cost increases;

AND WHEREAS Council will consider requesting the Province of Manitoba to fund these said operating costs and future inflationary cost increases;

AND WHEREAS within the most recent collective agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association, the City of Winnipeg has obtained the ability to establish a Police Cadet Unit of up to 200 Cadets;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will improve service to the citizens of Winnipeg by increasing the Winnipeg Police Service's (WPS) police presence in Downtown Winnipeg and other neighbourhoods in Winnipeg, assist the WPS in day to day duties as determined by the WPS, and will provide these services above and beyond the existing level of service at an economical cost to ratepayers when compared to conventional policing costs;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will assist the WPS in its succession planning by acting as a potential pool of new recruits for the regular police service, thus further strengthening the existing WPS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to directly fund 50 new Police Cadet positions, including any future inflationary cost increases for the salaries and services of the said positions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for another 50 new Police Cadet positions be included in the City of Winnipeg 2010 Operating Budget, thus establishing the total complement target for the new Police Cadet Unit in 2010 to be 100 Cadets.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has either frozen or cut property taxes for the last 12 years;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's existing infrastructure deficit has skyrocketed to over $380 million in 2009 dollars;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has requested new tax revenues from the Province of Manitoba but has so far refused to consider its own property tax increase;

AND WHEREAS had the City of Winnipeg raised property taxes at the rate of inflation (2% a year or less) for the last 12 years, Winnipeg would have approximately $190 million in additional tax revenues today;

AND WHEREAS in his 2009 State of the City speech, Mayor Katz clearly outlined that Winnipeg's municipal property taxes are now some of the most competitive in Canada when compared to other big cities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's official position has been to call on the Province of Manitoba to remove the archaic practice of collecting Education Taxes on property;

AND WHEREAS the existing situation is not sustainable and requires immediate leadership from City Hall;

AND WHEREAS the local street renewal budget (residential streets) has consistently hovered in the $10 to $15 million range annually, not withstanding the fact that the local street and lane annual infrastructure deficit was estimated in 2009 to be $79 million;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the 2010 Operating Budget include at 2% increase in property taxes, raising approximately $8.5 million, and that all such funds be dedicated to the 2010 Local Street Renewal Budget, therefore amending and increasing the 2010 Capital Budget with these additional funds.

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) holds its Annual Convention of municipalities every year at the end of November;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is a member of the AMM and should therefore encourage its members of Council to attend the annual convention;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has unintentionally scheduled meetings of Council and Committees during the schedule of the four day AMM convention, making it difficult for members of Council to fully participate in the convention;

AND WHEREAS the AMM establishes the date of the convention at least two years in advance of the convention making it possible for the City of Winnipeg to schedule of all of its regular meetings to avoid a conflict with the convention dates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish a precedent that no meetings of Council, including Committees of Council, be scheduled during the four day AMM convention schedule;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be requested to amend the 2010 Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings and that the amended schedule be forwarded to Council for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS Council amended the 2009 Capital budget and increased funding for local sidewalk renewals by $600,000 from $400,000 to 1,000,000;

AND WHEREAS in the 2010 Capital budget, Council did not maintain the $1,000,000 level of funding, but again approved only $400,000 for the funding for local sidewalks renewals;

AND WHEREAS funding for sidewalk renewals is included in both the Capital and Operating (current) Budgets of the city and both include similar mandates, specifically the renewal of sidewalks;

AND WHEREAS, according to the Winnipeg Public Service, we are underfunding the renewal of our regional sidewalk network in both our capital and operating budgets by $500,000 and underfunding the renewal of our local sidewalk network in both our capital and operating budgets by $1,000,000, for a total of $1,500,000 of underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as per the proposed operating (current) budget for 2010 and approved capital budget for 2010, Winnipeg funds regional / local sidewalk renewal in both budgets by a total of $2,344,393;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding this existing level of funding, according to the Winnipeg Public Service, the underfunding of sidewalk renewals by $1,500,000 is a part of Winnipeg's Infrastructure deficit and directly contributes to the growth of Winnipeg's infrastructure debt;

AND WHEREAS an increase of funding by another $1,500,000 a year for sidewalk renewals would, in effect, actually eliminate the infrastructure deficit for sidewalks, thus setting a positive precedent as we work towards addressing the remaining infrastructure challenge;

AND WHEREAS Council found resources to add $3.5 million to the 2010 capital budget to purchase a police helicopter in the name of making our city safer;

AND WHEREAS the deplorable state of many of our city's sidewalks poses a real safety hazard to pedestrians, especially for seniors and our youth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council include $1.5 million in additional funding for sidewalks, specifically $500,000 more for regional sidewalk renewal and $1 million more for local sidewalk renewal, in the 2010 Operating Budget, and that this would be in addition to the $900,000 approved in the 2010 capital budget for regional/local sidewalk renewals and in addition to the $1,444393 as proposed in the 2010 operating (current budget, for a grand total of $3,844,393 for regional/local sidewalk renewals.

Mr. Speaker: By-laws.

Mayor Katz: Six.

Mr. Speaker: That's not on this one. No, no, that's different committee. Mr.…

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

Mr. Speaker: Yeah, Councillors. Councillors. Councillors. Please. I've just had word with the Premier of Manitoba. He is listening and watching this debate right now and he wants to thank Councillor Clement for the comments he's made and he wishes all well. He will be very interested, therefore, Mr. Mayor he has indicated to me that he is going to be right on top with us on the issue that we will be dealing with for the rest of the year. Thank you, Mr. Premier. Go ahead. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: I've never seen a finger phone, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Finger phone, right here. Not the middle finger, this finger.

Mayor Katz: I love modern technology. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Katz: I would like to move that By-law No. 150/2009 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 150/2009.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move that By-law No.150/2009 be read a third time

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

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker. I would move the following By-laws be read a first time, and By-law No. 2/2010, as amended, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: And No 3.

Mayor Katz: No. 3/2010 and No. 5/2010.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. To 2, Councillor Wyatt and Thomas to be recorded in opposition to 2.

Clerk: By-law No. 2/2010 as amended, By-law No. 3/2010, By-law No. 5/2010.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would move that By-laws No. 2/2010, 3/2010 and 5/2010 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Yeah, you'll be recorded.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 2/2010 as amended, 3/2010 and 5/2010.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 2/2010 as amended, 3/2010 and 5/2010 be read a third time and the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Thomas and Wyatt in opposition. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay let's get down to business. The first meeting of 2010. Like I told you, the Premier is watching so be careful what you say and who is first to ask the first question? (Inaudible speaking in the background) I was going to…I was going to, but…Councillor Vandal, the first question.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Vandal: Thank you, Mr. Speaker to the Mayor, can you inform this Council when the report on the new fire hall in Sage Creek will be at City Council?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: I thank Council Vandal for that. My hope is that it will be coming forward for our next Council meeting. If that is not correct I would be happy to inform you of that but that's what I'm hoping for.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I realize the budget isn't being tabled for a couple of weeks but I am wondering if the Mayor could give us some idea of what the intention is. We know there's going to be a tax freeze and possibly business tax cuts but I'm wondering, in the last 3 or 4 years we've seen significant cuts to WAPSO staff, professional middle management level and professional staff, significant cuts every year for a number of years and I'm just wondering if we're going to see more of that in this year's budget on this table.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, through you to Councillor Gerbasi, thank you for the question. I think it's obvious as stated yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the goal will be to freeze property taxes and as far as small businesses, if feasible. I'm sure that Councillor Gerbasi and others are aware of the fact that small business is the economic engine that drives our city and we're looking to see if it's possible to expand the credit that they receive for some more small businesses. That will be determined in the very near future. The hope is not to…I think I made it very clear that I would not support in any way, shape or form any cuts to any front line services, and as far as any other specific questions I would be more than happy to try and address them.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor.

Councillor Gerbasi: I'm also wondering if…well, I'm not sure that question was really answered in terms of how you define…I guess the question is how do you define front line services, eventually city services are affected if we don't have the professional staff to deal with things like community resource coordinators, those kind of staff that…planners, you know, we need those staff to do the business of the City. It may not seem like front line but it's affecting the level of service. So my question really was, is there going to be further reductions in those types as a way of balancing the budget.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure if Councillor Gerbasi is referring to vacancy management. As we know that's an ongoing situation which takes place all the time here at City Hall, but you know, are we specifically looking to basically cut, if that's the question, the answer is that's not what we're looking at.

Mr. Speaker: Your final question, Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Are there also, I'm wondering, if there's…are you considering in the upcoming budget alternative service delivery changes in areas such as Library Services and other recommendations that came from the Economic Opportunities report that was referred to the Operating Budget process in general and we know the Administration could

be looking at. I'm just wondering are we going to see some other changes in how service is delivered through…especially in areas such as Libraries for example.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, we're not looking at any specific changes in Library Services but I am glad to report that we are working on actually enhancing and having more library service, for example, the library…some libraries open to the public for longer hours. That is one of our goals.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. No further questions? Councillor Wyatt

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a member of Council who advocated publicly and also internally here, it was very pleasing to see the…very happy I think to see the announcement recently of public consultation on the Operating Budget, so my question would be to the Mayor, Mr. Mayor, I'm not too sure who to thank, if it's directly the Mayor or the Chair of Finance or all members of EPC, but are you aware that many Councillors were pleasantly surprised to see public consultations called for the Operating Budget as a first good step. I believe they are starting tonight.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Councillor Wyatt: Is it really?

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, to be very frank with you, we have a…Councillor Fielding is the Chair of Finance, and the point was quite simple, to have the public and other Councillors share in a process. I don't think anybody has ever had a problem with…I believe it's a good…it's a good move going in that direction. I certainly do, you know, you can thank everybody but I believe that Councillor Fielding deserves a great deal of the credit and as Councillor Wyatt knows, we very much like to surprise him on a regular basis so hopefully we can continue to do this.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you and is it possible, knowing full well that the essence of time may not allow it for this Operating Budget year, but in future ope…and by the way, thank you Councillor Fielding, in future Operating Budget years, the concept of expanding to not just have it downtown open…public meetings, but in other parts of the city, to allow residents who reside elsewhere in the city to participate in these types of meetings. Is that something that you would be open to considering for the future?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, when we made this decision at EPC which was approved unanimously just for the record, we were dealing with the budget of this year. I mean, I'm hoping that Councillor Wyatt knows that yours truly maintains an open mind and I believe all members of Council hopefully maintain an open mind. Is that something that we can consider down the road? Of course, it is. You know, can I make a commitment today? No, because I don't know if we're going to be back.

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

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some time ago at the…here I moved a Motion regarding riverbanks, the creation of a riverbank development authority or a new group for providing stewardship on our water ways. To date I've seen nothing. I sit on the Riverbanks Committee and nothing has come to that committee. I would've expected that something would've at least come back to Council by now. I'm wondering if the Mayor can let us know if he knows where that is at and when we might see something coming forward.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I will be happy to take that under advisement and get an update and definitely relay it to Councillor.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, that's it? Your second question, Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: This is just a bit of a change in topic here. I heard Councillor Vandal mention the fire stations. Are the new fire stations conditional at all on any Provincial funding or are we safe to move ahead with them?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: To my knowledge, they are not conditional on Provincial funding. I can tell you with the previous Premier they did want to potentially participate but as you know, that was then, this is now, so I think the City needs to address that issue by moving forward and if they want to come to the table, terrific, but my understanding is we're not looking at that scenario and I have heard no communication whatsoever to date to give that indication.

Mr. Speaker: Your final question, Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Last year's budget, Mr. Speaker, through you to the Mayor, we had the issue of ambulance fees and the contract with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. That contract expired March 31st of last year. I'm just wondering if that contract has been renewed and, if not, if the Mayor could give us the indication when that will be renewed so we can do an appropriate budget and not have to carry a contingency for it.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, Councillor Swandel is absolutely correct. It's almost a year now that the contract has expired. I believe our Administration has been working diligently over the last two years to try and bring this to fruition. I can tell you that on Monday, I met with the Premier and this was definitely one of the topics. We addressed that topic. The Premier made it very clear to me that they were looking to see what they could do, but the request that's come from the department as far as dollars and cents will definitely not be met and I'm just waiting to see what that number might be. I believe the request was for approximately $6 million based on the negotiations and coming up with a plan for sharing…how we address the ambulance situation, so I know that number will definitely not be met but we are waiting to see what the number will be and keep something out. This is something that…keep something in mind. This is something that the department was looking to change and phase out over a period of time so maybe it will just take longer to get to our goal.

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

Councillor Vandal: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The whole issue of sick leave cash out for firefighters was in the news last week and I understand in 2009 there was over $2 million of sick leave cash out for firefighters. I'm wondering if you can share with Council your position on the issue of sick leave cash out.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, as Councillor Vandal knows, this was something that was negotiated long before I was here and is something that's on the Floor. I have had no communication with Mr. Forrest on this topic. It is what it is right now. If Council decides that's something they want to bring up, then of course I would be happy to listen to what all members of Council, specifically those that were here when these negotiations took place, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That is a Collective Agreement of the Firefighters of the City of Winnipeg. Your Second question, Councillor? For the Second time around…oh, pardon me. Councillor Browaty, first question.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, my question is, is the Mayor aware that there are plans on the floor, and is he supportive of plans, to sever vehicular through traffic on Assiniboine Avenue as part of the tri-level Active Transportation Plan this year? It's a good program. It's going to be providing lots of good to the entire city. While I understand the local area Councillor may be supportive of it, this being an important street for the rest of the city, I think closing off and severing it is sort of contrary to Council's authority to formally open and close streets. Is the Mayor supportive of this current proposal by the Public Service?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that as I stand here today, I do have a genuine concern on this specific issue, and my concern is that it appears that the residents living in that area had very little or no input, and this is something that I'm actually looking into with the Administration to find out if that is correct because those are the phone calls and e-mails that I've been getting and I intend to look into that, because I don't know how you can address such an issue without getting input from the people that are going to be impacted.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor.

Councillor Browaty: If the local community is going to be consulted, would the Mayor be supportive of also consulting with the broader community people that own and run businesses in the area, people that commute through that area on a regular basis in regards to that? My understanding is there is a very good and clean trail for cyclists and Active Transportation right along the Assiniboine River at that location.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, my belief is that when we make significant changes that can impact people, they need to have an opportunity to respond one way or the other. In the end we may agree, we may disagree, whatever the case may be. This is no different than issues that had come up when…out of the blue there have been parking meters that have appeared on streets that never existed before and we.... I'll just wait for Councillor Gerbasi to finish.

Mr. Speaker: Councillors.

Mayor Katz: This is no different than changes taking place when parking meters suddenly appear on streets and the residents claim they had no notification and no discussion. I think when it's directly impacting citizens or businesses they should definitely have an opportunity to share their opinion, positive or negative.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That's it, Councillor Browaty? Second time around, no further…okay, you've had, yes I've got you down. Councillor Wyatt, your first question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year I, along with other members of Council, attended the Throne Speech at the Legislature that was given, and the Chief was there at the time of the announcement of the helicopter, potential helicopter funding by the Selinger Government, but listening through the whole Throne Speech, not once in the Throne Speech did I hear at least, it was a long Throne Speech, I didn't expect to hear any funding announcement or any commitment of new infrastructure dollars or new dollars diversified revenue dollars to Winnipeg. But not even once was there an acknowledgment of the challenge that the City of Winnipeg is facing with the growing infrastructure crisis and our challenge with the revenues, notwithstanding what Tom Brodbeck and the Winnipeg Sun writes. So my question is to the Mayor that, you know, knowing this fact and knowing that clearly the Premier is not of the mind of giving us more revenues or at least as indicating that thus far, is there any thoughts with regards to strategy? He made some very good, very strong statements yesterday in the State of the City Speech which I think were well put and well said, but with regards to turning the situation around with regards to the new Premier and enlightening him to the challenges that the City is facing today in 2010 and not in 1992 when he was Chair of Finance.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor, a lengthy question. A lengthy reply.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank Councillor Wyatt for the question. We're all very much familiar with our infrastructure deficit. It's over $7 billion. Yesterday I made reference to if we spent $740 million a year for ten years, we'd be able to catch up. I also shared that what we used to think was 8 cents of every dollar, it's closer to 6 cents what the City gets and I know that Councillor Wyatt is very cognizant of the fact. It's not just Winnipeg that's having this problem, it's all municipalities. He was very much a part of the AMM and there was a Motion that they talked about where the City could get a share of revenues that never came to being.

The facts are it appears every government seems to consider themselves to be short of revenue to address the issues they have. And, regardless of what may come down the road from other levels of government, that doesn't mean the City can stop doing what we are doing. We need to continue, and I can tell you that I have approached Councillor O'Shaughnessy to basically go out there and come up with some ideas for us to actually start addressing that and looking for monies, working with Councillor Fielding, because if no monies ever come forward, that doesn't mean we don't have to do something in our own backyard so we need to start looking for monies to address this. I don't think we can ever get to the point of acquiring the revenue that we need to actually do this. Everybody knows it has to be all levels of government. Everybody knows there is only one taxpayer, but no, we're not going to sit on our hands and do nothing. We're actually going to go out there and be proactive and try and find some revenues and identify some monies to go towards our infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As pointed out, we've passed Motions here calling for greater funding more than once on this Council floor. In the conversations you've had with the Premier, does he at least acknowledge the infrastructure challenges and the Operating Budget challenge facing the City today or does he refuse to acknowledge

that either publicly or private…publicly he is refusing and all that, privately has he given you any indication that he understands the challenges facing the City as we go forward?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure I can specifically answer that question. As many people know, I do have meetings with the Premier and as I said, you know, right after he was elected we got together, we had some phone calls and we met again on Monday. And I can tell you right now that the City has presented a list of infrastructure projects as part of the Building Canada Fund, which are projects right across the city which, if those move forward, I think could have a very positive impact on our infrastructure today. I'm hoping those can be brought to fruition in the very near future because as we all know, time is of the essence. You know, the only thing that I can share with Councillor Wyatt, I have never, ever heard the Premier say that we don't have infrastructure problems. I think his response is, the Province has their problems too and, you know, they're dealing with theirs and obviously we're going to have to deal with ours, but I've never heard him acknowledge that we don't have any problems.

Mr. Speaker: Your final question, Councillor?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. Very specifically, roads, we had a Motion that was passed on this Council saying to be treated equally as provincial highways, that they should fund our city highways just the same. It was almost unanimously passed. Throne Speech, millions and millions thrown at new schools and universities being renovated, yet absolutely nothing coming the way of the city of new infrastructure dollars. Has that question been put to the Premier? Can you not deliver with regards to the request that came almost unanimously from City Council last summer?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would be more than happy to deliver that message once again. It would be my pleasure.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, your first question.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to ask are you aware question, regarding the issue raised about Assiniboine Avenue. I'm sure you're aware that it's one of our projects that's partially funded by the $20 million Federal money, but I'm wondering if perhaps a better source of information than the Marty Gold talk show would be talking to the area Councillor and the Active Transportation Coordinator because it's been two public open houses. There's been a mail out to the area residents at least once if not twice, and what we're talking about is traffic calming in order to create a very significant cycling route which I, as the area Councillor, support and that is in the process of being…there is consultation that's gone on and the design is being done right now. I think it's all under control, so I just wanted to know if you were aware of the public consultation process that our own staff has been undertaking for the project that we've all been bragging about and been very pleased with our Active Transportation Coordinators…uh Corridors.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Yes or no?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank Councillor Gerbasi for that and I'm sure Councillor Gerbasi knows that I am not influenced by any show, okay? I'm sure she is aware of that, but I will repeat that I have had citizens contact me and you know, whether they were missed or whatever the case may be, and I did make on the record comment that I very much want to know exactly what the Councillor for the area stood and obviously I think she's made that very apparent to me, and that I'm sure that under almost every circumstance, I support the Councillor for the area. By the same token, if citizens call me, that does not mean I'm not going to look into it.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Fair enough. Thank you. My second question has to do with the selection of the private partner process for the Waste Water Upgrades and I'm wondering when we will expect to see that report coming forward from the Administration to Council to choose one of the three multinational corporations that are being…that were short listed for the Waste Water Upgrade Contract.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, just for clarification, there is no partner. I know that Councillor Gerbasi knows that so I'll just assume that was a mistake. What we're looking is for someone with expertise that can basically help us stay on budget, and I would be happy to get back to Councillor Gerbasi and let her know when that's forthcoming. By the same token we're also waiting for the Provincial Government to give us an indication where they stand on this issue as well.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor, your final question. Third and final.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. My understanding is that we have the authority as a Council to proceed with procuring a private partner. We've already approved that, we just merely are in the selection process of one of three contenders according to the business plan and all of that that was approved at Council, so I'm just wondering are we going to likely see that in February Council or when do you expect that to happen?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'll reiterate once more. We have gone to the Province and I think Councillor Gerbasi is very much aware of the fact that the Province has to take some action in order for to us move forward. We will wait the Province's indication and until that happens, we will just wait patiently. I, of course, will remind them about the time parameters and once again, Mr. Speaker, just to make this very, very clear, because I know there is a habit of sometimes sending out erroneous messages, okay, this is a City of Winnipeg initiative. There are no private partners. The City is moving forward. There will be expertise from the private sector, no different than we get from any other major project we work on. Our goal is to make sure that we have a project that moves forward on time and on budget, and that's what I hope will happen down the road, but until we hear from the Province, we are waiting right now.

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

Councillor Clement: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think we've had e-mails in the last hour so I'll take another jab. Mr. Mayor, some time ago the Provincial Government held a press conference and announced 50 new police officers for the City of Winnipeg. My understanding is that so far, to date, 10 of those officers have been funded with real money. Do you have any idea which decade this millennium that the other 40 officers are going to be coming on board?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Through you to Mr. Councillor Clement, Mr. Speaker, my understanding is slightly different. There was a commitment from Premier Doer, the previous Premier, for 50 police officers. They chose to take the route of funding 10 officers one year and 10 officers the next year, so my understanding is it's 20 officers to date. There are 30 more to be funded that could continue to be 10 a year. They could've broken up in any number they wanted over those five years, but it appears it will continue to move hopefully at 10 for the next three years but just for clarification, I'll be happy to confirm this to Councillor Clement, I believe it's been 20 officers to date and there are 30 officers to go.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: Yes, Mr. Mayor, when they fund these officers do they fund them at the entry level cost of the Police Department and subsequently as the officers progress in their development and receive more remuneration, does the Province pay the difference or does the City cover the difference?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, in the past, and I know Councillor Clement is very much aware of that, there have been announcements for more police officers and for all intents and purposes they were funded at the entry level, and what happened is a few years down the road it basically was costing us more than the Province had committed. We all know that situation and that is something that we are working on to change in the future and address with the amount of money that is available but that certainly was a flaw in the past, no question about it.

Mr. Speaker: Your final question, Councillor Clement.

Councillor Clement: I heard a rumour about the Federal Government also providing 30 officers to the Province. I assume that half of them were…well, I don't assume but I believe half of them were in rural Manitoba which was likely RCMP, and the other 15 were to be supplied to the City of Winnipeg. Do you have any indication when those 15 officers are going to be coming on board, Mr. Mayor?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, Councillor Clement is fairly accurate on that. There was an announcement that was made by the Federal Government for funding for 30 police officers; fifteen for the City and 15 for the balance of the Province. Just for clarification, although those numbers were used, Mr. Speaker, it was one-time money so I think the City would have to address exactly what that means and how many officers, otherwise we fall into the same folie we have in the past,

and I cannot give Councillor Clement an answer as to when the follow through will be on this, but I certainly would be happy to address this issue with the Province and get some information and pass it along to Councillor Clement and all the other Councillors.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Smith, your first question.

Councillor Smith: Mr. Mayor, I noticed your comments about consulting with the people who are affected with any change, and I'm wondering what your comment about parking. You know, the Parking Authority is planning on putting out 400 more parking stations over the next two years. Do…are we going to be consulting with the businesses and residents?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: I was just making sure that was the end of Councillor Smith's question. Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that I have had a conversation with Dave Hill from the Winnipeg Parking Authority and expressed concerns about these parking meters and the public not being notified. As the Councillor knows, the Winnipeg Parking Authority is an SOA and there's…they operate in a very different manner. I'm sure he's aware of that. By the same token I think there needs to be all individuals, residents, as well as businesses need to be made aware and I'm sure once they're made aware they would have comments and my hope is that the Winnipeg Parking Authority would deal with these issues when they arise.

Mr. Speaker: Your second question, Councillor. Councillor Swandel, your first question.

Councillor Swandel: Just quickly to follow up to what Councillor Clement was asking about. You mentioned that there was Federal money to go to the Province. Can you tell us if the money for those police officers has already flowed to the Province?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Mayor, you have 10 seconds, 9, 8, 6, 5, 4.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware. My understanding was I believe it flowed but I don't know specifically but once again I will inquire and I will get back to the Councillor.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Question period has expired. Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Service, report of January 11 of 2010. Councillor Pagtakhan.

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Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'll stand down Item 4 and on my report of January 11th, move Items 1, 2 and 3.

Councillor Wyatt: Three.

Mr. Speaker: Three…so one and two…Items 1 and 2, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 3.

Item 3 – Amendment to Winnipeg Arts Council By-law No. 1
eFile FG-3

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Mr. Speaker, this is just a basic housekeeping. This amendment has come forth from the Winnipeg Arts Council basically stating that their desired representative ought to be the Chair of Protection and Community Services and in lieu of that person not being available, that other member be a member of City Council.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Mr. Speaker, I don't know what generated this request, why this came about from the Winnipeg Arts Council but I was a member of the Council previously when the Arts Council…Winnipeg Arts Council was formed and I remember some of the comments specifically made at that time and that there was a key liaison going to be a member of Council selected by Council. I think we're moving in the wrong direction here. Once again I think we're, you know,

consolidating power or centralizing it into the hands of fewer and fewer and EPC. It's fine that they, you know, want to have a representative on the committee. It's always just been a member of Council who gets elected by members of Council. If that's the case we could have two members of Council, that's not a problem, but to do this I don't see the rationale.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, you want to close that?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I thank Councillor Wyatt for his comments. I can assure the Councillor that this has come forth from the Winnipeg Arts Council and that their desire is that the member ought to come from the…ought to be the Chair of PC and S as there is a direct reporting relationship with Protection and Community Services, so with that hopefully this can get the support of Council today. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour on Item 3? Councillor Gerbasi wants to be recorded in opposition, Councillor Smith in opposition, Councillor Wyatt in opposition. All in favour? Those in opposition have been recorded on Item 3. It's carried.

Item 4, Councillor Pagtakhan.

Item 4 – Establishment of a Winnipeg Police Service Flight Operations Unit (Helicopter)
eFile GF-2

Mr. Speaker: You stood that one down Councillor, didn't you, No. 4?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Pardon me?

Mr. Speaker: You stood that down.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Okay, go ahead.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I just wanted to introduce the report, Mr. Speaker. I anticipate there will be some comments around this. This is a significant juncture here for the Winnipeg Police Service and the establishment of the Winnipeg Police Service Flight Operations Unit. I want to tell you that the prevention of crime, Mr. Speaker, is…involves a multifaceted approach and this particular tool, the acquisition of this tool and the funding that's required in partnership with the City and the Province is I think a very good tool in the tool box for the Winnipeg Police Service. And I'll keep my comments fairly short basically but there is a myriad of benefits that are stated in the report. Number one, that this particular tool, the helicopter, will be a force multiplier which means it allows the work of one officer to be multiplied…sorry…it allows the work of one officer to accomplish of work of many others. Also, this helicopter will have an infrared camera, Mr. Speaker, and the ability to provide live video feed to ground command, and that's really significant, Mr. Speaker, with respect to high speed chases and mitigating the risks, safety risks to citizens, to those who are criminals and also to the Winnipeg Police Service.

So with that I wanted to also thank the Chief. This is the Chief's project, Mr. Speaker, and I think that I have the utmost faith in the Chief for the research that he has done, assigning two officers to this and they've put together a very comprehensive report, Mr. Speaker, and you know, it's also my understanding that the former Provincial Justice Minister and the current Provincial Justice Minister are in favour of this particular project, and I know that conversations are still taking place and what this does today, Mr. Speaker, it allows us to continue those conversations and to endorse the acquisition of this helicopter for the Winnipeg Police Service. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Any questions? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The process involved with the Council decision to purchase this helicopter has been a little bit strange and I'd like to go through what happened here. First of all, the Mayor announced we were getting a helicopter. That was the first thing that happened. Then three and a half million dollars appeared in the Capital Budget to buy the helicopter. Then the Province announced in their Throne Speech they would support the helicopter. All of these things happened without a report coming to Council to justify the cost or explain the benefits. Council should be making an informed decision. But instead, members of Council are being asked to simply trust or have faith without the case being clearly made.

The report also was expected to, when it did come out, compare the effectiveness of different options the City could undertake to enhance police services and reduce crime. Yet, a report on the issue was not released until after Council

had already voted to include the money in the Capital Budget and the Province had made its commitment in the Throne Speech. Frankly, this is unacceptable and there was an outcry in the media and from some Councillors saying, you know, this may be a good thing to do but we need to have the proper information, and no one is suggesting the helicopter, and I want this to be very clear, that the helicopter would not be a useful tool to have. But here is the question that's not been answered. Is it the best use of our dollars and the Province's dollars to do the most to make our city safe. That's the question that we needed answered in that report and we don't know the answer to that question because the analysis has never been made public.

After repeated calls for the information to be released, a 12 page report came forward which was more like a brochure promoting a helicopter than a report, and I'm disappointed to hear the Chair of the Committee allotting that report. I appreciate the efforts of the officers that did the report, but there's more information that was asked for that was not forthcoming that is not…that does not answer the question I asked. Information…you know, now the analysis should've compared different possible uses of public money for public safety, cost benefit analysis. I don't think Council…and it's very difficult too because we all, and I'm certainly one of the first ones to speak of my respect for Chief McCaskill. I mean, of course he's going to stand up and support the wishes of Council and I'm sure he would like to have the…what every tool at his disposal. What Chief of Police wouldn't? But the question that we should be asking is, if you have a limited amount of dollars what would be your top priorities and we should be comparing all those priorities and I don't see that happening.

I don't think Council should behave like a flock of sheep and simply go along with decisions without full disclosure of the facts and that's what's happening here today. I'm also concerned that this decision will result in other asks that the City has with the Province not coming to fruition. We've already heard about some of them that aren't even on my list that I forgot about from Councillor Clement talking about additional police officers. But there's a number of asks to the Province that we have not got positive answers on yet and I want to outline what those are. First of all, the Cadet Program. That could cost I don't know, 1.5 million a year at least to get 50 cadets on the streets, and everyone is talking about the benefit of it. It was spoken of in the speech yesterday of having more feet on the street in the downtown and throughout neighbourhoods throughout our city but…and I think a lot of citizens want more feet on the streets.

Outreach Program. This is a successful program launched by the Downtown BIZ which has been very effective in making downtown safer by dealing with intoxicated citizens. It's been reducing the demands on the City's emergency services and the health care services. That's saving the City and the Province money and freeing up police resources for other things. We need additional money to keep that program going. If we don't get additional Provincial money for that program as well as the City, we may lose that program. And I think that would be a very poor thing for our downtown. I think downtown safety is a key priority for all of us.

The School Resource Officer Program. This successful crime prevention approach has been embraced and the Province is the one that's a primary funder. I think Councillors want this program expanded throughout the city. It's been hugely successful and this is crime prevention, steering young people away from gangs and other criminal activity. These are the choices we're making. I wish it was simpler because…you know, and I wish that it was just an easy to…easier decision than it is because I think we'd all like to see a helicopter and whatever tool we can give the police…I'm sure that would be very happy day if we had endless amounts of money. Expansion of the School Resource Officer Program will require new incremental Provincial funding and at least City funding in kind.

Project Break Away is another program that's been very successful. We discussed it at the Protection Committee a couple of years ago, and Councillor Steeves was tasked with speaking to the Province about expanding that program. That program was where social workers work with police in partnership dealing with those about 50 highly, costly individuals that cost a lot to the system because they're getting arrested or needing social services over 200 times a year some of them, and that program was reducing that issue, making downtown safer and also helping chronically suffering people get the help they need with their addictions and get them off the street. That's a program that we had an ask in 2008 which we still haven't got to expand that program, and I would like some assurance from the Mayor that these program expansions are not going to go by the wayside now that the Province is in a deficit situation which we all know. I mean, let's be realistic they are not going to give us everything we're asking for.

Another concern is the helicopter will only be in the air for 20 hours a week. Other cities like Edmonton and Calgary are now buying a second one with all the costs associated, and I guess I'm concerned whether this is financially sustainable in the long term. Who knows? We have to think longer term. We…we're about to go into another Election. Some of us want to come back. We've got to deal with the finances for the next four years not just this year. And I think we should be thinking about this. Is this financially sustainable? As much as we want this excellent police tool which I agree it is, do we want it more than we want these other programs? And I think we have to think about that and we should be talking about that, and we should have the courage to talk about that in spite of populist efforts to, you know, get certain sexy

tools that are fun. With the current financial situation, with the Province running a significant deficit…excuse me, Mr. Speaker, could we have some order?

Mr. Speaker: Go ahead.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. With the current financial situation with the Province running a significant deficit, one has to wonder if this is the right time to go for a Cadillac model of policing if that's what it is, and you know what? I really wish I knew if it was because I really wish we had that other more detailed report information that was not released to us that did the cost benefit analysis and I'd be a lot more comfortable with this if we had all the information disclosed. When I first went to Alberta, and I know Tom Brodbeck's in the crowd here and I've been jerk of the week before and it will probably happen again after today's speech, hopefully. But when I went to Alberta back in 2003 to look at helicopters, I was impressed. I thought they were a useful tool, and I still think they are a useful tool and, but the same issue applies today. How do we pay for it? How do we be fiscally responsible? And if it is a better thing to spend on that than all these other things, you know I'm in, but I haven't been given the proper analysis for that and neither has this Council and neither have the citizens of Winnipeg. Well, it may appear we can afford it right now in the short term, I think if the Province comes through with this big windfall...

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan moves extension of two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Gerbasi: …you know, great, but we have to look longer term into the future. Do we want more feet on the street, crime prevention programs and visible police presence in neighbourhoods or do we want a helicopter? It's hard to see how we're going to get both right now, especially at a time when the Province is in a huge deficit. Furthermore, what impact…well, I've just said that. Let's see. Sorry.

Sometimes issues like this are not as black and white as they seem. This one isn't as easy and straightforward as it seems if you look at the big picture. I'm also not convinced from hearing from the people I represent that our citizens are as jazzed up about this as some of us seem to believe this is motherhood and apple pie. It may be for some people but they aren't dealing with balancing the books and they aren't dealing with all these other more complicated problems like making our downtown safe and our neighbourhoods safe. When we look at all the whole picture, I'm hearing a lot of my constituents voicing request for more feet on the street rather than an eye in the sky. That's what I'm hearing from my constituents. I admit it's split. There are some people who do want the helicopter. I've been polling people when I'm at meetings with BIZ groups, small BIZ groups and that. One of them…only one of the people in the group wanted the helicopter but they said they wanted a bazooka on it and they said they were rednecks, and they want a bazooka on. But I mean, like everyone else said we don't really want it. We'd rather have more beat officers.

That's just talking to people that I meet everyday and I think the whole city is very split on the issue. I don't…and that leaves us as elected officials making a decision based on our gut feelings, our instincts, our best judgment and our conscience. And I urge the media to be kind to me on that because I swear to you that's what I'm doing, is trying to figure this thing out, and that's we should all be doing, is giving this serious thought. It's unfortunate that the more thorough analysis the costs and benefits have never been provided. I think that's the key issue and under these circumstances my heart tells me it's not the time to vote in favour of the helicopter program while so many other community safety programs need more funding. Those things need to be resolved first. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: I was grateful for that summation by Councillor Gerbasi at the end stating where she stood on the report today. I was watching it minute to minute her position would seemingly change from fully in favour of this piece of equipment to dead set against it. I was pleased to see where you finally landed on that. One moment you'd be espousing the virtues of this piece of equipment, the next minute talking about how people in your community don't seem to want it. There is a history here. Councillor Gerbasi said it herself. In fact, it was personally her, as I recall, with then Mayor Glen Murray who started this conversations about helicopters. I was new on Council at the time but I remember very positive things coming out of those discussions that they had mostly in Alberta.

I'm unsure at this stage what utility there is in arguing about the merits of the report. We know that before the report was public and placed on to the agenda, people could voice their concerns but for better or for worse, a report has been put into the public arena. People can pass judgment on whether or not they think the report is adequate or not but, of course, this report has been on the public agenda for some time now. It is obviously, I think, incumbent upon and the responsibility of individual Councillors to go to relevant administration once the report is public and try to get the additional information that they require. It's not reasonable, I would suspect, to ask our Administration to predict each and every question that every single member of the community and every single member of Council might have, and that's what might have. And that's the way the process works. They put their best information forward. Councillors can

then ask Administration either at committee or privately from their office questions surrounding the information contain in the report. This is the public face of this report, and I think it's well enough done for Council to consider this very, very important issue. I, too, respect the Chief and happy to refer to his greater knowledge of policing on an issue such as this. If he is coming forward to Council and saying this is an important thing and a priority for our Police Service, then obviously I think it's incumbent upon all of us to take that very, very seriously. He is of course the professional. We are the people charged with making these policy decisions but we do take his opinion very seriously. We all know, however, that within the context of this report, the 3.5 million pound elephant in the room of course exists at the Legislature with the Provincial Government. What concerns all of us on Council at this stage is that community expectations have been created. There is an expectation in this community that this piece of crime-fighting equipment is going to be added to our service. I think most people have evolved to that point of thought and they've done so I think for good reason, not the least of which of course is this was the…if not the prime bauble in the speech from the Throne, one of the prime baubles in the speech from the Throne. It certainly was the Item that received the most media attention, I can tell you that. Let's be clear. The Province has committed to this project, as far as we are aware. You're aware of our Motion that we put through our Capital Budget, Mr. Speaker. We are going to pay for the capital costs of this item, and all the accoutrement capital costs associated therewith…the hangar et cetera, and the deal, quote unquote with our Provincial partners, who again have already ostensibly done the symbolic ribbon cutting on this announcement by virtue of their speech from the Throne, have stated that they will pay for the operating costs.

Like a lot of people in this Chamber, in listening to the Province in the way that they speak, I have some concerns about them following through on their commitment. Our Police Service has always and continues to have great price pressures in the context of delivering on their Operating Budget. This makes perfect sense for our service. This report works for the service of the City of Winnipeg, but it works in the context of our existing Motion that we have passed if not unanimously, close to unanimously in this Chamber, that the Province as per their commitment will step in with the operating funding and it will be incremental, additional funding on top of the money that we already receive as part of our funding partnership for our Winnipeg Police Service.

There will be a lot of anger and disappointment in this community if between now and then, then being the actual operating date of the start of this piece of equipment, political games are played, and money is shifted from pocket to pocket and the old Three-Card Monte starts being dealt on to the table of the political wills of this Province and this City, and suddenly it looks as though this money that we're counting on for operations doesn't materialize in the fashion that we fairly, that we fairly expect from the Provincial Government. And I emphasize the word “fairly” because we did not write that speech from the Throne. We craft a lot of Motions around this table and we send them to the Provincial Government, generally speaking with similar result, but this time it was different. This time the mavens at the Provincial Legislature behind the beautiful walls of that building crafted their speech from the Throne and they themselves, without input, request or ask from us, made this and the operating funding of this piece of equipment, their priority.

I am going to ask this entire community, everybody in this Chamber, including especially the 15 members of Council and the Mayor of this City, to hold the Province accountable to what they have promised not only this Council, but what they have promised the citizens of this City. If that does not happen, and if it doesn't materialize, this will turn into a very, very unfortunate situation for both the Province, the City, and the citizens that we represent. The only winners are going to be those people who live among us who for whatever reason, choose to live outside the boundaries of the rule of the law.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. Councillor Pagtakhan, would you like to close on Item 4? Oh, Councillor Wyatt, you wanted to speak? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Who else? Excuse me. Who else? I've been looking up all the way through…who else?

Councillor Wyatt: Mr. Speaker…

Mr. Speaker: Councillor hang on. Smith and who else? Councillor Orlikow and Councillor Swandel. Okay go ahead.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take a request any time from the Chief of Police very seriously. We do hire him to give us his best advice and I appreciate his advice at all times, but at the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, it is advice. We are elected to make decisions, and that's what we're here to do today. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, as an elected, as a ward Councillor representing my community, the biggest issue that I hear from my constituents, and I have a feeling you might hear the same thing in your communities, is police presence. We want police presence. And ever since Unicity, Mr. Speaker, that seems to have been a challenge. And I understand that the challenges today with modern policing as policing has gone, that that's a challenge to ensure a police presence. I haven't really ever heard a constituent come to me and say I want a helicopter. They want a police presence, Mr. Speaker.

Now I've raised it many times publicly here on this Floor. I've made it…raised it in committee meetings and I've raised it internally, privately, both with other Councillors with EPC and directly with the Chief on many occasions, this Chief and the past Chief, about the fact that I know that in my community, on a Friday or Saturday night or whenever there is a high call volume or whenever there is a full moon, there is not a cruiser car in my community. And I know that's not just Transcona, but that also is the fact of life, Mr. Speaker, in other communities in the City such as Charleswood, such as North Kildonan, such as South St. Vital, all over the suburbs, Mr. Speaker. (Inaudible) I mean, let's call a spade a spade. The suburbs are paying a lot of the taxes here in the city. They're paying for a lot of these services, and I don't think it's much to ask, Mr. Speaker, that a minimum level of service be provided. Now I appreciate and I want to state clearly that I understand the challenge our Winnipeg Police Service faces and how difficult it is for them to ensure for example that there should be a minimum of one full time cruiser car in every community of the city at all times. I understand the challenges with new…the new challenges for policing and modern policing today. I understand the challenges, Mr. Speaker, with regards to the increase in regulation that has come down out of our control from the Province, zero tolerance, Mr. Speaker, for domestic violence has put huge pressures on the Police Service. New requirements to fill out more forms and papers that tie them up over holding prisoners at the…over at the Remand Centre instead of getting back onto the street again. Tied up in courts, we raised this over and over again with the Province, the need to be able to get officers back on the street to make it more efficient.

Mr. Speaker, we've gone, the Mayor's quoted 148 more officers, I'm not sure what period of time that was, but I was able to…talking to the WPS from December 31, 2004 we had a compliment of about 1257. Over the last five years it's gone up and up and up and up. We now have a compliment, Mr. Speaker, as of December 31, 2009 of 1348. That's almost 20 officers more a year we've added. Now, Mr. Speaker, to be fair, and I believe in being fair. I'm very critical of the Province when it comes to infrastructure and what they're not doing for the City and also assisting us with revenue. The Province has funded a lot of those officers. As a matter of fact, the WPS indicates that well over 100 officers are now directly funded by the Provincial Government. That's according to the WPS, all right? And funded based on inflationary cost increases now. There was an error made back in the mid 90's when they announced the money. Councillor Clement's nodding here. He recalls that. I wasn't here but they made a big commitment and a big announcement but then they locked it in at those prices and we've been eating the cost ever since but now the Province is paying the full share. So Mr. Speaker, the question is, I understand the challenges. I understand the challenges facing the Police Service, but can't we just simply guarantee a minimum level of (inaudible)? We can all of a sudden now afford to buy a helicopter and hopefully the Province funds it and based on their history of commitment of funding more police officers, I'd be surprised if they don't fund this. They said it in the Throne Speech. It was the biggest thing in their Throne Speech. The Chief was there. Nothing on infrastructure but we did get a helicopter, but Mr. Speaker, how hard is it to ensure that there is a regular presence, 24/7 in every community? Let me tell something, and I don't know what it is that your communities but before Unicity, okay… and you can say, well that's history, that's old news, that doesn't apply any more…Councillor Wyatt, you know what, you're being romantic over the past, well you know what? So be it. The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, before Unicity, Transcona in our community, we had four full time cruiser cars on duty all the time. Four. And on a Friday and Saturday night, Mr. Speaker, we're lucky to have one. Four full-time cruiser cars. Lucky.

I talk to the officers. I know they're call volumes. I know where they're getting pulled into and the neighbourhoods that they are getting dragged…pulled into and they have to go. They have to go based on…but Mr. Speaker, there has to be a way to ensure a guaranteed level of service, and I've raised this numerous times, and I guess what I'm saying here today is that this has been identified as a priority. Well, guess what? There's other priorities as well that have been identified over and over and over again that aren't being addressed, and I'm starting to lose my patience with them. I have a lot of constituents, a lot of citizens of Winnipeg who are losing patience with the fact. We understand the challenges in some parts of our city and in the inner city and those areas. But if the challenge is there, Mr. Speaker, then let's look at the problems there and fund it appropriately but at the same time guarantee a minimum level of service to the taxpayers who are paying for the entire service across this entire city.

Mr. Speaker, I'm not too sure how this became all of a sudden to be on the public fore. The Chief has been pushing for it. There's been articles in the press, various newspapers, one in particular, arguing for this, how this is so necessary. I would like to see the same arguments made of why it's so necessary that we have community constables in place full time. And let me just say Mr. Speaker, we talk and we…at a recent discussion about Plan Winnipeg, and we talk about communities and we talk about making communities stronger and I think in our mind we have a concept of community where people interact, where people know each other, where people know their neighbours and it's not too much to ask, Mr. Speaker, that just as you know your local pastor or you know your local banker or you know your local rotary club president, that Mr. Speaker, how much is it to ask that the community should know their local police officer? You know, who's out there? Walking the beat. Who's part of the community? That's…I think you could argue that that's a thing in the past. I'd like to think, Mr. Speaker, that it's not. That it's a thing of the future. That we have to get back to that idea of community policing. Let me just tell you a story, Mr. Speaker, of how important that is. This Chief…and I give him a

lot of credit for a lot of the changes he's made and I want to stress that. That I've been extremely impressed by the work of Chief McCaskill and of the WPS, and I think he's been doing a terrific job. And one of the things he did, he set up the Community Support Unit, Mr. Speaker, across this…in different parts of the city, and these are officers who there who can go and work with community groups and talk to them and deal with issues and I can tell you that we had one officer who did a tremendous job over the last year dealing with the challenges of graffiti and youth in our community, investigating it, not just investigating but actually leading to apprehensions of the youth. And he did a tremendous job, Mr. Speaker, but this is an example of what we can actually do if we make that real commitment. Now unfortunately the Community Support Unit, they have about, I don't know, about 10 or 11 officers on east Winnipeg, all of east Winnipeg, so they're not able to be there all the time with sick leave, holiday time, with their schedules. They're not there 24/7, but the difference they make is huge. We need that impact on a 24/7 basis, Mr. Speaker. That's what we need, and that's why I'm symbolically…even though it might be politically seen as unpopular to not support this. I'm not going to support this because I'm tired of the request falling on deaf ears, and I'm hoping today that this will generate interest at all levels in the city to address this concern because I know it's a concern that all…many members of Councillor have, EPC members of Council and non-EPC members of Council so that's why I'm symbolically voting against this today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Lazarenko.

Councillor Lazarenko: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I didn't think that this would be a controversial issue. It's a plain common sense approach to fighting crime. In all the years that we've been dealing with the question of high crime rates in the City of Winnipeg, the capital city of car theft, the capital city of criminal activities for a size of Winnipeg compared to other cities, compared to what's happening in the United States of America. The whirly bird or the helicopter is a method to fight crime. When you talk about…well, we need more police, we're going to have a police officer on every corner of the street? It's not going to stop the car thieves. What happened in my ward? A vehicle was stolen, travelling very high speeds, an innocent person in the vehicle, the thieves hit that vehicle and killed a human being. Explain it to the people that have suffered by a loss of their loved one. Explain to the people to say that we could've no doubt prevented this serious accident if that helicopter would've been on the air, up in the air and monitoring every move that this stolen vehicle would be doing. They could've boxed him in. Would've saved a life, and I challenge anybody to say that this is not the case. Councillors, those of you who are talking about in opposition to this, it's a common sense approach to fight crime. The inner City of Winnipeg used to be the crime capital of Winnipeg. Right now it is not. You've got it in all the suburban areas. The criminals are gaining on us. When a thief or a person who is doing has committed a violent crime, when he is apprehended, if they are, the process that takes place, prosecution must follow. Who is out there to defend this criminal if it's not the Legal Aid Services of Manitoba, paid for by the taxpayers of the Province of Manitoba? And we are two-thirds of the population of Manitoba. We're paying the highest cost that the criminal gets protection and the victim cannot get that protection.

Now, we have to find every method we can to try to decrease the high crime rate. I'm tired. If I go to the outside of the City of Winnipeg, they'll say what are you guys doing in there. You've got the highest crime rate, car thieves. Can't you control them? How can you control a vehicle that's been stolen to apprehend that vehicle? Those stolen vehicles do not have a GPS system in their vehicle so that the Police can monitor them. How do you control the thieves now that are distributing drugs by using bicycles? And they wheel in and out of back lanes across people's properties. Police cannot apprehend them. But you get their whirly bird with the sophisticated equipment they have on there, they can lock on that particular vehicle they want to, they want to catch. It will stay locked. They will communicate down below to the police that are chasing that vehicle and they can corner them.

This has been long overdue in helping our police services to do a better job. It's like asking the Government, give us the Army for a period of time, put them on each corner of every block, patrol, but what would be happening then? You'd have people screaming and ranting and raving, this is dictatorship. This is just like former Russia. You get the Police, you get the authorities with guns. This is not a problem. I have had not met one person that object in the City getting involved to fight crime to allow the Police to get a helicopter, and I can rest assure you the Province of Manitoba has the responsibility as well as we do, in fact, more. There are 31 MLAs, majority of the House of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly who have the majority of the House. Can you imagine the Premier would say, no we are not going to go with this, no $1.5 million is too much. How many times did he get involved in sponsoring. How much do we pay on amusement taxes that we do not collect? How much do we give to the Convention Centre? How much do we give to the Symphony Orchestra or the Ballet, go on and on and on, on the grant system.

Asking for a simple…trying to get a solution on something that everyone fears in the City of Winnipeg. It's crime. My area that I represent is...I wouldn't wish that on any of you members of Council, the area that I have, the problems that that area has, the pressures I'm getting from people that are telling us, telling me, "Do something. I am tired being a senior that I am cooped up in my own house. I have to barricade my windows. I have to lock my doors and still I have that fear, and I'm tired of going trying to get maybe a dog that will protect me of the number of break-ins and the person

takes off, they leave in a vehicle and where are the police?" The person would say, "Look, there was such and such a car but I don't know where they are.", but then they'll say "Yes, there was such a car."

The police have indicated to us, and it's in every City of Winnipeg that do have monitored criminals, monitoring streets with a helicopter, they say it will take from 2 to 3 to 4 minutes for that whirly bird to be up in the air, and they can be quite a ways out. They can lock that screen and they can monitor that vehicle wherever it's going no matter where it goes. They can monitor a human being. They can lock it on the screen that human being will be found soon or later. It locks it in. Today's technology is great. Let's accept that technology. Let us accept what the Police are trying to do. Let us accept the problems that people are having. Let us accept that stop being the highest crime city…crime-ridden city in Canada for the size of this city of 700,000 people. Let us do what we are mandated to do, do what you're elected to do when each one of us runs, whether it's Federal, Provincial or Municipally. Everyone will have on their literature, "Fight crime, safety and health". This is safety at its utmost. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I've been trying to deal with the issue that I have in my area, dealing with prostitution, young prostitution, youngster that get caught between the cracks that they will be forced into prostitution. I'm tired of seeing the young girls parading the streets because a pimp is waiting for them if they don't carry, get a John, then they will be abused. I am tired of having to answer phone calls, people are saying "Please help us."

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Fielding moves extension.

Councillor Lazarenko: I'm tired of being…want to say that we're doing all we can but don't, hey…just a minute there is a cost to this. Don't let the cost deprive you of doing your utmost responsibility to try to help. Crime is number one on our agenda right now. Number one. You go to any city where they have…watch TV and how magnificent these whirly birds, the kind a job they do. When you see them inside, they have the professional person is controlling, they might…the equipment that's on that machine, and also the pilot and how they're able to apprehend. Watch that stolen vehicle speeding or whatever the case may be. I would…I stand here, Mr. Deputy Speaker, to give my fullest support and I wish to members of Council that are in opposition to this, don't do it. Crime is the highest rate whether you're suburban Councillor or whatever, but it is an issue that has to be addressed. We cannot sit back, sit on our fannies and say "well we'll try to do something. Oh, yes we'll do this, yes we'll give you the protection, yes, we'll get more police officers". To hire more police officers in some cases doesn't do much good. We have police officers now on horses, we've had them on the bikes trying to catch some of those thieves that are using bicycles for their delivery, delivering of their drugs. This is the method they are using now. They are sophisticated. Look, those criminals are up to date with technology. We have to do whatever we can, and Mr. Deputy Speaker, I not only done my pleading with the members of Council, but also to those who are watching this debate on Council through our Shaw technology, please, talk to your Member of Parliament, talk to your MLAs. I'm tired of seeing Members of Parliament running around, oh yes, I support that, I support that, but ask them what have they done. Zippo, nothing to satisfy, even some of those that want to go into lower level of politics, and I just have to stand my ground on this, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I wish that each and every one of us would do the same.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Lazarenko. Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to tell you, I disagree with Councillor Wyatt. I think the helicopter will fly over Transcona and deal with criminals even on a full moon night.

(Laughter)

And let me tell you this. But you know the…this report is not a very good report. I support the idea of getting a helicopter but I wish we had more information that would substantiate that in the report. For example, the report says "increased criminal apprehension rate on a variety of call types". We don't have them. We don't have a breakdown of the calls and the arrests in Calgary or Edmonton. They are not there. We don't have the information on exactly what crimes they have…criminals they've captured and arrested because of the helicopter.

Now, report says "From proposing any new programs, it is necessary to examine the potential cost versus the benefits in order to properly assess the value of the program." That's what we should be doing. Dr. Paul Whitehead…Nick Ternette mentioned this. Dr. Paul Whitehead, University of Western…University concluded in his study on police helicopters, "There was no hard data the helicopter use suppressed rates of crime." So you know, we don't have any information in this report that substantiates the fact that a helicopter will really cut down on crime. But I am supporting the helicopter because of the Chief of Police that we have. He is asking for a helicopter, he says it's going to improve things, you know I can't argue with that, but I would've appreciated a better report that would make me feel confident that I was doing the right thing. I think I'm doing the right thing because Chief McCaskill has asked for a helicopter and says it will do a job and that's why I'm supporting it.

By the way, it's interesting that both Calgary and Edmonton offer extensive fly-along programs opened to members of the Service, Civic Administration and in certain cases members of the public in order to educate them on the capabilities and advantages of such a unit. You know, surely we should have a report that would persuade us of this rather than having to go up in the helicopter. This report is not adequate, but all in all I think the helicopter will be worthwhile because it's an additional tool for the Winnipeg Police Service and I'm luke warm in supporting it. I can't do enthusiastic because we don't have the information that we should have. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Smith. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Mr. Speaker. I just…I felt it important that as a new Councillor, I rise and voice my actually support to this helicopter. I spent a long time last night talking to many constituents in my ward and other people who've called me and said we want community policing. We don't want a helicopter. Why would you support something like that, when we know, John, you support community policing. And I do. As preventative model, it's an event we need to get our police officers and that's why I support programs like the SRO program and many of our programs where you're getting that relationship built up with people in the community with our police force, and that is critically important. I said, but we also have to look at the other side of the coin. There has to be also two sides. We have the preventive model and the reactive model. Reactive model is unfortunately crime will exist and will persist, and some of those elements in our city are quite good at getting away and creating danger for all of us, so again we have to have some reactionary tools as well. So because the Province also has indicated their willingness to pay for the operating cost, there's money on the table. Will we lose that money if it goes somewhere else? Again I would like to know that, however I believe that the Province in their speech has said they will support it, but to me that says we have to work together. So in that regards, I will be supporting it. I do hope that in the future there will be the opportunity, because we have talked about the helicopter not being up in the air that often, it is a very large capital asset that's just sitting there. I'm not sure if there has been discussions to talk to Search and Rescue, to talk to the RCMP or to other bodies that may need to use a helicopter as well, and I hope those discussions will happen in the future to decrease some of the operating costs and our capital costs because really this good tool could be used for many other agencies as well, so I will be supporting the helicopter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thanks, Councillor Orlikow. Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I think some of the best words that were spoken thus far were spoken by Councillor Smith when he made the statement that he would support this because the Police Chief is 100% behind this and to me our expert here is the Police Chief. I think we have one of the finest police forces in the country and under the leadership of this particular Police Chief, we are seeing a decline in crime rates in the City of Winnipeg. Huge decline in stolen cars and not just because of the Police Chief but some other practices brought on by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and I think it's important when we're, you know, throughout history there's been times when the Police Chiefs in this city have been criticized, condemned and, you know, there was…we're at a time in history when we're doing…we're getting a very positive response to our Police Chief and our police force and I think it's important to bear that in mind. I'm a little bit taken aback by some of our colleagues today sort of praising the Police Chief on one hand and then on the other hand suggesting that he doesn't know what he is talking about. And I think that shows certain amount of disrespect and a lack of confidence and I don't think that that's what we should be doing when it comes to our police force.

A number of things were mentioned today and certainly when it comes to our Police Chief, one that has done the job that he's done. A number of things were mentioned. Process was brought up. You know this is a bizarre process. I think that this process was exactly what it needed to be because of the way the pieces were coming together. If you look at the Mayor signaling that he was in favour of a police helicopter. Subsequent to that the Police Chief was signaling that he was looking at helicopters and it looks like it was the right thing to go. The Province coming forward and giving us some indication through the Justice Department even before it was done in the budget or in the Throne Speech, that there would be some support from the Province, that…as the pieces…as those things unfolded, what we did by putting in the Capital Budget, and we didn't commit the funds in the Capital Budget, we committed the opportunity to bring the funds forward to purchase a helicopter. Because we know that we have to be reliant on the operating funds and we need incremental funds for the operating of this.

So the process…and once those things started to come together in order to get Council to give it its blessing, this report comes forward and here we are here today, and it will flow from here and go forward and we know that we want to be conditional on the new and incremental funding from the Province. I guess it's important to bear that in mind.

I think one of the things I wanted to point out in the report is I think it was Councillor Gerbasi, Mr. Speaker, alluded to other programs and there's a line in the report that talks about, while significant savings are expected and they will be flow from efficiencies gained and an increase level of service to the citizens, through those efficiencies and savings that will be gained is where you will get perhaps the ability to fund some of those other programs. That's what our Police

Chief is telling us. His sense is that this is what is going to come forward. So this is not…this idea of an aerial support unit verses these other programs. I think Councillor Orlikow used some good terms, you know, preventive verses reactive and you know, you want statistical information. People say, you know, we don't have solid statistical information. Well, I would suggest you do your homework. Doesn't have to do, you don't have to do much homework. I just did a quick search this morning while we were sitting here on Google, you know, police helicopter statistics. Well they're all over the place and they're not negative statistics. They're positive statistics. They talk about the value that has been brought and how crime has been reduced and how police forces have been more protected and value is a good word to bring up here too Mr. Speaker, because there's this condemnation of this amount of money, you know, our money being $3.5 million or $3.3 million of capital expenditures of what we'd do. People neglect to talk to everybody about the asset that you have in your hands. One of the things that makes the operating costs so high is the huge amount of maintenance required, rigorous maintenance required for a helicopter. Helicopters don't lose much value. You know, we have something that we all praise called service based budgeting. We look at police response, we look at crime prevention and we measure every year. We know how much money we're investigating and we expect to see results. We can look. We have a base line right now because we started service based budgeting. We know how much money we're spending and if we have the money coming from the Province, you know $1.3 million a year to keep the operating going, we will be able to see the impact and if we want to get out Mr. Speaker, I'd suggest to you that if we run this program for three years, let's say, that a helicopter that we've purchased for $2.5 million today, wouldn't be worth much less than $2 million in three years from now. So there's…there's a value argument here that hasn't been clearly articulated and perhaps understood by some of my colleagues.

I do want to make reference to a couple of other points. I think it was Councillor Wyatt who talked about a request for police cars to be sitting in neighbourhoods falling on deaf ears. I don't agree that they've fallen on deaf ears. I think they've been heard and been rejected because, you know, the people that are educated in best practices for policing will tell you that it doesn't make sense to have the cars…that's better to have the cars geographically located based on crime stats and call volumes than it is to serve political desires. You know, I would love to say I would like 10 police cars walking around and I want my name on that because I'm a politician and that's going to help to get me re-elected. The reality is what we really need is the best practices for police forces and that is getting police cars to where crime is and beefing the numbers up where the crime statistics say you should have more cars. I don't want a car parked in the middle of some suburban neighbourhood or just driving around the streets in there where there's little or no crime going on. I want them out responding to calls and doing what can be done.

And you know, Councillor Orlikow talked about community policing and that's something that is continuing to go on, and is continuing to grow. Short time ago, I was talking with the Police Chief about some of the areas and where the value, where he sees value on those projects and how we're going to invest in those and we will see that continue. We're going to see a growth in school resource officers and in some other areas in community policing on that preventative side. So I think you know, we need to really let the police increase their presence. You know, their presence increase, and maybe it's better stated is let our Police Chief and our police force improve public safety. Let these experts come forward and let us allow them to improve public safety. Does a helicopter improve public safety? I think a hundred percent it will. Without a doubt we should be unanimous here that it will and it…there's other things that we spent money on that don't involve police officers per se, or other things. A couple of years ago we approved the idea of installing closed captioned television cameras in downtown. We didn't have this debate. People saw that there was value there. We knew that it would improve public safety. And in closing, Mr. Speaker, there is one other area that I think of as utmost importance and that is police officer safety. I couldn't imagine being a 25 to 30 year old new recruit of the Winnipeg Police Force sitting getting a call for some out of control speeding car and seeing that car go flying by me having to flip the lights on while maybe my new born child is sitting at home with my recent wife. I don't think we should put our police officers.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty moves extension of two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Swandel: I don't think we should put our police officers in that kind of risk, but I don't think we should put the idiot kid that's driving the car in that kind of risk and I don't think we should put the innocent bystanders in that kind of risk. And I think this is good value here. This is money well spent to ensure that our police officers are safer. We know we'll never make them 100% safe. I think it will ensure that our communities are safer and even, you know, the idiot teenage criminals that are stealing cars and running around the streets. I don't want wish them a death penalty. I would like to also make them safer. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillors, there's still four speakers. Do you want to continue or shall we adjourn? Okay, let's go. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Swandel: There's no more speakers let's go. Four more oh. Let's adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: Four more. Councillor Browaty, go ahead.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the applica…the report here before us today regarding the Police Helicopter. Ultimately, we need to stay ahead of criminals. As Councillor Swandel just brought up the whole point of the police cameras. We know there's hot spots. We can't have a police officer on every corner. Police…the closed circuit, not closed captioning cameras, are a good way to monitor areas where there's problems. We are replacing the infrastructure. Fifty plus year old police stations that were designed for a totally different era, they are being replaced with new stations like the new East District Station where they have a lot more areas to have isolation rooms for both victims and the accused. These are facilities where people can now…where they bring people from all over the city because they have the capacity there, so that when things go to court that they are prepared and you know, they'll stand court challenges because evidence isn't tainted. And the helicopter, things are changing. Criminals now instead of stealing whatever car is available, they are stealing bigger cars. In cases where you have high risk offenders, frequent vehicle offenders on the streets, it may be worthwhile to have a police officer follow them, so not only is the high speed vehicle, the Hummer or whatever the case the vehicle is, a threat to the streets, so is the police officer following them. It's a risk to the public and it's a risk to the officers themselves. I believe that a police helicopter is one of the tools that the Police need to provide better safety to the citizens of all over Winnipeg.

My good friend and colleague from Transcona brought up the whole notion that, you know, we need community policing on the street. I don't think this is neither or. We do need better policing on the street. When you look at a police helicopter though, and these pursuits that often happen with high speed chases, things happen all over the city. It's quite frequent that you read the police updates daily and a vehicle is found, you know, out in St. Charles, out in North Kildonan, out in Transcona. It happens all over the city and the police helicopters, once deployed in the air in a very short period of time, can get over to those parts of the city and follow the pursuits wherever they happen to may be. This provides safety to innocent bystanders throughout the entire City of Winnipeg, and I believe that it actually helps into the "burbs" as well.

We are doing better things. I do believe the Community Support Unit is very progressive by, I noticed them just last week in my area, and they are finding areas of problems but I agree we do need to have a better presence at all times in the various communities in the City of Winnipeg. One of the things I hear most frequently from my neighbours in East St. Paul when they move out from the City is how much more of a police presence there is in those areas. Just having that presence there makes people feel safer and it's a deterrent to crime all the time. So I do believe that, you know, despite where there may be a hot spot in one particular area, there needs to be at least that shingle, there needs to be that presence, because there is crime happening. The helicopter can…there is only one helicopter. I do believe a police presence on the ground throughout the communities is something we need to very seriously look at and I look forward to that debate in the future.

So again, I believe, you know, in these cases where there are pursuits, where innocent bystanders can be…are frequently hurt. I believe this will protect the public. I believe that our police…again already per capita we have among the highest number of police officers in the City of Winnipeg. I think we can work better to deploy them into more community policing. I believe that this is a very positive step forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillors. Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: I'd like to move adjournment for lunch, and we come back at 1:30.

Mr. Speaker: Okay Councillors. There is a Motion on the Floor. We have three more speakers. A Motion has been presented to us that we adjourn for lunch. All in favour? Contrary? Nay. Continue. Councillor Nordman.

Councillor Nordman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to rise today and put my thoughts on the record regarding our helicopter. I concur with many of the thoughts that have been presented here today. Councillor Wyatt talked specifically about the visible deterrent which, from time to time, is sadly lacking in St. Charles Ward. Also, I agree with what Councillor Swandel had to say regarding the concept of putting the police where they need to be. Unfortunately, in this developed society we live in, the bad guys know where the police are not, and I'll say that again. The bad guys know where the police are not. I can state, three years ago when we were in our last election campaign, I had a credit union right next door to my campaign office. Three times in six weeks, that credit union was robbed, and being on the west (inaudible speaking in the background)…we were fundraising, no I'm sorry. (Laughing) At the…being at the outside west edge of the City, and District 2 being a very busy district with parts of Wolseley and…

Councillor O'Shaughnessy: It's called "Sleepy Hollow".

Councillor Nordman: Well, District 2 also includes the area around Arlington and Sargent and to be honest that's where a lot of the cruisers were and there was an 8 to 10 minute transit to get them to where the credit union was, and the same bank robber came back three times in those six weeks. So again as I said, the bad guys know where the police are not. At the risk of possibly saying that the helicopter is only part of a series of solutions, a part of the arrows that are in the Chief's quiver I'd like to think that we include this as part of his tool kit to give us a safer community. So I'd just like to state that I'm happy to support the funding of the police helicopter.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nordman. Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This has been an excellent discussion. I want to commend Councillor Gerbasi, Councillor Wyatt for bringing up some really good points. I think…and I'm not going to stand here and say that I don't have questions or I'm not…I don't have any doubts on whether this expenditure, $3.5 million dollars with the front end, one and a half every year there after, would not be better spent somewhere else. I haven't…I don't have the expertise. I've read a lot on the internet on the information that's been presented to me, but it is clear that there are benefits to a police helicopter. Whether or not there would be greater benefits to doing something else is unclear. And it's a good debate. It's passionate, it's emotional. It's one we could have for the next five years and still be not conclusive. There are several realities here. I was at the Throne Speech and the Premier of the Province of Manitoba stood up clearly and said he was willing to be part of a solution to deliver a police helicopter for the City of Winnipeg. I did not hear him say that he was going to pay for all operating, but he's clearly willing to play ball on a police helicopter for the City of Winnipeg and that's significant. That's something we didn't have in 2000 when we first explored this idea.

The other reality is that the Chief of Police of the City of Winnipeg, the person we've hired to manage our force to fight crime, to promote safety, has clearly said there's going to be benefits to Winnipeggers with a police helicopter, and that's incredibly important.

And finally, the last reality is that the Motion that is before us is stating, cleverly stating that all operating expenses are the responsibility of the Provincial Government. I have never heard the Province say that they were going to pay for all operating expenses, but from a St. Boniface Councillor position on this helicopter, I think that is an offer, an initiative that I cannot refuse and that the City of Winnipeg cannot refuse so, I will be supporting this. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. No further speakers…oh, Mayor, you are the last speaker and then Councillor Pagtakhan will close.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This has been a…as Councillor Vandal said, an enlightening discussion to say the least. Let me just share some information with everybody, Mr. Speaker. First of all I went on the record and said that I am totally supportive of a police helicopter. Why did I do that? Because the Chief of Police, who would appear as almost everyone here has a great deal of respect for, believes this should be an extremely valuable tool.

Number two, I have met now with two Premiers and two Ministers on the subject. The previous Premier and the previous Minister were both supportive of this. They had already decided that they were going to put forward a million dollars, they were just looking for the other $300,000. As you know an election takes place, things change, a different Premier, a different Minister, so we start the process all over, and a request came from the Premier to give him more time to evaluate the new information because he wasn't looking at it before and I was happy to accommodate him. And at this particular point in time, I believe that the Province is supportive of this initiative. But the realities are, Mr. Speaker, there are many other initiatives going forward. I believe it was Councillor Gerbasi who mentioned the Outreach and the Cadet Program, and that is something that I discussed with the Premier on Monday because many of us were aware of the fact that one of those programs, Outreach, comes to an end. Winnipeg Partnership Agreement funding comes up, and this is something that has been very positive, and I discussed with the Premier that they will come, will be coming to the Province for funding for this. The City made a contribution and the Province made a contribution so he is now at least aware of it because I don't believe he really understood exactly what was going on with that.

The Cadet program, I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that with the previous Premier and the previous Minister, we discussed this as well and they were totally 100% on board to fund the Cadet Program. Once again, a change, they are looking at it, and I believe they realized the importance of it, and they know the Winnipeg Police Association is supportive of this as well. But Mr. Speaker, here are the realities. You have a Chief of Police that we all respect. He believes this is a valuable tool in fighting crime. No disrespect intended, but if I have an option of listening to the Chief of Police or a constituent who wants a bazooka, I know who I'm listening to. No doubt about that. I'm afraid Councillor Wyatt has said exactly what he said. This is a symbolic vote against it, although he does have a great deal of respect for the Chief. But I also know that Councillor Wyatt knows, to have one police car takes 18 police officers based on seven days a week, 24 hours a day, holiday time, et cetera, 18 police officers, and I need everybody to understand that a helicopter in the sky, Mr. Speaker, is police presence. A helicopter in the sky will help prevent cruiser cars leaving other parts of the city

because they don't need that number of police officers as has been proven in Edmonton and Calgary. And I know that Councillor Gerbasi mentioned that she went on a junket with the Mayor to look at helicopters. I'm sure either before or after there was some report done. I would love to have that shared because I'd love to know what they learned at that particular point in time.

Mr. Speaker, you are pretty passionate about what is happening in your part of the city. And it's rather unfortunate and you shared with us reality of what happens with a stolen car and what happened to an innocent citizen. I asked everybody here, how do you value a human life? How much is it worth? We are proposing a $3.5 million expenditure. One time, Mr. Speaker, one time. It's a capital expenditure. The Province, subject to the condition, is considering, hasn't been said in black and white, funding the operating costs of $1.3 million with new incremental money.

Mr. Speaker, crime and safety is one of the top issues in our City. Crime and safety, infrastructure, we all here it over and over again. This is something that we should support because the experts, the experts, it's not me, it's not one of my fellow, one of the Councillors, the experts believe this will help and I was talking to Councillor Smith. I know that when I asked for information from the Edmonton Police Department, they e-mailed me the information showing the impact it was having on crimes and what type of crimes and how they were solving crimes.

This is a very positive step for everyone. We all want our citizens to feel safe. You know, I don't know if there's ever been a report that came out that answered every single question in every single Councillor's mind and the Mayor. But at some point in time, you've got to make a decision. This is definitely good for our city. Edmonton and Calgary have two. I think Winnipeg can have one very valuable tool to help the men and women of the Winnipeg Police Service fight crime. And I think it was…I believe it was Councillor Swandel who alluded to the safety. I think we all care about the safety of innocent citizens, the safety of our police officers. There is no doubt. There is no doubt that this will make it much safer for all of them. I urge everybody to support this Clause. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, closing.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to thank the Mayor and all Councillors for their comments today on this very important issue. Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is, with respect to the police helicopter, in other Canadian jurisdictions that have police helicopters, it works. It provides those particular services with tangible benefits and efficiencies.

I also want to just go back and say that I remember two years ago, standing in the Mayor's foyer. Keith McCaskill was appointed the Chief of Police, and I remember him giving his…giving an address and stating how he would like to create more efficiencies with the Police Service, provide a greater presence for police officers in neighbourhoods, and Mr. Speaker, just after that the Chief of Police met with several neighbourhood groups within the inner city, and older mature neighbourhoods of Winnipeg and you know, I heard tremendously positive feedback from the residents of Centennial, from Spence, from William Whyte and North Point Douglas, Mr. Speaker, in your ward, and he's particularly had a strong interest within the North Point Douglas area and the Mynarski Ward, Mr. Speaker, and how he's shown a great community presence working with the kids there, having a police run through the neighbourhood, working with the neighbourhood with respect to power line, empowering the citizens there, Mr. Speaker, and I think this particular issue that he's been working on with course of the last several months is true to his vision with respect to providing efficiencies and greater community presence for the citizens of Winnipeg with establishing a flight operations unit. So Mr. Speaker, I think it's very important, and it's all been said here today. I think that it is a no brainer. Let us honour our chief. This is his best professional advice for a very positive crime prevention initiative. Let us honor the Chief by supporting this recommendation here today.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. Recorded vote has been called for. All in favour of Item 4, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Gerbasi and Wyatt.

City Clerk: The vote Mr. Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 2.

Mr. Speaker: It's carried. On the Motions, there is a Motion No. 6. It's Automatic Referral to the PCS Committee.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
MOTIONS

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) complement has gone from approximately 1255 officers as of December, 2004, to nearly 1350 officers as of December, 2009;

AND WHEREAS this much needed increase equals an impressive average increase in the WPS of nearly 20 new additional police positions a year for the last five years;

AND WHEREAS, not withstanding this tremendous increase in the police complement, due to both high call volumes and the new challenges that face modern policing, very often and at times such as weekends, the Winnipeg Police Service cannot guarantee that a police cruiser car will always be present in every ward of the city at all times;

AND WHEREAS via the annual City budget and taxation system, all of Winnipeg's communities contribute to the cost of the WPS and therefore ratepayers, no matter where they reside, deserve a minimum level of police presence at all times;

AND WHEREAS prior to Unicity, independent municipalities such as Transcona, Charleswood, or North Kildonan, just to name a few examples, were always guaranteed a minimum level of police presence at all times;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish a policy that clearly states, without exception, that the WPS will be required to maintain a minimum of one police cruiser car on duty in every one of Winnipeg's 15 Wards at all times;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service and the Winnipeg Police Service determine the resources that will be required to fulfil this new policy direction, with the goal of minimizing any new costs and maximizing the use of existing resources.

Mr. Speaker: Consideration of By-laws. Councillor Pagtakhan

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law number 6/2010 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 6/2010.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Mr. Speaker, I'll move that the By-law No. 6/2010 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 6/2010.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Mr. Speaker, I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 6/2010 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. No questions? Next committee, Standing Policy Committee, Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, report of January 12th of 2010. Councillor Clement.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED JANUARY 12, 2010**

Councillor Clement: Yes, thanks, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to move the Minutes of that Agenda and I'll move Item 1 as Consent.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Motions, none. 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. 4/2010 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 4/2010.

Councillor Clement: I'll move that By-law No. 4/2010 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 4/2010.

Councillor Clement: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law 4/2010 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. None? Standing Policy Committee Finance, no report. No Motions. No By-laws. Question period. None, Policy Committee Downtown Development. No report? Motions none. No By-laws? Any questions? No questions. Standing Policy Committee Property and Development, report of December 3rd of 2009, Councillor Steeves.

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED DECEMBER 3, 2009**

Mr. Speaker: Hang on, Councillor Steeves. What's that? Wait till he introduces it. Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: I was actually going to make a joke about pulling off all these Items, but I suppose it's…it will be less funny now. With regard to the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development of December 3, 2009, I would move Items 2…well, there's 4 Items but they're numbered Items 2, 3, 4 and 12.

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

Mr. Speaker: You want 2, 3 and 4? Councillor Pagtakhan? And 5 to 12…just 12, okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2.

**Item 2 – Closing of Part of the Public Lane between William and Elgin Avenues, west of Sherbrook Street
File DAC 9/2009**

Councillor Steeves: Mr. Speaker, I'm just going to stand down and await the comments of my learned friend from Point Douglas.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, on No. 3.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Okay, yeah thank you, Mr. Speaker. This…these Items were laid over from last month. I wanted to speak to these items from last month. I just really wanted to applaud the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority with respect to this particular process and that they worked with our Planning, Property and Development Department, with our Senior Planner, and the residents in the neighbourhood and did a very extensive consultation throughout the

course of several months and it was put in written form for all stakeholders and this is a good news story, Mr. Speaker. This is the construction of the brand new Women's Pavilion that's located currently on Notre Dame and there will be a state of the art birthing station. So this is the future generations of our folks here of the city who will be coming forth in this particular building and I just want to say it's a great addition to the neighbourhood. A great effort from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to reinvest and I want to tip my hat off to the planners for making this work within the confines of the secondary plan and making it actually respect the intent of the secondary plan although it did require a plan amendment and with that I just wanted to put my positive comments forward on those three initiatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steeves.

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

REPORT "A" OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED DECEMBER 3, 2009

Councillor Steeves: It took every ounce of power that I have not to speak on those three Items Mr. Speaker. With respect to report "A" of December 3rd, 2009, I'll introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

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

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED JANUARY 5, 2010

Councillor Steeves: With respect to the report of January 5th, 2010, I will introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 and Items 3 to 6.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Motions, none. By-laws, Councillor Steeves.

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

Councillor Steeves: Yes. With respect to the By-laws…

Mr. Speaker: By-law 105/2009.

Councillor Steeves: I will move that By-law No. 105/2009 as amended and be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 105/2009 as amended.

Councillor Steeves: I'll move that By-law No. 105/09 as amended be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

Councillor Steeves: I'll move that By-law No. 1/2010 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 1/2010.

Councillor Steeves: By-law No. 1/2010 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 1/2010.

Councillor Steeves: I will move the rules be suspended and By-law No. 1/2010 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, none. Who's going to have the honour of adjourning, moving a Motion?

Councillor Clement moves adjournment that Council do now adjourn. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. 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, Vandal and Wyatt.

The Council adjourned at 12:22 p.m.