COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, April 27, 2011

The Council met at 9:31 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Steeves.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Mr. Speaker Councillor Nordman, His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Smith, Steen, Steeves, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Thank you and we have two pages with us today, ladies. (Laughter) They are photocopying. Come on in. Today we're joined by Madison Fedyck from Glenlawn Collegiate who resides in the North Kildonan Ward; Madison. (Applause) Alex Goodman from St. Mary's Academy who resides in the Old Kildonan Ward. We would like to welcome our guests and I'm sure we have some interesting discussions to take place today, and we would invite the Mayor who would like to make a couple of comments regarding our high water.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick update for all of Council, I'm just going to take a moment to update everybody on the status of flood preparations in the City of Winnipeg. As many are aware, the Red River crested in Emerson this past Sunday and we anticipate that the crest on the Red River will arrive in Winnipeg between April the 30th and May the 3rd. The Provincial forecast suggests the crest in Winnipeg will now be between 20.4 and 21.3 feet, James Avenue, lower than last Thursday's forecast which had a crest range from 21.2 to 22.2 feet, James. With the lowering of the crest, Mr. Speaker, additional sandbagging on Scotia, Glenwood Crescent and other areas is not required. Someone who has been doing a little bit of sandbagging; yes, but due to the significant amount of overland flooding, the volume of water headed our way is significant and as a result there will be changes daily. The City will absolutely continue to monitor the situation closely. Adverse weather like heavy rain, combined with high river levels can overwhelm the City's land drainage and wastewater systems increasing the risk of basement flooding and I urge citizens and my Council colleagues to remind residents that sewer backup is a threat and citizens should prepare and protect their properties as the river will remain high for some time. Mr. Speaker, I'm sure you're also aware that our City serves as an evacuation centre for other impacted areas throughout the Province. The City Reception Centre for Rural Flood evacuees located at Century Arena is currently operating and to date has processed 82 families or approximately 200 individuals from five different municipalities. And, through you, Mr. Speaker, I want to commend our Public Service. Staff at Public Works, Waste and Water, 311, Transit, our entire Emergency Preparedness Team, and everyone involved with the co-ordination of Emergency Measures who are keeping a very close eye on our situation, and keeping Winnipeggers informed and up to date. (Applause). Through their co-ordination, Mr. Speaker, approximately 3,000 volunteers were deployed and volunteer sandbagging operations were ongoing seven days a week. And, Mr. Speaker, an immense thank you to those volunteers, many of whom were high school students. (Applause). Without the assistance of these young people, a number of properties requiring sandbagging would have been in deep trouble, Mr. Speaker, because during the work day, it's extremely difficult to get volunteers out. I would also like to express our gratitude to the Partner Organizations who helped ensure the success and safety of operations to date. The Salvation Army, who provided food and beverages to volunteers at approximately 57 properties, as well as St. Johns Ambulance who also supported volunteer and city flood preparation, as well at 37 properties. Mr. Speaker, we're not out of the woods yet. With the City's crest still to arrive, the ground saturation levels and let's not forget Mother Nature's way of doing things only on her terms, we still need to ensure citizens are preparing their properties, and that we all remain vigilant. Thankfully we have an incredible Public Service Team supported by generous and energetic volunteer citizens, Mr. Speaker, so that we will continue to keep Winnipeg up to date and provide support volunteers wherever it may be required. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Earlier this morning Councillors and I had the privilege of raising the flag for the Republic of Sierra Leone out in front of City Hall. Today is the 50th anniversary of Sierra Leone's independence from Great Britain, so we'd like to offer our congratulations to them and thank them for coming to City Hall. I don't know if any of the folks are here. (Applause).

Mr. Speaker: And on a more personal note we'd like to offer our congratulations to our Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Michael Ruta who was nominated to be a; to the Hall of Fame of the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association. So congratulations, Mike. (Applause). He also signs all your cheques so. (Laughter)

MINUTES

Mr. Speaker: Being no further announcements we will move to our delegations. After Councillor Fielding moves the Minutes for the meetings held on March 22nd, 23rd and April the 8th and they've been taken as read. All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Speaker: We have two delegations in favour of Item 8, and we have one in opposition. The first speaker will have ten minutes. The second speaker will have five minutes in support of Item 8; the individual in opposition will have 10 minutes. So, I would ask Mr. Doug Harvey to stand forward. Mr. Harvey.

Doug Harvey: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I never needed a microphone before but I wanted to thank everybody for allowing me to be here. My name is Doug Harvey. I am the lifelong Winnipegger, president of Maxim Truck and Trailer just celebrated our 30th Anniversary here in the City of Winnipeg. Over 800 employees and a very passionate Winnipegger; so I'm here to speak on behalf of myself, many of the citizens of Winnipeg and on behalf of the Museum. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is probably the most exciting thing in my life time in the City of Winnipeg and I know that EPC has passed our Motion today where we're asking for a further $3.63 million in support from the City. And I applaud your leadership for that acceptance. To all the Councillors, I recognize you have a very difficult job, I applaud you for your commitment in furthering to make this or continuing to make this a great City to live and raise a family in, and most importantly, a place where we can enjoy and get ourselves out of thinking about mosquitoes and cold weather, and thinking about ourselves as a leader in human rights in the world. The Museum does that. When I was coming here today I made a decision to drive across and come down Provencher, and I can remind you 20 years ago, some of you were still here and some of you were new to it, but a decision was made at that time, you know, the Forks was essentially an old rail yard, old gravel yard, not really a beacon for the City. You come across today, the Council and the leadership before you people, some of you were here, made a decision to build a bridge over Provencher, and I can remember the flak that you took for that decision, well today that bridge is on the front of every tourist brochure, every post card coming into Winnipeg. It looks absolutely delightful. At first I thought I was going to have to be here today to tell you that I was here to look for a new bridge because as you come across that bridge, out rises from an old gravel parking lot, a fabulous looking facility. That will only get better. And the facility as great as it will be, and what it will do to Winnipeg as far as economic driver, I think there was an ad in the paper today that talked about $79 million annual direct investment in the City as a result of that Museum. Rising out of a parking lot that created no tax revenue five years ago. So that's the excitement from which I speak.

I have a couple of letters that I would like to read to you. I should also note that I am an investor, a donor to the museum, and so I feel that I am entitled to speak about the importance of it because I put my money where my mouth is. I wish I had more money to make the size of my mouth more appropriate but (Laughter). So this is from a Grade 3 teacher, Ms. Sid Williamson at Grosvenor School. Dear Mayor, My students and I are writing these letters in support of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Human Rights is a focus of all of our learning. The children are very concerned with learning about the miss steps of our past and the hopes for the future. For all of us, the museum represents both. To us it will be a place of growth, a place where a journey as human beings is enhanced and encouraged. As an educator I believe in the power of the knowledge and awareness of the museum represents. This will be a living, breathing opportunity for myself and my students to be constantly reminded of the possibility for change. As an idea museum I will be returning over and over again in order to facilitate the ongoing learning of both myself and my students. This museum can change the face of our Province. Thank you for considering this letter. Sincerely yours, Ms. Sid Williamson, Grade 3 teacher: Now this is a letter from Chris Witcher who is a grade 3 student at Grosvenor School. This letter is about the Human Rights Museum. I think that no matter how people look, we should all have the same rights, so nobody should be excluded because of how they look. I also think that it will make Winnipeg a better city because there will be less crime and more people thinking about taking care of each other. Sincerely yours, Chris Witcher. So clearly this is a project that is much bigger than the people in this room but for the citizens of Winnipeg. And we have all sorts of these letters but seeing as I was given only 45 minutes I won't go through all of them in detail but they are there for your perusal. I just…you know, it's…everything that goes on in our City touches us in different ways and it's

interesting my personal touch with the Museum aside from thinking it's fabulous, the economic spinoffs that you've all been made aware of, my oldest daughter who is 29 years old, they've been living in Vancouver for five and a half years, her boyfriend told her ten years ago when they first started dating, and he's a Kenora boy that I will never…he says Lauren just in case this relationship goes somewhere, I will never live in Winnipeg. You just need to know that. So he just finished his Masters of Journalism at UBC and they are deciding what they want to do with the next phase of their life and Mike who would never live in Winnipeg said, "We're moving to Winnipeg". Lauren said I was 90% ready to come home Dad, but Mike said we're moving there now. So the moving van comes tomorrow. They've bought a house in Winnipeg and why are they coming back? I think they're coming back not because I was the best dad in the world, well close, close. But they're coming back because of all the things that are going on in this community. And I appreciate all the choices that you people have to make and very difficult choices and roads are important and sewers are important. But my daughter is not moving back because you've got the best water in Winnipeg or the roughest roads or the best roads, she is coming back because of what's happening in the City. And that's a testament to everybody in this room for making the difficult decisions on leadership, and Mike said, as a Masters of journalism graduate, "Wouldn't it be cool to work for the Museum." so that is one of his goals. And they've seen the new football stadium coming up. They've seen the new M.T.S. Centre. They've seen the new airport. They had a girlfriend that Lauren said she moved away at the end of Grade 12, went to the States, became a Doctor. We didn't think we would ever see her back in Winnipeg and Lauren said she's back because of what's going on in the city and when I saw how happy she was, it encouraged us and gave us further stanchion to be able to come home. So the decision before you today is a further $3.63 million, I appreciate that's a lot of money. This is part of a project that is over $300 million; will bring 250,000 people a year to the City, will have, call it 65, call it 72, I appreciate economic indicators are rough numbers, it's a lot of money are going to come to this community every day. What a thing to be known for. A City that's a leader in the world in Human Rights. So I encourage you today to make the decision that EPC did and support it. It's a decision that I think the City of Winnipeg, is very important to the City of Winnipeg. The citizens of Manitoba, and where else have you been able to be involved in a project of this size, of this magnitude, where the private sector has raised in excess of 125 million, where the city government has contributed proportionately, where the Provincial Government has contributed proportionately and where he Federal Government. This is the first Museum outside of Ottawa, in all of Canada. We made history here in Winnipeg. So thank you for your time, thank you for your leadership, and I encourage you to make the decision that's in the best interests of the citizens of Winnipeg. Thank you very much. (Applause).

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Mr. Harvey. Mr. Bill Morrissey, YES Winnipeg.

Bill Morrissey: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen; Councillors and Mayor. As it was mentioned my name is Bill Morrissey, I have the great good fortune of being the leader of YES Winnipeg. YES Winnipeg is a newly launched business and economic development initiative for the City of Winnipeg. We, our goal, our mission, our whole purpose is to grow and strengthen Winnipeg's private sector economy and we intend to do that by assisting in the creation of new jobs and economic investment in our City. And we do that by proactively identifying specific business and economic development opportunities and then work with each one of them to a successful conclusion. In particularly, we work to attract companies from outside of Manitoba here to Winnipeg, and we also provide assistance to existing entrepreneurs, existing businesses to help them expand and local entrepreneurs, help them to launch their new business ideas. The initiative is predominantly private sector funded. We raised approximately $6 million over 70 percent of that is from the private sector. There are over 110 Winnipeg businesses who have pledged their financial support to make this initiative a success and that's in addition to the contribution from all levels of government. We believe that the Canadian Museum for Human Rights will be a significant enabler to the success of our initiative and they're for the City of Winnipeg. And we're here to pledge our support for the Museum and to support the author, the assets in front of City Council for additional financial assistance. I would like to start by talking about the effect we expect that it will have on our attraction activities and then talk about how it will positively impact on our expansion and new startup activities. With respect to attraction, when we go out and meet with a company from outside of Manitoba, our success is dramatically enhanced if that business is already aware of Winnipeg; if they have a familiarity with our community. And we sincerely believe that the Canadian Museum for Human Rights will make a significant impact on the awareness of our City. It will in fact put Winnipeg on the map and that will help us immeasurably in our efforts. Secondly, we believe that the image, the reputation that Winnipeg has nationally and internationally will also be dramatically enhanced by our wonderful Canadian Museum for Human Rights. We all work hard to improve and change the perception that Winnipeg has. And what better way to brand our City than for it to be known as the centre of excellence in Human Rights worldwide. And third, it will have a very positive effect on the image, the pride, the confidence that Winnipeggers themselves have for their City. And we all know that word of mouth has

such a significant effect on creating perceptions. To the extent that Winnipeggers feel really proud and confident of their city and through the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, we know that that will be enhanced. They will talk about our City in more positive terms with their associates outside of our province and outside of our country. There is also a very positive affect with regards to some of the other important elements within our value proposition that we are proud to be able to spouse when we're talking to companies outside of Winnipeg. And it goes to quality of life first of all. We already enjoy a tremendous quality of life. We all know that, I, like Doug, I am a life-long Winnipegger and a very, very proud and confident Winnipegger. They, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights will in fact go to a significant improvement in our quality of life. It will be a tremendous past time. It will help to make Winnipeggers really thoroughly enjoy their community. Secondly, it goes to transportation and maybe in an odd way you might think but when we talk to executives of companies outside of Manitoba, one of the things that they are interested in is the number of direct flights and international flight connections into and out of Winnipeg. And the airlines build their business case; make their decisions around direct flights and international flights based on demand. And as you already heard mentioned, it's been predicted that there will be several hundred thousand new visitors every year that are going to be coming to Winnipeg to view this wonderful Museum and that will certainly add to the demand that will result in, we hope, additional flights that will be a very important enabler for us with our attraction activities. And finally, the people in workforce aspect, we are going to be playing a role in the creation of new jobs and we're going to need people to fill those jobs and we believe that the Museum is going to play an important role in at least three ways. One of them is, it's going to help us to retain our young people when they complete their education. I believe that fewer of them are going to feel the desire or the pull to leave our community to self-actualize. They base their decisions on how exciting and vibrant the community is and the Museum will help in that regard. It will also create new, exciting careers and job opportunities for them; which will help to keep them here as well.

Mr. Speaker: If you can wrap up, Mr. Morrissey.

Bill Morrissey: And the final thing is that with the number of students, the number of visitors that are going to be coming here, we know that a number of them will be staying. So we believe that the investment, that the 3.6 million that you're being asked for is an important investment that will be paid back to our City many times over in the months and the years to come. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. I'll invite Mr. Harvey to come back with Mr. Morrissey. Would you like to have some questions here at this point? Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: You know, I think this project is tremendous and I think you'll have solid Council support unanimously, probably, today. But, I'm wondering, are you going to come back further for more money in a future date?

Mr. Harvey: Not representing the museum.

Councillor Smith: I know. I'm just saying. (Laughter)

Mr. Harvey: If you've got more cash, I'll be back.

Councillor Smith: I'm saying, how much more is required?

Mr. Harvey: It would be hard for me to answer that, not being an employee of the museum. We believe and if you think back and I was chairing the building of the new Airport Terminal, when you come to…when these ideas come to…first of all they come…they start as an idea and then they get meat around them and then they, you get rough costs for funding purposes. That was in 2005. You're obviously very aware of escalation in construction costs because of what you have to do every day, so we now have a tendered; a 90% of the museum is now tendered so we now have exact costs going forward, so I believe this will be the last ask. As a citizen I believe will be the last ask. I can't certainly guarantee it, but it really is bridging the gap from 2005 when it was; the meat was going on the bones till it actually went out to the tender process and then you get actual costs as opposed to estimated cost at that time. So we are dealing with a 90% tender facility at this point.

Councillor Smith: My second question is, do you know if the Museum is coming forward with information on its programming soon? I mean obviously they're working at that. I would like to know exactly what's going to be taking place there.

Mr. Harvey: Yeah. I would not be the right guy to ask on that so. I think your message will be heard by those in the audience.

Councillor Smith: Okay, good.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions? Thank you, gentlemen.

Mr. Harvey: Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Now in opposition to Item 8, Mr. Marty Gold.

Marty Gold: Good morning Mr. Speaker, Mr. Mayor, Councillors.

Mr. Speaker: You have 10 minutes.

Marty Gold: I'm sure the Mayor is about to be shocked because I actually had to print this one out to read it today. Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of appearing at Executive Policy Committee to reflect the opinions and concerns of supporters of the great Canadian Talk Show and former listeners who voiced their disdain through social media for the proposed redirection of Federal Tax Grant dollars back to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Councillors and the Mayor heard a list of 36 causes and organizations to whom 3.63 million could alternately be handed over; they would benefit and do great work in the pursuit of services to children, seniors, immigrants, families, the sick, the poor and oppressed. I spoke of the budget shortfalls of nonprofits and charities in Winnipeg caused by donor fatigue; that is a result of the well connected influential Friends of the Museum, leaning on the charitable minded for many years now to underwrite the ever escalating price of the project. However, little did I realize that a Pandora's Box was going to be opened when I asked, "What was this Clause B?" I learned the City had borrowed $11 million from the Province through the Manitoba Development Fund to give to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in the first place. This loan was not known to many residents. It was not known to many in the media. It was not known to myself, was not even known at the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. Now, upon reading the conditions of the fund, it does not appear, to the layman, that the loan falls under the normal parameters of the fund as it is not as, appears to be industrial and although the Mayor assured me the loan was interest free, it does not appear that the Act allows for that and actually states interest must be charged at a rate greater than the Province would pay to borrow money. After pledging the Canadian Senate that they could raise money for their project without any additional bailouts from the taxpayer, then finding the private sector had reached the outer limits of support for this iconic vision, the Museum has resumed seeking tax dollars. Now this is not about supporting the concept of a Human Rights Museum. I take a back seat to no one for my record in Human Rights and Freedom of Expression. Barb Jutt of Osborne House wrote online, "As an organization that provides critical services to Winnipeg's most vulnerable women and children, Osborne house believes that the City of Winnipeg's first priority should be to protect the Human Rights of its most vulnerable. We do not receive any direct funding from the City of Winnipeg, City Taxpayers benefit tremendously from the services that Osborne House and many other not for profits that do not receive City of Winnipeg revenues. The need for the City of Winnipeg to become an active partner in supporting the delivery of some of the City's most vital services is increasing at a significant rate. A City, said Barb Jutt is not a healthy City unless it contributes to the care of the fundamental human rights of its most vulnerable citizens, so this vote is about the concept of fairness for taxpayers and residents of the City and therefore, on their behalf I'd like to pose some more questions. If the Provincial Auditor determines that interest is actually owed on the loan because the legislation requires it, where will the City find the half a million dollars a year to pay for it? If Taxpayer class action suit would result in the loan being reversed as having been illegal or improper, how will the City take steps to recover the loan monies from the Museum or would the taxpayer be on the hook? Why does the City keep pretending it has money to give the Museum when, yet that donation has to be transferred from other levels of government each and every time? People are asking me what is the purpose of this exercise? Is it a sleight of hand to prime the pump for private donors and other levels of government to be tapped again because oh look the City is supporting us some more? What kind of a game is this? You had no money the first time, so it was borrowed. You're promising money pledged by the Federal Government sometime in the future and you are proposing to give this money to a group that as of June 30th will owe over $439,000 in Property Taxes. And this leads to the problem of optics. How can Council raise taxes on home owners while giving tax dollars to a group that hasn't paid their Taxes? And even if, even if the City had real cash money to give to the project, people are asking me, "Is this how the City does business?" I said last week and I reiterate it, it's your obligation to vet the claims made by the Museum that would substantiate this request, especially the one about 250,000 people visiting the Museum. So far I've been given one document, one page, it's from a Provincial Department that does

not in itself site a single study, a single survey, a single opinion poll, it sites nothing that supports the first sentence which says for this analysis, the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics is assumed that the Canadian Museum for Human Rights will attract 75,000 non-Manitoba visitors on an annual basis and then tossed around all sorts of tourist spending estimates. One a.m. this morning on an email from Museum Official, which was very helpful, saying they project that attendance will exceed that not only the Manitoba Museum by 20% but the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, a city teaming with site seeing tourists, all the time, more tourists live in the City of Winnipeg and I know because I lived there 10 years ago. Not a single study exists that you have seen to back these illusions. Does there? Because it sure wasn't forwarded to me. And the language of the email I've gotten with due respect does not clearly state these are new tourists and visitors, I know Gail Asper speaks of an increase in tourism resulting in 25 million dollars in increased revenue but this issue of tourists is not clearly projected let alone defined. This business plan, that you're just suppose to float with our tax dollars even the bombers stadium is a better bet because that team at the very least has a proven season ticket base. If six months ago I walked into City Hall and said listen there's 321,000 radio listeners from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in Winnipeg. KICK FM is going to assume that 5% or 16,000 listen to our station, so you should advertise on Campus Radio. You and your staff would've challenged me to prove it or I would've been shown the door. Is this how Council does business on spec? Well not when it comes to Campus Radio. And when it comes to the claims of legions of tourists and visitors and expenditures and revenue. Shouldn't the supporters of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights have to demonstrate something to back it up? Is it to be supported by secondhand tax dollars, some of which won't come for years? Some of which may or not be tax free; it may or may not even be loaned in the legal matter by the NDP Government. I see nothing to justify giving more tax dollars, even those dollars that won't come in for ten years from Ottawa, to a white elephant that cannot pay its taxes today. And this is not an investment. An investment has a rate of return, are you Councillors, willing to guarantee a rate of return on the $14 million plus that you seem to now be willing to gamble on a pet project of millionaires? Because I can guarantee if $14 million is plunked into our social programs, our street level services, our policing, there would be a return. It would make a measurable difference in the human rights of real not assume, not hypothetical but real Winnipeg residents immediately and that is a value proposition that speaks directly to our quality of life. Taxpayers are getting the sense that they're being presented with funding a ponzy scheme. Pay them now. We'll get it back later. This is a City that charges a small Exchange area business $850 to hang a $1,400 sign on their own building and you Councillors are considering giving away millions of dollars of tax dollars to a 310 million dollar Museum that has not paid its own property tax. This tax break on top of the unresolved issues about the status of the loan, the 11 million dollar loan that the City took out from the Province to support the Museum the first time around and whether interest will be owing on it after all, this tax break simply does not make any sense when there are so much genuine need in this City now and in the future. The Museum doesn't need this $3.6 million, they want it. And by their own admission, their supporters who are well intentioned, it has already received many, many, millions of dollars from the taxpayer and there is only one taxpayer, from the three levels of government. Many Winnipeggers join me in urging you to take care of our needs first and many Winnipeggers' believe that the wants of the struggling Museum fundraisers should be taken care of by their own fine efforts, starting with their own bank accounts and their own businesses. Let the Canadian Museum for Human Rights seek its financial destiny elsewhere until there is proof that they are organizers, have learned the meaning of the words budget and accountability. Thank You.

Mr. Speaker: Questions for Mr. Gold? One question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Ah yes, thank you for your presentation Mr. Gold. Are you aware that the money that's been requested today is the equivalent of, if we were to fund let's say, our resident, our street sidewalk program renewal; if we added that to what we are spending, the little we're spending on street sidewalk renewal right now, if we added that money to it on an annual basis, it would be enough not just to fund and renew our existing sidewalks but probably catch up on the backlog of sidewalks that are falling apart across the City, are you aware of that?

Marty Gold: I was not aware of the actual size of the deficit of the sidewalk infrastructure needs however I can tell you that having walked through many neighbourhoods of course in the past month especially as the weather cleared I see sidewalks ranging from St. Boniface to River Heights, certainly downtown in the Exchange District the core area where I do a lot of asking questions and listening to people and that would certainly be a very worthwhile use it would directly relate to the quality of life especially for seniors and people who are infirm and who rely on those sidewalks and can't just skip on another roadway. So that's the kind of issue that really Council should consider. Again, this is not something the Museum needs, it's something they want. But the people need sidewalks they can safely walk on, little kids ride their bikes on, wheelchairs, etc and I think that you've raised a good issue there, Councillor.

Councillor Wyatt: I think they are supplemental, Mr. Speaker, thank you. Do you think there is an irony then that we can find the money to do this yet we can't find the money to do it as a core city service in terms of supplying and renewing sidewalks? Do you think there's an irony in that?

Marty Gold: I don't know if I'd refer to it as an irony Councillor Wyatt, but last week at EPC I did use this specifically address the issue of the City needing to address the core services for the residents, the taxpayers, and again, although it's a…I have no problem with people supporting the Museum or concept of it. But as reflected by Councillor Smith's question, the Museum keeps coming back to the well and ultimately, when residents and taxpayers, businesses, etc., they see the City Council making a choice between fixing the sidewalks in front of their home, in front of their business, in front of their Church, in front of their Recreation Centre whatever, and tossing money into something that they just do not, do not see the direct benefit of it in their own lives on a day to day basis. And you're never going to overcome that and…as I said, I don't know if it's ironic but I think it might speak to a mind set within City Hall that needs to be addressed. It's wonderful to have dreams. We all dream of an N.H.L. team, we dream of a new stadium, we dream of this and we dream of that but ultimately your job here, your role here is to provide those core services. And I…you know, people…there are people who support the museum that do_not support the Motion to give an additional 3.63 million, especially when they found out that the first 11 million was loaned, that surprised quite a few people. I'm not going to start quibbling about details and such things but there is an overall picture here where if the City's finding money from other governments to the tune of $14 million. People sit back and they go, "Wow, $14 million could fix a few things around here." We can deal with sidewalks; we can deal with graffiti, God knows their back lanes in River Heights that need to be fixed, and River Heights considered a well to do neighbourhood. So it's troubling to people when they see Council taking stands on issues like this that maybe is driven by other considerations and it's; it doesn't send the right message especially to the poor, especially people in the North End and in Point Douglas and some of the neighbourhoods where they don't have political clout.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Speaker, just a different question on the same subject. Is, has there been a detailed business plan released in terms from the Museum, in terms of, for example, what they'll going to charge the public admission to have access to the Museum?

Marty Gold: This is where I get to use the statement, I do not represent the Museum or work for it, so I cannot speak to that, however, since I know that from the Mayor on down around the table here that you all accept that I have a pretty good power of recollection. My last remembrance is that the Museum did not plan to charge an admission fee in order to ensure that it was as inclusive as possible. And so whatever business plan may or may not be out there and I'm…I don't remember ever seeing one. I'm not saying that there isn't one that hasn't been presented to the deep coves of government and bureaucrats. I don't know that there is one that has been released to the public, but with regards to admission fee there is no; I have never heard of a plan to charge an admission fee and so if there were to be 250,000 visitors, whether people already in Winnipeg that are dropping by or the supposition that they are brand new and wouldn't come to Winnipeg otherwise or however this is being played out. There wouldn't be a dime generated that I'm aware of, off their walking into the museum; whether they buy trinkets and memorabilia or books or something, that I've never seen a projection of either actually.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I tried sitting by and saying nothing Mr. Speaker but I just could not do it. First of all, Mr. Gold, thank you for being here. A week ago you made a presentation and I made a comment and asked you a question. I'm wondering if you might be in a position to answer it. We talked about some of the phenomenal projects that are going on in the City to make it a wonderful place for your children, my children, our grandchildren to live, to work and play and stay here in our City. Can you tell me as we discuss it right now at this particular point in time, are you aware of any one particular project where you've had over $125 million invested from the private sector to date?

Marty Gold: You know, I have to hesitate because I, I wasn't that intimately involved in the tracking the building of the M.T.S. Centre, so on the presumption that you're not throwing a trick at me and the MTS didn't get that much money from public pockets thrown in it, I'm sure it didn't in 1999 dollars, no but I want to focus on the intent of your question which I know is honourable; but what it reflects in the minds of the people that voted for you and for many of the Councillors here, you know what I; there are people that pay attention to this issue, Mr. Mayor. This isn't a question of the City showing support for a project. But it is a

question of a reflection of the state of the City that nothing big gets done until City Hall, the Province and the Feds have been tapped dry. And this is how people look at it with due respect that you've already borrowed 11 million, you've contributed the land. You've provided great support, you wear the gold star and others of you do as well, but there is a point at which people look at it and they say listen, enough. And there's already so many millions that has been raised privately, so much publicly but, do they really need another 3.6 million when there is Councillor Wyatt points out, there are sidewalks all over that City that people rely on to walk on. And I understand the intent of what you're saying that nothing happens without these kinds of contributions if the private sector donated so much that the City is justified in following suit. It just so happens when it comes to this $3.6 million you hit a bit of a bump in the road in the minds of a lot of people and I'm just trying to reflect their concerns.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Gold. Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: I would obviously disagree with the answer. The realities are, Mr. Speaker, that the reason the private sector has stepped up to the plate is because of the significance and magnitude of this project not just what it means for our City, not for our Province, not for our Country for the entire world and this, Mr. Speaker, is something that we should all be extremely proud of and you and I and everybody here should be making whatever donation they can. I'll get to my second question right now. Sometimes a little bit of information is a scary thing. You talked about a loan. Are you aware that in order to get the first phase of BRT done, from downtown to Jubilee, that the City of Winnipeg put up all the money and the Province is paying us back on an annual basis, i.e., a loan from the City to the Province. Are you aware of that and do you find that intriguing or is that okay with you? I'll take the short answer.

Marty Gold: Yeah no problem, Mr. Mayor. Perhaps next year at the Passover Sedar you've invited me to, I will be telling you the stories of how my Grandparents use to say you're comparing Kasha and Borscht. BRT is considered an essential service to the public and the Museum simply does not fall within the same parameters as something as a transportation project with due respect.

Mayor Katz: All I want to know is about are you aware of the loan? You talked about a loan.

Marty Gold: I'm aware of…I've…sorry, I don't mean to speak over you. I'm aware of the loan however that was not money that was handed over onto a third party where the City has no controls.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Mayor Katz: The realities are the Province loaned money from the City. Happens all the time and the City obviously in this situation I would consider it to be extremely astute, if you don't have the money to find another source for it and then find an area where you can fund it from. We are funding to pay back the Province from the build as you already know we discussed it. Mr. Speaker, the beginning of this started with Osborne House, okay. You talked about organization but you quoted Osborne House, are you aware of the fact that last year and I believe the year before, at the State of the City Address which I give, that Osborne House and many other organizations, needy organizations, worthwhile organizations, organizations that make this a better city, received funds?

Marty Gold: Here's again, where I get to use the statement I do not represent Osborne House and I'm not employed by it however I am aware of that and yet consider this Mr. Mayor and Councillors that in spite of that support, Osborne House is still having difficulty and there are many other organizations in terms of fundraising and finding donors and in addition to that, Barb Jutt addressed was that there is a stepped up need, in her opinion, for the City to step forward with regards to these kinds of causes. And perhaps you and your great staff need to have a further discussion with Barb and others in the not for profit sector to evaluate just what kind of need has been created because there's only so many dollars out there in the private sector that can be spread around and the Museum unfortunately has taken up some of the dollars that people in the past felt were going into their coffers. I respect what you're saying.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That's the end of Question Period.

Marty Gold: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You bet. Okay. All right. We have our final delegation is here from the It's Lake Friendly Project which is dealt with in Item 2 of the Standing Policy Committee of Infrastructure Public Works from

April 4th on Sustainable Procurement and we're joined today by the Executive Director, Colleen Salar of It's Lake Friendly and the Reeve, Mayor Don Forfar from St. Andrews Municipality. You have 10 minutes.

Colleen Salar: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mayor and Council for having us here today. My name is Colleen Salar and I'm the Executive Director of the Lake Friendly Program and Reeve Don Forfar who's one of the originators of the program from the R.M. of St. Andrews. The Lake Friendly Project originated out of a great need in the south basin of Lake Winnipeg to the deteriorating water quality around the lakes, rivers and streams and the project kind of was the brain child of the South Basin Mayors and Reeves which is nine municipalities who got together and decided that we really need to do something, we needed to work together and to find a proactive solution and a way to engage not only our governments but also our residents and ratepayers in the whole big task of cleaning up our lakes, rivers and streams. The Lake Friendly Project since it started in 2009 has received a lot of support. Some of it came from Environment Canada, the Province of Manitoba, the Royal Bank and of course the nine municipalities around the south basin of Lake Winnipeg. First of all, Lake Friendly is about protecting our lakes, rivers and streams through the procurement of products that are less harmful to the environment; products that are EcoLogo certified and secondly, Lake Friendly is about building awareness. Building awareness that what you do matters, awareness that as individuals, as organizations as local governments, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to do what we can do to protect our environment and to further connect people to their place in the whole situation. And we always remind people that we do have an impact on our waters and even things that seem very small can significantly impact the quality of our waters and also our drinking waters. Over the past two years we've been working with several institutions to try and bring about Lake Friendly procurement. We also…we have nine municipalities now on board with procuring Lake Friendly products. We also have the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, Red River College. We have the Provincial Government at the Legislative Buildings and several Provincial Parks all around the South Basin. We have the Manitoba Liquor Commissions and the Lotteries, St. John's Ravenscourt all on board and now procuring products that are Lake Friendly. What we're here to do; here today to ask is for the City of Winnipeg to support us and to work with us on procuring products that are Lake Friendly, further helping our lakes, rivers and streams and also bringing resident awareness that our impact on our waters is significant and we all have a place in cleaning things up. I'm going to hand it over to Reeve Forfar now.

Reeve Don Forfar: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen and fellow politicians. It's a pleasure to be here. I've got to start off by commenting or picking up on the Mayor's comment on flooding. There has as always been some Hallmarks of Spring in Manitoba, flooding seems to be one of them unfortunately Mr. Mayor and the Robins I heard a couple of weeks ago are another one but this morning I have to tell you on my way in from St. Andrews I killed my first mosquito for 2012 and it was a Winnipeg Mosquito. We are here to talk about Lake Friendly and it's appropriate that we, the Mayor started the day talking about flooding because that water you folks are sending down to us has got stuff in it. And we know the millions and millions that you've got to spend on treating wastewater. We would like to engage our citizens and putting less harmful products into it and that's what that sample in front of you is all about. So we're basically asking you to do a couple of things here. One as a Council we ask you to join the rest of us in leading and showing people what we can do to make a difference and that's really what this is about. Not only by setting an example and not only by doing the right thing in your procurement policy and buying the right products, it's letting the world know. That's why it's so vital that we've got these other organizations, one that Colleen overlooked was the Royal Bank where they've been just phenomenally supportive. So it's about getting that message out to people. Now the good news is that Mayor Strang isn't here with us today because he'd be looking for your money, that might come, but really we'd like you to do two things. One is to change your policy so that that's the kind of products that the City of Winnipeg will buy. Ultimately what we would like you to do too is help us spread the word by putting inserts someday into your water bills, so we can inform the public. Those are what we are asking you to do as City Council Members to support us, but we also have an ask for you as citizens of Manitoba. If you look at that little bottle in front of you, that's detergent. That's going to do two loads of laundry. If you look at the bottom, at the front, under liquide détersif, you'll see a Canadian Flag that's made up of three doves; that's the EcoLogo Sign and we want you to pay attention to that when you as citizens of Winnipeg and Manitoba go out and shop and let folks know that that's what you're doing, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Questions? Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: First of all, thank you for being here. Appreciate your commitment and your dedication. I'm just wondering and I know you don't come from a science background but as you know, the City is spending some significant money to protect our lakes, our rivers, etc. And you may know of Dr. Schindler and a bunch of scientists who back him up as far as nitrogen removal. We're in the process right now of doing

some sewage treatment plants and Dr. Schindler and 63 of the top scientists in the world have basically stated that spending $350 million on nitrogen removal would not only be flushing good money down the toilet but could actually be doing more harm to the lake. I'm wondering if you may have any insight on that or anything you might want to share with us here today?

Colleen Salar: Thank you for the question. I don't have a science background and that's a really difficult question to answer. I would say we're really not in a position to answer that question. Lake Friendly is not about phosphorous and nitrogen. It's what we're really concerned about is the products that contain not only phosphorous because these products contain quite a bit of phosphorous but also the other harmful chemicals that are in the products that can cause issues to aquatic life. So I'm sorry, we can't answer that question Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: I thought (inaudible). (Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you for your initiative and the work you're doing. I think it's great, a grass roots initiative like this. It speaks though to the bigger issue of the fact that Lake Winnipeg is dying. It's been basically outlined that this lake is slowly dying. You have a very good description here of the water shed and a picture of the water shed which is massive, covering basically four Canadian Provinces and into the United States. Doesn't it speak to the fact that we need to have an initiative similar to the initiative back in the 80's and 90's to save the Great Lakes? There has to be a large initiative to bring everybody to the table. Today you can drive outside of the City and see bill boards advertising the farmers, nitrogen and all sorts of products they can spray on their land. Those products are now moving up the rivers through this flood and right into the lake.

Reeve Don Forfar: You're quite right in that but the Mayors and Reeves at South Basin are hoping to do actually work ourselves out of a job. We don't think it's our job to be promoting Lake Friendly products. We think at the end of the day, it's the job of the manufacturers of these products and you're right to cast eyes at the farmers and that's part of that education is making everybody in Manitoba aware that they too, can take ownership for what the problem is and they can make changes in their lifestyles. They can make changes in their farming practices. They can make changes for waterfront homes and how and where they put their septic fields or don't have a septic field. They can change on how they groom the front of their lawns on the water because a lot of that nitrogen and phosphorous comes in from the erosion from sediment. There's a lot of things that contribute to it. That's why education is important and when we believe that…and we'd see how this has just evolved in the last two years, we think this will go basin wide and you're right it has to go into those three states and four provinces and that is going to happen, mark my words

Colleen Salar: Just to further add to it, Reeve Forfar said on that, it's a really good point and one thing we really are careful not to do is to point fingers and the Save the Great Lakes Campaign was a bit of a different campaign because the sources of the pollutions that were coming into the Great Lakes were source solutions. People knew point source exactly where they were coming from. The sources of the problems to Lake Winnipeg are nonpoint source. They come from over a million square kilometers. They have over 6.5 million residents that are contributing to the issues from agriculture to urban settings. They come from so many different sources that it's going to have to be a different campaign. And it's going to have to be a campaign that first raises the awareness that we're actually connected to this problem because a lot of people like to say, well I'm not going to do anything till the City of Winnipeg does this. I'm not going to do anything until the farmer cleans up. Well I'm not doing anything until they do something down over the border. Well, every single person in the water shed is contributing to this problem. Every organization, every rural sewage lagoon, every City wastewater treatment plant is contributing and it's going to take everybody together if we're going to make a significant difference because we can't find the two or three outlets where we can stop the pollution from heading into Lake Winnipeg. It's flowing over a million square kilometers and with the large percentage of land that's covered with flood water right now it's flowing even faster these days into Lake Winnipeg. And Lake Winnipeg is in trouble but I think a lot of people would dispute the fact that it's dead and I mean, I think or dying. I think that it's in serious need of help and I think and we're able to give it that if we all work together on that issue.

Councillor Wyatt: I'm all in favour of holding hands and singing Kumbya but the reality is Lake Winnipeg is dying. The scientists have been saying this. They're studying it and they are very concerned and the Province who has not hesitated to legislate against us. We now have the highest water and sewer rates in all of Canada because of that and growing. All right, yet you Reeve Forfar, you are on the front line as well.

What have you been saying and what have other Reeves around the Capital Region saying to the Premier? Why is he not showing the leadership on this issue to bring the other jurisdictions together so we can start to address this problem because the Lake is slowly dying?

Reeve Don Forfar: That's a scary question.

Mr. Speaker: Just let me jump in here for a moment, I thank you for your question Councillor Wyatt but we're really here to talk about Item 2 of the Public Works Agenda and it's about our procurement and I would suggest if there is any part of that question Reeve Forfar you'd like to answer that relates to the procurement piece that we're talking about today. I appreciate the Councillor's question, but I'm going to rule that it goes beyond the scope of this particular motion.

Reeve Don Forfar: Saved by the Speaker, but I'm just thinking on that note Councillor Wyatt, I've lost 77 pounds, I'll buy you a salad lunch and we'll talk about it.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Nordman. My question is to Don, as a young Winnipegger I use to swim in the steams through the marsh by Libo but on the other side I use to catch fish at Netley Creek and Netley Marsh and I'm wondering and I've heard rumours but do you think that some of the procurement policy and some of the stuff we've been putting in the river over a long period of time has affected the Netley Marsh where I understand I can't catch fish any more?

Reeve Don Forfar: Well actually you can catch fish and in fact the…my roots are Winnipeg Beach and I can tell you the fishermen at Winnipeg Beach, Sandy Hook, Gimli, all throughout the Lake have never had fishing, commercial fishing as they've had in the last few years and if you were to go up to the South Basin this past February, March and see the thousands of ice fishers which in a way was nice. They were in the South Basin this year instead of on the river. Normally you can come out from Lockport to the South Basin on a Saturday in February and see a population on that ice bigger than the City of Brandon. Fortunately that didn't happen this year which made our ice breaking Amphibex Program a lot better. But the point of it is there are lots of fish. People are fishing and commercial fishermen are fishing unlike they've never done in decades.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Eadie: So are you saying that the rumor I heard that I can't catch a fish in Netley Marsh just as a person in a boat or a canoe, is false?

Reeve Don Forfar: Councillor Eadie, if you come to St. Andrews, I'm going to make sure you catch a fish.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions today. Thank you Reeve Forfar, Colleen. Oh, oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were waving for Russ. Councillor Browaty has a question. We have a minute fifty left.

Councillor Browaty: Regarding that consumer products in the home. My understanding is a number of US States along the Great Lakes have banned phosphorous in dishwasher detergents and I believe laundry detergent as well. I thought the Province was introducing something similar here. Have they? And is this stuff some…how is this stuff somehow better?

Colleen Salar: The products we are recommending for Lake Friendly are EcoLogo Certified products. They are products that have the Environment Canada Seal on them and what that that tells us is it not only has no phosphorous it doesn't have any other chemicals that can further harm the Lakes. EcoLogo is the most stringent environmental mark in the market place right now. It's widely available. The products are tested third party, independently tested and they also are no more expensive and in some cases they are actually even less expensive and they work just as well. The Phosphorous issue, the phosphorous is one thing that causing harm but there's many other chemicals that they are finding that are entering our waterways that are causing a lot of harm as well with aquatic life.

Reeve Don Forfar: As a politician I always like the last word. The reason to focus on that EcoLogo is so many businesses, so many industries now are green washing our public and claiming that they are selling products that the public wants. The public I think is on side with this. The public wants to do the right thing. They want to do the right thing if it works and if they can afford it. And typical of all products you've got to go

through it. This happens to be good laundry detergent, some aren't. You've got to go through the trial and error finding out which products work which is true with of traditional products. But I think this is the right thing to do and you can't find a better way of determining whether or not you're buying the right products just because it says it's green does not mean it's green and that's what the message's really got to be about.

Mr. Speaker: Quickly, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: This we talked about quickly about fish. First of all, is it correct in my view and what I've heard out there that the death of Lake Winnipeg and possibly Lake Manitoba is one of the most severe ecological disasters that are pending in fresh water throughout the world? That's what I've heard, can you confirm that or deny?

Colleen Salar: As I said, my background isn't science but I've heard the same things and many say that we're…we have a crisis on our hands with Lake Winnipeg and it's going to take some serious, serious steps by all of us to avert an impending disaster so…

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Thank you for attending today. We appreciate it, okay. All right that's the end of our Delegations and we'll move into Report A of April 8th, His Worship would you like to introduce the Consent Agenda Item 1.

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Mayor Katz: Well Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce and move adoption of Consent Agenda Item 1.

Mr. Speaker: We have Councillor Wyatt and Councillor; or Mayor Katz.

Item 1 - Hiring Process - New Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I eagerly anticipate Councillor Wyatt's comments or questions and I will be happy to address them.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I just want to say that the Motion that is being filed was a Motion that says; Be It Further Resolved That a Committee be made up of 6 Members of Council, sorry, I'll jump back. Be It Resolved that an Ad Hoc Committee of Council be struck to interview potential CAO candidates and make a recommendation to Council for the next CAO; And Be Further Resolved that said Committee be made up of six members of Council; namely one Councillor elected from each Community Committee by each Community Committee and B: the Mayor or his appointed designate representative. And I understand, Mr. Speaker that we've hired a hiring firm, a consultant to start the advertising to receive resumes and I understand they are doing that and to start going through the folks that are applying to short list, to do interviews and to get down to a short list. I was not speaking, of course, of Council, and I, of doing that leg work, I was speaking of course once we get down to the short list, there would be some sort of Committee of Council which has typically taken place in the past, struck to do the hiring, and at the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, under the George Cuff Model that has been adopted here by this Council, back in the mid 1990's, we have a City Manager Model in terms of our public service. We do not have a Board of Commissioners Model any more. We have a City Manager Model where the City Manager or what we call a Chief Administrative Officer has all the departments reporting directly through him or her and then directly to Council. Is the one unique position, Mr. Speaker in the City other than the Auditor where we can actually have directly appointed to Council, the Senior, the most Senior Public Service in the City to all Members of Council including the Mayor. And Mr. Speaker, I think it speaks to the need for this Council and I spoke it during the Budget about the need for us to work together to do Strategic Planning to work towards the challenges we're facing. I appreciate maybe this is not the Model that the Mayor wants to follow on right now and EPC wants to follow right now; that's fine. If this is not the model, fine, we'll receive it as information but I'm hoping, sincerely hoping that something comes back that is not just EPC but a little bit more of an inclusive body in terms of the actual final interviews. This person, whoever we hire, will be reporting directly to us. We all know that we've had difficult challenges in the past in our wards when we have to phone the CAO and speak to the CAO and ask the CAO for his or her help, and that person has to know and has to be responsive to us and that only comes out through a hiring process which is inclusive

that ensures all Members of Council are part of that and that we can ensure we have an unanimous decision and then we all go forward and hiring that CAO together. So I'm hoping even though it's being received today as information, I'm going to support the fact that it's being received as information, I'm hoping that that's not the end of this, that there will be some other idea or initiative coming forward to ensure that inclusive process exists. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I concur very much with what Councillor Wyatt has said and I thank him for bringing forward the Motion. I would point out to Councillor Wyatt that it does not, is not received as information, it's actually being filed. So it's not actually even saying it's receiving as information, I mean, maybe that's a technicality. Generally filing means filed under G, in the garbage bin so it can mean that essentially. It doesn't mean there's any next step happening or any change coming forward. I guess we'll see what the Mayor says to that. I think our CAO position as was pointed out by Councillor Wyatt has changed a lot in terms of the fact that there's this one person there's not a Board of Commissioners There's one person that and that person is supposed to be representing the Administrative Leadership to all of Council, and I know that EPC has the authority to do the hiring and make a recommendation to Council and then Council will then vote on it but I think there might be some ways and I think what this Motion is trying to suggest is that we encourage more inclusiveness of all Members of Council in the process. I don't think we're really asking for any more than that. Perhaps there are some other mechanisms the Mayor has in mind if this particular process isn't suitable, perhaps there could be a seminar or some sort of process where there is input from all Members of Council beyond just being told the final decision because this is really going to affect the way we do our work and I think it would be really disappointing, I've never seen a situation where there hasn't been an unanimous approval of the CAO and I think there has to be confidence in that process. There has to be trust in that process and if there isn't a feeling that that decision is inclusive of members of Council, and you know, we may end up, I don't know, perhaps it will be a decision whatever happens that we can all support. I certainly hope so. But, having said that, I think there needs to be some efforts made to include all Members of Council if we truly want to try to work together and this is the kind of decision that goes beyond; should go beyond politics of any kind and should be a person that all members of Council have confidence in, so with that I will not support filing this Motion unless I hear some evidence that there is going to be some sort of effort to include all members of Council in some way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: And just before I recognize Councillor Smith, I just like to say hello and welcome back to the Chambers to former Councillor Thomas from Elmwood. Hello, Lillian. (Applause) Harvey, it's your turn.

Councillor Smith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. You know I think former Thomas…Councillor Thomas would support the Clause not to file it. You know, we should be co-operating. We need to co-operate more together. We don't have to have this antagonistic sessions at City Council and bitter words. Let's work together. Let's jointly do this task and I think we'll have a better…look, we haven't been very successful with our CAOs in the past few years, have we? This would be a new approach and a better one.

Mr. Speaker: Any further comments? Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's interesting to see how the desire to work together comes after the results of the last election. It certainly wasn't and hasn't been that way. We're basically all sitting here trying to make something out of nothing. I mean, this process got out of the gates quite a while ago. The Motion came forward after the process was already out of the gates. It's interesting to hear Councillor Wyatt mention all the administrative side of things works but here at the City of Winnipeg we also have the political side that has a structure to it and it's often referred to as the strong Mayor Model, and everything that comes through to Council actually does come through the Mayor and the Executive Policy Committee so even though the CAO is reporting to Council that still flows through the Mayor and Executive Policy Committee, which makes the Committee for hiring, sort of logically, the Executive Policy Committee. No matter what we do there's still going to be those amongst us that jus like to participate in opposition for the sake of opposition perhaps to garner a head line or to make some sort of political point or to draw the lines ideological lines here. At the end of the day what we're doing is a solid process that I think is going to result in keeping the momentum going that we have in this City. This Mayor, this Executive Policy Committee is showing results. You can hear it as we stand here even listening to earlier delegations today, young people coming backs to our City; the growth in Downtown, old buildings that have been vacant and derelict being rejuvenated. Stadiums and Human Rights Museums, on and on, the list goes on. So you

know, let's not get caught up in what this really is which is just sort of a quick bit of political shenanigans and let's get on with hiring our CAO.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. I wasn't going to speak but I just want to make sure it's clear that this isn't political shenanigans. This is democracy. This is ability for Councillors of all to start to say to selves, do we…what are the criteria to gain trust in faith in the process so that we can all vote together on the CAO. So I don't feel shenanigans. I actually feel something important so we can all be a part of the process and support a new CAO. Others view it as just political shenanigans, that's unfortunate. I believe it's a little bit more important.

Mr. Speaker: No further comments, oh, Councillor Steeves followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Steeves: The premise is laudable I think in a lot of ways, Mr. Speaker, I don't know what the Mayor will have to say, but over the course of the process, I assume there would be at some stage, some going through things with Council. I can tell you generally what concerned me a bit about this Motion and about this direction, was the issue of confidentiality with respect to the applicants. I'm not purporting to understand every detail of what's being suggested through this alternate process, but I can tell you in my experience, paramount and most important in these types of hiring processes at this level is that the process for the applicants is kept completely confidential. And I would even go so far Mr. Speaker, as to suggest that, if we suddenly sort of moved towards a Model that was expansive and inclusive and I mean no disrespect to any one in particular but just the general premise that somebody in a different part of the country, who is currently working in a position, is applying to a job in confidence, is now sort of looking at the potential employment opportunity as one that is sort of being vetted through an entire open Council process. Now I assume that there would be suggestions of confidentiality and all those sorts of things, but just, when the Mayor makes his closing comments, if there is any need or direction or idea to in any way open up this process, I would only ask that that reality be in his mind when he's considering this, that if there is somebody in a different municipality who is currently working there, it would be really, really detrimental to that person's career if somehow their application to another municipality in any way at any point throughout the process became public. And I would add with some reticence that on this Council there has been something of an issue in the past with respect to us keeping confidential issues confidential all the way through the process.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Nordman, I'll be short. Like a Police Board or any other publicly selected or person or entity or staff person to work on behalf of the whole City, yes, the Mayor represents the whole City and we have a bunch of wards from all around the City and elections turn out the way they do, but the CAO like the Police Board needs to be able to reflect hiring or reflect the concerns of the whole city and this is just another example, another Motion that's just going to be filed into the drawer and ignored, and I just wanted to make that point that again, that this is number two. Again, democracy and the ability of the whole City to be a participant in making essential decisions about a person who is there to represent the whole City, not just the EPC or the Mayor, but to represent the whole City and that's part of their job. I heard about the financial plan that we have coming forth, that we had come forth. It talks about the whole City and making sure that it's taken care of in an appropriate manner and when we hire a CAO or we hire or put in place a Police Board, we need to ensure that those people who are hired understand that it is the whole City and not just the needs of one individual person or one individual suburb and so on. So we will be hearing more about issues that will talk about the whole City so just to point out again, this is the recommendation here is just to file this away and pretend it never happened and yes, we will hear from people who will say, well we'll keep that in mind when we go ahead on these various projects but that's not enough. Let's put; where we put our mouth; let's make some decisions and allow more open methodology to move forth the democracy and the actual conduction of services in this City.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions. Mayor Katz, would you like to wrap up?

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I will start with letting Councillor Wyatt know that I am happy to take his comments under advisement, to start off with, that's number one. Number two, Mr. Speaker, I do need to make a few comments based on some of the things that are said here. First of all, if there is anybody, elected official, a Councillor, who represents his community who believes that anything that's done at any committee, whether it's a Standing Policy Committee or EPC is a final decision, I should enlighten them, it's a recommendation. Council as a whole makes all the final decisions. That's number

one. That's how it happened, Mr. Speaker, for the very first CAO, Gail Stephens, the second one Anita Stenning, the third one, Glen Laubenstein. More importantly Mr. Speaker as I look around I know there was a time when Councillor Wyatt, Councillor Pagtakhan, Councillor Gerbasi were on EPC and were part of this process. Never had a problem, it was wonderful. Councillor Smith I believe was probably here for all three CAOs. Never had an issue but when I hear someone on the floor of Council say start off with let's not be antagonistic, let's not be bitter. There's no antagonism, there's no bitterness from this person here, I wonder why that's even said, Mr. Speaker. We are here to represent the City of Winnipeg and I think we do it as best as we can. And I think we should want to work as a unit. It's just sometimes you find it interesting why it was really good then but it's not good today so it begs the question, what has changed, but in the meantime, Mr. Speaker, I'm more than happy to have further conversation with Councillor Wyatt on this topic, and was stated, our consultant has started this process, Mr. Speaker, so I'll just leave it at that for the time being.

Mr. Speaker: Recorded vote, okay. Well, all those in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Fielding, Havixbeck, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Steen, Steeves, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker Councillor Nordman.

Nays

Councillors Eadie, Gerbasi, Smith.

City Clerk: The vote Mr. Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 3.

Mr. Speaker: Motion passed. The Report of April 13th, Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED APRIL 13, 2011**

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce the Report and move Adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 3.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. The Report of April the 20th.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED APRIL 20, 2011**

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce the Report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 11.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I'd like to stand down 6, 8 and 11.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt? Two. Okay. All those in favour of 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10. Number 11 is stood down. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

**Item 2 - Demolition Permit Process Review
Regulation of Commercial Building Demolition**

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I believe I think it was Councillor Wyatt who stood this down. I would love to hear what Councillor Wyatt has to say then I would be happy to respond.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I just stood it down Mr. Speaker, just to give my support and to thank the Public Service for working very diligently on this. This came forward last year if you recall, Mr. Speaker, a motion moved by myself, seconded by Councillor Vandal after a building; a commercial building which was suffered a fire in the downtown Transcona was, had to be demolished to be rebuilt and there was a collapse is the best way to explain it, that nobody was harmed thank goodness but clearly it spoke to the need for us to look at this. Previous to that, if you recall, there was also a collapse on Main Street when the new Winnipeg Health Authority was building their new head-offices there. That Main Street had to be shut down for a period of time because of it and I want to thank the Public Service, thank the Mayor and EPC for bringing this forward and for the work that's done. It's basically indicating that as of January the first 2012, there's going to be some work between now and then to work with the Province which require the licensing to have licensed commercial demolition contractors at a formal process in place, that would done by the City in co-operation with the Provincial Government and Work Place Health and Safety. So this is a very positive step, Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that the City is clearly growing and there will be more demolitions in the future and public safety was at stake, so I stepped it down just to say thank you to the hard work that went on with regards to it.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Councillor Wyatt. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, it's extremely difficult to give closing comments when Councillor Wyatt just said everything I would've said so I thank him for that. But this is all about Public Safety Mr. Speaker, and putting in guidelines to make sure that we're doing everything possible to protect the public and I'm very happy to hear that Councillor Wyatt is supportive of it, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Item No. 6; oh I'm sorry, vote on No. 2. All in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Item 6 - Downtown Residential Development Grant Program
By-law No. 77/2010 – Amendments

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I believe Councillor Eadie stood this down. I would love to hear his comments and then I'll be happy to respond.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman, thank you Mayor. I'm standing…I just have a concern. We do need people living downtown and buying and owning condos but we also need more people, more opportunities for people to rent and live downtown. I had some concerns about the Report that came from our past program which was successful, I mean, there's no doubt about that but the kind of success that I'm looking for is some more rental success because frankly, in this City, the biggest problem we have is places to rent at an affordable price and with what's happening outside of the downtown where rental opportunities are being converted into ownership and condo opportunities, I am really concerned about that because obviously then, condos are a market that people want. And I know downtown still has to attract a lot of that condo purchasing but really, condos are a market that seems to be where a lot of people are going. They're closing down their bigger homes. I know several people who are in their mid to late 50's who have actually moved downtown because they want to be close to where culture happens, where all the things that happen that they will have the opportunity to participate in as they move through their retirement to be close to those places. So in this Report, there's probably a good reason for the Clause that's in there, the change that talks about converting condos to rentals, the opposite way around and I'm hoping that the only reason it's in there is, it has to do with the way the grant program works for condos that they would, you would put a Clause in place like this. I would hope that we wouldn't want to stop anybody from creating affordable rental spaces out of condos so because I am kind of new, I'm not fully experienced with this whole Report, I am concerned about that one Clause. I think I will, actually, be voting to support this actual By-law Amendment, but the whole package but I really, I seriously want to make sure that we understand that there's also a need for us to move ahead, grant programs around the…outside of the downtown area for multiple family use. In my ward there's continual requests from private developers who are looking for opportunities for making multifamily facilities available for rental purposes not just ownership, so I just want to put that on the floor that I am concerned that hopefully the next Report rather than the majority of the subsidized units being condos that the majority will be affordable rental opportunities in the downtown area.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make a few brief comments. I will be supporting this as well of course. I am somewhat impressed with the charts here showing the affordability and that the grant increases for more affordable rental accommodation here. Hopefully as Councillor Eadie was saying we will see more of that as well, but frankly we need to see more people downtown I mean we are…because of the Provincial support for this program that has finally come on board and I'd like to, I think we should be thankful for that and I think we should, we've been waiting a long time for that, but I do think that we need to acknowledge that, that instead of 20%, 20,000 per door; we're looking at 40,000 per door because of Provincial involvement in this program and I think it's a long time coming and we need that to get housing happening in the downtown. So, I was somewhat impressed with the degree of affordability in what has happened so far in the program. So I know the department has designed this program with that in mind, to do what we can towards that, there's obvious limitations because of the market but having said that, this stimulus which has now doubled in size because of the Provincial involvement, will hopefully make a difference for that when I look at some of these rents as $500 a month, you know, it's reasonable for people, more reasonable for people. I also just wanted to mention that I would like to see a downtown housing plan. Like this is a program, this isn't a plan. It's a very good program. There's been a lot of work done, I heard over the years, it's been three or four years at least talking about a downtown housing plan, maybe the Mayor can update us as to where that is, because there obviously…this is one very, very important tool in our toolbox but it's not a plan to revitalize our downtown in itself. It's one program. So I'd like to hear more about where that's at. I know downtown stakeholders were consulted on a housing plan but I don't believe it ever came forward to this Council or to the Downtown Standing Committee which I'm a member of. Also I just wanted to briefly mention the multi-family tax credit program which did exist and is not yet come forward, I understand that's in the works. I hope that that program is going to be carefully thought out as well to do something to address the crisis in affordable rental accommodations that Councillor Eadie has brought up. It is indeed a crisis, I can tell you in my ward we've lost apartment after apartment after apartment have been converted to condos and people are on the street, they do not have places to live and I'm very concerned frankly about our seniors, our young people trying to move out of home. I don't think they're ever going to leave if we don't do something about this. We need to provide affordable rental accommodation. So I'm hoping that this new program will be designed that way but I also think we have to be careful not to drop money out of an airplane with a program like that. It has to be targeted to projects that could not happen in the normal market environment so that they make sense that we're using our scarce dollars effectively. So I'm looking forward to seeing the next program around the downtown and I know that involves discussion with the province as well and I hope those discussions go well and that our intergovernmental relationship takes a positive turn there and I think we need to thank our partners when they provide this kind of significant support to a program even if we have had to be patient in waiting for that to happen, so I will be supporting this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Kirby we're just on the edge of feedback here, it's, pull it back just a smidge. Thanks. Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: I would like to make a couple of quick comments here to make sure we're all talking about the same thing. There's a couple of things in this program that are different from the initial program, the initial $10 million. They do go to rental. You'll see that there is an increase in the affordability numbers for rental which should drive development towards rental. There is no increase as of yet on the ownership side, on the condo side. That's partly due because we haven't got the 2012 Assessment Rolls done so we're getting out, the program is coming out of the gate with the new levels for rental before it comes out with the condo side of things. What we're seeing though is that we're hitting the target numbers for affordable rentals and condos in downtown and you'll see a lot of the condos that are being built in many cases are actually investor condos and they are actually becoming rental units, so you know there's a good mix of rental and ownership happening in downtown. We've never seen this level of development in our downtown in I don't know how many years of residential. It's all…you know, obviously the programs are working. The amount of rental that's going on, you look at just on Portage Avenue, you know that decrypted Avenue and Hempel Building being converted, both of them into combination of rental and some commercial space, huge project and we're going to give them an extension of time here today but on Assiniboine Avenue, I forget how many units are in there but that's an entirely rental property. So those, the rental piece is coming. This is…it has been coming and it will continue to come, we see that there is a market there. You'll see the York Hotel was converted into an entirely a rental situation even before the $40,000 a door was available, like that was done on the $20,000 a door program. So you know, there's a lot of positives in this. I don't like hearing the words you know crisis in the condo world because I'm not seeing those people on the street. We're seeing those condos staying full. It's just the means of ownership and the…who the landlord is might change but a lot of those condos that are being converted are being changed to rental. And when you look at the cost if you were to buy an apartment block in any of those neighbourhoods, the

cost per unit is pretty similar to what people would be buying them as condos so the economics seem to be playing well there. As far as issues around planning, I think it's important for all of us to realize that there's a number of plans and strategies and we're waiting for feedback from the Province on OurWinnipeg. That's probably our biggest hold up is everything like this program even before the first phase came out we've been asking the Province for this for a number of years before we actually got it done. You know, we're in flood season. We're going to go into an election season. I don't know how much more we're going to get done with the Province so we're very fortunate to have this piece in front of us and helping us, so you know, but the Province is a different beast than we are. We're far more able to move quickly when we get the Province in there for whatever reasons, things seem to drag on and if you had the third partner, the Federal Government in there it even takes a lot more work to deal with all three levels of Government. So there is, there isn't anything negative here, this is all positive. There is rental being developed and will continue to be rental being developed. The affordability numbers are being hit on both the rental and on the ownership side, so happy to see this come forward and let's get rolling with some more residential development in our downtown.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Councillor Swandel. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm supporting the Clause of course. I think this is a great program. I want to point out though Mr. Speaker that this came forward as an initiative for the downtown but also came forward, this Council voted last July on a Clause that said that the Winnipeg Public Service complete the three year review, this is regarding the neighbourhood multiple family mixed use building grant program Mr. Speaker; completed a three year review of the program and continue discussions with the Province of Manitoba to include provincial participation under the structure of the Province's Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act with incremental education tax, related taxes and to Report back on recommendations for continuation. What does that mean, Mr. Speaker? We had two programs. We had a program for the downtown to encourage renewal of the downtown and multi-family downtown and it was aggressive. A little less aggressive we had a targeted program in older neighbourhoods Mr. Speaker. To encourage revitalization in those older neighbourhoods and to encourage renewal through multiple family housing construction Mr. Speaker, and we had great success with that program. I could read you the Administrative Reports that have come to this Council that were adopted by the Council documenting that success, aligning that success. Clearly to this Council, Mr. Speaker and the importance of that program and how it worked and why it was integral to making that happen. And I can point to you projects in my Community in old downtown Transcona that would've not occurred had it not been for that grant program. It opens the doors, it attracts investment and makes it, it sends the message out that older neighbourhoods are available to… are open to do business in terms of renewal because it's a far easier Mr. Speaker to take a piece of green farmland as we know and develop it, than going into an older neighbourhood, an existing neighbourhood and try to renew those older neighbourhoods. And a lot of…all of them, most of you Councillors have older neighbourhoods in your community. Winnipeg is not just got one downtown this is a City of, to steal a line from Joe Clark Mr. Speaker, this is a community of communities. We've got 13 downtowns across this City including downtown Winnipeg Mr. Speaker from the original municipal organization that used to be, exist, the 13 original municipalities here in Winnipeg. I agree with my comments from, with Councillor Swandel, the comments he made, however, when the Province wants to act they can act immediately when they decide to do something it can happen overnight but for whatever reason and I've confirmed this now with our Public Service, they're dragging their heels on this and doing nothing in terms of getting this program going. This program expired last summer, we've now lost an entire construction season basically by the time they make any announcement, this year is gone. The Provincial Government Mr. Speaker, Mr. Selinger should make the renewal of older neighbourhoods a priority. This grant will do that and has done a great deal to do that and it's a shame that it's not been renewed. What we're saying is we want to have the Education Taxes as well as leveraging with the municipal taxes. In terms of the TIFF going forward as an incentive for more multi family housing. We have said, Mr. Speaker, that we're prepared to give up to 10 years of our municipal taxes on a new project, if that acts as an incentive to bring that project into an older neighbourhood and we've said to the Province since last summer, you should coming to the table in terms of your Education Taxes. Now what I'm hearing the Province is turning around and blaming the School Division saying the School Divisions don't want to participate in this other than Winnipeg No. 1. I think that's a crock Mr. Speaker. I think the School Divisions would want to participate but the Provincial Government is hiding behind that, quite clearly they don't hesitate to point the finger of blame to others when they can't make something happen, when they want to make something happen, Mr. Speaker, it happens overnight.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor…Councillor Wyatt, I just have to interrupt you for just one second and draw you back to the grant program By-law 77/2010.

Councillor Wyatt: I'm speaking to the grant program, Mr. Speaker. The grant program that is modeled on the downtown came forward at the same time, the original grant program that this grant program is modeled on Mr. Speaker, came forward at the exact same time, Mr. Speaker, came forward at the exact same time as the grant program that has not been renewed, at the exact same time, so there's a direct connection Mr. Speaker. I was part of the process that brought that Grant through, I was part of the process, I still have time on the clock, I don't cut you off, Councillor Swandel. The grant program that came forward originally, the…I don't…I don't (inaudible).

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, order, order!

Councillor Wyatt: The grant program, Mr. Speaker that we're debating and discussing today is a direct connection to the original two grant programs Mr. Speaker. They came out…they came with the same initiative, the same ideal to renew those. Now there might be some members of Council who don't think we need that other targeted neighbourhood grant program. I would like to know, they should go on the record and say why they don't think they need it, we need it Mr. Speaker for targeted neighbourhoods because those targeted neighbourhoods Mr. Speaker, it made a difference. So I'll be supporting this of course but calling on the Province to get to it and make this other program happen. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Any further comments before Mayor Katz sums up? Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, on this particular issue, Mr. Speaker, I think we should all be celebrating. This is wonderful news. The facts of life as many Councillors have already stated, we want more people living, working and playing in our downtown. And the response from the first program was phenomenal, okay absolutely phenomenal. About 670 new units coming on board, approximately 1,200 people and I'm sure that will be equaled with Phase 2 of this. The facts of life are, it's working and keep something in mind, the City started this program quite awhile ago. It was actually almost, just over a year ago, when the Province decided to join in and I think Councillor Gerbasi is accurate in the fact that yes, that's a good thing. Would I have preferred it to happen sooner? Absolutely, but it happened and that's a positive thing and now we're doing it again and this is having a very positive impact and you can see the change. The only thing I do want to specifically comment on for Councillor Eadie's benefit is that we do have set targets of affordable in there and I can tell you that we're actually exceeding those targets by the Province's definition of affordable and there are rentals. I mean one of the big projects that's talked about actually today's media, okay, is the Avenue Building which is happening right now on Portage Avenue that is all rentals. So there are significant rentals taking place, there are condos taking place. This is all great for our downtown, this is great for our City. We know that when people are living, and working and playing in the downtown, they are there after all the businesses close up there, they're on a regular basis and with people you also have a better perception of being safe which I think is extremely important. It's a wonderful program. It's working. I'm thankful to everybody that participated in it and I hope we continue to have success in this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Motion Carried. Just before we proceed with No. 8, Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Someone had No. 7 stand it down. I would like that stand it down, too.

Mr. Speaker: All right, before we can do that we've already voted on No. 7. It's the will of Council, all right. So a simple majority if you're in favour of standing down No. 7. Just be a minute. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Mr. Speaker: The ayes have it. Number seven, go ahead.

Councillor Smith: Okay, I'll make this very short.

Mr. Speaker: Well the Mayor has to…

Item 7 - Amendment to 2010 Capital Budget
Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program Agreements

Councillor Smith: I'll be very short.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Councillor Smith: Okay, sorry.

Mayor Katz: I'll sit down and I'd love to hear Councillor Smith and then (inaudible).

Mr. Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Smith: It's very simple, I just want some information. You know, we talk about funding and it spells out the amount for John Blumberg, it spells out the amount for Soccer Pitch at Grant Park but then it goes on and says 875,000 in funding for the following playground sites renovations. Swinden Oaks, Orioles, Brayside Park, Harrington, Tot Lot Kildonan Park, Helen Promislow Park, River East Arena Park, Tache Park, Burton Cummings Old Ex Park, etc., etc. I'd like to know the amount of resources allocated to each one just like we have on the larger projects under this. I'll be supportive anyway but it'd be nice to have the information.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: (Inaudible)

Mayor Katz: I believe Councillor Swandel's blood pressure has gone a little down since he put up his hand. Mr. Speaker, first of all just as a quick comment, there are 17 parks, playground and Red River Community Centre, Grant Park Soccer, and John Blumberg. We know the total amount. Through you to Councillor Smith, I would be happy to take that under advisement, see if I can get some more information and then I would be more than happy to pass it along to Councillor Smith, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mayor Katz. All those in favour? Opposed? Thank you.

Item 8 - Canadian Museum for Human Rights
Additional Funding Contribution

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, first of all, I very much happen to believe that this is something wonderful and special happening to our City. We should be proud and we should stand up. More importantly I think sometimes people forget and I know one of the speakers did make mention of it earlier, that this is the first museum to happen in Canada, outside of Ottawa. It didn't go to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Montreal, believe me they would all love to have it. It happened here and I thank those who worked extremely hard to make that happen. And you know, Mr. Speaker, sometimes as I mentioned earlier, a little bit of information can be a scary thing. I can't tell you how often all of us have dealt with scenarios whereby we unanimously or we approved a project, and then because the project took a long time, two, or three or four years latter, obviously there was an increase because of construction inflation. Happens all the time. Name me a project where that hasn't happened. That's just a fact of life. What this Motion is about is giving an additional $3.63 million towards one magnificent project, which I'm very proud is happening in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. But here are the realities are, it's also based on the other stakeholders whoever they may be, coming up with the balance of money. That's number one. And as I mentioned earlier, the private sector has most definitely stepped up to the plate and we know that both the Province and the Federal Government have also made significant contributions. The other scenario Mr. Speaker, which people have to understand is that how this will happen is through tilt. We're not writing a cheque tomorrow. It's not happening that way, Okay. We've already said that the first 11 to 12 years of Payment in Lieu of Taxes is going towards paying back the Province. After that, the next approximate three years depending with that amount of money, will go towards that. So it's coming out of revenue down the road. We're not writing a cheque tomorrow. So for anybody to say, "Why don't you give that money tomorrow to these other organizations?" We're not doing that, Mr. Speaker. We're just not doing that. They just don't get it. You know Mr. Speaker, sometimes I think you've got to stand up and take pride in a project. Sometimes you have to listen to the nay sayers and sometimes you've got to take flak from people who may not agree. And as I said at EPC there is no doubt in my mind this is right, this is good, this is one of the best things that ever happened to our City and this should make us all extremely proud. And there will be those who will basically criticize us if we support this Motion. Well you know Mr. Speaker; I have no problem taking that criticism because I happen to think they are wrong and hopefully this Mayor and Council will be right and do what we all should be doing. But most importantly, Mr. Speaker, how many times have you heard, "Well how can we spend this money, okay, when we should be investing our infrastructure?" If anybody in the media wants to talk about infrastructure, then do me a favour, talk or write about the Building Canada Fund, $189 million

that's ready to go to work now that's sitting there, doing money and we're losing about $14 million every single year, based on construction inflation. You want to talk about the realities, talk about that. Do not compare that to the Museum for Human Rights. It's absolutely ludicrous in my humble opinion, Mr. Speaker. I am hoping, Mr. Speaker that this Motion will be supported unanimously. I will listen to Councillor Eadie and others, I will try to answer any questions and that is my dream, Mr. Speaker, and we should all be proud of what we're hopefully about to do. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will definitely be supporting our Museum, proudly, and I think that I just wanted to make a few quick comments on the topic based on what was said today here by the delegation, and I think obviously, not everyone is ever going to agree on any project especially very expensive projects. There is a big risk, it's…you know, it takes some guts to do something like this in our City, but I think we have to recognize the importance of it for our City. I mean, you know, some people think cities are just about pipes, police and pavement and that is where the majority of our budget does go, that's the way it works, that the majority of our budget goes to pipes, police and pavement but honestly, if that's all we did, what kind of a City would we be? I was recently in Chicago at the International Downtown Association Conference and they invested $400 million in a Public Park and you might think that's crazy but they bring in a billion dollars of economic development per year from that investment, per year, a billion dollars, and that's an incredible place to visit and they've revitalized that City. So no one project will revitalize a City, but, this is important for our City. It's not; this is something that as the Mayor mentioned very eloquently, it has international implications, it has national implications and it puts us on the map and if I dare say, it puts us on the map a little bit more than any retail shopping store is going to put us on the map. This is what will put Winnipeg on the map, something like this, and it comes from our citizens whether they are wealthy citizens or not, they are citizens and it comes from them and it comes from ordinary citizens of all sorts who have supported it, too. And it makes, it actually, you know, and I think we always talk about keeping young people here and keeping our City interesting and keeping our City as something that isn't just the same as every where else. Well we can't just say that unless we do something about it and today I think we're doing something about it by supporting this. We're supporting it in a sustainable way, it's coming from revenue from the project itself that we wouldn't get if the project doesn't happen. So there's really I don't see the argument and I just want to say one final thing, one of the comments was you know, this was people's dreams. We can't worry about dreams, let's just worry about sidewalks. Well sidewalks are important, too but so are dreams. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Councillor Gerbasi, I apologize to Councillor Eadie, you stood this down so you should have the next go.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Nordman. I wasn't sure if I could just email you directly, so I did it through Mr. Lemoine. Anyway, I just…I just this really is an important project to me and I just, but also, the fixing of the streets as you've all heard in the past is very important to me, too and you know, I don't know that we should bring the two concepts together because it's possible to do both, to fix the really bad poor condition streets, sidewalks and back lanes and to build what will be, I think, the greatest project in the world today which is the Human Rights Museum being built right here at the Forks at the River which is going to be the rest of my speech and hopefully somebody will waive and give me a bit of time. I wasn't expected to speak on this until I actually heard the presenters today, the delegates. And I will speak today because next year when everybody should know is, its' the Bicentennial of the Red River Settlers coming into the area. Now there were many other things happening. The world, the world people, happened here in Winnipeg at the Forks of the River and all throughout this area. The world came here, hundreds of years ago and a whole bunch and after some time, some people decided that they should settle and make it permanent that people lived around this area we now call Winnipeg. And people need to understand that because at the time, there were many human rights violated. Many, many human rights violated and actually, if you think the right to stay alive and not be killed by somebody is very important and actually, where that building is being built today is very close to a Fort that was basically torn down. People…there was a private war that happened where people's rights were violated all the time. So what we are doing here, there was reference to the North End and Point Douglas. There was a place called Fort Douglas and this is where the settlers came in at Point Douglas and throughout the North End immigrants have come in as I think almost all of us would have a relative that came here as an immigrant and lived in the North End. So it's those people that came here and built a life, their rights were violated all around the world and they came here to Winnipeg, to Winnipeg to find a better life. What better place to build the Museum than where the world came to stay here in Winnipeg. So when I hear arguments against the City because of money, like money you know, money is very important to fix the things we need, to provide for the service agencies like the North Point

Douglas Women's Resource Centre where people say just like they said hundreds of years ago, we can make things work here, we just have to work at it and we have to push and do it, and that is so very important about Winnipeg. That is why Winnipeg is the best place. I've also heard people talk about in terms of tourists and that sort of thing; but you know when people come here to Winnipeg, it's going to be more of a…I don't know that I'm going to call that a tourist experience any more because they're going to be educated at that Museum about the Human Rights violations that happened around this City hundreds of years ago but they're also going to learn about why we're struggling in our inner cities in this City in the first place. And what I hope will happen through all the education programs that go on at that Museum, they will bring this back. So this money we're putting in to this Museum will bring this back and explain why these people are struggling today in the North End, in the inner city, in West Kildonan where these struggles happened. We will solve those problems, it will take time. We can do it, but let's educate people how we got there because if we understand how we got there people can get out of it and again, I would just like to make a final statement, and maybe I am within my ten minutes, the final thing, like I know so many different immigrants and I participate on the Seven Oaks Historical Society Winnipeg Inc. and we interviewed people and we looked at it's a people's history of all of Winnipeg, of Manitoba, Canada and the world, and you know, there's examples of it all over the place with statues of the Scottish Settlers on the Water Front. There's Ukrainian Settlers, there's just, there's everybody and you know, it really strains me to say like; I was concerned that there was negativity. This project is going to work. People will get educated, and if people aren't educated as the Councillor of Mynarski, I will continue to point out to people that yes these human rights need to be solved because those issues do exist today and I can say hey, we have the Museum here in Winnipeg, let's do something, let's fix it because we know we can do it. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Any further comments? Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I'm sorry, I'm sorry, Councillor Swandel, did you wish to speak?

Councillor Swandel: Just quickly.

Mr. Speaker: Sorry, Mayor Katz.

Councillor Swandel: I just want to start with a quote from Boutros Boutros-Ghali. It's been long recognized and an essential element of protecting human rights was a wide spread knowledge among the population of what their rights are and how they can be defended. Knowledge, knowledge is power. It's basically what Boutros Boutros-Ghali is saying here. We as Winnipeggers have the ability to stand in front of the rest of the world and champion human rights. Human rights are the road to world peace. We'll never have perfect world peace but the better educated the world is on human rights the greater likelihood of achieving world peace. You know I listened to the some of the negatives that were said here today and I said this at EPC, the sad irony of what we watched was part of having human rights is protecting people that could come up here with what appeared to be a lack of shame or conscience or guilt and say what they say, what was said here this morning, you know. I believe there is some sort of a behavioral disorder or something that is going on there, you know the sad irony is that we championed the rights for that person to be able to come here and do that. So this is much greater than just $3.6 million of PILT money that we would never have gotten had the museum not come here. This is going to have a profound impact that everybody not just in our City but throughout the world. And then I heard comparing human rights to a sidewalk. You know, Mr. Speaker in Cuba, let me read a little bit about Cuba. Human Rights Watch is among international human rights organizations accusing the Cuban Government of systemic human rights abuses including torture, arbitrary imprisonment, unfair trials and extra judicial execution. Cuban law limits freedom of expression, association, assembly, movement, and the press. Concerns have also been expressed about the operation of due process. It was my colleague whose wife is from Cuba and I believe his son has dual citizenship that made the comparison between human rights and a sidewalk. You know, we're talking about human rights here we're talking about the ability to change the world. Let's not get this wrong, you know. We don't do it for ourselves, let's do it at least for our children. Let's not stand here and go down, you know, go out on these limbs you know that just make no sense whatsoever. This should be the easiest decision that any of us in our political careers will have to make. When you look at it fuelled by over $125 million of private sector funding, you look at the financial impact that it brings to our city, to our province, to our country and you look at the social impact that it can have on this world, we should just shut up and get this done.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Swandel. No further comments. This time, Mayor Katz. Close.

Mayor Katz: I'm almost considering taking the good Councillor's advice and shutting up but I will speak briefly Mr. Speaker. You know, first of all, I want to thank Councillor Gerbasi and Eadie and Swandel for their words. Much appreciated. We talk about human rights, Mr. Speaker. We all know the genocides that have taken place in our history. My parents were involved in one of those genocides Mr. Speaker, the holocaust and they survived and they came to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada with a six month old and a five year old for a new life, and it gave us all a wonderful life. The sad part Mr. Speaker, in the year 2011, as we're having this debate, there are still genocides taking place in the world. And I think we should be ashamed of that but that's the reality and hopefully we will all have the power, the wisdom to speak up and do something when these are taking place. But, the situation is, Mr. Speaker, I thank God that there are dreamers in our city, in our province and the world today. Dreamers such as Israel Asper where this first started, an individual who not only had a wonderful dream but was one of the first commitments to put their money where their mouth was and made a significant contribution to this Museum for Human Rights and it's interesting how, I'm sure members of Council will get criticized, the Mayor will get criticized, members of the Asper family continue to get criticized, Mr. Speaker. I find that embarrassing. I find that ridiculous. As was stated, this is something wonderful, this is something special and I'm not even convinced that we all realize what I believe is about to happen and how wonderful and special it is but, I can assure you that in the years to come, we will understand that and we will be very happy that we did what we did. I mean, sometimes people try and use economic impacts, Mr. Speaker, I don't care whether it brings in 79 million, 709 million or 7.9 million that's irrelevant to me. What about what it does for our City? Our province? Our people? How it makes them feel? I mean the example that was given by one of the delegations our young people are moving back to our City because the pride they have in what's happening in the City, okay. How often do you hear that, Mr. Speaker? Hardly ever. I mean, sometimes you've just gotta get it and a lot of people don't get it. It's so easy to criticize. I'm sure we've all done it at some point in time. Criticism is the easiest thing but to stand up and fight for something. To stand up and go out there and when the number 125 million plus was mentioned, Mr. Speaker, that's from Winnipeggers, that's from Manitobans, that's from Canadians, that's from people in North America, that's from people worldwide, and it's people of all ages okay, no matter where your economic status might be. Mr. Speaker, I mentioned this at EPC last week, when I got married approximately a month ago, the number one present that I got over and over and over again was a donation to the Museum for Human Rights in the honour of Leah and I getting married. That's what people in our city were doing. That's how important it is to everyone, Mr. Speaker. We should embrace it, we should be so happy that someone had the intestinal fortitude to actually go after something that never could have happened, Mr. Speaker, never could of happened okay, that Winnipeg get the first Museum outside of Ottawa and that it be the Museum for Human Rights. Every Councillor, the Mayor, every citizen should be extremely proud. We should all rally together and do everything we can to not only make sure that this becomes a reality but to make sure that the Museum for Human Rights becomes everything it can be. And I certainly hope that will happen and I thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mayor Katz. Being no further speakers, call the question. Recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

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His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Smith, Steen, Steeves, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker Councillor Nordman.

Mr. Speaker: Ladies and gentlemen, it's unanimous.

Item 11 - Memorandum of Settlement
Winnipeg Fire Paramedics Senior Officers' Association

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: It's been awhile Mr. Speaker, but I think it was Councillor Eadie so I will just give the floor to Councillor Eadie and then I will respond.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman, Mayor. I'm not going to vote against this but I really, I guess I wasn't here when this, or how this got here and I'm not understanding when it says senior

management whether that's just captains or what this negotiation is but I did note that the percentage increases within this memorandum, I'm wondering what…like this…was this arbitration or something? It kind of goes contrary to what we've been talking to with all our other employees that work within the City. These kind of percentage increases and so I like to stand up and just sort of like, I don't know if somebody can answer some of these questions but I don't understand who is getting this increase and how it was achieved. Was this arbitration, what happened? So, thanks.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I will try to address some of those questions. First of all, I think that what we should all understand is you can't compare different bargaining units, that's a major mistake, you don't know what they got last time, you don't know where they are this time, so number one to try and compare one to another doesn't work. Number two, this was not arbitration this was actually a recommendation that came forward from the City of Winnipeg staff. It was within their budgets as you know the annualized cost is $91,000 and $91,022 and that was within their parameters from the direction that they were given so, it was not, it was basically a negotiated scenario that took place Mr. Speaker and you know, I think we should all be supportive of this and move it forward. From my point of view they've done their job. It's an okay deal for the City of Winnipeg. It makes a lot of sense and if you look at the analyzed cost it also makes sense. And that's what you are really talking about and the department went out, negotiated and came back with this and it's coming forward, being recommended and I certainly hope Council does approve it.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. And that's it for April the 20th. Motions. We have one Motion from Councillor... All right what it has on the sheet is Motions. Notice of Motion, so is this 2/3's? All right thank you, we'll move to the By-laws.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz

WHEREAS on Thursday, March 10th, 2011, a Private Member's Bill, Bill C-637, was tabled that will give additional protection to public transit operators;
AND WHEREAS Bill C-637 is an Act to amend the Criminal Code (public transit operators), and would make the fact that the victim of an assault is a public transit operator an aggravating circumstance for sentencing purposes;

AND WHEREAS Bill C-637 is consistent with the position of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian Urban Transit Association;

AND WHEREAS public transit operator safety is a significant issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Winnipeg City Council call on the Federal Government to enact Bill C-637 to better protect public transit operators.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2nd READING

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll move that Section 16 of By-law 48/2011 as amended be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: Section 16 of By-law No. 48/2011.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Katz: And Mr. Speaker, I'll move the following By-laws be read a first time, By-law No. 56/2011, 57/2011, 59/2011 and 60/2011.

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

Clerk: By-laws No. 56/2011, 57/2011, 59/2011, 60/2011.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I move that By-laws numbered 56/2011, 57/2011, 59/2011 and 60/2011 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 56/2011, 57/2011, 59/2011, 60/2011.

Mayor Katz: And Mr. Speaker I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-laws numbered 56/2011, 57/2011, 59/2011, and 60/2011 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Mr. Mayor, it's Consideration of By-laws.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'll move the rules be suspended and By-law No. 61/2011 be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 61/2011.

Mayor Katz: I'll move that the rule that, I'll move that By-law No. 60/2011 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: Sixty one.

Mayor Katz: 61/2011, correct.

Mr. Speaker: Correct. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 61/2011.

Mayor Katz: And I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 61/2011 be read a third time and that same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Question Period.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Mr. Speaker, through you to the Mayor, on Thursday, last Thursday, April the 21st, was a great day for Transcona, Winnipeg, as it was the day that the Provincial Government and Premier Greg Selinger, finally ended his opposition to the $50 million Plessis Road underpass and twinning, from Pandora to Dugald, as part of the Building Canada Fund Mr. Speaker, and brought forward all three levels of government now supporting that project. Could you explain to Council and to the larger audience watching at home what happened that day in terms of the Federal and Provincial commitment? As well as what is the, in terms of the underpass, and what is the status of the remaining projects that this Council endorsed as of tomorrow, one year ago, the remaining ten projects? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all Mr. Speaker, it appears at this particular point in time that all three levels of government, through Building Canada Funds, are supportive of that particular project, and it was just over a year ago, Mr. Speaker, that this Council passed a Motion with 11 priority projects where the funding of $189 million would be used and these were major significant infrastructure projects. Mr. Speaker, there was a lot going on that particular day, or few days that Councillor Wyatt alluded to, but the realities are, we have been waiting and as I mentioned earlier, that $189 million today Mr. Speaker will probably only get you $15 million less because of construction inflation. I think it's a shame. I would hope

that all these projects move forward but the facts are it appears sometimes things get done when there's an election. In this case it was a Federal election. There obviously is a hotly contested Federal riding. I know that Councillor Wyatt endorsed the Conservative Candidate. I know that Minister, or Vic Toews, Member of Parliament Vic Toews basically said that they're prepared to make this project happen, and very shortly after that, I believe the Provincial Government came on board and I think after that, the leader of the N.D.P. actually said that they were prepared to do it as well, so you know what Mr. Speaker, I don't know where to give all the credit but I certainly think the stimulus was definitely Councillor Wyatt and I thank him for doing whatever it is he did because that got things moving because this Council had been waiting a year and we got no where. I still very much want to know about the other ten projects, and I can assure Councillor Wyatt that I will be speaking to the Premier about those projects and maybe before the election we can get all those projects approved and get our money working as opposed to basically having devalued every single day that goes by, but I'm hoping in the future, Mr. Speaker, we don't need Federal Elections or Provincial Elections or Civic Elections to get things done. Let's just do what's right and move it forward. I hope I've addressed the question.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker and thank you as well Mr. Mayor for your support because it wouldn't have happened without that for sure, without your integral support on the project. Thank you. The...in terms of the remaining projects, you referred to the inflation that one year delay has now cost us. Could you elaborate on that in terms of the construction costs? We have these projects, we want to get them done yet the inflation and the waiting is having an effect directly on them.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'll do this in round numbers. Let's just say we have $200 million worth of projects. Depending on who you talk to, what particular point in time, construction inflation can run anywhere from 6 to 10 percent. I'll use 8. Eight percent out of 200 million, $16 million, so that project now has gone up to 216 million, and it will continue. We all know that prices don't go down, and from my point of view I can tell you, what that means by the time we get to where we should've been, because we're still not there, we could've paid for one or two of those projects just on the money we're losing. I think that's a shame and that's why I've said, you know, procrastination is suicide on the installment plan. Council moved the Motion, it went forward, here it is, let's get it done, and instead of that happening Mr. Speaker, it just cost everybody, and keep in mind, doesn't make a difference what level of government, Federal, Provincial, City. We're all going in one third. That money is all coming from the same person. There's only one taxpayer, so let's just get it done, and as I said, this has been a costly experience and I'm hoping we can move it forward much quicker for the remaining, I believe there is a total of 11 projects, and that conversation will be had this week I can assure you of that as well.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, the Mayor referred in a previous response to Federal leader Jack Layton now supporting the project and making a statement which is great. But didn't Jack Layton and his colleagues back I think in 2007 vote against the Building Canada Program, the very program that now he supports for the underpass?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, it's rather obvious that the good Councillor has a law degree because I'm sure he knows the answer to the question, but the facts are, Mr. Layton in 2007 did vote against Building Canada Funds. That's just a fact. It's on the record. It's no surprise. I'm sure everybody's aware of that.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Oh my head's spinning. In the last election campaign, the Mayor gave the impression to many people that he was going to bring LRT to Winnipeg, yet the Mayor supported a Capital Budget with no money in it for Rapid Transit, and also supported a Motion outlining the City's infrastructure priorities which does not include any funding for Rapid Transit. Since many people have had their expectations lifted that Winnipeg is going to get LRT, will the Mayor please tell us when Winnipeg will get LRT that has been promised? Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, as I've said on this floor of Council and to Councillor Gerbasi on many occasions, there have been many opportunities that we've had with the Federal Government to move

forward on LRT. I've asked the Premier, I've offered to pay for his plane ticket to fly down to Ottawa with me and move forward on this. Obviously it hasn't happened to date, but I can tell you that the Premier has asked for some information, and we are now actually exploring that opportunity, maybe we will be making that flight to Ottawa in the very near future. I am certainly hopeful of that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Gerbasi: Since, through you to the Mayor, the idea of using the major infrastructure funding sources that we have such as the Gas Tax and the Building Canada Fund towards Rapid Transit as those things have been taken off our priority list for those funds, the P3 Fund has been mentioned although we know that that is currently limited to a maximum Federal contribution of $25 million. Will the Mayor please explain where the money will come from to pay for Rapid Transit as he promised in the 2011 election that we would be seeing LRT?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, first of all, let's accurately put something on the table. I've always said that a city with vision who wants to build a future should have LRT just like Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, etc. That's number one. And number two, I kept on saying, the opportunity was there but it has to be the Province and the City. Councillor Gerbasi has heard me say that on so many occasions. You can't do one without the other. The other scenario is the good Councillor, through you Mr. Speaker, should also be aware of the fact, that when we built the BRT from downtown to Jubilee, Mr. Speaker, guess what? We didn't use any of the funding that Councillor Gerbasi is talking about. We got together, we made it happen. There's always funding available, and as I pointed out here, there certainly seems to be funding available during election Mr. Speaker, so you know what? We'll just have to keep on working at it. But the key thing is the Province and the City have to be on the same track, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Rapid Transit project back in 2004 was cancelled and 43 million was transferred to recreation projects, $7 million of that eventually was taken from Kildonan Park and earmarked for a water park. It's unfortunate that these funds have sat idle all these years. We have been hearing a lot of discussion today about construction inflation and that money has been diminished, and I'm wondering would the Mayor please confirm the status of that $7 million languishing in a water park fund somewhere and will we actually see a water park in the City of Winnipeg (inaudible) back in I believe 2006 during that election campaign.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I'm going to have to correct the Councillor with some inaccurate information. Mr. Speaker, that money was not sitting anywhere because with that $43 million, there was no money coming forward from two levels of government; only the Federal money was there. Provincial Government money was not coming forward, the City of Winnipeg did not have the money as well which is why we did it over a five-year period of time, and I think the Councillor should know that but I'll basically put it on the record, that's number one Mr. Speaker. Number two, Mr. Speaker, our, and I also will say that what we did that particular point in time, with basically taking the $43 million and putting that money towards our crumbling recreation infrastructure is one of the best things we ever did because back then many Councillors here rallied against it. Now all you hear them talking about, "Let's invest in our community centres, facilities, recreational facilities for the children." It's funny how today it's the top priority. Five years ago they were dead set against it Mr. Speaker. And in addition to that Mr. Speaker, I'll be happy to speak to the department and get an update and share that with Councillor Gerbasi on her specific question.

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

Councillor Smith: Mr. Mayor I'm wondering about the sponsorship program. How many new sponsors have we had this year so far?

Mayor Katz: When you finished the question, you have to sit down.

Councillor Smith: Okay.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, to date, I'm aware of just under $2 million of sponsorship that has come in from Sponsor Winnipeg. I'm also aware of other projects that they're working on. This is found money and it's a very good start and we are, we still hope to have much more come in, so that's the situation right now to answer specifically the question.

Mr. Speaker: That's it, Councillor Smith. Okay. Councillor Steeves, Councillor Eadie, Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Steeves: This…thank you Mr. Speaker, through you to the Mayor, I was interested in seeing the Plessis Road project infrastructure wise, and I'm wondering Mr. Mayor, with respect to the remaining 10 projects, do you think it makes any sense to close down our Planning Department and our Intergovernmental Affairs Department and instead maybe invest in 10 road side signs and 16 fedoras to get the job done? (Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: As long as those signs are legal. (Laughter) Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: You know Mr. Speaker, you know sometimes it's strange what motivates things to take place, and I do thank Councillor Steeves for his humorous tongue in cheek question but the facts are, it happened. It's moving forward, everybody's on the record right now, everybody is holding hands and everybody is playing nice and things are moving forward, as I said earlier, I would hope that would not be the case. I would hope that when Council speaks since Council's the closest to the people, that others listen and we just move forward but maybe the good Councillor wants to open up a fedora hat place and we can see how much they cost, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Second question Councillor Steeves? No, okay. Councillor Eadie, please.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Nordman. Through you to the Mayor, I guess my first question is, it's kind of about accountability and opportunity cost or lost. Opportunity cost of course being a concept of doing business. You do one thing and in exchange you might have lost an opportunity on the other side and there is a particular report that exists that we never got to see the whole thing. It's a report about Private Public Partnerships from the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche I think it was. A report that we are only allowed to read the summary we can't get the body of that report and on the accountability, my concern is simply that we're being declined from being able to see this. Is it usual or good public accountability concept to hire a consultant to produce a report and then not be able to share the actual meat and substance of it?

Mayor Kat: Mr. Speaker I'm not specifically aware of what exact report the Councillor Eadie is referring to but if he would be so kind as to send me that information I would gladly look into it Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you. Well, this report is, was definitely a report that was produced to look at the Disraeli Bridge specifically in terms of Private Public Partnerships and as everyone knows there is an added extra cost to Private Public Partnerships just inherently especially given that the City of Winnipeg and you know, through the good work of a couple of Mayors over the last time we've built up a decent credit rating, but just answering that question, maybe that might refresh his memory more about that report but we hired them as a consultant and my question really is, are we hiring consultants to produce reports that we're not able to publicly share in terms of being able to look publicly accountable about these kind of things that we hire consultants for?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to address one of the comments that was made by Councillor Eadie. And I've heard this comment many times before. First of all, there are scenarios where P3's are extremely advantageous and they are not negative, they are extremely positive. As we all know when you drive around our City, Mr. Speaker, look at the state of affairs, look at the rot, look at the decay, look at our infrastructure that's falling apart and look at the P3 that we've done and I'll use the William R. Clement Parkway. Probably one of the most well maintained in the City of Winnipeg Mr. Speaker, so number one, that's something that's thrown out on a regular basis which is totally false. There are advantages, there are disadvantages and what you do in the world today, you make sure that you're picking the one that makes sense for that particular project and I'm extremely supportive of the Disraeli Bridge because otherwise we'd still be sitting and waiting trying to figure out a way to do that, in the meantime construction inflation continues and I think what the good Councillor has forgotten, what we build in to these something called a maintenance package. Where that project is maintained to the same level when it was built and at the end

of the term when it's turned over to you it's in pristine shape. Mr. Speaker, can you tell me how many facilities that you know the City has that after 25 or 35 years are in pristine shape? I doubt it.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Eadie: That's interesting because I guess we're negligent as a City Councillor because we are not keeping our assets in pristine shape, we don't have to have a Private Sector Agreement to accomplish that, thank you very much. Being that we're political today, let's talk about…Jack Layton today talked about a fund for Transit specifically. Do you think Mayor, through Speaker Nordman, do you think that this specifically designated Transit Fund would be something you could use to accomplish your LRT right here in Winnipeg?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, let me reiterate something. Councillor Wyatt asked a question I think I'm obligated to try to answer it, so now that Councillor Eadie asked me a question, I will try and answer it. First of all, don't know right now because until the Government is elected you don't know what's going to become a reality. When the Government is elected and then we know what policy is in play, I think we can address any specific questions such as that. I don't think anybody sitting here would have any idea whether it can or cannot. These are all basically commitments that are made during an election. Let's see what the public decides I guess May the 2nd, it's not very far from now and then we'll find out what's going to happen.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, back to the Building Canada Fund issue and the 10 remaining projects. I'm just trying to understand the numbers here because if you look at the size of these projects, was it the intention that this $189 million was going to cover the full cost of all of these projects because you know we're talking about widening Kenaston, an additional extension on the Chief Peguis Trail; a $50 million underpass or two in here and I'm just wondering how those numbers can all add up and, if we're calling on the Province to immediately fund all of these projects and I'm just saying, is that realistic to do for $189 million?

Mayor Katz: Ah, that's what happens when they stop teaching arithmetic I guess, Mr. Speaker. It's obvious that we have $189 million and all we can only do $189 million worth of work. We want to get started right away. Mr. Speaker, there was a list of projects that were put on the table. Some of them were large, some of them were smaller, the facts of life are Council has put its priorities out there. It's up now for the other two levels of Government to basically support the projects that they believe they want to see happen, can you do them all at once with the $189 million dollars Mr. Speaker, I think the arithmetic will tell you that's not possible, Mr. Speaker. The idea was to get things started and you always have to give a list in excess of because you're not always going to have an agreement on every single project when you have three different levels of Government Mr. Speaker. There were projects listed on that that basically covered every part of the City. Polo Park was one. Jubilee was another. Plessis Road was one we talked about, putting more money into basically recreational, a fund for recreational facilities, there was several projects that were mentioned in there Mr. Speaker, all good projects and all of them were basically, and many of them were priorities of our departments and those were listed as well Mr. Speaker. So the other levels of government are very much aware of that.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Gerbasi: So what we have then is a wish list of ten things and we can only do some of them. Should be not be in our inter-governmental negotiation, sitting down and deciding what is our actual priority? Because to me this is not clear what our priorities are even though we have a list of ten, it's…we don't have the money for all ten. Do we not have any, like I'm very disappointed frankly, that everyone jumped on the political bandwagon and we're building one underpass because of politics. I think we should be building this based on what makes sense in terms of cost benefit analysis and other factors and many other factors. And I guess I'm just wondering, so this is it? We say here's ten things and we want the other levels of government up there to tell us what our priorities are? Is that what we are waiting for is for the Province to decide which of these ten we're going to get?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I think through you to Councillor Gerbasi, the good Councillor has it backwards. We've listed our projects, that's number one. Number two, I'm happy to say that Plessis Road Underpass was one of the priorities. I also agree with Councillor Gerbasi, I think it's extremely unfortunate that this one project because of politics is moving forward. It should've moved forward, but not for that reason Mr.

Speaker. All those are priority projects and to be very blunt with you Mr. Speaker, we have about $3.8 billion of projects. These are the ones that basically came forward from the department as well as some needy areas. We know that we have a major concern in Polo Park, Mr. Speaker. We know that there is an opportunity to do a major mixed use development. We know that monies have to be spent on the infrastructure as well. Here's a way that we can basically have 33-cent dollars and I'll remind everybody, out of every tax dollar and I think it's been said several times there is only one taxpayer, okay. The City of Winnipeg basically gets 7.5 cents, the Provincial Government gets 66.5 cents, and the Federal Government get's the balance. So you know what, let's make sure we're all working together on these projects Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Gerbasi: My final question is on the idea of working together because we know Councillor Wyatt's efforts succeeded with his unique approach and I guess, I'm wondering is that now going to be the new inter-governmental negotiation approach is to just go at our Provincial level of government like a pit bull in the midst of a political battle or are we going to sit down and talk to them and get this job done because it takes, last time I checked it takes two sides or in this case three, to negotiate. And so for us to sit back and say it's up to you, we have a responsibility and I'd like to be assured and our citizens, I think deserve the assurance that we're not just going to fight like a bunch of kindergarten kids, we're going to go out and negotiate as equals respectfully with our other levels of Government and I'd like some assurance that we're going to show some respect to each other mutually.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Councillor can't ask Councillor Wyatt how, what he's going to do so I can't answer for him okay, I certainly can answer for me and Mr. Speaker, that's exactly what we do. I speak to the Premier on a regular basis and we discuss this. We also have Deputy Ministers speaking to our people on a regular basis. That's the way we've been doing it for six and a half years and that's the way we will continue to do it. What you saw happen here this last week, if you want to call it unique, call it unique. But the bottom line is Councillor Wyatt took some initiative on his own, we all know what the results are. That's not the way the Mayor does things, but you know what I'm happy that it's going to happen.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thanks, to Mr. Mayor, just a quick question again we've seen some of the Press Releases going out lobbying the Province about increasing their contribution. We've heard the infrastructure deficit, and fully support that and we need to be focusing on the Province as well but I guess my question as we talked about election time is in the air. Can you tell Council, mostly myself, what have we been doing to lobby the Federal Government and maybe take advantage of this political time regarding specifically infrastructure, what have we done?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, we, not just we but yours truly, along with the big City Mayors along with the FCM, continue to lobby Ottawa. One of the things we want to do is make sure that they make a long term commitment to Building Canada Funds, that's number one. Number two, Mr. Speaker, we've also asked that they would increase, we're very appreciate of the amount we got for our Gas Tax but we think there still might be room in there so we also worked towards getting that increased as you know that's had a major, positive impact. So I can assure the good Councillor that we are basically talking to all levels of Government because when it comes to our infrastructure deficit, no different than any other city, we need all three levels of Government coming to the table, so we have been lobbying both Federal and Provincial and I do and I'm obviously a big supporter of the fact that getting 1% of that 7% being dedicated towards our infrastructure deficit of the existing would definitely be the right way to go, would be a way that we could actually address our infrastructure deficit as was noted earlier depending on what the calculation is and how much we got of that, we could basically leverage that to about $2 billion if we wanted to. You can see how $2 billion can have a major negative impact. Not major positive impact on a $3.8 billion deficit.

Mr. Speaker: Second question? No, it's good.

Councillor Orlikow: I agree with the Mayor, with the deficit numbers and I think they're really about eight billion dollars when you take the future deficit's got the numbers too, but again, four billion, eight billion, it's billions so we do need to work with all three of us together. This won't be solved by the City, won't be solved by the private, we need to be all working together with the municipality to get it done so my question though is, now that we've had a, I guess, how would you suggest that Councillor now that we've endorsed the way that Councillor Wyatt by the methodology that he used, how does that affect the relationship with

intergovernmental affairs, your preview, if individual Councillors are going out to lobby projects on their side? Will this cause some communication problems, do you have any ideas on how we're going to try to maybe frame this? Because I know, now that Councillor Wyatt has done a fantastic job getting his projects approval, there is a Kenaston Expansion and we'll all have our own projects that is now, now is it incumbent upon me to go put some signs up on Kenaston? What do we do? Is it whatever you worked free for all, go for it? I don't know. I'm just saying we have success over here. We're seeing we're not having success over there, so as an individual Councillor I need some direction on how I work this.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, let's try and clarify something. I never heard this Council endorse anything, okay, that's number one. Council did not endorse what happened with the Plessis Road situation. What Council did do is put that on the list for one project to be done. Number two, Mr. Speaker, I would be shocked, surprised and disappointed if every single Councillor here is not lobbying for one of their own projects because that's the way it happens, whether you do it over a cup of coffee, whether you do it at lunch, whether you do it at a convention, whether you do it at a speaking engagement, it happens every day, everybody does it that's number one so that opportunity certainly is there. I will tell you Mr. Speaker that from my point of view, you know, I will continue to work with the Minister Lemieux. I will continue to work with the Premier, okay and doing things the way we think they should be done but if a Councillor wants to go out there and I think I said this at the last Council Meeting, when Councillor Eadie asked me a question, any Councillor can and I'm sure they all do go out there and speak to you know, an MLA that they're friends with or an MP that they know whatever the case may be that happens. This is a democracy that's why we live here. And that's the way it is. So I don't think there would be a problem if Councillor Orlikow has a project working on to speak to any other level of Government. All power to him, keep me in the loop and I'll do whatever I can to support him as well.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mayor Katz that concludes Question Period. We have a bit of an agenda before us. I'll seek the direction of Council. Probably we could wrap it up by one o'clock. What's the will? All those in favour of pressing on, say aye. Those who want to suspend for lunch break? We will press on. Standing Committee Downtown Development, Heritage, Riverbank Management.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
DATED APRIL 11, 2011

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will introduce the Report and move Adoption of Consent Agenda Item 1.

Mr. Speaker: Seen no one. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Standing Committee Property and, whoop I guess there's Question Period, sorry. Any Question Period of Councillor Swandel? Seeing none, we'll press onto Property and Development. Councillor Browaty.

REPORT OF THE STANDING PLOICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED APRIL 5, 2011

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to move…introduce the Report of April 8; sorry April 5th and move Adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 8.

Councillor Eadie: Stand down on 8.

Mr. Speaker: Number eight. Seeing none others, all those in favour of 1 through 7? Opposed? Carried. Item 8.

Item 8 – Declaration of Surplus Land – Dufferin Tot Lot

Councillor Browaty: (Inaudible)

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Nordman. Thank you to the Chairperson of the Standing Committee. I just wanted to just quickly talk to this particular declaration of surplus land and I thank the Committee for moving it along all the way up the chain to City Council. This is, this declaration is here

because actually, there is a group of people who experience Human Rights throughout their lives, the Indian Métis Friendship Centre is wanting to introduce some culture to a piece of land that the City happens to own at this particular time and we're declaring this a surplus so that it can be used for what we might call a kind of religious practice sort of things, although those things still need to happen, this is merely just a declaration that this land is surplus that we may be able to proceed along the path so that a group of people can bring what I think is a very interesting and important cultural aspect to the North End. And maybe people who have visited the Museum of Human Rights will be able to take time out and experience some of the culture that existed around here over time. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Like to close, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: I think Councillor Eadie said it all very well and I thank you.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Motions. We have a Motion No. 2. Councillor Wyatt, are you here?

(Inaudible speaking in the background) (Laughter)

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
MOTIONS

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Wyatt
Seconded by Councillor Browaty

THAT the City consent to assigning Development Agreement AG 30/05 to Waterside Developments Corp. subject to the City receiving an Assignment of Development Agreement document, signed by both parties agreeing to the assignment, all to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thanks.

Mr. Speaker: Motion No. 2.

Councillor Wyatt: I move, Mr. Speaker thank you for your consideration. I move Suspension of the Rules this is a housekeeping matter that we don't want to slow down new housing development in the area so. Move Suspension of the Rules to deal with this item.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, just briefly explain, this is an existing Development Agreement Mr. Speaker that we as a Council have approved, there is a change of ownership. Doesn't happen that often where the developer who is there is selling to another developer. Everything else is staying the same. But they want to ensure they can get in the ground and keep construction going we have to technically reassign the development agreement from one developer to another and that's what this is doing. This was drafted by our Public Service, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Speaker Nordman, I rise today because like this is…I understand this is the business of something that's happened in the past, but I have a hard time voting for something that…when I really don't understand the full details. What property are we…that is being built are we talking about? And where is it located?

Mr. Speaker: Yeah answer, yeah it's your Motion, so....

Councillor Wyatt: If I close this, is there anybody else?

Mr. Speaker: All right. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I'll just add my support again, it is to let Councillor Eadie know really a housekeeping matter. Council did approval this as part of Development Agreement AG30/05. Councillor Wyatt will know better where this exactly is. I'll let him explain that. But again, it was previously approved by Council so.
Mr. Speaker: No further comments? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: This is a development, Mr. Speaker, located near Harbour View South Phase 2. The developer in question had approval done back in 2006 by the City for a single family, a mixed development actually, single family, multiple family and commercial back in 2006. For whatever reason, the developer; it's over 200 homes plus the multiple-family, plus the commercial. For whatever reason, the developer has chosen not to proceed. It's a smaller developer, it's not one of the big developers in the City, it's a private individual, and his company decided not to proceed for whatever reason, he wanted to…he sold it and so he's now sold it to, as it has been mentioned to, Water Side Development Corp who is also in the housing development business and yeah, Councillor Eadie is correct in a sense that normally a report would come forward but to ensure that things keep moving so they can proceed with the other work that they have to do, they have to build a lake, as part of the development. They have to extend Concordia Avenue through as part of the development, next year probably or the following year, these sorts of things, instead of holding it up and having another month or two lost because of a simple Council approval the administration suggested that we do this just to simply keep the ball rolling in that area. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Mr. Speaker: By-laws Councillor Browaty.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move that By-law No. 130/2010 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 130/2010

Councillor Browaty: I move that By-law No. 130/2010 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

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

Councillor Browaty: I move that By-law No. 58/2011 be read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 58/2011.

Councillor Browaty: I move that By-law No. 58/2011 be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 58/2011.

Councillor Browaty: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 58/2011 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All in favour? Opposed? Carried. Question Period for Property and Development. Councillor Wyatt.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, it's more are you aware question to the Honourable Chair of the Committee and Councillor for North Kildonan, the Councillor was in the press release last Thursday when the events of the Plessis Road Underpass and the Canada Project came forward in terms of the outstanding issues of the project, but are you aware that prior to me as a Councillor putting up signs and running advertising and spending money on that, that once we as a Council last April voted for these projects that I initiated meetings and had meetings with Minister Ashton behind the scenes, meetings with Bill Blaikie, meetings even with the Premier himself on this very project. And the MLAs and it wasn't until I heard from one of the MLAs in January or February that this was not going to happen, that I decided to take the very public stand that I did on the underpass. Are you aware of that?

Councillor Browaty: No Mr. Speaker I was not aware of that to this point that the Councillor did that much background work on this important project. The trains in Northeast Winnipeg do definitely slow things down in a lot of cases and I think it would be nice to see more action on these other items and if we are not getting any success in moving them as one, perhaps we need to pick each and every one of them out. I'd like to point out that talking about whether or not you need signs on Kenaston Boulevard, in fact it was John Layman that put up signs all along Kenaston Boulevard to call the Premiers Office if you are waiting for a train. Again, it's another train situation there. In fact, our own traffic engineers have told me that in terms of their priority list, the Chief Peguis Trail Extension was a higher priority than the Kenaston underpass at the time. I mean in terms of development of our City, it was certainly both needed pieces of infrastructure but again, politics ended up playing into that as well. So I was not aware and I thank you for bringing that to the attention of myself and to all Council.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions for Property and Development. Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Yes, Councillor Browaty, I got an email from this person says his house, regarding the request for a five table patio to be placed on private property, I'm shocked at the almost $700.00 in costs to the City for the implementation of the small patio on private property. This property is already zoned C1, jumped through all the hoops and fees of the building at this location and my property tax literally doubled this year. What does he get for that sort of figure? That sort of price? It sounds like a…just a money grab. Can you comment?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank Councillor Smith for the question there. Obviously not familiar with the particulars of this, particular patio where it's located. Again, the department is trying to run as many permits and such on a cost recovery basis as possible. When you're doing you know, the cost of doing business in the City that you need to require these particular permits. Seven hundred dollars for a very simple patio does seem a little steep but again there is a fair bit of process involved. We could certainly look into the circumstances if he wants to forward that to me, thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Havixbeck.

Councillor Havixbeck: At the last meeting Council Meeting I asked the Chair about the OurWinnipeg Plan Document and its approval over with the Province and at that point he told me that or said that it would be four to six weeks that the Minister would provide a response. I'm wondering if he's heard any response on that topic?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the Councillor for that question as well and following up from last month. I'm hearing now from our department staff now that we're not talking…the department isn't going to…sorry the Province isn't even going to respond until sometime maybe June. This is really dragging on way too long. Council last July passed OurWinnipeg. The Province of Manitoba had a fulltime person employed, working in our offices, during the whole OurWinnipeg process. There was feedback going back and forth between the department local government, the Province and OurWinnipeg Team. OurWinnipeg has won various awards already and it's still not approved. It's taken almost as long now to create OurWinnipeg as it's taken for the Province to look at it and see whether they like it or not. It's full on ridiculous. In fact, there's all sorts of development now that it's being held back in the City of

Winnipeg because OurWinnipeg hasn't been passed. Right now, the Stadium Site, I believe, is zoned C3 but doesn't even allow some of the multi-family stuff that we're looking at doing, some of the higher density development that we're talking about at the Polo Park Site. It's ironic now the Province is holding the TIFF on the Stadium Site. It's going to be held back from getting their tax revenues from that site because they are not approving OurWinnipeg. The Eco Village that they spoke about recently in the throne speech can't proceed because OurWinnipeg isn't passed. Even up in North Kildonan there's talks about affordable seniors housing that's planned on a site that's identified in OurWinnipeg as a site for major redevelopment. It's being delayed by OurWinnipeg not being passed. It doesn't make sense now to go through all the process of making modifications to old Plan Winnipeg because this new tool is ready to go, the Province is just dragging its heels, it's hurting development in our City and progress. If there's particular pieces that they have issue with, let's identify them now, let's move on and get the rest of it through. It's time to actually take some action here and move this along.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions for Property and Development? Second question.

Councillor Havixbeck: I would like to reiterate that I have talked with Fort White and the Eco Village that is being proposed there, and so further delay of this project costs more as we saw today with the additional funds requested. So I'd just like to reiterate and ask whether Councillor Browaty will be following up with the Provincial Minister housing moving that along? That project is currently planned for something that was deemed open green space so we'd need a plan amendment so we're almost a year into the approval process and this project, along with one other prospective one in the Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward is now going to be held up.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Responding to her question, yes, I am going to make an…I'm going to do my…arrange a personal meeting with the Minister of local government on this particular issue. Further, I mean we see a pattern here. Fifteen million dollars in lost opportunity from Building Canada Funds, gone. Opportunities for all sorts of new development in our City, potentially gone. We've got, you know, limited construction seasons. We've got interest rates, who knows what they are going to do. We really need to move forward with this. Again, the Provincial Government here could very well be costing our economy in Winnipeg money.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions for Property and Development? Seeing none, we'll move to Protection and Community Services, Councillor Steeves.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED APRIL 4, 2001

Councillor Steeves: The Report of April 4, 2001. Item 1 has been laid over to May 18 at EPC. I'll introduce the Report and move Consent Agenda Items 2 and 3.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. No Motions. No By-laws. Question Period for Protection and Community Services? Councillor Vandal.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION ANDCOMMUNITY SERVICES QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Vandal: There was a smoking issue at your Committee at your committee of…at the last meeting and I'm wondering, I expected to be here for approval and it's not. I'm wondering where it's at?

Councillor Steeves: What we did is, we just passed and gave direction to our Administration to bring the By-law directly to Protection and Community Services Committee on May the 10th which is obviously coming up. So instead of sending the Report all the way up and all the way back with the instructions to prepare a By-law because the By-law wasn't at committee, we simply instructed, gave direction in our Motion to Administration to prepare the By-law based on the items that existed in that Report and it will be coming back and the By-law will be going all the way up throughout the month of May for pass. That's how it's going to work. A little quicker.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions for Protection and Community Services? Seeing none, we'll move onto Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, Councillor Vandal.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED APRIL 4, 2011

Councillor Vandal: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce Item 1 which is a program extension of a very successful basement flood protection subsidy program. Essentially we're finding another $2 million dollars, 1 million from the City Of Winnipeg and another million from the Province of Manitoba to move this forward for a total of 3 million and I'd like to move that for the approval of Council.

Mr. Speaker: No comments. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. And no Motions. No By-laws. Question Period for Public Works Infrastructure. Councillor Smith.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Smith: Yes. Councillor Vandal, the last council meeting, I asked you why when someone has a garbage cart stolen and they are a victim, why they have to go ahead and pay for a new garbage cart? I might as well ask you the second question at the same time. How many garbage carts were stolen last year?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Okay. I think that there's, garbage carts cost anywhere from $60.00 or $85.00 if we deliver them and we have delivered about 43,000 at the onset of the program. There's a huge financial liability there if; if tons, if a significant number of carts go missing and I think, not that I think, I know the…it's all about when government, the City of Winnipeg will provide the first cart but then at that point it becomes the responsibility of the home owner to replace. Now, if the cart is stolen, our Administration will, through the regular routes of the garbage trucks, look for it, and if it's found it will be replaced. But that's essentially the answer. And I got an email a few days ago, my apologies for not sending it to you, there have been 20 carts that have not been found, damaged or stolen, 20.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker, through you to the Chair, could he let us know who pays for missing or stolen or damaged garbage cans at the present time or with the old program?

Councillor Vandal: It's the responsibility of the home owner to replace garbage carts and recycling carts as well.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, taking into context, you know, garbage can be a cardboard box, can cost anywhere from a $1 to $10, maybe my question is, what happens if someone can't afford the $90 bin replacement?

Councillor Vandal: Good question. They call the Councillor. (Laughter).

(Inaudible speaking in the background)

Mr. Speaker: Order. Order.

Councillor Vandal: I think that the bottom line for me is that when you're a home owner, somebody owns the home, it's the responsibility of the home owner to replace the garbage cart. If you have the equity to own the home you should have the wherewithal to provide a garbage cart.

Mr. Speaker: Second question, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm just going to be one more because we'll have a long time to debate this discussion a bit but let's say that person is renting in a rental house and the tenant, the landlord isn't interested in buying a new bin. Those kind of scenarios I guess when, my question is, because of the other detail, will we have an opportunity to discuss that a little bit more at a future date and what date would be that be?

Councillor Vandal: Somebody at one point in the system owns the home, whether it's a renter or homeowner so there is a homeowner, it's technically the home owner's responsibility. I assume that if there is no garbage carts provided that's a By-law infraction, at that point the City can get involved and charge the homeowner, whoever he or she may be, with a By-law infraction. But, I don't see this as a profound policy issue. Certainly you and I can go have lunch and talk about it but essentially, it's the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes just, I have a question actually to follow through. Infraction of By-laws are treated in different ways. If you don't pay your water bill, the homeowner is definitely responsible for paying it. However, there's other By-law things that we don't then put the costs on their property tax bill or whatever to collect that money. Do you think that my question is really, do you think that it's that level of By-law infraction that may occur? That it will make it that much easier to…for example there are landlords who don't take responsibility. Will it be that level that we go after the owner of the home to buy a new garbage cart?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Well, I think it's the homeowners responsibility to provide the garbage cart. If there is no garbage carts that's a By-law infraction. I'm fairly sure of that. I'm not a hundred percent certain and if there is a By-law infraction there's means to redress the infraction. I don't know what more I can say to that so I hope that answers your question.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Eadie: Just to follow up on that. Collection of water money is much more rigorous than making sure that homeowners do other things and I'm just thinking if I'm a renter in that house and the garbage cart is actually forms a part of the property, how that's going to be dealt with and I just get concerned if we glibly just say well the owner will just purchase it. I think this really is a problem and I think we should at some point and maybe I'll send you a request to have Administration look directly at this specific issue much harder, maybe that's the channel. Is that the channel, Councillor Vandal?

Councillor Vandal: I'll take that question under advisement, I'll certainly speak to the Administration and we'll look at it in closer detail and I'll send you the, I will include you in the email circuit.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Steeves.

Councillor Steeves: If I'm a landlord in St. Vital and I currently want my tenants to throw their garbage out, I currently provide garbage cans for them to do so and they put it out every garbage day. So if somebody steals my garbage cans, right now in St. Vital, can I call the City and get them to buy me some new garbage cans, through you to the Chair?

Councillor Vandal: No. It's the responsibility of the home owner.

Councillor Steeves: Why would we change anything, Mr. Speaker if that's the way it is right now? It seems fair. I put that as a question to the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Vandal: I think it's unlikely that we will change anything but I think it merits further discussion given the concerns of certain members on the cost of a new automated bin which I hope will be rolled out to the entire City in a few years.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Mr. Chairman, through you to the Chair of the Committee. I have manual garbage pickup, and I don't use garbage cans at my house. If going forward, I don't choose to like the garbage cart or my garbage cart gets stolen or vandalized, can I start just throwing my garbage you know in the street or in a garbage bag on the side of my property?

Councillor Vandal: That's a hypothetical question and I'd rather deal with real questions, obviously you can't throw your garbage out on the street because it's…

Councillor Swandel: It's against the law. Could someone consent adjournment?

Councillor Vandal: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: We have one committee left. We have one committee left. Any further questions for Public Works Infrastructure? Seeing none. Standing Policy Committee on Finance, there's no Report, no Motions, no By-laws. Question Period for the Chairman of Finance? Seeing none. I will take Councillor Swandel's move to adjourn. Roll call.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Mr. Speaker Councillor Nordman, His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Smith, Steen, Steeves, Swandel, Vandal and Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 12:39 p.m.