COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, February 22, 2012

The Council met at 9:33 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 Pagtakhan.

Mr. Speaker: Roll call**.**

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. We're joined today by our Page, Madison from Glenlawn Collegiate, correct? Madison resides in Old Kildonan and we're happy to have her. We do have one announcement from Councillor Vandal, and for those who are curious what I'm wearing on my lapel, is a miniature sash in recognition of the Festival du Voyager. Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: It's looking very, very festivally Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I forgot my sash on my entrance as I left this morning but I want to take the opportunity to invite everybody in these Chambers to the Festival du Voyageur running until next Sunday. It's a great opportunity to come out to Whittier Park to have tourtière, have some Caribou and listen to some music, so -- and you don't have to wear your long johns; if this weather holds, which I think it will, no long johns this year. So everybody come to St. Boniface. Hay-Ho.

MINUTES

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Vandal. We would like to have a Motion to adopt the Minutes of our previous meeting, January 25th, 2012 from Councillor Steen. All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Speaker: We have one delegation, Gloria Hoeppner, from the West End BIZ, speaking with regard to Item 7. Hi Gloria, you have 10 minutes.

Gloria Cardwell Hoeppner: I won't take that long. Good morning everyone. I am here today to ask that you include Ellice Avenue as an official image route. The new Richardson Airport will see an estimated 3 million passengers each year and Ellice Avenue is a fast and direct link between the Airport area and the downtown. It offers as much and more as the other routes identified. The West End is the most culturally diverse area in the City and since 2009 the West End BIZ has been working on the International Village Project. The idea of this project is to highlight the rich ethnic composition through facade improvements, enhanced maintenance, street-scaping elements, development of attractive public spaces and other initiatives. Ellice Avenue is the key component to the IV Project and to date we have added to the area an impressive gateway feature, unveiled by our Mayor, at Balmoral and Ellice with enhanced public space behind the University of Winnipeg; revamping of the decorative light standards on Ellice, which included all new luminar, fresh paint, replacement of missing standards and new electrical receptacles for seasonal and decorative lighting. The creation of new public space pockets, financial support offered for building facade improvements, decorative poster kiosks in the Spence area and attractive new banners in the Zone highlighting community, culture, commerce and cuisine which the West End is known for. Our projects for this year include installation of lighting throughout the gateway on Ellice Avenue, a secondary gateway feature, decorative bike racks, more banners and on-going financial support for building facade improvements. In addition, the BIZ programming places a priority on street appeal. We've make an incredibly significant impact in removing graffiti from the West End especially on our major streets. We also

ensure stunning floral displays along the Avenues, remove posters, litter and graffiti year round. Our West End bureau program is internationally recognized and award-winning. Many of our murals are located on Ellice Avenue including the well-known Road to Valour created by acclaimed artist Charlie Johnson and located at Ellice and historic Valour Road. Ellice Avenue offers the appealing visual of many wide, tree lined streets with large homes and a community feel. Many homes are recently renovated and include several new condo developments to meet the needs of students flocking to the area to attend our world class educational facility, the University of Winnipeg which backs onto and includes facilities on Ellice Avenue. Historically many newcomers begin their Canadian stories here and many Winnipeg families can still trace their roots back to the West End. Our restaurants are some of the most sought after in the City and they offer a variety of authentic cuisine; Russian, Ukrainian, Portuguese, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Latin, American, Asian, Philippino, Ethiopian, Italian and more. And many of these businesses are located on Ellice Avenue in the business district. Ellice Avenue offers excellent connectivity between the Airport and the downtown and to other desired city locations through the major routes that it crosses. Ellice Avenue includes residential and business districts; identifies with both past and the future of our City and is a perfect choice to introduce visitors to the diversity of our communities. This avenue is a significant route of entry into our City and deserves the support the designation of a City of Winnipeg image route can provide. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Any questions for Gloria? Seeing none, we'll say thank you, thanks for your presentation. Just before we move on we would just like to welcome back to the Chamber Councillor Smith. You've been away for a couple of weeks and I see you are recovering and you are on the mend, so welcome back. (applause).

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Mr. Speaker: I guess we'll get to the heart of the meeting here. We have a Report for February 7, Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it's February 1. I would like to Introduce the Report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 4, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Sharma. Number 4. Number 4 also? Okay. All right, seeing one through three, All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried.

Item 4 - Increased Funding for Community Centres - Community Centre Renovation Grant Program

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, this is a combination of… I think we know the value of our Community Centres; we also know the state of ill repair that many are in. So this is a two-pronged approach. What we've done here Mr. Speaker is we've allocated $1.2 million. On the programming side, we provide approximately $235,000 in programming for our Community Centres; we're actually doubling it from 235 to 470,000. The reason we're doing that, quite often, Community Centres are between a rock and a hard place. Do they spend precious dollars on repairing a boiler or a roof? Or whatever else has to be done. Or, do they provide programming and they have to make a choice. In this situation, there will be more money available. The other side of the equation is there will be approximately $965,000 available for Community Centres. It will be a maximum of $50,000 per annum that they can apply for, and they can use those monies to do the repairs on the Community Centres. I know this is very much supported by the Community Centres as well as the GCWCC. I would love to hear from the Councillors and I'll try to answer any further questions I can.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Mr. Speaker, I am very supportive of the Community Centre Renovation Grant Program and pleased to see an increase in the Annual Programming Grant to General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres. The renovation grant funds will be used for building upgrades and will help address some of the infrastructure deficits some Centres are facing. The increased Programming Grant provides an opportunity for City of Winnipeg Community Centres to develop new long term program initiatives, and sustain current programs that are responding to specific neighbourhood needs. These initiatives, Mr. Speaker, will increase Community Centre participation and by offering these recreation and leadership opportunities, the quality of life in neighbourhoods will be improved. Good community-based programming,

Mr. Speaker, will be elevated and enjoyed greatly by children and families. This all builds community capacity in our neighbourhoods and helps address issues of crime, safety and isolation. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steen.

Councillor Steen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I try to add but I rise in support and how grateful we are from our area to have this program -- Grant Program put in. And how badly we need it in areas like ours and many in our cities, to improve our Community Centres. And, I would like to ask the Mayor when the program guidelines and application form will be available to the Community Centres? And that's about it. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. I think that this is great. I know that the Community Centres in the Mynarski Ward and those all around it are quite anxious to be able to see some increased funding for programming. I just -- so I'm very supportive of this, especially needed is the Capital Grants that are going to be made available through this particular means of supplying money, as I understand this Report. The money is actually coming as a percentage of sales of land; which are one time, kind of money things, and so in there, I just wanted to caution that while I really do appreciate that there is money for programming in the Capital Projects, the programming is an ongoing operating kind of fund that Community Centres will become quite dependent on. They are already in need of it and what I'm really concerned about is the sustainability and the real financial plan that looks at actually spending operating kind of dollars out of one-time monies from land sales. Eventually this City is going to run out of land to sell. So, I just want to point that out but I will be supporting this particular motion because the Community Centres really need this money and I'm glad that at least we did find some way to supply them with more money. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Councillor Eadie basically said pretty much what I was going to say, so -- but I would also just like to emphasize the programming aspect for Community Centres is so desperately needed. There really isn't any other source of money for that and it's long overdue. I know the Mayor promised to double it in the last election campaign and he is coming through on that promise but I do also share the concern about using land sales for operating; especially at a time where we're looking at various different kinds of land sales and there is a lot of pressure on that and we've already used the Land Operating Reserve to help balance the Operating Budget and increasing size amounts as we face more challenging budgets. So, we're making this decision kind of outside of the whole overall budget process so I don't know how much Land Dedication is being used for that and we just don't have that information. Obviously, I'll be supporting the funding for Community Centres but I just wanted to put my concerns on the record in terms of Councillor Eadie put it very well about sustainability of funding. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: I obviously am going to be supporting this whole heartedly. I was with the Mayor, when he made his announcement at Robert A. Steen. And it's obvious we need to be spending more on programming. So, this is something that we should be unanimously supporting, I think today. And I'm glad I wrote the speech for Councillor Eadie and Councillor Gerbasi. They said it very well. Thank you very much for saying my words so eloquently. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Seeing no further comments, Mayor Katz to close.

Mayor Katz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Councillor Smith and I were there along with Councillor Havixbeck when we made the announcements. I think we all know the challenges that Community Centres face, both with programming as well as with the condition of the facilities. And for all intents and purposes with the doubling of the funds, Mr. Speaker, Community Centres were actually be able to hire staff to do the programming, which is extremely important because it's a Catch 22. There's no point having a Community Centre and no programming for the children, and there is no point having programming if your building is falling apart. So the two prongs approach makes total sense. On the other side of the coin, when you see a problem, Mr. Speaker, they do need to address it and come up with an idea. We've come up with a very good idea here, basically from the Land Operating Reserve and I can assure the Councillors, they don't have to worry for at least 2 decades and after that, Mr. Speaker, if we do have challenges we can certainly try to identify another source of revenue but I think we're going to be okay. I mean, I'm not convinced other than Councillor Smith, if any of us will be here in two decades but the facts of life are, we do know we have some long term funding available for this period of time and we are addressing an immediate problem and

an immediate need, and I certainly do echo the sentiments of Councillor Smith. This should be totally unanimous.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mayor Katz. All right then. All those in Favour? Opposed? Motion carried, unanimously. Report for February 15th, Mayor Katz.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2012

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

Mr. Speaker: What number?

Councillor Swandel: Five.

Mr. Speaker: All right we've stepped down number 5. That means one through four. All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried.

Item 5 - Reduced Speeds in School Zones

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I will briefly Introduce the motion. It's actually something that came out of a result during a debate back in 2010, and I'm sure many people here, know travelling through Canada and the United States, that reduced speeds in School Zones are basically the rule. We actually had that here in Winnipeg, Manitoba, just over 4 decades ago, getting close to five. For some reason, it got changed and I can tell you that on at least two occasions, the City went to the Province to try to get it changed back and to no avail. The logic of thinking that people will drive at reasonable speeds through School Zones, Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry, is anything but a reasonable conclusion. That is not the case. I think we all know that the safety of children, whether it's on the playgrounds or coming and going to school, should be priority number 1. We were hoping that we – we've asked the Department to come up with a solution, because we know we have some schools that are in nice little quiet neighbourhoods. Other schools are on Regional Streets and we've got to find and the same solution may not apply to all schools. We've actually asked the Provincial Government and unfortunately as opposed to seeing the wisdom here, they have formed a Steering Committee to study this. I have spoken to the Premier and I'm now asking Council's blessings to write a letter to move this forward. We've obviously lost this school year but I certainly want to make sure that it becomes reality for basically the 2012 fall, when people, when the kids, are going back to school. So that's where things are at, at this stage of the game.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Nordman and I just wanted to say that I am so appreciative of Mayor Katz's leadership on this particular item, that frankly, schools were trying to convince the Province for quite a few years to reduce the speed limits around their School Zones and I know that Mayor Katz would know that the school building that he went to high school in called the West Kildonan Collegiate on Salter Avenue, that building sits on a street where there is lots of speeding happening and is now a middle school and it is quite dangerous and we do need to reduce the speed limits. There's no doubt about that. So, I wanted to congratulate the Mayor for his, up to this point, leadership in pushing forth what is really something that I think, almost all of Winnipeggers believe in, that we have to set some lower speed limits in front of schools because it isn't a reasonable conclusion as the Mayor said. However, I would just point out though that the kind of leadership that was used here, and I really appreciate the way it was done, is there is this huge momentum, belief in the City that something needs to be done. The Mayor took it to the table; yes, a Steering Committee was struck but you know what, we couldn't even get them to do that for a decade and to have the Mayor's leadership on this I think is great. And I hope that the letter will also demonstrate the leadership that this Committee that has been struck, I know there is some disagreement as to why, but when you amend an Act I guess, such as the Highway Traffic Act, I guess they feel they need to have some kind of Committee review it. But, hopefully in the letter, he is requesting that they move expediently to figure out how they're going to complete the job of reducing speed limits and what the exact speed limits should be there's a number of jurisdictions as the Mayor has appropriately indicated that have set speed limits that are appropriate, so this Committee shouldn't have to sit too long and it is too bad; it is a no brainer but I like the leadership style that have been used here by the Mayor. He discovered that is there a huge problem; pushed forward and actually, did get something accomplished. So thank you very much, Mayor Katz and of

course I'll be voting for the Mayor to continue to demonstrate his leadership in sending this letter to the Province to convince them to move quickly on the Steering Committee. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Mr. Speaker, just briefly I would like to say, I believe it is very important that we're building on top of existing regulations that currently expect motorists to slow down in the presence of children. Going further, and reducing the speed on non-regional streets where schools exist, will make our communities and children that much safer. I support the Mayor on this initiative as does Seven Oaks School Division which is in my Ward. The Division's letter of support is attached to today's agenda. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steen.

Councillor Steen: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support too, to reduce the speed limit in School Zones. I can tell you that while door knocking, many residents mentioned they were concerned about traffic speeding by school. As well, over the last year, my office has received many calls from residents throughout the Elmwood, East Kildonan Ward. We are concerned that many motorists are not being cautious while driving through School Zones and they are afraid that it will take an accident to bring this issue to the forefront. So I am happy that the City is being proactive on this and is initiating the process to reduce the speed limit and I hope the Province will be as diligent and expedite this as quickly as possible so we can keep our children safe around the schools and thank you. It's a big problem in our area actually. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Councillor Steen. To close, Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I very much appreciate the comments and as Councillor Sharma did point out, that School Divisions are in support of it. Teachers, Principals and I remember my days at WKCI, as Councillor Eddie mentioned and he's right, it's right on a major regional street and that's why all streets are different. I do want to add one item -- or one point of information, is that, I think someone alluded to it. Sometimes I think it's important that we as the elected officials be proactive as opposed to reactive. I don't think we need to wait for a traffic fatality to do what's obvious and right, and I just want to share one comment, is that, although this was referred by the Province to a Steering Committee, that during a question from the media, the Premier actually said, "we're just waiting until we get back in Session". So, I'm not sure which one it's going to be but hopefully this will move even quicker than that because that's what was said by the Premier to one of the media outlets when asked about it. So like I say, I think it would be good for all of us if this becomes reality by September of 2012 and that is my goal and I do appreciate the support of Council.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mayor Katz just to add a little personal observation as a former school patrol in the early 60's, over 50 years ago, that the actual School Zone speed limit was 15 miles an hour. So, that's right, that's right; it was before radar. In any event, All those in favour? Opposed? Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: We have some Motions, Mayor Katz – nope, By-laws, I'm sorry.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I move that the following By-laws be read a first time. By-law No. 12/2012, 13/2012, 14/2012, 15/2012, 16/2012, 17/2012, 18/2012, 19/2012, 20/2012, 21/2012, 22/2012, 23/2012, 24/2012, 25/2012, 26/2012, 31/2012, 33/2012, 34/2012, 44/2012 and 45/2012. And I wish the Clerk good luck.

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

Clerk: By-law Nos. 12/2012, 13/2012, 14/2012, 15/2012, 16/2012, 17/2012, 18/2012, 19/2012, 20/2012, 21/2012, 22/2012, 23/2012, 24/2012, 25/2012, 26/2012, 31/2012, 33/2012, 34/2012, 44/2012 and 45/2012.

Mayor Katz: Nicely done. Mr. Speaker, I move that the By-laws numbered number 12/2012 to 26/2012, both inclusive, By-law No. 31/2012, 33/2012, 34/2012, 44/2012 and 45/2012 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law numbers 12/2012 to 26/2012, both inclusive, By-law No. 31/2012, 33/2012, 34/2012, 44/2012, and 45/2012.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 12/2012 to 26/2012 both inclusive; By-laws numbered 31/2012, 33/2012, 34/2012, 44/2012 and 45/2012, be read a third time and same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried. Thank you, that is the By-law section and we have Question Period, Mayor Katz. Councillor Gerbasi.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As we know, the Mayor and E.P.C. have been working on the budget for several months now, yeah, but this year's budget for several months and I've been part of these processes in the past many years ago when I was on E.P.C. so I think we know that departments have probably been given some sort of a target for reductions within their departmental budgets and I'd like to ask the Mayor to reveal what is the target reduction that was given to staff. Was it five percent? Ten percent? What was the number that was given to staff to aim for reductions in the upcoming budget?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, any meetings that I've been on the budgets, we have not given any targets to departments, that's number one. What we've done in this process Mr. Speaker is most people who work on budgets know there's revenue and there's expenses, and our job, because we have no choice, is to balance the two because we're not allowed to go into a deficit. And so we have certainly asked all departments to see if there is new or better, more efficient ways of providing the core services, all the front line services and that certainly has been the request. I think we all know that anything you do, you're not doing it perfect, you can always do better, and that's been the only request that's been made Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Gerbasi: Yes, on a different note. Back in 2004 when the Rapid Transit Project was cancelled and the $43 million was moved into Community Centre projects, there was $7 million set aside for the water park. I've asked about this before and I'm wondering, obviously the water park project has not proceeded. Where is that $7 million? Is it still sitting in a bank account, is it being used for another purpose? Is it still available, is there still an intention to build a water park? That's my question.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank Councillor Gerbasi for that. I think we've addressed that before, but the money, the funds are sitting with the City, that's number one. Number two, I was actually just asked that question last week by one of the media and I told them that from what I've heard of the department, there might be an opportunity that might exist. The department is trying to finalize it. My belief that something will or will not happen by the end of March and if it happens, terrific. Then Council can make a decision. If it does not, then we'll look at alternatives and as you know, there's a lot of needs for recreational facilities and Council will decide where that money is allocated to, but the money is definitely sitting there. Absolutely correct.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Gerbasi: My final question is we know that there were supposed to be discussions with the Province regarding the transit fare increase that was supposed to hopefully rescue us from this unfortunate transit fare increase. We're running out of time because I know transit needs time to print tickets and so on if…that's why usually the transit fare increases come in in December. I now it's June but we still have to be a few…give them enough time ahead of June to know what the transit tickets need to be printed and such. Since we're running out of time, can you give us an idea of how the discussions are going with the Province and whether there's some magical way other than us just coming to our senses to get rid of this transit fare increase?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank Councillor Gerbasi for that. As the Councillor knows, the Province did come forward and has said that they would like to find alternative sources of revenue. I can tell Councillor Gerbasi that I met with the Premier approximately two weeks ago to discuss this specific issue, and the meeting was only about this specific issue. I can tell you that we, the City, have put many ideas forward of where there could be revenues that could be allocated towards this and we've also let the Province know, just to re-iterate what the good Councillor has said, that for all intents and purposes we are working towards a deadline and I said the deadline in my opinion was basically the end of March, the first week of April, so I think we're talking the same thing. We're hoping to hear back and you know, I will be sending a letter to confirm and see if there are any new ideas and hopefully the Province is working very hard, but we, the City, have certainly put lots of ideas on the table and we'll continue to do so and hopefully we'll find a good result.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question for the Mayor follows up on some conversations he and I have had, and that it pertains to the 2017 Canada Games which Manitoba will be fortunate enough to host. The games move on a rotational basis so Manitoba is going to be hosting those games. It's front page news in Brandon. I was out there and got above the (inaudible) news in Brandon that the 2017 games are coming, and the only two cities that are proposed to put in a bid are Brandon and Winnipeg. There is some precedent from the 1999 Pan Am Games for cooperation. As people know, the rowing events were held out of Minnedosa even though we were the host, and conversely back in the 1979 Canada Games that were held in Brandon, the diving was held in Winnipeg because there's no facility in Brandon that could accommodate that, so it seems to me, given the costs involved with both cities putting in competing bids the next stage of the process involves competing bids going forward. I've had some informal discussions with Councillors here and with people from the Province about the radical idea of actually trying to cooperate in this the international year of cooperatives, trying to cooperate on a joint bid. Certainly the Province seems interested in that. I would certainly be…I've talked to Councillor Steen as the Youth and Recreational Opportunities Councillor here and I think he has some interest in trying to work with Brandon. Councillor Vandal of course was an athlete at the 1979 Canada Games in Brandon and would certainly, I think, be interested in working. I of course…

Mr. Speaker: We need a question Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'm allowed a preamble and I'm coming to the question, and indeed if I am uninterrupted it will be even briefer. I am of course universally loved in Brandon from my term as a School Trustee, so my question to the Mayor is, is there some way in which we could move forward to cooperate. I see the next stage of the bids, March 16, which happens to be the State of the City address and auspiciously my 50th birthday. Nothing could give me greater pleasure than to see the two cities in which I have resided, these two great Manitoba cities, cooperate on a bid, so I would like to ask the Mayor if there is some way in which we could cooperate, put in a joint bid with Brandon?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank Councillor Mayes and I just want to make one correction to one thing Councillor Mayes said. In my humble opinion Mr. Speaker, Councillor Vandal is still an athlete. Just want that on the record Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the question and the realities are that Brandon and Winnipeg have expressed some interest. We both know that it's going to happen in Manitoba. I can tell Councillor Mayes that I have spoken to Mayor Shari Decter-Hirst. There have been some ideas thrown about that maybe we could do it together. I know there's some concerns that that might not actually cost less. It might cost more. I believe that we've agreed that we will have some discussions with the Provincial Government, and I know that Mayor Shari Decter-Hirst told me that their Council will be meeting the first week of March, and at that particular point in time, they will be making a decision how they want to move forward. I did share my personal opinion with the Mayor of Brandon, letting her know that it certainly wasn't my intention to compete with Brandon. If we could work together, that's a possibility. If this is something that Brandon really wants and needs our assistance in some areas, we could discuss that. We'd maintain an open mind, but I certainly don't want to compete with another City in our Province, so we're going to do a little bit of due diligence, do a little homework and see where we are to move this forward. I do thank the Councillor for the question.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Mayes: Related, thank you for the answer, and related to that, I've had some residents call me up about the death of Cal Murphy, Blue Bomber legend, and people suggesting, can we do something in the new stadium precinct to commemorate Cal Murphy. I'm not sure where that would fall, if that even does fall within our jurisdiction as that's on U. of M. property, but it is something I indicated to people I would follow up on and hopefully we can take some steps to work with the stadium to commemorate Cal Murphy.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: I think that was a question/statement so I'll answer it anyways. Mr. Speaker, I think Councillor Mayes makes an excellent point. That certainly would be up to the Winnipeg Football Club. I would be very surprised if someone of the stature of Cal Murphy who was one of the greatest Coaches to ever coach football as well as the General Manager, and obviously I think from what we've read since his passing on Saturday, the high regard in which he was held by other coaches, football players, general managers, the public at large, I certainly had the opportunity to work directly with Cal Murphy. You know, a great loss and I can assure Councillor Mayes that when talking to the Winnipeg Football Club, I will mildly suggest it because I'm sure they're already on it, but I certainly will bring it up.

Mr. Speaker: Last question? No? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. It's been my note the last number of City Council meetings that I've been at and Executive Policy Committee meetings that I've been to, I keep being reminded that there is this parent-child kind of relationship that we have with the Province, and usually that comes through answers through the Mayor, and the Mayor I think is a very astute and very good business person and understands business, but I'm just wondering, the recent stick tried to use against the Province of Manitoba to raise the bus fares by 20 cents for basically Rapid Transit, which many users in this City will not use, which many users are not able to afford, which just makes no sense at all because what you want to do is reward the things you want and penalize the things you don't want, so I just would like to know from the Mayor how he feels about what I think is a failed stick that was tried to use against the Province who clearly seems to me are not intimidated by it and may even reduce their operating portion if this goes ahead, so Mayor, I'm just wondering how you feel about this particular means that you've used to try to demonstrate leadership? I believe the Province was going to come to the table anyways, said they would support Rapid Transit.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I'm more than happy to remind Councillor Eadie because he wasn't here at the time, that was yours truly and many members of Council who were successful after decades of failed attempts to bring the Province to the table to fund transit 50-50 because that wasn't the case, so number one, I think we know how to get things done and we've shown that in the past. Number two, a small correction Mr. Speaker. I don't know what the Councillor means by my "stick" or my "tactic". As we all know this was a motion on the floor of Council and approved by Council. That's number one. Number two, it came as a result of moving Rapid Transit from the year 2031 to 2016. Number three, if you look at Rapid Transit success in other cities, you will see the phenomenal commitments made by the other two levels of government. I mean a lot of people talk about Ottawa. I think everybody here should see how much the Provincial and Federal contributions were to making that a reality, whether it was the bus or whether it was the rail. So Mr. Speaker, I don't really believe in the stick philosophy. Okay, that's number one. If Councillor Eadie does that's his prerogative. From my point of view, Council moved forward. The Province has said they'd like to explore other avenues. As everybody knows, there's no level of government that's not looking for more revenue. Everybody's facing challenges. We have, as I mentioned through you to Councillor Gerbasi, we have put all sorts of ideas on the table and hopefully one of them or two of them will be embraced. By the same token, the Province also has the ability to put all sorts of ideas on the table, and Mr. Speaker, we will continue to do that and hopefully we'll get a resolve sooner than later.

Mr. Speaker: Second question Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. As hopefully we'll hear, I think that, anyway, City Council did pass this and I understand that that happened, but the reasoning behind the people who voted for the actual 20 cent increase for Rapid Transit for one particular area of the City, you know, was ill conceived, and I know that the Mayor voted for such a plan, and so therefore I think that when people are considered to be leaders, they need to take responsibility for their decisions and their votes, which I am wholeheartedly willing to do, so my question really is this. is, couldn't you have done what you did with the speed limits around

schools, take what is the impetus of what people in this City believe; bring it to the Province who were willing to, without the 20 cent stick, were willing to actually discuss funding Rapid Transit. So will you explain to me how you will…

Mr. Speaker: Question. Question!

Councillor Eadie: I want to hear how the Mayor's going to take leadership in building an impetus from the City of Winnipeg's people to demonstrate to the Province that this needs to be funded and not with 20 cents on the bus fare.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, through you I thank Councillor Eadie for the question, so let's just talk about facts Mr. Speaker. If you want to talk about leadership Mr. Speaker, let's talk about the Rapid Transit that's going to be a reality in April this year. That came as a result, as a result of the Federal Government putting some money on the table; approximately $18 million Mr. Speaker, and then it was yours truly along with then Premier Doer who basically made it become a reality from our downtown to Jubilee. That's how it happened. Nothing else was involved. It was that simple and we made it happen. Now the scenario is, to do anything further, you need to identify funds. Now I was here for that meeting Mr. Speaker, and when you want to talk about speed, you know, zones and reducing speed in school zones, that was my initiative; that was my motion. I don't know if the motion that came forward was Councillor Eadie's but I know the motion did not come from me and I did support it, end of story. So I don't know what you're talking about taking responsibility. The facts of life are, we are where we are today because of leadership from the Mayor and Council. We have cooperation from the Provincial Government. They came forward with monies okay? Today might be different times, but as I alluded to earlier Mr. Speaker, you can look at every City in Canada and you can see that Rapid Transit happens when the Federal and Provincial Governments come to the table with significant dollars, just take a look at Ottawa, okay, and the City obviously is a player at the table as well, and we're prepared to do that Mr. Speaker. But the facts of life are, as Councillor Eadie should know, how many times have I stood up in the Chamber and said that I've invited the Premier to come down to Ottawa to lobby together and I'll even personally offered to pay for the airfare Mr. Speaker. So if you want to talk about leadership, I think it's been shown occasion over and over and over again, and that's exactly what I will continue to do Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie. Last question, and just with a reminder there's no preamble on a supplementary question.

Councillor Eadie: Just one sentence. Given the failed 20 cent motion, will the Mayor, the leader of the Executive Policy Committee, ask his City Councillors to back off on the failed plan?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz?

Mayor Katz: You know, Mr. Speaker, it's rather interesting the words that are being used by the Councillor. I don't know how you can tell if anything is a success or a failure until it runs its course. My advice to the Councillor is let it run its course and see what happens. The Province…if the Province is committed, if the Province is committed to Rapid Transit, they'll find the source of revenue that makes sense to everybody, so we'll have an answer very shortly, and as I mentioned to you earlier, Mr. Speaker in addressing Councillor Gerbasi's questions, I've told them right up front, there is a deadline. It's not that far away, Mr. Speaker. We're talking six weeks, so I think everybody here, God willing, will work with me to lobby the Province to come up with an alternative. We're talking $6 million a year, not a lot of money, Mr. Speaker. Not a lot of money in the big picture, when you're looking at how much revenue comes in between the Province and the City.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. To you, Mr. Speaker, to the Mayor. Mr. Mayor, have you had the opportunity to read the Pro Consulting Report used by Golf Convergence's in the Golf Audit Report, that indicated that Winnipeg has too much green space and is presently being used by some Councillors to validate the selling of green space? So my question is; have you had a chance to read that pro consulting report?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I've read the Report from the Department. I don't know if that's the specific Report, and I think I made the comment at our last Council meeting to Councillor…through you to Councillor Orlikow that, you know, people saying too much or too little green space is totally subjective. Everybody will have their own opinion and I certainly have mine and I assume Councillor Orlikow would have his. So if he

is referring to the Department's Report, yes, I've read that. If he is referring a specific consulting Report, no, I have not but I would certainly be happy to do so.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much Mr. Mayor. So I'm glad to…well I'm not sure if this actually was available prior to when the Audit Report came out or not, however, when I requested this actual report because I believe it's important what an audit or some statement says something so extreme and validates a path of action based upon that report that they should be validating it with some substance, and so that's why I said okay, I need to see this pro consulting report…

Mr. Speaker: Is there a question, Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: …however, upon review, are you aware…no, that's not what they say, the report is not, wasn't available in the City, so again when I talked to Pro Consulting about getting the report, Pro Consulting indicated that they had never done such a report for Winnipeg, so then I followed up with Golf Convergence's and they actually sent the report to the Auditor.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor, Orlikow, question, please.

Councillor Orlikow: The question is, will you guarantee that the Pro Consulting Report that is available in the Auditors…with the Auditor will be available to Councillors to see?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to look into that for the Councillor. As I said earlier, I haven't seen that report. I looked at the Department's report but obviously, there is another report out there from a consultant; I'm happy to look into it and I certainly will take that under advisement from the Councillor and get back to him as well.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much and I'll be forwarding a request to the Auditor. The Strategic Planning Session that's coming up, I was very excited when the Strategic Planning Session was announced. I believe it's an opportunity for you as Mr. Mayor to provide leadership...

Mr. Speaker: Question Mr. Orlikow, there is no preamble on supplementary questions.

Councillor Orlikow: Okay fair enough. So I guess, Mr. Mayor, do you believe that with the Strategic Planning Session, the fact that some Councillors have gone away for two days to do, I guess, the pre work or something, I just read about this this morning that Councillors were gone away for two days, I guess E.P.C. members. Again, I don't know… the fact that we still aren't involved in the budget…other Councillors are involved in the budget.

Councillor Swandel: Point of Order.

Councillor Orlikow: Sorry, go ahead.

Councillor Swandel: Two points of order here. The first is one, the lengthy preambles continue to happen here on supplementary questions. The second is asking for people to verify something that's been reported in the media. Both are contrary to our Procedure By-law. Can we start enforcing the Procedure By-law so we have some orderly Question Periods here as opposed to lengthy speeches? That's not what Question Period is for.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Swandel. Proceed and make a question, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: My pleasure. I'll do my best. So, do you Mr. Mayor, do you believe that the Strategic Planning Session has enough levels of trust for all Councillors to believe that this will be a worthwhile process that will involve all Councillors in the decision making? Do you believe that the present set up entails that?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, through you to Councillor Orlikow, I do thank him for the question and through you to Councillor Orlikow, feel free to take up as much of my Question Period as you so desire; that's okay with me. And Mr. Speaker, let's all discuss what this is all about, and the first thing is, you know, when this idea came forward and we will have a professional, you know, basically leading this. The whole purpose was to get all of Council to the table and get input from everybody. That's number one. And if my memory serves me well, that's happening this Thursday Mr. Speaker, and we've set aside basically the whole day. So I can assure Councillor Orlikow that's exactly the purpose of this. This hasn't happened in decades and I think it's important that we do this, to find out not what we're planning to do for tomorrow but we want to plan for the future. So the whole idea, Mr. Speaker, is to bring everybody together to get input, to have a professional run the program for the day, they know how to do it, and I certainly hope that every single Councillor, one, attends and number two, everybody comes in with an open mind and basically makes a very positive contribution. I believe that's what we should be doing and I certainly hope that is the end result because that certainly is the goal, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Right now we have Smith, Swandel and Wyatt. Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Yes. Mr. Mayor you talk about new ideas that you've advanced through the Province. What new ideas has the City got besides asking for financial, greater financial aid for Rapid Transit from both the Provincial and Federal Governments? What new ideas do we have? What are you advancing?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I don't know if I really understand the entire question but if you're talking about things that we basically put forward to the Province and we're initiating, well let's talk about what we did today. School Zones, that comes from us. Those kinds of requests happen on a regular basis. We've also looked at scenarios of how to address our infrastructure deficit. We're no different than any other City in North America. We're all having problems. We've given all sorts of ideas, how there are revenues that we could use. As Councillor Smith should know, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, which we're part of, has come up with ideas. There are ideas flowing forward all the time and initiatives, and keep something in mind Mr. Speaker. Every Member of Council comes up with ideas. Anytime there's a new motion. That's obviously an idea to do something Mr. Speaker. So if there is something specific that the Councillor is getting at, we've come up with the idea that the Provincial Government should take the cap off and fund the City of Winnipeg with money for libraries the same way they do for the rest of the Province, Mr. Speaker, in case Councillor Smith forgot that. I could go on and on Mr. Speaker but I want to make sure I have time for the other questions as well.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Smith: My second question…really my question is, what specific new ideas have you advanced to the Province on Rapid Transit to get more funding from the Province? Specifically for Rapid Transit?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, there is a list of probably around seven items which I will be summarizing in the very near future, the Premier, that we put on the table, and if Councillor Smith wants to discuss those with me, I'd be happy to.

Councillor Smith: (Inaudible)…**i**n a quick way from you, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, trying to use the approach of Councillor Eadie and have a positive working relationship, I think it would be nicer if I share them first of all with the Premier before I share them publicly with the world-at-large.

Councillor Smith: Okay, fine.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to follow up a bit on some of the questions that were asked by Councillor Orlikow to do with planning session. First, Mr. Mayor, or through you Mr. Speaker to the Mayor, do you believe that you'll ever get complete or unanimous trust of this Council at any time?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I'm a very optimistic individual and that will always be my goal. Will I be successful all the time? No. But that's still my goal.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Swandel: Mr. Speaker, through you again to the Mayor, is part of the intent of this Planning Session to grow the level of trust that you have here on Council so we can work collectively to meet the interests of the citizens and to improve our City, in a collective fashion, rather than this quasi-oppositional fashion that we seem to be working in?

Mr. Speaker. Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, that's exactly what the purpose of this was and I was disheartened if Councillor Orlikow was thinking anything other than that. I'm hoping he was just asking for clarification but that's exactly what the purpose of this is. I mean, how many times have we sat on the floor and Councillors saying they want to be involved, so now you extend the invitation for everybody to be involved and maybe there are still some skepticism. I'm hoping that wasn't the case. I'm hoping the good Councillor was just looking for clarification and that's what I will believe until I hear differently.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It's amazing how this Question Period works very well when you do it correctly.

Mr. Speaker, through you to the Mayor again, I've heard numbers like 4,000 new hours of Transit Service are being created with the Rapid Transit corridor. Is it true that many of those hours will actually be off the corridor and throughout neighbourhoods elsewhere in the City?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding from the Department that 4,000 additional hours of services will be available in different parts of the City.

Mr. Speaker: And that concludes Question Period. Thank you very much.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Mr. Speaker: Alright moving on to our next Standing Committee on Property and Development, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I would like to advise Council that Item 4 has been withdrawn and I would like to Move Items 1, 3 and 5 to 12.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Smith? Stand down Number 7? Councillor Orlikow? Number 2? John, 2? , No. Okay. All right. So, one, two and three. Not 2? Okay, 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried.

Item 2 - Rezoning 1315 Gateway Road

Councillor Browaty: Just introduce this small amendment here, following the closure of public representations a small change was made by myself at the Committee. It was not recommended by the Public Service and upon further recommendation that has been removed by the amendment that I have put forward here this morning. I noticed that Councillor Orlikow had a question or two and I would be more than happy to respond.

Councillor Orlikow: Upon clarification of why this recommendation is before us to remove the $75,000 development fee I think it's called. There may be justification but I just don't know why, so I'll wait for a reply.

Councillor Gerbasi: I have a question: I also, I mean this really just came to my attention when the motion came forward and I looked at it and I didn't notice even though it's a rezoning and maybe I missed this, I

didn't notice the land dedication 10% charge and I'm assuming perhaps the 75,000 was instead of that. Perhaps Councillor Browaty can clarify that but whenever we waive Land Dedication of 10% I think there better be a good reason because that's a dangerous precedent. I don't know why there wasn't a 10% Land Dedication and now we're getting rid of a fee. Is the City going to have to cover the 75 or is there some arrangement? Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions, Councillor Browaty to close.

Councillor Browaty: The group that's the applicant is particular incense is the Donwood Personal Care Group, there a consortium of 11 different Mennonite Churches in North Kildonan Ward, as part of the requirements for it they are doing extensive and very thorough landscaping and pedestrian trails through this area that will connect to the North East Pioneer's Greenway. This particular parcel of land is part of an OurWinnipeg major redevelopment site at this particular intersection. The Master Plan for that has not yet been presented. It was suggested that there may be some future intersection requirements of that particular intersection that is required. As a percentage of the entire site they are a very small portion of the major redevelopment site and it was suggested that having them tie up this large amount of money for a Nonprofit Church Group was onerous so that was the revision that's before you today.

Mr. Speaker: Motion 2, All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried. Okay, Councillor Gerbasi, Eadie, Gerbasi, Smith in opposition. All right. Motion passed. Item 2, again, as amended, All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried. Eadie opposed. Gerbasi opposed. Motion carried.

Item 7 - Enhancing Winnipeg Image Routes

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would be more than pleased to hear from I believe it was Councillor Smith who asked this be stood down.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: I'm taken aback by the No Action on the request for Ellice being a Major Enhancement Route. We have the new airport, the gateway. We have the shortest route. The taxi companies will tell you is down Ellice. All you have to do is stand out on a corner and see all the taxis going by down Ellice. Obviously, a great number of people are coming to Winnipeg going down Ellice, and no matter what you say about Image Routes, wouldn't it be logical to go ahead and take a route that everyone has decided it is shorter, faster and will go down that route? And you heard from the West End BIZ all the things they are doing to improve that -- Ellice as an Image Route. So this will come back again. I've been tied up because of the accident and haven't been able to do as much on this as I would like but I will be preparing a lot more information and bringing this forward again. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you. I don't need to say much hearing that Councillor Smith is going to bring this forward again, I think what we need to do, this idea of the Airport Routes, we've been down this road so many times. I think many of you were here; we put significant amount of money into doing plans for Route 90 and beautifying Route 90 actually came towards the south; as opposed to coming in towards downtown and mostly for financial reasons we weren't able to do anything. But undoubtedly if you're a visitor to our City the first impression you get when you're coming into the hotels in downtown is not a pretty one; how we deal with that, I don't know whether we should be doing it right here. We've got some good stuff going on here and really, this is very much about money. This is a small pot of money and the Image Route Enhancement Fund and some policies of what we do. But a large part it's about money and the BIZs have access to some of those Image Route monies already because they are in the Capital Budget and identified in there so I think we could continue to work to -- with the BIZ in this case, to improve Ellice Avenue and other sections in the City. But in the bigger picture, we need to do some long term planning and create a sort of a vision of what we want to do and set some direction as to how we really want to deal with making the trip from the Airport to downtown and much more attractive one.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Mr. Speaker it is important we be consistent and acknowledge the role that Mixed Use Corridor's create and establishing the image of our City, however, equally important are many other Major Arterial Routes including Kenaston, Bishop Grandin, McPhillips and the William Clement Parkway which are

all major community connectors. While the Report acknowledges that previously Designated Image Routes are being brought into alignment with our current OurWinnipeg and complete communities direction strategies, I would also identify to Council and the public service the importance of the development of Urban Design Guidelines as noted in Recommendation number 4 for major and minor arterial routes; specifically those that are not currently designated. All of the major routes play a key role in the movement of people and goods through our City and I'm supporting the Recommendations based on two points. First that the proposed development of a New Strategic City Wide Urban Design Strategy which are to include directions both for new and the existing Image Routes and secondly; that a public engagement component be incorporated into the development of the Urban Design Strategy for Council's consideration. From my perspective, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Urban Design Strategy will include addressing both accessible and safe pedestrian movements, landscaping and the screening of conflicting activity and land uses. Esthetics including tree planting and sign guidelines and most importantly, public/private partnership opportunities to ensure the initiative success. It's for these reasons I will be Supporting the Report and Recommendations, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that we refer this back to the Standing Policy Committee and I believe I have a minute to explain why I'm asking that. This is a planning exercise, so it's not something that has to happen instantly. There is time for a little more review and Councillor Smith has been indisposed, part of this affects his Ward, the Airport Route is quite significant. And I don't see why we can't approve just, because this, if we approve this today as it is, we're defining exactly which streets are in it and some Councillors haven't had the opportunity -- I'm asking that we refer it back to the Property Committee, we could deal with it next month and move it forward. I'm very much in support of the principal of it but I believe we shouldn't rush through a planning document that will narrow down which streets we're looking at when it hasn't been fully considered. Thank you, I move Referral.

Mr. Speaker: Okay and Councillor Browaty gets to rebut your comments.

Councillor Wyatt: … (Inaudible) This matter has been for months and this has been on our Agenda for months. If the Councillor was interested in attending could have come to it a long time ago.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker; and I would like to thank Councillor Gerbasi at this point. I mean, we have debated some of these issues quite thoroughly at Committee; while I do appreciate in a very large way the amount of work the West End BIZ has done, it hasn't pointed out that Winnipeg Chamber has also been working on Chamber Way to establish Route 90 to Portage Avenue and Portage Avenue to downtown as being the gateway for people flying into James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. The J.A.R. Let's just call it the J.A.R. Much easier. So again, if we want to take another stab at this, I'm certainly open to it but again I think we have had a fairly thorough debate on it.

Mr. Speaker: Motion to refer. All those in Favour? Those opposed? Nays have it. Do you still want to speak Councillor Wyatt? Yes, no. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. The Ellice route is troublesome. I've read through the report but when -- it's very difficult in deciding what your Image Routes are and this has been around for a number of months and I have some concerns that we start to implement our Image Route Policy given my experience of last year and thank you to the Mayor and to the Department for helping us make Main Street look better in the medians. But, in that process as well, there are a number of BIZs that Councillor Swandel has referred to and a number of these BIZs have already established what they think is supposed -- is aesthetically right for their Business Improvement Zone and so I just wanted to indicate that I am supportive of this report and this report doesn't mean that we can't add another route later. I don't think that it prevents that. So, but I will point out and I hope that during the 2012 establishment of design, sort of standards for Image Routes that there is a lot of extensive consultation with our Business Improvement Zones because we know that a number of them can have differing styles of how they want their improvement zone to look. and they are the people who are the residents on these Image Routes. As well as the residents of people who live, for example on Main Street. So, I would be supportive, this report just indicating though that there really, before we absolutely put definite standards down -- and I know downtown has its own already, that we make sure that there is a proper consultation. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all Mr. Speaker, I will be in support, but, I must confess that I very much concur with what Councillor Smith has said as well as the delegation. I remember vividly, the 1999 Pan Am Games when Winnipeg was the showcase and specific instructions were given from City Hall for cab drivers and others to not, not go down Ellice Avenue. Either they were embarrassed or Sargent, you're right, but to go down Portage Avenue. That might have been okay for the short term, but I think in the long term, I think we should work together and hopefully we can come up with some ideas on how to address that issue on Ellice Avenue. I think it's real and I would be totally supportive of working with Councillor Smith to try and come up with ideas but by the same token, I don't want to stop the others from moving forward but I had to get up and just let them know that I do agree with that.

Mr. Speaker: Anyone else? Seeing none, Councillor Browaty to Close.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. It's great to have a good debate on Urban Strategy and Urban Design today. Again, the complete communities document talks about Urban Design Strategies through all of our communities and I think the Ellice/Sargent area is a very unique community and again as I mentioned in rebuttal to Councillor Gerbasi's motion to refer, I commend the West End BIZ for the fantastic work that they have been doing in the area, the University of Winnipeg for the work they've done in the vicinity of their campus and there are good things happening. It's not like it was in my mind in 1999, so things are improving. So again, let's move forward with this and certainly look at future opportunities to improve all the routes around the City of Winnipeg when it comes to major and minor arterial routes. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of Item 7? Opposed? Motion carried. We have some By-laws from Property and Development.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I would like to read the following By-laws a first time. By-law No. 30/2012, 32/2012, 35/2012, 36/2012, 37/2012, 38/2012, 39/2012.

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

Clerk: By-laws numbered 30/2012, 32/2012, 35/2012, 36/2012, 37/2012, 38/2012, and 39/2012.

Councillor Browaty: Mr. Speaker I would like to move that By-laws numbered 30/2012, 32/2012 and 35/2012 to 39/2012 both inclusive be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-laws numbered 30/2012, 32/2012 and 35/2012 to 39/2012 both inclusive.

Councillor Browaty: Mr. Speaker I move the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 30/2012, 32/2012 and 35/2012 to 39/2012 both inclusive, 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. Question Period for Property and Development? No questions? Then we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee for Protection and Community Services. Councillor Havixbeck.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED JANUARY 30, 2012

Councillor Havixbeck: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to Introduce and move adoption of Items 1 to 3.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes stands down number 1 and alright, we'll do 2 and 3 before we comment. All those in favour of 2 and 3? Opposed? Carried.

Item 1 - Off-Road Vehicle By-law

Councillor Havixbeck: Just by way of Introduction I just want to make a note that the date for implementation of this was moved up to November 1, 2012 and I would be interested to hear what the Councillor has to say.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thanks to Councillor Havixbeck, who I know has put in a lot of time in on this and the finish line must seem so close now, and yet I will delay it just a moment because I have a few comments I wanted to make. I do think we need to be clear with the public on what we're doing. If you were to look at the Free Press website it indicates that we're voting on a ban inside the city limits and as the City Clerk has repeatedly said to me and others, this isn't a complete ban. It doesn't ban use on private property. So I think we need to be clear with people what it is we're doing as we move forward, and I'm going to vote in favour of the ban and I think -- I assume all other Councillors will or most of the Councillors will as well but we need to be clear on what it is we are banning. Additionally I know we are taking some steps to undertake a phased in approach to implementing the proposed banned concurrent to the staging areas and additional trails. Not terribly eloquent wording but I think what we're trying to say here is that we are trying to work with the administration to come back in September of 2012, let's look at what can be done in the southwest, in the west and in that sliver of the east where there is some use right now, in the red zones that are there right now. Certainly this has been a big issue for my constituents who live south of the perimeter. I do want to see the report that comes back in the fall and my comments really, if Councillor Havixbeck can just clarify, I assume that report that's coming back in the fall, that we'll look at the staging areas, look at the phase in but that's going to be coming back to her Committee, to Protection and Community Services, and then get a look at what we might be able to do outside of the perimeter areas. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. This issue has been around I think for somewhat too long and I was happy to see there was an amendment made at the Executive Policy Committee to move the date up to November 1, 2012, which hopefully we don't see snow before then. Usually we don't but sometimes it does snow on Halloween or before that. The -- what I wanted to speak to here, is that, it seems to me that this report is really, as amended by EPC, is looking at the full ban as of November 1st, given that within the drafted By-law changes, By-law, there is a way and a means later on to establish various means of snowmobiling within the boundaries for special events and it does not preclude as far as I can tell, anybody from considering establishing a trail taking people from the outskirts of the City, beyond that. But, I would point out, that this whole idea of creating staging areas and thinking that somehow that is going to -- let's call it appease the good snowmobilers because there are snowmobilers who follow the rules and the law but the problem is just like driving, there are people who don't. And it's easier to enforce a ban throughout the whole city and if you do limit it to a trail that's good, but, think about this, just this whole concept of staging areas and I hope that's not part of this report any more because if you already have to put your snowmobile on a trailer to take it to a staging area, then you should just take your snowmobile out of town like the snowmobilers who live in my Ward, called the Mynarski Ward which is in the inner city. We do have within the inner City and all throughout the City, we have a lot of snowmobilers and for the most part they haul their snowmobiles or keep their snowmobiles out on their farms. They take it on a trailer to a spot where they can get on. The wonderful trails that this Province has. SnowMan came to do presentations and I was very impressed with their explanation about how to create safer snowmobiling opportunities with trails. So passing this and moving ahead with a total ban does not preclude the private sector because frankly, we're always talking about in this City, we have no money to create -- to repave our roads, renew our roads. Why would we and I don't know who's going to build a staging area or even who would even build a trail but we would hope there would be a private means to fund that as the City is in no way able to start dealing with the costs associated with that. The policing is a cost as it is, and I think that we can work this all out, given the By-law that was drafted, with this date, I think that it's fine, and I hope to, in concluding g, I hope to hear from Councillor Wyatt who actually was the impetus for moving this motion through, I would like to hear what his perspective is on the newly amended report. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: No further comments? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I support it.

Mr. Speaker: No further comments. Councillor Havixbeck to close.

Councillor Havixbeck: Well thank you for your comments and I just wanted to clarify a few things because there were a couple of questions. This is a ban inside the city limits and that does not preclude owners from riding their snowmobiles on private property. I would however, like to clarify another thing. To ride off road vehicles you need a driver's licence and I think that we've had -- I know Councillor Mayes and I were joking that we've had callers call in and say well my 8 year old can't ride it any more. Well, your 8 year old shouldn't be riding it. So I want to put some safety parameters on some of it and share some of the things we've been hearing. As far as staging areas, I have had suggestions from snowmobilers and we've already begun forming a small citizens group. There are a number of city lands on the south, the southwest, the west and the northeast ends of the city where no costs would be involved and I'm hoping that we can have a look at them while there is snow and see how the trails could connect. And yes, to answer Councillor Mayes question, the report -- it is my understanding the report will come to Protection and Community Services when the administration has it ready and it may even be sooner than September. I just want to make a couple of other comments about the ban. As recently as the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday in the Home Section, highlighting a home on Charleswood Road south of Wilkes, where the realtor said you're in the country and you can just get on your snowmobile and go. And I think we have to stop and remember the balance between rural and urban and the growth that's occurring. Again, my hope is that we come back to the table with some options in this report and that we have areas that maybe we can find a corporate sponsor for. There are companies that are interested in having their name on part of the trail, I'm hearing from them as well, so I think those are all good items. So, I call the question I guess; I move the adoption of Item 3.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Councillor Havixbeck, All those in favour of Item 1? Opposed? Motion carried. Thank you. And we now have some By-laws or a By-law from Protection and Community Services.

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

Councillor Havixbeck: I move that By-law No. 43/2012 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 43/2012.

Councillor Havixbeck: I move that By-law No. 43/2012 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 43/2012.

Councillor Havixbeck: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 43/2012 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. Any questions for Question Period and Councillor Smith has a question for Councillor Havixbeck. Councillor Mayes also.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Smith: Yes Councillor Havixbeck. Last Council Meeting I brought up the question of restaurants that were convicted of food infractions and how we publicize them on our website. That really right now they are hidden. You have to, I understand, you have to go to Community Services to know that. How many people in Winnipeg know that if you want to check on restaurants that you go to Community Services? And second, -- my second thing I brought up was, why are we not going ahead with the Province listing restaurants that have been convicted in the suburbs? We should have them also on our website. Now I know a month has gone by and we act very slowly, almost like snails, but I suggest to you that maybe a faster action would be appropriate.

Mr. Speaker: Okay we've asked the question what's the response?

Councillor Havixbeck: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you to Councillor Smith, thank you for the follow up question. I was told that this is now a service that the City is divesting itself of as of April 1st, and so we will not be reporting these out of the Department. As for going ahead with the Province, I'm not sure what the question is there, whether we're going to continue to list them on the City's website, the Province will have them on their website so sorry, I'm not clear why we would duplicate a service the Province is already offering.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Smith: It seems to me, Councillor, that the restaurants in the City of Winnipeg, we may in effect have the Province doing all the inspections but the fact is, it's in the interest of Winnipeg, the tourism sector, everyone in Winnipeg that our restaurants be in effect identified if they are breaking the laws to do with our Food By-law.

Mr. Speaker: Is that your question?

Councillor Smith: So, my question is why shouldn't we not be concerned? Why should we not have it on our website?

Councillor Havixbeck: Again we divest ourselves of a service for a particular reason. It makes no sense to me to have a duplication; I don't see it as a tourism feature to highlight restaurants that are having health violations.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Smith: That's it.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I know Councillor Havixbeck has been following up on my request from the last meeting to get some information from the Police Service about costs charged for fingerprinting, criminal record checks. I wonder if she can advise when we might expect a response from the Police Service through her to that question?

Councillor Havixbeck: Thank you for the following up question. Councillor Mayes asked last month why there was a charge or why it was reported that way and he asked about the delays last month and I can tell you that I still don't have a response from the Department about why the fingerprinting had a charge or what the logic was.

Mr. Speaker: Second question. Fair enough. Any other questions for Protection and Community Services? Seeing none, we'll move onto the next Standing Committee which is Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. We have no…

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REPORT OF STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED JANUARY 31, 2012

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to move Items 1 and 2 of the report dated January 31st.

Mr. Speaker: Any issues with those? Seeing none, All those in Favour? Opposed? Carried. And we have a couple of motions. Motion number 1.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS - MOTIONS

Councillor Vandal: By-laws, don't we do By-laws first?

Councillor Swandel: Mr. Speaker, I would like to call Notice on Motion #1, so we can get it to come back here for the next meeting and so we can have a full debate on it?

Councillor Gerbasi: Recorded vote.

Mr. Speaker: All right.

Councillor Swandel: There is no vote; it's calling a Notice. It just means that we'll have full debate.

Mr. Speaker: So Notice means it will come back to the next meeting, the March meeting and we will have full debate on that in March.

Councillor Gerbasi: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker. Would it not come back to full meeting anyway if it's referred back by that time it would come back to the March meeting and all this does is avoid it going through any Committee process?

Councillor Swandel: I've called for Notice here, and I don't think that this is a matter for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Right, once Notice is called it's an absolute and it will come back to the March meeting. Okay.
Councillor Gerbasi: Recorded vote please.

Councillor Swandel: There is no vote.

Mr. Speaker: There is no vote?

Councillor Gerbasi: Okay.

Mr. Speaker: Once Notice is called it automatically comes back to the March meeting.,All right. Motion 3 which has been presented to us here from Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Fielding is an automatic referral and we will send that to the Committee. By-laws, Councillor Vandal.

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

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I'll move that the following By-laws numbered be read a first time. By-law No. 40/2012, By-law No. 41/2012.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 40/2012, By-law No. 41/2012.

Councillor Vandal: I will move that By-laws numbered 40/2012 and 41/2012 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-laws numbered 40/2012 and 41/2012.

Councillor Vandal: I will move that the rules be suspended and By-laws numbered 40/2012 and 41/2012 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. Now we have Question Period for Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Wyatt.

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

Councillor Wyatt: With the recent snowfall that just happened which is pretty novel for us this winter, I would like to ask the Chair as a reminder right now that the Department of Public Works has announced that they are clearing snow on collector streets and on the P1s and P2s for sidewalks but they have not made a decision for some reason to remove sidewalk snow on P3s. I can understand in light of the snowfall, delaying the P3 street clearing; however sidewalks are a different story. People motoring versus with their two legs versus a 2,000-pound vehicle; Is there any possibility we can see the Department to move to start to -- once they are finished -- I believe they moved on to P2 as of today, that they can continue on with P3s, sidewalk clearing?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker, I certainly think that's -- given the lack of snow and given the readiness of the snow clearers to be out there quickly, we need to do everything we can to provide that service to citizens. I'll speak to the Director today and I'll get back to the entire Council today.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions for Question Period? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, through you Speaker Nordman, on the same topic. We have a number of initiatives in this City where people take the bus and walk a lot more than others and when he's going through to ask the questions I'm wondering if -- I'm wondering if the Chairperson could also find out if they could start in some of the neighbourhoods where we have initiatives such as "The Live Safe Community" which our Mayor signed onto, to start residential sidewalk plowing in places where people walk a lot more.
Councillor Vandal: I will speak to Councillor Eadie after the meeting to make sure I'm clear on the ask and I'll get to the Director today.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Eadie: I'll just clarify it right now, you can give it to me. We have an initiative called; it's the 21 block area that surrounds McGregor, Salter, Burrows to Dufferin, that we are trying to really make a change in my Ward to see if we can't make life better for those people and for people to come down to Selkirk Avenue and so that 21 block area has been defined as a place that we do initiatives like implement the new garbage carts to solve some of the garbage problems and so specifically I'm wondering -- and there is nothing that is I can read in the Policy that says, we start in this District first before we start in that one. And so I would -- so what I'm specifically asking is for him to ask the snow clearing administration, if they can actually start sidewalk plowing in that particular neighbourhood? Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker, I'll review the Policy with the Director, Brad Satcher, and I will get back to Councillor Eadie.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think there is confusion in the public about our Committee process and when they can and cannot speak at meetings after some of the things that have happened in the last few weeks and now that the motion that would have been referred back that the public was aware of, so that people would have gone to our Standing Committee to speak to specifically about the fare increase. I guess I'm wondering since that meeting is dealing with the Operating Budget, can citizens come and speak to matters such as that or will they again, be told by some procedural thing I haven't figured out yet after 13 years, that they cannot speak there? On March 5th.

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker through you to Councillor Gerbasi. Our Public Works Operating Budget review is March the 5th. I believe it starts at 1:30. That's where every Department reporting to Public Works including Transit will have their Operating Revenues and Expenses for Councillor due diligence and overview. And the public is welcome to come and speak on whatever issue they want under the auspices of Public Works on March 5th.

Mr. Speaker: Second question. Further questions for Public Works? Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, I'm sorry, I'm not sure if this is out of order Mr. Speaker, but I wanted to rise on a Point of Order. Just asking for Council's indulgence and just going back to the motion number 1, it's related to the question I was just looking at here the Procedural By-law for Automatic Referral Mr. Speaker, and it says that all motions which do not on their face or through the remarks of the mover indicate that all reasonable efforts have been attempted to have the matter dealt with by the appropriate Committee shall be deemed to be referred to the appropriate Committee. Mr. Speaker, I'm rising on this Point of Order only because, Mr. Speaker, that this Item was made, this Item that we're talking here, the motion, which was dealt with on November 16th was not referred to the Committee and wasn't vetted through the Committee so that's why I'm rising, I'm rising on a Point of Order that this not be a Notice of Motion Mr. Speaker, and it actually should be an automatic referral.

Mr. Speaker: As we understand it once Notice is called; it can then come back one month later, and at which point then an automatic referral can -- someone can move it at that time. I'm sorry, we are out of order.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Mr. Speaker, am I allowed to challenge the Chair?

Mr. Speaker: It's a rule. It's not my rule, it's a rule.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Okay. My interpretation is different.
(inaudible)

Councillor Pagtakhan: I understand, I understand, I'm just saying…

Mr. Speaker: All right no further questions on the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Last question?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, seeing that nobody else had a question I wanted to wait. Based on the question and the answer from Councillor Vandal, my question from Councillor Eadie's question, does the Council, we have a criteria in place for snow clearing. We have very clear criteria, we have P1s, P2s and P3s; maybe the Councillor across the way didn't read that, but it's very clear; all areas of the City are treated equally based on that. Is the Councillor, the Chair of Public Works saying that he thinks there should be a special treatment for certain areas of the city over other areas of the city when it comes to snow clearing?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker through Councillor Wyatt; Councillor Wyatt didn't listen to my answer very clearly. I said, I will speak to the Director and review the Policy and get back to Councillor Eadie on our Policy that we've adopted.

Mr. Speaker: Second question? Nope. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. I would like to point out that the snow clearing Policy talks about 3 levels of plowing for both roads and sidewalks and within that Policy, it doesn't indicate anywhere where the snowplows start. And so what my request is actually asking, it's not asking for anything special. It's just asking that snowplows start in a certain place because they can start anywhere, frankly, Speaker Nordman and so my question to Councillor Vandal is that, is, I hope that in that context, you will discuss the matter with the head of Public Works?

Councillor Vandal: As I answered originally, I will speak to the head of Public Works as soon as this meeting is concluded and I will get back to Councillor Eadie.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Perhaps maybe I can cut to the chase here. Perhaps through you Mr. Speaker, I could ask Councillor Vandal if we have more than one sidewalk plowed and if in fact, is it not true that we start plowing everywhere not at any one particular area but we have enough sidewalk plowing equipment that we actually start everywhere throughout the city?

Councillor Vandal: Councillor Swandel is right. It's a big city. We have all sorts of teams out there doing more than one neighbourhood at a time. So I'm going to speak to the Director to talk specifically about

where we're at with residential snow plowing and I think we have to understand that it's barely snowed comparatively to other years so things are under control and I'm sure things will get done. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Seeing no further questions for Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, we'll move on the Standing Policy Committee for Finance. There's no report; no motions but we do have a By-law. Councillor Fielding.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Fielding: Sure, Mr. Speaker, I'm ready to move By-law No. 29/2012 be taken and read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 29/2012.

Councillor Fielding: Okay Mr. Speaker I would like to move By-law No. 29/2012 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 29/2012.

Councillor Fielding: I would also like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 29/2012 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.
Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Okay, that concludes the By-laws. Question Period for Finance, Councillor Gerbasi.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I asked a similar question earlier of the Mayor but I guess I'd like to hear the same question to the Finance chair. In working on the Operating Budget, I think most people understand there usually is a target given to the staff, for reductions or efficiencies or whatever word you want to use in the department. I expect it was probably around 5% and the Mayor told me there wasn't one given. Would you please clarify? Do you agree with that? That there was no target, sort of at least a target given, even a guideline, that there was nothing given to staff just do your best? Or could you clarify that?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding.

Councillor Fielding: Right thank you. Through the budget process, the numbers that we generally start out with is obviously the proposed budget for next year. We table a 3 year budget operating for the first year and the forecast for next year. So, that's the initial budgets that we do take a look at through the process. We try and look for efficiencies to find say taxpayers dollars; there's times where we look to enhance services, a good example of that are some of the community club funding that we put forward for Capital and for Operating. There's enhancement of snow clearing, there's a number of different enhancements that we've made throughout the year and so part of that's the decisions that are being made we are going to table the Budget next Tuesday, and so those decisions will come forward at the budget time.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Gerbasi: So, do you categorically deny that a 5% target was given to staff in your budget process as you were going through it at EPC?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding.

Councillor Fielding: The answer to that is quite simply, the budget is being tabled on Tuesday and so that is when the Departments will reveal their spending plans. We did have budget consultation sessions and I know Councillor Gerbasi wasn't able to make it that day, but in any event, that's part of the process we go ahead with and like other Governments across this nation and across the world, we table our document when the document comes forward and that's next Tuesday so decisions will be unveiled at that point.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Gerbasi: My question still hasn't been answered, so I'll ask it again. I understand the public was consulted with at one meeting. I understand that we will have about the budget processes that we will have coming forward. The question is was a target; is this an administrative relationship between EPC and the administration. Was the administration given a 5% cut target, yes or no?

Councillor Swandel: No.

Councillor Gerbasi: I didn't ask you.

Councillor Fielding: Well, through the budget process which this Council, actually not this Council but this Mayor and Executive Policy's established over the last number of years; I noticed for the last number of years there wasn't public consultations when your group was in charge of the budget process. So we're very happy that we engage with the public and since we started this process two and a half years ago, we've had about 7 public consultation sessions. I not sure how many of those you've attended Councillor Gerbasi, haven't seen you at any of them but you could of been, maybe submitted through our on-line process because we have another on-line process. We have a blog set up through the Department of Finance that helps us navigate for this but part of any budget process, you review what your revenue should be, what you're operation should, you know, how we're going to save some money that's a part of it. There is no questions, that the forecast in terms of the projections, I forget what the number exactly right now as we speak but overall was substantial; so part of that you do look to make reductions in terms of that, so we will be tabling on Tuesday those decisions were made before that point. So, thank you.
Mr. Speaker: Any further questions for Finance? Seeing none, we'll move onto the Standing Committee for Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank. Councillor Swandel.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'll introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Item 1.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. I see no motions. And we have a By-law, Councillor Swandel.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT – CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll move that By-law No. 42/2012 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 42/2012.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you. I will move that By-law No. 42/2012 be moved a second time.
Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 42/2012.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you, I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 42/2012 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Question Period for Downtown Development. Seeing none, we're going to move onto Governance and I'm going to hand the dais over to Councillor Pagtakhan.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On the Governance Committee report of January 12, 2012, Mr. Speaker, Councillor Nordman.

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED JANUARY 12, 2012**

Councillor Nordman: I would like to move Consent Agenda Item 3.

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

Councillor Nordman: Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Consideration of By-laws.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Nordman: I think we would like to move forward on -- excuse me, the By-laws read for the first time, By-law 27/2012 and 28/2012.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 27/2012; By-law No. 28/2012.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Councillor Nordman.
Councillor Nordman: I would like to move that the By-laws numbered 27/2012 and 28/2012 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-laws numbered 27/2012 and 28/2012.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Councillor Nordman.

Councillor Nordman: And I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 27/2012 and 28/2012 be read a third time and that the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Fielding moves adjournment and that we do now adjourn. Roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 11:21 a.m.