COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, October 24, 2012

The Council met at 9:34 a.m.

The Deputy City Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Eadie.

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 are joined today by our Page, Madison Fedyk from Glenlawn Collegiate. Madison resides in the North Kildonan Ward and we appreciate having her here today to assist the Councillors. We would like to welcome our guests today and with our friends from Red River College, the class of Creative Communications, their Professors Duncan McMonagle and Joanne Kelly, welcome. Quite a crowd up there, and we're not used to seeing that many people. On another note, we'd like to invite Mayor Katz and Councillor Fielding, but particularly Mayor Katz, if you would like to join us here at the dais and we're going to invite Sue Kathler, who is accompanied by Army Reservist, Master Corporal Jeremy Contois, it is the Army Reserve Appreciation Day, which was October the 3rd and we're going to recognize that with a photograph and presentation.

Mayor Katz: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker as you've already referred to, it is Army Reserve Recognition Day and October the 3rd, 2012 the Canadian Army marked the first Army Reserve Recognition Day to highlight the many contributions and successes of the Canadian Army Reserves. Reservists are a direct link between the Canadian Forces and the Canadian public. Located in over 100 communities in Canada, Reservists support the regular forces by providing soldiers, units or specialists to the Canadian Forces. They've been deployed in active operations in Afghanistan, Haiti and other international operations. The Army Reservists also support their local community events and contribute to domestic operations such as the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and closer to home, the flood relief efforts, right here in Winnipeg and Manitoba. They do this all while remaining active in their local communities and civilian jobs. I extend a heartfelt thank you to Sue Kathler and Master Corporal Jeremy Contois here today, along with the many men and women in the Army Reserves for their dedication to serving the Canadian Forces and the public at large. Thank you both.

Mr. Speaker: Congratulations.

Sue Kathler: Good morning, as the Chair for Canadian Forces Liaison Council, I would like to thank you, the City of Winnipeg and the representatives of the City of Winnipeg for the support that you in turn, have shown to our Army Reservists. We have had a long and prosperous history together and the support that you provide to our Army Reservists does not go unrecognized. So thank you for taking the time this morning to say thank you and thank you in return.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding would like to have a couple of moments.

Councillor Fielding: Sure, I would just like to add a few comments, just to what Mayor Katz had said. I had the pleasure and opportunity to join the Reserves up in Operation Arctic Ram which is in Arctic and Yellowknife, I think it was in early February, and one thing that I took back and you know, the area that I represent, the 17 Wing is in there and so we're entrenched in terms of the military history and tradition that is in St. James, you know Councillor Nordman, as well is well aware of that. But I would just like to make some comments in terms of the great work that you guys are doing in terms of you know, representing our country. It's just amazing when you go up there, the amount of dedication; people of all walks of life. You've got have accountants, you've got lawyers -- you have everyone from all walks of life that join the Reserves and play a real integral role in terms of defending our nation. And I was quite amazed at just in terms of the operations, what it takes to organize these things and we simulated or witnessed I guess; observed kind of a rogue state where they -- a satellite will go down and just the amount of organization and the dedication and the time away from your family to do something like this is truly outstanding and I just want to bring comments to that. I think

there have been other Councillors that have been able to witnessed this as well, somewhere towards like Councillor Swandel did and Councillor Nordman at that point. So, just like to recognize you for all that you're doing to the community and the military as a whole in terms of your contribution to the City. The amount of jobs, economic development that is there, I think it's really important and it can't be understated as much in terms of your commitment to the community and what you guys do for the Country. There's -- I don't think there are a lot of people that would do, what you're doing, seeing what you're doing on a day-to-day basis and you know it would be interesting to have all the Council and all the politicians really take a look at the commitment, at least that I saw on that weekend. I know that happens on a weekly and annual basis to be part of it, so congratulations and thanks to the Mayor for recognizing this.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Fielding. We unfortunately have a Condolence Motion which we would like read now, thank you.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Nordman,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor, Robert Douglas, which occurred on October 5, 2012.

Mr. Douglas served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Grants Mill Ward formerly Stevenson Ward from 1983 to 1992.

This Council extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the Douglas family in their bereavement.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. I would just like to make a couple of comments before we do have a moment of silence for Councillor Douglas. Councillor Douglas represented the Stevenson Ward which was partially Councillor Fielding's ward today and partially my ward so, he and I both had interaction with him over the years and found that he was, albeit not an elected official any longer but certainly active in the community and wanting the best for his former constituents. I asked Councillor Smith to second this motion because he served on Council back in the day of Councillor Douglas. So, at this point, if everyone would rise, we'll have a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence)

MINUTES

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. All right, I'll ask Councillor Mayes to move the minutes of the meeting held on September 27th.

All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

At this point we have no delegations so we'll – and Mayor Katz would like, before he moves into EPC, he has an announcement that he would also like to make.

Mayor Katz: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. As many of you know, Winnipeg's own Colleen Ferlan is now one of only four young women remaining in the national competition to become the next Dorothy in the Canadian production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's, the Wizard of Oz. I think we all probably recognize what an amazing achievement this is. Although Colleen is only 19, she certainly is a veteran in Winnipeg's musical theatre community. I had the opportunity to speak to her a few weeks ago and I would just like to see if everybody could join me in cheering her on in Over the Rainbow and the next broadcast on CBC television on Sunday night. And just to let you know, you can vote for Colleen on line or by phone, and voting details can be found at www.CBC.ca/overtherainbow. So, let's see if we can help Colleen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thanks Mr. Mayor and moving right into our reports, seeing no further announcements, the October third EPC meeting there was no report. The first one we have is October the 10th, your Worship.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED OCTOBER 10, 2012**

Mayor Katz: Yes, I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Item 1.

Mr. Speaker: Seeing no stand down, all those in favour? Opposed? Carried. October the 17th.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED OCTOBER 17, 2012**

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 to 3.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes would like to stand down number 3. Voting on 1 and 2. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Item 3 - Jubilee Rapid Transit Station

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I would love to hear from Councillor Mayes and then I certainly will try and address any concerns or questions.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, and I want to - I know my colleague, Councillor Pagtakhan has expressed concerns with the -- with this development in the past and I begin to share some of those concerns. My question on this particular aspect though is the statement on page 5 of the report which is -- we're being asked to vote for 1.7 million basically in funds and then we have the sentence - preliminary discussions with the department of local government have taken place and there exists the possibility that the Province of Manitoba will fund 50 percent of the city's contribution. There exists the possibility. Why are we proceeding -- with so much complaint about the province not funding things, here we have a chance where maybe we'll get provincial funding but instead we're going to go ahead and fund it, this is how this reads so I would like to get some clarification on that.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I think everybody knows the situation here. It's a $3.8 billion project funded majority by the public sector and the city is asked for their portion as well. I think we all know about the value of the development. We're taking an area that's going to be high density. It's great for what we call infill. I think everybody knows this is a great project. As far as the specific question, I can only share with Councillor Mayes and Councillor Pagtakhan and any other Councillors. I have not had any information come to me that basically says the province is going to fund this. I can tell you, this is a project that if it doesn't get started, it's not going to happen. So if we don't want high density and a situation where people can live in a great area, okay, and all the positives of it, this is in Councillor Gerbasi's ward, I believe she is fully supportive, she knows the project. She basically championed this through the FCM Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of timing and I think you all know the scenario. Sometimes people can wait long enough and then nothing happens and this project could die. So if you want the project to die because we want to wait for the provincial government to maybe say they will do something, then that would be the end result and I think many of us probably believe that's not going to happen. We've been talking about rapid transit and getting the provincial government to make a commitment for funding; we haven't got that on the table yet so why would you think this is likely and why would you jeopardize a project such as this? That's the best answer I can give.

Mr. Speaker: Second question? No? Okay. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Pagtakhan in opposition. Councillor Mayes in opposition.
Fair enough. We have no further EPC reports. There is a motion though, however, from Mayor Katz and Councillor Sharma, which is regarding in a single word description, bullying and it's an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee.

Mayor Katz: I would ask to see if we get a two-thirds vote on the floor of Council.

Mr. Speaker: You would like to suspend the rules? All right. Motion to suspend the rules? We need two-thirds. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried? Motion carried. We will suspend the rules and Mayor Katz would you like to introduce the motion.

Mayor Katz: I will Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure all members of Council have had an opportunity, so….

Mr. Speaker: You know what Mayor Katz may I interrupt and Councillor Eadie asked if we could have this read to him.

Mayor Katz: That's exactly what I was going to do.

Mr. Speaker: All right, if you would like to do that. Go right ahead.

EXECUTIVE POLICY C OMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Mayor Katz: The motion starts off as…

Whereas the City of Winnipeg recognizes its responsibility to build and maintain a respectful work place; where all employees enjoy an environment free of behaviours such as unlawful discrimination, harassment, disruptive workplace conflict, disrespectful behaviour and violence in the work place;

And Whereas the principle of fair and respectful treatment is a fundamental one that the City commits to upholding for all employees and the public they serve and;

Whereas, all City of Winnipeg employees have a responsibility to set an example through respecting the dignity and human rights of fellow employees, Councillors and the public; and;

Whereas the entire country has expressed its profound sorrow and outrage over the untimely death of Amanda Todd as a result of bullying; and;

Whereas the death of Amanda Todd has brought to light the seriousness of the bullying epidemic; and;

Whereas according to the Public Safety Canada studies, suggests that roughly 6 percent of students aged 12 to 19, report bullying others on a weekly basis. 8 percent report they are victims of bullying weekly and one percent report they are both victimized and bully others on a weekly basis; and;

Whereas according to another Canadian study, 41 percent of all students in grades 4 to 7 reported that they were victims of social media bullying and or bullied by others monthly. And that 7 percent of these students said they were victims of social media bullying on a weekly basis and 2 percent reported that they were bullied; other students socially on a weekly basis; and;

Whereas the Government of Ontario has recently passed anti-bullying legislation in order to address this serious national issue; and;

Whereas the Governments of Quebec and Nova Scotia have also introduced anti-bullying legislation, and;

Whereas 49 states in the United States have passed school and anti-bullying legislation; and;

Whereas the Winnipeg Police Association have launched the "cool to be kind" movement to combat bullying with honorary co- chairs, Councillor Devi Sharma and Minister Kevin Chief.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Winnipeg call upon the Province of Manitoba to take proactive steps and enact anti-bullying legislation similar to other jurisdictions to allow our children to enjoy a safe and respectful learning environment, free from harassments, violence, and discrimination.

And Mr. Speaker if I may, you'll see Councillor Thomas Steen is wearing his shirt. This is the “cool to be kind” t-shirt. Thank you, Thomas; it looks much better when you wear it. So, that is the motion. I hope everybody got a chance to look and I hope I read it slow enough for everybody else.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to second the motion to call upon the province of manitoba to take proactive steps to enact anti-bullying legislation. Our children, Mr. Speaker, deserve a safe and respectful

learning environment that is free from harassments, violence and discrimination. However, as the tragic story of Amanda Todd reminds us, this is so often not the case. In fact, many of our children report being bullied even as early as in 4th grade and we all know that social media and the Internet are making this problem more complicated and multifaceted for our youth. There are many important initiatives that aim to combat bullying such as “cool to be kind”, the Winnipeg Police Association's anti-bullying campaign, of which I'm proud to Co-chair. Jurisdictions across this country as well and indeed, the continent, are enacting anti-bullying legislation to give schools, administrators and policy makers, the tools to address this issue. For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, this motion calls upon the province of manitoba to enact comparable anti-bullying legislation to protect our youth and children today and into the future. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Sharma. Councillor Steen.

Councillor Steen: Mr. Speaker, I support this motion, and to call for the enacting of this legislation is absolutely a step in the right direction. I'm also proud to be involved in the Winnipeg Police Association's “cool to be kind” campaign that aims to combat bullying and instead teaches kids the importance of being a force of kindness. Our own foundation is part of sponsoring this program and we know that the anti-bullying program works all over the world. But it takes people who care and it takes people working together. And I was just in Toronto to swear in new immigrants. I was at Yonge and Dundas; there were thousands of people and all of a sudden a demonstration broke out. I never seen anything like it yet in my young political life, but I had 4 hockey players with me so we’re starting them out. But I think the diversity of Canada is why I love living here and why I love to be a Canadian and I'm very proud of it and we should do something about this bullying, starting at schools, internet, wherever we can. But I know there are fantastic programs out there and I love that the Winnipeg Police Association is taking charge in this. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Steen. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I just wanted to clarify and I think it is it good. I support the motion and it does call upon -- it refers to a little bit, I think, in a simplistic way, of legislating schools to go and do this anti-bullying stuff and I don't believe that's what this motion should be saying or does say. It does talk about the learning environment. So, I just want to clarify learning environment for what I believe it is and following up on Councillor Steen’s comments of how this has to work in partnership. Learning environments are all over the place. They are in schools and that's predominantly a big chunk of it but we have to remember and the city can take its own leadership role now. We don't have to wait for legislation. We have a lot of community centre programs; we have a lot of after school programs, we have pool, swimming programs, we have a lot of programs where I think we would be ignorant to say that there isn’t bullying going on, in those areas as well. So, while I appreciate the legislation, I think the city can and should do its own due diligence and doing our own type of policy to make sure that community centres and where we are engaging children, that we are free and doing our best to deal with the bullying issues that do happen. We know that. So, and I also stress that again, unlike the school division…like the school division, like this city, like the province, like the boys and girls club, like the parents as well; this has to be done in a partnership model. We can't just say they while they are at your school now, so it's not our problem or they are in your hockey program now, well not our problem. We have to be finding ways to work together, community school partnerships. These ways where we can make sure that those children never having that stress; they are not just left at the door at 3:30 and then have to be picked up by someone else. We need to be finding ways to communicate this so, the province would have to also be involved. So I share this first step but the city can be doing our own things as well and I think we should as well.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Smith.

Councillor Smith: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Last meeting of Council, I wore that shirt. I don't know where he got it from. He probably got it from my office. I support this motion whole heartedly. I think it's important for us to be unanimous in this and to tell the provincial government we want such legislation in Manitoba. Thank you.

Councillor Smith: Everyone here get a t-shirt. See Sharma. She’ll have them to sell.

Mr. Speaker: No further comments? Mayor Katz, would you like to close?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I think it's already been said. There is no point in being redundant and I very much appreciate the comments of everybody. And I think this is something we all have to participate in the solution. Bullying was different when most of us went to school, okay, you might get shoved around. Some might take your lunch money or whatever the case maybe but things are different today and when young people's lives are coming to an end as a result of this, I think everybody in the floor of Council would agree it's time to follow in the steps of the three provinces and 49 states, which does not mean we don't continue to do what we have to do as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Call the question then. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion carried unanimously as requested. Thank you very much. We move on to consideration of by-laws, Mayor Katz.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would move that By-law No. 130/2012 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 130/2012.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker I move By-law No. 130/2012 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 130/2012.

Mayor Katz: And Mr. Speaker I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 130/2012 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. Well it's question period for the Mayor and Councillor Gerbasi you're first, followed by Councillor Smith.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: It's question period for the Mayor. Councillor Gerbasi, you're first, followed by Councillor Smith.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is in regard to the Fire Station 11 expansion, and as we know, there was a decision made without Council authorization to increase the scope of the project, and I think it's a fair assumption that it can only be a few people who made that decision. Either the CAO made that decision or there was even discussion with politicians. We don't know who made that decision or how that decision was made and the reason we don't know is nobody's answered that question, and I'd like to ask the Mayor directly. I know there's a report coming, but can the Mayor not get that information to Council as soon as possible, in fact right now, give us an answer as to who made that decision to expand the scope of the Fire Hall Station 11 project?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I thank Councillor Gerbasi for that question, and there is a report and I can tell you that the answer is in the report, and I can also tell you, there have been times where the media got hold of information prior to members of Council, and how they complained that they had to read about information on City Hall in the media, so you know what? Maybe everybody should let the report go through the Chair, which is Councillor Havixbeck, they can all be there, it'll be in black and white, there'll be the opportunity to ask questions of the people involved and I can tell you the answer is in the report.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Gerbasi: I have a lot of different things I want to ask so I'm going to move on to another topic. Negotiation of funding for the next phase of Rapid Transit. Now there seems to be a disagreement on this but I have heard, and many have heard, the Premier state that the province is in for their one-third of the next phase of Rapid Transit. The federal government, as we voted on a motion at the last meeting to support, is developing a new long-term infrastructure program where funding is expected to be rolled out for 2014, perfect for Winnipeg's next rapid transit project. So will the Mayor update Council on how his efforts are going in assuring that funding will be available for that project and demonstrate that rapid transit is, in fact, a priority for the city. The city needs to come up with their funding as well, as well as securing this other funding going forward. Will you please update Council on how that process is going?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Through you to Councillor Gerbasi, I thank her for the question and I'll give a little refresher Mr. Speaker. I think everybody here on the floor of Council knows that rapid transit is a priority. That is why we came up with about eight different ideas how to fund rapid transit Mr. Speaker. We sent all these great ideas for the province to look at and explore and this could fund the rapid transit, and each and every time we got the same answer: no, no, no, no, no. Then it was budget time, the province took almost every idea we gave them and they raised about $182 million in taxes from the people based on the majority of our ideas. So when the Councillor tells me that the province has said they're in for their one-third, I think the real question is, exactly what does that mean Mr. Speaker. They're in for their one-third from what? From Building Canada funds? They're in for their one-third from tax incremental financing or they're actually putting money on the table now? Maybe the Councillor has the answer to that because I know the answer is neither of…those are the only things they've been considering. There is no real money on the table to date, but I would love to be wrong on this one Mr. Speaker. I would love to be wrong. Because the last go-round Mr. Speaker, we're the ones who put up the money for the province and they're still paying us back, and it's debt on our books Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Gerbasi: Mr. Mayor, as we know, you are the inter-governmental affairs representative. You are the person who has the role to go over and negotiate with the province, and that's why I'm asking you to take up that cause rather than…you know…they've said no to certain ideas like raising transit fares and other ideas, but I'm asking you to commit to negotiating the…we have new federal money coming down the pipe, we have…they have said they'll be their third; the problem is our third. And I'd like to know where you think our third is going to come from because we can't expect a hundred percent of the project to come from a money tree. It's got to come from this Council's commitment to it, and I'd like to know where you see that coming from, from us as well as your commitment to negotiate it with the other levels of government from their programs.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, as a reminder, the first phase of rapid transit, the City of Winnipeg came up with one hundred percent of the funds. One hundred percent. Alright? And we get paid back on a long-term basis, so we basically played bank for the province of Manitoba. Seems a little weird but that's the way it turned out. In this situation, as I said, I think we're all committed to rapid transit. There's many options for doing it. The province has very strongly said they would put in their one-third of Building Canada Funds. We don't know what that's going to be about, and I would tell you there are many Councillors on this floor who probably think there should be other priorities for Building Canada funds. The T.I.F. situation, the whole idea about the rapid transit and having a permanent scenario is that we're able to develop areas, get housing, get more development, broaden the tax base, so we have more money to do things we have to do, so T.I.F. isn't exactly a great idea, we've already said that. I can tell you I was with the Premier yesterday Mr. Speaker. We see each other on a regular basis. We talked about another project yesterday and I can assure Councillor Gerbasi, I will continue to talk to the Premier and see if we can get a source committed for funding, and you know what I've seen Mr. Speaker? Has there ever been a time where the city has not come up with their share? If you can think of one let me know because not only have we come up with our share, we came up with their share last time.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Smith. First question.

Councillor Smith: Yes. Mayor Katz, you must know who ordered the scope of the Fire Paramedic Station No. 11 to increase to 14,000 square feet from 10,500 square feet. You're saying we're going to have a report. Why can't you tell us? Why can't you name the individual today so we all know who made this authorization? And…okay.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Councillor Smith. Councillor Smith, I would be, through you Mr. Speaker to Councillor Smith, I would be more than happy to do that Mr. Speaker but you know what? I think I will follow protocol Mr. Speaker. There is the Chair of Protection and Community Services, there will be a report coming forward. If the Chair wants to release that information, I'll leave it up to the Chair to do that. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Smith: And are you willing to tell us the cost of the Fire Paramedic Station No. 11 today?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, I believe the cost has already been said many times but once again, if the Chair wants to give all that information, leave it up to the Chair. I have no problem with the Chair discussing whatever the Chair wants to talk about.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Smith: Mr. Mayor, I received an evasive answer finally yesterday to my question I asked you last Council meeting. Why has it taken over two years…why has it taken over two years to negotiate a new lease with Salisbury House in allowing that firm to pay the city only $2,000 a month for their prestigious location on Esplanade Riel Pedestrian Bridge, and what is the final amount of the rent now being asked to Salisbury House with an acceptance date of November 2nd. And what was the proposed rent to Salisbury House before this final offer?

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, the answer was anything but evasive. It was very specific. In an over-hold situation, they continue to pay exactly what they're paying. In the negotiations that are taking place right now, I'm happy to share with the Councillor exactly what the department is looking for. Number one, that the bilingual requirements that exist be maintained and fulfilled. Number two; that the city get market rent. Number three, it be a five-year agreement and number four, that they pay all realty taxes. And Mr. Speaker, I urge the Councillor, if he knows several other restaurateurs who are interested in that specific space, please share it with the department. It would be very much appreciated.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Mr. Speaker. A wise man said to me outside, it's all about the question period today, and for me that is accurate in that I have a number of questions about the new garbage and recycling and yard waste collection system. I have forewarned my colleague, Mr. Vandal, I'll have some questions for him when we get to the Infrastructure Committee, but I do have a question for the Mayor, and that pertains to a particular incident that has happened in my ward where there have been a great many problems in the South End—missed collection south of Bishop Grandin and south of the Perimeter. We have a situation…a number of people south of the Perimeter called me and I dealt with them on Thanksgiving Monday, "Where's our pickup. We haven't had it for two weeks now. We've called 3-1-1 six times." So I dealt with them Thanksgiving Monday and then remarkably city staff told me five days later, six days later, the problem really with Hallama and Grand Pointe is that the operator and supervisor didn't realize it was part of Winnipeg. They now know. So full stop. Really not good enough I would say Mr. Speaker, and I ask the Mayor if we as a city can do something, an apology, try to say something to these people who are paying City of Winnipeg taxes and who, moreover, are going to be getting a bill mailed to them to pay for services because they're not on city water. If we can say to them, look, somebody should have realized you were part of the City of Winnipeg. Somebody with Emterra or solid waste should have made sure we knew what was in the City of Winnipeg, so I ask the Mayor if he is prepared to take some steps to work with me to issue an apology or make sure we improve the collection in the south part of St. Vital and especially south of the Perimeter.

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Mr. Speaker, through you to Councillor Mayes, I thank him for the question, and I definitely agree with half of what Councillor Mayes said Mr. Speaker. I would say not only do we owe those constituents an apology, but we owe all the constituents of the City of Winnipeg who have been inconvenienced, an apology. Many people have gone through some unnecessary grief and aggravation to say the least. Others have been fine. They all are owed an apology. That's number one. Number two, we have asked for an update from Water and Waste and to make sure we are up to date on the collection, and I can tell you that I would be more than happy to meet with Councillor Mayes and Darryl Drohomerski who is in charge of Water and Waste, and it would be an absolute priority to apologize to those people and to publicly apologize to all the citizens of Winnipeg who have been inconvenienced. I would have no problem doing that on the corner of Portage and Main because that's exactly the way it should be, unfortunately. And that includes everybody in here who's also gone through the same situation.

Mr. Speaker: Second question Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you for the response and I, just for clarity, I didn't mean for my remarks to sound like any sort of criticism or attack personally on any city staff or Darryl. I know Darryl's…I'll send him late night emails on the weekend and he'll respond late night and probably for all of us, so I know he's working hard, however we continue to have some real implementation problems but I thank the Mayor for his response.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Mr. Speaker, there seems to be a lot of negatives to talk about in this place these days. You know as I sit and I listen and I read the newspapers and listen to the radio or watch television news, it seems that we are getting caught in some of the muck and the mire, and that's becoming the branding of our city. You know, really important things…I brought some of them up last time asking about some of the housing stuff and I know my colleagues

are aware that we've recently had some issues with the Occidental Hotel losing some funding, some of the most vulnerable people in our society being affected, hearing some rumblings that the Bell Hotel might be in the same types of things, but to put it in perspective, one of those individuals that received supportive housing at the new Bell Hotel project represented over 250 trips to medical facilities, emergency medical trips in our City prior to having that support, and now this past year it was six trips. I'm just wondering what we as a city, through you Mr. Speaker to the Mayor, are doing to championing these supportive living facilities that are bringing so much value to us, whether it's in the medical field or other emergency services that are more available to serve other needs within the city. What, if any, strategies do we have and who do we have advocating to ensure that the funding is staying in place and that these facilities are being continued to be available to the most vulnerable people in our society and they are getting the supports that they need to bring the value to all taxpayers and not just on the dollar side but also on the social side of our city?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Through you to Councillor Swandel Mr. Speaker, I thank him for the question. Just for some factual information, I know at the last Council meeting, Councillor Swandel asked me about the situation with the provincial government and about money that was supposed to come from development into housing in the downtown. I just want the Councillor to know that a letter has been sent out and I do expect a response. I can tell you that preliminary information is that they have been putting money into housing projects, but hopefully we'll get some detailed response. I think Councillor Swandel kind of, you know, basically got it the way it is. The reality is that we're not doing as good a job as we should, and if we do the right job, it's actually an investment, because just imagine the amount of time that our fire and paramedics are spending along with our police in the type of situations that Councillor Swandel alluded to, and the realities are if we make these investments, and I would say to you these investments should be a combination of all three levels of government including the private sector, there's no doubt this would be a much better city and also be a much more compassionate city. I can also tell you that I've had some discussions. There is a committee that's been set up through the United Way on dealing with the poverty issue and homelessness issue, and some ideas will be flowing and from my point of view, one of the ideas that Councillor Swandel mentioned is more transitional or more housing for these people is definitely at the top of the list. There's no question about it. It's definitely the right thing to do. It's taken far too long and hopefully we can move on something like that as quick as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just carrying on with some positive messages, the housing stuff, the stuff we've been able to do is certainly good and I see some of the questioning that's going on regarding fire stations and some of the transactions that have happened. I think one of the things, Mr. Speaker; that gets lost in all of that is the fact that we're in the process of building four new fire stations, and yes there's been some decision making that's come under question. Four new fire stations at a pretty reasonable cost. I wonder through you Mr. Speaker, if the Mayor could let us know when the last time this type of significant infrastructure investment has been made in our fire and paramedic services in the City of Winnipeg in such a short period of time, and one of the things that's causing our problem here is the drive and this tight time line to access some Federal dollars, but when was the last time that type of significant infrastructure investment has been made in fire and paramedic services?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Through you to Councillor Swandel Mr. Speaker, quite often you'll read or you'll hear about our fire stations that are almost a hundred years old. It gives you an idea of our decaying infrastructure and for people who don't realize, fire halls and police stations and libraries and community centres, that's that fancy word that, you know, we call "infrastructure". The reality is that it's been a long, long time. You're probably looking back at least 20 to 25 years since you've seen an investment, a significant investment such as what we're doing right now with four fire halls, my understanding is that three of them are already complete and one is under construction Mr. Speaker. So, you haven't seen something like this in decades Mr. Speaker. It's long overdue and we've always known, it's no secret, we talk about infrastructure deficit on a regular basis and this was a perfect example, and with these new fire halls, Mr. Speaker, it'll do two things. One…actually three…it'll keep our citizens safer because response times will be quicker. Number two, it'll keep the men and women of the Fire and Paramedic Service safer and number three, it will also provide training as well. So it's basically a win, win, win. The sad part of all this situation as the Councillor pointed out, something wonderful and special is happening. We're re-investing money in key infrastructure and unfortunately that seems to have gotten lost. That's the sad part of this Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Last question Councillor Swandel.

Councillor Swandel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the answer. I think it's important that we don't lose sight to exactly what it is that we're getting done, and there's a great deal of value being put on the table here in spite of some of the things that are going on.

My final question…I guess it's a bit of an "are you aware" type of question. The last time that we saw some of these challenges, we did about $21 million worth of work…I think it was 21 million...I'm grabbing the numbers out of thin air here a bit…where all three levels of government were one-third partners in A.T. infrastructure, and it was under the stimulus program and there was really tight time-lines put on at that time. I believe there was a great deal of criticism at that time about how we did that public consultation, but one of the things that also happened…and we got a great deal of infrastructure built out of it and people couldn't say they like it or they disliked it…that's not my point. I want to know if the Mayor is aware that by the time that was done, the City of Winnipeg, because we had to rush, ended up having to pay 12 million I believe was the number, of the $21 million because of the way the criteria was stated and because we had to rush so fast to get in there, so rather than being a $7 million player we ended up being a $21 million player because we were trying to do decision making with a gun to our head as was the case in this situation as well. $12 million…$5 million greater than we were supposed to get and we left on the table, you know, the same value coming from the other two levels of government. Is the Mayor aware of that or something similar that would have transpired through that program that was "gun to your head" decision making as a result of tight time lines put on by the Federal program?

Mr. Speaker: Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: I could give you a short answer. Just say "yes" Mr. Speaker, but you know me, I won't do that. The answer is yes, I am very much aware of it, and unfortunately due to circumstances that were beyond our control in that situation, we did end up investing more, but what the key thing is, that stimulus was a one-time situation. The bigger problem that exists Mr. Speaker, that happens to us all the time, and that's why I've asked for a change in the Building Canada funding scenario. As you know, every four years they come up with Building Canada funds. As you know it's supposed to be one-third, one-third, one-third…federal, provincial and then city. As you know, because I've said it so many times, how is it fair and reasonable that out of every dollar collected in this province, 65 cents goes to the Provincial Government, 27 cents to the Federal Government and 8 cents to the City of Winnipeg, yet we're expected to match one-third, one-third, one-third. You do the arithmetic. You can't do that very long Mr. Speaker. But the worst part is Mr. Speaker, even when we do get these commitments, quite often under Building Canada funds Mr. Speaker, we fund more than one-third. There are certain expenses that aren't allowed, certain things changed during the period of time, so it's never a one-third and whatever is agreed to at that particular point in time, that's the way it is. So if a project is, for argument's sake, $45 million, and we're each in for 15 and the project ends up being $55 million, guess who's on the hook for the extra 10 Mr. Speaker? It's not a one-third, one-third, one-third. The City is always paying more, and in addition to that, that's why when the Federal Government was doing the tour across Canada and coming to ask questions about the whole funding mechanism, I basically made it simple and clear. You know, Building Canada funds doesn't work, alright? The answer is real simple. Change the way you divide the pie. Just imagine, just imagine Mr. Speaker, that same pie, but as opposed to 65 cents to the Province it was 57 cents. The Feds stay the same at 27; we're now at 16 cents. Do you know what that gives us Mr. Speaker? We could not only address our existing infrastructure problems, we could start building new infrastructure. As everybody knows right now, you can go out there today and borrow money, long-term money, thirty, forty year money at 3.77 percent. You know, that's all it takes. It's just a matter of changing the distribution of the pie, and the numbers I've given you are after net, after transfers from everywhere, and you can see it's not logical. I can assure you that anytime there is a problem, okay, anytime there is a problem, who do you think gets called? All the people sitting on this floor. No matter what the topic is, most people think that the Mayor and City Council are in charge of everything…everything. That's just the way the public thinks and I understand why they think that. So if you just change the formula, we could address so many of our problems and we could start right away. The biggest concern I would have is whether the industry could have enough capacity to do the work that needs to be done, and I've said to you before, this is a serious, serious situation okay. And people can pretend it's not so bad, but you look at our back lanes, look at our streets, look at our sidewalks, look at our curbs, look at our libraries, look at our bridges, look at our…well fire halls we're working on. You know community centres. It's on and on, and it's our infrastructure that makes every city what it is. It's your infrastructure that defines you Mr. Speaker. And at some point in time, someone has to get a handle and realize that the facts are quite simple Mr. Speaker. Not only do they call the Mayor and Councillors before they call their MLA. or their MP, but who do you think is closest to the people on the street? Who do you think has better ideas of what needs to be done, and I'll tell you the real problem with the funding. It's not necessarily done on what we as a collective may think is the best. It's not necessarily done on our experts, our engineers saying to us "this bridge is falling apart. You'd better fix it first. It's our number one priority." Or "there's a real problem at this intersection. People are going to die if you don't address the problem." It's not the priorities that are done. It's basically what everybody thinks what they want to get done Mr. Speaker. It's not done on factual information. It's done basically on politicians saying "I want this, I want that. There's an election coming up. I want this person re-elected or this person…" whatever the case may be. That's the way it's done. It's been done that

way for years, which is why I have basically made a presentation and told them it's time to get away from that. We need long-term guaranteed sustainable funding, and with a re-distribution of the pie, it would be able to fulfill every single sidewalk or back lane that Councillor Smith wants fixed. We could do them all. We could do them all Mr. Speaker. The revenue is there. It's just the way it's being spent. And there was a time, Mr. Speaker, when we were told, "hey you guys, get your house in order". Mr. Speaker, our house is in order financially. We by law have to balance our budget. It's not an easy task Mr. Speaker, but we do it okay. They wanted us to raise more revenue, the Province, by increasing property taxes. Begrudgingly, we did it last year Mr. Speaker. We are moving forward and we can see what's going on down the line. This is the opportunity for us to act on infrastructure. I just came back yesterday I guess Mr. Speaker from Ottawa, where I was before a House of Commons Committee on P3s, and I went there…I thought I went as a delegation. It turned out I went as a witness. That's the terminology they used. So I made my presentation and then they ask you questions and you get asked questions by Members of Parliament who are Liberals, New Democrats, Conservatives, etc. And as many people here already know, in the Province of Ontario they have Infrastructure Ontario. They have done more P3's than you can imagine, and they're moving faster than any other province because of that. And I specifically told them Mr. Speaker, P3's are not the answer to every infrastructure problem, but for some they're perfect. The bigger, the larger ones, they make a lot of sense and the reasoning is there. Smaller ones that we have a good handle on, we've shown expertise, those are the ones Mr. Speaker that we can do, we don't need to go. So the realities right now, everybody's looking at infrastructure funding. It's the talk. Councillor Gerbasi came back from Quebec I believe and talked about supporting a motion of the FCM to include transit, which we're happy to do because I think that is part of our infrastructure, but the realities are, the roads, the bridges, the community centres, the back lanes, the streets, the libraries…that's our infrastructure, and we've made major in-roads with the limited capacity we have, but the facts are some of them are getting worse and worse. And here's what I really fear. Not only will it be climbing. The year 2018, its projected to be $7.4 billion, which a number most people can't even grasp Mr. Speaker. How's the average citizen supposed to understand what that means? They can't okay. But what my concern is - is that the load is getting so heavy that we're going to have to wait and something bad is going to happen like it's happened in other cities, where a bridge has collapsed and people's lives have been lost. That's why everybody should be working with all levels of government to address the infrastructure, and the sad part is Mr. Speaker, the money is there. I just showed you the pie how it's divided. The money is there. All we need is re-distribution, and I would ask all members of Council to talk to their MLA, to talk to their Member of Parliament, and work on a re-distribution of the pie so we have long-term sustainable funding so this Council, based on the priorities, can basically come up with a plan and we can re-do our City and be the great city that each and every member of Council wants us to be. The opportunity Mr. Speaker is there. All it takes is the determination and the voice to speak out and say this has to be done. Let's get it done right now Mr. Speaker. So I would ask all members of Council to please support me in this endeavor. It should be our number one priority. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor and that concludes question period. We have next on the agenda the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report, motions or by-laws. Do we have questions for finance? Councillor Gerbasi to Councillor Fielding.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gerbasi: I was going to ask the Mayor this question but we ran out of time in question period today. But I also think it's relevant to ask the Chair of Finance Committee obviously about the budget that's coming up, and I wanted to raise that because it's the time of year that we're going to be going into the budget. As a member of Council who represents 45,000 people, I have not heard boo about what the process is going to be this year. I've heard rumours. I know people are working on it, and over the last number of years, a number of us on Council have been asking for a better budget process that's more inclusive of all members of Council, and I don't mean by that a 15 minute phone call asking for a wish list. A wish list is not consultation and participation in a budget process. I used to be on EPC many years ago now, and I do remember doing those budgets, and when you are in there doing those budgets you would be given administrative support and analysis of what the budget situation was and what our options were to choose from. It's not just about wish lists, and I guess I'm wondering…I just also wanted to mention that in cities like Edmonton, which is a similar-sized Council, slightly smaller but similar sized Council, all members of Council participate in the budget process for months leading up to the budget, and I know that's not been our process even before this Mayor was here, but I'm suggesting that our current process is very flawed and I think most people have agreed that our current process is very flawed. For Councillors that are elected to read in the newspapers…to get briefed an hour before the media and here's your budget, and then you have to put on a Sherlock Holmes hat and figure out what it really means and sift through the spin and determine what's in the budget. In cities like Edmonton where they work together on their budget…I have two minutes but I don't know if I've…

Mr. Speaker: Well, is there a question?

Councillor Gerbasi: Yeah, there will be after my pre-amble. Thank you Mr. Speaker. The reason I'm bringing up cities like Edmonton is that in their budgets, they're doing really innovative things, for example a neighbourhood revitalization levy that people are aware of, and they know where that money goes and it's dedicated to neighbourhood revitalization. We aren't really coming up with these kinds of ideas. Councillors have not…you know who are…so I guess my point is, my question is that we'll get to that, is, is there going to be any change in the current budget process and is there any information you can give us about what's going to happen this year in the budget process?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding.

Councillor Fielding: Sure thank you Mr. Speaker, and yes we have been engaged in the budget process. There's a budget working group like we have every year which Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Swandel are a part of. We've obviously been having background meetings with the departments where they make their presentations. We will be having a public consultation session that will be happening in November. We're working to finalize the details for that. We would also like to introduce some sort of other model, whether we work with the Standing Committee's where we'd have an opportunity for people to come and participate and maybe have a priority session at some of the standing committees, whether it be Public Works or Community Services, you name it. And also if there's any interest in terms of having, you know, speak at our community committee, if that would work for Councillors, we're more than open to do that, or if there's community groups that are a part of that we'd like to engage in that process. So we are well on our way. You know of course in the past, you know, we have had close to 12 consultation sessions. I joked with my good friend Councillor Gerbasi that she hasn't been able to make any of the 12 that we've had before. By the way, they were introduced with us being the budget…this is my seventh budget session that I've been involved in, so what I'm committed to do this year is to ensure that Councillor Gerbasi can make that session. I'm going to work around her schedule to ensure that she's going to be at the public consultation session that's there, because it's important to get background information from all the Councillors. There is a number of Councillors that I have met. I haven't met with everyone yet, but just looking around the room, there's obviously members of EPC which I talk to on a daily basis. I've met with Councillor Steen. I've talked with Councillor Sharma. I've met or consulted with Councillor Pagtakhan, Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Mayes, Councillor Havixbeck, Councillor Eadie I haven't met with as yet, Councillor Browaty as well, in terms of what priorities there are for the budget process. That's something we'd like to engage upon, so I think that's where we are with the capital budget. We would like to move towards a combined budget this year. After last session we had some experts kind of give a background of how we can move together, and we'd like to probably get the capital projects up early to ensure that contractors here of the Heavy Construction Association and a number of other agencies and organizations, they like to know what projects we're going to be doing, so we possibly see releasing that early and moving towards a combined capital and operating budget together. So that's the latest and greatest for it and once again, I'll ensure that I have those dates that work for Councillor Gerbasi's schedule to ensure she can make it this year. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yeah last year there was one meeting. There wasn't 12, so I don't know what number of years the 12 is under, but that one meeting was on our community committee meeting night, but attending that meeting, it really isn't what my point was Mr. Speaker. I do appreciate the answer and this is the first information I've heard this year about the budget. I appreciate hearing some information, but you know, it's not so much that you go to a meeting so you can say consultation is complete. What I'm talking about is the type of consultation, and I'm asking for a different type of approach. I'm asking for not asking Councillors simply for a wish list of what they want in their ward. I'm asking for a collaborative process where Councillors work on a budget together as a Council. Is that something you're prepared to consider Mr. Chair, through you to the Speaker? Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding.

Councillor Fielding: Well I guess what I would suggest is, I think mention that, I generally met with all, a number of the Councillors there and committed to doing that as such. You know I think that the process that we outline having, you know, a public consultation session is important. I think having it at community committee or if any Councillors want us to go to any community centres, what have you, we're more than open to do that, which I think is important. I do recognize the fact though too, when Councillor Gerbasi was on Executive Policy Committee when she was the economic lieutenant for…

Councillor Gerbasi: I was never the economic lieutenant.

Councillor Fielding…former Mayor Glen Murray, that this is exactly the same process that was used back then, and so the questions that I have some concerns about now is it was good then, but now it doesn't seem to be working, so you've got to be consistent too when you're in politics, and this is a process that the provincial government uses. You

know, if there are some changes we can make, I've made a few. We're definitely open to that. It's early in the process right now so if there's some sort of way we can engage more with Council, we're all open to yours.

Mr. Speaker. Someone else did have their hand up. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had two questions. The first one pertains to, I had four residents contact me from St. Vital Ward indicating that this summer they were apprised that their assessment would be increasing because the City had imputed that they had finished their basements, because the City, doing a sweep through the neighbourhood, had not been able to get access to their homes. Some people admitted they got the notice and ignored it, some people claim they never got the notice, but all of these folks that appealed, they successfully appealed, I talked to City staff--Brad Cull, Mel Chambers, very long detailed responses to their credit about our policy, but I'm wondering if, as Chair of Finance, if Councillor Fielding could work with me, work with those staff to see if we can get a notice that goes to the public that's a little clearer, that essentially says if we're in your neighbourhood, we want to come in and see if you've finished your basement, if you ignore us we are frankly going to impute that you finished your basement and your assessment's going to go up. If people choose to ignore that, that's their problem, but what we have right now is people claiming they didn't know what would happen if they ignored the notice and now they've had to take the day off work and appeal. They've all successfully appealed, but I'm not faulting the policy, because we've got to frankly have a coherent assessment system, but it sounds like there may be some problems with the notice.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding.

Councillor Fielding: Sure, Councillor Mayes raises, and I appreciate the question. I think Councillor Orlikow had some concerns or residents that had spoken to him as well on it. So yeah, you're exactly right, that is the process. The issue sometimes is, when you are going through assessment, getting a knock on the door from our Assessment Department or a note in the mail, believe it or not it's not the first thing that people sometimes respond back to the city on, our Assessment Department. So there is a process that they do have in place to ensure we are accurately recording what people's valuations of land are. We do use the permitting system so we know if people are doing basements or whatever else, but as you probably know there are people that still, you know, do work without permitting. So it is a means to get people reporting, I guess, in terms of the assessment. I did ask some questions in terms of this. This is a process actually that has been going on through the City of Winnipeg for a number of years. It's not a new process. I also did ask the question what did they do outside the City of Winnipeg because they obviously have a similar system but different, and I guess this is a similar process that are there. My concern that you had raised too is in terms of the communication, so absolutely. I'll take it even a step further Councillor Mayes, and suggest if there is better way we can put together a form and be able to collect all the data we have to have a proper assessment. You know I think we can have a bit of a review to make sure the process that we've got in place right now is working. At the very least we can have a communication system that works a little bit better so that people understand what the process is. So committed to doing that, we can do that through the committee through Finance I'm assuming, but otherwise I'll make sure I'll correspond with the CAO and CFO is respective to all of Council.

Mr. Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Mayes: My second question Councillor Fielding may wish to refer to the Chair of the Alternative Service Delivery Committee as jurisdictionally it may properly lie there, but I will ask Councillor Fielding as we don't have an ASD report, and that is a couple of people on the weekend approached me and said "you've gone to the managed competition process for the"…well they didn't say that, they said "you've got the four golf courses that formerly were under the City's jurisdiction. They're now going to be run through the managed competition process wherever that ends up", and these people said "we can't afford green fees at the private courses, so what's going to be the cost of places like Windsor Park and what sort of control does the City have on that", so I know we're moving forward in a process on that, but I guess my question is, do we have some jurisdiction over that as Council or are we able to set some limits in terms of what the green fees are going to be at the four courses that formerly were directly run by the City but it appears will now be run in some other fashion?

Councillor Fielding: Well, first of all we are at the start of the process for the managed competition, as people know. That's a process we're going get some more information, and the unions are involved in that process to find out what the cost would be. You know, for our processes right now, while we still have the golf courses and operating some of them and some are leases and a whole bunch of different arrangements for it, we do kind of a market sounding if you will, kind of, you know, what other courses are basically charging, and as you can see probably the trends over the last number of years, you know, they haven't increased substantially for it, but that's because we were looking to see what other courses, you know, for Kildonan you've got Shooters which is close to it right? So you're going to have to evaluate to see what the dollars and cents are for it. We're going to see if we go through with operating portion of things that will come back through Council, so we'll make those decisions, so I guess at this point we don't have…I don't have any

answers for you but I can just tell you kind of from a free market perspective, if someone…if you're an owner/operator, if you're Ben Smirnoff or whomever is running some of these facilities for us, you're going to take a look around to see what other people are charging because if you're $20 above and beyond what Shooters is charging or one of the other private courses, you're not going to get a lot of business right? So I think just inherently, it would make sense if you're moving toward an owner/operator system where they're going to…the market's going to dictate that You know, if it's not as good of a course you're probably going to pay less for it. If it's a better course you might pay a few extra bucks…five, ten dollars extra, for a great course. So I'm not sure that answers your question but the reality is, we don't know if we're going to move in this direction or not. Got to get that information and we're going to come back and we'll make those decisions at that point but I will ask that question too when the process starts.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Steen.

Councillor Steen: Yes, Mr. Speaker, through you to Chair of Finance, I just want to ask, I know there are some cost overruns for the fire stations in the city and we have a fire station on Kimberly in my area that's been sort of in the loops for renovations for about 1.2 million. The first time in 2012, a second time in 2013, and I understand that the fire halls are very important everywhere and we're waiting patiently. So my question is, is there a chance that we're going to be in the budget for 2014?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding.

Councillor Fielding: Thank you Councillor Steen for the question. Well, right now we obviously know that there's cost overruns on the 11 Station that's been documented in the media, and I believe there's reports coming out over the next number of days on that. With that being said, there is a process that we engaged in, I think in the late '90s, in terms of what fire halls need expanding and that's based on, you know, for instance Sage Creek is one where we needed obviously some coverage because there wasn't a fire hall that's there. So there is a comprehensive plan of which ones will go first, and so at that point what we do is we take the advice of our Fire Chief and the staff there in terms of the priorities and which one has to happen. I can tell you, you know, there is…if there is…the cost overruns, which I think the report has…

Mr. Speaker: Carry on.

Councillor Fielding: …that would probably be taken up, the dollars to pay for this will be taken up through the capital programs through next year, so things would be delayed as we go forward. But once again, we're going to take the advice from the Fire Chief on that in terms of the priority for it, and, you know, I believe the one at Whytewold and Autumnwood would be the next two that would go there if there's a way to kind of address the issue that you have I believe it's a concrete issue at the Kimberly Station, maybe you could do it over a two, three year period. But those decisions haven't been made and we do take the advice from the Fire Chief on that aspect of it so…

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That concludes the question period for Finance. Sorry Councillor Smith, we're out of time.

We're moving on to the Standing Policy Committee of Downtown Development, Heritage, and River Bank there is no report: No motions. There is no consideration of by-laws. We have a question period. Are there questions for River Bank Management? Downtown? Seeing none we'll carry on to the next Standing Committee which is Standing Policy Committee for Property and Development. Councillor Browaty.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED OCTOBER 9, 2012

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce the report of October 9 and move the consent agenda Items 1 to 10.

Mr. Speaker: Seeing none. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. By-laws. Motion number 2, right. Councillor Vandal or Mayor Katz has put forward a motion on the Mission neighbourhood. Automatic referral. Everyone has had a chance I guess to read that so we'll move that on to PP and D. Consideration of by-laws, Councillor Browaty.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
MOTIONS

Motion 2
Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS the recent bio diesel fire in St Boniface occurred on land zoned M3, which was in close proximity to a residential neighbourhood;

AND WHEREAS there are other tracts of M3 zoned land in the general vicinity of the bio diesel fire, which is in close proximity of residential land;

AND WHEREAS there is a general consensus from residents and economic development organizations that it is time to review the land use of the entire area bordered by Archibald to the west, Marion to the south, Lagimodiere to the east and Mission to the north (generally the Mission Industrial Neighbourhood) in an effort to promote safe, planned and orderly development between heavy industrial uses and existing and future residential uses;

AND WHEREAS there are current plans to enhance residential living opportunities in this general vicinity;

AND WHEREAS there are plans for a significant enhancement to Marion St, east of Archibald;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Service be directed to research and analyze planning approaches (including a potential new secondary plan) for mitigating conflicts between residential and heavy industrial uses, with a focus on the Mission Industrial Neighbourhood, in order to promote safe and orderly development;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Public Service consult and verify with the Provincial government that all requirements and conditions are consistently monitored for existing Industrial uses with Provincial Environmental licenses.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move that By-law No. 136/2012 be read a first time.
Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 136/2012.

Councillor Browaty: I move that the following by-laws numbered be read a first time. By-law No. 111/2012, 138/2012, 139/2012, 140/2012, 141/2012.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 111/2012, By-law No. 138/2012, By-law No. 139/2012, By-law No. 140/2012, and By-law No. 141/2012.

Councillor Browaty: I move that by-laws numbered 111/2012, 138/2012, to 141/2012 both inclusive be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-laws numbered 111/2012, 138/2012 to 141/2012 both inclusive.

Councillor Browaty: I move that the rule be suspended and by-laws numbered 111/2012, 138/2012, to 141/2012, both inclusive be read a third time and that same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Question period for Property and Development. No questions? Councillor Browaty you are off the hook. Moving on to the next Standing Committee which is Protection and Community Services, Councillor Havixbeck.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE
ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED OCTOBER 1, 2012**

Councillor Havixbeck: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to move Item number 1, Literacy for Life.

Mr. Speaker: Seeing no stand down. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE
ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
MOTIONS**

Motion 3
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS it is beneficial for families to raise their own food;

AND WHEREAS chicken eggs are an essential part of most families' diets;

AND WHEREAS large poultry operations and farms produce eggs that have increased levels of hormones and antibiotics, whereby raising chickens at home, you have organic eggs;

AND WHEREAS the raising of hens is allowed in Seattle, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Vancouver, Victoria, and Kamloops with no negative impacts on neighbourhoods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask the Winnipeg Public Service to consider the by-laws and practices of cities that allow the raising of hens and report to the Standing Policy committees having jurisdiction on the feasibility of allowing the raising of hens in the City of Winnipeg.

We have a motion from Councillor Smith and Councillor Gerbasi which is automatic referral to Protection and Community Services. We appreciate the gift that was left on our desk this morning. It's no yolk.... anyway. Consideration of by-laws, we have none for Protection and Community Services.

We have question period. Question period. Councillor Gerbasi.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE
ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As the Mayor in his question period said that the Chair of the Committee might have answers, the only answer we were able to get from the Mayor on the question of who authorized the expansion of Fire Hall 11, the only answer was that there is a report coming, and I guess I wonder does the Chair…is the Chair intending to just simply give us that answer, or is she willing to give us some information about who made that decision and I'm assuming that the question also is, do you know who made those decisions and will you give us some answers ahead of this report because it's a simple question that the report could maybe provide more detail, but maybe you could just answer the question.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Havixbeck.

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes thank you Councillor Gerbasi for the question. Through you Mr. Speaker to Councillor Gerbasi, the report will be presented at the meeting on Monday, therefore the rules of this organization are such that it will be made public tomorrow. So I intend to adhere to the rules that are set forth by Council.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. It was my pleasure to cook those eggs this morning. As I tried to figure out the motions I was going to move today. Anyway…Speaker Nordman, I would like to, through you, question to the Chairperson of the Committee on Protection, and I don't know that it's necessarily appropriate to ask this question, but I wasn't able to ask the Mayor. I understand that there's some negotiations with the Province in relation to the Police Board, the new Police Board that will be established on December 1st, in terms of getting the administrative dollars to

make sure that this Police Board can function in an appropriate manner, but my question to the chairperson is, is there actually a process ongoing right now to find the proper administrator who could support the operations and make sure that this public…or Police Board, will be functional and able to accomplish the task that it needs to?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Havixbeck.

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes thank you for that question. You know, I hate to say it, but it's kind of a chicken and egg thing. It's really kind of hard to go out and recruit someone when you don't know that you have any money towards a particular legislative requirement, so that would be my answer to that.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. It sounds then like that search hasn't been initiated at this point, so I thank you for that. Just a follow up on police boards, and I don't think that this is actually a fair question, but Protection does have to make sure that there is a transition for the Police Board, and my question is simply this. Is the Chairperson aware if an inner-city City Councillor will be appointed to the Police Board?

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Havixbeck.

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes thank you for that question. I guess there have been no specific decisions made toward this. There is a legislative requirement for this, the Police Board, to be formed by December 1st. I just would remind the Councillor through you Mr. Speaker that the ultimate authority for budgets would remain with the City of Winnipeg. As for there being an inner-city Councillor, you know, there are differing views around the table, and input is always welcome, so if Councillor Eadie has some specific suggestions, I would be open to hearing them.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Eadie: Last question Speaker Nordman. I guess I would just provide the advice that there should be, because of…I mean…its important…policing is an issue for the whole City. However, it is important that a person who represents the people on the ground in the inner-city is on a Police Board to ensure that there is a proper balance of policing, because while the budget does remain with Council, how the Winnipeg Police Service operates and conducts its business is going to be run by the Police Board and actually when our new Police Chief decides to retire, that Police Board will also be selecting a new Chief of Police, which is essential to have an inner-city representative, even in that process. So my question is, can you carry that or will you be able to carry that forward to the Mayor when you're having discussions?

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes thank you for that. You know, I think as City Councillors we are City Councillors. We are not ward Councillors, and the onus is on each of us to take that seriously and learn about all the different areas in our city. Just because a Councillor may be from Charleswood or maybe from St. Norbert or maybe from St. Boniface, does not particularly mean that they only know that area of the city and the challenges that it makes. I can tell you that in learning more about the School Resource Officer Program that we currently have in our city, and how that's been established and how that's working, and looking at other jurisdictions, and truthfully as a single mother with two boys and having grown up and seen challenges in the north end and in the core area, my eyes are open to having a full appreciation for what actually goes on in many parts of our city, and I think if you asked any Councillor from around the table here, each Councillor could share their own experiences with going to different events, going to different schools, meeting with principles. In fact, you know I've been working with Councillor Smith in his ward, trying to level the playing field a little bit, so that kids maybe not in the inner-city boundaries that the school division has established, but just outside, can also have those same opportunities, and it's important that each of us looks at those challenges that each neighbourhood and community faces, so I hope that answers the question, that the diversity around the table and the knowledge that each of us gains is very important to the contribution. There may be many sub-committees to our Police Board. There may be sub-committees that focus on school resource officer programs, Aboriginal issues, women's issues, single parent issues. How do we tackle this crime problem? In partnering with various agencies throughout the city, in partnering with other levels of government. That's what that Police Board should be doing. So who's on it? Everybody should be working towards the initiatives that it's responsible for.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Mayor Katz.

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Through you to Councillor Havixbeck, did you know that Minister Swan, unfortunately, cancelled a meeting regarding discussing the Police Board and then, unfortunately, did not have the time to set up a phone call. That the Mayor sent a letter to Minister Swan to confirm that the Minister was going to fulfill the

commitment made by former Minister Chomiak to fund the administrative costs for the Police Board and the city would have nominal costs or were they planning to renege on the commitment?

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes, I did know that and I have concern with that. And I think we need to follow up and try to book another meeting.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had occasion recently to talk to Councillor Steen about the report that is still forthcoming on arenas and we haven't seen that yet, and I know Community Services is under the jurisdiction of Councillor Havixbeck's committee. We had a long process with the golf courses that perhaps could have been dealt with better. I would like to have a better process with the arenas. We still don't have the report though. I'm wondering if you can undertake at the next meeting of your committee to get some sort of time frame from the folks at Community Services as to when we might get a report on the arenas'.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Havixbeck.

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes I will, absolutely undertake to do that. As I said earlier during question period, our meeting is on Monday and I will ask the Director of the Department where that report is at.

Mr. Speaker: No further questions for Community Services, Protection? Seeing none we'll move on to the next Standing Committee. Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Vandal.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED OCTOBER 2, 2012

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Speaker Nordman. It's my pleasure to introduce Items 1 on 2 as Consent.

Mr. Speaker: Seeing nothing to stand down. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. We have four motions, all of which are automatic referrals to Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Havixbeck.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS MOTIONS

Motion 4
Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS Council has the municipal responsibility for garbage, recycling and yard waste removal;

AND WHEREAS Council approved a waste minimization plan, which went into operation on October 1, 2012;

AND WHEREAS part of this plan included the removal of regional yard waste depots ("Leaf-It-With-Us depots"), which has caused an injurious effect to many residents as well as City property in areas where there is significant fall yard waste from leaves;

AND WHEREAS removal of these regional yard waste depots will further add to the costs for fall clean-up in that yard waste has spilled into the streets due to weather conditions destroying the paper bags that yard waste is now required to be in for pick-up;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current bi-weekly yard waste pick-up be supplemented to include a weekly pick up for the remainder of the 2012 fall season and that the regular bi-weekly schedule be resumed in 2013, resulting in two extra yard waste pickups per household in 2012;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the two additional yard waste pick-ups be contracted with the current service provider, but should the current service provider not be in a position to provide a pick-up by 18:00 hours on the normal date of pick-up, that a supplemental service provider be contracted to provide this service immediately;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the cost of the extra yard waste pickups be absorbed in the current departmental budget in that an extra charge for these services will be appearing on water bills.

Motion 5
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the Summary Convictions Act allows for a maximum fine of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00);

AND WHEREAS Summary Convictions Act allows for paying half of a fine within fifteen (15) days lessoning the impact or deterrent associated with the fine;

AND WHEREAS there continues to be a problem with the dumping of bulk waste by individuals and businesses in many parts of Winnipeg despite the new garbage and recycle master plan;

AND WHEREAS bulk waste abandonment on public and private property presents a high risk for fires jeopardizing both property and people;

AND WHEREAS home rentals are a business;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City administration provides recommended amendments to the Solid Waste By-law and any other by-law to establish a separate, higher fine of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) on individuals and two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) on businesses that dump or abandon bulk waste on public and private property.

Motion 6
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS the 2011 garbage and recycle service cost $75.00 per household per annum from the City's property tax revenue;

AND WHEREAS the garbage and recycle master plan created a new annual $50.00 fee on households to move garbage collection off of the City's property tax revenue with projections of over ten million dollars coming from fees charged on water bills;

AND WHEREAS in 2013 at least ten million dollars will be freed up for other uses;

AND WHEREAS inflation has eroded the number of streets and backlanes that get renewed each year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT four million dollars be added to the local front street renewal capital program; two million dollars be added to the backlane renewal capital program; and one million dollars be added to side walk and gravel roads and backlane capital programs.

Motion 7
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2005, Council adopted Item 1 of the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated May 17, 2005, Solid Waste Collection Services Business Plan, as amended by the Executive Policy Committee, resulting in the contracting out of solid waste collection services for both manual and AutoBin collection and a reduction of permanent and temporary employees of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS, on October 19, 2011, Council adopted Item 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated October 3, 2011, Garbage and Recycling Master Plan, as amended, resulting in the removal of the AutoBin system and the implementation of a uniform city-wide automated cart system for the collection of garbage and recyclables in October 2012;

AND WHEREAS, from October 1 to 12, 2012, 311 reported 5,400 solid waste collection deficiency service requests including missed garbage and recycling pick-ups, missed walk-up service, abandoned bulky waste, and garbage piled and scattered in the streets and lanes and on private property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask the Winnipeg Public Service to consider the re-establishment of solid waste collection services within the Public Service, with consideration of the following key issues:

1) The loss of public control over residential garbage pick-up and recycling services,
2) The drop in the level of service delivery,
3) The loss of political accountability for solid waste collection services,
4) Cost savings to the Taxpayer.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Councillor Havixbeck: Suspension of the rules to hear motion 4 today because it is time sensitive?

Mr. Speaker: All right. Nobody wants to touch any of the other motions at this point? So we'll put 5, 6 and 7 automatic referral and I need a two-thirds majority to stand down the yard waste motion from Councillor Havixbeck and Councillor Mayes. Recorded vote? All right. All those in favour of suspending the rules, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Havixbeck, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Smith.

Mr. Speaker: All those against suspending the rules please rise.

Nays

His worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Gerbasi, Sharma, Steen, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt, and Mr. Speaker, Councillor Nordman.

Deputy City Clerk: The vote Mr. Speaker, Yeas 8, Nays 8. The motion is lost.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is defeated with a tie vote. So, motion 4 will go automatic referral. Councillor Havixbeck.

Councillor Havixbeck: I would like to withdraw the motion because of its time sensitive. There's no point in hearing it at Public Work's meeting. The Item I'm requesting is two additional leaf pick-ups and there is no point if it's going to committee and then coming back to here in a month; it's moot, so…

Mr. Speaker: Fair enough, Motion's been withdrawn by its nominator. No consideration of by-laws and we have question period for Councillor Vandal. First question Councillor Havixbeck.

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

Councillor Havixbeck: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. To -- through you to the Chair; The City's Waste Minimization Program has already diverted 2,300 tonnes, metric tonnes of waste from the landfill and this includes yard waste primarily. This is more than the entire Leaf Depot program in one year, in the fall. I think this is a fantastic quantifiable measure of the program's success. After all, the whole point of the program was to divert more and standardize the way the program is administered throughout the city. That being said, I have some serious concerns about the contractor that the media has reported complaints by employees to the Manitoba Labour Board, various fees perhaps being paid by the city for late or missed pick-ups. Could the Chair please tell me when he expects all the glitches to be resolved with this new program and the same day, 6 p.m. pickup will be met and I suppose more specifically given all these concerns, does he expect this company to stay viable?

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Through you to Councillor Havixbeck, I think it's important to note, first of all, yes, this has been a success. The amount of garbage going to the landfill has been reduced by 30% or 3,300 tonnes over this time last year. The amount of material collected in the new recycling blue carts is more than 500 tonnes than it was at this time in 2011 and as Councillor Havixbeck has pointed out, the amount of yard waste we have collected, with the launch of the programs is 2,300 times and these are leaves Mr. Speaker, that would be going to the landfill and producing greenhouse gas initiatives so I think it's important to note – la raison d'être - that we move forward on this entire initiative, Mr. Speaker. We are at the bottom of waste diversion of major cities across Canada at 15 percent; we are tied with Regina and with the initiatives that we are rolling out now, that we are introducing to the public, we're are going to be near 60 percent over the next 6 or 7 years and that's incredibly positive. We want to leave our children, Mr. Speaker, within a world that produces less Greenhouse gases and make our city healthier both on the environmental sense and we want to clean up our streets Mr. Speaker. Relative to the other issues, Councillor Havixbeck has brought up, those are legal issues and I understand she's frustrated. We do have a contract with Emterra, we do have as per the terms of the contract, there is a 30 day clause where there's basically a forgiveness clause after 30 days; that expires on November 1 and I dare say that we should talk about legal issues In-camera, to see what sort of recourse we do have. If the efficiencies; the in efficiencies continue after November 1st, certainly, there will be penalties and then we will judge our options from there.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Havixbeck: I have another concern that's related to the whole waste minimization program and that would be the lack of yard waste bags in our marketplace. And I know that as Councillors we can't control the market, however, part of the planning, this was a piece of it. And I believe Mr. Speaker, you even referred to me as the bag lady now, so I -- we continue to face this challenge in Charleswood and we have numerous homes that just can't get these bags. I'm wondering what the Chair plans to do to address this. I expect this to be an annual kind of situation. I don't want to be handing out bags every year. Not that I don't like it. It's a chance to greet constituents and say hi, but how can we better plan for that piece of this?

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker, as Councillor Havixbeck has noted, we do not control the marketplace. It's unfortunate there were not enough bags. I'm assured this morning that there are enough bags throughout the City of Winnipeg and in fact, Councillor Havixbeck told me walking up to the Council meeting that she still had about five pallets full of bags provided by BFI. So, I don't share her concern that there's going to be no bags next year. Believe me, If there's a market for bags the private sector will have bags and they will be selling bags.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Fielding, do you have a question?

Councillor Fielding: Yes, just a quick question of Councillor Vandal. Actually earlier in the week I was notified by a resident that a playground structure in around the Weston area was actually taken out. There were, I guess some servicing issues with it. The concern that I have is, you know, finding out from a constituent that our Public Service is taking out playground equipment without approval from the Councillor or a plan to kind of move it back. Obviously it's unacceptable. Those are decisions that we make. Obviously we get constituents and obviously not knowing about this having…you know, it being removed is a real big issue. So I'm wondering if you can commit to work with me and the Director to find a way to put the playground equipment back there. We made some funding decisions to bring a new playground structure closer there. There's $100,000 from the City and $50,000 from the Province to do it. But to be fair, there is no description of this, no information to me provided so it's obviously concerning to me when just our Administration is going out and pulling out these playground structures without putting them in, without the Ward Councillor's opinion. It makes us look bad. So I'm hoping you can work with me. I'd just like to get your response on that to ensure the playground equipment can go back in because it wasn't authorized through the ward Councillor.

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker, absolutely. I will work with Councillor Fielding. I have to assume that if it came out quickly it was unsafe. Nonetheless, that's no excuse for not properly communicating with the area Councillor and I will work with Councillor Fielding and the Director to find out some answers on this.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Nordman. Through you to the Chairperson of the IR… Public Works, I'd just like to preface this by saying that my office and my assistant working with the City of Winnipeg staff who are trying to deal with what our office actually calls the "garbage disaster" or "garbage apocalypse", I'd like to actually thank those hard working individuals who deal with trying to make sure that our garbage gets picked up on time, and it's been since August 1st since it was implemented in the auto bin area, and they have a lot of work and so does 3-1-1 and I'd like to also thank them for trying to handle all these calls. But I want to…my question is really, should we…I know there's some legal aspects to this, but what are we going to do because they still are not collecting the garbage in our areas on time and any consistency at all except for a couple of little pocket areas but often our garbage is missed for weeks. You probably would have seen it in TV. They were in the back lane of Aberdeen. The pick-ups are just awful, and so I would like to ask the Chairperson of Public Works whether or not they are actually exploring looking at, at least dividing up some parts of the City in terms of garbage and who picks up the garbage because to me it's obvious that this company is unable to actually collect the waste in an appropriate time.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is unfortunate that Councillor Eadie is still experiencing problems and I did go for a drive around with Councillor Eadie about six weeks ago, five or six weeks ago, to have a first-hand look at his ward. The first thing is that Councillor Eadie needs to call the administration, either 3-1-1 or the Director, and register those areas where there are deficiencies. I know there are penalties that are in place for his ward because we rolled out the garbage and recycling on August 1st and as per the contract, penalties are imposable a month after the rollout.

On the other question, I believe it was, are we looking at it. I think that's a discussion that…I noticed there was a motion that was referred to Public Works on next week's committee, so I think that's a discussion that the Committee's going to have at that committee, as well with our most senior administration.

Mr. Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Eadie: Yes thank you Speaker Nordman. Our office does call 3-1-1 and administration. That's why I'm thanking those people because they are under deluge. And so I just want to…and I thank the Chairperson for actually taking a drive in the back lanes which are cleaner, however, the missed pick-up for a week or two weeks continues to make the back lanes in the north end awful, awful, awful. And because they don't get picked up in time, people have disrespect, and I know that we also have another motion going to try to solve some of these issues. But would you acknowledge, Chairperson Vandal, that's the question, that actually just calling the administration 3-1-1 is not solving the problems and that they are trying to absorb the penalties but the garbage is still not being picked up and that means bad health and bad situations in all inner-city wards.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Vandal.

Councillor Vandal: Mr. Speaker, I have no reason to doubt what Councillor Eadie tells me because I know he's a conscientious Councillor. He represents his citizens very well, but I can acknowledge that when I call 3-1-1 and when I call the Director, my situations get cleaned up in a very short time frame. Now, I realize our wards are different, our situations are different. I have no reason to not believe Councillor Eadie when he tells me he's got a multitude of problems and I'm committed to working with the Councillor and the Administration to solving these problems. Now I know there are penalties that are being impose on Emterra based on what's happening in your ward now. If we need to ramp those up or to look at other alternatives I think we need to do that but that's ultimately becomes a legal question and that's not one that's discussed, or should not be discussed, on the floor of this Council, but certainly you have my commitment to sit down with you, to work with you and to work with our most senior Administration on solving your problems.

Mr. Speaker: Last question.

Councillor Eadie: Last question. The recycle aspects are doing, I think, quite well and I'm not sure if they're being collected on time, but could you actually, I think there is a number, and I can't recall. Would the Chairperson

acknowledge…was it something like 90 percent take-up on recycling now with this new system? I can't remember what the percentage was.

Councillor Vandal: I can repeat what I said earlier. The amount of garbage going into the landfill has been reduced by 30 percent or 3,300 tonnes over this time last year. A 30 percent increase in the reduction of garbage going into the land fill. The amount of material collected by our new blue carts is more than 500 tonnes compared to the same period in 2011. And the amount of yard waste we have collected since the launch of the program is 2,300 tonnes which normally would be going to the landfill and creating greenhouse gases. So I think from that respect, from that angle, perspective, we're on the right track. I don't think anybody…I know I certainly didn't think…I didn't come from the perspective that there was not going to be some hiccups going forward on this, but we have to be reasonable, and in Councillor Eadie's situation, I think he has been reasonable. The month grace period has expired. They are being penalized and at this point we need to sit down and look at the entire situation.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In light of the time I'll try and abbreviate my questions. I was going door to door on Ashworth where I've had a ton of complaints with the system, and somebody said to me, well in my view, the jury's still out on this system. We now have, what Councillor Vandal I think is quoting, the City position. It's the "Orwellian" response. It's been a great success, it's incredibly positive. I'll have to tell the people who just got picked up on the weekend for the first time what an incredible success this has been. My question is, do we really think that's an acceptable answer to provide people who have had several missed pickups, haven't had yard waste pick-up. Some people on Veert Road got picked up this past week after I think 26 days with no pick-up. Are we expected to tell them it's been a great success and incredibly positive?

Councillor Vandal: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't ever recall the words "great success and incredibly positive" coming out of my mouth but I think the amount of waste reduction that the program has produced has been positive. Undoubtedly there are individuals that have fallen through the cracks and have not had good success, and I think it's incumbent on Councillor Mayes as their representative, to communicate with them and deal with their situations. But, having said that, I think that's the biggest dilemma that we face as policy makers and politicians is that we look at things from a city-wide perspective where other individuals will look at situations from their individual perspective and Mr. Speaker, when you're looking at something from an individual perspective, that's all that matters and if you're getting…if your service is not as good as what it was a year ago, you have every right to be frustrated and angry. So you know, I sympathize with Councillor Mayes. He's been an eloquent and passionate representative of the people of St. Vital, but I never expected there to be no hiccups in the situation. I think if you look at the city-wide perspective, there has been some progress made. I think most people in our wards, most Councillors if you talk to the Councillors, are reasonably satisfied and I would encourage everybody to talk to Councillor Scott Fielding, and I believe yourself, Councillor Grant Nordman, who went through this two years ago before an election with another private provider who was picking up, and from what I understand the situation in that case was even worse than it is now. So, everybody on this Council please go talk to Councillor Fielding, Councillor Nordman and get some perspective on where we are at now.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. That concludes question period today. I thank you very much. I'll seek a motion to adjourn from the incredibly quiet Councillor Wyatt. (Laughter and applause) All those in favour? 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.

The Council adjourned at 11:18 a.m.