COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

The Council met at 9:37 a.m.

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

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Dobson.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Schreyer.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Before we begin our meeting today, I'd like to welcome to the chamber Joanne Kelly and James Turner: broadcast journalism instructors from Red River College with their class of Creative Communications students who are observing the meeting today. Welcome. Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few announcements.

Mayor Bowman: I do. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Morning everyone, morning everyone in the gallery. It's nice to see everybody here today. As we commence our first Council meeting of 2015, I'd like to welcome everybody watching in…not only in the gallery, but also online and as was just previously noted, Joanne Kelly and James Turner. Where are you by the way? Welcome. Nice to see you both. I'd also…sorry if you want to bow, you can. I'd like to welcome…welcome you and the students from your Creative Communications students in today's gallery. Welcome to City Hall. As you're already aware, yesterday evening, the Provincial Medical Officer of Health and the Office of Drinking Water for Manitoba Water Stewardship notified the City of Winnipeg to issue precautionary localized boil water advisory for the City of Winnipeg east of the Red River. As the public body responsible for advising Winnipeg and Winnipeggers, and in an abundance of caution and because of our City's engineers' expert understanding of our water distribution system, the City decided to issue the boil water advisory for the entire City of Winnipeg. Let me just say that was not a decision made lightly. The city-wide advisory impacts all properties including residences, commercial, public and private facility such as restaurants, daycares and care homes and it's advised everyone follow water use recommendations that we posted at Winnipeg.ca. All city pools remain open and are safe for use. Caution is advised to avoid swallowing water during showering. Until further notice, all water should be brought to rolling boil for at least one minute before it's used for drinking or making ice, beverage preparations such as infant formula, preparation of food and brushing your teeth. Where boiling water is not feasible, and only in cases where boiling water is not feasible, then a safe alternate supply such as bottled water should be used. It's not necessary to boil water for other household uses like washing, laundry or bathing. The City's Environmental Standards Division under our city Water and Waste Department routinely samples 60 locations per week at locations distributed throughout the City, and of those 60, we're regulated on 39 locations. From the samples taken, six locations reported positive results for total coliform and e coli. Our department is expediting the re-sampling process and hopes to receive results this afternoon. And let me just emphasize and thank the members of our public service who are doing very important work on behalf of all Winnipeggers on this issue. Over the last 24 hours, it's been readily apparent to me, we've got some very good people working on this and I want to commend them and thank them for their very important and timely work. Expediting these results is top of the list for them right now, and the…sadly science requires that we wait until this afternoon. If it could be done sooner, believe me we would. Once the results have been analyzed or our department has advised they'll be able to provide information on next steps. And I ask Madam Speaker, that if our discussions in the Council Chamber today, continue to that time that Council move to recess so we may receive an update and bring that to Council and to the public once available. January has been a very busy month for all of us, myself included and especially for our committees and boards and commissions which would welcome some newly appointed members. Earlier this month, I appointed Councillor Browaty as Chair of the Alternative Service Delivery Committee to serve alongside Councillors Gillingham, Gilroy and Pagtakhan. I know your fresh eyes will serve with a reinstated committee very well. Councillor Wyatt, unfortunately isn't with us here in the chamber today, now fittingly serves as a City of Winnipeg representative on the Board of Directors for the North American Strategy for Competitiveness, NASCO and the UN Women Safe Cities Global Initiatives Steering Committee is very fortunate to have Councillor Gilroy serve on behalf of the City of Winnipeg. I know the Assiniboine Park is very close to the heart of Council Gillingham and I say to…he and his family, I know they regularly enjoy the park and I'm sure his input and perspective as the new representative to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy in lieu of Council Morantz will be appreciated by the board. Additionally, I have two…I've appointed two new members to the Winnipeg Police Board. I'd like to welcome Barry Tuckett, the new Vice-Chair of the Police Board as well as Mr. Ken Matchett. I know that from his

years of experience, he'll bring competence, integrity and professionalism to the position. And I'm happy to announce that Mary Jane Loustel will stay on her appointment and the Police Board is very fortunate for that. I'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to outgoing members of the Winnipeg Police Board, Paul Edwards and David Keam for your service and dedication to the community through the Board. The Board valued your contributions and I wish you both success in all of your future endeavours. In updates the 2015 budget process is drawing to a close and we anticipate that the budget will be tabled in the coming weeks. At the end of this week, the capital and operations, budget decisions will be sent to each department. Departments can submit request for changes for capital and operating budgets in early February. Corporate Finance will compile the capital budget, traditional operating and service based budget for tabling in mid to late February. In early March, the preliminary budget will then be tabled. I've previously noted that the timelines for the budget for 2015 process were very, very short and we anticipate that for the 2016 budget, the process will include a much more robust and I think a much more innovative public consultation process much earlier on and I'm very anxious to start that process when we finish dealing with the 2015 budget. I know Councillor Morantz would like the 2015 budget process to go on and on and on, he's really enjoying it, but once we get that important work done, we'll be moving quickly to have a much more inclusive and innovative budget process for 2015. Additionally, the CAO selection process is still under way, but thank all the members of the CAO Selection Committee for their ongoing and very important work on behalf of Winnipeggers, it's previously shared the target date for hiring of a new full-time Chief Administrative Officer is March. And I'm pleased to say that process remains on schedule. I'm also very pleased to say that we started the dialogue on better eradicating ignorance and intolerance in Winnipeg with individuals and organizations from all sectors of the city who are doing incredibly positive and influential work in our community and I'm very proud that we're continuing to move the dialogue forward with Winnipeggers. You will have seen the news on this important issue and while the most recent dialogue may have spurred because of one particular magazine article, the issue is much bigger than one article and I'd just like to say thank you to each and every member of this Council chamber for their support and their leadership in moving forward to do what we can, to deal with intolerance that exist, not just in Winnipeg, but really across the nation. And I'd like the nation to increasingly see the good work and the leadership that's happening right here in Winnipeg as a sample of what a community can do when it rallies together and I'm quite anxious to be able to communicate that more broadly to the other Big City Mayors when I visit with them in February in Toronto in meetings as well as through the media over the coming months and in a year's time, when we circle back with the media to show them what Winnipeg is made up, to show them the strives that we're making, to show them the positive changes and the leadership that's right here in Winnipeg. Speaking of our community, January has also been a busy month for great events and important awareness campaigns happening in Winnipeg. In fact, today is Bell Let's Talk Day in support of mental health initiatives. Winnipegger and six time Olympic medalist in speed skating and cycling, Clara Hughes is an advocate for mental health and a national spokesperson for Bell Let's Talk Day. She stopped in Winnipeg last spring and it's part of her Clara's big ride fundraiser to raise awareness about mental health and right down the stigma of mental illness and I encourage every Winnipegger, in fact, all Canadians to join Clara and many other Canadians in raising awareness and fund for mental health initiatives by going to Twitter today, even in the gallery right now, go to Twitter today and use the hash tag, Bell Let's Talk, hash tag Bell Let's Talk. Bell will donate five cents to mental health organizations in Canada for every tweet with the hush tag. Since 2010, Bell has added their voice to the conversation on mental health and committed and inspiring $67.5 million to mental health initiatives in Canada. I applaud their work and I applaud all Canadians for being part of that discussion. The skywalk concerts and lecture series put on by the City of Winnipeg's Millennium Library, the University of Winnipeg and the Virtuosi…I think I got that right, Virtuosi Concerts began January 14th and runs until March. I understand there is a lecture from noon to 1:00 today in the Carol Shields Auditorium at the Millennium Library just off the skywalk. And I encourage everyone to check the library website to see the skywalk concerts and lectures schedule and stop by the noon hour series to feed your head too. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the series, especially the lecturers and the musicians for volunteering their time in bringing some entertainment and education to Winnipeggers' lunch hours. The skywalk series is very well loved indeed. If you're looking for something active and fun to do this weekend, I encourage you to head to the Forks this Saturday to join in the kilt skate hosted by the Scottish Heritage Council of Manitoba. The kilt skate commemorates what would've been the 200 birthday of our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. Many people know Sir John A. Macdonald as the main father of Confederation, but he also played a part as the father of western Canada when he acquired Rupert's Land as a way to help create long term success and survival of Canada so our great nation wasn't annexed by the United States. Sir John A. Macdonald held office for two terms serving from July 1st , 1867 to November 5th, 1873 and again from October 17th, 1875 to June 6th, 1891. As we move forward in February, I'd like to recognize also that its Eating Disorder Awareness Week…is next week, February 1st through February 7th. Most Canadians struggle with unhealthy body image or sorry, many Canadians, many Canadians struggle with unhealthy body image, weight and food preoccupation and eating disorders impacts almost one million men, women, boys and girls. It impacts our family, our friends and our co-workers. Eating Disorder Awareness Week does not just raise awareness and educate Canadians about the importance of eating disorder prevention and the need for research, support and resources. It's a time to break the silence and encourage conversation about the illness because taking, because it's taking lives, sadly. I'd like to extend thanks to the National Eating Disorder Information Centre and the dedicated health care professionals in Winnipeg who work so compassionately to help those who are impacted by eating disorders. Your work is so very important and valued. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And now I will recognize Councillor Allard who has an announcement to make?

Councillor Allard: Thank you. An announcement and maybe I could invite members of Council to grab their ear piece. We've got simultaneous translation happening for the first time at today's Council meeting. So…

(Speaking in French) Alors, je voulais addresser le Conseil Municipal de la Ville de Winnipeg pour announcer le Festival du Voyageur que nous connaissons tous sans doute. Alors, le festival se passe le 13 au 22 février, 2015 et comme vous savez probablement le Festival du Voyageur est le festival le plus grand dans l'ouest du Canadien de son genre. Alors, aussi je voulais, encore, je suis sur que vous le connaissez déjà, mais, je me demande si vous me joindriez a faire un hé ho. Alors sur trois, si vous etes d'accord, un, deux, trois, Hé Ho. Merci

Translation:
Councillor Allard: So, I wanted to address the City of Winnipeg Council to announce a festival that we are all undoubtedly aware of, the Festival du Voyageur. So, the Festival runs from February 13th to the 22nd, 2015, and as you surely already know, the Festival du Voyageur is the largest festival of its kind in Western Canada. So I would also, again, I am sure that you already know this one, but I was wondering if you might join me in a "Hé Ho!" So, if you're alright with it, on three: one, two, three – Hé Ho! Thank you.

MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Merci, Councillor Allard. We now have a leave of absence or pardon me. We have two condolence motions today. One for former Councillor Joseph Yuen, and the other for Sam Lemoine. Please read both into the record, Mr. Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Joseph Yuen, which occurred in December 2014.

Mr. Yuen served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Redboine Ward, from 1989 to 1992.

This Council extends to his wife Carolynne, children Jeremie, Malinda, Jenna and Mathew, and their families, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of Sam Lemoine, father of Marc Lemoine, Deputy City Clerk, which occurred on December 23, 2014.

This Council extends to Marc Lemoine and his family its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence.

(Moment of Silence)

Madam Speaker: We have a leave of absence motion for Councillor Wyatt. Mr. Clerk, will you read that into the record?

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

THAT Councillor Wyatt be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to his absence from the City on City Business.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Schreyer moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2014, be taken as read and confirmed.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Madam Speaker: I understand that Mr. David Sanders was to be here today to appear in delegation, but he is not. His submission has been sent to all members of Council. I'm sure you received it by e-mail. We have no other delegations today. Moving on to the Executive Policy Committee report dated January 7th. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 7, 2015**

Mayor Bowman: I move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, the report of January 14, 2014.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 14, 2015**

Mayor Bowman: I move adoption of the Consent Agenda Item 1, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, the report dated January 21st.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 21, 2015**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce and move adoptions of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 12.

Madam Speaker: Yes, Councillor Eadie. Okay. All in favour of Items 2 through 12? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 - Citizen Member Appointments – Committees, Boards and Commissions

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, would you like to introduce the item? Citizen Member Appointments - Committees, Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Bowman: I…I'd be happy to respond to any questions the Councillor would like. I think the motion speaks for itself.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think that the Mayor expressed all the…what needed to be on this issue. I just…I'm not sure if I need to move an amendment or not, but I noticed a slight error when it comes to the Winnipeg Police Board. It says that a term of three years to end and it says 2015 and I believe it should say 2017, if it's three years. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Mayor to close if you wish. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for his question. The process allows for an appointment of up to three years, and I'm asking that Council approve for up to two years for this particular appointment.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Before we move on to the next item, I'd like to recognize Carol Hogg, who is here with her group named "Taking Charge". Thank you for being with us here today. We'll now move on to the addendum report of EPC dated January 26. Mr. Mayor, if you could move suspension of the rules, please?

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 26, 2015

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended and Item 1 on the report be adopted.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We have Motion No. 3 from Councillor Eadie and Councillor Gerbasi regarding a lobbyist registry. This will be an automatic referral to the Governance Committee.

Motion No. 3
Moved by, Councillor Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the Federal and several Provincial Governments, including the Province of Manitoba, have enacted legislation establishing a registry of 'Lobbyists' within their jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto has created a model 'Lobbyist Registry' at the Municipal level of Government in Canada;

AND WHEREAS it has become apparent that the City of Winnipeg would benefit from such a 'Lobbyist Registry' being in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Winnipeg request that the Governance Committee of Council review the options available to the City to introduce such a 'Lobbyist Registry' itself or if the City of Winnipeg could be included in the Provincial legislation, "The Lobbyists Registration Act" together with other Municipal jurisdictions within the Province similar to the Province of Quebec model;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee report back to Council no later than October 1, 2015 on such options.

Madam Speaker: We have Motion No. 1 before you from Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Mayes.

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is home to a public service that works hard every day to deliver the essential services that all Winnipeggers rely upon;

AND WHEREAS the public considers improving accountability at City Hall as one of their top priorities and wants to see concrete actions to that end;

AND WHEREAS the public has recently witnessed numerous audits;

AND WHEREAS in July of 2006 the CAO of the City of Winnipeg approved the Fraud, Theft or Related Irregularities Administrative Standard which applies to all civic employees and includes whistleblower protection;

AND WHEREAS the Standard requires that an employee who becomes aware of any incident of fraud or a violation of the code of conduct must report such incidents to their manager or supervisor or if they choose through the City's Fraud Hotline;

AND WHEREAS Council authorized the creation of an anti-fraud hotline and website;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to enhance whistleblower protection for City of Winnipeg staff when reporting waste, mismanagement or unethical behaviour using the proper channels, such as the anti-fraud hotline, to include statutory protection under The City of Winnipeg Charter or The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba in the 2014 Throne Speech has indicated a desire to partner with the City of Winnipeg to make changes to the City of Winnipeg Charter to bring greater accountability at City Hall;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council request the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter or The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistle-blower Protection) Act, to include statutory whistleblower protection for civic employees consistent with the protections given to employees under The Province of Manitoba's Public Interest Disclosure (Whistle-blower Protection) Act;

THEREFORE LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED that all new employees of the City of Winnipeg receive as part of their orientation information on the Fraud, Theft or Related Irregularities Administrative Standard.

Councillor Allard: I…just one second. I've just got advice here from the Clerk. Could I…could I rise on the point of order, please?

Madam Speaker: Is it on the matter? Sure. The matter before us?

Councillor Allard: It's on the matter before us. So, may I speak?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: No, I just wanted to qualify. I had originally intended to bring this motion to Council and ask for a two-thirds vote on the motion. I just wanted to explain my reasons for not moving. So, today basically the motion that I had sent to Council for consideration a week ago has been amended so I wanted to give Council the time to have due consideration of the motion as it's now been worded.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: So thanks for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Just for future reference, Councillor Allard, that's not actually a point of order. So, if you want to speak to the motion, you need to be suspending the rules. Otherwise, it's automatic referral without any conversation. So Item…Motion 1 from Councillor Allard is an automatic referral to EPC. Okay. We'll now move on to By-laws for…yes?

Mayor Bowman: Are we…which motion are you…are you referencing? Are you referencing the whistle-blower?

Madam Speaker: Yes, Motion 1. Is it numbered, Mr. Clerk? Motion 1? Moved by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Mayes on the…

Councillor Allard: Oh, just…

Madam Speaker: Pardon me.

Councillor Allard: It's…yeah, right.

Madam Speaker: Sorry. There's something incorrect in my notes here. Seconded by Mayor Bowman and that will be an automatic referral to EPC. Okay moving on. We have no by-laws for EPC. Question Period. Questions for the Mayor? Councillor Gerbasi.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, or Madam Speaker; I can't believe I said that after all this. Madam Speaker, thank you. I did want to ask a question. I wanted to just acknowledge a lot of the…some of the questions I had this morning were answered in your more extensive than usual comments in the morning at the beginning of the meeting. And I really appreciate that, because that kind of information is really helpful to us. I did have questions on the budget process that you clarified in your comments a little bit, so I appreciate that. I just wanted to raise the topic, Madam Speaker, of Portage and Main, the most iconic corner in our city, in the heart of our downtown, been closed for 35 years. And I'd like to ask if the Mayor would be willing to share some of his thoughts on the significance and the possibilities regarding the potential opening of Portage and Main to pedestrians?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and I thank Councillor Gerbasi for her question. My vision for Portage and Main is to open it up to pedestrians and to make it a walkable, accessible intersection like other big cities around the world and even indeed in our nation. Opening up our iconic intersection will, in my view, bring more people downtown, it will help continue the revitalization of our downtown and make it much more engaging. Now, of course, we'll have to take into consideration what subsequent studies say and we also have to keep in mind that this is not going to happen overnight. There are legitimate questions that need to be raised and considered with regards to traffic flows, pedestrian safety. But I believe that intersections like Time Square and others around the world can figure it out, surely we can do so in Winnipeg. Also note, my understanding, this is not the busiest intersection for traffic in our city, other intersections have pedestrians and find a way to make it work. And I can't think of a better way to help send a signal to Winnipeggers that downtown is open for business, but also open for pedestrians. And so, I think we should welcome the discussion, I think we need to hear all views including ones that are contradictory so that we can listen and learn from them. And I'm really pleased to see the conversation has started and Councillor Mayes' leadership in helping pursue that conversation as he's pointed out and as I will echo, it's not the top priority in the City but it is something that I pledged during the campaign and I want to do my best to honour the campaign commitments that I made to Winnipeggers. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Mayor? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. In this election, very important election this last Fall on issues of openness and accountability platform that many if not all candidates ran on, including our successfully elected new Mayor, as well as myself. Madam Speaker, I had two primary platforms, my campaign was quite simple. I ran on the issues of primarily on infrastructure and accountability. I felt those were the two issues that were most important to my ward. And I feel that I am in sync with the shared priorities of my neighbours down in East Kildonan. We need to work together on these issues and at this moment, I'd like to bring forth an issue of accountability that we, as Council, need to work with the Mayor on. Last, whereas on June 25, 2014, Council adopted the report of the Governance Committee dated June 19, 2014, and whereas recommendation number six of that report reads as follows, "That the City Clerk consult with the Mayor's Office to determine the spending requirements of that office, in order to develop a set of criteria, including a yearly audit of spending, that would apply to the Mayor's Office spending, in keeping with the spirit of the CRA policy" CRA.

Madam Speaker: Do you have a question, Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes Madam, that was my preamble. Madam Speaker the question is: can the Mayor tell us what the status is of this motion, which is to bring the Mayor's Office into alignment with the motion that City Council had already passed regarding accountability and transparency provisions for City Councillors, as it applies to the Mayor's Office?

Mayor Bowman: I thank the Councillor for his question and I can certainly report back to you with the status update on that. I appreciate the spirit and intent that is implicit in the question and it's something that we share, and so I look forward to getting back to him in due course. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. You know I brought my contracts law textbook here today, just in case we got into any discussion of the item regarding the Convention Centre and CentreVenture and frustration of contract, which we got into EPC the other day, some important legal issues have risen, you know, some people have some of us have saying don't give in to the blackmail and let me say this is a lot more complicated than that, there's a lot of facts in place. So given that nobody pulled that item on the agenda, I just wanted to ask the Mayor if he had any comments, I

think all of us, the members of EPC and I think here today unanimously back the idea that we need a public process as we go forward for CentreVenture and that's the unanimous will of Council, which I was pleased to see. But given that nobody pulled this item off the agenda and there was some important issues raised, I wanted to see if the Mayor had any comments, as there's been some disagreement in the media but I think I'm pleased to see a united stand here by Council in favour of a more public process, in terms of CentreVenture and in terms of how we go forward on those plans.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I thank Councillor Mayes for the question and I also thank all members of this Council for their support on the motion that was brought forward today. As Councillor Schreyer pointed out, openness and transparency and accountability is something that I believe this Council has taken to heart and is demonstrating leadership each and every day to bring greater accountability and to greater checks and balances on behalf of all Winnipeggers who have elected us to serve on their behalf. The matter of 220 Carlton, and I would remind them, that the public and all those watching to keep in mind that today's motion really dealt with 220 Carlton, no other property. We had a very, we inherited a very complex and difficult scenario and I believe this Council today has taken a very responsible step to ensure that the checks and balances that Winnipeggers expect, when we're managing millions of dollars on their behalf, has been taken. I'll remind members of the public that may be watching this that the real issue that confronted us was the fact that we have learned that in previous to my term and the term of this new Council that a contract, which currently exists right now even between Stuart Olson, the Convention Centre, to develop a hotel on 220 Carlton, has been operating at the same time that CentreVenture, our downtown development agency signed an option agreement with what we learned a few days ago with True North to develop 220 Carlton, and obviously the connection with City Hall and the money flows between those two organizations City Hall raised significant concerns as did many members of this Council, myself included, had serious concerns about the level of information that was disclose here at City Hall with the elected members as well as from organizations including CentreVenture. We are going to embark on a process to have a discussion with CentreVenture about their mandate as well as their governance, and I welcome the representatives when they will join us at an upcoming EPC meeting to talk about talk about their mandate and I think we need to first hear from them about where they feel their mandate is at and how it can be better improved to service the needs of Winnipeggers. I have raised in this Chamber and in EPC meetings, serious concerns about the levels of communication, the lack of disclosure of information that was made available to elected members of Winnipeg's City Council in order to make decisions on this specific issue, and I believe we've done our best under the circumstances to make a responsible decision. As I mentioned, in our meeting earlier this week, everybody, everybody, CentreVenture, the Convention Centre, I'm sure True North, and members of this Council, all want to have a very positive development on 220 Carlton, and I can pledge that members of this Council and I will do whatever we can to ensure that we get the best development there possible. But we have to make sure that we don't really get it done, but we get it done the right way, and we do it in a way that allows the members of the public to have confidence in the integrity of the processes involved, and so by requiring that if any money is going to flow from City Hall to CentreVenture to support their matters relating to 220 Carlton that it be required that they go to public expressions of interest. I hope that we get the best development for that property possible, if in fact, it's True North, I'm sure we'll all be there to congratulate them and to support them. If it's another developer has an even better proposal, that CentreVenture will be considering, we'll support that too, because at the end of the day, we want what's best for the City. So I'd like to thank Councillor Mayes for the question and all members of this Council for their unanimous support in adopting the motion that we approved a few moments ago. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor. We understand the Charter requirement to pass the City's budgets by the end of March. Could the Mayor update Council on the current status of budget deliberations, update the public on how the public consultation process went last year and if that's feeding into this year's budget process or into the future, as well as let us know about what type of opportunities there will be for the public to give feedback once the budget is tabled in March?

Mayor Bowman: I thank Councillor Browaty for his questions and for his ongoing work on EPC as part of the budget process. As I noted in my earlier comments, this budget cycle is tight for all of us involved, as well as members of EPC, members of Council, and in fact the public. It's not an ideal process in my mind, I want to make significant improvements to the ability for Winnipeggers, as well as members of Council to have much greater input as we proceed. We have been receiving some very positive suggestions from members of Council as well as the public, in terms of what we can do better and I welcome that. And I invite all Winnipeggers to share their thoughts as we go through this budget cycle on how we can make sure we do what's best for Winnipeg. In terms of the dates, I believe I provided those in my earlier comments, but in terms of the issue of dialogue partners in particular, and I think that was really the part of the question from the Councillor, is it has been a delayed, phase three will happen and it will be included in the 2016 budget. Phases one and two are completed and their reports are already on the City of Winnipeg website. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, so this question is for Mayor Bowman. Mayor Bowman, could I ask you to put in your ear piece because I would like to use our fancy new technology today.

Mayor Bowman: In Spanish?

Councillor Allard: I don't think we've got Spanish. Alors, so Mayor Bowman, first of all, thank you very much for your proactive communications yesterday on the Boil Water Advisory.

(Speaking in French) Alors ma question pour le maire, j'étais debout tard hier pour commmuniquer les informations de qu'on devait bouiller l'eau avant de la boire. Hier soir, ma question pour le maire, depuis cette communication en masse, il y a eu beacoup de question des commetants, alors la premiere chose était de oui, communiquer une importance pour rester securitaire de boullier l'eau. Mais maintenant les questions commence a sortir. Est ce que on n'a deteriorerer, est ce qu'on sait, est ce qu'on sait une idée qu'elle conte, qu'est ce que pour etre la cause de cette situation. Alors c'est sa la question qui me reviens and puis je, a ce moment ci, je peut seulement attendre les informations mais je voulais que vous soyez au courant M. maire, que c'est la question que le monde se demande.

Translation:
Councillor Allard: So my question for the mayor... I was up late last night communicating information on, um, that it was necessary to boil the water before drinking it. My question for the mayor following this mass communication...there have been a lot of questions from the constituents. So the first thing to do, for safety reasons, was yes, to communicate the importance of boiling the water. But now other questions are coming up: Do we have any theories, do we know, do we have some idea of what might be the cause of this situation? I...So, that's the question that keeps coming back to me, and at this time, I can only wait for information, but I wanted you to be aware, Your Worship, that it's a question that everyone is asking.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I wish I could speak Michif and I can really throw everybody off, but I cannot. I thank the Councillor for his question and I also thank him for the use of the French language in this Chamber. The updates, generally speaking, we don't know, we don't know what was the cause of the results yesterday. Our professionals in the public service are waiting for the follow up reports today, which we should be getting very soon in the coming hours. Early thinking is it's likely that these were false positives but we don't know. And we need to make sure that the science tests the information to find out why we got the results that we did yesterday. One thing I will say is I'd like to thank all members of this Chamber for their assistance in communicating to Winnipeggers the as members of the gallery and public will know, the notification went out just before the supper hour and I'd like to thank all members of the public service for their ongoing work. I've seen first-hand the professionalism by which they operate, especially when we need them most and this is one of those times. And I'm with Winnipeggers in hoping that we hear what we want to hear today and we can lift the precautionary water boil advisory. I'd also just given the fact that the question was raised in French, I'd also like to let Councillor Allard know as well as members of our Francophone community that we are also having discussions about French translation services in terms of our ability to communicate in a timely way with members of our Francophone community. As you will have seen on my Twitter, Office of the Mayor's Twitter feed, as well as the City website, my communication is in English, and you don't want me speaking in French, they're not going to be able to understand it. But having a quicker access to translation services is something that we'd like to see. And what I can ensure Winnipeggers is that as soon as we have the information from the professionals, ultimately it's going to be up to the Province to lift the requirement for the precautionary water boil advisory. But as soon as we can advise Winnipeggers, we will do so and as quickly as possible. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question is regarding the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Right now we have a policy that any major capital project of $10 million or more is required to report regularly to the Standing Committee on Finance. Given that, I've checked the table of 18 capital projects that have been approved currently by Council in the past. I didn't see the Winnipeg Convention Centre there, I understand it's a little bit different. But given the tens of millions of taxpayers' dollars are flowing through the City and are invested in the Convention Centre expansion, I'm wondering if perhaps our CFO could answer, but maybe I'll direct the question to the Mayor through you, given that tens of millions of taxpayers' dollars are flowing through the City and invested into the Convention Centre expansion, should the project not be required to report regularly to the Standing Committee on Finance as other major capital projects are required to do so?

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you Councillor Gillingham for the question. This particular project is being managed by the Convention Centre, not by the City. We do have a funding contract in arrangement with the Convention Centre though and I have to say it's as we've seen through our due diligence on 220 Carlton, I've actually been pleased to see the requirement for monthly reporting to City Hall. I'll have to get back to the Councillor on how the information flows actually happens to the respective committees. But I know in recent days, EPC has certainly been digging as much information as possible on it. And I'd like to commend the Convention Centre for their ability to provide us with information in a timely matter. But the ongoing dialogue and the ongoing requirement on a monthly basis for updates is happening and is being honoured to my understanding. And I also want to note that this particular project, the Convention Centre expansion we're advised is on time and on budget. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. In the past couple of years at City Hall here there's been $1.8 million worth of audits conducted on past projects.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham there's no preamble with the second question. If you have a question.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. What assurances can the Mayor give us that this project and other projects, this Convention Centre and other projects will embrace and follow recommendations that have already been laid out by previous audits? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I thank the Councillor for his question. The EPC has recently met with and heard from the City's Auditor and as reported by the Auditor on the three main audits of concern, we received a status update on the how things are going with regards to the implementation of the audit recommendations contained in those three separate audits. The pace is slower than I would have liked, and I think members of EPC would have liked. There's much work to do and we'd like to have it done as quickly as possible. One of the questions that this Council will, you know I would value the input from Council in due course, we may very well have this discussion is on how the audit recommendations get flowed through to other third parties, typically it's done through contracts but there may be other mechanisms and I think of CentreVenture and even the Convention Centre when they receive funds that relate to real estate with regards to the real estate audit in particular. Is it practical, and is it does it make sense to have all of the audit recommendations for the City flow through to those organizations? And we've started that dialogue already with some of the third parties but that's something I would encourage all of the members of Council to review the audits. Once again, if you haven't recently read them and give that some thought. Obviously your input would be welcome. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. Question for the Mayor, preamble. Sorry. The dialogue partners engaged all of us City Councillors, not everybody necessarily attended, but engaged us in discussions about what we thought the budget consultation with the public, but also how it should work within the City of Winnipeg. There were a number of ideas, in terms of we get assigned to Standing Committees based on what we think is our priorities coming out of elections and so on. For example, myself I'm on the Protection and Community Services and we gave input on things like, for example, my suggestion was that early on in the budget process that the Protection and Community Services, for example, could actually be part of some of those informal, initial meetings with departments to discuss what direction and where the budget's going in terms of determining what kind of services and so on, when we're asking them to cut 2% like it should be really looked at. So that was some of that in there, and I would like to just confirm that all of the suggestions, not just for the public, but will be considered in the upcoming budget process for the next, well for the rest of our term. I know this year is a very difficult one. So I'm just wondering what the status is of the suggestions from us fellow Councillors from the past Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I thank Councillor Eadie for the suggestion and the question. The short answer is yes, they will be considered. I've heard that particular suggestion from Councillor Eadie and I think it's a good one that's worthy of consideration. And so, I think it's really incumbent on all members of Council to put their thinking caps on and look for creative ways that we can ensure that everybody gets input. Standing committees I think are structure that I think we can better implement and I absolutely welcome the suggestion and there's many others that we're going to be looking at. I've spoken publicly as well as privately with most members of Council on my intent to model how we go about the

budget consultation process along the lines of some other cities, including San Antonio, who uses a serious gaming exercise to consult with the public. I'd like to have web development tools so that members of the public can actually suggest how they do the budget, and it can be as something as simple as click and drag. So you click and drag more money for a particular area of funding that you feel is underfunded, sadly, you'll see what we're doing in the budget process, other items will go down, and you can be informed and educated about the choices City Hall makes. That input can them considered by Council, those are the types of things that we'd like to see in. My intent is to have the most innovative and progressive budget cycle in Canada. I'd like us to serve as a model for consultation and just making smart decisions in the budget. That is not what we sadly, given the timelines, we're not going to see the whole robust rollout of that initiative in this budget and we'll want to move very quickly to get that cycle going in the weeks after this budget is finalized. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Mayor?

Councillor Eadie: Second question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. No preamble. I've communicated to the Mayor's Office and my question is simply regarding the report from the Auditor. There's a concern of a motion that actually was passed by Council in terms of who is overseeing the framework for real estate. And I'm wondering will the Mayor let me know what his opinion is, if he's heard my concerns in regards to Property and Planning moving ahead with hiring that contractor, when Council requested that the Auditor do that and have the Auditor sort of, have that contractor accountable to the Auditor to make sure that things get done appropriately?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. No, I think it warrants additional conversation between the Councillor and myself, and I'd be more than happy to have that conversation to hear the concerns. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Mayor? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. Just one further budget process question about the current process that we're in. I know last time there was a small sub-committee of EPC that was basically going over all the things. I'm not sure how things worked internally at EPC, but I guess I'm just wondering for those of us not on EPC, is it going to be, I realize we're not going to be able to make those major long-term changes that were talked about until next year. But just in the short term, like how can you explain how non-EPC Councillors will be informed about what's happening in the budget? Will it simply be the usual hearing an hour before the press is informed in a seminar.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and thanks to Councillor Gerbasi for her question, as well as her input on the need for greater consultation with all members of Council as it relates to the budget process. Those concerns have been raised, they've been heard and respected. And what I can say is we've done a number of things in this budget cycle, that I understand, haven't been done in the past, including our Finance Chair personally meeting and having ongoing dialogue with each member of Council, in particular those that are not on EPC. We don't have a sub-committee of EPC, it really is EPC right now, going through the consultations with various departments, and I know each of the members of EPC are having a wonderful time in those meetings, that typically take place in the afternoons in my office. They're difficult decisions, difficult work, and I do want to thank them each for their input. The ongoing dialogue, primarily through our Finance Chair will continue. And I also note that we held a Council seminar on the budget to ensure that the overarching budget assessment and status is something that was conveyed to all members of the budget, so that those discussions that are happening right now, primarily through out Finance Chair are more meaningful. And we're going to look for additional ways as we roll out the budget cycle for ongoing input and I welcome the suggestions by Councillor Gerbasi or any member of this Council or the public on how we can do a better job. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Gerbasi: I appreciate that answer and it answers most of my question. But I guess, I'm just wondering, I was on EPC a long time ago, so I do know what it's like to be up there working on a budget. And if you're not on EPC, you first hear of what.

Madam Speaker: You're question Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: I'm trying to explain the question Madam Speaker, if you can just allow me to just. So I guess what I'm trying to get at is, at what point will the rest of Council find out more about the decisions that are going to impact them? Will it be at the last minute, just as the media is informed the same day?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and thanks to Councillor Gerbasi for the question. The short answer is, we're going to be looking for ways to communicate before the day that it's tabled. I don't want surprise members of Council with a lot of information and not provide you with ample time to consider it and to debate it. And I presume that there will be disagreements about what's tabled and that's something that I welcome and I know our Finance Chair welcomes as well. In terms of the overall process, I'll just remind members of Council and the public, that the capital and operating budget decisions will be sent to each department later this week. Departments can submit requests for changes, for capital and operating budgets in early February. Corporate Finance will compile the capital budget, operating and service-based budget for tabling in mid to late-February and in early-March, the preliminary budget will be tabled. And as I just mentioned, we'll look for ways and opportunities to communication more, you know quickly. So great message, message received and I thank the Councillor Gerbasi for the comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. Just one final question regarding the Winnipeg Convention Centre and CentreVenture. Just looking at the report, just going through it a second time, I'm wondering if the Mayor can clarify for us please, when is it that CentreVenture is obligated to undertake a public bid. Is it immediately or is it after six months, should they fail to achieve a development agreement on the site?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. The motion that we just passed, does a better job that I can do right now, speaking to this issue. I would encourage members of the public to review what we've just approved. But in plain language, the requirement that we just passed, is that if the money is going to flow $3.75 million to CentreVenture, that it be conditional upon a number of things, including that they seek public expressions of interest. There's no six month requirement that is immediately. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: OK, that ends question period for the Mayor. We will now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management. Councillor Mayes on the report dated January 5th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT DATED JANUARY 5, 2015

Councillor Mayes: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report dated January 5 and move the report dated January 5, 2015. There was only the one item.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We have no motions or By-laws. Any questions for Councillor Mayes as the chair? Okay. Seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Yes.

Councillor Allard: I just…I do need to rise on this one. Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Just one moment. Councillor Eadie, what is your…

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, the agenda has Finance coming up prior to Property Planning.

Madam Speaker: I don't see Finance on my…

Councillor Eadie: There's no reports but I'd like to…

Madam Speaker: Yeah, it's…it's later, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: It is?

Madam Speaker: Just one moment.

Councillor Eadie: Not on my agenda.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk, I have Property and Development as the next item. Can you confirm that?

City Clerk: That's correct. The Finance agenda comes after IRPW today.

Madam Speaker: Just one moment.

City Clerk: Yes, the index is wrong. I'm sorry.

Madam Speaker: And I don't see it on my notes, either. Yes, Councillor Eadie, yes.

Councillor Eadie: Well, I appreciate it and it doesn't matter where it comes up, Madam Speaker. But on the point of order, when we have an agenda, the one that I have and that I'm reading off of the decision making information system that we rely on, it does list Finance first. But, you know, I have no problem, again. But I just want to say I'm trying…we should really follow the agenda that's…that's set out that we all have on our computers. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: You are right, Councillor Eadie. I see that on the computer screen and it's different on the print-out in front of me. So we will deal with the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There's no report. The chair is not here for Question Period. Sorry. I'm thinking of the previous chair. Right. Yes, of course you are here. Councillor Morantz. Are there any questions for the chair, Councillor Morantz? Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. Recent news today, well, recent news, the Bank of Canada has lowered its rate, or interest rates by a quarter of a per cent and the base interest rate that is set by the Bank of Canada is part of what is establishes the City of Winnipeg does pay. And my question, Madam Speaker to the Chair of Finance, is will this quarter per cent reduction have a positive effect on our ability to get some things done in the 2015 budget?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz?

Councillor Morantz: Thank you for your question. Of course, we're always happy to hear when interest rates are going down and to the extent that we need to access new debts for our 2015 capital budget. I have no doubt that Corporate Finance and the good people there who negotiate our debt packages will take full advantage of the reduction of bond rates and hopefully they'll be a reduction that spreads. But certainly we would take full advantage of that to the greatest extent possible. Thank you for your question.

Councillor Eadie: Follow up, will this actually have an effect and alleviate some of our issues that we're trying to deal with this particular budget given that we'll be looking to issue debentures and so on this year and into next year, maybe negotiated this year for the longer term. So will this alleviate and give us a little room and will this be a part of his budget considerations over the next month in February?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz?

Councillor Morantz: Certainly we'll have to take this up with Corporate Finance and get a number from them as to what they think that the reduction in interest rates will mean. It would depend on the total extent of borrowing that goes into the upcoming capital budget before we can get a handle on that. But certainly, you know, any little bit helps. But I appreciate your bringing forward the question and I did just want to add, you know, when we had our Council seminar that, in addition to the comments that the Mayor made that we did request that Councillors come forward with any input that they may have, including new ideas for revenue savings options. So to that extent I appreciate Councillor Eadie's comments with respect to the reduction in interest rates.

Madam Speaker: Question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker and I appreciate the input. Does the Chair of Finance think though that it's reasonable for somebody who doesn't run the day-to-day operations to find savings so that you can move ahead some projects that are important?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz?

Councillor Morantz: Absolutely.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair of Finance? Ok and thank you again Councillor Eadie for pointing out the discrepancy in the agenda versus the proceedings document. We appreciate that. We'll now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated September 16.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated September 16 be read.

Madam Speaker: Okay, you're moving Item 2? Yes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED JANUARY 13, 2015

Madam Speaker: Before we move on to the next report, I'd like to recognize Councillor Allard who needs to recuse himself for Item No. 4.

Councillor Allard: Okay. I thought I'd explain that what happened…I'm stepping out on a procedural conflict. There was a public hearing when I was first elected, I went to an open house and I met with one of the stakeholders of the condo board that had some issues. So on advice from the Clerks, I'd like to recuse myself from this item.

Madam Speaker: For Item 4.

Councillor Allard: For Item 4. Right.

Madam Speaker: Okay, could I ask the chair to deal with the other items first so the Councillor could stay? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: So, I'll move the Standing Policy Committee Report Property Development dated January 13, 2015. I'll move one, two, three and five to…

Madam Speaker: Fourteen.

Councillor Orlikow: Five to 14. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, when we're ready, Item 4, please.

Item 4 - Subdivision and Rezoning – North Side of Sage Creek Boulevard between Lagimodiere Boulevard and Burning Glass Road
File DASZ 24/2014

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, would you like to introduce?

Councillor Orlikow: I'll introduce it for the sake of introducing it. I don't believe there's any comments, but anybody does, I'd be more than happy to do what I can.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no comments, I'll call the question. Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll move on to By-laws for Property and Development. Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the By-laws 16/2015 and 17/2015 be moved for the first…oh, and 20…18/2015 and 19/2015, 20/2015, 21/2015, be moved and read I think for the first time.

Madam Speaker: Yes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 16/ 2015, No. 17/2015, By-law No. 18/2015, By-law No. 19/2015, By-law No. 20/2015, By-law No. 21/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-laws number…back we go. I'm sorry. By-laws No.16/2015, 17/2015, 18/2015, 19/2015, 20/2015 and 21/2015 be moved a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 16/2015 to 21/2015 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm going to move that the rule be suspended and the By-laws numbered 16/2015 to 21/2015 both inclusive be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We'll now move on to Question Period. Any questions for the chair, Councillor Orlikow? Okay, seeing none. We'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services. The report dated January 12, Councillor Browaty.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED JANUARY 12, 2015

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report of January 12th and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, I wish to stand down Item 4 for discussion. I wish to speak on that.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of Item 1, 2 and 3? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 - Off Leash Dog Park at Little Mountain Park

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. I'll let Councillor Schreyer indicate his concerns or comments and issues with this and respond at the end.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: This is regarding…Madam Speaker, please correct me if this is not correct or perhaps we could seek the advice of Chair Browaty of the committee. This is the committee that I sit on as well with Chair Browaty and we discussed the issue of Little Mountain Park as to whether the forested area should be part of the off leash area. I voted against that and the reason is it was an issue of safety as was mentioned in the media. But I wish to state for the record that the primary reason in the end after deliberation, that I could not support the idea of allowing the forested area to be

part of the off-leash dog park. Is that the By-law regarding off leash dog parks indicates that the owner of the dog must always be within visual contact of the dog, his or her dog. I do believe, Madam Speaker, that we do need more off leash dog space in our city. And for those for whom this is a current concern, they should take that into consideration in terms of one of those City Councillors who is a dog owner and who would like more off leash dog space. Having said that, Madam Speaker, in this case, the issue…the reason I could not support the forested area of Little Mountain Dog Park to be part of the off-leash dog space is it is impossible for the dog owner to abide by the By-law that he or she can be in constant visual contact of the dog. It is physically impossible and that was also the opinion of the professional advice of the administration. And on that basis, I could not responsibly, as a City Councillor, pass a By-law that would contradict another By-law without further discussion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll leave it to the committee members to discuss the particulars of the off leash dog park. I just wanted to know it warms my heart to see discussion here of Little Mountain Park. I know two or three years ago, I never heard of the place. Last year, Madam Speaker, even I had an open house there, town hall meeting about concerns with the park. Some of this comes out of that…Jordan Lobe, the head of the Dog Owner's Association has come down here many times now. William Dowie who we've had sitting on a number of City committees, founded the Friends of Little Mountain Park and I know we've even had some members of the media up there with their own canine friends to look at the situation up there. So, people of two years ago I think we were being accused of ignoring this park that has no anomaly, that has no Councillor responsible for it. You know, people thought we were about to blast Chief Peguis Trail right through the heart of it and their maps suggesting this. So I just…I think it's very commendable to that the Councillors have taken an interest in this park; taken an interest in defending it; taken an interest in promoting it like yourself, Madam Speaker. I know you've…you've put in some time and some work there. So in terms of the particulars, I'll leave it to Councillor Browaty to speak to the off leash issues. I've come to learn it's our third biggest off leash space after Maple Grove in my ward which has gotten some funding after Kilcona in Councillor Browaty's ward, which he has put a lot of time and effort into. So we are collectively, I think, now looking at this park and it is one of the bigger off leash areas. So, it's…I don't know how this will get resolved, in a way the important thing is that we're conscious that we have this park. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to start off that of course, this park is not unknown to me. I've participated at that park since the mid-1970s as a…actually, early 1970s as a grade 7 student riding our bikes out there and enjoying the…well and learning about biology and so on. So, in those terms, though, and used the park many times. So, it is good that Councillors are concerned about it and I'm sure there are other Councillors who have participated in this park. So if you grew up in the north part of the city, you would be very familiar with this park. But what…in context to the…to this report, I stood and I support the report from the administration. They have some concerns that are listed out and there is a whole bunch of discussion, Madam Speaker, about having a study done only in terms of dog leash, off-leash dog parks in the city of Winnipeg when at the time right now, I believe we do not have an actual overall master plan that's indicated to be developed in the Our Winnipeg in which we look at all of our parks from a bigger perspective and from a perspective of what are we using the parks for, what can we do in the bigger context, and part of that is off-leash dog parks. I think off-leash dog parks do have a legitimate activity for parks. But it needs to be taken in context of all the uses of parks, and so I'm going with the…what the administration is saying here. Many of the plans, there's a master plan for Kilcona Park as the Chairperson Browaty has had and did a lot of work. But you know, that is done in the context of the need of a regional area. But really I think it's difficult for anybody on council to make some decisions to go forward when we don't really have that bigger master plan to ensure that we're following what people wanted. Our citizens of Winnipeg, the residents of Winnipeg who participated in, now it's quite some time, but Our Winnipeg was an award-winning consultation process with the people of Winnipeg and so I think we should follow through on that. I leave that in the context. This report, the administration has rightly so cordoned off and the sensitive…habitat-sensitive area. Having…I think that it's not a problem if you have a dog off leash in the open areas in Little Mountain Park. That's great. And if you want to go for a walk through the forest or through the…there's a lot of real solid prairie grass leading to the forest if you're on the north side for people who don't know. It's not that difficult to call your dog to you and put a leash on him and walk the paths. Because we don't want this habitat trampled on and, you know, there are a few students, but usually when students go through this park, they follow the paths. And so we want to make sure that this habitat is protected as well. So, I leave it at that, Madam Speaker. Of course, I voted for this report and will continue to stand behind it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Allard: So, I don't want to be too much like a dog with a bone on this one, but and I'll spare Council, you know, naming my dogs again as I did in the committee, but no problem. But it is on the public record. I just want to raise

some, I guess a few issues. The administrative report cites safety concerns in the off leash dog area. At the same time, the administration cites lack of resources to enforce the By-law. So, I'd like to sort of…I'd like to highlight that if they're -- in my opinion, if there is a safety concern, it's that Little Mountain Park currently is being used…the entire area is being used as a de facto off leash area. The users of the park are primarily dog owners who have their dogs off leash. So, essentially I don't buy the safety argument as it's being presented on that note. Another point I'd like to make is that the…there's…I guess the dog use…the off leash dog park users are not organized. There's an organization called Wind Dog. They'd like to see this, I guess essentially the entire…the entire little mountain park designated off leash. And they're confident. I heard them in a scrum that once we do have a master plan for off leash dog parks, which is still being considered, I…I…I understand the operating budget that that would be identified. This Little Mountain Park would be identified as a park that would be a regional park inside the City of Winnipeg. And so I just wanted to highlight that we're operating right now without this guiding master plan, but that I do feel that there's a strategic opportunity here to designate Little Mountain Park as a regional park in the City of Winnipeg. It's currently being used that way. And sort of going back to the point that if there is a safety concern, I think it's that people are going to this park expecting maybe more of a mixed use environment. But what they're finding is that it's actually an off leash dog park for most of the area. So, I…I don't want to consider throwing in another dog idiom, but maybe I'll spare Council another one. But just to say I think this issue is going to keep…it's going to come back especially if we don't find the dollars for this master plan for off leash dog parks. One final note. The City of Winnipeg compared to other cities, has a huge scarcity of off leash dog areas. I know Mayor Bowman campaigned on having a dog park, an off leash dog area closer to the downtown. This is a huge concern for residents of St. Boniface. I basically…if I want to enjoy the off leash dog park experience, I've got to hop in my car and go to a regional off leash dog area like Little Mountain Park at the moment. So, I'd like to…well, I'd like to commend Mayor Bowman for campaigning on that need and in terms of having more spaces. But in terms of this park in particular, I'd like to see us perhaps go back to the drawing board and if I did vote for the motion that's presented, I…I felt that maybe that the…I don't want to say the dog ate my homework because that means I didn't do my job, but that we need to do some further work on this and in the absence of a master plan, I'd like to find another process to look at designating this park an off leash dog area. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Inspired by Councillor Allard, it looks like this may become one of Council's pet projects. Yeah, but in seriousness, in all seriousness though, I did have a call last week from a resident of St. James. Someone in my ward who spent time in the hospital getting stitches for themselves and also at the vet getting stitches for their dog because of an encounter at Little Mountain Park. So I'm wondering if the chair of this committee, and again I'm pleading my ignorance here because I have the map, but I don't know exactly what barriers are in place at the park presently to mitigate these kind of unfortunate encounters. I just wondered if the chair could maybe address that question, what barriers are in place presently. Are there any between the space that's designated on leash, spaces designated on leash and the space designated off leash.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Ok. Councillor Browaty to close.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The reality is we have a lot of Winnipeggers now that want to have off leash amenities. If you look at cities across the country, there are many, many opportunities in cities from coast to coast where people can take their dogs, let them run free. Again, there are certain requirements. You know, you need to be able to control them by audible messaging to your pets so you do need to have a certain level of care and control over your pets when you are in these facilities. Cities like Calgary, I think, have into the triple digits. I believe it is getting close to 100 off leash dog parks all, you know, ranging from regional larger parks to small little tiny enclosures, you know, in neighbourhood parks. What we have to do, though, is we have to recognize the compatibility of different types of uses in these facilities. In a small neighbourhood park, you know, it needs to be cordoned off very clearly and very concisely with, perhaps, fencing. In terms of places like Little Mountain Park or even today at Kilcona Park, we have conflict of users. There's definitely a problem there because I mean, there's a sign may be up that shows that this is the area that's off leash, but when people see that they're the vast majority of users of the park, they don't feel they need to oblige those rules. In fact, the other problem is enforcement. We don't have an army of people going around to say, hey, your dog is off leash in this area. Here's a ticket. We need to make sure all Winnipeggers understand that there are areas where you can go and have legally your pets off leash, and that's where you should go. And then on the other side, places where, you know what? This is a park where there's going to be kids and it's not safe to let your pets go off leash because, again, there are other users in these parks. Is a master strategy the correct approach? I'm not sure. It's a lot of money, tens of thousands of dollars potentially to be spent, you know, consulting with people. I don't think there's necessarily a problem. I mean if you've got an active group in the area that wants to organize and see an off leash park, work with the area Councillor, work with the…you know, engage you know the office of public engagement to say, hey, let's have a champion for a dog park over here. Let's work with the community and let's get by so that you know we can…you know, even people who don't have dogs, they can know that, hey, there's a spot where the off leash dogs are to be. There's a spot where the…off…where it's going to be safe to play with kids and recognize that there's not going to

be dogs running free because you know what, I can tell you, in all sorts of parks throughout even in my ward where I get calls every once in a while about a dog being off leash. You know what, if it's you know, 6:00 a.m. where there's not any kids playing, I don't know if it's really a problem, but if it's after 4:00, definitely a problem. So we need to work this out here. There's lots and lots of green space in our city. It's an absolute wonderful amenity that we have. We've got parks everywhere. But steering through this, we've got to be responsible both with taxpayers' dollars as well as making sure that the amenities of people expect and deserve are available. This is not a debate that's ending today. I think the recommendation before us here today is solid, but again also recognizing that it still doesn't physically separate thing. I should point out that the Kilcona master plan does propose building a separation a barrier, that would physically separate either by water or by fencing areas that are on leash and off leash. And, again, it would still be the large dog park in the City of Winnipeg by a large margin. I also do find it ironic that the Kilcona Park, which is built on a huge former landfill, has a much bigger mountain quote-unquote, than Little Mountain Park. But anyways, I digress. So again, I do move the motion here before us. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All those in favour of Item 4? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions? There's no By-laws. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? No? Okay. We'll now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated January 16.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED JANUARY 16, 2015

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report of January 16, 2015 on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and move adoption of the Consent Agenda for Items 1 through 8.

Madam Speaker: Okay. And Councillor Browaty…Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Seven.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: One.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, No. 1? Okay. Just a moment. I'd like to call the question on Items 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 - Capital Integration Project – Increase of Delegated Award Authority for Manitoba Hydro Early Works

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Lukes, would you like to introduce Item 1?

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to hear what my colleague has to ask.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, it's not a question. It's a comment.

Madam Speaker: Okay, you have the floor.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is regarding, and if I may quote that approval be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate an award, a sole-source contract up to $4.25 million including in the project budget in 2014 with Manitoba Hydro for early works required to prepare the Hydro Corridor before construction of the transitway begins in 2016. I believe there's a syntax error in that before construction of the transitway, no, I guess that's correct. So, full explanation including for those that are here, actually…Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: To you only apparently. But I'm glad that there are other people here to listen on this issue. This is regarding the already-passed plan by council regarding the bus rapid transitway from the Jubilee overpass over Pembina Highway down to the University of Manitoba. I want it known that I understand, I believe that we need to progress in this city with our public transportation system that we have a growing city. We need to maintain a solid

transportation system, a future-oriented transportation system. Despite the fact that prices for gasoline and oil right now are surprisingly low, this is merely temporary. It has nothing to do with…we're not making any more oil, not very quickly, anyway. And I do know that for the…for future-oriented transportation, we need to look at rapid transit. We need to look at these things. And we need to plan for them. It happens to be, in my case, Madam Speaker, that I promised the constituents in my ward that I would take due diligence when it came to the issues of future planning for our bus rapid transit. I understand we have a dilemma, I would say, and a conflict I wish I wasn't in, in that we've already passed in the previous council the plan for the bus rapid transit for the University Manitoba. I also understand that there is a lack of understanding and I'm one of those people, Madam Speaker that is a lack of understanding. And it's my duty, Madam Speaker, as the representative for Elmwood-East Kildonan to have greater understanding on these issues. I believe that we need to look at and plan for rapid transit or progressive public transportation between the two largest destinations of our city, downtown Winnipeg, where I work, and the University of Manitoba where I used to study. It happens to be that I do not feel in this whole issue of bus rapid transit planning that I have sufficient information by which to form my decisions. It happens to be that the previous Council passed the bus rapid transit plan, but it is up to this term, this administration, the City Council, to the City Council to pass the budget for what was already passed in the last term. This issue is separate from this issue of delegating the chief financial officer to negotiate with the -- with contract as Manitoba Hydro to change the Hydro Corridor is related to that, supplementary, if you will, to the whole issue of bus rapid transit. And I wish it was part and parcel of the plan and budget. But it ends up being here separate. So I have a conundrum, Madam Speaker. In that I feel, and I to the extent to which it is my inadequacy that I have not shown to my own personal confidence, due diligence in understanding this issue. I feel that, on that basis, I cannot allocate funds. And my constituents can judge me on that. And on that basis, I cannot follow through on any budgetary allocations toward bus rapid transit and this is not because I do not believe in planning for greater public transit for our future and our future efficiencies and energy efficiencies. But merely that I feel I do not have sufficient information. I also feel, Madam Speaker, that we do not have sufficient information. Not just me. I promised my…the constituents of Elmwood-East Kildonan, that I would be making no decisions on bus rapid transit or any rapid transit issues, plans, without what I felt comfortable with in terms of stamped engineering reports. Happens to be on this corridor, I only visited it for the first time and thank you for the administration for providing…and Councillor Lukes for providing the opportunity to take a look at the corridor. And on that basis, I can say I'm in the process of making decisions on the bus rapid transit system. I'm a brand new Councillor and this is an issue that may very well be the largest project expenditure for the duration of the lives of those in the audience and I do not take that lightly for a moment. And I don't care, but I can be judged on this. I wish it wasn't the case. But it is certainly not my priority to rush a decision like this, having been a Councillor for less than three months. And on that basis, for the sake of making sure and these citizens, my neighbours at Elmwood-East Kildonan, are sure that I've done my due diligence in providing my leadership on the issue of bus rapid transit. At this time, Madam Speaker, I cannot make any decisions on further financial allocations for the bus rapid transit system to the extent that that is my inadequacy, I apologize. To the extent to which I am stating something that is important that we do not have sufficient engineering, stamped engineering reports by which I can have confidence. Well, I stand by that. And on that basis, I cannot vote for Item one, for the delegation of the Chief Financial Officer regarding the $4.25 million on the issue of the Hydro Corridor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any other speakers on the item? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Just wanted to make a quick comment on this given what was said her and I think Councillor Schreyer. It's…I understand his position very clearly. Transportation planning is something that goes on for decades and year and often is very, very complex. I just wanted to point out I agree that there should be more opportunities for understanding, education, reviewing all the reports we do have. And I appreciate Councillor Lukes's efforts this weekend to offer a tour of the specific project we're talking about. But just on the bigger picture, just to point out, we're building the second half of an already-built rapid transit corridor. We're building Phase 2 of something that's half finished. By 2020, it will be opening. That's all we're doing. Calgary is building their plans. I think there's five new BRT lines as well as an LRT line within that same timeframe. We're not rushing anything, okay? I mean I appreciate there's people that I understand their personal struggle with comprehending and fathoming, you know, this project and the details and yes there's a lot of work to do to do that. I assure you there's heaps of reports. There's heaps of cost benefit analysis. And I don't want to start the whole debate on all that again. But just to…I understand where the Councillor is coming from. I just want to put in the larger context. We aren't rushing this. There is information that people, that's very complex that takes a lot of time to go through. I respect the struggle that the new Councillors are going through. But on this issue, we have to also look at the big picture and I…and I hope that Council will hold its course and not make any rash decisions without, and go back on decisions and set us back again. Because once a council stops…once a council sets…we see that repeatedly, Toronto and other places, a new government comes in and they cancel their transit plans and then they're set back a decade. That's what happened with Mayor Katz when he first got in. So I just think to bear in mind some of those bigger picture items when we're having this discussion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll try to be brief, Madam Speaker. Just…I vowed that as we begin to debate with this council, I was going to repeat every opportunity I could the misconception that people keep citing. It's a $590 million rapid transit way, $590 million capital integrated project with three components, Pembina, Jubilee underpass and the Calrossie Drainage Works are also part of that. Not some of the pipes that's been handled by the Water Utility, but some of the drainage works. If you break it out, it's about a $490 BRT extension here. So I'm going to have a…I don't have a dog metaphor, unfortunately, like Councillor Allard, but I'm going to continue to point out it's not, and here's where I think we did a poor job of communicating in the last council. It's not 590 million for BRT. It's 490 million for the rapid transitway. There are efficiencies here by doing Pembina, Jubilee underpass at the same time. If you get out last year's capital book, you'll find a whole separate capital project called Pembina Jubilee Underpass that Councillor Gerbasi has certainly fought for over time so the important thing to remember here is people are inflating the cost of the rapid transitway not Councillor Schreyer, but the general debate has been why are you building this $600 million extension. That's not an accurate characterization of the bus rapid transitway. This is an integration project of three different projects there. There's some efficiencies of doing it all at once and thus you can attribute the contingency different ways. You are going to attribute the drainage different ways, but I think it's far more accurate to say the rapid transit cost of this is $490 million, still a big…sorry? Still big project. Still an important project. But it's not $590 million that's for the bus rapid transitway. That includes an important bit of road infrastructure work, the 590 as part of it so the rapid transitway is not 590, it's closer to 490.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Since we're talking metaphors, Winnipeggers got on the bus when it came to rapid transit in this most recent election. And the mandate that I received to serve as mayor was to provide leadership to create a growing, thriving, more modern Winnipeg, including rapid transit and other forms of transportation. And I thank all members of Councillor for their ongoing work and deliberations and due diligence on matters involving significant amount of money of taxpayers' dollars. What I can say is that I had a meeting with Gregor Robertson, the Mayor of Vancouver recently on a trip out to Vancouver and he was lamenting the fact that the…they're proposing a new line out to the endowment lands at UBC. And he was saying how, you know, it's going to be…I think it's over $1 billion. It's a lot of money for one line. And I didn't feel too sorry for them, I have to say. Because they've got a pretty good rapid transit system in Vancouver already. We're talking about finishing, as Councillor Gerbasi just mentioned, finishing one line. Well, one line is not a transit…public rapid transit system. It's a line. And we do need to get it done. We do need ask difficult questions of the professionals who are in the weeds and providing us with advice. I applaud the fact that we've already had a council seminar on rapid transit and we'll certainly have additional ones to provide additional information to all members of Council, especially new members of Council and myself to make sure that we're fully informed. On this particular matter, sadly we only have one service provider, Manitoba Hydro. So we can't go out and try to really have the type of competition I'm sure we'd like. Secondly, this is accommodated within the budget right now. And so to say it's new funds is not entirely accurate. It is budgeted for and I know that that has been noted by the chair. Lastly, I'll just…I'll just say that I am…will be releasing very soon the Build Winnipeg Partnership background to fulfill my vision for better oversight and long-term planning on projects such as these. Build Winnipeg Partnership was my effort and commitment to Winnipeggers to ensure that we better co-ordinate public transit, roads and active transportation, all vital components to a growing, thriving, more modern Winnipeg. And the Build Winnipeg Partnership will invite participation of the Province and Federal Government as well as key stakeholders so we can truly engage in better long-term coordination between levels of government and stakeholders, funding sources and experts. And I…I welcome Council's input as we roll out the Build Winnipeg Partnership. I can also say and applaud the Province of Manitoba for including reference to the Build Winnipeg Partnership in the recent throne speech. That was something that was a result of conversations that I'd had with our Premier and Minister Chief and I thank them for their cooperative working relationship on this very important initiative that will truly allow us to move forward with greater long-term planning, not only on rapid transit, but on the other forms of transportation I just mentioned. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Council Eadie followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A lot more issues being put on the table that anyway, I appreciate what the Mayor has spoken about. We will have a lot of dialogue, I'm sure about that. But besides the point, first of all, the hydro line has to be…we have to do this work. It's essential to ensure that there's margin of safety for our…but bus rapid transit route that City Council passed. We are moving ahead with it. A lot of people will talk about our financial, you know, it is a huge amount of money, the capital integration project than even 490 or 425, there's a number of components. There's an expensive railway bridge to move for…to do anything around there, anyway. So, we have those issues. The…in terms of…I just wanted to say it's too bad. I know that private-public partnerships, the only way we can get the federal money is to enter into this and I know in my heart of hearts that that costs more money for the City of Winnipeg, but the project moved ahead that way because that's the only way we could get the money from the feds. So I look at it this way. If there's an extra cost, the feds are paying for it. Remember, there's…our share, the Province, the Federal Government, and the City of Winnipeg were all sharing in the cost of this Phase 2 Rapid Transit. So you need to

consider that as well. The…and finding the money to finance it, yes, it's difficult. But we do have to do it. I also want to point out there was a comment in terms of the most expensive capital project we might be voting on, I'm pretty sure that the distance from Main Street to Oak Point Highway, Brookside Boulevard for the Chief Peguis Trail extension is a further distance. And it is going to require overpass-underpass, whatever that is. If my vision of what that is goes ahead. So, there's a huge cost there. And we don't even know what the final cost on that might be. Although I think there's a number being thrown around. I don't know that necessarily it's right or wrong, but and I should also point out that hydro line is there. We're talking about Hydro. People want to talk about LRT and stuff and seeing as how we've gotten on to this thing. Hydro…a this rapid transit corridor, this first one that the City of Winnipeg is going to have, it is…it is quite ripe and ready if once all the testing is done with the battery powered buses, you can build in a recharging station along it. And for me, that is using electricity generated by Hydro. So in the future, and even by 2020, that could be the thing. Like you know, the number 20 bus is where the experiment is because the only recharging station right now is at the airport which is where the number 20 bus goes to. So, it can recharge. I had a chance to ride on it. It's got a lot of torque. Anyway, so you know, I'm voting for this report. This is delegating some money to be spent. It has to be done probably before we get into all the other…into the ground and construction. So, I believe that this is being advanced. And we do deal with Hydro. It's there. It's their facility so they have the right to demand who does the work and so on. And just a final comment. It was refreshing to hear the Mayor talking about and maybe it's a little ambitious to get all the rapid transit built by 2030, it is a good plan for the City of Winnipeg. This is the great City of Winnipeg. It's growing. It's growing fast. Eventually, you know, like we are a major city in Winnipeg. Every major city like Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Edmonton being similar in size, Ottawa being similar in size, they all have rapid transit. We, you know, what type it is. Well, there you go. But the point is, is and I'll say this, I have to explain to some people and I'll just in terms of using words. You know, we're not some low-end city. We're a city that is growing in a major city and you have to have rapid transit. And so, the final comment is simply this because I heard this from my residents. What has this got to do with me? I want better service on Main Street. I want better service on Leila. I want better service on Selkirk Avenue. I want better service on Mountain Avenue. So what I have to say is the City of Winnipeg is in the mass transportation business with transit. And when you start talking about mass transportation, the more users that we get on the system, the better the whole system will be and the rapid transit is only part of the whole system. But it will attract, it will be more convenient. More people will ride the buses. More people on the bus means the transit system is a lot more solid and it will be able to serve Winnipeggers much better well, way into the future in reference to the young people in the crowd, they will see a really excellent transit system in this City of Winnipeg, you know, that's what we will see well…and maybe not that far in the future, hopefully I'm still around in 2030 to 2040. And, as usual, I will always be taking the bus. So, there you go.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Contrary to popular belief, I'm actually not anti-rapid transit. I recognize that this new route will provide a much speedier way to get from downtown throughout to the University of Manitoba and I even think based on the tour that the Public Service gave us on the weekend, I know you were there, Madam Speaker along with several colleagues. I think at this point the routing makes sense. I still want to have a sit down with Councillor Orlikow to understand his objections to the particular route. But based on all sorts of operating procedures now, I do understand now, I think, why the quote-unquote dog leg does make a lot of sense in terms of the routing. Again, we had a very thorough debate in this Council Chamber. I know half the people here today were not here at that time. But I lost. I suggested at that time the next…I used 590 but Councillor Mayes is correct. The portion that is, you know, attributable to rapid transit is probably 440, 450 or whatever the number is. I don't believe that this is the next 440, 450 million dollars that the City of Winnipeg should be spending on its transportation network. When we have deplorable conditions on all of our major thoroughfares into our out of downtown between communities, whether it's Henderson Highway, Main Street, McPhillips, Route 90, Bishop Grandin, Lagimodiere, Portage Avenue, St. Mary's, St. Anne's, Pembina Highway, you name it, why we're spending money on a glorified bus route before we address the very real and very serious concern we have on those roads, I think we have our priorities misaligned. However, I lost that fight. "The bus has left the station" in freezing bad analogies all day today. Therefore, I mean this is part of it. We're already spending, you know, beside this money, other parts of the project are proceeding. Detailed engineering is going on. Property acquisitions are going on. If we walk from this now, we're going to lose significant amount of money unfortunately at this point. It's still not in my mind the best use of our next very scarce dollars. And again, we still have to find $20 million a year starting in 2020 or 2019, and that's still going to be a massive challenge and massive burden for Winnipeggers whether you are using the bus or not. But the reality is, this is going forward. We need to support this motion before us today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I echo the tone of Councillor Schreyer's statements. There are several questions around rapid transit specific to what Councillor Browaty just highlighted. How are we going to pay for this over the long-term? And on a personal level, I'm not anti-rapid transit, but I have questions yet regarding, you know,

how we're going pay and afford rapid transit before I can fully support it. And I've been clear I think with others on that. But specific to what is before us today about the…the Manitoba Hydro "early works", just want to kind of bring maybe Council up to speed in regards to discussions that happened at our last Finance Committee meeting. Major capital projects, as most of the Councillors know, capital project in excess of $10 million required to report regularly. I've already spoken of that previously to date. But in the table, for example on the Southwest Rapid Transit Stage 2, Pembina Highway upgrade, last report says none. Construction has not yet commenced. And I made note at our Finance Committee meeting earlier in January that a lot of money can be spent and committed prior to construction commencing and spoke to our CFO after that meeting and he agreed and assured me that reporting would begin to come forward and begin to flow on these projects, you know, as soon as possible even before construction begins. And I highlight that because we just extend, you know, authority to…if I have got it here again, to…is it 750 million, is that what I'm seeing? I think, right? Seven point five…$7.5 million, $7.25 million. So, you take that, you add some other numbers to the project already and that has already been committed. We can easily be in excess of $10 million. All that to say, I'm glad to see, I'm glad to hear that reporting will begin to come to Finance on a regular basis even though construction has not begun.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. No further speakers? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: I'd just like to sum up here, Madame Chair. I too am a new Councillor and had many concerns and interest in rapid transit. I am representing the ward in the south end of Winnipeg and I have been fortunate to be on…in an advisory capacity in the first phase of rapid transit so…I have quite extensive knowledge of it. I can appreciate Councillor Schreyer's concerns and speaking to this particular item. We really have to continue moving forward. We are a growing city. We have to…I think we thought like a small city for…or a small town for many, many years. And this public transportation is an integral part of a growing city and it's an integral part of our whole transportation system and our whole economy. So, I appreciate all the comments that we've heard today from our fellow colleagues and I want to thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on the item. All in favour? Okay. Call for recorded vote. All those in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Pagtakhan and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillor Schreyer

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay, item has passed. We will now move on to a motion…Motion 2.

Clerk: Item No. 3.

Madam Speaker: Sorry, jumping ahead.

Item 3 - No Cost Replacement of Recycling and Garbage Carts as a Result of Third Party Damage

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to introduce and then we'll go to Councillor Eadie who stood it down.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to introduce this item. That's it. Item No. 3. And I'd like to hear my colleague's questions and I'll respond.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie. Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stepped this down. I just wanted to start off with this…this report and initiative as a result of the former Councillor Harvey Smith moved and I seconded. It's been quite some time, actually, since it was moved and so I took the opportunity to read through the original motion and I just want to be clear that it hadn't indicated to…for the administration to examine the possibility of paying for the replacement of stolen or missing carts. So, the administration has put together a very good package here in terms of, you know, if somebody comes and

torches your cart or runs it over or, you know, somebody could steal a motor vehicle and just run down a back lane and…I'm not giving any ideas, I should keep my mouth shut, anyway. But maybe those people aren't listening in today's meeting. But anyway, the whole point is, though, is why should the victim have to pay for a new cart when they are already paying $50 a year off their water bill to help keep our master plan moving ahead because it's funded through different mechanisms. But they are paying an extra $50 a year for this system. There was a lot of problems originally with the city. So, with this new system coming in, they've all sort of been covered over. And, you know, we still have some, you know, day to day issues. But we had day to day issues with the old system as well. And so, but this is one of the things that people were not in the old system responsible for the bin that they threw their garbage in. In my neighbourhood, we had the autobins and Councillor Smith's and now Councillor Gilroy's ward had the big autobins. And those pose a problem. But the residents didn't have to pay to repair it when there was a fire. But the residents who had it behind their house were always very upset when it was torched. Their fence would burn or their garage would burn. We don't really have that problem anymore in terms of a garbage bin fire doing that. So given that, though, this is a good plan. The numbers that they were coming forward…and I had done an analysis. My assistant and I from…we looked at the beginning numbers for the first, I believe it was nine months, because in my ward and in Councillor Smith's ward at the time, Councillor Gilroy's ward, it didn't start in October 1st. It started August 1st. In those areas where the autobins already existed. So, we measured that and we looked at how many carts were damaged, how many were stolen. It included how many were stolen as well and the number that we got from the 311 system, people who needed carts replaced and they were all incensed when they found out that they had to pay for their own cart when somebody burnt it or stole it or damaged it. Of course, Emterra pays for the ones they've damaged during the process of emptying garbage and we've seen a few of those. But, you know, they've had some difficulties with the winter exposure and running with these things. So but I wanted to say that the estimates in here, in this report, are 100 carts to be replaced a month. Those, I believe that number does cover stolen carts and we will find out. But what's happening here is…I wanted to point out that the chairperson made a good point. Is it going to be reported? How this plan is proceeding and how it's going. And one of the numbers that I got, which included missing, stolen like carts that had to be replaced for whatever reason including stolen or missing, the 2013 master plan report that we received in, I guess it was March, indicated that for the all of 2013, there were 1100 carts needed to be replaced. We are soon to get our 2014 report. And I think that as people have gotten used to using these things a little bit more, I would imagine that those numbers are going to be somewhat lower in March. I don't know. I could be proven wrong, but it might be lower. So what I'm really saying here is I'm supporting this. I was trying to amend it. But it's very specific to the conditions that exist when you have a burned or damaged cart. If your cart is stolen or missing, one of provisions in here is that the City of Winnipeg is to get it back whatever condition it is, the City of Winnipeg will get the melted cart or damaged cart and they will be replacing it with a new cart and we're covering the costs. Obviously, that doesn't work when you have a stolen or missing cart. Now, as I mentioned before, with stolen and missing carts, there's a chip in these things and eventually it may be found, the cart. And many people…and if you haven't, I recommend to everybody put your address on unremovable ink or whatever it is on your cart that says your address. That's very important. But, you know, even on bikes, they sand or file things off. But anyway, the point is, is you need to do that. A friend of mine had that experience, but, you know, they couldn't even complain because they hadn't put their address on it so how do you know which cart's yours. Did they accidentally get moved? There is a chip on it. So, moving into the future, what I'm going to do is I think what I'm recommending and I will move because I know a lot of people are very incensed about stolen and missing carts. Let's see what the experience is this year with this arson and third-party damage, which is the most egregious, I have to say, most egregious things to happen when you're following the rules of the system and this happens. It's not good. So, once we get the experience, we can then determine whether or not to add or put on missing or stolen carts on to this. Again, we don't want to penalize a victim of a crime. And that's what happens when somebody steals your cart as well. So, I…and just publicly say everybody please follow the rules and practices for your carts. And usually everything will be fine. So, I really strongly support the administration and the work they did on this report. Took some time, but I'm glad it came through and that's all I have to say, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Madam Chair, thank you. I'd like to thank Councillor Eadie for his comments and for the really due diligence he did in putting together his report and analysis on this initiative. This is a really good initiative and I'm very pleased to see that administration will, in one year, be coming back and looking at the numbers and at that point, that will give us a good insight to what has occurred and how we will proceed forward. So, thank you, Councillor Eadie, for your comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 3? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 7.

Item 7 - Results of the Proposed Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement Local Improvement Projects – October 8, 2014 Advertisement – East Kildonan – Transcona

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to introduce.

Councillor Lukes: I'll let my colleagues speak to this, please. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A warning that I am going to try my hand at a few comments in French as well. For their warning, you're about to see a large drop-off from Councillor Allard's ability to speak in French to mine. I noticed the Mayor thanked Councillor Allard. He may not feel the same after I've made my comments en français, but

(Speaking in French) Premierement je voudrais remercier Conseiller Allard pour commencer les services interpretations dans le conseil cet un projet important. Je parle beaucoup de fois au subject des ruelles en graviers. Il y a des ruelles en graviers dans tout les quartiers de la Ville de Winnipeg, surtout plus part dans les quartiers de St. Boniface and les quartiers de St. Vital mais il y a des ruelles en graviers dans tout les autres quartiers and aujourd'hui je parle de les projets dans le quarter de Jeff Browaty, conseiller pour le Kildonan Nord and les trois projets ici son donc, cet quartier donc c'est un projet important. Les projets de asphalt, asphalting pour les ruelles en graviers, c'est importantp our le quartier de St. Vital, le quartier St. Boniface, mais c'est un projet pour tout la ville. Cet important projet des infrastures, le projet aide tout les quartiers et de la Ville de Winnipeg, donc c'est important de continuer avec cet programme and de aider avec les residents avec les ruelles en graviers. Merci

Translation:
Councillor Mayes: First of all, I would like to thank Councillor Allard for starting the interpretation service in the Council, it is an important initiative. I often talk about gravel lanes. There are gravel lanes in all the neighbourhoods of Winnipeg, especially...most are in the wards of St. Boniface and St. Vital, but there are gravel lanes in all the other wards, and today, I am talking about the projects in Jeff Browaty's ward, Jeff being the councillor for Kildonan-North, and these three projects are in that ward, so it's important. Asphalting gravel lanes is important for the St. Vital and St. Boniface wards, but this is an important project for the entire City of Winnipeg. It is an important infrastructure project that benefits all wards, as well as the City of Winnipeg as a whole, so it is important to continue this program and to assist the residents with gravel lanes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm just going to translate Councillor Mayes' comments. I'm just kidding. I just wanted to add to Councillor Mayes' comments and that was a great performance or no, that was great communication skills in French. Thank you very much for speaking La langue de Molièreas as we say in French. That's…sorry. There was no warning. That's a Molièreas' tongue or Molièreas' language. Anyhow, I digress. I just want to, on this motion and on this project, I just want to say that this is, in my opinion, an innovative program. It brings in private sector dollars. We all know how tough the budget is and the local improvement process empowers communities to get together and decide that they want better infrastructure for their streets and for their lanes. Our gravel lanes and in St. Boniface and St. Vital, but everywhere in Winnipeg have particular challenges. They bring in dust, ruts and for those who have worked in Councillor offices are a source of many, many phone calls. We do, you know, we do maintain the lanes by grading, but they're certainly not ideal. So I wanted to put emphasis on the…this…the innovation, this program. Asphalt is cheaper than concrete. And with the subsidy from the City of Winnipeg, it makes it such a good deal. People just can't pass it up. And as Winnipeggers, we know a deal when we see one and this is a great way of leveraging private sector dollars in a tough budget year. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I'll be actually brief, all three of these local improvements are in the North Kildonan Ward so I thought I'd be remiss if I didn't at least put on my, on the record my support for previous Council's initiative when it comes to providing additional supports in terms of the paving of asphalt lanes. We realize that we're modern urban city and ash…and gravel back lanes cause all sorts of issues, ongoing maintenance, standing water, breeding mosquitos, things like that. This provides far better land drainage and provides an opportunity to provide an improved service with a much lower cost than concrete lanes. I think it is probably time that we do revisit the City of Winnipeg's development standards and I leave this to the current Chair of P and D to...and folks over in Finance and the folks over in Public Works to spend some time thinking about. We're probably at the point now where we can look at new subdivisions. Right now, we're doing a lot of streets. We're using a base of various types of packed gravel and redoing streets now with asphalt when we're doing a replacement of an existing street. However, the development standards require that new streets be done in concrete. You have a lot of jurisdiction, it's not uncommon to see curbing done initially in concrete and then the actual roadways done in an asphalt. Perhaps it's time to charge our staff. We're not experts at this. I don't think any of us have engineering rings, but have our staff come back and look at perhaps an opportunity to look at the development standards. So, obviously very supportive of the motion before us today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: In closing, as a member of the Riel Community Committee and sitting with both Councillor Allard and Councillor Mayes, I have to say, I've…I've got a wealth of information inside on this program and all I can say is, it's a fabulous program and thank you for always, always bringing it up every time it comes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now go to Motion 2 before us and that's from Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Mayes regarding snow clearing. It will be an automatic referral to the Public Works Standing Committee.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS snow and ice clearing in the City of Winnipeg has been heavily criticized over the last few years;

AND WHEREAS councillors' offices have had to deal with many complaints on private sector snow zones with actual damage, poor quality clearing, and part of zones not cleared identified;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been dependent on private sector contracts to get the snow and ice cleared away;

AND WHEREAS it is time Council finds out if the city is getting value for money from its contractors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service provide an Administrative Report reviewing the quality and cost of internal service delivery and external contracts within the Department of Public Works, Roadway Snow Removal and Ice Control including:

- *A comprehensive review of its approach to contracting for snow and ice control services;*
- *A comparative analyses of the costs of services delivered by area contractors versus the same services delivered by City forces;*
- *Determining the cost of hired equipment (with labour) compared to the cost of City equipment (and labour) in various circumstances;*
- *A three-year review of complaints related to snow clearing made by the general public and private businesses to 311, Councillor's offices, and the Mayor's office, based on snow clearing Areas;*
- *A 3 year review of health and safety data and scheduling issues for both contract and city services;*
- *A review of damage to curbs, roads, and boulevards, and private property due to snow clearing over the past three years, based on snow clearing Areas;*
- *A report on all instances of contractors violations of the terms of contracts over the past three years;*
- *A review of commercial vehicle safety records of contracted equipment, including accident rates and mechanical condition of equipment;*
- *Recommendations on decreasing the department's reliance on Area contracts for Snow Clearing and Ice Removal.*

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

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to By-laws. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I move that the following By-laws be read…as read at first time, By-law No. 22/2015, By-law No. 23/2015, By-law number 24/2015, and By-law No. 25/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 22/2015, By-law No. 23/2015, By-law No. 24/2015 and By-law No. 25/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that By-laws numbered 22/2015 through 25/2015 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 22/2015 to 25/2015 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 22/2015 to 25/2015 both inclusive be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now have our question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Lukes? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I have a question as to whether the private sector owners of the Disraeli Bridge are still contracting the City of Winnipeg to plow the snow on the Disraeli Freeway. And if so, can the Chair of the Public Works Standing Committee tell us how much the City is being paid for the service of snowblowing the Disraeli Bridge, which the people of Winnipeg pay the private owners of the bridge to maintain?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Councillor Schreyer for your question. The Disraeli project is a P3 project, I want to get back to you with accurate information on it, so what I will do is take this back to administration, review it with them and report back.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'm new here and I'd like to know if the Chair of the Standing Committee for Public Works can let us know who are the owners of the Disraeli Bridge?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. It is my understanding, and I could be wrong, but it is my understanding that the City of Winnipeg is the owner of the Disraeli Bridge, and through the P3 process, they were contracted to do the work. But again, I will verify this information with administration and get back to you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Through you to the Chair, is the Councillor aware that prior to the Disraeli being replaced that particular area, the major arterial roads were ploughed by the City of Winnipeg with their own forces, that in the case with the Chief Peguis Trail Extension, which is also a P3 project, that actually Peguis is being plowed by independent, by the same contractors, that do the other arterial roadways in that vicinity?

Councillor Lukes: I am aware of that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Committee. Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: I did have a.

Madam Speaker: Point of Order.

Councillor Schreyer: Pardon me, ma'am?

Madam Speaker: Point of Order.

Councillor Schreyer: Am I allowed to ask another question of the Chair of Public Works committee?

Madam Speaker: Sure. Go on.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker for this indulgence. It is regarding the issue of bus rapid transit. I wish to make it clear when we're discussing the bus rapid transit, we were discussing this one phase about a half a billion dollars for five miles. But when I'm speaking about the fact that this will be the largest expenditure of our tax money for one single project in the history of our lives, for the people in this room today. I wasn't referring merely to this half billion dollars for five miles, I was referring to the entire bus rapid transit plan for the City of Winnipeg. And I'm looking at the whole thing ma'am. I'm able to think big, and I'm able to think long-term. But I have to look at the entire thing, including this one phase. On this, to verify, this besides this one-five mile phase costing about a half billion, could I ask the Chair of the Public Works committee, what is the estimated cost for the benefit of all Winnipeggers, including those who are present here today, so we can start this off yet again, and I apologize for being a new Councillor? What is the estimated cost for the entire bus rapid transit plan for Winnipeg?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. At this point in time, the City of Winnipeg does not have a cost for the entire project for the City of Winnipeg. To even narrow it down, functional designs have to be done, to understand where the routes are, the land acquisition, there's a lot of variables. And at this point in time, not that I'm aware of, or that I am aware of, we do not have a specific cost on the entire system because we haven't really defined the entire system yet.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. When we talk about the half a billion dollars for five miles, that's a capital investment, as has been mentioned on the floor before that doesn't.

Madam Speaker: Your question Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Besides the capital investments, do we have an idea of what the annual ongoing maintenance costs are going to be for the entire bus rapid transit plan?

Councillor Lukes: Well, we don't have a cost of what the entire bus rapid plan is, so we don't have the cost of the annual maintenance and operations of it. So until we determine the first, we don't have the second.

Madam Speaker: Okay, no further questions for the Chair. Moving on to the Committee on Alternate Service Delivery. Councillor Browaty.

**REPORT OF THE ALTERNATE SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 19, 2015**

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, do you have a…okay. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report of January 19, 2015 and I'll remove…and I'll move Items 1 and 2 with the expectation that Councillor Mayes is going to step down or will speak to No. 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 - Winnipeg Golf Services SOA – 2015 Business Plan

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I could probably respond to Councillor Mayes' comments already, but I'm going to let him put them on the floor.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: There's one subject that I've talked about more than gravel back lanes. It may well be the City public run golf courses here. So I'm pleased to see this report and pleased to see we have representatives from the…Dave Sauer from the Labour Council and Gord Delbridge from CUPE here. And I just raised this…I want to make the same comments I made at EPC, which is several years ago, there was a report from an American consulting firm that basically blamed the union for the losses at some of our public golf courses, in fact, I thought remarkably even said that we should abolish the Employment Standards Act as they called it, it's the Employment Standards Code. We shouldn't even…shouldn't even have an enforcement of the Employment Standards Code at our golf courses. So I just want to point out that the most recent report to have before you indicates a huge change in position for the publicly run golf courses. And why is that? Did we implement…did we remove the unions? Did we do something dramatic? No. It's an accounting change. It could well be next year we're showing a loss again. But this…in some ways makes the argument that former Councillor Vandal often made talking about the fog of accounting on the golf course that I have made, others have made, that CUPE has made, that we…by making this a special operating agency, we really have confounded the way in which we look at the operations of the public golf courses. I challenge anyone to go through our other budget document and find depreciation, for example, on things like the Bertrand Arena or one of the swimming pools. You can't find it, yet we have to charge depreciation here. Some of our other…Councillor Browaty's initiative last year, we no longer charge some of our other facilities for the use of water, but we do charge the golf courses for that. So the comparison to other city facilities is difficult when you have completely different accounting rules is the major point here. And as I've said before, even with the somewhat questionable inclusion of depreciation and other costs, long-term debt assignments, Kildonan still makes money and if you…and Kilcona can't make money. If everybody worked for free at Kilcona, it still couldn't make money according the way we used to account. So you can't really blame the union for that and if Kildonan is making money, you can't really say that the unions are the cause of losing money. It's more complicated than that. We are continuing to look for efficiencies. I think Mr. Shane is doing a great job of running these golf courses. We are reinvesting. There was a proposal here, I think, from Mike Davidson and others to increase green fees and start pumping that money back in. We've started to do that. We're putting money into the Windsor Park clubhouse, I know that, in a course that's split between my ward and Councillor Allard's. So we're starting to reinvest some money in some of these courses. Are they ideal? No. But is there place for publicly run golf courses? I think Councillor spoke last year and said, yes, there still is. So it is worth highlighting here at this change and we had a whole campaign a couple of years ago that said, in essence, boy if we could just contract these out, the losses would stop. Well, we didn't contract them out and now it would appear they're making vast amounts of money. My point here is you've got to really look at the accounting rules here before you start making generalizations. Could well be standing here next year and have Councillor Wyatt stand up and say, see, look, they're losing even more money than they were before due to the one time chair. I…in fact, we probably will have this debate in terms of the way, the accounting works. My main problem here…point here, though, is it's more complicated than simply saying, "Oh, if we just privatize and go over to the collective agreements, everything will be great." because people here are doing their best efforts to improve these courses. As I think I said last time we debated this, I'm…I'm a user of these facilities. I hope to…couldn't get out last year, of course, because it was an election year, Madam Speaker. But I hope to get out and go golfing again at Windsor Park and take the new councillor for St. Boniface with me. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. This debate that we had last year, I'm very happy to be able to stand in front of Council today to say we didn't do the right thing last year, which was just accept Responsible Winnipeg's view on how the golf course should…why we should get rid of them all. I remember the horror of last year when I found out that layers offerings to developers outside of any public consultation and really awareness were sent out and said, "What would you like to do with our golf courses?" This is before we had a chance to talk to the public, before we had a chance to analyze alternative uses for it. Before we, outside of maybe the inner circle, had an opportunity to say what about those accounting principles? Why are you putting depreciation on this golf house which is 150 years old? If you want to use depreciation standards, that's way past the point of depreciation and really they should get a new building. So, then we got hood winked with this Responsible Winnipeg campaign. That was absolutely divisive and an attack on Councillors that didn't do it my way. Do it my way or you're going to be branded with this. This file last year represented to me one of the worst parts of those four years. So I'm very happy to hear today that Golf Services is still here today. But some of those Responsible Winnipeg comments that were -- that were thrown out there are inaccurate. The public does deserve the opportunity to decide what to do with their green space. Not our green space, the public's green space. Not saying we're going to go forward and what's going to happen in some of our golf courses. But the public spoke very clearly. Ours Winnipeg, a couple of groups got together, individuals got together and said, "You know what, this is our green space. Yes, it's a golf course. We love our golf courses." However, if you are not looking at a golf course, is there an alternative purpose for it other than just paving it over. That process was never done. Now is the opportunity for us to do this in a way that embraces what Winnipeggers are looking for and we now have the opportunity to do it correctly. So I thank Council for…we started off on the wrong way, they listened to their colleagues, they listened to the public, and we turned that ship back and said, okay, this is not the way to go. We didn't do it the right way this time. Let's actually go back out and put the real data out there. Make sure everybody has a say. Are we at that point right now in the process? No. I say just leave it alone for now until we get there. We need to do the overall green plan for the city. Do we have too much green space? Do we have too little green space? What type of green spaces do we have, static green space, active green space? We're not the first city to ever have to go do this debate. Quebec have done it, Calgary's done it. Well, just pull their models and try to do that ourselves. But people have to know that they're included in the process the data that we're giving them is accurate and that debate about what we do with it is public and open. So again, it represented to me a very difficult time in those last four years, but it also again, like many things we're going to be facing in these next four years, an opportunity in how to do it better going forward. So I concur with Councillor Mayes. I'm very happy when I saw this report come back. Winnipeggers do like their golf. They do need to have access, especially with seniors. I'm glad we didn't move forward in the way it was presented last year. Does that say the debate is over? No, it should not be over. We should be looking at this area. However, at this time, it's one of my proud moments, unfortunately from the last four years, where I was able to stand up and oppose something and I think the outcome for us all is better in the end. So, I'm looking forward to having the debate about green space, but in an open and transparent way.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. I'll be brief. I echo wholeheartedly my colleagues Mayes and Orlikow. You know, it'll be …it's nice to consider the option that we will be able to work through these kinds of issues together with this new Council with the tone that's been set in a much different way than we had to as Councillor Orlikow described. The awful challenges and sick feelings in the pits of our stomach we felt trying to protect the interests of our community, the long-term green space availability for our citizens we represent, dealing with their concerns in an environment like we had before. I'm really looking forward to the new way of doing things so that we never have to go through that again. And our citizens never have to go through something like that again either. I just wanted to mention back to the SOA report that one of the reasons we set up golf services and some of these other things as SOAs and I agree with the changes that in terms of accounting, making sure that's done perhaps better and more effectively and meaningfully, but they were set up to be able to give a little bit more innovation while still, you know, remaining publicly controlled, but having that ability. And I just want to give you the example of what happened in Crescent Park where we have the Thermëa Spa has gone in there on the…what was the parking lot of the golf and replacing the clubhouse with a brand new clubhouse, making that Golf Service more viable for our City, respecting the park space beside it, and enhancing that golf facility for our SOA agencies. That's something positive that did happen in spite of everything else and we now have this real attraction to our city. We have a more valuable golf course and we still have beautiful Crescent Drive Park to go to it and that is quiet and lovely. So, you know, the model of having the agency can work. But I think I agree, there's definitely been issues with the accountability, the principles used to describe to the money where it goes and that sounds like some of that has been at least preliminarily addressed in this report in front of us. So, thank you. I just wanted to make a few more comments. I echo what John…John said it really well, Brian said it really well and thank you, looking forward to going forward on these issues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. All the people who were trying to make sure that we continued having our golf services with the City was spoken…as one, too. I just think I want to…what I'm going to do is start off by just saying that, you know, my early years of advocacy and trying to move along city issues starting in 1991 and, you know, through the 90s, Golf Services was part of our green space, parks and open spaces as I recall. So a special operating agency was set up for innovation. That's fine. But really SOAs were really set up to break even or bring in more money into the city. That's part of it. So, it kind of operates somewhat differently than our departments. Innovation, though, is happening in our parks. Without SOAs, there's innovation in terms of the renovations of the Peguis Pavilion in Kildonan Park that speak…Madam Speaker, you and I are very proud of, and Councillor Pagtakhan, regional park in our area, innovation, food evolution, excellent provision of a restaurant there. Please go out, everybody, when you get a chance. Check out food evolution. We need ensure that that innovation and working with the private sector as in the Crescentwood area there or Crescent Drive, sorry. Yeah, Crescentwood is the other way. Sorry. So, innovation can happen whether it's…in department or through an SOA. I think we really need to have a dialogue because, you know, actually I have to say, and you know, I really appreciate…it's not just the Windsor Park golf club. It's the Windsor Park Vertex Centre in the winter. What a great facility and some improvements for that. I, of course, ski there every Sunday. And when there is enough snow to ski and it's an excellent facility in the winter. And I know that under the management of Mr. Shane who does an excellent job, the Kildonan Golf Course is also tracks, cross country skiing. I don't know if he accounts for the expense of tracking in there for grooming cross country ski trails. But I'm sure it's part of his expenditures under his SOA which is really…they're delivering more than golf services. They're utilizing the green space in the winter. I think that's great and what I…you know, I wanted to also say innovation or working it is part of the overall green space. We have a heritage building in the Kildonan Golf Club that exists. It's not insulated appropriately enough to have a similar operation as to the Windsor Park Nordic Centre, something I'm going to bring…try to bring to in the future in terms of figuring it out how maybe we can do in addition to that so we're utilizing it more in the winter where people can rent skis, we can get more people using that white space in the winter, green space and connected to the Kildonan Park because really Kildonan Park and the Golf Services, I mean, it's really kind of…was separated with a fence. But it, you know, that land was all purchased for green activities for the citizens of Winnipeg. So it's really good. When I hear people wanting to sell off and because, you know, we're losing money or whatever. And you want to accuse the laborers, whatever. You know, the reality is if you want to keep a really well kept golf course, it takes labour. And laborers who are paid decently do an excellent job. They have a higher stake in it. They take pride in the…our workers do take pride in that. So, and I know that actually the head of Golf Services is…was working to try to get a cross country skiing group into the Kilcona Park. It's a great opportunities. They're huge places that in the winter we can do lots of things. And we need to. So, I think when we start talking into the future, do we really need an SOA? Should it be part of the department so we don't get into this controversy where the privateers like I'm not going name names. It doesn't matter. They are privateers. They don't think that the City of Winnipeg should be in certain kinds of services and it's wrong because Winnipeg over time and I mean over time, a long period of time decided that Golf Services was public. It was unaffordable at the private golfing places in the past. We provide the citizens of Winnipeg services that they paid for, services that are very important to get rid of these things is ridiculous. And so it was great to see a report that changed its accounting procedures or whatever it did. To reflect that this year, what was it at one…approximately a $1 million profit or whatever it was, as a net overall. We definitely know if you look at individual golf courses, some are used more than others. But ultimately it's a whole package. You can't separate them out. Like Canada Post separated out their door to door from their parcel services. You can't separate it out. It's services to Winnipeg. It's all one, you know, and that's how we have to treat it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I sit on this committee and appreciate this being brought up to date. One of the things -- and perhaps again being new around here, I'm just learning the accounting procedures. But just learning through the report and I read through it a couple of times, Councillor Mayes does, you know, bring up and highlight that, in fact, the courses made money this year. The report clearly states that there has been an accumulative operating deficit of over $7 million since 2002 and had it not been for significant intervention, and perhaps this is standard practice, I don't know standard accounting practice. But had it not been for significant intervention from the general revenue fines in the forgiveness of loans, the projected net loss for 2014 would've been $633,000 again. So, when you look at the chart, too, of the number of people that are golfing, and I would…I don't know the answer to this, but perhaps it is probably true of all courses, private, semiprivate, and public golf courses, I just want to highlight the fact that since 2002, there was 138,308 rounds played and in 2014, down to 71,334 rounds played. I like golf. I can't believe that less people would want to be golfing. But all that to say, I look forward to the discussion because I'm hearing one thing from my fellow colleagues that this is, you know, great news that the courses are making money. Yet, I read the report and see that the bottom line is the bottom line only because of significant intervention from the general revenue fund and other acts that corporate has taken. So I'm learning. I'll maybe have someone can fill me in on the accounting and maybe I've read it wrong. But I do look forward to the discussion in the coming days.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. With respect to this matter, I just want to say during the campaign, I very clearly from my constituents that they were not in favour of sale or repurposing of these courses and I do echo the comments of my colleagues around the table. With respect to all perspectives, I think with respect to what Councillor Mayes says there is certainly a fog of accounting around this and I definitely want to have further discussions around how these financial statements are prepared. And I think what…I don't think…this is not a rosy picture. Even if you would accept the financial statements as they are that we've had over a $1 million turn around in terms of the financial position of the golf courses. I want to just elaborate on what Councillor Gillingham was saying and I'm looking at the chart of rounds played. And, for example, at Kildonan in 2003, 45,203 rounds were played. And 2014, there were 27,631. Windsor in 2003, there were 42,596. In 2014, there were 20,000, less than 50%. At crescent drive, and I love the work that's going on at Crescent Drive and I love playing Crescent Drive. It's kind of more to my speed as a golfer, in fact. And I'm glad I wasn't the first one to use that audit metaphor to tee off on this subject today. But in any event, Crescent Drive, 33,719 rounds in 2003, 13,562 in 2014. Harbourview, 29,987 rounds in 2003, 10,000 rounds, one-third, 10,083 to be precise in 2014. So I think there's lots more to be discussed here. I want to find a way to work with the amenity, but I don't think we can walk away from this meeting thinking that the economic picture around the gold courses by any means secure. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor…Mr. Mayor? Would you like to speak to the item?

Mayor Bowman: I'll be brief because I think we've had a lengthy discussion about this topic already. I'm pleased to hear recognition from members of Council, especially those that are returning members of Council on the changes that they've seen in the tone in the conversation amongst members of Council and I think it's really reflected in the discussion we're having on this debate and some of the others we've been speaking about here today that we…we're all here for the right reasons and we all want to make sure that we have all the information we need in order to have informed and healthy discussions. And so this will be one of them. What I would like to see on a go forward basis, of course, is more Winnipeggers golf, myself included. As Councillor Mayes recognized, I don't think many of us got a lot of golf in this year. I think I got one round and it was…it was not something I'll speak publicly about how I fared. But I would encourage all Winnipeggers, get out and use the golf courses when they're open for the season. Let's…let's see Winnipeggers demonstrate their commitment to those public golf courses and get out and use them this year and that being said, and regardless of that, we…we do need to make sure we're getting value for money and we're maintaining accessibility for an important service that Winnipeggers in various areas of the city have come to enjoy and what Winnipeggers are seeing in this discussion today is Council's attempt to find a balance between being fiscally responsible, but while maintaining services. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer, would you like to speak to the item?

Councillor Schreyer: Sure, I'd like to add a couple of comments on this. You know what? I believe that the Mayor is right. I haven't been golfing much in the last number of years and it's sort of my golfing record over the last number of years is expressive of our numbers. What's interesting is that as we express that the number of rounds have decreased in recent years, it also shows that our profits have come up in the last year. If I'm not mistaken, that was an implication that that might be very well be the case in the last year. And on that basis, it looks to me like we might, for the first time in years, many years, end up with the clearest discussion on this in years. And I'm glad to be part of that. What I'd like to say as well for the record, this might have something to do with it in terms of looking…forward looking and how people perceive their golf courses. I think I should be walking the golf courses. And one of the reasons is the City of Winnipeg golf courses are the only golf courses left that have gas run golf courses. So for two reasons, one to keep it as a green space and for my health, I'll be walking the golf courses. But I also like to look at us…consider the fact that in this day and age, when politicians seek their photo ops with hybrid cars and electric vehicles and electric buses which is fantastic, our own City of Winnipeg golf courses use…and the only ones left that use gas run golf carts. And I'd like to offer that to Council for consideration on this issue in the new year. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy?

Councillor Gilroy: I just wanted to note on this topic as well that weather does play a role in this. And I know that last year the weather did play a role and we're trying to get a new systems on our golf courses so that the water runs off quicker so people can get on the golf course quicker. But as we do see a decrease in number, it also, you know, weather does play a role. So I just wanted to make that known. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. No further speakers. Councillor Browaty to close.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think anybody who's left from the previous council will acknowledge that the Responsible Winnipeg campaign is I think a textbook case in how not do public engagement and public consultation. I was on council in EPC and I saw the content I think hours before it went live and I was blown away with,

in my mind, a poor strategy on engaging the public. Let's take it back a step, though. The idea of a special operating agency in many cases, though, is to give some autonomy to special things in the City that can run a little bit more independently and with a little bit more like a business. For example, you know, if Property and Development needs sedans for their planners or building inspectors or something, they can…the idea being that they can go to the Fleet Management Agency and get a sedan and gas and everything else at better cost than if they were to do it themselves, but they should also have the autonomy to say, hey, you know what? If we need a vehicle for a short term, we can go to a third-party provider. We can rent a car from Hertz or Alamo or whatever for a short period of time. The idea is though you need to fully load the full cost of that service into the special operating agency. So there's overhead cost, you know, related to payroll of people within the fleet being provided by administration, those costs are passed on to the special operating agency and show up on their books. The idea with golf courses, though, is there are private, semiprivate, and other golf courses out that there that have some of the costs that we've now written off the books. Most golf courses pay for thing like property taxes. They pay for things like depreciation on their assets. The idea is, with Golf SOA, all those costs should properly be reflected. Yes, the golf synergy report maybe suggested some things in terms of labour that were above and beyond what…are reasonably practicable but it also did more importantly identified some very real and some very significant trends in golf. Most importantly, the supply in the Winnipeg market has gone up. There are a lot of additional golf courses in Winnipeg and in the capital region than there were 10, 15 years ago. The supply has gone up. However, the total rounds played in the universe, in the Winnipeg market universe has significantly declined. As a result, you know, you could have 1,000 golf courses on a nice Saturday in May at 9:00 a.m. And every tee time will be booked. But the reality is about the course of operating and running a golf course, that's not realistic. So we're in a situation where we're not necessarily the most nimble provider in services in some degree because of our collective agreements. There's a high expectation that, you know, we provide these services to taxpayers at a reasonable price and not burden people who aren't using golf courses with excessive amounts of this. So, we're in a tough situation. There are no competitors when it comes to swimming pools for the most part. There are no competitors for the most part when it comes to arenas, for example. That's why there's a difference, in my mind, between a golf course and something like a swimming pool, a public swimming pool or arena. So we do need to have a full-blown, very public, engaged conversation on golf courses. I thank Councillor Gilroy for pointing out that we are making improvements, things like Kildonan Golf Course, things like drainage and that. We need to make sure they are open longer hours and we take advantage of, you know, our very short and wonderful summers. So we do need to have a discussion. Is golf considered to be a public good? And I think that's one that still needs to be had. So yeah, when it comes to the numbers and all that, I mean, there's lies, damn lies and Winnipeg Golf Services financial statements. It really depends on how you report the numbers. I had to work that one in there somehow. I do want to thank Councillor Gerbasi. I mean, you know, anywhere, where we are competing unless we can bring in private partners. The fact that Councillor Gerbasi was open to the idea of the Thermëa Spa at Crescent Drive. I haven't been out there yet. Wonderful opportunity. We do have these spaces and they can be used at other times of the year. Councillor Gerbasi was reminding me, you know, opportunities for, you know, golf. I mean Windsor Park is a wonderful facility. I was part of the Manitoba High School Championship Team for cross country skiing out at Windsor Park back in my younger years. So, again, it's a great amenity and you know, it's not necessarily saying that we have to pave them over and put up, you know, condos, but perhaps looking at other types of outdoor green space recreation and perhaps a portion you know, that could be kept as golf, perhaps a portion that, in key locations, perhaps there is an opportunity for development. But again, that's not something that we should have publicly-funded campaigns telling you to lobby your Councillors. So again, we should look at Responsible Winnipeg and realize what not to do. So again, this is a report for this year. There is, again, an ongoing, significant cost to rate payers in Winnipeg so we do need to be mindful of that. So I move it as presented.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. At this time, I'd like to ask for council's indulgence for the Mayor to rise to give us an update on an important matter. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you everyone for a great discussion. We moved a lot of important items forward. We don't have an update on the precautionary boil water advisory at this time, but I want to let members of Council and the public know that I will be working with members of our Public Service to ensure that as soon as we get the information and it's appropriate to notify the public of what the status is later today when we expect the results to come back from secondary tests. We'll do so in a timely way. In the meantime, I would…I would ask Winnipeggers to continue to monitor the City of Winnipeg website for up to date information. The Mayor's account on twitter as well as the City of Winnipeg account on twitter for up to date information. Please continue to boil your water before consuming. And if that's not something that's practical to use bottled water. I'd also like to thank Winnipeggers for their response to the press conference that we had last week in the foyer upstairs. That did result from one article. But I want to just commend Winnipeggers and members of Council for…in fact, all Canadians that have reached out to me and members of Council for their support. Let's use this opportunity to demonstrate to Canada what we're made of. And I'd like to also invite Winnipeggers and, in fact, all Canadians to reach out to us through many, many mechanisms. One Winnipeg website will be launched soon. It's under development right now. It's 1winnipeg.ca. And that's going to be one means by which we can encourage a much more positive discussion on what we can actually collectively do together to make our community one of the greatest and, in fact, the greatest communities in Canada. It is, it's going to get even better and

with all Winnipeggers and, in fact, Canadians participating in this discussion, we're going to move forward together in a much more positive fashion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gilroy will move that we now adjourn. Roll call, Mr. Clerk?

ROLL CALL

Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Schreyer

Council adjourned at 12:22 p.m.