COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The Council met at 9:39 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 Lukes.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: I'd like to introduce our Page for today's meeting. With us today is Katrina Chanas of Miles Macdonell Collegiate. She resides in the North Kildonan Ward. Thank you so much for joining us today. I would also like to welcome our new CAO, Doug McNeil, who is with us for the first time in the Council Chamber. Welcome. Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to start my opening statements on a lighter note, and if you'll forgive me, I'm a fan of 1980s rock music. Keep that in mind. And I'd just like to say that I know on the floor of Council there can be at times some hysteria, as we make promises that can be accused of "fooling people"; bringing on the "heartbreak". But it doesn't matter what kind of political "animal" you may be, each Councillor has the opportunity to "propel" your ideas for Winnipeg to "rocket" your ambition for our community. So we can say we "rock the ages", when we take a photograph of our growing city. Now before you go "pour some sugar on me", let me just welcome one of my favourite bands, Def Leppard, to Winnipeg, who are going to rock it tonight at the MTS Centre. So please welcome Def Leppard to Winnipeg. Welcome everyone. Thanks for being with us here today, both in person and online. I'd like to echo the Speaker's welcoming remarks to our new CAO, Doug McNeil, as he joins us for our first Council meeting. It's great to have you Doug, help us build a growing, thriving, more modern city. A City Hall that's more open and transparent, and a city we're all glad to call home. Yesterday, we commemorated here at City Hall, the National Worker's Day of Mourning. So many people came out to pay their respects for the civic employees who we lost this year to workplace injuries, illness and death. The City is renewing our commitment to make sure that everyone, everyone makes it home safe and sound from work at the end of the day. We're focusing on creating a safe and thriving community, a workplace that employees are proud to work for. We'll continue to work with our city's unions and associations to make safety, health, and wellness a priority in every office and in every branch of our organization. As Councillor Lukes articulated very well this morning, our hearts go out to the people of Nepal after the devastating earthquake on Saturday. The Nepalese community needs our support and our aid right now and I encourage everyone and all Winnipeggers, if you can, to support the relief efforts through your local branch of the Red Cross, or another international aid organization. Every April, we gather at the Holocaust Memorial to observe Yom HaShoah and pay tribute to the six million victims and survivors who we must never forget. We have, in fact, a duty to remember the HaShoah. We owe it to our grandparents, our parents, and our children to know the history, so we can make sure it never happens again. As you're all aware, the province releases its budget tomorrow and once again, I'm hoping for Winnipeg will receive our fair share of the PST, or at the very least, additional or new infrastructure funding that grows as we grow as a community. I'd like to also say today, I'd like to thank Mark Chipman, True North, and the Winnipeg Jets for bringing our community together through hockey the last couple of weeks and months. We proudly flew the Jets flags high at Portage and Main, and I know our community is proud of the team for making the playoffs for the first time, since 1996. On behalf of all Winnipeggers and Jets fans worldwide, congratulations and all the very best for the Cup next year in the 2015/16 season. I'd like to also acknowledge that April is Daffodil Month, in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. I encourage everyone here to purchase a daffodil pin to show your support for the fight against cancer. All of the money raised this month, helps support cancer patients and their families, makes a positive difference in their lives. It's organizations like this that teach us to be a caring community for one another and to help build community pride. April is also National Poetry Month, and I'd like to thank Mayor Naheed Nenshi for the challenge to invite poets to read their work at a City Council meeting. The art of poetry is as old as time, yet it's as fluid and modern as today. Poets contribute to the literacy and inspiration of our society, and I'm very pleased to invite two distinguished Winnipeg Poets to perform their work today at City Council, Ms Carol Rose and Ms Katherena Vermette. Carol is a very busy writer, educator, and spiritual councillor. Her work has appeared in Canadian, American, and Israeli journals, and in

publications including the Prairie Fire magazine. Today, she'll be reading a piece called "Elijah" from her collection "Behind the Blue Gate". We're also privileged and honoured to have Winnipegger and Metis and North-end Poet, Katherena Vermette, with us here today. Like Carol, Katherena is also a writer, and an educator. She coordinates arts programs right here in our city. She received the respected Governor-General's Award for Poetry, for her book "North End Love Songs" in 2013, as I'm sure you're all well aware. And today, she'll be sharing her original work titled "Heart", which is commissioned by the CBC. I encourage everyone to go on the CBC's website later today and watch their documentary on Katherena and her poem. So this time I'd like to invite Carol and Katherena up to the podium to share their poetry with us. Please welcome them.

Carol Rose: Shalom. I noticed that after Yom HaShoah, you spoke about the budget. So two things to keep in mind and to remember with honour and distinction, blessings on the new budget and on the upcoming arts community that I read about yesterday in the newspaper. It's an exciting project. Just like the Mayor has been invited to participate in a challenge, I want to invite everyone to participate in a challenge through poetry and the challenge is based on a myth in my tradition, the Jewish tradition, of Elijah the Prophet, who comes in many guises, can appear as a woman, as a homeless person, as a wood chopper, as a Sage. And that means that he is the forerunner or she is the forerunner of redemption, whether that's personal, communal, or societal. And because you never know what Elijah will look like, one can assume that the person sitting beside them, even in Council, could be Elijah, could be the one who announces salvation, redemption and the renewal of peace and harmony. So this is my challenge to Council, to begin to look at each other as possible redeemers, the person beside you might offer just what you need, you never know. Okay, I'll read it to you in these few words. "I can't wait to get back to Canada to tell Joan Eleanor Die to tell Neil that I met Elijah driving his chariot on the Bethlehem Road. I can't wait to tell them how he took me in the heat of July, his cab weaving through date palms and Cyprus, like spinning wheels turning as we sped through the streets of Jerusalem. How we talked about war and his children and mine. How he turned off the road, my heart ponding as he pointed to an inscription on the doorway of an old Arab palace. How he read me the message 'Allah lives here, in these gates you will find God', how he prayed for an end to the killing in Arabic Hebrew, how we prayed together in that dark narrow lane. How we turned the air golden". Shalom. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you very much, Ms Rose.

Katherena Vermette: Hello. Good morning. First of all, thank you. This is a beautiful challenge and I'm honoured to be here. I get to read something very brand new. It's on CBC as the Mayor said. I have to thank a couple people before I read this. I have to thank Iris Yudai, a producer at CBC, who had the vision to respond in poetry. And I have to thank everyone involved in Ice River Films, who made this beautiful portrait, a video that accompanies this poem. Where they went through the North End and filmed beautiful scenes and all of my heroes for a number of weeks and made this beautiful little compilation. So this is the poem, and it's called "Heart". "I hear them say 'Oh, that North End, I know that place'. But I don't think they do. This place is not that anything. This place is home. They say 'broken', I say 'healing'. They say 'tired', I say 'working'. They say 'lost cause', I say 'seeking'. They say 'beaten', I say 'rising'. I say 'home'. And home is not just where the heart is, home is where is where the whole body is. Home is these trees. They are our arms reaching. This grass is our hair dancing. This river bleeds our blood. This Earth births our children, all of us. They say 'that place', I said 'I am proud to stand in a place where nations have met forever'. Here on Treaty 1 assigned by the Anishinabe people. Hear the heart of the Metis nation. I say 'home', I say 'it's beating'." Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you ladies for sharing your beautiful poetry with us today. Councillor Allard, I believe you have an announcement to make as well.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. So I would like to recognize what's come to my attention is National Zipper Day, April 29th. So I'll just get right into the crux of it and it happens to be the same day that we've put forward a motion on zipper merging, so a moment to recognize the inventor of the zipper. So National Zipper Day. National Zipper Day is observed each year on April 29th. This day celebrates something that we often do not think about and just automatically take for granted. It was first in 1851 that Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, received a patent for an automatic, continuous clothing closure. Howe did not market it and missed the recognition he may have received for his invention. Forty-two years later, Whitcomb Judson marketed the "clasp-locker", being very similar to Elias Howe's patent. This device served as a more complicated hook-and-eye shoe fastener. Judson started the Universal Fastener Company, where he manufactured his new device and debuted it at the Chicago's World Fair in 1893, but was met with little success. This gave Judson credit for inventing the zipper, as he was the first person to market it. In 1906, Gideon Sundback, a Swedish-American electrical engineer, was hired to work for Universal Fastener Company. His good technical skills, design skills, and devotion to the company, led to his designing of the modern zipper in 1913. The patent for the quote "separable fastener" was issued in 1917. In 1923, the B. F. Goodrich Company named the popular zipper, the one that we know. You can find the world's longest zipper, this is an interesting fact, you can find the world's longest zipper at the hotel in Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport. The zipper measures 6,000 feet long. The name of the hotel's nightclub is "Zippers". So thank you very much for your attention on National Zipper Day today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Now on to our Deputy Mayor Councillor Pagtakhan, I believe you have an announcement as well.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Just two quick announcements, I just want to say there's a great project that's happening in our North End. I had an opportunity to meet Lissie Rappaport, who's a North End coordinator with the Food Matters Manitoba. She heads up what's called Community Tables, Madam Speaker, and I just want to share with Council the great work that she's doing as an agent of change within the North End and within our proud City of Winnipeg in terms of creating healthy neighbourhoods, and healthy food choices for children. So this program called Community Tables, what it does is provides practical guidance to staff and volunteers, to volunteer workers in the North End of Winnipeg, who are involved in food programming. The expectation is that participants in the Community Tables will have taken the Food Handler Certificate and are involved in one or more organizations in the North End. Some of the basic knowledges that they learn, Madam Speaker, are nutrition and sugar, label reading, reading recipes, preparing foods from…for food banks and understanding healthy guidelines. So I just wanted to highlight that program in terms of the great work that they do, and to congratulate Food Matters Manitoba for creating healthy kids and healthy societies within the North End. Also I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor for allowing me to represent him this morning at the 47th National Congress of Housing and Homelessness that's held by the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association. Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity last year to be in Edmonton City Hall to welcome all the delegates there to Winnipeg and we've had nearly 500 delegates from coast to coast to coast and in Nunavut, we're here today at the Radisson Hotel downtown. Also I wanted to share Councillor Gerbasi, our third Vice President of FCM was a panellist yesterday at the pre-conference and you know, she said something really, really good and I just want to share with it with Council. Often social housing, Madam Speaker, has a negative stigma around it, but I think Councillor Gerbasi said it right, you know, so the inclusion of social housing within development really is part of a very healthy community. And I wanted to congratulate her for that, and her advocacy at the FCM and just some final words Madam Speaker, that the housing providers that work across the great nation and in our City, really are, the housing that they do provide for us affordable and social housing Madam Speaker, really is a positive by-product of the business that I think that they truly are in, I think they're in the business of humanity, of dignity, creating capacity and building community and driving economic change in our neighbourhood. So I just want to thank them and welcome them to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. We have a condolence motion for former Councillor Amaro Silva. Madam Clerk, will you read the motion.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Amaro Silva, which occurred on March 27, 2015.

Mr. Silva served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Daniel McIntyre Ward from 1992 to 1998.

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

Madam Speaker: All rise for a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Councillor Gilroy moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on March 23, and March 25, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to delegations. We have Mr. David Sanders with us. He is in opposition to Item No. 3 of IRPW regarding a contract with Manitoba Hydro for works associated with the Parker area land drainage. Welcome Mr. Sanders, you have 10 minutes sir.

David Sanders: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to begin myself welcoming the new CAO, Doug McNeil. You have a huge challenge and feel free to call me anytime. Okay, with regards to this morning's agenda item, the contract for the Cockburn/Calrossie Combined Sewer Area, Manitoba Hydro Works, I'm appearing as a private citizen to speak in opposition to this matter on this morning's agenda. This is a request from the Civic administration to award a contract to Manitoba Hydro to relocate their power lines to enable the construction of the proposed Parker deep retention pond, north of the proposed southwest transit way in the Parker lands area west of the Pembina Highway/Jubilee Underpass. Supposedly this Hydro contract will not exceed $4,050,000, according to the attached financial impact statement, although the statement also indicates that it's a Class 2 estimate and could end up 20 per cent higher at just under $5 million. The other Hydro line relocation contract budget for the southwest transit way, which you've already had to increase, was increased in January by 71 per cent from 4.25 million to 7.25 million. And this new contract is to be financed by the combined sewer overflow and basement flood management strategy budget. And apparently the Class 3 estimate of the total cost of the Cockburn/Calrossie Combined Sewer Area Drainage Upgrades Project is 35.42 million, and since there's only 27.3 million available in the CSO budget as far as I can tell, are we to expect an $8 million budget surprise down the line? There's been no explanation so far as to why earlier plans for a retention pond on the previously undeveloped Taylor lands to the north were scrapped in favour of the proposed 20 acre deep pond within the Parker lands. And I also note that so far there's no indication in the financial impact statement that any of the 35.42 million cost of this storm drainage project will be recovered from the developers of the lands benefitting from the pond. This is an aside that's on the agenda, but that's not debatable. Your agenda includes a reference to the CFO's communication listing the new 2015 fees and charges, effective July 1st, 2015. This list refers to a rather extraordinary increase in the interest rate charged on overdue property taxes to the long-standing 1.25 per cent, per month; it's been that way for probably 30 years, to 1.75 per cent, per month, compounded monthly with a special additional penalty of 7 and a half per cent in September. This dramatic increase in the penalty rate was buried in an omnibus By-law No. 31/2015, which was approved by Council at the last meeting on March 25th, without any supporting documentation or debate that I'm aware of. The new rate of 1.75 per cent compounded monthly is equal to 23.14 per cent, but when the 7.5 per cent September penalty is added, and then interest continues to be compounded monthly thereafter the annual rate is equivalent to something in excess of 30 per cent for taxes in arrears for one year. Now this is less than the 60 % criminal rate of interest in the Criminal Code, but it seems way out of line in relation to current market interest rates and perhaps Council might want to revisit that. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any questions at this time for Mr. Sanders? Okay, seeing none. Thank you for appearing today.

David Sanders: Thank you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 15, 2015

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to committee reports. First we have the EPC meeting dated April 15th, 2015. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I move both.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so we'll move Consent Item No. 1 and 2. Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: One.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of Item No. 2? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk?

Item 1 - Notification of Local Improvement Advertisements

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce?

Mayor Bowman: I'd first like to hear from Councillor Wyatt, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I just wanted to…thank you Madam Speaker…I just want to rise and thank the Public Service, and the Mayor, and EPC for bringing this back so quickly. This was moved at East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee on February the 19th, 2015 and the report and the recommendation herein is now before us here in April. This has got to be the fastest turnaround of any motion out of East…out of a Community Committee that I've seen, which I think is extremely impressive. So I just wanted to make a note of that, and thank...This was something, which impacted us. A Local Improvement, of course, is where we do an advertisement to provide services and it was through a previous development agreement that this Council…that a previous Council passed, that required a Local Improvement to be notified. It caught the Community Committee off guard, there was no notice given to the elected representatives, the notice was when it sent out we heard about it through the residents, who actually got the notice in the mail. This actually now, this policy, amending this policy is very positive and I think it closes a loophole that existed to ensure that area Councillors are aware of LIs, prior to them being sent out to residents, so they're prepared when the calls come in. So I just want to thank again EPC and the Mayor for doing this and bringing this by and the Public Service for further efficiency on this matter. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Mayor Bowman do you have any comments at this time?

Mayor Bowman: I just would like to thank Councillor Wyatt for his input on this. As you know, we're working hard collectively as a Council to ensure that the elected members of Winnipeg City Council are getting as much information in a timely matter, so that we can do our jobs on behalf of Winnipeggers. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. All in favour of Item No. 1? Contrary? Carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 22, 2015

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the report dated April 22nd.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7.

Madam Speaker: Okay, seven has been stood down. Number four. Was there another hand up here? No? Okay, so all in favour of one, two, three, five, and six. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Appointment of Acting City Auditor

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As my Council colleagues are aware, Brian Whiteside resigned from his position as City Auditor on April 17th, 2015, and that in the interim Deputy City Auditor, Bryan Mansky accepted to act in the role as the Acting City Auditor. This report formalizes his position as Acting. I hope everyone is confident in Mr. Mansky assuming these roles, given his experience assisting the City through numerous audits over the last number of years. The ad for the City Auditor position is currently posted online. It closes on May 11th of this year. We also ran an ad in the Globe and Mail, as well as the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, April 18th. The Auditor Selection Committee, I can advise consists of members of EPC as well as Councillors Wyatt and Gilroy and we're actively reaching out to all Councillors for their input. And I'd like to thank everybody for their efforts. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Whiteside for his five years of important service as City Auditor, as well as his nearly 18 years of loyal service to the City of Winnipeg. Brian's commitment to help move Winnipeg forward is really, greatly valued. It should be commended, so I would ask all of us to extend our best wishes to Brian in all of his future endeavours. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Wyatt, I believe you stood this item down.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just, the clause is very straight forward. I just wanted to add to compliment the Mayor's words and just thank Mr. Whiteside for his years of service, both as the Auditor and as support staff, Assistant Auditor, Deputy Auditor. Brian Whiteside over the last number of years did yeomanship work in terms of what took place here. He did it with integrity; he did it with honesty, diligence, hard work. He was a man above reproach. He was always there to give us guidance and assist us in terms of our audits, in terms of our own CRAs. At one point in the last number of years, it was suggested that we should stop the auditing of the CRAs, and I know a few of us opposed that internally. And thank goddess we did, because it's a safeguard that's in place to ensure that we're challenged and questioned and that our CRAs are managed properly. And Mr. Whiteside was always there, not to be a critic, but to give assistance and guidance to members of Council, and the work that he did in terms of the audits that went forward, they were extremely challenging, but he did it professionally and I just wanted to thank him for his years of service here, Madam Speaker, and wish him all the best in the future. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers on the item? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I will call the question. All in favour of Item No. 4? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 7.

Item 7 - Volleyball Manitoba Bid to keep Winnipeg as Host City for the National Women's Volleyball Team

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I have nothing to add at this time.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, thank you, thank you Madam Speaker. I'm very pleased to bring this matter forward today, and to talk about it. We have been the host, we, Winnipeg, have been the host city for the Canadian National Women's Volleyball team since 1991, a long time ago. First George Bush was President, Brian Mulroney was Prime Minister, I was a candidate for Toronto City Council, not Winnipeg, and I think Def Leppard's "Let's Get Rocked" was actually ascending the charts. So it seems like a very, a very long time ago indeed that we have been the host of the National Women's Volleyball team and we are at a point now where we are bidding against various other cities trying to keep this team. The only national sports team that is headquartered in Winnipeg and we're very lucky to have with us today three representatives from the bid committee, Greg Paseshnik, who heads up Super-Spike Volleyball Tournament, that I'll come back to in a minute, John Blacher, who's the Executive Director of Volleyball Manitoba, and of course, Michelle Sawatzky, who some of you know through her radio work, but is actually a multi-time national player and the head of our bid committee and was an Olympian for Canada in 1996 volleyball and a native Manitoban. So…very pleased to support the bid here today. It's, you know, people might say, "Well, how important, why are you talking about this stuff, aren't there any important things like roads and police?", and we are of course putting more than $100 million into the roads repair, we are increasing the police budget, but it's important too, to look at other aspects of our community. This is the only national team we host here, the men's team was stolen away in the middle of the night by Gatineau, Quebec in 2008, but we still have the women's team here. We've been working with the bid committee over the past month, trying to come up with some details. There is a good chance to have them be an anchor tenant, a star tenant, in the new Sport For Life Centre, that's going in over on Pacific, I think the motion says "Main", it's really Pacific and Main, in Councillor Pagtakhan's ward, a project he's championed. Sport For Life building is going to be a great legacy arising out of the Canada Games we're going to host in a few years, chance to work with that, with volleyball, to go in there. And people might say, "Well, they should raise the money for themselves." They do raise money for themselves, they raise over a $100,000 at the Super Spike Volleyball event that the National Women's Team hosts every year in Southern Winnipeg. Always some controversy, we got our first noise complaint in April about it, which is ironic because the event's in July. But it's a big loud event, but it does…they do a lot of their own fundraising, the national team. The province has consistently backed the National team staying here, under the leadership of Dakota Collegiate volleyball legend, Theresa Oswald. They've put in a lot of support and continued to put in a lot of support. So I think it behoves the City, all of us here today, to try and help keep the bid team, to keep the bid here. Also, I wanted to say it is a national team. It's an (speaking in French)…

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Mayes: a national team. So it's important for the City of Winnipeg to protect its interests, to keep the women's volleyball team here. The Canada Games will be held in 2017. They are a bilingual event, and, uh, if we can speak both official languages here in Winnipeg, it's important for the communities of Winnipeg, for the Franco-Manitoban communities, to keep this team in the City of Winnipeg.

Councillor Mayes: Important to have a national team here. We are a city where you can use both official languages. We are a City with a vibrant French, Franco-Manitoban culture. So I think it's important to keep the team, volleyball, Madam Speaker, what could be more Manitoban than that? In my ward, which Councillor Browaty labelled "St.

Volleyball" in a recent e-mail, it's got a great tradition. People like Scott Kauskey, who went to Dakota, a national team member, Phil Hudson, long-time coach of Dakota Collegiate. So volleyball has got a great tradition, I hope we keep the team here. Just as a final note, I take a back seat to no man in Def Leppard quotes, so I will just note that the Mayor luckily did not use "Pyromania" because I can't think of a good linkage for that, but I can think of a good connection, there's a song on the back side of the LP, if you remember the LPs, Madam Speaker, about fourth side on the back side, on side B, there's a song called "Action! Not Words". So we are trying to take some actions here, we are directing the CAO to talk to the Sport For Life Centre, trying to get some financial arrangements worked out over the next month, before the bid is finalized. But I do want to just thank the Mayor and other Councillors for their support for this, and thanks to Ms Sawatzky and the rest of the bid committee. We had a good photo with them and hopefully we'll be able to unanimously endorse this motion and try to keep the team here in Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Are there any further speakers on the item? Mr. Mayor, shall I call to question, would you like to address the item?

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, I would. I'd just like to thank Councillor Mayes for his advocacy on this matter. It's been consistent and aggressive, like many of the volleyball players. He's done a great job advocating for it. I'd also like to just echo Councillor Mayes' comments, I'd like to commend Volleyball Manitoba for their efforts, as well as the Sport For Life Centre, it's an incredible opportunity for the City. I'm trying to think of a way to work "Love Bites" but I just can't get it to work. But, you know, national, we are in the centre of the country, this is central Canada, make no mistake about it, and so, what we'd like to see is not only the retention of this incredible sports asset, but we'd like to look at other opportunities in the future for attracting others to Winnipeg. So I would encourage everyone to support this motion. Thank you.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: I'll now draw your attention to Motion No. 1, it's moved by Mayor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan, regarding privilege for Legal Services. It will be an automatic referral to EPC. Mayor Bowman, do you wish to suspend the rules today?

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

WHEREAS on July 9, 2014 Council approved a motion:

"That Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 2, 2014 be amended by adding the following recommendations to the Ernst and Young "Real Estate Management Review" recommendations:

18. A. That Council forward the full Ernst and Young "Real Estate Management Review" to Manitoba Justice for review;
B. That Council request that Manitoba Justice respond to the request through the City of Winnipeg Auditor to Council.";

AND WHEREAS on July 16, 2014 Council approved a motion:

"That Item 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 15, 2014 be amended by adding the following recommendations:

- *That Council forward the full to the KPMG "Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Construction Project Audit" dated July 14, 2014 to Manitoba Justice for review, and:*

- *That Manitoba Justice responds to the request through the City of Winnipeg Auditor to Council.";*

AND WHEREAS on August 15, 2014 the Province of Manitoba issued a Media Bulletin that

"Manitoba Justice has referred the City of Winnipeg's Real Estate Management Review, the Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Construction Project Audit and the Confidential Report to Winnipeg City Council re: New Fire Paramedic Stations Construction Project and other related materials to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for review and to conduct any investigations it considers appropriate.";

AND WHEREAS the RCMP has requested interviews with lawyers employed in the Legal Services Department;

AND WHEREAS under the Law Society of Manitoba's Professional Code of Conduct,
Section 3.3-1 A lawyer at all times must hold in strict confidence all information concerning the business and affairs of the client acquired in the course of the professional relationship and must not divulge any such information unless:

(a) expressly or impliedly authorized by the client;
(b) required by law or a court to do so;
(c) required to deliver the information to the Law Society, or
(d) otherwise permitted by this rule.

AND WHEREAS lawyers are subject to the evidentiary rule of lawyer and client privilege, which is also a constitutionally protected right, concerning oral and documentary communications passing between the client and the lawyer (Solicitor-Client Privilege);

AND WHEREAS if Council wishes/wants lawyers employed by The City of Winnipeg Legal Services Department to provide Manitoba Justice and the RCMP upon request, with information related to The City of Winnipeg's Real Estate Management Review, the Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Construction Project Audit and the Confidential Report to Winnipeg City Council re: New Fire Paramedic Stations Construction Project that would otherwise be considered to be confidential and/or subject to solicitor-client privilege, Council must authorize the disclosure of the confidential information and waive solicitor-client privilege on behalf of The City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes lawyers employed by The City of Winnipeg Legal Services Department to provide Manitoba Justice and the RCMP upon request, with information related to The City of Winnipeg's Real Estate Management Review, the Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Construction Project Audit and the Confidential Report to Winnipeg City Council re: New Fire Paramedic Stations Construction Project that would otherwise be considered to be confidential and also waives solicitor-client privilege for that information.

Mayor Bowman: Yes, Madam Speaker, I'd like to ask for a suspension of the rules to deal with this item today as it's time sensitive.

Madam Speaker: Okay, all in favour of suspension of the rules? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor to introduce the motion.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The motion before Council this morning will provide our City Legal Services with the unequivocal direction and permission to provide full and frank disclosure of all privileged information to the RCMP related to the Fire Paramedic Construction Projects Audit, the Winnipeg Police Headquarters Construction Project Audit and the Real Estate Management Review. The previous Winnipeg City Council referred both of the, of both the headquarters and the real estate management audits to Manitoba Justice for review and the City's Legal Services shared files and complied fully with the Manitoba Justice and ultimately the RCMP. The RCMP on their own initiative, commenced investigation into the Fire and Paramedic Stations audit, while our Legal Services Department has fully cooperated, Council itself has never formally waived privilege. So to ensure there remains no legal impediment to full cooperation with the RCMP, as they continue with their investigations, this is an important step so that we can ensure full and open participation with the investigations, which I fully believe and I am certain this sentiment is shared by all of my colleagues in the Chamber today, that it's in the best interest of the City. I encourage you all to support this motion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Are there any further speakers on this motion? Okay, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next is Motion No. 3. It is moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Mayor Bowman, and it is regarding the YM/YWCA. This will be an automatic referral to EPC.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS the 2014 Operating Budget earmarked $1,750,000.00 for the YMCA/YWCA three model expansion partnership in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service was directed to enter into a memorandum of understanding with YMCA/YWCA, as directed by Council;

AND WHEREAS to date that memorandum of understanding hasn't been struck with the YMCA/YWCA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to conclude the memorandum of understanding with the YMCA/YWCA, with respect to the three model expansion partnership within 180 days.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to By-laws for EPC. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the following By-laws be read a first time, By-laws No. 48/2015, By-law 49/2015, and By-law 53/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 48/2015, By-law number 49/2015, By-law No. 53/2015.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-laws No. 48/2015, 49/2015 and 53/2015, be read a second time, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 48/2015, 49/2015, and 53/2015.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws numbered 48/2015, 49/2015 and 53/2015, be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to Question Period. Any questions for the Mayor? Councillor Wyatt, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, last week I had the honour and privilege to be able to attend a conference in Surrey...invited to be a guest speaker on evolution of communities in terms of…and I spoke in terms of asset management and the advances that our City has made in terms of our asset management system and where the future lies. A lot of new ideas came out of this conference in terms of how municipalities are working to improve service and customer service to their citizens, how they're adapting and using new technology and available technology, and one the of unique things that came out of this conference, Madam Speaker, and the City of Surrey is leading the way in this, was IBM, who was one of the major sponsors of the conference, has through experimental technology lent the City of Surrey a new technology that they have developed to test the technology called Watson. And what Watson does, Madam Speaker, just as my preamble to the question, is it actually is an App that goes on your iPhone, on your mobile phone and instead of having to phone 311, for example, or go online, you simply, like Siri, ask a question of Watson. For example, "how do I get a dog licence?" or "where do I get a dog licence?", and it responds back and gives you the answer verbally and in writing, which is absolutely amazing in terms of the public services. So my question, I guess to the Mayor is, with these advances in technology, what initiatives could we do as a City here in Winnipeg to further advance our City and to take advantage of these new technologies that are coming forth? The City

of Surrey, for example, I'm not suggesting this, but they only have a regular 9 to 5 311 service because of the fact that they've adopted these new technologies and they found efficiencies in doing so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I thank Councillor Wyatt for his question. This is exactly the type of innovative technology that we want to embrace as we go forward. And I am aware of the Apps in Surrey. They've done a great job. If you haven't checked it out yet, I would encourage you to do so. They have, among other things, an Art Walk App that connects citizens to the stories behind art and culture in their City. They have a building inspection App that facilitates building permit reviews and inspection requests. They have a solution to allow citizens to report on issues in the City. That being said, Winnipeg is not that far behind. Our community is, I believe, very eager to participate and the number of innovators and creators in our community is deep and profound. If you look at the wealth of entrepreneurs that we have in Innovation Alley, for instance, it really is something we should be very, very proud of and we should be tapping into more so as we go forward. One thing Winnipeggers may not be aware of is that we do have a mobile link at the bottom of the City of Winnipeg homepage, where you can find technologies that we have deployed so far including the 311 Application. The services requests that are available there relate to everything from potholes, sidewalk repairs, graffiti on public property, and sanding and snow removal. Hopefully we don't have to rely on the snow removal in the coming weeks. Absolutely to answer Councillor Wyatt's question, we will look into this App. We have already initiated informal discussions with our new CAO on the Smart City Initiatives that have taken place in other cities. I would encourage all to see online what they've done in Rio de Janeiro for instance. IBM has put out an excellent promotional video that talks about how they're using technology to create a smarter city, using information technology, using data, to inform and to engage their citizens. And we are absolutely on the path to moving in that direction through our open government and our open data initiative. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Second question? No. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is related to, we just dealt with the legality related to, I guess what you would call legacy, Madam Speaker, related to some of the difficult issues we had to deal with and today I'm asking a question related to, we had a special meeting about the real estate audit, there was a number of recommendations from the Auditor that we as Council wanted to see go through. But at the time, Madam Speaker, as you probably remember, we didn't necessarily have a lot of confidence in our departments to deal with things and so there was a motion to amend the motion, and that motion to amend was related to specifically having the Auditor hire a basically a specialist to help the City implement it and for the Auditor to sort of supervise that position. And what has happened is, over…well the Auditor was in the know about what was going on, what has happened is that the department itself moved ahead with what which was sort of in opposition to the will of our Council. Now I intended on moving a motion, so my question to deal with a legacy issue, and my question, Madam Speaker, is basically will the Mayor help get Legal or somebody to assist me in creating the motion that would be required to just change the will of Council at that particular meeting which specifically had the Auditor, Mr. Whiteside, who we all appreciated the work and trusted implicitly to change that to…I know the department is trying to do well, but would the Mayor have someone assist me? I don't know how to write a motion in terms of changing what the will of Council was at that particular meeting.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd be more than happy to have conversations with Councillor Eadie to see how we may be able to assist. I would encourage him in the meantime to, if he hasn't already done so, to speak with the Clerk's office in terms of preparation of motions, as well as the Auditor. But I'd be more than open to seeing how we can support his efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Anything further, Councillor Eadie? Second question.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, this follow up question. Simply…I'm sure our new Mayor…does the Mayor appreciate though, that the will of Council and the decisions that we make here should be upheld and followed implicitly?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I think all members of this Council expect that the letter and spirit of the will of Council will be respected.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Last question, Madam Speaker, not related to the past two. In terms of all the environmental issues that are happening, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Mayor has been looking at establishing some kind of committee or expertise to help us deal with situations related to potential environmental hazardous emergency situations that may arise and how we might be able to deal with some of the issues like we're having more and more water situations and so on? We need to be able to figure out as a City, how to mediate and how to consult with the City of Winnipeg. Does the Mayor have anything in mind to replace the past Mayor's Environmental Committee?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thanks to Councillor Eadie for the question. There was a lot in that question, in the preamble. I'll try to be as specific as possible to what I heard was the question at the end of Councillor Eadie's remarks, all of which are appreciated. In terms of the Environmental Committee, I am having discussions with members of Council on how we can reinvigorate and better coordinate our efforts to protect our environment in a more sustainable way. And I would welcome any input that he or other members of Council have on what we can do. My understanding is that committee was not the most active in recent years and that's not acceptable to me. I believe that we need to do all we can to protect our environment for the future of us and our kids.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Allard, you have the floor.

Councillor Allard: Yea and fair warning, I plan to use (Speaking in French) la langue de molière ***Translation:*** French, in my question to the Mayor. So Mayor Bowman, as you know the Marion Street Upgrade Functional Design was revealed, at least the recommended option by MMM Group yesterday to the public.

(Speaking in French) Ma question pour le maire comme vous le savez nous avons priorisé l'intersection pour les, pour amélioration pour l'intersection de Marion et Archibald comme étant notre deuxième priorité à la ville de Winnipeg pour le bon chantier Canada. Alors ma question pour le maire c'est, quel conversation avez-vous eu avec les autres niveaux de gouvernement par a par de cette intersection qui est très important pour les citoyens de Saint-Boniface et pour Winnipeg?

Translation:
Councillor Allard: My question for the Mayor: As you know, we have prioritized the intersection for the Marion-Archibald intersection improvements as the City's second priority for the Building Canada Fund. So, my question for the mayor is, what conversations have you had with the other levels of government regarding this intersection, which is important for the citizens of St. Boniface and for Winnipeg?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you to Councillor Allard for the question. The previous motion that Council voted on in terms of prioritization for the Build Canada submissions is proceeding. We're having ongoing discussions with our Provincial and our Federal partners. We are waiting to receive formal confirmation from the Province with regards to this submission. But I can assure Councillor Allard as well as all members of Council that I am indeed advocating for all of those priority items. I think we had a very healthy discussion on the prioritization of the Build Canada asks and for those that may not be aware and are watching, they are the Waverley Underpass, Marion, the Extension of Chief Peguis, to among other things support the ongoing developments of the very important Centreport area of our City and the Rosser municipality, as well as the widening of Kenaston.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Allard: (Speaking in French) Merci Monsieur le maire. Ma deuxième question qui m'a été posé plusieurs fois dans les, dans les dernier mois c'est, est ce que il y a une ligne de temps par a par a quand nous serons si oui ou non ses projets vont être approuvé dans cette entente qui comprend la Ville, la Province et le Gouvernement Fédéral.

Alors, je sais pas si sait possible d'avoir clarification la de sus.

Je sais que c'est l'entente qui comprend trois niveaux du gouvernement, mais je me demande si tu irais une idée de la ligne de temps?

Translation:
Councillor Allard: Thank you, Your Worship. My second question, which I have been asked many times in the last few months, is this: Is there a time line in which we will know whether or not these projects will be approved in this agreement between the City, the Province, and the federal government?

So, I'm not sure if it's possible to get clarification on that.

I just know that the agreement includes three levels of government, but I was wondering if you might have an idea of the time line.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The time frame is really contingent upon our ongoing dialogue with our Provincial and our Federal partners. Obviously we would like to have announcements on Build Canada, hopefully successful Build Canada submissions sooner than later. These are all very important projects. But ultimately, we are now working with our Provincial and ultimately our Federal partners, both of whom I have to thank them for their ongoing efforts. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the recent federal budget, which continued the Build Canada funds, that's very important for us to see these projects through. But we are working with our Provincial and Federal partners and as soon as we are able to get confirmation from one or both of those levels of government, we'll obviously immediately make sure that members of Council and in fact, all Winnipeggers are aware as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just since the Federal budget was mentioned, I just thought Council would be pleased to know that there was an announcement, in the future, in the not too far future, a billion dollar ongoing program for transit, dedicated funding to transit, which is something that has been an ask of FCM, that we move strongly advocating for, as well as the Canadian Urban Transit Association and the Big City Mayors. And so this is really a very successful outcome of the budget, and I think it could be really, really significant for Winnipeg as we look at our next rapid transit going forward. And I just wondered if the Mayor wanted to make any comments?

Madam Speaker: Do you have a question for the Mayor?

Councillor Gerbasi: It's really just asking if he had any further comment or anything else he wanted to add on that topic that this transit announcement has been successful.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you to Councillor Gerbasi for, not only her question, but for her ongoing and for her years of advocacy for increased public transit and rapid transit, in particular. Yes, FCM has been advocating for some time on a number of fronts. The Big City Mayors Submit that I attended last year, or maybe it was early this year, really focused on our advocacy work coordinating the asks from the big cities to the Federal Government in advance of the federal budget. And we focused on three primary objectives, and they related to infrastructure, public transit, and housing. And I wish to thank the Federal Government for their leadership in establishing a dedicated fund to assist with public transit initiatives in the future. It is note-worthy in that it's never been done before and we will be working as diligently as possible to tap into that resource. I'm hoping in future years it will grow in its size and volume, but we have to give credit where credit is due, and the Federal Government does deserve credit for supporting the municipalities' efforts to increase public transit options for our citizens. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions, at this time? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My last question was quite long last time. But I wanted to, Madam Speaker, one of the things that the City has been doing, which is very important, is trying to deal with the Energy East pipeline that will be coming through and it actually goes pretty close to the City of Winnipeg and crosses some waterways and potentially could cause problems for our water system if there was a disaster. And one of the things that…there's a number of issues around the Energy East, but they always expect there to be situations where they need to repair…so…and the existing pipeline they're talking about using is used for natural gas, not for something that's viscous and has erosive tendencies and so, I'm just wondering…and I know that our Water and Waste Department has hired some people. They're doing some serious consideration and filed to appear against the…or well I shouldn't say that…appear at the Energy East hearings when they do occur. But Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Mayor would engage the resources that he has to try to figure out a way that we may consult with the citizens of the City of Winnipeg? As we know, they get quite upset when we get brown water, so I think that all the people of Winnipeg should be quite concerned about this and if maybe he can figure out through some resources that he might have, to somehow consult with the citizens of Winnipeg about their perspective in terms of this Energy East pipeline.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you very much for the question. There can be really, there are very few issues that are more important than protecting the safety and the security of our water source for our citizens

and so, it is an excellent question. The administration continues to investigate ways of doing just that, protecting our water source, the Water and Waste Department has been doing good work in that respect. And I can confirm to members of Council that I have a meeting coming up with the National Energy Board Chair to establish a relationship with the regulatory body. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services. Councillor Browaty on the report dated April 13th.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED APRIL 13, 2015

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce the report of April 13, 2015 and I move the adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 5.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to By-laws. Councillor Browaty?

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 54/2015 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 54/2015.

Councillor Browaty: I move that By-law No. 54/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 54/2015.

Councillor Browaty: I move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 54/2015 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 PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Okay, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I know Councillor Browaty has done a good deal of work on the whole issue around wait times for ambulances, which is something that's been an issue here for a couple of years and continues to be a problem, but I think is something that our Chief Lane has been working on. And I wonder if Councillor Browaty can, I know he's been working hard on this issue, I wonder if he can just maybe give us some highlights on what's been happening…any progress that's being made in terms of the whole issue around wait times for ambulance and emergency rooms that continues to be a problem? People sometimes think we have no role in healthcare, but we do run a full-on ambulance service here. So if I can just ask Councillor Browaty for some comments on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Yes, as Councillor Mayes pointed out, our piece of the healthcare system is our operation of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, in particular the paramedic component. Patient off-load

times are still problematic frequently at our various facilities. The Province has set targets of 30 minutes, but…and they pay above 60 minutes and still way too often we find that ambulances are being tied up while the medical facilities should be taking over these patients. So as a result there are times basically every month where not a single ambulance is available in the entire City of Winnipeg, which means that if, you know, somebody's and then so even beyond that, even if there is an ambulance available it could be in entirely the wrong end of the city. If one of your loved ones is having a heart attack in North Kildonan or Transcona, and the only available ambulance is out in Charleswood, it doesn't really do you a lot of good when seconds count. So that is definitely problematic and worrying in my opinion. In terms of what's being done, there are instances now where ambulances are being released in facilities. Seven Oaks is a problem facility in your ward, Madam Speaker, whereby you'll have multiple ambulances tied up. What's happening in some cases where patients are somewhat stable but are being triaged, you'll have one ambulance take over multiple patients or one set of paramedics take over multiple ambulance loads of patients at the hospital while they're being triaged, and one ambulance can be released to again attend to new calls. So again, it's certainly concerning and I'd like to see numbers published available on the WRHA and the City's websites to let people know what's happening in the various facilities. Again, transparency and openness I think would help people realize the concerns and problems we have.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further? Any other questions for the Chair?

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED APRIL 14, 2015

Madam Speaker: Okay, seeing none, we'll move forward with Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated April 14th.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report dated April 14. I'd like to introduce Items 1 through 8. I'd like to pull Items No. 4 and No. 6.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Item 1, 8. Councillor Wyatt? I will call to question Items 2, 3, 5 and 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 - 2014 Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Strategy Annual Report

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Lukes to introduce the item.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I'd like to hear from my colleague first, please.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. And this was stood down by Councillor Eadie. Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Of course I'm voting for this report, there's a lot of really important, good news in there, higher than expected diversion rates, a number of initiatives that came under the plan that the City of Winnipeg put together related to the solid waste system. Madam Speaker, I was reading, well I just wanted to say that it mentioned also in there that they did some education, they hired some students and tried to educate people. I guess where they might have been experiencing problems in terms of the contents of various carts. And Madam Speaker, just recently this week, we heard about piles of, well, recycle and garbage mix together out by the recycle plant just stacking up and actually becoming kind of a health hazard to workers in the area, causing real awful odours and stuff. So I think that, and I probably know that our solid waste department is going to probably hire more students and try to get people to understand what they can and cannot put in a recycle cart. I know that there's a number of initiatives that I'm looking at in my ward, in terms of trying to help people understand how to use our cart system. But nevertheless, within that we there's always some kind of contamination, I would imagine. And so, I just thought I'd mentioned that, but I think more students and more education programs to help people understand what not to put in there. Madam Speaker, as that's important now, what I also wanted to point out though, Madam Speaker, with this report, the last report that we have for the year of, well the last report we had for 2013, there was some really valuable information, I felt, Madam Speaker, in that report, and that was it did report the number of damaged and stolen carts. I was reading through this report and I can't seem to find, I found the capital investment at $221,000 to purchasing carts for three reasons. One for supplying new homes with these carts, and then the damaged and stolen carts. So now, what's interesting Madam Speaker is that we now as a city cover the cost of damaged carts, as long as you've used your carts in an appropriate fashion, if they get damaged by a third party, you don't have to pay for them. I mean everybody in the city who receives this system, actually pays an annual or a monthly fee, if you want to call it, on our quarterly, on our water bill, and so I think it's really important though that we're able to know how many damaged and stolen carts there actually are, because from my

perspective, being the mover of the person who at least helped get established the replacement and damaged carts, if it's no fault of the homeowner who pays the water bill, it would be good to know for stolen carts as well. What usually happens Madam Speaker, one of the biggest problems, if somebody's cart gets stolen they feel that they've been the ones violated, why should they pay for a cart. What I'm concerned about is some people don't care and they won't a new cart, and then they do other things with their garbage, which isn't good. And this report was quite interesting, and it's at 60 per cent reduction in the number of abandoned waste calls. I think that's really good. And so we don't want to see abandoned waste, so I just wanted to point that on the report. But overall, I think that this is a good plan, some people were concerned about new, how we go about dealing with composting. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to say I think that our solid waste department did huge consultations with the citizens of Winnipeg and the pilot program that they're going to use will consider all those consultations that they had done. And I look forward, personally, to composting because I'm living in an apartment now and I don't think anybody would appreciate me having a worm composter in my home, probably would have the landlord kick me out maybe. But it would be great, if I could get rid of compost, because I as an individual and many people in the City of Winnipeg really want to help our environment and divert as much as we can to more environmentally sound and sustainable ways. So Madam Speaker, I just wanted to most importantly raise the issue would be great in these reports if we could get detail of how many damage carts and how many stolen carts, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next, Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just briefly, of course, I'll be supporting this report. I'm pleased, I really do think the city is taking great strides forward in reducing our, the diverting our waste. There's a just a couple of issues I want to highlight that I understand are being worked on further, we'll hear more about it in the future. But when this plan came forward with the previous Council, there was as Councillor Eadie alluded to, there was to be a pilot project on composting, curb side composting, so I'm pleased to learn that that is part of what's being considered. I'm not saying what the solution ultimately will be, but they're looking at what to do with organics for a strategy. So I am pleased that that's still on the table because it seemed like something we kept expecting to happen and it is being looked at as part of an overall organics diversion strategy, which is fine. But I'm really eager to see that, because as you can see from the report, it's a significant amount of waste, and it's something we could really do something about it and make a big difference. So I'm looking forward to that, and I also just wanted the other piece I'm looking forward to is the Landfill Gas Capture and Flaring System, originally the hope was that there was going to be a partnership with the university to actually reuse it as fuel and all that and I also understand, because I've asked about this, that that's in the works in terms discussions anyway, going forward. So I just wanted to point out those two key issues that I know some of my constituents and our constituents our watching these environmental issues, would like to see us do, and I think there's more we can do, and I know that's being looked at. So I thank the Chair for her work on it and the department. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to make some, put some comments on the record, and make some points. This is the annual report with regards to the status of the master plan that was presented to Council back in October of 2011. And it covers a lot of material and a lot of different objectives that we attempted to take on and move forward on in terms of waste minimization and management and to increase our diversion of the landfill. Just a few points I guess I want to point out. I would encourage members of Council go back, and for those of you who weren't here and even those who were, read the report from October the 19th, 2011. I think it's quite interesting and will give you a bigger picture of really what Council decided at the time. Some of the issues though, were controversial, it was a controversial vote here at the time, because if you recall, it did introduce the $50 a year charge that we have now, well sorry $55 a year charge that we have now that pays for the automated recycling system and the carts. And if you recall, the decision to move to organics was a decision that was not necessarily made, there was a decision made to do a pilot project, but the decision to move to organics was not made. And by and large, it wasn't made because of the fact that there was a cost, the $50 at that time charge, was if I recall right, going to nearly double on each and every homeowner to be able to do the organic program and organic pickup city-wide. So that's something we have to keep in mind. Secondly, I want to point out that the report refers to the bio-solid program, I think that's something that Council should watch carefully, and EPC. Right now, the Public Service is electing to go to the highest level of bio-solid treatment; nowhere in Canada does this exist. I believe in North America, Washington D.C. is building a system similar to what they want to do. It is probably one of the most expensive systems, it's projected in our budget now of over $200 million, up from a 150 million approximately, and it seems to be going up and up every year. I'm all in favour of dealing with bio-solids. Bio-solids is that material that comes out of the, our waste water treatment process. At one time, we as a city, the lowest level is actually to spread the bio-solids on farm fields. We used to do that, I think it was in the RM of Macdonald, that we had contracts with farmers to actually spread the bio-solids on their field. The province said that we can't do that anymore, the farmers loved it. It worked great for them. But you know, I guess it's not environmental, so that was stopped for some reason. But now, we're looking at doing, there's apparently five different processes, and we're looking

at doing the highest out of the five. So I think that's something we really have to look at, you know, in terms of priorities. We have tons of demands on the tax dollar, whether it be for new regional roads or rapid transit or recycling and bio-solids in just one of them. The other point I want to make is on the 4R Depots, I've made these comments publicly before, I just want to make it again, and that is that's the Community Resource Recovery Centres. That's the concept that we would have these centres, strategically located, four of them around the city, approximately four to five acres in size, that would be able to be centres for citizens to come and to make it easier for them to keep waste out of landfills. So for example, households hazardous waste, electronic waste, construction material waste, even asking as a transfer station at some of the locations that are further from Brady, in terms of regular garbage, and of course the regular recycling that we know goes on at our recycling depots now. And part of the idea was to also engage the not-for-profit community to see if there were opportunities for them to engage with the city, so that this would be a revenue source for them and to assist us with dealing with these waste materials. And you know, I'm just concerned I guess in terms of the roll-out, the previous Council announced roll-outs in terms of building these over, with a very aggressive schedule I would admit. But nevertheless something that I think the citizens of Winnipeg definitely are looking forward and it's something that, you know citizens want to be able to keep their household hazardous waste out of the landfill. They want to keep their electronic waste out, people want to do the right thing and this is a way to make it easier for them to do so. And I think it would lead the nation if we pursue that more aggressively. And then, the other point I just want to make as well, in terms of the support, and just a kind of a high level reminder is that, this whole report if you read it, and you read our strategy, it deals with the waste that we manage. There's a whole elemental waste out there we don't manage, which is the private sector who through businesses, industries, commercial, handle their own ways. So there's a whole level of garbage and waste that is going into our landfill that we haven't even tackled yet, and we haven't offered any kind of carrots or sticks in terms of taking that challenge on. And that's upwards of 50 per cent of the waste that's going into our landfill, industrial waste, commercial waste, construction waste. And if there's a way for us to tackle that, it's easy to go after the homeowner and make the homeowner pay and to encourage the homeowner to divert their waste. It's a lot tougher to do it with business, mind you but it's something we should be rolling up ourselves and attempting to do, in light of the fact that the amount of waste that's being produced through the private sector. Now to give credit, there are many businesses that who have signed up on the recycling program on their own, which is great, I think that's terrific, but we need to actually, I think make it a little bit more easier and maybe add some incentives in place for business and industry to do that. As well, I just wanted to note that as part of this we, this is solid waste, but in the overall picture we do have now some of the highest water and sewer rates in all of Canada. And I just wanted to make a note or, and I know we've some of us have discussed it informally, but the idea that maybe it is time for our waste utility, water and waste to become a true utility, truly separate and maybe subject to the PUB. Because right now, it is a massive utility, it is massive and my concern is the oversight and just maybe not, maybe the lack thereof, and I think even though it would cost us something to have to file PUB applications, we are the only utility in all of Manitoba, by the way in terms of municipalities not subject to the PUB, other municipalities their systems are subject to PUB. I know there's a concern that that might take away some tools that we have, in terms of water and waste but or limit them at least. However, I think we need to think as this, as it grows and it will continue to grow based on the regulations that have been brought down by the province, we should really seriously look at that, Madam Speaker, to ensure that there's a balance in protection for the rate payers. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't intent to speak on this issue, but I was just inspired by the comments of Councillors Eadie and Wyatt. I truly appreciate the comments that Councillor Wyatt made, in terms of how Winnipeggers, like all citizens, of course we have the intention of being environmentally active as we can. But the reality is we can only be, is environmentally active and proactive as our infrastructure allows us to be, and thus these depots throughout the city are paramount in terms of Winnipeggers able to manifest our environmental concerns actively, specifically with hazardous waste as in examples of hazardous waste as he says batteries, things like that, appliances, other toxic materials that we have to pay the price in the long term when we deal our landfill sites. These things are paramount. And I'm glad as well that Councillor Eadie mentioned the fact that, you know industry and construction industry are half responsible for this and that we need to vitally take this into consideration. As an example, Madam Speaker, right now we're dealing with the fact, and I guess there's nothing we can do about this now, but we really have to think long term about these things. Valley Gardens Community Club, Terry Sawchuck Arena, are right adjacent to and/or built on a landfill site and the fact that it is, and the quality of that landfill site, as much as we want to deal with this and try to make as efficient use as possible, the fact is that the nature of how we've dealt with landfills in the past has created, we're dealing with that now. We're dealing with the posterity of the past in terms of what how well we can optimize this land. We can't build an arena or we can't build an ice rink on the landfill, but we can, but the economics of it makes it highly infeasible. As an example, and I'd like to see in this term, I think this is the term to deal with the research and get back to Council on what we can do about this in the long term, and I understand there are ambiguities involved, but it's our obligation to be proactive. Now I spent a decade of my life in heavy industry, heavy construction, and I want to let you know that the buck stops somewhere, well maybe it isn't always stopped where it should. But as an individual, as the lowest man on the totem, if you will, when I worked in the oil industries as a roughneck, drilling for oil in Alberta,

you know we deal with a lot of corrosive substances in order to get the oil to do what we can, to do what we have to do, to drill for the oil, to find the oil, to pump the oil, to keep our economy, our fossil fuel dependent economy going every single day. And the source of that primarily is Alberta, yes, we import on the eastern side of this country, but basically, not only do we, are we dependent on Alberta oil, Saskatchewan oil, BC oil, but of course we export it too. Vital at this point to our economy, I don't know when it will end, but things have to change. My point being, Madam Speaker, is that as an individual in heavy industry, in construction industry, it was my job to deal with the corrosive substances. What I can say, and I'll say this in general at this point, is that I did not have the infrastructure by which to do it according to regulations and By-laws, and thus the environment was sacrificed when it didn't necessarily have to be the case. And I can that Madam Speaker, my personal experience so Councillor Wyatt's words hold a lot of weight and this is the term that we have to deal with this, Madam Speaker. Now that he's mentioned it, it's just one of those issues I'm not going to let go and I say that optimistically because I think there's something to be said to be done about that in this term. Councillor Eadie mentioned about composting and what we do with composting materials, now I need to admit I make these comments in ignorance and I'm sure there's Councillors that know more about this than I do, and I have to learn. But I do ask this question, I do need these comments on record because I need to know and Winnipeggers need to know, and there's Winnipeggers like myself that don't understand this I'll make that assumption, that when it comes to the nature of landfills and the intent of landfills, what is the long term expectation of a landfill and there's no point at looking at landfills if you're not looking long term. So it goes without saying, what is the intent, in terms of what is supposed to happen to a landfill site in a generation? No point at looking at it less than that in a sense. What is it, what do we expect of a landfill site after a generation or more, what is supposed to happen to it? Do we not expect that there's supposed to be some aspect of compostability in a landfill site, and these are the things I want to know, because we need to deal with the fact that sometimes we need to help, encourage, expedite compostability of landfills and I need to know more about that. Councillor Eadie makes a very good point, that people like myself want to compost, at the same time, that can't be done effectively if we don't take into consideration, maybe there's answers in there, Madam Speaker, but I like, I would like other Councillors to know about this, we're all on the same page. How do we deal, not just with individuals who want to compost and take away mass to optimize the volume of our landfills, but the same time, deal with the fact that we need to encourage compostability at landfills. I might be mistaken, Madam Speaker, but my understanding is there are others in this Chamber that also want, also they're understanding that there's supposed to be some form of composting taking place in the landfills themselves and I leave it at that, Madam Speaker. I would like more information on that one day. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. I'm just briefly going to go through some of the points that have been mentioned, just to give fellow Councillors an update, Madam Speaker. In regards to Councillor Eadie and the broken carts inclusion in the report, if you recall I believe it was two or three months ago, we passed a motion that the broken carts would be covered, and at that point in time at IRPW we asked that the information, how many carts and the cost of it, be included in the report and the Director said it would in this next report. So just to note that is happening, and we will see, it's only been a period of time, a few months, and it wasn't, you know, not enough time to have a year's overview obviously to include it in the report. This was really a good report, in the sense we can reflect and see how much we're doing to improve our recycling habits. At the IRPW meeting, I asked if we could see in the upcoming report how we compare in comparison to other cities, because Madam Speaker, as good as this report is, how the City of Winnipeg compares to other cities is not as rosy, I'll leave it at that. We'll see the next report. In regards to organics, yes, it is a study that the department is undertaking to look at the cost of actually having an organic program and the technicalities and the feasibility around it, and to do a pilot. The City of Brandon is doing one, people can opt in or opt out, I know myself, we'd be opting out because I have a child that grows giant pumpkins and needs every bit of organic compost possible, I'm not revealing any secrets, it does improve his growing, but I hope that this organic, I hope this organics program comes to fruition and people can opt in or out of it. Another point I'd like to make note of is, Councillor Wyatt, with the 4 Winnipeg depots, just to update him and Council here that the Chair of Finance, myself, and the Director of Water and Waste sat down to discuss this exact program and we are working through it. I hear the challenges that are there. I'm understanding the process that the department is using to advance it. We need to see it in a more rapid fashion, I agree and I will be reporting back to Councillor Wyatt and others who are interested. At the last, when this report came forward, exactly this comment on commercial and industrial waste, a bit of research we had done, myself and the office had done before, indicated a 30 to 50 per cent industrial/commercial waste that isn't, we don't have any program, we don't have anything really set up other than, you know, large BFI bins or the industries taking them to the landfill, and ask the department to get back to us on what they're doing and there's not a lot of movement on this, but it needs to occur. So we're in discussion with the department on this. I know myself, the Brady Landfill is in my ward and the day before Earth Day I did have the opportunity to take a drive around the Brady Landfill and through the Brady Landfill in a 4 x 4 by a very zealous contractor who wanted me to ensure I saw every inch of the Brady Landfill, fortunately it was on a very windy day and the aroma was moderate. I'll leave it at that. I encourage everyone here to take a trip to the Brady Landfill and just to look and to take your kids threw it and to see what's going on there. There's a lot of innovation that's occurring there, there's a lot of actual composting actually of bio-solids that is occurring at the

landfill. And as many of you may be familiar with the old sugar beet plant, just off Pembina Highway, that is undergoing redevelopment, over 500 cubic metres of lime mud is being transported 24 x 7 in semi-trailers to the Brady Landfill, creating berms around the landfill and made of Plant Solutions, a division of Ducks Unlimited, is doing native plantings on it. So that just touches on the innovation that's going on at the landfill, and if anyone would like to go on a tour of the landfill, I'm more than willing to take them and organize a tour. And my last comment on this report and comments that council members have made, I along with Councillor Wyatt and other members of Council, other Councillors have been talking about some more oversight on the utility, looking at the PUB option. We're going to be working with the Mayor's Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives and with the departments to look further into this, because it is a very complex area that I truly believe there's not enough knowledge around the table here to really understand the complexities and it is a vast amount of money, in the billions that we're spending on this, so we'll be moving forward on that for sure, further discussions. That's all my comments on this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 - East St. Paul Through-Pass

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, you will be introducing the item and the amendment that you've put forward.

Councillor Lukes: Right, alright.

Madam Speaker: And we will debate both the item and the motion concurrently. Councillor Lukes.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1 of Item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated April 14, 2015 be amended by adding the words "future Public Transit / BRT" after the word "pedestrians" as follows:

1. That the Public Service be authorized to plan for accommodation of cyclists, pedestrians, future Public Transit / BRT and required emergency vehicles entering the City of Winnipeg from the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul via a properly controlled through-pass constructed beneath PTH 101 (North Perimeter Highway) in the vicinity of the Raleigh Street alignment; and

Councillor Lukes: Alright, Item 4, "East St. Paul Through-Pass." So just to give Council Members a brief overview of this report that's come forward, the history behind this report is that PTH 101, the Perimeter, the North Perimeter and 59 Highway interchanges, has been on the books for 25-30 years to undergo an update. As part of the larger picture of global transportation hub around the City of Winnipeg moving goods to and from CentrePort, and also from the safety of the interchange itself upgrades are being done. It's been multiple years in discussion on how to address an Active Transportation corridor in this upgrade. Many of you know are familiar with the Northeast Pioneers Green Way, which is undoubtedly the busiest section of pathway in the City of Winnipeg between Raleigh and Gateway, the old Marconi line corridor, which will, which ends basically at the Perimeter, on the other side of the Perimeter, the province has spent millions upgrading the floodway and also an Active Transportation corridor that picks up in Birds Hill. Many of you are familiar with the flyover of 59 Highway, the pedestrian and cycling flyover connecting to Birds Hill, which connects to a larger picture of trails system on the floodway. So this is a very big picture network that is being developed and as part of this interchange, the province committed to building a connection from the City of Winnipeg into the municipality, which connects on to Birds Hill. Birds Hill is one the busiest parks in the Province of Manitoba and there was a need to alleviate stress on the park by having transportation in and out in many different ways. So this corridor, this Active Transportation corridor has been studied by the province, there have been thoughts of going over the Perimeter or at grade at the Perimeter or in a tunnel underneath. What's in front of us today is a report that speaks of this at grade crossing, it's not a tunnel, and it's not over, the province has made this recommendation's commitment that they are going to be building this and they also want to build to accommodate emergency vehicles a two-lane road beside the Active Transportation corridor that will be going at grade, under the Perimeter. So in the discussions and in the report you will see that, I'll just get the report in front of me here, you will see that in the report there is discussion of a long, that the City has identified a long-term rapid transit corridor along the Gateway alignment to the north city limit, and it's possible that this future lane could extend under the North Perimeter Highway. A transit connection of this nature would be very likely long-term, but still within the lifespan of the Through-Pass. We know that we have extensive numbers of vehicles coming in and out of the city, from East St. Paul, West St. Paul, from Southern Manitoba. This is part of the capital region, these people live outside the Perimeter, outside the city, but they work in the city, they spend money in the city, and they shop in the city, they make their income in the city and they live outside the city. There's a lot of back

and forth of economics going on. The idea that this corridor could be built as in the initial report, providing a transit option, really is a very sustainable approach to dealing with transportation and volumes of transportation. Councillor Wyatt brought this to my attention, that to really help move this forward, this thought, it should be included in a motion, which I'm bringing forward today, that we look at including future public transit and the BRT and we ask that the Public Service be authorized to plan and accommodate for this. So this is the motion that I'm bringing forward. The Public Service has made their recommendations here and I'm asking that we consider incorporating in this motion, future public transit and BRT as part of it. I believe that covers an overview.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Any speakers on the item and the amendment? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, I'd like to start off by thanking the Public Service. They turn this report around very quickly, and I think what's very clear in this report to me is that there's no support, now or forever, the idea of having general traffic using the Raleigh/Gateway corridor as a new inter-jurisdictional arterial roadway. It's East St. Paul's numbers, they were saying up to 30,000 vehicles a day, I don't believe those numbers, I think it's probably no more than, a few build out of the RMs and that, maybe 20,000 vehicles a day on the high end. But the reality is, Winnipeg streets were not planned, in terms of good, urban inter-jurisdictional capital region planning, the streets on the North Kildonan side, streets on the East St. Paul side for that matter were not designed to handle this volume of traffic. The street to the south of the Perimeter Highway that connects to Lagimodiere Boulevard from Gateway is Headmaster Road. It's a two-lane residential street with driveways that back right onto it. It was approved prior to me being on Council. I don't think it should have been designed even the way it was. I think it was under-designed for the role that it plays even today. Additional traffic coming from the RM, I think would push it over the edge. I mean, traffic, you know within the Perimeter Highway, the full build out, the logical build out of the RM, I mean is obviously acceptable and necessary, but the idea of opening this up to general traffic is a problem. So now they're spending tens of millions of dollars on an Active Transportation amenity. I think it's very nice, in terms of Active Transportation, we have really good usage of the Northeast Pioneers Green Way, we added in fact a flyover at Chief Peguis Trail. But we need to realize a couple things right now, as far as I'm aware, the City of Winnipeg and the RM of East St. Paul haven't committed to finishing their parts of the Greenway to this piece, so right now this is a tunnel to nowhere. At this point, like the city's Active Transportation trail of the Northeast Pioneers Green Way ends at Knowles Avenue. That piece from Knowles Avenue to Glenway, hasn't been budgeted for and it hasn't been built. The RM of East St. Paul doesn't have an agreement with local government, hasn't budgeted for the completion of their trail into the RM to connect up to Birds Hill Park. So this is all sort of a big, in many ways a pipe dream at this point. Nonetheless, I mean, they're building it now it appears whether we want it or not. I think the flyover still, is the much better and preferable scenario, we have to realize that this, they're not calling it a tunnel, they're calling a Through-Pass, is going to be probably at least four lanes of vehicular traffic for the Perimeter Highway, potentially six, the centre median shoulder. This is going to be a long stretch of covered darkness, dankness that people are going to have to cross to get from one side of the Perimeter Highway to the other. Yeah, it's better than, you know, trying to run across traffic, but it is a long stretch, and I still think that a flyover where everything is very, very visible is safer and I think more appealing to its residents, even though it will require some ramping to get to the top. The notion of the amendment here today I think is very offensive. First of all, some of our rapid transit and long-range transit plans do show the Raleigh/Gateway corridor as a potential, potential future rapid transit corridor. Decisions, however, were made when Chief Peguis Trail was built to severe Raleigh Street. Raleigh Street does not go through any other side, Raleigh was always considered to be the potential road that would become the Active Transportation pavement if you will in the future. By severing Chief Peguis, the recommendation was there that, based on Winnipeg's long range plan, Our Winnipeg, and looking at plans into the capital region, there's no density along the Raleigh/Gateway corridor. You have single-family housing, within the Perimeter Highway we are getting very, very close to full build out. Into the RM of East St. Paul, we have even less density, we have ex-urban style housing where you've got 80, 100 foot lots typically. The notion that we're going to run rapid transit into an area with 100 foot, you know home, with homes with 100 feet of frontage, that's not very practical or very feasible. Some areas, you know some cities you do rapid transit going into areas and then you go big park and rides. Is there a space to build those? Not really, within the Perimeter Highway there certainly isn't, and into the RM? Not much. Henderson Highway on the other hand, is a very dense area with lots of apartments. If you were going to build rapid transit into Northeast Winnipeg, you would use Henderson Highway, you'd find a way to build like the old street cars that used to go up to almost McLeod Avenue in the day, you know do away with centre medians and figure out ways to cram it into the current part of main long Henderson. There there's density, you've got thousands of multi-family units going right up to almost the City limit, and we're seeing more density being added to that area with conversions of various lots into new housing, aging in places very popular and we're seeing some new high quality housing stock coming up. But again, not a lot along Raleigh/Gateway, but along Henderson Highway. So by doing this amendment, I think we are tacitly telling the province, go ahead instead of building a, basically each lane requires five metres, an Active Transportation piece they would build an at grade crossing little wider than the three and a half metres of a tradition path, they'd build it to say about five metres. And then vehicular lanes are give or take five metres each. The additional costs of doing five, five, and five, it sounds like a pizza promotion, the extra costs of building, you know the extra five is about $6 million. So we're tacitly telling the Province today, spend the extra $6 million, build the five, five,

and five configuration, two vehicular lanes plus an Active Transportation piece, so that in the future, maybe perhaps sometime in the 75 year lifespan, we will want to put buses down there. To me that's an absolute waste of money, I don't think we're going to see rapid transit this far north, based on the current development plans for the city and the RM. I would say just completely strike, I would vote against, I'm going to be voting against the amendment here, but very much in support of the Public Service report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. First of all, I just want to say I want to compliment Councillor Browaty on the work on this issue. It's definitely a big issue for his ward and for his constituents, he is raised this issue and challenged the Province directly on it and the Minister in question. There is a genuine concern that I think, that he rightly has along with many of his constituents that this is just on the heels of the rezoning that was attempted or underway, I'm not sure of that in terms of the Walmart Superstore that was to be built in the RM with access to, that the RM wanted through Raleigh/Gateway to access the, because of the restrictions on the Perimeter Highway with regards to accessing the Perimeter. And that there could be legitimately the concern that this is a bit of a Trojan horse, by the government and the RM, the capital region to get the commercial development and access to it by this new roadway. So I want to say that I definitely understand the sensitivities in the ward of North Kildonan and the work that the Councillor's undertaken, it does make sense. I definitely support the intent of the clause. I do believe that we should be planning the long run. I think we as a city though, have done or attempted to do that with regards to rapid transit. I know Councillor Browaty is one of the strongest advocates of BRT and the City of Winnipeg and therefore his comments do come as no surprise. But all joking aside, I think the reality is, we did buy Marconi corridor for the purpose of future rapid transit and we have adapted it for the use of the Pioneers, Northeast Pioneers Greenway. But the intent was, when we paid at that time, John Buhler purchased it, and then we bought it off John Buhler, for the purpose of a rapid transit corridor. And believe it or not, Madam Speaker, we're kind of, this is kind of the movie "Back to the Future" this is back to the future. There was rapid transit running outside the city a 100 years ago all the way to Selkirk, there was a tramline running all the way north. We had rapid transit into the capital region before. We ripped it all up with the diesel age that came in the 1950s and 60s because we were sold a bill of goods by GM at the time. Well, not just Winnipeg, but city after city fell across North America in line, a few of them resisted but most fell in line; and we're still paying that price. And you know, this is a vision for the future, there's no doubt Councillor Browaty's a 100 per cent correct, the density along Raleigh/Gateway is not there. However, the land and the ability to do density in the future is there, the ideas and the dream of having a transit development agency for being able to do this sort of thing and to pay for rapid transit, this corridor fits in more than anything else. This corridor is one of three on the east side of the city. The Mayor pledged to build rapid transit in our lifetime, in our generation. Well, guess what? Five out of the six, three of the corridors are on the east side of the city, this being one of them. This area is going to grow, whether we like it or not, the capital region is going to continue to grow, which is, I think good for the city in the long run. Do we want people to be having a tax our roads and regional street system even more and more and more, or do we want to give them the option of being able to use a transit service, which by the way, the residents of East St. Paul are already asking for. I recall about a year or two ago, I got a call from constituent, or I thought it was a constituent, saying "Why aren't there more park and ride at Kildonan Place Shopping Mall? The park and ride is full. You got to get more park and ride spots, Councillor Wyatt." And after a bit of a question and answer back and forth, I realized that this was not a constituent of mine. This was a resident of East St. Paul, and I said, "Well thanks for pointing this out to me, I'm know going to actually pass it on to the transit department to ensure that citizens of Winnipeg have the first right of refusal of park and ride." Of course, that didn't make the individual too happy, but nonetheless, this is the challenge that we're facing. And you know, we need to have that cooperation with the capital region and just return, as I mentioned earlier this morning from the lower mainland, 13 municipalities, they have a system called "translate", they're in a huge debate right now by the way with regards to a referendum having adding half a cent to their fuel tax to pay for two or three new rapid transit lines, Skytrain lines, and a new bridge and it really will probably determine the future of the lower mainland in a generation. Sadly, possibly it looks like it might be going down to defeat, I hope not, for their sake. Toronto, 30 years ago, stopped building subways and we now see the mess that Toronto is in. And you know, this is planning for the future, and so when we talk about this it's definitely not to add more traffic. I agree with Councillor Browaty, we don't want to add more cars on the streets in North Kildonan. I agree with his assessment with regards to the potential that a roadway would have, but this is too restricted for the purpose and planning for the future. And yes, $6 million does, is a lot of money to add that extra 5 metres, if that is indeed the case, but I would tell you today that $6 million if you spend it today is well spent, versus spending it tomorrow because it'll be 5, 6 times that amount by the time we get around to building it. So why wouldn't we plan that today and think ahead? That's why this is an important amendment, it compliments what Councillor Browaty been working and attempting to do and it does, and it does plan for our future in terms of a society where we give citizens the option, not only in Winnipeg, but outside Winnipeg. And of course, we would have to look at how that would work. I don't know how it would work, other municipalities have a zone system, where you actually pay a bit more. So instead of 2.60, transit fare, the regular transit fare in Winnipeg, maybe it's 3.60 if you're riding from a community from East St. Paul into the city. But it works throughout North America, it works in Europe. We have a metropolitan region now, we just don't have the metropolitan government, we don't have regional government anymore. We've lost that, and we're kind of

muddling through and the conflict that's arising now between the RM of East St. Paul and the City of Winnipeg is a product of the fact that the government, and we have not been able to come to terms with how we're going to work together, capital region and city. And we have to start getting our heads wrapped around that because it's going to, the population growth and the demands for services in both communities are going to require us to face these challenges. So this, I believe is a positive complimentary motion. I want to thank Councillor Browaty, I want to apologize to him, I did not want to offend him in any way, shape, or form. This is something, which I know he's passionate about and I want to ensure that it lives up to the spirit of intent, I believe it does. It prevents vehicles, it a matter of fact says the message even louder and stronger that vehicles are not an option with regards, private vehicles, trucks, what have you an option with regards to this roadway. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Gilroy, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gilroy: I was wondering if the mover and the seconder would entertain a friendly amendment, to maybe just use the word "transit". I was worried that maybe the word "public transit" made it sound like it was vehicle traffic and I know that the administration at the time of the our Public Works meeting and their review really said loud and clear that they didn't feel that opening that up to regular normal traffic was good for the city. So I was wondering, I think we would all agree we want to encourage more transit use, but if we took out the word "public" and just made it "transit" to make it really clear that it would be only for transit use. I was wondering if they would entertain that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to have to wait till the debate, Madam Speaker till it's over to say whether I'm voting or not. But you know, I just wanted to speak to the amending motion, first of all, just to say that you really do have to plan way into the future and what may or may not happen you have to think about these things and so. Because what I'll have to say Madam Speaker is I'm quite familiar with North Kildonan and Sun Valley area and all this and all the debate that's gone around in this city since the well, it first came to my attention basically around 1991 and actually even when the Settler's Bridge was built, which is the bridge that crosses the Red along the Chief Peguis Trail, Madam Speaker there was a lot of argument and people in North Kildonan didn't like the North Enders coming over to North Kildonan and so on and so forth. But the future was laid out when they built that bridge and many times, sometimes things get built for what's expectation in future. But Madam Speaker, I think that public transit should be considered because if you don't want, in East St. Paul, while you know there's not a lot of density, there's definitely car density. You know there's families there, like you look at a driveway in East St. Paul and there's four, sometimes five cars, and it's not you know because somebody's having a party, it's because that family has that many cars. It's just how it is, there's tons of cars in East St. Paul. Way more density, way more motor vehicles in East St. Paul per household then I'm sure they do in Winnipeg, overall Winnipeg. There's probably some areas that have just as many vehicles, Madam Speaker. But ultimately you have to think about the future, and I think that, I don't think we really considered the future way back when I remember in the 70's going to the Gateway Community Centre out there for a social and it was a dirt road, any further north than a certain place. Actually it was farm land. But you know, Madam Speaker, when we look at Lagimodiere and all the traffic and the debate and the discussion of McIvor and the traffic volumes where residential properties existed, that was the way to get off Lagimodiere, take McIvor, now we have Chief Peguis Trail. But you know what's happened, and I don't know why we do this as a city, it really doesn't make sense to me, you have to think about the future. The future is very important because right now, there's a bunch of people who can just come off of Lagimodiere at they have extra traffic signals at Lagimodiere, a highway we built, which is about trade as well. Moving people through more of a regional structure, a better, faster way to move people threw because the reality is there's a whole bunch of people who live in East St. Paul, actually there's people who live in Beausejour, they come and work in the City of Winnipeg. That's what they do. So when we're planning and we're looking at traffic flows in these neighbourhoods, the neighbourhoods that are specifically around here, I think, yeah as a matter of fact Algonquin Park goes up to this area, I think Headmaster runs through Algonquin Park if that's, I'm not sure the exact boundaries, and then you have Sun Valley and the other neighbourhood to the north of Sun Valley that has issues with traffic coming through. And yeah, if you build a Walmart or something like that, that's going to cause a lot of traffic and so, we the city, haven't looked at designing and how do we interact and work with that. But so, I actually support, actually I figured it out Madam Speaker, as I'm speaking. I'm going to support the amending motion, which looks at the future, cause I have no problem with saying public transit. Public transit is Winnipeg Transit, and if you don't want 30,000 cars coming through or you know, whatever your measurement is, if you don't want all those motor vehicles coming through there, get them on a bus. Get them on a bus. That's a great thing to do. And so, if you look to the future eventually the capital region has to work with us, the City of Winnipeg actually pretty well all the housing developments done in North Kildonan, west of Lagimodiere if I recall correctly, there's a few places that are going to have some more homes built. But ultimately, you know Madam Speaker; you do have to look at the future. I'm not going to have a problem with at this point I think that you know, working with the province and I know that's difficult to do, but we really have to do a better job, Madam Speaker working with the capital region and working with the province. You know like in Vancouver, they have the TransLink, that's the province and the cities and the lower mainland working together to provide public transit, the

Skytrain right? So this is how we're going to be working in the future, we have to work that way in the future, because that's the only way we're going to be able to serve the transportation needs of Winnipeggers. So Madam Speaker, I'm okay with the motion, I'll be voting for the motion to amend, and I will vote for the motion. Because at this point, I really would love to see the Active Transportation trail run threw and you know, riding my tandem bike, I will ride in the dark wherever, it doesn't matter. But the point is, is that if you're running a long underpass, it's at the Perimeter, you know I'm sure there's ways of making a tunnel safer for, at this point let's start with that. I'm okay with saying that, because I know that North Kildonan and those neighbourhoods close in there aren't ready yet for a whole bunch of traffic. So I'll be voting for both motions. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Next is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, happens to be in today's session of this Chamber, Councillor's Eadie and Wyatt mentioned some issues that get me going, get me thinking. The context of them, the historical context of them, the future context of these issues, I find frustrating and I need to get a few things off my mind here in Chambers, such as my prerogative, Madam Speaker and I'm grateful to do that. Councillor Wyatt, you know in dealing with this issue on the floor, this item offers contexts of public transit, it's history, future considerations, mentions that it revolves around planning for further historical context as Councillor Wyatt was offering, happen to be the difficulties in planning with East St. Paul, happen to be. As my understanding, Madam Speaker, people might want to Google this, but that when we did create the provincial government did create the unified, the modern uni-city Winnipeg, it happened to be, I believe that East St. Paul and West St. Paul were allowed a referenda, on the issue as to whether to unify with this one great city and they chose not to, and since then East St. Paul has been moving around in different planning districts and further creates frustrations. It's…I wouldn't say it's anyone's fault, it's just the nature of East St. Paul in it's rural/urban nature dynamic between Winnipeg and then St. Clements, St. Andrews, Selkirk. Councillor Wyatt did talk about the era of rail public transit, and Madam Speaker, this is very important to me. I'm on the record for having voted against the budget because of the bus rapid transit budget and the cost of it and my considerations of this. And by no means Madam Speaker, do I feel in any way, is because I'm looking backwards or myopic time-wise, but on the contrary Madam Speaker, when it comes to issues of rapid transit, when it comes to the issues that Councillor Wyatt mentioned in terms of rail services to Selkirk, the rail line down the Gateway/Raleigh corridor. These things to me, Madam Speaker, in my mind, how I was raise on these issues, of transportation and energy challenges and how we deal with this in the future, well it is still within my lifetime Madam Speaker when I could still see the rail lines of the trolley cars on the trams in Winnipeg, within my lifetime the remnants of our previous incarnation of public transit still existed I could see them, happens to be that what would be intersecting the Raleigh/Gateway corridor was a public transit tramline travelling down Monroe or Kimberly. Where people alive today, alive and well, living in Valley Gardens, in East Elmwood, in East Kildonan in Elmwood that rode these lines to work. If you look at a particular aspect of Elmwood, the Stadacona Circle, that Circle there was the turnaround for the line, just as one example Ma'am, and I need to mention this is context of what I believe is vital because in no way do I ignore the necessity for future consideration on public transportation and where we're going and what I think the inevitabilities are and offer that context, which I can't do on my own I only have another four minutes Ma'am. But what I will be doing over the months and years to come, is deal with the historical context and how it applies to the future, and I have to mention some frustration I have as touched on by Councillor Wyatt. As a child I used to bicycle right across the Gateway rail, well I call it the Gateway train line, I didn't know it was called the Marconi line until I became a City Councillor, but it's very much part of my life and part of my childhood and I just want to offer something. It happens to be, when we look at the seriousness of how we deal with not just intra-urban transportation, but inter-urban transportation, and when we look at the what we need to deal with in terms of how we cope with transportation the future, when we cope with less and less fossil fuels, when we cope and our society adapts to the fact that we will have less fossil fuels, more expensive fossil fuels, how we have no choice if we're going to adapt as a civilization, which I believe we can, we must be optimistic about it. That it's a funny thing that we have to revert to things we used to have, as Councillor Wyatt says the frustration, how the oil age, the diesel age, the oil age at least, the car age, the freeway age, set us back in terms enhancing our public transportation systems in the ways that could've been. I saw this at the beginning of my lifetime, and I wish to offer something that I think I will see within my lifetime, if all going to happen in my lifetime the dismantling of the first incarnation of electrified public transit in our city and what I believe is inevitable, inevitable ma'am, that we will see an evolution into again, what every other larger city than Winnipeg has in this country is electrified public transit transportation ma'am, and therefore I see it as an inevitability, I can't ignore what the other cities are doing. How we do it might be different, but the fact is now if we look on what has been going on in the last generation in this country, after building a rail system that built this country, a transportation system for coast to coast spur lines to enhance agricultural industry for export, to help feed the world Madam Speaker, and at the very time when we're realizing we're coming to the crunch within the century within the lifetime of people in this Chamber, I'm dealing with the fact that we can no longer rely and we have to adapt cause we can't rely on a fossil fuel industry and one of the rig managers, that I worked for on the oil rigs, was in a minority cause he was willing to, you know, look and sit, talk about things that people didn't want to hear, almost come to fist fights, the fact that this industry's coming to an end. But of course we already knew that, because all the larger oil companies were putting their money into the oil sands or the tar sands, as they were first called in Fort McMurray, because we're coming

to the end of drilling for oil in Alberta because we're running out of it. No surprise, already happened in Oklahoma, already happened in Texas; it just happens. It comes to an end, the oil stops. And at that very time within this generation, we have seen when it's time to realize what they've done in other parts of Europe, you know, they have electrified their rail lines?

Madam Speaker: We'll wrap up now Councillor Schreyer. Thank you.

Councillor Schreyer: If I may not ask for an extension.

Madam Speaker: Council wishes.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Council. This is really big to me. That at the very time that we have to look at the enhancement, the future enhancement.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi suspends rules to add two minutes to the clock. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. That at the very time when we have to look forward, it's time for us to look forward at the electrification of our rail lines, at that very generation, we are dismantling these spur lines, we are dismantling the rail lines, and dare I say now that we have in this Chamber the conversation and the discussion on the Marconi line, it's gone and we're talking about future planning and it's just one more point, one more item where we missed it, and Madam Speaker, I cannot tell you how vital this is to our city, to our public transportation but to the efficiencies and the sustainability of our economy in the future, in terms of sustaining our transportation lines by electrification of these rail lines. That's where I'm coming from Madam Speaker, we've talked about "Back to the Future", well dare I say I'm speaking of "Back to the Future 2" or "3", because I'm really looking, yes long-term in terms of the history on this, and long-term in terms of what, where we have to go, in terms of transportation, industrial transportation, inter-city transportation and as well, intra-city transportation, electrified rail lines. That's where I'm coming from Madam Speaker, and I just need to say that because I need, just as it was brought to my attention years ago, I need people to think about the fact that we have to think about the electrification of our rail lines, otherwise we're missing the point, because that's our inevitability. We actually have no choice, look at the other cities in this country and the difference in this case Madam Speaker, is this is our competitive advantage if you need to look at it as a competitive advantage, but it happens to be the advantage of this province and of this city, because it happens to be the foresight of some of the Provincial Government's and this Province have doubled the hydro-capacity of this Province into the export range. That tells you what we're capable of doing in this province and in this city Madam Speaker, in terms of electrification. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers on this item? Okay, Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Okay, to close. Alright I just want to say thank you very much Madam Speaker to Councillor Browaty. I went out and did a drive around through the community and I'm in complete agreement with him and understand the impact that opening the road up to vehicles, whether it's 10, 20, 30,000 vehicles would have on the community. I and many others have spent many years trying to make walking and cycling safer because of the vehicles that are out there, and really understand and completely aware that opening up to vehicles is not the right decision for what's been designed currently. But that being said, I am absolutely supportive of seeing more rapid transit, transit and ultimately rapid transit. As for the extension of rapid transit that far, who knows what the future will bring, but we do know with the Marconi line, the absolute, Councillor Wyatt is right, we had set it aside for rapid transit at some point, there'd be many feeders that can run off of it, and this potentially in the shorter term probably in our lifetime, we will see feeders running off of this, and I think that this is a very wise decision that we do this and go forward with this because it promotes sustainability, and if the reports that the consulting firm that East St. Paul hired are correct, that they're projecting 30,000 vehicles, why wouldn't we have that option? These 30,000 vehicles are in and out of the city. Why wouldn't we have that option to use transit? So that being said, those are my closing arguments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any comments on the amendment to the amending motion?

Councillor Lukes: My understanding is we'll let administration look further at it. I think it's really important that public transit, that it be public, that it not be for private for profit transit. Public transit, under my understanding from the work that I've done in the field of transportation, public transit means public transit. I'll leave it to administration to better clarify that when they review it, but it's really important that it be public for everyone to use.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We will now vote on Motion 4, the amending motion. Recorded vote has been asked for. All in favour, please rise. First the amendment, and then we will vote on the item. Would you like a recorded vote for the amendment? Okay, so we're just voting on the amendment that Councillor Lukes put forward, and seconded by Councillor Wyatt. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Browaty and Dobson

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

Madam Speaker: Motion passes. We will now vote on the item as a whole, as amended. Recorded vote has been called for. All in favour, please rise.

City Clerk: It's unanimous.

Madam Speaker: Okay, it is unanimous. Thank you. Okay, we're now moving onto Item No. 6. Madam Clerk.

Item 6 - Amendment of 2014 Adopted Capital Budget to Include Additional Funding from Various Donations

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Lukes to introduce and who was this to stand down by?

Councillor Lukes: I just wanted to make note of this, that people understand what is going on here. If you look at your report, you will see that there are many organizations that have worked tirelessly to raise money towards projects that the city, either the city has initiated or they have initiated. And this enables them to turn their funding over to the City to complete the project. And right now, we've got 275,000 from groups such as the Ecole Stanley-Knowles Parent Council, the Chancellor School Parent Council, the Rotary Club, all of these organizations volunteering, working hard in their community, finding money and putting it forward to help projects within the city. And this is found money for the city, so I just wanted to acknowledge all of these organizations here, and to thank them very much for the good work they're doing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes, Councillor Wyatt, pardon me.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to note and thank three organizations in my community, two organizations, three projects, the Oxford Heights Community Centre playground, basketball and court work. The Oxford Heights Community Centre spear-headed and worked really hard to raise funds to build a Manitoba certified, a Manitoba Basketball certified court, in the first of its kind in our community. I can tell you, you can go there any evening and you can see how well used that basketball court is, it's absolutely amazing. The young people who are going there and just through pick up play, playing basketball in the evening is just tremendous. And that was the community club that spear-headed that project and it was an honour to be able to work with them. As well, the Transcona Playground Renewal Association spear-headed the project with the playground beside it, so a brand new playground replacing the dilapidated old playground beside Oxford Heights Community Centre and that playground you can go there in the evening as well and see it full of children playing on the playground, all ages, it just makes you want to be a kid again and go down the slide. And then the other project, which I want to thank, is the Northeast AM Rotary Club. The Northeast AM Rotary Club meets at 7 in the morning on Wednesday mornings. I'm not there, but bright and early they have their bacon and eggs and they just…they're an amazing club, they do amazing work. They came forward and made this project, a brand new playground in, which is now Rotary Sunrise Park in Kildonan Estates. Again a playground, which was over 20 years old, it was aging, it was tired, it needed replacement and with this $10,000 is actually leveraged another, I think it was about another 140,000, I'm going off the top of my head. Just to give you an idea, Councillors, this is an amazing way, you know, you'll be shocked how fast time goes, in three and a half years you're going to be facing the electorate again if you decide to run again. And I can tell you that working with community groups, and do it now, do it early, get your projects moving cause they take time to get these things going. Like these projects didn't happen overnight, it took two years to get them from start to finish in the ground at least, and you know, community groups, you know, they're volunteers, you know, you need, they have…they don't always have the capacity so you've got to help them along. And it's just amazing what you can do, when you reach out also and you find funding sources from other levels of government, from the private sector, from not-for-profits, from service clubs, what you can actually do to make projects happen in your community is really, truly amazing. And so this is something, I just want to put those notes on the…these comments on the record because of the fact that we can do so much, even though we're struggling at times with the resources that we have. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I wasn't intending on speaking but I wanted to thank Councillor Lukes for standing the item down and I recognize the good work of all these community groups, Madam Speaker. And I was particularly heartened to hear Councillor Wyatt's that the Oxford Heights Community Centre with their basketball court installation is doing so well, I think that's great. It was you know really hard to hear that because I think basketball is growing across the entire City of Winnipeg. I just want to also acknowledge here that the Ecole Stanley Knowles Parent Council, along with the Winnipeg School Division worked really hard over a 24 month period to fundraise for a basketball court installation at Fairgrove Park, also a very well utilized court. On any given day you can go there, Madam Speaker, and there'll be like 40 people playing basketball there and there was an incredible tournament held that was held there last year to raise funds for autism. And you know, Councillor Wyatt has the height advantage and if he's willing to do a one-on-one game with me one day, we'll definitely be game on.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on this item? Okay, Councillor Lukes to close, if you wish.

Councillor Lukes: That's all.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now just a moment, seeing the hour, I'm wondering if it's the will of Council to work through lunch. We have one item left on this Standing Committee and then we have the Standing Committee on Property and Development left and that is it. Is it the will of Council to continue? Okay, motion by Councillor Lukes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 8 - Allocation of the 2015 Regional Street Renewal Program's "Incremental Cash to Capital"to Projects - 6.5 Million

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Lukes to introduce.

Councillor Lukes: I think I want to, I would like to say thank you very much. I'd like to say in regards to this item, this is a really good news item. The projects that are occurring because of this funding that has been pulled together are amazing. This funding came because of the department's coming forward looking at efficiencies and looking at what they could go in their departments to become more efficient and bring operating forward. Our Mayor initiated and encouraged and as all of us did, sitting through many of those budget meetings, it was very, very good to see that we've got a total of six, six what is it totalled up here? At a 6.5, is that the 8.5, it's 6.5. And if we look at the projects that are, that Public Works has brought forward and that we approved at IRPW, Grassie Boulevard at Lag, it's an intersection improvement, it desperately needed intersection improvement for any of you that aren't aware of it. Plessis Road at Gun Road, this is going to occur over two years, another heavily used area of the city. The Regional Pavement Improvements in the Airport Vicinity, we've got a lot of activities coming on, people coming and going in this city, these roads around there are just horrendous. This is a wonderful opportunity that we'll be able to these done, and we will be able to get them done for the upcoming events. And then Ness Avenue, I don't have to, I drive Ness Avenue every Saturday and Ness Avenue's got good pieces, but the pieces, the piece that it's speaking of here desperately needs it. So this is a really good news item that we are bringing forward and I welcome any comments and inquiries.

Madam Speaker: Is it Councillor Gillingham, you stood this down? Yes. You have the floor.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to just express appreciation to for these additional street, regional street renewal projects. As Councillor Lukes mentioned, a lot of these funds were made available because departments were able to find efficiencies and I certainly appreciate that as two of the four recipients in this list are in the St. James–Brooklands–Weston Ward and Councillor Lukes has already kind of itemized the two. The timing is excellent because of last week, a lot of you heard that CAA was publicly discussing the results of their survey that Province's Top Ten Worst Roads, three out of four of those, three out of the top four were in, are in the St. James–Brooklands–Weston Ward and so to see these additional monies come forward and be allocated and said into this these streets is very much appreciated. It's good news for the residents, it's good news for businesses, it's good news for transit, it's good news for visitors coming into the region, it's good news for the transportation industry to see these much needed upgrades being tackled. And I can tell you, as a local area Councillor that my goal in the next couple of years is to get bumped off of CAA's Top Ten Worst Roads list. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Morantz, followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to say that the funding for these streets really comes from an idea that came out of the Mayor's campaign and I want to congratulate the Mayor for that. Because this $6.5 million would not have been available but for that idea, an idea that he was elected office on and when we got here and started

our budget deliberations, we called on the public service to find real efficiencies that did not in way materially affect services and there were many, many things that we looked at in there. The ones we finally settled on are appendicized in the Operating Budget and for everyone's view. But the important point is that citizens wanted us to commit to fixing the streets and for the very first time in this budget, we've committed $103.3 million to streets and I want to make it perfectly clear that this $6.5 million is part of that, without it, it would've been roughly 97 million, this put us over the top in terms of $100 million mark. In terms of the allocation of how these projects were done, they were largely determined by the public service. I hope that that process can be done more in advance in the future. But because of the timing of the budget, we simply said that in terms of these regional projects that they would be allocated based on the opinion of the Public Service after the budget was passed and this is what we're seeing now. We're seeing that allocation, and I think it's wonderful and again I want to commend the Mayor on his idea and leadership in bringing this forward and all of Council and the Public Service for making it a reality. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just very briefly, I just wanted to note Paragraph 3 talks about a contract for the firm called "Billing Consulting Limited", I have no connection to that firm, I don't know these people. But I think it's worth pointing out we continue to do good work and get successful contracts from Dylan and that is the firm that has been attacked many times here for the alignment study…do you remember from March of 2013 that Council meeting when we talked about the alignment, the BRT and we've been told here that we were really trying to benefit developers and really we couldn't possibly be basing our decision on the engineering consultant study that looked at, I think, nine different criteria for the alignment of that right on when, and I don't want to get into the whole alignment issue, but the point here is we've had some speakers here, at least one speaker, consistently denigrate the work that was done for that study by Dylan Consulting and it's just worth pointing out it's a firm we continue to use, it's a firm we continue to rely on for engineering work, I've no connection to them but for those who come here and say that the studies we commissioned for sham or farcical or somehow some sort of collusion, I think it's worth pointing out, this is a respected firm. If people have any evidence that that report on the alignment was actually somehow flawed or produced under duress they should be it forward. So I'm the point I'm going to continue to make for those who continue to come forward and say, "Your real goal is to benefit private developers", no we followed the advice of a very well respected, private, third party consulting firm with whom we continue to do business. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers on this item? Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I thank the Councillor for standing this down. You know, when you have conversations with people about whether or not ideas matter, politics matter, and you can make a difference. This is one of many examples that this Council can be very proud of. I'd appreciate our Finance Chair, Councillor Morantz's comments on the campaign pledge. During the campaign, I took the position that there would…that it wasn't simply enough to increase taxes at the rate of, no more than the rate of inflation, that City Council needed to dig deep and the administration needed to dig deep to find efficiencies, to find a true balanced approach. So I'm very proud of the fact that this Council took the unprecedented step of reducing the top-ups to members of EPC, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and as you know, I matched that in kind, saving taxpayers approximately $400,000 over the course of this term. That money can be, that was literally taken out of our pockets and into public coffers so that we could do important work, including fixing our roads. But in terms of where monies would come from, to really deal with the number one priority that Winnipeggers told us in the election and continue to tell us is "just fix the roads". Well it costs money to do it, and so $6.5 million in efficiencies found by this Council working with the administration, putting it directly into fixing roads is something we should be very proud of. We've got more work to do ahead over the next number of years, as you'll know in the budgets ahead, we've identified targets that are even higher than 6.5, and we will have more time to do the analysis to make sure we're making smart decisions about where those efficiencies come from. But 6.5 right out of the gate for roads, is something that we can be very proud of and when Winnipeggers and members of Council are driving down Grassie Boulevard at Lagimodiere Boulevard, when they're driving down Plessis Road at Gunn Road, when you're driving to or from our beautiful James Richardson International Airport and when you're driving down Ness Avenue East, you should know once they're fixed that that was because of the direction that Winnipeggers gave us on October 22, 2014, and the leadership of this City Council to see those commitments through and we should drive on those roads, hopefully they will be in and they will be a lot better than they are right now. We got a lot more work to do, these are four that we identified after the funds were identified in the budget. But I'm really looking forward to continuing down this path of really targeting efficiencies, putting that directly into roads, and fulfilling the mandate that Winnipeggers gave us on October 22. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Lukes to close on the item if you wish.

Councillor Lukes: No, that's fine.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call to question then. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move to By-laws, Councillor Lukes. Or pardon me, we do have a motion here. Motion number two and that is a motion by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Eadie regarding the Zipper Merge Traffic Management Technique. This will be an automatic referral to Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the summer construction season is approaching;

AND WHEREAS road construction projects throughout the season cause traffic bottlenecks where lanes are blocked off for road work;

AND WHEREAS these bottlenecks cause delays for commuters well ahead of the actual blocked off lane;

AND WHEREAS the City of Saskatoon and the State of Minnesota have sought to address this problem through the implementation and promotion of the "zipper merge" traffic management technique;

AND WHEREAS the "zipper merge" method, a regular part of driver culture in other Canadian cities, has yet to catch on in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Saskatoon Public Works department has produced evidence suggesting an up to 40% reduction length of traffic bottlenecks;

AND WHEREAS it is likely only limited changes to the highway traffic act may be required, and a change in driver culture and behaviour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Works Department provide a report on the feasibility of promoting a "zipper merge" culture on Winnipeg streets within 30 days.

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

Madam Speaker: And now on to by-laws, Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 51/2015, By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend the Streets and Traffic By-laws, and By-law No. 52/2015, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend Schedule 1 and Schedule 6 of the Traffic By-law 1573/77 and Schedule E of the Streets By-law 1481/77.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 51/2015, By-law No. 52/2015.

Madam Speaker: Okay Councillor Lukes, would you read that the By-laws be moved a second time?

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that the By-laws numbered 51/2015 and 52/2015, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 51/2015 and 52/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes on the third reading.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 51/2015 and 52/2015 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: Are there any questions for the Chair? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We're about to start our spring season. Our phones start to light up more than ever before. The grass starts to grow, the birds are out flying, and it's nice to see the wonderful weather. But one of the challenges that we have, you'll quickly discover for somebody new on Council, is that the grass of course grows much faster in May and June, and it slows down in July and August. And so on all our boulevards, we have a cycle of rotation of cutting grass, and before you know it, next month you're going to see hayfields, hayfields inside the City of Winnipeg, no, not outside the city, inside the city, in the middle of our boulevards. And why? Because we have a rotation based on a system whereby we're within our budgets, we can't pay overtime, there's not the accommodation there and so we have workers who are, can't keep up with the grass cutting, but then in July and August have time on their hands, and it makes no sense whatsoever. Would the Chair and the Public Service be prepared to look into it in light of the fact that we are in negotiations now with our largest union? And maybe this is a good will gesture to look into the potential of finding a way, surely to goodness we can send a man to the moon, but we can find a way to cut the grass more in July and May and June, and less in July and August when it's not growing as fast to accommodate the cycle of mother nature versus the cycle of a CUPE contract.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Very interesting points, Councillor Wyatt. I'm anticipating the coming months as I'm sure the other six members on Council are. Absolutely it makes complete sense, absolutely. We'll take it up with the Public Service and get back to you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. I just want to also compliment the Chair, and members of EPC, and the Public Service at the IRPW meeting, a new program was rolled out, but it was not really announced, but I think it's terrific…the industrial-commercial street renewal program whereby, as through the local street renewal program, we always pick streets where people live on them, but in terms of where the industrial parks are and the commercial developments around malls and industrial parks, we now have a new program. And I just want to thank and maybe the Chair could give us some information about that in terms of the program, for example, out in our Northeast area of the city, Reenders and Stapon around Kildonan Place Shopping Mall and that entire area is going to be renewed through this program and just maybe could shed some light on this program, which is absolutely tremendous?

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Yes, it was brought to my attention when we were going through the list of local street renewals that this was a new program. I wasn't familiar at the time that it was, but it's exactly like you say, it's a program that addresses streets that basically are in the commercial and industrial areas where you maybe don't have as many calls coming from the area residents or making people aware of it. So this program came out. I'm hoping in working with the Public Works Department that we can…this is something that deserved and merited, really, a press release unto its own, because it's a very good program. It's new and it addresses these concerns that we all drive on Scurfield Boulevard, Logan Avenue, Omands Creek Boulevard, Brookside, like they're heavily used roads, but without residents on them, sometimes we don't hear about them as much. Maybe we need to get CAA out there checking on these roads too, we'll hear a bit more them. But no, I think that, I know we're going to be moving to better communication going forward and this is something that definitely needed a spotlight put on it and thank you very much for bringing it up today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, we will move onto, we have a Standing Policy Committee on Finance, there's no reports, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for Councillor Morantz, the Chair? Councillor Mayes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Earlier we had some comments for the Mayor about, asking about his impressions of the Federal budget, so I'd just like to give our colleague, Councillor Morantz, a chance. It's one of the good things about this, is it's a non-partisan chamber so we have Councillor Gerbasi talking about some words of praise for the Harper's government budget. Hopefully we'll have some words of praise for the Provincial budget tomorrow. But I would be interested in hearing Councillor Morantz's comments, if any, on the Federal budget.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you Madam Speaker and Councillor Mayes. I was delighted to be invited by the Office of the Minister of Finance to see the budget last Tuesday and to report back to this Chamber on those events. Most importantly, I want to say that I did get to take a selfie in the Prime Minister's Office and I sort of thought that would be the headline on the Free Press, but it got beaten out by the Transit announcement so I, what can you do? I tried. But anyway, it was very interesting to sit in the House of Commons and see Minister Oliver deliver his budget, first balanced budget in eight years, barely balanced but nonetheless balanced, which was very good to see. And I didn't have a chance to actually meet Mr. Oliver, but if I'd seen him, I would have liked to tell him that we have something in common, that we both balanced budgets this year. But anyway, feel free to laugh whenever you want. Maybe my sense of humour is just a little too dry for you. Anyway, it was wonderful to see the major transit fund. I will need to see the details, but it appears that in reality it's going to be a leveraging device. There was some criticism that there wasn't sufficient funding for cities across Canada, that it would build up to a billion dollars. But if, in fact, it is a device to assist municipalities in leveraging transit projects, it could be very, very productive. In fact, in the National Post today, and I paraphrase, they refer to it as a "financial weapon of mass construction" and so I look forward to that reality for all Canadian cities. Also I wanted to report that while I was in Ottawa, I spoke to a number of MPs about the need for Federal funding for the proposed new Conservatory at the Assiniboine Park. Firstly, I want to commend the work of Margaret Redmond, Hartley Richardson, Paul Vogt, Councillor Gillingham, and the rest of the Board at APC for their diligent efforts in lobbying for additional funding for what will be a unique project, in really, all of North America. It won't be a conservative, anything like the Conservatory that you see now when you go there. It will be a beautiful project, something that will, as Hartley Richardson put it, will have a wow factor. And right now it's up to the Federal Government really to step forward and make it happen. Other levels of government have already done so. This is, as the Mayor said, a priority project for the city and I think we need to continue to be diligently lobbying for the new Conservatory at the Assiniboine Park. I also spoke to many of the MPs about better funding arrangements for the cities, for Canadian cities. My senses at the Federal Government is looking for ways to transfer funds to municipalities, but in a way that is constitutionally permissible. And so we've seen various efforts over the last number of years, for example, the Gas Tax, the Build Canada Fund, and now the Major Transit Fund. All these measures are good news for cities, but we must be ever diligent in our efforts to lobby for a fair share of growth-based tax revenues for cities. So Madam Speaker, that is my report from Ottawa and thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes, or pardon me Councillor Morantz. Councillor Wyatt, you have a question?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. My question is about the budget of 2016, Capital and Operating. It is now the end of April. Starting next month, we have May to, let's say mid-July, because that's when we're kind of, we usually break now it seems. That's a total of 75 days and then if we're having a target of bringing our budget back on line to deliver in December, you have September and October, another 60 days, that's a 135 days minus weekends, minus 36 days, you're down to 99 working days. We have a budget, we're going to all have to work together to deliver. How soon are we going to start the process with the Public Service and internally our internal process with EPC, in terms of bringing forward the 2016 budget, knowing the timelines and assuming a budget delivered for December?

Councillor Morantz: Thank you for your question, Councillor Wyatt. Madam Speaker, firstly I would respond to that by saying that as sworn in on November 7 and by the end of January, we basically had our budget, so I did it in about 65 days. So 99 days, like that should be like a no-brainer. But anyway, all kidding aside, I know we referred to, and rightfully so, the 2015 as a very difficult budget. I think maybe I'm going to start to refer to the 2016 as a very, very difficult budget because it's going to be much more difficult to get the balance in 2016 and it is a significant concern and so I agree with you wholeheartedly. And I have had some discussions about this with the Mayor and his Chief of Staff about starting to move forward, and as well with the CFO, on unfolding what we hope to be a new and a process that allows for more input from all citizens and more input from Councillors. So I appreciate the concern. I would like to get started on it as soon as possible and it will be a lot of work to get to balance this year. And I think all Council needs to…I'm sure you do understand that there will be very, very, I'm using very, very again, difficult decisions in this budget going forward. And so those would be my comments, and thank you for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I appreciate the comments by the Chair and definitely enjoyed working with him in the last budget and look forward to assisting and working on the future budget coming forward. The…in terms of the engagement that you refer to, when would we have an idea, in terms of engagement? There's two engagements that I knew kind of highlighted them already, which is the public engagement, public consultation piece, and then there's the other part in terms of engagement and involvement of Council, EPC, non-EPC, in terms of the budget process, would you, do you have an idea how…would it be prior to the summer we would have an idea in terms of this process at this point or when would we have…or maybe you might take it under advisement and get back to us when you have an idea?

Councillor Morantz: I would say, you know, we need to start now. I think everyone's in agreement with that and I will be, you know, obviously taking it up with the Mayor's Office in terms of process, we will discuss that and take it under advisement, and as soon as possible, get back to you Councillor Wyatt through the Chair, Councillor Wyatt. Because it is extremely important that we roll up our sleeves for Winnipeggers and get the job done, and bring it a good budget again. And I think it's going to be more difficult this year than last year and it's a significant concern to me. So thank you for your question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question?

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah and the Chair references on a previous clause, which was the challenge really issued by the Mayor through the general election to find $40 million of savings over four years, 6.5 million was successfully acquired or found this year. Another 33 and a half million is the goal over the next three years. Is there any thoughts or ideas in terms of that at this point in time? Or is that is it too early in terms of the process right now knowing that that is a huge challenge…

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Wyatt is?

Councillor Wyatt: But one that's worthy…

Madam Speaker: You stated it. Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Thank you.

Councillor Morantz: Well, of course, you know, in our 65 days we had to put together a budget, we found 6.5 million dollars, which is a roughly I guess 100,000 dollars a year, 10,000 dollars a day or something like that so. But I think, as we all know, I think everyone here sets goals in their lives and you want to do your best to achieve those goals. And goals are important, and so we will do our best to achieve this goal. And my hope is that we accomplish it, but whatever ultimately ends up happening, will be very, very good for Winnipeggers and we've already seen the results in just a short period of time. And so we will be putting a call out to the Public Service again to come forward with ideas around efficiencies and we will do our very best to meet that goal. And I think Winnipeggers will be well served by it. So I thank you for your question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions for the Chair, Councillor Morantz? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management. We have no reports, no motions, and no by-laws. Are there any questions for the Chair, Councillor Mayes? Okay, seeing none, we'll move on now to the last committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Councillor Orlikow, on the report dated March 10th.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED MARCH 10, 2015

Councillor Orlikow: Best for last, I move that…introduce the reports and move adoption of Consent Agendas one and 18 from the March 10th standing committee meeting.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED APRIL 14, 2015**

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the meeting dated April 14th.

Councillor Orlikow: I move…introduce the report and move the adoption of Consent Agenda of Items 1 to 10 from the April 14th, 2015 standing committee meeting.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Mayes: Can I be…I just want to be recorded in opposition on No. 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so noted. Thank you.

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

Madam Speaker: Move on to by-laws, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the following By-laws be read a first time, By-laws No. 44, 45, 46, 47, 50 and 55/2015, please.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 44/2015, By-law No. 45/2015, By-law No. 46/2015, By-law No. 47/2015, By-law No. 50/2015 and By-law No. 55/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-laws numbered 44 to 47/2015 both inclusive and 50/2015 and 55/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 44/2015 to 47/2015 both inclusive, 50/2015 and 55/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws number 44/2015 to 47/2015 both inclusive, 50/2015 and 55/2015 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 have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Councillor Pagtakhan, will you move adjournment?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you. Roll call, Madam Clerk, just one moment. Roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 12:29 p.m.