COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, May 27, 2015

The Council met at 9:40 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 Mayes.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few announcements to make.

Mayor Bowman: I do. Thank you, Madam Speaker and welcome everyone. I would like to start by wishing a belated Happy Mother's Day to all the dedicated mothers in our community, our Councillor colleagues, Councillor Lukes, Gerbasi, Gilroy and you, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma as well as moms across the our city. You have the most important job in the world. I hope all of you had a much deserved opportunity to relax this past Mother's Day and Madam Speaker, you may have seen on social media earlier this month, Councillor Gillingham, our chair of the Winnipeg Police Board and I participated in a fly-along with the Winnipeg Police Service Air-1 helicopter. I just want to say the experience was very enlightening and informative of the value that that service is providing to the men and women of the Winnipeg Police Service and other first responders who are aided by those eyes in the sky and that's something that I want to thank the members of the Winnipeg Police Service as well as those that are responsible for the Air-1 helicopter service for all of their important work they do on our behalf each and every day. Also Madam Speaker, this month was an important organization in Winnipeg celebrated a milestone anniversary and I'm speaking about the United Way of Winnipeg. For fifty years, the United Way has been doing incredibly important work in our community, with the help of their dedicated and passionate staff, volunteers, sponsors and donors. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, the United Way has launched a crowd-funding campaign called "Make it Happen". They launched it on May 20. The campaign is only for four weeks and it's raising donations for 18 different projects that benefit Winnipeggers across our city. I encourage everyone to go online at winnipegwednesday.com/makeithappen to check it out and donate to support the great work by the United Way in our community if you can. The City is very pleased to have a strong relationship with the United Way and we are proud to partner with them to provide as you know, members of Council will know, we're providing $150,000 per year over the next five years to support the important plan to end homelessness. I'd like to thank everyone from the United Way, Madam Speaker, for the positive impact that they have in our community. Their commitment helps make our City a place we're all proud to call home. I would also like to acknowledge, Madam Speaker, the National Road Safety Week from May 12th to 18th and it's a very fitting time to kick off the 2015 safe roads campaign. As all members of Council will know, our roads are seeing a record level of investments, $103.3 million this year through the 2015 budget which means more streets, roads, sidewalks and back lanes are getting much needed renewal like never before in our city's history. And, I'm sure that as you have been going about your day, you've seen one of our many busy construction zones, and the many men and women in hard hats and vests working hard to get these important projects done. For thousands of construction workers and City of Winnipeg employees including our own police, fire and paramedic teams, the road is their work place. As Mayor, I would like to remind all Winnipegers that we all have a part to play in making our roads safe for everyone. So, I'm calling on all motorists to just slow down and share the road with workers during this busy construction season. Building a growing, thriving, more modern city is one of our top priorities at the City of Winnipeg, but we also want to ensure that all Winnipegers who work on or near our roads return home safe to their families at the end of each and every day. I ask that all Winnipeggers do their part, Madam Speaker, to help keep them all safe at work. I would also like to acknowledge that May is Lyme disease Awareness Month, Lyme disease is a complex disease which is passed to humans through bites from black legged or deer ticks and sadly it's on the rise. On May 14, we joined other Canadian city halls and the CN Tower in lighting the City of Winnipeg City Hall in green lights to raise awareness of Lyme disease and the important work of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation. Lyme disease is preventable and I encourage everyone here to be safe this summer if you're planning on going for a walk in the forest or spending time out at the lake, to take precautions and avoid getting bitten by ticks. Madam Speaker, I'm very proud that the City of Winnipeg also recently raised the MS society flag in recognition of MS, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in Canada. And today, we wear red carnations in honour of World MS Day.

Multiple sclerosis or MS affects the lives of more than 3,000 Manitobans and their families each and every day. It's a complex, it's an often disabling disease that targets the central nervous system affecting certain cognitive and physical abilities and skills, and it's estimated that every day three Canadians are diagnosed with MS Although MS can occur at any age, it is usually diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40. But the unpredictable effects of MS, as you know, can really last a lifetime. There is still no known cure for MS but with the hard work of our scientists and researchers, we will find a cure. I invite all members of Council to join me in wishing strength and hope to those who are affected by MS and letting them know that they are not alone. At this time, I would like to invite Lizelle Mendoza, the ambassador for the MS Society of Manitoba to speak. Please welcome her.

Lizelle Mendoza: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My name is Lizelle Mendoza and I have lived with relapsing/remitting MS since I was 18 years old. I was just 11 years old though when I first had my symptoMs I am now an MS ambassador for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries MS Walk. The walk occurred on May 3 and saw approximately 2,000 Winnipegers converge at The Forks. Together we raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that would support people like me living with MS As well as world class research such as the mesenchymal stem cell therapy for Canadian MS patients. Clinical trials are happening right here in Winnipeg. MS symptoms vary from person to person making life with MS unpredictable. Treatment and services are improving for people with MS but not for everyone. That's why it's so important that we take this opportunity to share how MS is impacting our community. May is MS Awareness Month. By wearing your red carnations, the MS society's traditional focal point, you show those living with MS in our Province that the City of Winnipeg cares. During the month of May, we encourage people to share their story of how MS has affected them. My hope is that you are empowered to talk to at least one other person today about how MS and how the disease has affected your personality. Canada has the highest rate of multiple sclerosis in the world. In our call to action today is to ask our government to develop a national caregiver action plan and improve job retention and better coordinate income and disability benefits for people impacted with MS Today, we can change the lives of thousands of people. Together we are stronger. So please, join the fight to end MS Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms Mendoza for being here today and for sharing your words and helping to raise awareness around MS Thank you so much. Before we move on with the agenda I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all my colleagues on Council to wish Councillor Ross Eadie a very happy birthday. Twenty-nine forever! Happy Birthday, Councillor Eadie. We have a leave of absence motion for Councillor Wyatt who is away on City business. Mr. Clerk, will you read the motion? Just a moment, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: I was going to move it but sounds like it's being moved.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

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

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Morantz moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on April 29, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to delegations. We have Mr. Kent Patterson here today in support of Item No. 4 of EPC from May 6, 2015, regarding a memorandum of understanding with the YM/YWCA. Mr. Patterson if you could come forward, thank you. And the next delegation will be Ms Margaret Friesen. If you would like to make your way down

as well and you can have a seat on the bench, please. Good morning, Mr. Patterson. Thank you. You are going to have ten minutes, sir.

Kent Paterson: Thank you. Your Worship, members of Council, good morning. I would like to start by telling you a little bit about who we are. The YMCA/YWCA of Winnipeg is one of Winnipeg's longest serving charities. We have been a part of the Winnipeg community, delivering our mission of developing individuals and communities and spirit minded body since 1879 in the case of the YMCA and 1897 in the case of the YWCA. And for many generations, we've been pursuing our vision for Winnipeg to be a thriving city where people have an opportunity to be healthy in all aspects of their lives. As a charity, we are governed by a volunteer board of directors who are drawn from the community at large and we are a member of two national federations and two world alliances with a demonstrated history of successful collaboration in many sectors. As well, we are proud to be a United Way agency and to have been a United Way agency for the past 50 years. We have extensive expertise and program delivery and facility operation. We've been operating our downtown Vaughan location for more than a century. The south Y on Fermor has been part of St. Vital since 1954. The Elmwood Kildonan centre first opened its door 51 years ago and our west Portage facility is in its 11th year of operation. In addition, we are the largest provider of child care in Manitoba with 35 centres located in Winnipeg and surrounding communities. Among other things, our activities involve keeping kids off the street and engaged with their community through our youth activity centre in north Winnipeg which sees 18,004 hundred visits annually. We provide young people with leadership opportunities through our outdoor leadership camps, Camp Stevens and Camp Douglas, which serve 4600 kids annually. We deliver community and employment training prograMs As mentioned, we provide child care to over 2700 participants annually and perhaps most relevant to this particular motion, we give people a place to connect and engage in healthy activities through our four recreation centres which serves over 62,000 people annually. So as…it should be apparent from the materials, what we are hoping to do is to develop three 75,000 square foot facilities over the next 10 to 12 years. The proposed recreational facilities will be state of the art unlike anything Winnipeg has seen to date. They will be regional as opposed to neighbourhood amenities and it will be attractive and benefit to all Winnipeggers. At 75,000 square feet just to put into context, they would be 50 percent larger than the existing suburban centres which are all in and around 50,000 square feet. The amenity would include conditioning centres, gymnasia, multi-purpose spaces, aquatic centres which are larger than anything we'd done to date with numerous elements including multiple tanks, leisure pools, lazy rivers, hot tubs, water climbing walls, slide complexes. We also would expect to incorporate into each of those Centre's childcare, preschool and infant childcare and before and after childcare depending upon the precise location and proximity to schools. So, in addition to increasing recreation amenity, it also has a potential to enlarge childcare capacity in the city, something which is greatly needed and in high demand. Something I would like to clarify is we are not a private members organization. So everyone is welcome at the Y regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, creed or means. And membership is simply the principal means by which we sell access. So, membership is open to all. So in essence, membership in the Y is a monthly pass that gains you admission to YMCA/YWCA facilities and prograMs Just as the City of Winnipeg Community Services and Recreation Department sells access through three month passes which get you admission to City facilities. In our case, you get admission to facilities and to programs as opposed to, with the City; you will get admission but pay extra for programming. So our rates are comparable in the face of what the critical differences with the Y, you get admission and program. And moreover, you do not have to be a member to use our facilities. You can pay as you go by paying drop-in fees. Another key consideration is our membership access program. We recognize people have different financial circumstances and because of that, we offer assistance to people who cannot afford to pay the entire membership fee. We are a member of the Recreation Subsidy Committee which is a working group of the Winnipeg community sport policy. The committee is comprised of organizations who collaborate to improve access and engagement to recreation and sports through recreation subsidies and we know that regular participation in YMCA activities supports a balanced approach to personal growth and health and wellness. So we strive to do everything we can to eliminate financial barriers to participation and membership. Currently, our membership access program serves 12,500 individuals and families annually ensuring participation by those in the most need. So in terms of this file, Council passed a resolution in November 2013 as part of the 2014 budget process. I won't read out the entire resolution, but in essence what it provided…what contemplated was a three party agreement ultimately involving the City, the Province of Manitoba and the Y, to construct three new facilities, one in the southwest part of the city, the second, in the northeast and the third in the northwest, and that among other things, the agreement would be contingent upon the Province and the Y committing to one-third of the cost, and that all of this be subject to a public access agreement satisfactory to the City. It was then left to City administration to work with us to craft an agreement and memorandum of understanding that would embody these principals. And unfortunately, little progress was made towards achieving consensus as to a framework agreement or memorandum of understanding. And I can only speculate it because of the matters took priority over the last year and a half. But we would like to move this file forward, as from our point of view, a memorandum of understanding is but a necessary first step and there will be much, much more work to come after that. Why are we looking to do this with public support? Reality, we need financial support. We need capital dollars to make this vision a reality over the time frame we are talking about. We can't do it on our own. We don't amass large capital reserves through our operations, but instead we reinvest in our facilities and our programs to keep our membership and our access affordable. This is not a novel concept. Municipal governments have supported the development of YMCA

recreation facilities across the country. We can point to more than 20 communities where YMCA facilities have been developed with direct capital support from the municipal government. Examples of similar arrangements can be found in the lower mainland of British Columbia, in Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, London, Ontario, Markham, Niagara Falls and Montreal and closer to home in Brandon. Just two days ago, I was speaking with my colleague in Vancouver who told me about the four projects they've got under way with municipalities in the lower mainland, two of which I can speak to. One is an agreement between the YMCA of greater Vancouver and the City of Coquitlam which involves a municipal commitment of $18 million in capital towards the construction of the new facility and ongoing operating support and land. The second is an agreement to build a second YMCA Centre in Surrey and there it involves a municipal commitment of $20 million and land. I appeared here before with visual images. I gather Councillor Wyatt did that for me last…a few weeks ago at EPC. One of the facilities he spoke about was the Stoney Creek YMCA in London, Ontario, which is a 75,000 square foot facility to which the City of London contributed $22 million of the overall $31 million capital investment. Similarly, there's a long history in Calgary, of the City of Calgary funding recreation facilities operated by the YMCA. New projects just undertaken in the last 18 months include the Quarry Park YMCA, which is a $90,000 square foot facility with a $60 million capital budget. The YMCA's required investment in that $60 million project is $4 million. The Rocky Ridge Centre is a massive 330,000 square foot facility with $106 million capital budget. The YMCA's investment is $7 million. Closer to home, the Brandon Y, the Dude Crystal Y opened in the fall of 2013 and the City of Brandon made a $4 million investment in the $15 million facility. So why does this make sense for the City of Winnipeg? Well, from our perspective, this addresses the shortage of community and recreation facilities in the city, in particulars parts of the city. It provides recreation and social services not provided by the private sector, religious or other institutions or the City of Winnipeg. It focuses on providing affordable community recreation programs to families, children and youth. It provides citizens with access to three community recreation centres and provides the City with these recreation facilities at one-third of the cost that would otherwise be incurred and involved and it also results in operating cost savings because the City does not have to own and operate the facilities. The proposal provides financial assistance to enable residents to utilize recreation services and facilities. It creates opportunities for Winnipeg businesses to be involved in planning and construction. It will result in at least 180 full time equivalent jobs once the three facilities are operational and most importantly, will contribute to the health of the Winnipeg residents and in the process, reduce health issues and long term health care costs in Manitoba. So, we are thrilled and optimistic that these facilities will become corner stones in building strong health foundation that benefits generations of Winnipeggers for decades to come. As we all know, physical activity helps reduce or prevent chronic diseases and therefore reduce the demands on the health care system and these proposed facilities are an excellent step in the direction of primary prevention through life style behaviour change. Perhaps most importantly, these new facilities will be centres of community where families can be active together, where people can connect with their neighbours, nurture friendships and ultimately build a stronger community. So by joining with us to make this proposal a reality, the City of Winnipeg can commit to improve the health and well-being of all Winnipeggers. So I ask that you support this motion and I thank you for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. I see that there are some questions for you. Councillor Orlikow followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. Thank you very much and thank you to the Y. My children and I love it. So…and I preface that statement because this is not…my questions are not designed to say the Y or any other third party organization, it's about what are the roles or what are…what does Council want? That's where I'm coming at. So today, we are talking about a memorandum of understanding to invest in three suburban Ys, large regional Ys. So that's my first question. You commented we had debates in the past about regional facilities versus local neighbourhood facilities. So you have stated this project, our regional facilities and you said, because there's demand for these regional facilities. Where did you get that kind of information from? Was that from the City? They said we need regional sites up here or is that just from your own research?

Kent Paterson: Combination of both, Councillor. When I say the regional facilities, it's just our experience. They are going to draw from a wide catchment and we are building at the size we are in order to serve that large catchment. So in discussions with City administration, we have talked about facilities on that scale as being something that would be required and it's our experience in other communities that that is really the sweet spot in or around 75,000 square feet.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Second question? Yes.

Councillor Orlikow: So yes, very large regional facilities. You mentioned…my concern right now is the $50 million that you have asked the City of Winnipeg to contribute and also the $50 million that could come from future Provincial funding to City recreational programs so …be put into this project. It's $100 million that would be going away from our existing…that would outsourcing recreational programming too. That's what we are doing. We have no control…my understanding we have no control once…maybe the memorandum of understanding will have some, but we are generally giving you a grant for $50 million to build regional sites in these three suburban wards. That's correct?

Kent Paterson: Well, I think you've made the observation that it falls to be determined within the memorandum of understanding. I think that's really where, you know, these things have to get ironed out. Right now, the general principle is that the City, the Province and we'll see with the Federal government, but would support development of these facilities and the Y would operate them. And so what that does and if you sort of think about it, it removes any operating risk from the City. So you are making a capital investment in recreation infrastructure that would benefit all citizens of Winnipeg for a fixed cost. You know, you have no operating liability going forward. So if you quantify that, I mean, the investment…sorry, not the investment but the benefit of the investment is much more than just the capital you're putting in.

Councillor Orlikow: And you are right. Because we are giving you a grant, we're also absolving most of our responsibility for any programming in the future and operations and all that, we're going to let…that's why it's outsourcing it to the Y to do that for us in the future. That's where the…have you done any analysis now in these three regional suburban Ys on…how many people from Winnipeg, do you believe, will be attending verses how many people from the capital region you believe will be attending? Because I've noticed when they are strategically of located are close to the capital region, let's say more than the core of Winnipeg. They're on the outskirts. Have you done any analysis that's…that yet?

Kent Paterson: Let me speak to the first point about outsourcing and giving up control. Again, I think that falls to be determined by the memorandum of understanding and certainly in some of these other communities that I have talked about. There are provisions in agreements between the Y and the municipality that have to do with programming and have to do with access. So that's…I don't think that you can assume that to be the case. Have we done any analysis about how many people from outside the City of Winnipeg will use the facilities? No, we haven't. You mentioned strategic location. To be fair, I think the only location that has been earmarked so far is the one that's been earmarked in Transcona because we do not have any location identified in southwest Winnipeg or in the northeast part of the city. Our expectation is that the membership base in these centres would be somewhere between 10,000 to 12,000 people per centre but we have not done the analysis as to where they'll come from. Our expectation is based upon experience that about 80 percent of the people who will be members will come from about a 20 to 30 minute drive.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to start off by saying that it's fantastic the work that the YM/YWCA does in the City of Winnipeg, throughout the country and as I recall, a United Way member agency who I think receives the most dollars from our United Way contributions and I think that's a very well invested money from the United Way. But I just wanted to sort of follow up, basically, it's my understanding that this whole concept was developed during the last term, given our budget stresses, Madam Speaker, we have had to deal with property tax increases and so on, and it's my understanding that this is a way of us avoiding having to spend property tax dollars on the operations of our facilities. And as we know, the many facilities that we do have, the pools and so on, they are…they have a huge costs, the older they get. So my first question, Madam Speaker, is really in terms of the other cities that have invested in these kind of regional recreation facilities, has there been a need for coming back to the various levels of government to do major renovation repairs that we see with some of our 30 and 40 year old facilities?

Kent Paterson: Thank you, Councillor. I can't say there is a template in terms of the relationship. The relationships vary across the country. I am not aware of any instance of a Y having to come back to the Municipality for capital repair and capital renewal. Although I am of the understanding that in some instances, the support that is provided by the Municipality is capital land and at least in one instance which I referenced, in Coquitlam, they're talking about an ongoing facility renewal contribution. But for the most part, the relationships have involved a fixed capital contribution, often times land, from the municipality, and then the YMCA is responsible for capital renewal and refurbishment on a go forward basis.

Councillor Eadie: My second question, given…well, northeast identified property, the YM/YWCA runs some really nice local neighbourhood facilities, kind of acting like regional, for example, in North Kildonan on I believe it's Kimberly. In the terms of moving forward with these big facilities, is the YM/YWCA. Looking at phasing out any of their more local neighbourhood facilities such as the one on Kimberly if a big regional centre is built sort of further out in the newer suburbs of say Transcona?

Kent Paterson: We have no current plans to phase out anything. This is an expansion strategy that we are looking at.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. In terms of Councillor Orlikow's last question, I would submit that the YM/YWCA could discover the amount of capital region individuals participating in the YM/YWCA on Kimberly. I know

people from West St. Paul and East St. Paul use that facility so I might…if the question ever arises, Madam Speaker, the YM/YWCA might investigate to see how many people actually utilize their existing facility in North Kildonan from outside of the capital…in the capital region.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Mr. Paterson for coming and enlightening everyone here on what the project is under way. Councillor Wyatt did that at EPC earlier and I was going to speak to it on the agenda and I will be speaking to it when it comes up on the agenda a little further. As you know southwest Winnipeg is slated to one of the first communities to receive the Y with welcome and open arms, I have to say. I'm very pleased to see this partnership, this desire for a partnership because that is really what builds community and strengthens community. And I am aware but maybe you can enlighten Council also, the opportunities that the YMCA has to also leverage funding that…the many opportunities the Y use to leverage funding. I believe you know with the opportunity to apply for federal funding to reach beyond, maybe you can speak to that on.

Kent Paterson: Historically, we have availed ourselves many opportunities under the various infrastructure programs and we're…infrastructure program, our most recent, significant expansion project was at the St. Vital Y on Fermor and there we received the support of the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program. So we often avail ourselves of the opportunities presented by senior levels of government. We also…sorry, we also will…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham will move that we extend the time. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Kent Paterson: We fully expect this initiative will also involve a capital campaign where we go out into the community and look for support from the corporate sector and from the charitable sector. We also rely upon any operating surpluses that we generate to help support that and there's also debt financing. So we look for a broad base of support and we are fortunate that we have enjoyed a broad base of support over the years both from the private sector and from the public sector.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. On to Councillor Morantz. Thank you.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. It's great to see you here and I commend you on your advocacy for these projects. Of course $150 million is still a lot of money these days. I say that in a kind of… I don't mean to say that in a joking way. It's an extremely large amount of money for the City. So I'm just wondering and you touched on it briefly, have you given thought to how you would finance your…the Y's share of this project, how that financing would be structured in any meaningful way? That's the first part of my question. The second part of my discussion, have you had any discussions directory with the Province or the Federal Government with respect to their funding these projects?

Kent Paterson: To the first question, I'd agree $150 million is a lot of money; $50 million is a lot of money for us. We contemplate that our contribution would be made up of a combination of fundraising proceeds, infrastructure proceeds, debt financing that would then be serviced by operational surpluses. And in terms of discussions with the Province or the Federal Government, I have had no discussions of a formal nature with either of those levels of government. With the previous administration, it was left to senior City officials to pursue those discussions or initiate those discussions. So we are not involved and I'm not sure at this point in time where those discussions if any went. I have had passing discussions with senior politicians...

Madam Speaker: Would someone move an additional two minutes? Councillor Lukes. Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Kent Paterson: …I've had passing discussions with the senior political leaders at the Provincial level who made the point that there really hasn't been any formal request made yet so the Province really hasn't had anything to consider and that's why I view this memorandum of understanding as a necessary first step to a lot of work that has to come down the road.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I just want to circle back to how you would structure your financing just to get a little bit more detail if you could. You talked about debt financing. You talked about fundraising. Of course $50 million is a lot of money. So like you have the assets, for example, available to secure debt financing? Do you have a capital campaign in place to assist or an idea to bring forward a capital campaign to assist in raising that money? I just want to make sure that the Y is confident that they can actually come up with their share of the proposed proceeds if it is $50 million for example.

Kent Paterson: Well, let's bear in mind that it's $50 million spread over time. So really it's chunks, excuse me, that have to be taken on. We fully expect to be on a capital campaign for an extended period of time. We have not started a capital campaign for this particular initiative just yet because we have some ongoing work related to one of our camps that we're are focusing on. We had discussions with private sector about borrowing arrangements and structuring our contribution, and we do have assets against which we can secure any debt. We've done it historically. We've, even though some of our facilities sit on City land, we have been able to put security in place. We own some of our land, some that we release but we have always been able to give the necessary security.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions, Councillor Morantz? Councillor Mayes, will you move an extension of two minutes so Councillor Schreyer can ask? Do you have any questions as well, Councillor Mayes? Okay, then moving an extension of five minutes, Councillor Mayes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to convey how important the East Kildonan YMCA on Kimberly has been to me, my family and so many people I know over the decades. Since the age of four years old, from that time, I've passed four or five swimming lessons at the East Kildonan YMCA on Kimberly. I'm a confident swimmer because of the East Kildonan YMCA. My mother would drive me…would take me on the back of her bicycle. I guess we could do that back in the day and ride me to the Y when I was four years old to begin my years of programs at the East Kildonan YMCA. And my question is, that as part of the basis of any agreement that the YMCA would have with the City and with the Province, I'd like to know if you, sir, could describe the intentions of the YMCA regarding the provision of services and programs at the East Kildonan YMCA on Kimberly.

Kent Paterson: Well, as I said in answer to an earlier question, we have no existing plans to eliminate programming at the Elmwood Kildonan Y. It has, you know, has been a great benefit to the community over the years. We often refer to it as "the little Y that could" because it's amazing how many people that facility has accommodated and served. So we as I said have no, there are no existing plans. We do not tie these two things together. That said, and I will, you know, I must emphasize this, the facility is 51 years old and no facility has an unlimited lifetime. So we're constantly, as a matter of fact, right now, we have external consultants who are evaluating our facilities, evaluating our long term capital needs as part of this whole process as part of this whole process and as part of our due diligence, but there, I can tell you there are no existing plans to eliminate service there.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. So I guess what I wanted to know, if you could ascribe what the intentions are regarding provision of services and programs at the YMCA which, as a catchment not just of East Kildonan, but North Kildonan as well. And when it comes to renovations, what renovations have taken place in recent years? I know the place has been renovated, I've been there recently, certainly not the YMCA of my childhood and if there is any provincial and City funding that went into the renovations of recent years at the Y on Kimberly Avenue.

Kent Paterson: Well, there's been a whole lot of different stages of renovation. I guess the most significant would have taken place back in about 2000, well, okay. There was a family pool added in the late 1990s. I was not involved at that time so I can't speak to what level of public sector investment there was. There was a renovation and had an addition of the second storey in about 2007, 2008 and that was largely self-financed by the Y. There was a significant overhaul of HVAC equipment serving the pool particularly in about 2010, 2011 and that received a lot of provincial, federal support through I believe it was the MRIF program and the most recent renovation there which is the addition of new locker facilities and again that was self-financed. I…you may be aware of the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program just announced, we intend to make some application there for improvements at the EK Y, still trying to find out some details about what kind of projects that program will fund.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I guess my point to that given the information provided on renovations that have taken place in recent years including from other levels of government, would it be safe to say that these renovations have not been in vein, that they are for the purpose of sustaining a long term intentions of the YMCA to continue their services for Elmwood-East Kildonan and North Kildonan on Kimberly Avenue.

Kent Paterson: Well, certainly we want to be prudent financial managers. We're not going to do renovations just to throw the money away. You know, the…but the reality is, you are continually renovating these facilities. Whenever you start to talk about as Councillors all know, you start to talk about aquatic facilities and pools; you are constantly putting money in. But yes, no, we intend to continue to serve the people that we serve currently at the EK Y.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to go back to reconfirm a point that was made earlier and that I think you made at previous meetings and I know some of our bargaining agents at the City have expressed concerns about if new facilities open, some of the older facilities might close.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes moves extension for two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Mayes: I just want to make it clear your point, I mean, give one example you are talking about expanding in the southwest and I know we invested money. Councillor Lukes was there at Margaret Grant Pool. I know St. Vital Y, I see you there, I go there, you go there, it's a great facility, but we're also…the City is investing money in the outdoor pool that's about a quarter mile to the east to that. So I just want to make clear that your vision here is not that the Y will open some facilities and other City owned facilities will close. We've invested money in the Pan Am Pool and Westdale Pool, Transcona Pool in recent years. So I just want…I think it's a fair concern from some of the bargaining units, the bargaining agents in the City about what might this means for the City owned and operated facilities. So I just wanted you to reiterate that what the vision is for the Y in terms of how this might impact the City's existing facilities.

Kent Paterson: I will reiterate that. Thank you for the point. I mean the…it is not our intention that…what we're proposing be tied to the closure of any existing facilities. What we're trying to do here is add amenity and add capacity. And I have not been a party to any discussion which would tie what we are proposing to do to the closure of any existing City facilities.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Paterson for appearing today.

Kent Paterson: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: …question period for you . We now have Margaret Friesen here and following that we will hear from Ruby Kenning if you can make your way down to the gallery. Ms Friesen, come forward. You are in opposition to Item No. 12 of Property and Development regarding the Winnipeg antenna systems policy. You have 10 minutes.

Margaret Friesen: And I have some…should I wait or…?

Madam Speaker: No, you may proceed.

Margaret Friesen: Okay. Mayor Bowman, City of Winnipeg Councillors, good morning. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to the proposed antenna systems policy. My name is Margaret Friesen and I am speaking in opposition to the passage of this policy as is. And instead, request that Council defer voting on passage of this policy until the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has an opportunity to examine and evaluate the information I provided to their office yesterday. I am here today as a concerned citizen and volunteer. I hold a Master's of Science degree and have worked for over 30 years as the research biologist with the Federal Government. On the onset, I want to say that I'm not opposed to policy but there are measures that should be considered to make it more protective for vulnerable segments of the city's population as well as incorporation of improved public consultation particularly for notification. The policy is based on a template developed by the Canadian Wireless Telecommunication Association and the Federation of Community Municipalities and it replaces the City's previous protocol of 2010. My presentation today is in two parts. Number one is the letter from the WRHA and secondly, public consultation and notification. First, I want to speak about a letter written from the WRHA and sent to the City. And one I believe seems to be the WRHA's ill-founded trust in Health Canada statements regarding no health effects related to radio frequency radiation and its reference to Safety Code 6. Industry Canada which regulates the sighting of cell antennas has adopted Health Canada Safety Code 6 as its bases for safe exposure limits to the radiation emitted from radio communications antennae. Please correct me if I'm wrong, but I think one of the reasons the Property and Development Committee and the Executive Policy Committee felt comfortable in passing this policy is because of the statements made in the WRHA letter. I have got some quotes in the handout before you, but the letter in part says, "at present there is no scientific basis", so I…and then it goes on. I recognize those statements as being commonly used by Health Canada and I think I can safely assume that the WRHA has adopted Safety Code 6 as its guidelines. Although that is optional because provinces and municipalities can adopt their own RF safety limits. I will give full benefit of the doubt in favour of the WRHA as it seems they are unaware of the huge body of literature showing evidence of harm at well below Safety Code 6 limits and have put their complete trust in Health Canada in this matter. Having spent over two years collecting the scientific literature and to a database, researching and preparing health related submissions to Health Canada, the Royal Society of Canada, the World Health Organization and most recently, to the House of Commons Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health as well as having corresponded with some of the leading researchers and clinicians in this field, I feel confident that that trust is ill-founded. If a whole body of scientific literature on this topic was evaluated according to international best practices standards, it would clearly show that Health Canada is not taking appropriate action to protect the health of Canadians. I believe Health Canada has failed Canadians profoundly by apparently dismissing and out right ignoring the most recent

scientific evidence showing evidence of harm in its latest revision of Safety Code 6. I trust that the WRHA will have a close look at the information I've sent and reconsider their statements mentioned and advise the City that more protective measures are in order. Then I trust that the City will do its utmost to maximize its policy so that it can be the best it can be for its citizens. My cover letter to the WRHA is Item 2 which is also in your handout and it includes statements by Canadian medical doctors and international scientists for more protective Safety Code 6 guidelines. It isn't every day that medical doctors step out of their…out of what they're doing and take a measure such as this. Also included is the appeal by 190 scientists engaged in the study of biological and health effects to the United Nations for safer non-ionizing radiation guidelines. They say the various agencies setting safety standards have failed to impose sufficient guidelines to protect the general public, particularly children who are more vulnerable. Also included is an article in the Canadian medical association journal, scientists decry Canada's outdated Wi-Fi safety rules and an overview of the recent Parliamentary standing committee on health hearings in Ottawa on Safety Code 6 is also included. Recommendations are expected to be released within a few weeks. I've also sent them my May 20 presentation to EPC and various documents relating the latest revision of Safety Code 6. The second part has to do with public consultation notification. The citizens of Winnipeg need to be properly notified of exposure to wireless radiation which the World Health Organization's international agency for research on cancer classified as a possible carcinogen in 2011. More recent evidence supports a probable and even a known carcinogen along with asbestos and cigarette smoke. People have a right to know that they're being exposed to an environmental pollutant in the same classification as DDT, lead and exhaust fumes. Even though it is invisible and odourless, we go through great lengths to reduce our children's exposure to these pollutants and should do the same for the radiofrequency microwave wireless radiation. I provided here also examples of best practices from nine other Canadian municipalities which I think would go a long way to improving the current policy. They have to do with a recommendation of acceptable locations in industrial zones. Sending notices by registered mail. City staff going…consulting the local ward Councillor to determine if it is necessary to expand the notification area. The tower…notice in writing six times the tower height. Right now, it's three times. And even the Industry Canada Guide specifies that one can use six times and two of the Municipalities talk about the precautionary principle which I think is definitely should be applied in this particular case. So I also want to mention that to increase notification, it would be very simple to put the applications on the Councillors' website and the City of Winnipeg's website so people could check on it. And it needs to be clearly identified because the antenna system is…many people may not realize what that is. I would suggest using power output or antenna to establish prescribed distance for notification instead of the three heights of the tower which it is now. I'd also like to see that the ecologically significant natural lands which is equal to sensitive lands in the City of Winnipeg Charter Act be put back in. It was in the original protocol. Why was it taken out? The protocol was supposed to be designed for public consultation for towers under 50-meters so this is very puzzling why that would be taken out and there is a very solid study showing that the European robin is definitely affected by radiofrequency exposure at ambient levels. So if it's found in one bird it's going to be found in a whole bunch of things and we also have evidence of bees being affected, frogs and turtles. Other attachments include an article on municipalities get a say on cell tower placement. So union municipalities have a lot more power now than they used to have. It used to be Industry Canada would support the telecom companies, now they're stepping back. So really its people, you people, Councillors, do have some influence. I want to draw your attention to the back of the…the one handout is the letter I sent to the WRHA. I also want to bring your attention to the very back page of the first handout. And it is of a poster that the Members of Parliament in Ottawa saw when they went to an information session on the recently introduced Private Members Bill for labeling of wireless radiation and you can see 64, 1964 asbestos, 1974 sun beds, 1980 cigarettes, mobile phones 2010. That private members bill was supported by all members of…members of all political parties. The person who introduced it was Terence Young who's a Progressive Conservative and it was seconded by Libby Davies, NDP health critic. We know there have been a number of health crises in the past that we should've taken precautions in measures, fetal alcohol syndrome, thalidomide come to mind. By the way, Berkeley, California has just passed an ordinance that…for wireless radiation labeling. I also want to bring your attention to the bottom picture. Children absorb more radiation than adults, the rain three times; the bone marrow ten times. The 700 megahertz, the 700 megahertz band width has just been sold. It can penetrate concrete walls so I hope you pause to think about that and when those applications come before you, perhaps ask a few questions about what frequency these particular antennas are emitting and where they are going to be located.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Friesen. Are there any questions at this time? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. Speaker Sharma, this is a very complex issue in terms of Industry Canada, the Government of Canada actually sells these waves to the private sector. They make a ton of money doing it. I think they…Madam Speaker, the Federal Government avoided a deficit in 2007/ 8 because they sold $40 billion worth of these radio waves to the private sector but, Madam Speaker, I have a specific question…well and a follow up, but a specific question. I'm by no means an expert we're talking about distance but I'm trying to understand what kind of distance has…does an antenna have an effect on people? Like is it 100 meters from a tower? How far is that, Madam Speaker? That's my first question.

Madam Speaker: Ms Friesen.

Margaret Friesen: It depends on the power output so different antennas have a different power output and that's a very good question and that's something that I don't think we really have a handle on and what these antennas are actually pumping out. So that would make much more sense to have it based on the output information. Dr. Magda Havas from Trent University recommends for school grounds as something in the order of 300 to 500 meters, no, it's not meters maybe its kilometres. Anyway, I can look that letter up. But there is a recommended level where it dissipates and then not as much of a concern but the other thing to realize is it's not just one antenna we have, if you start looking, you will see there are many antennas and at the EPC meeting, I showed this picture of hot spots that were modeled for Salt Lake City. And some of them peak so you can have antenna coming from different directions or emissions from different directions that can then increase whatever in on that particular spot what the level is. We don't really have a handle on that. Nobody is measuring it. It is com…

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I was just trying to figure out the distance. There's a recommendation that the delegation has presented that they talk about locating these things in industrial areas. The only reason I ask is there are industrial areas actually identified in my ward that are actually not that far from schools or residential properties as there is usually a dividing line. So my question, Madam Speaker, is, is there really any, you know, given all this scientific stuff and whatever, but is there really any safe distance from a tower then because I can't see just saying industrial areas either because they interface with residential areas as well, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Friesen.

Margaret Friesen: I think that's very true and it is very complex. There have been a couple of cases where these antennae have been proposed right beside daycares. Now the interesting thing about the way antennas work, if you happen to be right under it, there are no emissions. I mean there might be other from different parts of electric magnetic spectrum, but actually right under it is probably one of the safer places to be. So really one needs to know how the beams fan out and we know that children are more vulnerable. Their skulls are softer, they have more body…more water in their bodies and their DNA is replicating and so we know that we should be taking precautionary measures for children. So for sure, not by daycares and as far from schools for young children as possible. It is complex. I'm not saying it's easy, but this is something that needs to be grappled with as a society, is, you know, how do we balance this great demand for this wonderful technology with the health risks?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further questions? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. I do believe that we are entering an era that politicians, more and more, need to be cognizant of these issues that you have raised, ma'am. And it is true that over post-World War II, we weren't aware of DDT. Now we are. Fetal alcohol syndrome, we weren't aware. Now we are. Smoking. Before we weren't aware and now we are. These are the…this is an expression of the modern technological era and as we go into the age of the photonic age, greater age of higher frequency radiation. These are the things that we have to deal with and I believe that future generation of City Council just be more cognizant of all these issues as the society will be. But we are in, we are right now at a time when technology is expanding at a great, greater than our knowledge of health effects as industry pushes our society and we need to be cognizant of these issues. And I do not take this lightly by any means, ma'am. The issues raised, you have raised are…we hear them very well, not just myself but members of this council as well as other decision makers throughout society. I have many questions and unfortunately I only get three. So I guess for our enlightenment on this, in terms of wireless radiation labeling, you mentioned a county in California and I can't recall which one.

Margaret Friesen: Berkeley, Berkeley, right.

Councillor Schreyer: And what did you mean exactly by wireless radiation labeling and how is that a benefit?

Margaret Friesen: Well, in wireless devices such as cell phones, there is a precaution or warning that one should keep your cell phone at least this far, about half an inch from your body. It's in your manual. Just check them out, lap tops, you name it and what this legislation bill proposes is that that warning be placed more prominently, so it may go on the packaging, it may go on the device itself, that hasn't been determined yet, but people are really are not aware and there are…is a case report of four young women who…this is published in the medical literature of four young women who developed breast cancer exactly where they tucked their cell phone into their bras. Nowhere else and they have no family history of it. So they are tucking, you know, so when you have that, it's definitely worthwhile having a warning. Health Canada isn't doing it for us and I spoke personally with Dr. McNamee who's the lead author of Safety Code 6 and he didn't see the necessity of taking extra precautions. This bill, by the way, is not going through Health Canada. This is a Private Members Bill that's apart from Safety Code 6 and Health Canada.

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

Councillor Schreyer: I guess, ma'am you have a Master's Degree in Science and you have been working on this issue?

Margaret Friesen: I have some…have a strong background in toxicology and I also worked in molecular biology using DNA methods for population genetic studies.

Councillor Schreyer: Okay. I did notice that we're talking about cell phones but also regarding this motion that you're referring to…it talks about a fee for wireless radio licences. Wireless radio meaning radio band frequencies, AM/FM, is that what that was referring to is referring to the frequencies of cellular phones?

Margaret Friesen: I don't like mentioning anything about fees. I think that maybe the amateur radio operators that was an issue for them.

Councillor Schreyer: Okay.

Margaret Friesen: And I think that was addressed by City staff but I'm not sure.

Madam Speaker: are there any further questions for Ms Friesen?

Councillor Schreyer: I do have a point of information on that point, Madam Speaker, if I may.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: Just in reference to that. It says that a fee of $300 for an amateur radio antenna system to be approved. On that question, if you know, ma'am. Is that regarding the same frequency?

Margaret Friesen: Yes, it's in the same frequency range.

Councillor Schreyer: Are radios, AM/FM band radios with the same frequency as cell phones.

Margaret Friesen: Yes, they're all in the same frequency range, so it's three kilohertz to 300 gigahertz and that includes microwave by the way Safety Code 6 is defined is included in that as well and the band width. Yes, when you listen to 980 or 630 AM or FM, those are frequencies. Those…that's the frequency that carries the message to our radios. So when you hear that, that's…those are frequencies coming out of broadcast antennas.

Councillor Schreyer: So if I made my third question a point of information, ma'am. And on that basis, why are we so concerned about cell phones and cell towers as opposed to radio which has been around for generations.

Margaret Friesen: Well, that's a good question. I think what's happened here is the background levels are 10 million, million times above background

Madam Speaker: That ends our time for questions.

Margaret Friesen: Anyway, I just want to say that I think we're reaching our tipping point. This is kind of where we are now seeing people who are getting sick from wireless radiation and we are getting kids who are sick. We've got kids sick from wireless radiation in Ontario and B.C.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Friesen. Thank you very much. Next delegation, I think you dropped your pen there. Thank you. Next delegation is Ms Ruby Kenning. Are you here today? Yes. And she is in support of Item No. 8 of Property and Development regarding Victoria Jason Park. She is in opposition? You are in opposition of this item, correct? You are in opposition of this item?

Ruby Kenning: Well, you either have to be approved or opposed so I'm going to have to stay that route.

Madam Speaker: And Ms Kenning, I want to remind you that…

Ruby Kenning: I'm sorry I have a hearing problem.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I want to remind you that what is in front of us today is the sale of the park from the Province to the City and not the usage of the park, so okay? So if you would like to speak to the sale of the park, you may do so.

Ruby Kenning: Okay, I'm going to find that very difficult because we have three…

Madam Speaker: You can speak into the microphone, yes.

Ruby Kenning: Okay, I'm sorry. My name is Ruby Kenning and I live in Transcona in the area called Kildare Redonda, Victoria and Wayota. And thank you this morning to Mayor Bowman. I actually had an appointment set up with you and I cancelled it which maybe I should not have and, you know, I think this is great. I've never had a chance to really meet all these Councillors and I think too with all the video, the recording, what you're seeing there, I think it's great, I really do. And for me, I know it's been invaluable, but anyway that's not what I'm here about. Okay, appearing this morning on the agenda was something called "acquisition of the land known as Victoria Jason Park". And it's a 20-acre park in Transcona. And I was questioning some of the things that were on here. I was getting a lot of material this week that were saying it had already been transferred to the City. It already had been registered at Winnipeg Land Titles and there's an awful lot of confusion on this. And basically, this started approximately 15 months ago with something that was happening to do with the park and the Province or the City. The first issue was more dealt with the City happening at this time. The Province was acknowledging one of the questions that we were addressing was the ownership of the park. And all of a sudden, it was being brought forward and allowed to proceed or the City was trying to now obtain this park from the Province of Manitoba. The thing too in this park is a landfill. Accordingly, under the City jurisdiction or the way the City kind of works, from the material that we have been able to gather and with different phone calls and everything else, there does not seem to be a lot of safety in getting that landfill looked at through the City procedures. With it staying under the Province of Manitoba, their guideline is a little bit different and I'm going to show you one picture of this landfill that will basically tell you why we are extremely concerned. And I can't get anybody's attention on this. The City is saying it's okay to put a four storey building in this park. And we are saying no, please look into this. Check some other things before you allow any of this stuff to happen.

Madam Speaker: Ms Kenning, Ms Kenning, again just to remind you, it's the…you know, if you want to speak to the sale of the park to the City, not the usage.

Ruby Kenning: All right, let's go. Sale of the property. Oh, boy.

Madam Speaker: You had mentioned a few minutes ago that you don't think it should be…you had mentioned a few minutes ago that you didn't feel it should be transferred to the City. So if you want to go on those lines that would be fine, yes.

Linda Villeneuve: There is a reason why. According to the City, if this is…this land is gotten from the Province according to the City and I'm going to use an example because I don't know.

Madam Speaker: Excuse me, ma'am. Are you speaking on behalf of Ms Kenning or are also registering?

Linda Villeneuve: Yes, we're just going to take turns. If this land is sold…

Madam Speaker: Excuse me. We don't have you registered to speak. Okay, Mr. Clerk, do we have this other lady? We just need your name and address for the…name for the record.

Linda Villeneuve: Linda Villeneuve. Fifteen Cranbrook Bay. Does that give us extra time?

Madam Speaker: No.

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, I'll move suspension of rules that they can both speak and have their ten minutes to make their point.

Madam Speaker: They are doing…

Councillor Gerbasi: I think other delegations received extensive amount of time today.

Madam Speaker: We are proceeding that way, thank you.

Councillor Gerbasi: We are being a little harsh on these kind folks.

Linda Villeneuve: I'm hoping…

Madam Speaker: We're not being harsh, but we do need to stay to the topic, Councilor. Thank you.

Linda Villeneuve: I'm hoping this will be fast. I've got to be…my car…the meter is due at 11:00 o'clock. Anyway, according to the City, if you get the land from the Province, according to the City, you can build a building within 200 feet. Now, this is an example. If it stays within the Province of Manitoba, you cannot build a building unless it's 400 feet away from this. This is what happens when it rains. The grass dies. It's not monitored properly. What happens? This is the Province of Manitoba's park. Let it stay with the Province or go by their guidelines. What you want to do is you want to get this property from the Province. You've sold…you want to sell off the land to the Park Manor for a parking lot. You're going to sell off land so this fellow, Peter Saunders can build without proper regulations according to Manitoba. What are you going to do with the rest of the park in time? Sell it off at a buck an acre like you're doing? This is our concern. Let that…we are afraid that if anything happens, that landfill could really hurt something. This is why we do not want to see the City of Winnipeg get that land from the Province.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Ruby Kenning: There's also another area in this park that was traded years ago. It was supposed to have been a school and it was traded to the City for $1 so that they could build a school on the other side of the land. That's four more acres coming out of this park. This is the last park that we have out of four in our area. One…actually, I'm just going to read two letters and that will be it. This is from my family, my oldest son, "….generations Transconians were not true, but I consider it my home and it will always be my home." Since 1961, the Province of Manitoba has had title to Victoria Jason Park. It is it zoned PR2 park and recreation in an active community. It has remained that for 50 years, actually it's more now. I oppose the transfer of the title to the City of Winnipeg as it is their intention to develop in-park four storey apartments' parking lots. Parks such as, and he gave the example, Parley Park, Parley Drive, but I'd like to train that to Roland Michener because that's another park that is being totally commissioned in our area beginning with the arena. And we appreciate the third rink, but right now we've got cracked windows. We've got all sorts of things happening with that. And this park is easily accessible from most sides. It is well used in all seasons and it's appreciated in the neighbourhood. Enough is enough and my son is saying, my oldest son that he is opposing the transfer as is, it's completed…it has complete protection by its present owner, the Province. This is from my grandson, "Dear Councillors committee, Victoria Jason Park has been a huge part of my life since I was a young child at Wayota Elementary School and still is as I've entered Murdock MacKay. I remember going to the park with my friends and running all over having a blast. And in the winter going tobogganing down the hill, so fast and going so far. Having a new building and parking lot would be a big inconvenience because the traffic down the back lane is already bad enough and adding more would cause a safety concern to Murdoch MacKay, before, during and after school. Also we cut through the park when we're going to Safeway and Tim Horton's. Having the four storey building would block people's views of the hill on Woodlake and no one would be impressed by that. I personally don't think a four storey building is fit for this neighbourhood because the old building has been there for so long and everyone is used to it and knows what the building and not a big bulky new building that will get in everyone's way. I don't think the building and parking lot will benefit our community. Murdoch MacKay student, grade 9, Drew Ovechkin Kenning.", that's his favourite hockey player. And he sent me…he sent me this way back in March and I did not discover this until this week in one of my folders and I'm sorry I sent it off to CBC, Veralynne Kubinec because I thought this was a great thing for my grandson to do. And he is actually the middle of three of my grandchildren. I had to be foster parents for them for years and there is no doubt in my mind that this park turned their lives around. One of them has ADHD which basically the school division was not willing to acknowledge. He walks through this park every day. I did not discover that until I came across an article that they are finding kids with ADHD and all these different types of special needs, seniors, they like the open spaces and right now, that park is accessible to everybody. The only thing we are being shot down on, we had three soccer fields, we are down to one and that might even be going. I phoned my Councillor, Russ Wyatt yesterday. He did return my call. The first time impossibly, I'm not even going to get into it. But basically, I addressed the concern of the park. I said, "We have an adult field there. We would like to have a game going on there." He told me that phone Buhler Park. It's the few senior residents that want to get together, walk down, bike down, and just have fun. If we can do baseball, fine. If not it's going to become tent camp. If…I don't know if you guys ever remember that, you know, you put a tin can up and kick the ball, but the thing is that there is just so many questions that are still outstanding with this and we're really looking for some answers to this. I have been dealing with Kevin Chief. I've been dealing with Conservation. This came from two articles of paper. I wanted to know the area that I lived in and I came across a 50 year old letter that basically set exactly how this park was done. I also came across the legal description that was saying that that park is under the Province of Manitoba. It took me three months to prove it to anybody and by that time, we were already done with the rezoning. And is that fair to a city? I don't think so. We went before you guys and addressed concerns, kids safety, loss of areas to the park, proximity to the proposed development, oh, okay, I'm sorry…

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Kenning. We will take questions at this time.

Ruby Kenning: Thank you. I'm sorry. I apologize. I was sort of a little off track because really I do not know which way to go with this. And this is the third issue, like it's…we just call it the Victoria Jason Park issue already. It's just a whole can of worms, but thank you and, you know, I've enjoyed just seeing all you guys. Okay, take care.

Madam Speaker: There is a…there is a question for you. Would you like to take a question.

Ruby Kenning: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Ruby Kenning: I'm sort of…I'm all over the place with this and I apologize because, you know what, I've been told I'm very passionate on this, but I am not doing it for myself. I'm doing it for my family, the community and I really believe that this is a very strong asset. Its history alone speaks for the community. Okay, sorry.

Councillor Schreyer: Not at all. Thank you, Ms Kenning. Are you saying ma'am that there was a discrepancy as to whether the City or the Province had jurisdiction of the park?

Ruby Kenning: What happened is that in 1961, it was actually filed at Winnipeg Land Titles, not until 1964 when there was a proposal to put in low income senior housing which is actually, I don't know if you…you can't see it from here, but you know what, on your agenda, you have a map there, there's a t-shaped building. They discovered that in 64 and…

Councillor Schreyer: A point of information, Madam Speaker. They discovered what in 64?

Ruby Kenning: They discovered that, it was actually under the Province of Manitoba in 1964 and they discovered it during the…when they were planning on building the Kiwanis Centre and the thing too was that what they were concerned about is with this building going into the park, it had nothing really to do with recreation. It was non-profit, but nothing to do with recreation, parks whatever. They actually enlarged that building to make it t-shaped and it was a community effort. Well, anyway, it's t-shaped. So what you actually have is senior housing in the wings and you have a lounge area and recreational area in the front. That was fine until 1985 when this group dissolved. The present board of directors, we are questioning whether they were able to dispose of this land to the seller. Based on the historical records that we are finding, in 2013, all of a sudden we were into…the developer was proposing to actually go to…according to his letter of intent, it was two seven storey buildings, and two phases, 140 units on a little tiny street that can't handle it. And the thing, too, is that we couldn't get much information from the City. Material was coming in, but we didn't have much to go on. And during the course of some of our own research and basically we've had to really struggle with our research. We discovered he wanted to go two storeys underground. That was never, ever told to the City and that was never, ever a part of this. As a result of rezoning, it's going through and it's supposedly, it is to go here in this part of the property. It is not. He will go…according to the plans that we've seen and he has got parking at the back, he has to access off the back to public lane here in order…if he wants to proceed with those plans. He's told us…he hasn't told us. In the City's administrative report, it is saying front parking, going through the building and parking off the back. So there is so much confusion, but our community here, we've got schools on the right here. We've got personal care homes which is now into the second, okay. We've got affordable…apartment blocks here. It's just…and the thing too is that basically trying to get anyone to recognize that this park was under the Province of Manitoba. And you know, I'm sorry, I guess I didn't really answer your question, did I?

Councillor Schreyer: No, ma'am, you did. I'm sorry, I'm confused and I need to understand this. We are acknowledging that this is Provincial jurisdiction right now. We are acknowledging this is provincial property. I hope that is not one of my second…that's just a point of information. Are we clear that we're acknowledging that at this point, this is provincial property?

Ruby Kenning: Yes, it's been totally confirmed. They know it.

Councillor Schreyer: And which is the purpose for this.

Ruby Kenning: Yes. It's basically to bring it in under your umbrella which is fine but the thing is that by doing that, there's too many issues that are still into play and there is a good chance that basically you're going to have a four storey building for seniors coming up that is not being protected. There's just too many issues to let it go through yet. There's a lot of concerns that still have to be addressed.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Schreyer, your third question and again just to reiterate, it is the sale of the land, the transfer of the land that is before us. Any use would be dealt with through committees or Council at a later date. Your third question, please, related to the sale.

Ruby Kenning: Like I'm here today based on what is here on this agenda and it was basically saying to negotiate and yet I was getting emails fired to me this week saying that it had already gone through Winnipeg Land Titles, both Park Manor and the park. Like I said, there was too much confusion out there. I work with Kevin Chief. I work with Conservation…

Councillor Schreyer: And ma'am, excuse my inadequacy on this, Madam Speaker, I might have a problem in terms of understanding what we have to do today in terms of framing my questions towards the purchase. What I believe I need to know today, what I believe Council needs to know today, we might find important, are you saying, ma'am, that there has been negotiations regarding the zoning with the City over property that's owned by the Province at this time?

Ruby Kenning: The three issues are all inter-related. There is no doubt about it. I'm trying to separate them and it is very, very difficult to do because basically, what you have here is the third issue as a result of the two. The first issue was we were hit with the rezoning and yet next door, all of a sudden we were…and like I said, it really came down, the number one question was the ownership of that park. And the City was telling us, it was City, and yet right next door, the Province is now or the City has gone to the Province to have this land transferred back from the Province. And that in itself is a big concern.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Ruby Kenning: That is…and it's very hard to, you know what I'm saying? We address these concerns and nobody would acknowledge them. And that's very difficult. And now all of a sudden, we're into a situation like this and I can totally understand the park coming in under the City of Winnipeg. But basically, what is going to happen to that park? And that's the biggest thing. What future does it have in any of this? It has no future.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we're going to move on to Councillor Gerbasi now, and I also want to remind councillors that any sale of parkland does require two-thirds vote of Council. And again, anything like that would be at a future date. What is in front of us today, is a transfer of the park from the Province to the City because of an oversight from 1971. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Schreyer: Question, Madam Speaker. Do we need a two-thirds vote for acquisition of parkland?

Madam Speaker: I don't have those details at this moment. I'm sure Councillor Orlikow will shine more light on this item when he…during his committee…in his opening.

Councillor Gerbasi: I don't have a question at this time, right now.

Madam Speaker: Good. Any further questions? Okay, thank you very much. Not at this time. Speaking time is over.

Ruby Kenning: Okay, all right.

Madam Speaker: Ms Kenning, thank you for coming today.

Ruby Kenning: I just want to know. Will this change at all or will this stay the way it is?

Madam Speaker: I don't understand your question.

Ruby Kenning: I'm addressing one other area, it says implications of the recommendation, there are no regulatory environmental or health resource implications associated with this report. I think that covers it all.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for appearing today.

Ruby Kenning: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we will now move on to committee reports. We have the report of EPC dated May 6, 2015. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MAY 6, 2015**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Lukes. Just No. 4? Okay, I'll call the question on 1 to 3and 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce Item 4? Mr. Clerk. Yes.

Mayor Bowman: I'll first wait to hear from Council.

Item 4 - Memorandum of Understanding with YMCA/YWCA – Three Model Expansion Partnership

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a few questions and concerns about this. I think some of Councillor Orlikow's questions which I thought were very helpful, sort of stimulated some of that as well. But when this was initially passed, the wording in the motion that is in front of us is that the Public Service be directed to conclude a memorandum of understanding within 180 days and I'm hoping in the Mayor's closing remarks he can speak to that. Because what does that mean that we're going to conclude a memorandum of understanding? What are we signing on to and with what information? I don't like having 180 day deadline on something that's a $50 million investment from the City. There's a lot of variables and as was even mentioned by the delegate it's in the details of the memorandum of understanding with these private sort of partnerships or whatever it is. It's not really a private partnership, but we are giving a grant to a private organization to run recreational facilities so I'm not quite sure. The devil is in the details when this comes to these memorandums of understanding and I don't mind having that discussion. I know that it could end up being a direction that we go. That might make sense with the amount of suburban growth we have and we simply can't afford to build all these facilities ourselves. We may have to go down this road at a certain degree of pace. This is a rapid pace potentially because we don't know the devil is in the details. You know what time frame and I'm sure our Finance Chair is concerned about this as he usually point pipes up. What time frame is the City expected to come up with this $50 million? We have a lot of other existing community needs throughout the City. We just almost closed a bunch of wading pools because they were in a bad shape. There is a number of things where money is needed for existing infrastructure. I mean again, this should all be considered very carefully as part of an overall recreation plan for our priorities which I believe the department is supposed to be working on. But here, we have 180 day deadline to conclude an MOU. Is the MOU going to tie us to the entire, you know, three facilities, is it going to tie them to a specific time frame and our commitment? We also don't know if there is a Provincial commitment to partner with this. We know there is reluctance on that from the Province. Again, there is the issue that was raised with the capital region. You know, if we are investing all this money and facilities that are used by 20 percent or 30 percent of people that don't pay taxes to the City of Winnipeg, I'd like to know that information. I'd like to understand how we address that because we have scarce resources for recreation. So I understand, you know, that the new areas that we have agreed to develop, Waverley West, the size of Brandon, you know, we're going to have to build this stuff. But we have to plan it in the context of all our recreational programming and other thing to keep in mind is these large regional centres whether the intention of the Y is to close down other smaller ones. That's likely what will end up happening because we will find people will go to the other ones. So those are all concerns that we need to look at. So I guess I just really want to understand. I know Councillor Wyatt came forward and put this forward, 180 days. You know, he is good at getting stuff pushed through, but I don't think we should be jammed. I don't think we should be forced to sign anything in 180 days unless Council has thoroughly looked at it unless it's looked at in the context of our entire recreational plan for our future. I mean we can't be jammed on something like this and I'd like to know exactly what will be in that memorandum of understanding and how firm is that 180 day deadline. Those are questions I hope the Mayor can speak to in his closing remarks. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. So thank you very much. I would just like to, Madam Chair, talk to the Council here just to clarify about community need in the southwest quadrant of the City where the first YMCA, regional complex partnership, is projected to go in. So, for those of you who are not familiar with the southwest quadrant of Winnipeg, of course I always invite anyone who wants to go and do a drive around with me to come out and do a drive around. This area of the City has been developing at a rapid pace far more rapid than was projected. It was projected to be developed in 20 years, a community, the size of Brandon, 40,000 plus people. Right now, it's projected to be fully developed in 15 years. It's already under way for six years and that means in 2022, it will be full and people will be residing in it and if the growth plan is going to occur, that's what we're going to be looking at. So right now, there's two

community centres out there servicing Richmond Kings, servicing Fort Richmond and Waverly Heights and that's the Richmond Kings Community Centre and the Waverley Heights Community Centre that have amalgamated into one. These are old community centres. They have been in discussions with the Y, with the school division, with many community stakeholders to move forward on this regional campus concept. So the tax base for these residents that are out there, they are paying these taxes. They have no community centre. They have no heart in the community. We as a City have an obligation to do something out there. We have to provide some form of service. We have an opportunity. Pembina Trails School Division has acquired land to build a high school and an elementary school. The City is working to acquire land around that facility and this is I'd say the ideal location in the sense that we have the land, we have the space, we have the need, we have the tax base. I've been in discussions with levels of government with the Federal Government and the Provincial Government who've all expressed support of this, obviously not to the point where they're signing anything yet, I think due to the election and a few other issues out in the southwest quadrant of the city, this didn't get moving forward as a rapid place prior to my being elected, but I'd also like to invite everyone who is going to the FCM convention in Edmonton to join me as we tour a facility. We're going to be touring a recreational facility like this similar to this. I think as a city, we have to look at these types of partnerships when we move forward because it's these partnerships that will enable us to do things that we currently necessarily have the…don't have the resources to do. So I'm going to be supporting this motion. I thank you, Mr. Mayor for seconding the motion when it came forward. I could go on about this, but I'm not. I'm not going to go anymore. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? I did see some hands up. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Initially when this came, the previous Council actually this first came up, this move and Madam Speaker, as…well, as you heard and we all discussed for many times, while suburban growth is needed and does happen, there are expectations when you buy a home in a new area that you do have the City, full City services and it's been very clear since I have been a City Councillor and very clear to me actually before becoming a City Councillor that this City has struggled to maintain what it has and with the new suburbs and the need for new services like bringing transit…I noticed, you know, bringing transit into Sage Creek, which was said, oh they didn't need transit because we're building these car societies, Madam Speaker. And this regional concept for southwest and northeast and northwest is interesting in that, Madam Speaker, that the car society continues to be built out there. So a regional, my issue is not that they're building a regional recreation centre as long as it has no effect on the City's, if they have any local…of course, you know, in Waverley West, a huge area that…there probably isn't much local there because we also know that…well, we've had that argument, Madam Speaker, for a long time that while there is new growth of property taxes there, Madam Speaker, and you know they are new houses and we become dependent, Madam Speaker, on that new taxation dollars to make our budgets balance over the years. But now we are talking about investing money so it's not really helping us balance it anymore, and reassessment, Madam Speaker, means that we move our property taxes are being put more on the old neighbourhoods and the new neighbourhoods, well they started off and they had the new money, they paid less of the pie. But so I'm actually concerned, there is 180 days but in terms of the Waverley West and I followed that whole debate discussion before I was a city councillor and I'm sure the councillor who represents the area knows that the Province of Manitoba actually made lots of money. It was a big chunk of that land was if not all of it, was provincial land. And the Province themselves, I believe, made lots of money from the Waverly West as it continues to build the Province, I believe, does make money. So, my concern is, and this memorandum of understanding does need to have all three parties, whether or not it can be done in 180 days that's another thing, but Madam Speaker, I'm going to be voting for this today, but I want to make sure that this is clear to all the citizens of Winnipeg. This is the City of Winnipeg's commitment to Waverley West to provide recreation service. And that I'm hoping that when the people move into that area and they're looking for more local recreation opportunity, that they realize that the City of Winnipeg's investment is this. And when it moves forward that that's what it is, Madam Speaker. So we need to make sure that the citizens, the residents in those areas understand that that is the City of Winnipeg's investment for the tax dollars that they pay because they will be paying tax dollars and I respect that they deserve so have services that everybody has. So I leave it at that. You know, Madam Speaker, the one other aspect to remember is not everyone can afford to drive cars and even people who have new homes, hopefully they locate this thing near good bus service, there's a decent bus service, for example, to the YM/YWCA on Kimberly for example. There's a couple of buses that go by there, but anyway, Madam Speaker, I will be voting for this today, but people need to understand, this is the City of Winnipeg's investment in like swimming facilities for Waverley West and for whatever those new neighbourhoods are called out in Transcona or in northwest Winnipeg. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: Yeah, It's more of a process question. I'm wondering what, like how this will come back to Council. What is the approval process? Are we amending the administration to…so that…essentially…that's my comment I guess I hope will be addressed by the Mayor in his closing statements. I realize it's my question period. And that's what I would like to understand.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard or Mayes, pardon me.

Councillor Mayes: And that's a fair question I think from Councillor Allard and it's sort of touched upon in where this comes from. And it's…this isn't sort of coming out of nowhere and with the 180 day time frame, this does derive from the 2014 operating capital budgets which were passed in December of 2013 and there was a provision in that document that says, talks about the investment in the three different Ys, talks about monies being set aside in the operating budgets and then says at number three that number one and two above be subject to a funding agreement including a public access agreement satisfactory to the City. And that the Public Service report back to council for approval. So, as I read that, we will get Council…a chance for Council approval of a funding agreement and that that funding agreement would include an access agreement that's satisfactory to the City. So I'll be supporting the motion. Various people have raised various concerns, but I think it did…does come out of a budget that was passed by the City. And if we're going to do this, we need to get moving on the memorandum of understanding, a number of concerns raised in terms of future facilities but we certainly heard the Y say today that they have no plans and they certainly don't want any of the existing City facilities shut down. So as I read what was passed by Council in the budget in 2013, Councillor Allard makes a good point and I would…my interpretation would be it comes back here, comes back here with…that we would have to prove an access agreement and we'd have to approve any funding agreement that's negotiated.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request clarification of Councillor Eadie's remarks if I may be specific on that. You can't do that?

Madam Speaker: No. Would you like to speak to the item?

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. At least, I will explain why I'm requesting that and perhaps someone else in this chamber may be in a position to respond and that is that Councillor Eadie said that it would be important to those living in the Waverley West area and in those neighbourhoods and for people that will be moving into that region of the city that this is the City's investment for that region of the city. I believe that's a pretty close paraphrasing Councillor Eadie's remarks and on that basis, I just want clarification on that if I may, at least to explain that I have uncertainty on this. And I believe people deserve to know what that means for the people that will be living…that live in that area and for people that may be…for the people that will be moving into that area, is that being said by Councillor Eadie…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, this is not an opportunity to ask Councillor Eadie any questions. I mean, the mover which would be the Mayor may address, you know, things that members of Council bring up so.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. And I will leave this open, Madam Speaker, and for His Worship to respond to this as well. But nonetheless, this is why I'm speaking on the issue, Madam Speaker. My uncertainty on this point and I take this opportunity to make my point, Madam Speaker, because I think it's important. Are we saying this…is a member of this Council saying that this is the City's investment for that region of the City because the investment by the City is so large, therefore it would be…it would be the same as having local…more smaller local investments in parks and recreation services for that area? That's why I raise the question, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Okay, Mr. Mayor to close. Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: Thanks very much, Madam Speaker and thanks to all members of Council for raising the questions that you are raising here today. As you know, the previous Council had voted and had directed the Public Service to enter a memorandum of understanding so there has been that direction already provided by previous council. Previous council in the 2014 operating budget also earmarked as has been noted $1.75 million for the YMCA/YWCA 3 model expansion partnership. This was…and I will remind all Councillors, this was an initiative by our colleague, Councillor Wyatt who unfortunately is not here to join in this lovely discussion. But the reason I seconded it is it does provide a clarification and a timeline to the Public Service to attempt to conclude a memorandum of understanding. The one thing I will note, just like we voted last year to support the United Way's plan to end homelessness, Madam Speaker that was still subject to Council approval in terms of the monies associated with it. And any memorandum of understanding would have to articulate that the will of Council, especially as it relates to budgetary matters, would be subject to council approval and we would have another opportunity to attend to the monies that would flow because we have not, as you know, Madam Speaker, and members much council will know, earmarked either previous council or this council earmarked $50 million for these expansions. And so, ultimately it would be part of the budgetary process. And so, I would expect memorandum of understanding would reflect that. I certainly am not aware that there has been any commitment made by the Province of Manitoba to date despite the fact that previous council directed that the Public Service to conclude a memorandum of understanding and that is a legitimate concern to raise and question to ask, that

we don't have the clarification on at this time. But I would ask members of Council to support this. We will then await the Public Service's response as has been previously directed. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Moving on to the Executive Policy Committee report dated May 13th, 2015. Mr. Mayor. We have one item.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MAY 13, 2015

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

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. The report of Executive Policy Committee dated May 20, 2015, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MAY 20, 2015

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I'll draw your attention to Motion No. 1 in front of you. It is moved by Mayor Bowman and seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan. It is a correction to the motion that we saw last month regarding audits and it allows lawyers to speak to the RCMP. As Council has already considered this matter last meeting, we shall deal with the correction directly today. There's no reason for suspension of the rules. Mr. Mayor, would you introduce the motion?

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS on April 29, 2015 Council adopted a motion approving a limited disclosure of confidential information and waiver of solicitor-client privilege for the purpose of authorizing lawyers employed by The City of Winnipeg Legal Services Department to provide information upon request to Manitoba Justice and the RCMP with respect 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 (collectively, the "Audits");

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to extend such approval to external counsel retained by the City with respect to transactions forming the subject matter of the Audits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resolve clause of the motion contained at Minute 312 of the April 29, 2015 Council minutes be replaced with the following

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes lawyers employed by The City of Winnipeg Legal Services Department and external legal counsel engaged by the City with respect to the transactions forming the subject matter of the Audits (as hereinafter defined) 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 City Council re: New Fire Paramedic Stations Construction Project (the "Audits") that would otherwise be considered to be confidential and waives solicitor-client privilege for that information for the sole and exclusive purpose of the RCMP investigation with respect to the Audits.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I mean, in our efforts to work cooperatively with the RCMP in their important efforts, we want to do everything we can to be as forthcoming with information as possible. And so I was pleased with previous Council motion to provide information, including information that is relating to solicitor / client privilege to the RCMP. This extends that…to include external legal counsel and the information that they would have to be provided to the RCMP. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on By-laws for EPC. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the following By-laws be read a first time, By-law 64, 65 and 66/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 64/2015, By-law No. 65/2015, By-law No. 66/2015.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move By-laws numbered 64/2015 to 66/2015 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Mayor Bowman: By-laws numbered 64/2015 to 66/2015 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 64/2015 to 66/2015 both inclusive be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We also have an addendum by-law for the first reading only, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – FIRST READING ONLY

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 61/2015 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 61/2015.

Madam Speaker: We'll now have Question Period for the Mayor. Councillor Eadie.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My topic today for the Mayor is related…as I get older history means a lot more to me and I'd love to be at least 39 for the rest of my life. But Madam Speaker, this will be new to the Mayor, but I have to bring it up because it's related to part of, I think, what is the Mayor's portfolio. A number of years ago, while I was City Councillor, I think it started in 2012, I can't remember the exact year, Madam Speaker, but the East Exchange area, which…a big portion of the East Exchange area used to be what is called Victoria Park, which is where many of the updates and the ongoing activities over six weeks in regard to the 1919 Strike, Madam Speaker. And that park

means a lot and has a lot to do with Canadian history in this City of Winnipeg and there was a number of levels of government that ended up being involved in 1919. But Madam Speaker, given that that land was there and Waterfront comes through there, it's part of CentreVenture's portfolio, they own it, they control a number of pieces of property there, and there was a hotel that was built on Waterfront and the Harbour Master's house facility was sold to this hotel operation and it is built today, and it's there, but there was a lot of controversy, Madam Speaker, at the time because there was a group, Friends of the Victoria Park and a number of organizations, like the Winnipeg Labour Council, who want to recognize and acknowledge history in that area. They were very frustrated because they were looking for a green space to display, and show, and demonstrate what the 1919 Strike was about and it was much more than just a labour strike. It was about the living conditions in the North End, a part of the area where I represent, part of the area where Councillor Pagtakhan represents, and the living in squalor, and the difficulties that those people had. But Madam Speaker, my specific question in regards to this, given that Friends of Victoria Park were in conversation with CentreVenture looking for a property, and I believe it was Councillor Gerbasi who arranged at a time to have a study done of the area to see where we could recognize this very important history of the City of Winnipeg. And so my question really is, I'm wondering if the Mayor would be able to seek out and find out from CentreVenture what their expectations and what they might be proposing to do with the Alexander Dock property. That was one of the properties that the Friends of Victoria Park were in discussions of ending up owning, raising private money to put in a park-like space where people could learn about the strike. So I'm wondering if the Mayor could get back to me and find out from CentreVenture what their intentions are and maybe we could contact the Friends of Victoria Park, who are quite interested in still trying to move ahead with something of at least some substance of park green space where they could have a historical facts and things as well around that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I welcome Councillor Eadie's question and also his commitment to honouring our shared history as a community. That is something that I have a strong desire to do all we can to honour our history. We have a rich history as a community, things that we can do to respect and honour that and to educate the next generation of Winnipeggers, the better. I'm not aware of the matters that are being raised right now, but I would encourage that Councillor Eadie to contact CentreVenture himself to see what information they can provide. In addition to that, I'd be more than happy to work cooperatively with him to get that information and would welcome a conversation, just a little bit more about the facts that he's raising here today. But I really do welcome that attempt and historical significance. We do have a very rich history and I think we need to do a lot more to honour and promote its knowledge in our community. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Just a follow up, there was a study paid for. I don't know if CentreVenture paid for it or who did, but there was a study by, I think, the Wins Bridgman Architectural Group. They looked at possibilities and I don't think the report was ever made public and I know that our Mayor, Madam Speaker, is very concerned and wants to ensure that accountability and access to information is there. I'm wondering if the Mayor could, through his office, try to find that report and make it public, because as far as anybody knows, it was never made public. And I'll be having a question for the Downtown Heritage Chairperson a little bit later, in regards to some aspects. But Madam Speaker, if the Mayor's office could try to find that report and maybe make it public, that would be great.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and I can certainly look into that report. I, without having any knowledge of it as this stage, I'd like to first see who was in possession of it, where it is. You're right to, the Councillor is correct to note that we do, by default, want as much information as possible proactively released on the City of Winnipeg website so that it's, the acquisition of information is typically just simply a matter of click of a mouse, and so the first place to start for any member of Council would be to connect with the public administration to see if that information is available on the City website, and if it's not, if it could be made available in that way. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question has to do with the Energy East Pipeline. I've been hearing from some of my constituents, some of the people that are concerned, and I know there's some information on the City website about it, but I thought it was important to raise it and that all of Council gets and keeps informed about what the City of Winnipeg is doing it. I mean, from the public's point of view, this is not as, I think you've said Mr. Mayor, you said yourself, nothing is more important than our safe water supply. And there are concerns related to this project and I guess, I think what the public needs to know and what Council needs to know is what is the City doing in terms of

proactively preparing for upcoming hearings or whatever role the City would play in that process that would be coming forward and maybe you can give us an update. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank Councillor for the question. She is correct to note that protecting our water source is of just…it's hugely important in terms of our duty and responsibility on behalf of the citizens that we serve. At present, we're waiting confirmation of the timeline of the project with the National Energy Board process. With respect to the City's status as an intervener in the process, this will be determined in the coming months and will be receiving updates from the CAO. I can advise that I met with the Chair of the National Energy Board last week and we discussed opportunities to become more engaged with the National Energy Board including looking at joint efforts on public consultations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Gerbasi?

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you for that, Madam Speaker. Just for clarification, so is the City seeking intervener status? And that would be my follow up question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. Yes, the City is seeking intervener status. The process of the National Energy Board is that you seek intervener status and then you will wait to be accepted as an intervener, and so that process is ongoing. The City of Winnipeg has previously and this Council, has previously earmarked significant funds so that appropriate experts can be retained as part of that process. I believe it was a $1 million and money that I think is well spent to make sure that we have as much information and can arm ourselves with facts, should and when we're able to intervene. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. This question will be a "is the Mayor aware" question. Last week I had the privilege of, on behalf of Council and the Mayor, attending an announcement between the Manitoba Soccer Association and the Vancouver Whitecaps, which is a pro team, which most would probably know, that plays in the MLS across North America, and that signing, that agreement that was signed last week identifies the Vancouver Whitecaps as offering a program, a player development program, which all Manitoba Soccer Association teams will kind of align themself with, which will help with player development and then also identifying players that may be eligible for the residency program of the Vancouver Whitecaps, of which we have several Winnipeg players right now out living in Vancouver training, kind of in the junior teams to move on to either play for the Whitecaps or maybe a Canadian National Team, or also to be eligible for scholarships. The reason I bring that up is we've just, our previous motion that we just voted on, identifies $7 million that previous Council, and I commend them for that, earmarked and invested in soccer facilities across Winnipeg. So I'm just wondering if, again if the Mayor was aware that that signing took place last week between the Manitoba Soccer Association and the Vancouver Whitecaps, and just what that means in regards to players in Winnipeg, in Manitoba, especially a lot of new Canadians for whom soccer is their first sport. So was the Mayor aware that that took place?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Short answer is yes and the more we can do to support this sort of sporting activity, active living, the better. And I thank the Councillor for his commitment to ensuring that we have a health and, we have as many options available for the promotion of active and healthy lifestyles here in the City of Winnipeg. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I've got a, I guess, a couple of questions for His Worship, one regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the YMCA/YWCA regarding the three model expansion partnership. The Mayor did just mention that there is ambiguity here, there's not yet clarification of support from all sides on this. It seems to me, Madam Speaker, that one model or one potentiality for one of these super centres, which the YMCA would be a partner, is…has a higher potential for being realized than a second or a third. That's just the impression I have at this point because we keep talking about the Southwest as if it needs to be done, and I agree and it's an excellent idea.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, we already spoke to the item earlier today. Do you have a question?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, I certainly do. And on that basis regarding the negotiations for three regional super centres, is it the Mayor's understanding that in the process of negotiations, that this does not preclude the potentiality that negotiations do not break down if we only come up with one model for a super structure, our regional recreation centre and service centre, let's say for the Southwest region of Winnipeg, that's still a potentiality even if the others are not realized. I'm asking the Mayor if that's a…if he realizes that's a potentiality and if that's feasible?

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry; could I seek clarification of the question?

Madam Speaker: Yes, I agree.

Councillor Schreyer: Yeah, that was a little long-winded. I just had to explain myself there. There…we're in negotiations for looking at three partnerships with the Y and the Provincial Government, but that does not preclude us from agreeing to one if that ends up being the case, this…the negotiations don't break down if all we can agree on is Southwest Winnipeg. That's my question if that's the Mayor's understanding?

Madam Speaker: So you're making an assumption, you're asking a question based on that assumption, yes? Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank Councillor for the question. The Council direction is relating to three model expansion partnership with the YMCA, and so the Memorandum of Understanding, which has been previously directed by the previous Council and today we, as all Councillors will know and I thank the Councillor and all Councillors for their support; we are simply directing that the Public Service conclude the Memorandum of Understanding with the YMCA/YWCA with respect to the three model expansion partnership within a 180 days, so all three.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Schreyer? Anything further?

Councillor Schreyer: If His Worship wishes to comment on this, and again, it's regarding Councillor Eadie's remarks, which I think are saving it to the…

Madam Speaker: No preamble on the second question, Councillor.

Councillor Schreyer: Excuse me, ma'am.

Madam Speaker: What is the question?

Councillor Schreyer: That the issue regarding the idea that regarding Waverley West and the three model negotiation with the YMCA in that area, that this is City's investment for that region of the City. Would it be the understanding of His Worship that the reason that would be said, is because of it's such an investment, such a regional hub if you will for recreational services, that it usurps an investment on a more local level for smaller neighbourhood recreational centres?

Madam Speaker: Okay, so the question again, Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Whether the reason for the idea that, regarding Waverley West and the three model negotiation with the YMCA in that area that this is the City's investment for that region of the City , that this three model expansion partnership regard…with the YMCA, because it's such a large investment for this super structure of regional recreation and community services, that it's so large, that that is the reason why Councillor Eadie would say "this is the City's investment for that region of the City."

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor? Are you asking the Mayor to comment…

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, just yeah.

Madam Speaker: …on something that Councillor Eadie said earlier?

Councillor Schreyer: Well whether it's consensus, whether it's the Mayor's understanding, whether the Mayor agrees with the statement that this is the City's investment for that region of the City. It sounds like an important question to me, ma'am, because as Councillor Eadie pointed out, people in the area need to know and deserve to know, and the people that would be moving into the area deserve to know, what type of recreational services are going to be offered in that

new, modern, future-oriented development, whether it'll be smaller, more local delivery of programs and recreational services like we do have in my ward of Elmwood-East Kildonan or whether we're creating a new model of larger and more distant regional delivery of recreational and other programs, ma'am.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, if could I have clarification of the question, please?

Councillor Schreyer: It seems to me that, I'm getting the impression that when it comes to the area of Waverley West and the new developments in Southwest Winnipeg, that we might be coming upon a new model of delivery of recreational services and other prograMs In older areas, such as my ward of Elmwood-East Kildonan, we have numerous community centres. But Councillor Eadie said that for that whole region of the City that this is the City's investment for that region of the City. Well, to me, ma'am that sounds like a new model of delivering services. It's more regionally oriented rather than locally oriented and I certainly cannot ignore that if that's what the City has in mind.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, perhaps that's a conservation that you should have with the individual that made the comments then.

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, ma'am, not only with Councillor Eadie, but because I get to have a question period for the Mayor, I would like to ask him and perhaps the Mayor would like to get back to this question at a later time. But it's important for Council to know, and therefore and for the public to know, and therefore I ask on the record, ma'am.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, are you clear on the question?

Mayor Bowman: Well I believe a question for Councillor Eadie should be asked of Councillor Eadie. In terms of the budgetary efforts that we're talking about here today, we simply voted for a Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded and that in terms of the budget, that will be a discussion for this Council as a whole, when we look at our next budget. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Mayor? Okay, we will move on to the Committee on Property and Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated May 12, 2015.

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DATED MAY 12, 2015

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll be right there.

Madam Speaker: You have 17 iteMs

Councillor Orlikow: I'll move that…how many are there right now…sorry…introduce reports and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 17.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie. Twelve.

Councillor Eadie: Number twelve.

Madam Speaker: Call the question on 1 through 11 and 13 through 17. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 12 – Winnipeg Antenna Systems Policy

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be more than happy to hear what Councillor Eadie has to comment.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to start off, Madam Speaker, by saying thank…this is a very difficult issue, Madam Speaker, and I'd like to thank the politicians who serve on the standing committee to try to weed through and come up with the best way to deal with what I call the downloading of the Federal responsibility. Not unlike the downloading of Canada post responsibility, although in this case, we are talking about the private sector installing antennas and not a public entity, however, it does bring Federal issuers down to our level and I know our administration had a…put a lot of work into trying to come up with the best model, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities done a lot of work in this area. The reality is these antennas do get installed in municipalities and cities. But, you know, Madam Speaker, I just…I'm going to be voting for this report, but I just cannot not stand up at Council today and just say how disappointed I am in the Federal Government, who makes billions of dollars from selling these waves, 700-megahertz coming up. You heard the woman say it. It goes through concrete. Concrete! It's going through our bodies all the time. I don't know what effect that megahertz, that level will have on effect on my body or my kids' body. I know, Madam Speaker, that when they started listening to people talking about all these wireless radio wave, I'm wondering…I had a wireless network in my house and this woman told me that well that could have an effect on my kids. Well, my kids sat in a wireless network in the living room in my house since they were like seven, eight years old. I know they are healthy and nothing has affected them, but, you know, this whole issue is a federal one. They have federal scientists who study this stuff. They are the ones who have the expertise to decide where these things should go. That's my problem with this. And I do appreciate that there was some amendments made here that we're not just putting this on a City Councillor and make no mistake I'm worried about my residents on any issues because we're elected to represent them and we should be concerned about these things but, you know, the Feds are downloading on us. I noticed we added MPs and MLAs that we get notice and we can inform our residents that these hearings are coming up and so on but, you know, I'm not a scientist. I'm not an expert. So while, you know, I can go out there. What I do know, Madam Speaker, is that my councillor ward alliance is limited, we didn't expand it really, expands it a bit sometimes, but Madam Speaker, the reality is we have certain amount of money to work with as city councillors. We're now being made responsible in this document. Well, it doesn't say we have to. We are being made responsible now to inform our residents when these things come up. Our residents are going to hold us accountable, Madam Speaker, us as City Councillors. It was good to see we added the MP especially, given that this is Federal domain and they have huge budgets to operate there, riding offices, so, my concern here is that they are downloading and I'm not receiving any federal money for my ward allowance so that I can try to represent the people who live in my ward when it comes to putting up these antennas. So I just wanted to air that out, Madam Speaker, but I will be voting for this report because we did a lot of work. There is no getting around this. The Federal Government has dumped on the municipalities across the country when it comes to this. So this is what we have to work with and again, I just like to, Madam Speaker, thank the people, the politicians and the administration related to Property, Planning and Development to have to deal with this and we will be dealing with this, it will get hot and it will be a big issue for years to come, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just briefly speak to it…on the…this was dealt with quite extensively at the Property and Development Committee. It was laid over so that we could hear further delegations from people. I do want people to understand that the community that had concerns about this was listened to. Unfortunately, our area of being able to address this was really simply looking at this protocol of notification. We really don't have the kind of control over this issue that the public impression probably is that we have which is one of the reasons I want to say something about it. We had an issue in my ward in Wildwood Park. And there was…there were meetings and people came out and the City was able to make a recommendation against it to Industry Canada. But it's Industry Canada that ultimately decides that it was the provider or the proponent who actually notifies people and is required to notify people. So councillors if they happen to know about it, it can try to let some people know, but it's really a process that we don't have a lot of say in. I just wanted to mention to as your…from FCM point of view, they developed a national protocol and our City staff was on the committee, on the steering committee that was part of developing that because Winnipeg has been sort of ahead of the game compared to some places in terms of even having a protocol to deal with this. So I just think we should give some credit to our administration who sat on that national process of updating the protocol. And really, the new protocol is dealing with the changes, the Federal Government made in their policies about notifications. I know it's pretty dry stuff, but we're dealing with it. So I just wanted to say that our protocol, by adopting this, we're really adopting the best practices identified by this national group working with FCM and other community partners and other municipalities to have the best possible way of dealing with the Federal Government requirements. But Councillor Eadie is right in saying that we don't have a lot of control over this process. In fact, it's the proponent who notifies this…does the notification. We did try to tweak it a little to include MLAs and MPs as it was requested but we can just…the City can only recommend concurrence or non-concurrence and the Federal body of the Industry Canada will decide whether the antenna goes into our neighbourhoods or not. And that's not something we can control so I think the committee made the appropriate choice to improve the protocol and update it and have it reflect the current federal regulations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: So yeah, thank you very much. May that point be made by my colleagues and I thank you for that. The reason why it's important for Councillors and MLAs and MPs to be notified is because really the industry itself will also notify, but by also including us and the notification process that we have our own networks that we can make sure the public knows what's going on in their backyard. That's what the joy of being a City Councillor is. We do know what's going on in the backyard and we…but we do have a responsibility to make sure that information gets out. And even though it is Federally regulated and you know we don't have a yes or no button that we get to press, we do have a non-concurrence button and that we can press when we send that off, and that does have some impact. So the more that the residents are engaged and those unfortunate circumstances where they really don't like where it's being placed, that's important for them to be engaged for that reason. Because then the City will have more basis to send a letter to the Industry Canada saying we do not agree. And, you know, that's something. So again, congratulations to Council. We are moving to this model of much more participated involvement by the community and this is another step to that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Moving onto By-laws. Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: I'll move that following By-laws be read a first time. By-law No. 57/2015, By-laws 58/2015 and 59/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 57/2015, By-law No. 58/2015, By-law No. 59/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, second reading, please.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the By-laws numbered 57/2015 to 59/2015 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws Nos. 57/2015 to 59/2015 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, third reading.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 57/2015 to 59/2015 both inclusive be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Seeing the hour is it the will of Council to continue or…? Okay, we have a motion to continue. Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Why not go for lunch now but only an hour?

Madam Speaker: Is it the will of Council to break for an hour or …pardon me?

Councillor Orlikow: Do I do Question Period right now?

Madam Speaker: Well, just trying to gauge the will of Council. Would you like to break for an hour or continue with the meeting?

Councillor Gerbasi: I can move that we break for one hour following P&D Question Period. Madam Speaker, the motion's on the floor.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will reconvene…well, shall we continue with Question Period.

Councillor Orlikow: I don't care.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Any questions, none? Okay. Let's go.

Madam Speaker: Any questions for Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: If you're hungry? Are you hungry?

Madam Speaker: We still have five minutes. We can continue. Okay fine.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
May 27, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Madam Speaker: We will now reconvene the meeting. We will start with the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, the report dated May 11, 2015. Councillor Browaty.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED MAY 11, 2015

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce the report of May 11, 2015 and move Consent Agenda Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There's no motions, no By-laws. Question Period for the Chair. .Any questions? Seeing none, we'll move onto the Committee of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated May 5, 2015.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MAY 5, 2015

Councillor Lukes: Yes. Good afternoon. And it is my pleasure also to bring forward the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 5. I do want to make one point of note here that Item No. 3 is not on the agenda today because it's been referred by the Executive Policy Committee to the Office of Public Engagement for a report back to IRPW in June. We welcome you to come to the June meeting to speak to this if you like, but that one I'm not bringing forward so it's not up for discussion. So I would like to…I'd like to move that items number…

Madam Speaker: Yes, I'm getting to you, Councillor Eadie. I did see your hand, yes. Continue.

Councillor Lukes: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Is it a point of order? Or are you standing down an item?

Councillor Eadie: Yes. This is a recommendation coming from Executive Policy Committee, Madam Speaker. I don't understand why it's being considered as an automatic referral which is usually what happens to a motion introduced to Council and Council…?

Madam Speaker: Yeah, Councillor Eadie, Item 3 has been referred by EPC to report to the next Public Works Committee meeting in June. So it's just on here for information. There will be no debates on the item at this time.

Councillor Eadie: Why?

Madam Speaker: That's the procedure.

Councillor Eadie: I don't understand why it's a report item then. It should've been on the agenda.

Madam Speaker: It's here for information to let Councillors know the critical path, correct, Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk: That's correct and it follows our previous practice. Committees such as EPC do refer things back and we track them on for the information of Council, but the report itself is not here.

Madam Speaker: Okay.

Councillor Eadie: First time I have seen it this way, actually so.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Allard: Point of personal privilege, point of order?

Madam Speaker: Point of order? Yes.

Councillor Allard: Wouldn't Council endorse the, I guess, the…in terms of critical path going back, I see Marc Lemoine shaking his head, back to Public Works or in terms of formal process?

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll take direction from the Clerk.

City Clerk: In accordance with our Procedure By-law, matters which are in a report like this or the information is conveyed upwards to Council and this is in keeping with what we have done for the last 25 years. I mean, EPC itself did not put forward a recommendation. There is nothing to consider in front of Council today. It's like they laid over the matter but they didn't, they referred it for information.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I appreciate for 25 years, Madam Speaker, but could you please demonstrate to me one situation similar since I was elected in 2010 that we haven't been able to speak to a report item on the agenda? If it's a referral from EPC, it should've just went directly to where needed to go.

City Clerk: We can forward that precedent to you after this meeting, Councillor Eadie. It's quite common and you will see that when we give you some of the examples. Many times, the things are laid over or do not proceed, they are not really on the agenda, but the information is in front of the agenda for you.

Madam Speaker: I do recall the practice in the past, personally. Councillor Lukes, you may continue.

Councillor Lukes: All right.

Madam Speaker: So you are…

Councillor Lukes: Items No. 1 through 6, not including No. 3.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour?

Councillor Allard: Item No. 4.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour of Items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, pardon me? Not three, we'll strike three. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Lukes: Hanging on.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Zipper Merge

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, do you have any opening comments? Okay. Councillor Allard

Councillor Allard: All right. I just wanted to rise to speak to the motion as it hasn't yet been considered by Council and thank you to Chairperson Lukes for implementing a pilot project of the zipper merge. As this is…this type of change, as far as I understand, wouldn't involve a By-law change or Highway Traffic Act change, it would just change driver

behaviour. And so, my hope, after this pilot which I hope will be successful. I know the Public Works is already thinking about how the first pilot can be implemented. If successful, what I would hope this council would be willing to do is eventually endorse the concept and that would basically give people the message, yes, this is a more efficient way to move traffic in Winnipeg. Thumbs up from the City of Winnipeg, so please start driving this way and that gives us…that endorsement I think would go a long way in changing driver behaviour. And just Coles Notes version of the zipper merge in case it's not crystal clear in people's minds. So in a construction zone where there might be two lanes and forgive me, I don't have the audio visuals that I had at the committees, but construction zone where two lanes or one lane is blocked off with a barricade that Winnipeg culture is for everyone to line up on the left most lane causing a 40 percent increase in the traffic lineup. And in other cities, including Saskatoon where they used to have the Winnipeg culture of lining up in the far left lane, there has been implementation of the zipper merge policy from the municipality. And as a result, now the driver behaviour has changed so that instead of using just the left lane, we encourage drivers to use both lanes and then take turns at the traffic bottle neck which has the added benefit not only reducing the traffic lineup, but also reducing things like…and antagonism because drivers because right now anybody using that right, that completely free right lane of traffic is kind of seen as cutting the line in terms of how our Winnipeg culture interprets that. And so this idea would be just…endorse the idea of use all available lanes and merge at the bottle neck. So just a Coles Notes explanation of what it is. I understand Public Works will be doing a pilot of the zipper merge and if it works well, my hope would be that after the pilot, we could say Winnipeg is a zipper merge city and that would be my hope and that's why I pulled the motion. Thank you for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any other speakers on the matter? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just would like to state that I have seen the zipper merge in effect when I lived in Ottawa. It worked rather well. I'm not sure for how many years they had it in effect before I saw it but it was rather orderly and everyone seemed to understand it. And yes, I think it did avoid what Councillor Allard referred to as antagonism. And on that basis, I look forward to the pilot project and will go from there. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Great. That's exciting. We're going to do a pilot project as Public Works said. I mean it is…it's changing culture. It will probably require a bit of a communication campaign around it and education campaign. We may or may not have that funding in the budget for this year from the whole education campaign aspect, but why not? Let's try it.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Lukes on By-laws for the committee.

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

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that By-law No. 60/2015 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 60/2015.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to read that By-law No. 60/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 60/2015.

Councillor Lukes: And I'd like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law numbered 60/2015 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. Question Period for the Chair. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I had a question arising out of a decision that was made by the Public Works Department and voted on by Public Works Committee that I wanted to ask the Chair about. It was a decision to remove a crosswalk in my ward, over my objections, and certainly over the objections of the residents of my ward, and I will be dealing with that separately in the coming weeks. However, what I wanted to ask the Chair about that was in that report, there was a statement from the Public Service saying "there are signed and marked crosswalks on some regional streets that have been in place for many years." We're about to launch a $340 million strategy that was meant to promote pedestrian and bike traffic and here we are picking it off by removing a crosswalk and I have concerns about that. But I want to ask the Chair if there's a plan by Public Works to begin removing other signed and marked crosswalks on regional streets that the administration, they disagree with or view in their discretion as improper or whether or how we're going to go about dealing with this as part of the strategy. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Perfect, okay thank you, Councillor Mayes. Yes, I remember your project very clearly. So TAC guidelines, the Transportation Association of Canada guidelines, every few years are improved upon and what has happened over the years is, let's just take Pembina Highway for example, previous years there were many sidewalk pieces put in the median, so there's just many random crossings along major corridors, major arteries that either aren't marked, they're not controlled, they've just been installed over the years and they don't comply and they're not warranted in today's guidelines. So currently, we're seeing a lot of this, so when a Councillor comes or a community comes forward and wants maybe it moved or relocated or a new one, Public Works looks at the warrants, they assess it, they do traffic studies and it will, 9 times out of 10, come back saying that it isn't warranted in this position, that it should be in a controlled intersection, or should have other types of controls on it, and they recommend removing it because it's on a major corridor. So at this point in time, the Public Works Department does not have a plan to go back and look at what's occurred over the past number of years where it doesn't comply. So I'll be bringing this up with them. We've seen a few of these come through the Public Works Committee, and it is, I mean, here I am wanting to have more people biking and walking, but there are situations on major arteries where it just isn't safe but something has been installed in previous years. So it is a bit of a conundrum, but I will take this back to the Public Works administration and see where we can go forward on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, second question.

Councillor Mayes: Just a quick follow up to that, just for clarity. This was not a case where the crosswalk was being where I was seeking to have it upgraded, moved, or improved. Its potential removal was contingent on another action, which didn't happen. So I just wanted clarity that, are we in a situation now where Public Works, even if there's no request to have a crosswalk moved, upgraded, or changed in any way, if they're taking it on themselves, if the Public Works Department to somehow recommend removal of crosswalks?

Councillor Lukes: No, there's no action like that that I'm aware of. But this one came forward because you had wanted… because Councillor Mayes had wanted us to look at…there's been a few them, if I recall correctly at an intersection further up and having it relocated, I'm trying to recall. There's no movement for Public Works to remove ones that are existing if there's no request.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further? Okay, Councillor Eadie followed up Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. Speaker Sharma, given that we couldn't discuss the referral to…of EPC, my concern, I guess I'll just have to ask it in conjunction to…well, we're talking about pedestrian and so on and having finally been able look over in great detail what's being proposed for the strategy in my ward, I've discovered that, now that I've had time Madam Speaker, to notice for example crossing of major intersections so we've got a connector route that comes off the Red River on Pritchard Avenue, and somehow you're supposed to get across Main Street where there is no pedestrian corridor or crossing, get across there as a cyclist, go to the other side to Charles and then travel north on a connector. The problem, Madam Speaker, is that if you follow two blocks north, you would find that Magnus Avenue is a perfect opportunity to actually implement a connector route from the spine network along the Red River to cross Main Street where there happens to be a pedestrian corridor. So I don't understand how the mapping has been decided for that strategy and when it should be moved over to Magnus.

Madam Speaker: Okay, your question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: As far as I'm concerned.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, your question?

Councillor Eadie: And so, I want to ensure, I will put the question. My question is related to and similar to Councillor Mayes, are they thinking about moving that pedestrian corridor that's been used quite extensively by people and is there a chance to amend this particular strategy and the route chosen before it comes to Council for a vote, Madam Speaker? That is my question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: So in relation to your question, these are recommendations that are put forward in the strategies, they are not set in stone. These are recommendations over a 20-year period. Things may change over a 20-year period. So if at some point in time when the funding becomes available to look at that specific section of your ward, with those specific projects, we will look at this, administration will look at this and they will say, "this is what has come forward at this point in time," maybe it's five, 10 years out, "does this work? Let's do an in-depth community consultation on it and see." So none of the routes on the map, none of it is set in stone, it's a high level plan that can be changed and adapted to a point in time, when funding's available at a point in time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, consultations were done, I don't understand. It's totally ridiculous to even propose to have this in there. It should've been done properly in the first place. There is no need to consult about crossing at Pritchard and Main, it's ridiculous.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: So, Madam Speaker, simply can we not just change it now? It's a simple thing to do on the map. Why even think about it in the future? It's a ridiculous thing. We have an existing path that makes more sense. Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: I'll take this back to Public Works and get back to you, but my understanding is, at this point in time, these are recommendations, that it's not set in stone. So I will get back to you on that, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, is the Chairperson aware that there is actually some that exist, like Powers on the map, is there? There is no more consultation to be done, the actual route is there, and this thing sort of plays into that whole thing as well, Madam Speaker. Is the Chairperson aware of that?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: I'm very aware of the Powers route. I was involved in that consultation process. So yes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Madam Speaker, it's been very exciting the last little bit to actually get the final version, or what, you know, I don't want to call it the final version, the final draft I guess, from the consultants on the active transportation plan. It's a thorough document. I mean one of the problems that we faced when I was back on this Council, back in 2010, is we didn't have a plan, we really needed a plan, so that we knew specifically if all of a sudden Ottawa rained down up with money and funds for us to go do a project, we had done a lot of that consultation, we had done a lot of that planning, and that route network stuff. My question and my concern is there's a lot of specific stuff that's in the maps that are attached with the active transportation plan. Can you assure us that before this Council adopts a final plan, that people will know that their on a route that's planned for active transportation amenities? Will you make the changes that are required to show that, you know, other Council adopted pieces, I'm thinking of the connection into Transcona from Kilcona Park into Harbourview South, and then the Council approved also the Kilcona Master Plan, which also indicated a flyover Lagimodiere. Those aren't on the plan? I'm just wanting to make sure that those are added; as well as, again I'm making sure that people who live on these routes are notified and, you know, understanding of this, because again, the problem in 2010 was the lack of planning. We're doing the right thing by doing a plan, but making sure that people are consulted now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. This is a public document that's posted on the website for everyone to see now. They can go at it, they can go on the web and they can look at it. When it comes time to actually doing any sort of work or construction, there will be a high level of consultation in the neighbourhood. So at this point in time, it's out there, the public I think there's been a lot of media on it. People can, they're free to look at it, but this is a 20-year plan and it may change just as the transportation plan has changed. So when it comes time, when the funding is available, everyone on that street will be consulted, they'll have flyers, they'll go through a whole consultation process. So I hope that answers your question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Do you feel it's fair that these amenities are being planned down various routes in various residential communities in front of people's homes without them being directly contacted? I mean just the fact that it's on a website, do you feel that's sufficient?

Councillor Lukes: (Inaudible) the Master Transportation Plan that's on the website right now and everyone's free to look at that, and there's freeways, there's major corridors and arteries that are going in front of people's homes and yards and neighbourhoods, so it's on there also. I really don't see a difference.

Madam Speaker: Third question, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Again, new communities are built with the understanding that there are arterial, there's a whole phasing of route networks. You're trying to add on amenities, if you will, to existing communities. Do you feel that is fair?

Councillor Lukes: I think that at any point in time, if anything will be built, there will be extensive consultation. So I think that's completely fair. It's out there, people can read it, people can see it. But at some point in time between now and 20, 25 years out, if they're on the route, a route that is proposed, they'll be consulted. They'll probably be routes on there that aren't on the map that people will be consulted on, depending on how the City grows. So nothing will be built unless they're consulted.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, I'd like to thank the committee chair, Councillor Lukes, for her hard work on this matter, both before being elected and since being elected. As Members of Council should know and members of the public we hope are hearing, the strategies are just that, they're like the…actually called for in the Master Transportation Plan, very high level document for 20 years. This Council has sought out new direction to make sure that we are doing more long term planning and we're looking to the future for a community of one million people strong. The Councillor will also know that as we just passed moments ago, the 2015 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan, when the action plans and the money is required, this Council will ultimately have a say in the specifics and the consultation will have to happen. What EPC recently did, is we have referred this matter to the new Office of Public Engagement so that we as Members of Council and the public can hear what consultations occurred years ago under the previous Council and what steps will be taken on a go-forward basis to ensure that before the action plans are brought to this Council and ultimately supported on an annual basis, that there is appropriate consultation of stakeholders, notably businesses and relevant parties. What I'd like to know is from the Councillor is, if you could share with us your experience as an advocate and how you're using that in your new capacities as committee chair?

Councillor Lukes: As an advocate, my ability to consult, is that what you're saying or what's the question just to clarify?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: What I'd like to know is, could you please talk about how your previous advocacy work as an active transportation advocate is now assisting you with your work as the committee chair?

Councillor Lukes: Right, okay, so previously being very involved in active transportation, actually was very frustrated by the type of consultation that did occur. I was involved in the $20 million funding that the City received and it was a challenging time because it was a one-year time frame where we had to bill the construction and the consultation process, that period, we were very challenged. I felt many communities weren't challenged enough but it was sort of, we were tied to this Federal funding that we had to use it and get it built, so that process was a phenomenal learning process for both the City, for people that were advocating for it, for people that had no idea what was going on their street. We have learned so much from that, and when you're building something right in someone's neighbourhood, on

their street, and we're seeing this with Marion Street this consultation process, we're seeing it with Chief Peguis, we have to, as a City do far better than we have in the past and I guess I'm a first time experience of, you know, 14 years of trying to do consultation and talking about active transportation, I've learned an extensive amount, and it's really important that when it is on a person's doorstep or on their street, that they are made aware of it, so…

Madam Speaker: Does someone wish to move extension? Councillor Gillingham moves extension, five minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Lukes: So I think that if there's one thing that I did learn prior to becoming elected is really about consultation process. So I'm going to be hugely supporting a very thorough, in depth, process every time we do it and yeah it's challenging.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi?

Councillor Gerbasi: Thanks. Just in follow up to the Mayor's question, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering along the same lines maybe you could, I know we're going to get a report on the consultation that was done on the strategies but you didn't really get a chance to speak to that as an activist before. I know you were very involved too in the consultation there. Could you talk a bit more about, you talked about the 2010 one, which wasn't very good and I just to get the whole picture, I'd like to hear about the more recent one.

Councillor Lukes: So in the strategies when the consultation process started for the strategies, it was very in-depth. Many different people were consulted, many businesses were consulted, many organizations such as BIZ that represent businesses were consulted. And all along, you know you can never possibly consult with everyone, you give them the opportunity but due to people's time schedules and businesses they don't necessarily come out or they are unavailable to come out. Much was gone online, much went online. I believe the process was a two-year process that we did this consultation or I at least participated in this consultation process as someone being consulted. So it was very thorough, very extensive but it's never thorough and extensive enough it seems; that's why when we take it to the next level of actually doing a piece of infrastructure, it goes even to a more detailed level of consultation. Sometimes I still think it's easiest, probably, to put a bulldozer on the street with the big signs saying "come on out, we're going to be doing something, we want to talk about it, we're thinking of doing something, let's talk about it". So I am thrilled beyond belief that people are so passionate about this and I am thrilled beyond belief that the Mayor and CAO are ramping up the communication and ability for the City to communicate, because as we know we've been a bit challenged by that, and I'm really optimistic this is going to go very well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We have no reports, no motions or By-laws. Question Period for Councillor Morantz. Councillor Mayes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. A resident asked me a question I think the City should address and I've talked Councillor Morantz about this and firstly, it's an assessment question. The person's question was they've been advised by Canada Post that one of the new super mailboxes is going to go on their property and the question was, "So that does change my assessment?", "Is somebody going to come out because I think this lowers my property value." It's a fair question I think. I want to commend our assessment staff, Mel Chambers, his group who got back to me very quickly, very thorough explanation saying, "Look, we don't make that adjustment on places like Nova Vista and my ward, other places where they…people already have these super mailboxes on their properties." So I just wanted to ask Councillor Morantz if there's some way we could advise the public that that is the City's position of if he feels that should be revisited, that would be appropriate as well, but I think…I think we should before this gets implemented and not taking any position of whether it's desirable or not to have this move away from home service, I would have my personal opinion, others would have theirs. But how do we as a City advise people that we aren't going to be doing a whole re-assessment process as a result of this decision made by Canada Post?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I want to thank Councillor Mayes for his question. I did also speak to Mr. Chambers, the head of the Assessment Department about this and assessments are based on the actual sales values of properties. They do an analysis on a particular area as to what similar sized homes sold for and they analyze the sale

by square foot and the size of the lot, and that's how they determine. So there is no specific adjustment when something like this happens. And I suppose in a market place or one person might think detracts from land value. Another person might think enhances it. Then so that's why, you know, the market place plays out in this determinative of value. And the Assessment Department takes its information from that. So and as Councillor Mayes, aptly put out…stated he understands that there's no specific adjustment for something like a super mailbox when it's designated for your property. Although, the market place will determine whether there is any effect on the value of that property. I guess the other piece of it is in terms of communication, it's very clear that, you know, we as a City, we could be communicating all kinds of things far better, and I think that we are working on that in terms of how the Assessment Department determines its assessment. That's certainly something I think we should be looking at as we should be looking at how we communicate across all of our departments. And I think if we can communicate better, the public would be…have less anxiety and would maybe be more comfortable with, in terms of trustworthy of how we run our business here at City Hall. So I'm all for that. So anyway, thank you for your question. If you have a follow up, that would be fine.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions Councillor Mayes? Councillor Allard. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: Ms Speaker. I have a question for the Chair. I'm just wondering about the consultation process on the budget and if there's any news on that. I know there…many of us have community groups and many great projects in our ward that we would like to be talking about and I'm wondering if…when we might expect to hear some news about this new consultants of budget process that I think here many of us are looking forward to.

Councillor Morantz: I too am looking forward to embarking on the new process. And I just want to start out by saying Madam Speaker that as you know, when we arrived here last fall, as soon as I had a chance to really dive into the books as they say, I was sufficiently horrified as to the financial position of the City. I talked about how the budget was very difficult, and you know, as many of you know, in order to balance the 2015 budget, well there were a number of things that we had to do that were, you know, quite strong measures. We increased the dividend on our water utility from 8 to 12 percent, and we increased frontage levies and brought in a tax increase, and we did all of these things, and even with all of these things, when you look at the 2016 budget forecast for the operating budget, we have projected a $73 million deficit. And we don't have the same tools available to us in 2016 as we did in the prior year to resolve this issue. In my view, this operating structural deficit is the number one issue that this city faces. If we want to embark on all the wonderful pro-active, progressive projects that everyone on this Council feels so strongly about, whether it would be projects on their wards, whether it would be things, great projects like after transportation or great projects that we have to do like, for example, building a new bridge to replace the Arlington Bridge, sometime in the 2020s. We are going to be significantly hampered in accomplishing those goals unless we deal with this issue. I've said recently to our new CAO that if there's one thing that I want to accomplish in the four years that I'm here, I don't know if I'll be here longer than that, but I want the 2019 operating budget forecast to say zero in that last line. So I preface my remarks around that because I think consultation is a key part of that, and I want really everybody on Council needs to participate in this discussion to make it happen. It's going to be very, very difficult decisions and it's fine to stand up and talk about all the wonderful things we want to do. It's another thing to recognize the difficulties we're going to have in financing these things, and I would add in terms of financing that in addition to having a $73 million operating, structural operating deficit, we are reaching the pinnacle of our ability to borrow under Council's authorized borrowing strategy. So and every time we borrow, it adds stress to our operating budget--roughly $6 million for every $100 million we borrow. So we have a $73 million operating deficit Madam Speaker, and if we borrow $250 million, for example, to do Waverley and Marion or whatever other project it might be, that will add, you know, $15 million to that deficit, so everything has a cost. So having said all that, to specifically answer your question, I have been in discussions with the Mayor's office and…about ideas around how to open up the budget process a little bit more. And I'm continuing those discussions, and when I have more information about how that will look, we will certainly provide it to all of Council at the soonest possible time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay. Seeing none, we will move on to the Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management. Councillor Mayes on the report dated May 7, 2015.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
DATED MAY 7, 2015

Councillor Mayes: I move the report dated May 7. There is only the one item.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Moving onto By-laws. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I will…

Councillor Pagtakhan: Clarification?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Before Councillor Mayes moves the by-law, I just wanted to know if he can provide some clarification on the content of the by-law.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, this is a…that's a fair question. This is based on a decision that was actually made before my election back in 2010 to close Martha Street so people may…will ask why, why is it taking this long to close it off and there's a good reason which is, this is phase two of the Sport for Life Centre expansion. I want to commend Councillor Pagtakhan who has been a champion of this expansion as has the Mayor who was there at the funding announcement a couple of months ago and the ground breaking I think is sometime in June. Feds are in, province is in, City is supporting, Qualico supporting. It's going to be a great building both for the Canada games as well as ongoing for the Point Douglas neighbourhood and hopefully, for a national volleyball team if we're successful in keeping them. So the reason why this has been a four or five year delay is, they weren't ready to expand. Now they're ready to expand. They need to close the street and hopefully we will be out on this very location for the ground breaking in a month.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you for those details. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law No. 56/2015, the By-law of the City of Winnipeg, to close a portion of Martha Street between Alexander and Pacific Avenue be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 56/2015.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law 56/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 56/2015.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law 56/2015 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Question Period for the Chair. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Allard: So, I'm going to try my hand at French again, so fair warning to my colleagues and I'm going to pull a page out of Councillor Pagtakhan and Councillor Gillingham's book and do a "did you know" question. (Speaking in French)

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Allard: So, to Councillor Mayes, I was wondering if you knew that May 27th is the day that we celebrate the 69th anniversary of 607 Langevin Street. So happy birthday to CKSB, celebrating the occasion at that location. So, I wanted to know if you were aware, and actually, it's kind of funny because I'm asking you if you know, but I think you may have been the one to suggest that I ask you the question.

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Mayes: Uh, thank you for your question. Yes, it's the anniversary of CKSB – a radio service for the Franco-Manitoban community. It's important for the heritage of the Franco-Manitoban community. The newspaper La Liberté says that CKSB is a "public barometer". So it's important, and happy anniversary to this station, and thank you for the question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, anything further? I just wanted to remind you that the Question Period for the Chair is relevant…questions relevant to the committee, the work of the committee. Okay, Councillor...

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Allard: Councillor Mayes, I would like to ask you a second question about this. So, given your role with the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management, I was wondering how you might relate that with the 69th anniversary of CKSB at 607 Langevin Street... if you could provide me with that clarification, I would be very happy to hear the answer.

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Mayes: It's the committee for downtown and also for heritage. So, it's a – I think it's a good question, and it's a question of heritage, of Franco-Manitoban heritage.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you for that.

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Allard: May I ask another follow-up question, maybe?

Madam Speaker: You're asking me a question in French now?

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Allard: I…I… Could I ask you the question in French? Yes, I was wondering if there was a follow-up question to my question to Councillor Mayes.

Madam Speaker: You have a third question for Councillor Mayes?

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Allard: No, I just wanted to ask if there was a point regarding the rules of the Chamber to clarify…or is everything good now?

Madam Speaker: No, not at this time. Thank you. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Gillingham. Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: Yes Madam Speaker. Of course heritage is more than just buildings, so…and, Madam Speaker, you now have more of a connection with my step French family having an anniversary on my birthday that's interesting. But anyway, Madam Speaker, recently in the news and federally, we've heard that Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa, which has an exhibit related to the strike of 1919 and the rumour, or the facts are, I'm not sure yet, that they will be closing that exhibit down. A national historic event, and it wasn't just a one-day event, there were many, many different elements involved in the six-week long general strike, and a lot of things that lead to it, so Madam Speaker, my concern is that…and I think it would be appropriate under the portfolio of the Heritage Chairperson and Downtown for that matter because the Downtown defined area does include the Exchange District as well, that I'm wondering if the Chairperson could maybe contact some Federal counterpart to determine whether or not this museum is going to shut down a very important exhibit given that the Federal Government was the one who sent the RCMP in.

Councillor Mayes: I'd be happy to try and pick this up with the appropriate Federal representative. I think the Minister, well the Federal Minister, Madame Glover, her riding overlaps a good portion of my ward so we're in quite frequent contact. I can certainly ask whether there…what the plan is for the museum. I think that's a fair question from Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, we don't have a proper exhibit or history display here. There is something that was established along Lily and it's actually people are offended that it's such a small and not a very good looking representation. I'm wondering if the Downtown Chair and Heritage Chairperson would consider, and somehow this was established…I don't know, the Administration, who did it, we don't know, but I would like to know if…and ask the Chairperson if he'd be willing to get something done regarding this piece of Civic property designated as somehow the

1919 strike monument or anything like that to see if we can explore doing something better, more representation and consulting with people like the Friends of Victoria Park, the Winnipeg Labour Council and so on, to do a better job of that Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. Certainly the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919 was a hugely historic event of international importance and Councillor Eadie is right. There is a building nearby with a sign on it and I'm not sure what that's meant to signify and I think that's something we should follow up on. In a more general sense, I can remember finishing High School in 1980 and never, we never took anything about the Winnipeg General Strike and I think we do a better job as a society now of educating young people about what happened, what the events were that lead up to that and the outcomes, so I think we're going to have to look at how we mark that centenary as it approaches. I suggested to the Mayor that any re-creation he could, you know, read out the riot act and be subject to the crowds seething below. He indicated I could actually take that role in the re-creation, but you know, in all seriousness, it's a major historical event in the history of Winnipeg. Certainly we are going to have to mark that. I don't know if any steps are underway on that now but certainly I will, and I'm sure Councillor Eadie will make sure that we are marking that appropriately.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Yes, third question?

Councillor Eadie: Given the Province was the one who…shut down the General Strike, would the Chairperson, Madam Speaker, engage a discussion with the Province to see if they can assist us in acknowledging, yes, of international significance, Municipal, Provincial and Federal significance, to engage them in a discussion about recognizing this very important time in Winnipeg's history.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, I met recently with Deanne Crothers who is the Minister…who is actually the Minister Responsible for Military Affairs, which is arguably related to this, but Dwight Tim MacAulay from the Provincial staff, Lisa Blake, an excellent member of our City staff who deals with protocol, to talk about a number of issues including World War One Centenary, issues around the cenotaph, so certainly that's…I think that group has got a good working relationship and I can certainly go back and try to talk to Lisa Blake from our staff, try to talk to the Province as well to see what plans they may have and what exists. I think Councillor Eadie is right though in saying there should be…that there was a park. It was of historical significance. There were events there with enormous crowds and you wouldn't know it If you went there now, so we as a City Council, I think, have to work with the Province and try and come up with a plan to commemorate the centenary of that event in 1919.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question for the Chair, I hope is directed at the right department. If not, perhaps he can help me get this question to the right department. It has to do with the river walk, and I'm just wondering, year after year, the river walk along the Red River certainly is…and the Assiniboine River…is subject to high water levels and the effects of the high water levels and ice and, you know, things like that, and because it is, it's not open very early in the spring and often is in need of repair. I'm just wondering if the Councillor could help me. Are there any plans to relocate or to upgrade the river walk so that it can be opened earlier in the spring and not be subjected to this annual, kind of disrepair or damage? And if the question is of the wrong individual, perhaps the Councillor can direct me. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Never had a question before in this room. I get five today Madam Speaker which is a nice change. That's an appropriate question. We haven't dealt with that at the Committee. We do get regular reports from John Kiernan and Kendall Thiessen, our riverbank people who are great. Very detailed reports about what's going on. I think that's a fair question to raise. Jurisdictionally, I think it was within the Downtown and Riverbank Management Committee mandate but I can certainly talk to Mr. Kiernan and get back to Councillor Gillingham. It is worth noting though, there are people in the City who talk about how the floodway gates should be open year round and we should control the water level. That has some serious environmental issues. I'm not saying Councillor Gillingham suggested that. I'm just saying, that discussion, when Councillor Lukes and I met with officials from the R.M. of Ritchot, which is the R.M. just below our two wards, one of the people there said "look. When this comes up remember, I'm one of those property owners that's just south of the gates. If you start activating the gates, somebody gets influenced by the backup, that's my house and others." So there's a human element to this too that kicks into the capital region in terms of, if we decide to start using

the floodway more, that starts to have an impact further south of us, so I think that's something to bear in mind. I get emails from people all the time saying how we should regulate the river levels. Well, it has some effects and not all of them are within the City of Winnipeg, so we'll certainly take a look and I'll ask Mr. Kiernan and his folks about how we want to proceed on the river walk.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further for the Chair? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. To the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management, just given the issue of, as we approach the centennial of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, will Councillor Mayes be advised that it's just a few short blocks south of here at the Woodbine Hotel was in fact the physical, the headquarters, of the strike committee. Will the Chair take it under advisement that to commemorate the centennial, we might be celebrating again at the Woodbine and that might just include Tuesday night karaoke?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Sure. I'm not sure what the question centred on there but happy to take that under advisement and it's…first we've got to deal with the centenary of the First World War. We are doing that. A number of my colleagues have supported an effort on that. I'm going to particularly thank Councillor Dobson on that, but at least nine of us I think have indicated some funding support so that's worth mentioning, but as we get beyond that obviously 1919 international event, we've got to mark that appropriately and glad to hear the interest beginning to grow among Council members and I'll let Councillor Schreyer buy us all around at the Woodbine.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further? No? Moving on to the Committee on Governance.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL DATED MAY 7, 2015

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, could you move the report dated May 7, 2015. There is one item on the report?

Councillor Gerbasi: Sure, Madam Speaker. I will move the report of the committee dated May 7, 2015. One item to move, the Lobbyist registry report.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, yes. Would you like to speak to the matter? Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Lobbyist Registry Report

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Go ahead.

Madam Speaker: Sure.

Councillor Gerbasi: Okay, thank you Madam Speaker. This report at the Governance Committee was requested of the Audit Department, and the…we are being asked today to receive the audit, department report, as information. And it goes through a number of considerations that would be involved if we did proceed to establish a lobbyist registry. It goes through a number of steps and looks at other jurisdictions. It's pretty thorough. It's what we had asked for, but in addition to that, the Governance Committee moved that the Public Service which was also one of the recommended steps, that's required is that the Public Service prepare a report for the consideration of Council outlining the required amendments to the City of Winnipeg Charter Act to create an enforceable lobbyist registry that allows for investigative and enforcement activities. And those of you who were around Council before know I have been talking about this since 2007 when we moved the issues on to the Ethics Commissioner. As well, and a lot…these are all connected in that the City is going to create real accountability measures such as an Ethics commissioner, such as a lobbyist registry, we need these changes in the Charter for it to be, in practical terms, effective because we need the investigative and enforcement as well, powers. And, I know the Mayor's office in his inner governmental role has been raising these issues on this as well as the Ethics Commissioner issue. I think they are tied together. If you look at what happened in Ontario, they brought in a provincial legislation that enabled in the charter of the cities to have a lobbyist registry as well as Ethics Commissioners which I think we've been trying to work towards over a number of years and I just also want to add that I

think that there is a new and improved dialogue with the Province and the new Council, I'm optimistic that we can make progress. If Council endorses going forward and asking for these powers in the Charter, I'm very optimistic that there's an interest in the Province supporting that ability for us and then we really could finally move ahead and have those oversights we've been talking about for a long time. This report is about the lobbyist registry but I think also could be rolled in with other, with the whole picture of the Ethics Commissioner and other asks that we've already been talking about. So I really hope Council supports this. It's my view on it, but I think that we are all together on that, wanting to have those accountability measures and those powers would enable it to not just have a plaque on the desk, you know, but with somebody with that job, but it will enable us to actually take action and enforcement if there were concerns and issues, which is what we need on both lobbyist Registry and the Ethics Commissioner in my view, that's what we need to do. So I think it's a really good report. I would like to thank the auditor and happy to listen to any comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I was actually very impressed with the auditor's report on this that we are accepting as information and indicated some of what I would call best practices, interesting model from Ottawa. I believe it was Ottawa verses other jurisdictions with what I would call more cumbersome lobbyist registries, but so I totally support the action request to have better clarification under Charter. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to say though, I think this thing, we've been talking about it for a few years and it's really kind of frustrating that it's not moving along and for me, you know, the sooner we can get all this stuff in place the better. I still am of the opinion that through the auditor's office could be powered to do this, but that's fine. I understand that that's not so clear a path and I know that the Mayor has done a lot of good work. In terms of the Province, good relationship, you know, in similar kind of circumstances, there was legislation and clarification with the terms of legislation in dealing with Police Services across the Province and within the municipality. So I don't see this as any different, that the Province, like the Province of Ontario would enable actually any municipality or city within the Province of Manitoba to be able to do this. And so, Madam Speaker, I just want to say again, I was impressed with the report, recommendations are interesting and I know there will be much more consideration and discussion once the Charter allows us to do such things and we look at actually implementing and putting these things in place, there will be much more dialogue, Madam Speaker, through the Governance Committee. I'm sure about the details of proceeding ahead with the lobbyist registry with the commissioner and hopefully with recommendations. I believe the employee code of conduct would need some amendments and as well as the governing by-laws and actually legislation that oversee our political roles, Madam Speaker. So I will be supporting this report. I just wanted to clarify though that I am a bit frustrated that we can't move quicker. It would be great to get all this stuff in place and I know there will be a cost element to this, but you know, Madam Speaker, the reality is in order for governments to be publicly accountable, we are not the private sector and that's why it…we…it costs us more to run many of our things because there's this whole accountability structures that needs to be in there and it does cost money. So as we move ahead with this, I hope all our colleagues will support moving ahead and ensuring that it's viable, it's doable and we can achieve public trust is ultimately what we want here. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'll simply echo the comments that have been provided by my Council colleagues that this is a very positive step to restoring trust and faith in City Hall. This is a…one of the number one priorities that I believe this council has an obligation to fulfill in ensuring that Winnipeggers have increased faith and confidence in their city hall. There have been a number of measures that we've already taken in order to increase openness and transparency at City Hall. Everything from live streaming, the EPC meetings, I have been putting on my calendar my expenses proactively on my website. I would encourage any of my Council colleagues who aren't doing that yet to also follow suit. The lobbyist registry, the Ethics Commissioner are all very important initiatives. And I'm pleased with the support that the we hear around this Council Chamber today and in other days. I'd like to thank the Governance Committee for their invaluable work and I want to advise members of Council that the dialogue has been going on with the Premier with Minister Chief and Minister Caldwell now on these important matters including the lobbyist registry because, as members of Council will know, ultimately we need amendments to the Charter and so there's been quite a lot of dialogue with our provincial partners to get that done, and I'm looking forward to, when we're able to, to move it forward for the benefit of all Winnipeggers. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Seeing no further speakers, Councillor Gerbasi to close. We'll call the question then. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow will you move that we adjourn now? Okay, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 2:06 p.m.