EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 373
Councillor Eadie requested His Worship Mayor Bowman to find out from CentreVenture what they might propose to do with the Alexander Dock property given that the Friends of Victoria Park would like to have a park green space to highlight historical facts regarding the 1919 Strike.

His Worship Mayor Bowman replied in the affirmative and noted that he had a strong desire to respect, honour and promote history to educate the next generation of Winnipeggers.

Councillor Eadie inquired about a study by Wins Bridgman Architectural Group and asked His Worship to try to find that report and make it public; to which His Worship replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Gerbasi noted the importance of a safe water supply and asked His Worship to provide an update on the Energy East Pipeline.

His Worship concurred that it is hugely important to protect the water source and were waiting confirmation of the project timeline with the National Energy Board process. He added that he had met with the Chair of the National Energy Board and discussed opportunities to become more engaged including looking at joint efforts on public consultations.

Councillor Gerbasi questioned if the City was seeking intervener status in the National Energy Board process to which His Worship replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Gillingham noted that the previous Council earmarked 7 million and invested in soccer facilities across Winnipeg and inquired if the Mayor was aware that a signing recently took place between the Manitoba Soccer Association and the Vancouver Whitecaps to offer a player development program; to which His Worship replied in the affirmative.

In reference to the Memorandum of Understanding with the YMCA/YWCA for the three model expansion partnership Councillor Schreyer questioned if it would be potentially feasible if they were to come up with a model for a super structure, with a regional recreation and service centre, say for the Southwest region of Winnipeg.

His Worship advised that the Council direction related to a three model expansion partnership with the YMCA/YWCA and Item 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 6, 2015 directs the public service to conclude the Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the three model expansion partnership within 180 days.

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In reference to Councillor Eadie's remarks regarding Waverly West and the new development in Southwest Winnipeg, Councillor Schreyer questioned if the Mayor agreed with the statement that this was the City's investment for that region and that a new model of delivery of recreational services and other programs that was more regionally oriented rather than locally oriented may be a possibility.

His Worship suggested that a question for Councillor Eadie should be asked of Councillor Eadie and, in terms of budgetary efforts, Council voted for a Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded and there would be further discussion when Council looked at the next budget.