STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 404
Councillor Allard questioned if the Chair was aware that CKSB Radio Canada, located at 607 Langevin Street, celebrated its 69th anniversary on May 27.

Councillor Mayes replied in the affirmative, noted the importance of CKSB, a radio service for the Franco-Manitoban community, for the heritage of the Franco-Manitoban community.

Councillor Allard asked how the Chair, given his role with the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management, related with the 69th anniversary of CKSB at 607 Langevin Street.

Councillor Mayes replied that it was the committee for downtown and also for heritage and a question of Franco-Manitoban heritage.

Councillor Eadie noted that it was recently in the news that the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa might close down their exhibit on the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike and asked if the Chair could contact some Federal counterpart to determine whether or not the exhibit was going to shut down.

Councillor Mayes replied that he would be happy to pick this up with the appropriate Federal Minister, Madame Glover, to ask what the plans were for the museum.

Councillor Eadie noted there was not a proper exhibit honouring the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, except a small and not very good looking representation on Lily, and asked the Chair to consult with the Friends of Victoria Park and Winnipeg Labour Council to make more and better representation of this historic event.

Councillor Mayes concurred that this should be followed up on, suggested they could do a better job of educating young people about the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, and should look at how to mark appropriately the centenary.

Councillor Eadie inquired if the Chair would engage in discussion with the Province to see if they could assist in recognizing this very important time in Winnipeg's history.

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Councillor Mayes noted that he had met with the Minister Responsible for Military Affairs, but would certainly go back to talk to the Province to see what plans they might have.

Councillor Gillingham inquired if there were any plans to relocate or upgrade the river walk so that it could be opened earlier in the spring and not be subjected to the annual disrepair or damage sustained from high water levels and ice.

Councillor Mayes stated that they had not dealt with that at the Committee even though they get regular riverbank reports and agreed to report back to Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Schreyer noted that The Woodbine Hotel was the official headquarters of the strike committee and asked the Chair to take it under advisement that to commemorate the centennial, they might celebrate at the Woodbine.

Councillor Mayes agreed that he would be happy to take that under advisement.