COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, September 30, 2015

The Council met at 9:37 a.m.

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

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Pagtakhan.

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 Wyatt

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like to now introduce our Page for today's meeting, Katrina Chanas who is no stranger to us she has spent many days with us here doing the service of Page. She is from Miles Macdonell Collegiate and she resides in the North Kildonan Ward. Thank you very much for being with us today, Katrina.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker and I want to welcome everybody that's watching on line and especially those joining us today in the gallery. Welcome to City Hall. It's good to see all of you here today. I want to offer well wishes to everyone who observed Yom Kippur last week and hope you had a safe, happy and healthy Rosh Hashanah as well, I'm proud to elevate the discussion about inclusion and understanding in our City through the Mayor's Indigenous advisory circle which meant for the first time on September 17th coinciding with the first day of the Mayor's National summit on racial inclusion at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. It was two days of consultation and sharing a variety of voices. Because all voices are critical to the conversation, even when the ideas and the voices we hear differ. This summit was a stepping stone. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, I think it was the ideal location for a number of reasons, one is being the Tower of Hope at the top of the museum. It's unfinished for a reason because its journey never ends. And it's very clear that discussion about inclusion and understanding is growing and I'm very proud of the initiatives and the voices at the City of Winnipeg that are adding to that momentum. Earlier this month, Councillor Scott Gillingham, chair of the Winnipeg Police Board announced the members of the Indigenous Council on Policing and Crime Prevention. And I'd like to thank the Police Board for adding an Indigenous perspective. I'm also pleased that Councillor Cindy Gilroy sits on the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle in addition to service as chair of our Citizens Equity Committee and I strongly believe this will compliment and strengthen both committees because of her efforts. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for her dedication to these important committees and significant discussions. Speaking of the Citizens Equity Committee the committee is leading the charge to take all of the information from the summit to prepare a final report and document our collective voices and I look forward to seeing the report in due course. As you know, Right to Know week runs from September 28th to October 4th and starting now, public information released by the City of Winnipeg through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, or FIPPA, along with additional proactively disclosed records will be published online and accessible to everyone. This means we will be publishing all of the records we can legally publish to the City website under the access to information release record section every month. And I believe that the public has a right to know and these improvements to access the information are part of how we are building a stronger, more open and transparent City Hall for our citizens. Madam Speaker, that brings me to the next announcement that strengthens our commitment to be more accountable to our citizens and that, Madam Speaker, is to make all of our capital investments, all of them and associated with public dollars, accessible to Winnipeggers as well. Never before has the allocated budget and the actual spending for all infrastructure

projects across the city been available in one location or available prior to a quarterly financial status update report to Council. If you knew where to look, assuming you were looking for a major project with a budget of $10 million, you could find some of the information, this morning, I announced a new consolidated online monthly reporting tool for all capital projects across the city, regardless of budget allocation and accessible to every single one of our citizens. And I want to thank our corporate finance team in the public service for their hard work to help make this important information available, to help keep us all accountable. But, simply accessing the information is not enough, so, I want to thank the CAO Doug McNeil for his support to realize important audit recommendations to improve project management oversight at the city. In July of 2014, Madam Speaker, I'm sure this council is aware, many recall that KPMG conducted an audit of the Winnipeg Police Service headquarters construction project in which the primary recommendations focused on the need to improve governance and transparency along with an oversight to understand project status, schedules and costs with an ability to consider changes in scope, emerging trends and to elevate key risks and issues. A new role has been created to fulfill this recommendation, the chief project management officer reporting directly to the CAO and will be filled immediately on an interim basis with a permanent competition going out in the future. I'm proud we are taking these important steps, Madam Speaker and I look forward to continuing collaboration with all members of this Council to create a more open and transparent City Hall. I'm also pleased to have helped open two significant new investments in our community, the Seven Oaks Arena and the Transcona East Arena. Both facilities will meet our communities' need for recreation space and programming for a long time to come, especially as the neighbourhoods grow and I would like to thank our speaker, Councillor Sharma and Councillor Wyatt for their advocacy and their dedication to these two very important projects in our community. As members of this council will know, both Councillors are passionate about their wards and have been great champions for this project…for these projects since the beginning, so I want to say thank you. Last week I took part in the fifth annual CEO sleep out to raise important employment funds for homeless employment programs and to elevate the conversation about homelessness and I'm proud that this city council is doing its part to our commitment of $150,000 each year over the next five years to help support the United Way's plan to end homelessness. That's all for opening statements, thank you, very much Madam Speaker.

MINUTES

Councillor Orlikow moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow would you move the minutes of the meeting held July 15th, 2015 be taken as read and confirmed. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move on to delegations. We have two delegations in opposition to item number two of the EPC report regarding the Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation loan guarantee. We have Mr. Jim Baker, followed by Mr. Leo Ledohowski. Mr. Baker, if you could come forward at this time. Welcome Mr. Baker and you have ten minutes to make your presentation this morning.

DELEGATIONS

Jim Baker: There's a hand out.

Madam Speaker: You can give it to the clerk.

Jim Baker: Morning, Madam Speaker, Mr. Mayor, Councillors. Thanks very much for giving me the opportunity to present on behalf of the Manitoba Hotel Association. Joining me today are members of our Board of directors sitting up in the audience. We have Josette Roch, who is the chair and the owner of the

Franz Motor Inn in Steinbach, Bruce Mackay, who is the Board Vice-Chair, General Manager of the Holiday Airport West, Mike Roziere, General Manager of the Victoria Inn and Convention Centre Winnipeg, Steve Walker, the General Manager of Best Western Plus Winnipeg airport, Leo Ledohowski who is the Executive Chair of CanadInns and Guy Hamilton who is the GM of the Fairfield Inn and Suites and the Fairview Marriott Hotel. We are here to share our views regarding the Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation loan guarantee update. You will be voting shortly on a Motion that would pay for the potential inability of the Convention Centre to meet its financial obligations to service debt related to its expansion. Firstly I would like to take a few minutes to share some history about the accommodation tax to let you know why the MHA-Manitoba Hotel Association strongly opposes this Motion and why we are calling upon each of you to oppose the Motion as well. A brief history lesson; accommodation tax was introduced in 2008, at the time, the Manitoba Hotel Association position was consistent with policies across the Canadian hotel industries that opposed room taxes being used for operating or capital improvements. We felt an accommodation tax should be introduced only if the revenues were devoted entirely to tourism promotion to generate hotel room nights and economic activity to benefit the City of Winnipeg. The By-law that was ultimately approved created a tax to generate revenue to support destination Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Convention Centre, special events as well as organizations, projects and events that will encourage tourists to visit Winnipeg. This is right from the By-law. This was to be new funding but it has turned into replacement funding. Time has shown that little of the $7 million, approximately, that is generated each year from the accommodation tax has been used in a way consistent with the original By-law. The accommodation tax has been used simply to replace funding for core city functions that were once funded through general revenues. This has defeated the original intent of the tax and as a result we have not seen the anticipated economic benefits that were promised as a result of this tax on room nights. Today, you are being asked to vote in favour of a Motion that would move us further away, again, from the original intent of the accommodation tax. So why are we so passionate about this? Well, the hotels pay the cost of collecting the accommodation tax while the city takes a fee to cover its cost of administering the tax. Hotels are not compensated. Since the accommodation tax was introduced in '08, hotels have incurred over one and a half million dollars in credit card fees alone collecting this tax. But that's not the reason we are here to voice strongly our opposition. If you refer to the handout that's just been circulated I have provided…the handout I have provided, it shows how the accommodation taxes are being used. You will see the majority of the funds, over 60 percent, already go to the Convention Centre for operating and expansion costs. Since '08, over $30 million from the accommodation tax has been allocated to the Convention Centre. In addition, the city has also dipped into the destination marking reserve fund to pay for Convention Centre roof repairs. Prior to the introduction of the accommodation tax, The Convention Centre received funding from the City of Winnipeg for operations for capital improvements and for the retirement of the historic sinking fund debt in the original construction. For simplicity sake I'll say the dollars then came from general revenues or from what I recall a capital structural reserve. Economic development Winnipeg had the same funding arrangement and you will see they also received a large share of the accommodation tax. Immediately upon the implementation of the accommodation tax, the operating dollars for the above two city operated activities came out of the tax, replacing the dollars coming from general revenue where, for 20 years that's where the dollars came from. When the accommodation tax was introduced half was gobbled up with no new funding for tourism created from those dollars and 40 percent was allocated to pay the new debt arising from the City's obligation to fund approximately one-third of the cost of the Convention Centre expansion. 91 percent of the tax which was used to encourage visitors to come to Winnipeg goes to general revenue and bricks and mortar. Only 8 percent goes to the special events tourism fund which is used to directly to entice meetings and conventions to come to Winnipeg. No other major Canadian city re-purposes theirs accommodation tax or in any place else, it's a destination marketing fee in the same manner as the City of Winnipeg. As a comparison, consider that the Calgary hotel industry has ten times that amount, ten times. Coming from the money it collects from rooms guests for the industry to put to use with its strategic partners to promote Calgary. And how does the Convention Centre as a primary beneficiary of the Winnipeg accommodation tax use these funds? Well, they do have great efforts to attract some national events, but the majority of the Convention Centre's focus is local business that could otherwise be served by the local hotel industry. Fundraising, dinners, tradeshows, graduations and weddings. Unlike other cities, Winnipeg has not provided a well-defined mandate for its Convention Centre, that would limit it going after this local business. So as a result, in plain words, Winnipeg hotels shoulder the costs of collecting the accommodation tax in order to fund our publicly subsidized competitor. However, please…let's make it clear, this isn't just a hotel issue. Accommodation of

all kinds receives only 24 percent of the visitors spend and the other 76 percent goes to industries like taxis, newspapers, concerts, hockey games and let's not forget, the City of Winnipeg. In Winnipeg, hotels are taxed based on their revenues. This is a little known fact whose implications are important to understand. Hotels generate revenue for the City through their VLTs as the province provides over $6 million annually from VLTs in a municipal grant. This is something I have mentioned at EPC and I'm sure by now you have verified that I was telling the truth. So if the accommodation tax was used according to its original intended purposes, hotels would pay even more property and business tax, tax on water, etc., and indirectly would provide more of an allocation from hotel generated gaming revenues. Instead, the Winnipeg accommodation tax is simply used to replace the City's allocation to the Winnipeg Convention Centre and the economic development Winnipeg and an opportunity for economic growth is lost. We have seen ideas floated further away to dip into the accommodation tax funds such as CentreVenture's initiative and the SHED District. I want to inform Council that you will find strong opposition from our industry to any such further misuse of accommodation tax funds. I also caution you to strongly to abandon any thoughts of increasing the accommodation tax. The tax on the hotel stays in Winnipeg is already the highest of any city in North America. We simply cannot withstand any further competitive disadvantage in the form of higher taxes. So returning to the vote in front of you today, we have been asked, where would we find the funds to support the Convention Centre? And the answer is simple. How does the City fund fire halls, police station and the building that we are in? Through capital. What is needed immediately is action. We feel there is a need to revisit the use and purpose of the accommodation tax funds in order to capture the benefits to our city that were promised back in 2008. We would also like Council to re-examine the structure, mandate and governance of the Convention Centre to ensure its operating in the best interests of the local economy. So Mr. Mayor, you campaigned on some very laudable goals, one to increase the number of visitors to Winnipeg, of reinvesting the proceeds of the accommodation tax into tourism initiatives and restructuring tourism Winnipeg. These are things we certainly support. We appreciate your comments just this morning regarding transparency on capital projects, it's due. And the MHA, the Manitoba Hotel Association, its members that are all volunteers, who are standing here ready to do whatever we can to help you understand the situation and to bring about good resolution. So, again, thanks for your time today. I think there is some time for questions and I'm looking forward to that and continuing discussions along this manner. I have copies of my presentation. It doesn't include some of the ad-libs.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Baker, if you could just remain on the floor for now and we'll hear from our next speaker and then we'll take any questions from Council.

Jim Baker: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next we will be hearing from Mr. Leo Ledohowski from CanadInns on the same item and he is in opposition. Good morning.

Leo Ledohowski: Good morning. Thank you very much. Mr. Mayor, I am sure of all the files you have inherited this may not be your favourite. So we can start off with that and it may or may not be, I don't know. I'm just going to give a few points. I was really, really, really surprised that this expansion of the Convention Centre went forward. I understand it's there, it's gone so I'll also give some recommendations to where we go from here on in. But just, some of the reasons that I never thought this would happen when this first started I got a hold of the financial statements and some of these numbers will be important, I'm going simplify them so we don't get into too much complexity about the details. But the financial statement from the Convention Centre a few years back was they were doing $10 million worth of business. Ok I looked at it, but 3 million of that was a grant from the City and the province, etc. so they are actually doing $7 million worth of business. And then I looked into that further and of that $7 million over half of it was local banquets and high school graduations and weddings. So that whole Convention Centre was doing maybe two or $3 million worth of business of what I call export tourism bringing in conventions. So I'm looking at this, there is no way that this desire to expand the Convention Centre will make any sense and that people will see that it's obvious. Obviously, it's not. As an example, Ottawa, our capital, their Convention Centre, the biggest space they have got is, I don't know, 35 or 37,000 square feet, certainly less than 40. We had 178,000 on the 3rd floor of this Convention Centre. That's the capital of Canada…or Ottawa, sorry in Canada and this is the capital of Winnipeg. Why would we need a space when we already had something that's twice as big,

why would we need to make it four times as big? There just isn't in the business. The other thing that bothers me with this thing is I don't know why the hotel industry has been sort of touted as we should pay for this. I know the implication in a lot of people's minds are, well the Convention Centre is for hotels and helps them out and helps them sell rooms, it only makes sense. Whether that's said explicitly or implicitly. But really, this Convention Centre doesn't help us that much. It's one of our major competitors. You guys aware that they have catering trucks so that they can compete with restaurants for catering to functions and events away from the Convention Centre? What does that have to do with the function of the Convention Centre? When the Convention Centre was built the first few years, basically we could only work on conventions or events, local events that were too big to be handled by a private market. Some things get into four and 5,000 people, you need a Convention Centre. We had a nice Convention Centre. The City needs a Convention Centre and we had a very nice one. We didn't need to spend $200 million on this thing when you could have put it in the roads and the bridges and all the other things. And not only are they competing with us but, you know, when I was looking at them this process first started, if you wanted to book a convention in June, you couldn't because of high school graduations. And then in September, October you couldn't because it was October Fest. That's now been cancelled because there was other control problems there. But, so I'm saying, there is no way anybody is going to go and build a…and expand this thing because it's silly. Like $7 million worth of business, half of which is sort of what I call export tourism or convention business bringing into the city, more than that in one of my hotels. So why would we have this capital investment? And in the final analysis, we spend the money and in my mind it's worse than flushing it down the toilet and I'll tell you why. It's a beautiful building and we all be proud of having the monument. But if we're going to have a monument to the City that the entire hotel industry said we don't want and don't need, we don't need the extra competition, we don't need it, we agree to accommodation tax to go buy a business and that's the real world today, if you want a Grey Cup here you have to buy it. You have to buy it down if you want to have I mean, we lost the World Juniors, I believe, to Saskatoon two or three years ago because they bought it and we didn't. Not only have we spent the money, and just about done and sure, it's going to be beautiful but now you are going to have to feed that thing every year. It's going to be a bleeder. The existing one it was losing money and this one's going to lose more money. And when you have a group like ours that basically is unanimous, I'm not aware of anybody

Madam Speaker: Moves extension. All in favour? Contrary. Carried.

Leo Ledohowski: I'm not aware of anybody in the industry that said let's go ahead with this thing. And so we said we don't want it, we don't need it, it costs us money for the expansion. And the Convention Centre we had was very nice and the City needed a Convention Centre and didn't need. So going forward, I would like to make a couple of suggestions. We are using some of the reserve funds here for a loan. My hope would be that this is just an interim measure and get it paid back within a year and come up with a different funding model because our stuff, it just doesn't work. And on the strict dollars and cents basis, my firm will pay $1.4 million and we are collecting and paying the accommodation tax. Okay. And, we probably lose a million dollars' worth of business of banquets and stuff to the Convention Centre. You know what that translates into a loss for the city in tax coffers? Almost 900,000, so you are subsidizing a competitor and you're cutting the revenue you're getting from firms like mine. That's 900,000, okay. So think about that. And so if you have spent there and then you're losing the revenue on this side and you're going to feed that one over there, I don't see the logic in this process. So, if you want to have a monument to the City or for other reasons those decisions are made, I'm not trying to criticize, there may be lots of other civic pride and issues there, but the hotel industry didn't want it. The hotel industry doesn't need it. We took a great sum of public money to take business from private to public. The expanded Convention Centre won't add anything to us. If we ever use this space, you need a couple thousand more hotel rooms. The whole thing is illogical, so what my sense is don't just put the burden on us, it's not fair, we didn't want it and secondly, I would like to see some terms of engagement with this large, public facility. Like, let's operate the way it used to operate. I don't need to turn around and have banquets being stolen all the time and taken, not just from me but all the hotels around town and that would be my sense of going forward, if we could achieve that I would be happy and thank you for your time, but this has been quite the exercise I must say and again, thank you. Mr. Mayor, I'm sure it's not the favourite thing you have had to take over but anybody has got any questions. But pay attention to the taxes you are losing from the industry. Because every time you move profitability out,

then your assessments go down and your assessments go down, your tax receipts for business and realty tax go down. And that's $900,000.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation. We will take questions at this time for Mr. Baker and Mr. Ledohowski.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I ask suspension of the rules to hear an additional delegation that wasn't able to register on time on the same item, Mr. Klaus Lahr the President and CEO of the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Madam Speaker: All in favour to hear an additional delegation? Contrary, carried. And we'll now move on with questions, are there any questions for Mr. Ledohowski or Mr. Baker? Seeing none…oh, Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The two gentlemen that have presented to us, well noted in Winnipeg and been working in this area for many years, but I just want to…my question, Madam Speaker, would be to Mr. Ledohowski. Just, I don't know if he is aware, but Ottawa has a certain attraction for smaller venues related to the type of business that happens in Ottawa. Are you aware of that?

Leo Ledohowski: I'm sorry, I didn't, I just got distracted. What was the? Ottawa has?

Madam Speaker: Can you repeat the question?

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, Ottawa's Convention Centre is smaller, however, Madam Speaker, I don't know if he is aware, but there are many activities that happened in Ottawa that are quite different than would happen in Winnipeg or say Halifax which has a very large Convention Centre now, that was publicly funded. So I'm just wondering if Mr. Ledohowski is aware that different cities have different kinds of activities, different kinds of ways and means of trying to lobby governance by having conventions in Ottawa, smaller conventions, smaller issues.

Leo Ledohowski: I'm quite aware. Ottawa…I was with the Bank of Canada for six years so I was in there every two or three weeks and what Ottawa did is what we should have done here. The Convention Centre is adequate for Ottawa. They have more and bigger conventions than what we do but what they also did and what Winnipeg was short of and is still short of was the big exhibition space. What Ottawa did is build a big exhibition space close to the airport with three or 4,000 cars of parking. You can drive in with semi-trailers, trucks, heavy equipment. I don't know how you can take combines to the 3rd floor of the Convention Centre or heavy equipment. So we still don't have the capacity for exhibition space. If this money was going to be spend it could have been under the auspices of the Convention Centre but it should have been done someplace by the airport, in Centerport where there's a great public investment and where you could have, 32 foot ceilings, some gates that can allow trucks, combines, semis to come in, load, unload all convenient. It can't do that there. Yes, I know they have driveways and stuff, but if you have a big agricultural show, you can't have it in Winnipeg. You can have it in Brandon, can have it in Regina, can have it in Saskatoon, but that is just not fair. And so I don't know if that answers your question, but Ottawa I'm quite familiar and think the solution they came up with is very good. You've got three or 4,000 cars of free parking, ground floor, massive facility. Much cheaper to build slab on grade, steel trusses and it's a lot cheaper at $150 a square foot than the eight or $900 a square foot to build over a street.

Councillor Eadie: Speaker, just a follow up to what he was talking about, is he aware that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities would not be having their convention in Winnipeg if we didn't have a big enough venue? I can't remember but I was in Halifax for that convention in 2011, and if I recall correctly, there was well over three or 4,000 people at that particular convention.

Leo Ledohowski: I am aware about the existence.

Councillor Eadie: Are you aware that those things exist in this country?

Leo Ledohowski: Of course. The existing space could handle four and 5,000 people, what we had. I'm not saying we don't need the Convention Centre, we do, a city like this does, very, very much. We have a beautiful Convention Centre. What we didn't need is a $200 million expansion.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for Mr. Ledohowski or Mr. Baker? Seeing none I thank you for your presentation. Thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Next we will hear from Mr. Klaus Lahr who is in support of the same item. Mr. Lahr is a representative of the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Following his presentation there will be no questions. That is the procedure for additional delegations when we suspend the rule. Good morning Mr. Lahr, you have five minutes to make your presentation.

Mr. Klaus Lahr: Good morning your Honour, good morning Councillors. My name is Klaus Lahr, I am the CEO and President of the Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation. I will not eat into my allotted time. My presentation will be very short. My learned friend took all the time that I'm going to leave him so your council meeting will not go into extension on my account. The Winnipeg Convention Centre is in strong support of the recommendation from EPC in regards to financing…bridge financing so to speak, the $33 million loan guarantee out…not out of the hotel tax but out of the destination marketing reserve fund. As point four of the recommendation shows, a funding agreement is to be negotiated by through the administration of the City and it is fully intended in that, that this bridge financing vehicle will be repaid back to the City or to the reserve fund out of future surpluses or revenues. So, that is basically what we, as the Convention Centre support. I came here this morning to give you a little bit of an update on our expansion as well, the expansion is going very well, it is on time, it is within a hair width of budget and I can assure you that we will not come back to this chamber to ask for more money. We will operate within the funds provided. If should we be over a fraction of a percent, we will cover that out of our own revenues. So, I would like to give you the message of assurance that we will manage with what is given us, what we are supposed to manage and the Convention Centre is running smooth and well and under the mandate that it was given. Thank you very much. I'll be open to questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation today. There will be no questions as per the By-law. Thank you. We will now move on to the report of EPC dated September 16th. Mr. Mayor, we will deal with Item No. 1 first as Item No. 2 has an amending Motion before us. Mr. Clerk, Item No. 1. Pardon me. One moment. So, Mr. Mayor, if you want to move the whole report and we will deal with the amendment right after.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items No. 1 through 7.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk, item number one. So we will deal with Item No. 1 and then 3 through 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item No. 2.

Item 2 – Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation – Loan Guarantee Update

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the Item. Sorry, Item No. 2?

Madam Speaker: I want to make sure the Motion is circulated. Is item number, Motion No. 2 circulated? Mr. Mayor, if you would like to introduce Item No. 2. I will simply introduce Item No. 2, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham, to introduce your amending motion.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. May I have the clerks read this?

Madam Speaker: Sure, Mr. Clerk to read the amending motion over.

Clerk: Moved by Councillor Gillingham, seconded by Councillor Morantz, whereas on September 16, 2015 the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service on the matter of the Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation loan guarantee update and whereas the schedule for repayment is a key element in providing certainty to all stakeholders as to the time frame for repayment to the destination marketing reserve, therefore be it resolved that recommendation four of Item No. 2 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated September 16th, 2015, entitled Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation, loan guarantee update be amended by adding the words "including a repayment schedule for all monies advanced pursuant to recommendation one" after the words "this report."

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham to introduce Motion 11.

Motion No. 11
Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Morantz,

WHEREAS on September 16, 2015 the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service on the matter of the Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation – Loan Guarantee Update.

AND WHEREAS the schedule for repayment is a key element in providing certainty to all stakeholders as to the timeframe for repayment to the Destination Marketing Reserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 4 of Item 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 16, 2015, entitled "Winnipeg Convention Centre Corporation – Loan Guarantee Update" be amended by adding the words "including a repayment schedule for all monies advanced pursuant to Recommendation 1" after the words "this report".

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker, I will be supporting this Motion ultimately for it appear there will be no alternative funding source available for the Convention Centre to meet their debt payment needs. However, I believe that utilization of the destination marketing fund potentially ties up funds that have been dedicated to promoting Winnipeg and bringing more business to our city. This being detrimental to the ultimate goal of increasing revenue for local businesses. Hoteliers in my ward of St. James Brooklands - Weston have contact me to express their concern to this proposal and many of the managers are here with us today in the gallery. And I agree with their concern that this Motion may result in the City's diminished ability to attract tourism, conferences and events by underfunding the destination marketing reserve. One of the airport hotel managers, Steve Walker, sent me an e-mail on behalf of several hoteliers in the area, I just want to read you a quick quote as I introduce this amendment. The e-mail is dated September 14th, 2015, in it he states, "With nearly 70 cents of every dollar collected for the accommodation tax going to fund the Convention Centre little is left to properly promote our great city as a viable destination for meetings and conventions." I said at the outset, I realize there may be no other funding source available. I also realized that this is a loan to be fully repaid by the Convention Centre. However, the initial administrative report gives no special time line or repayment schedule by which the Convention Centre will be obligated to refund the

destination marketing reserve should they need it as a source for debt payment. And there are three times in the administration report that it's referred to but nothing specific. And I believe the taxpayers deserve assurance that the destination marketing fund will be refunded in full by the Convention Centre and therefore, I'm introducing this Motion to amend the recommendation for that it has been read to you already, specifically stating that the words including a repayment schedule for all monies advanced pursuant to recommendation one, be included. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We will now open up the floor for any other members that would like to speak to item two and the amending Motion concurrently. Councillor Morantz**.**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First off I would like to thank Councillor Gillingham for his advice and insights on this matter. This is one of the challenges that we essentially inherited as a new Council almost a year ago. As everyone is aware by now, the original plan for the repayment of the $33 million loan did not unfold as planned. And the…I don't want to dredge up too much history but we had to go through the negotiation with Stuart Olson and we are left now without a hotel and the original plan was to have the hotel essentially leverage funds through TIFF and additional business of the Convention Centre to repay the loan. Having said that, we have to face the facts as they are, and the facts as they are is that we must complete the Convention Centre, and we must find a way to do it and protect taxpayers as much as we can, given the circumstances that we are in today. I would just point out and I look back at what the actual mandate of the accommodation tax or the destination marketing reserve was, back in 2008 when Council held this vote, well before our time. It was clear that 40 percent of the monies derived from the hotel tax were to utilize for capital expansion. So essentially that's what we are doing. The agreement will, in fact, enhance the security of the fund because there was no agreement in the past for the Convention Centre to have to repay monies that were advanced for the capital expansion. This Motion, in fact, today, strengthens the security of the destination marketing fund by placing a requirement on the Convention Centre to repay monies advanced to it for this purpose, so I think that's very, very important, I applaud Councillor Gillingham for his Motion, which I seconded to also include this schedule for repayment and so I would support this report and this Motion today. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I rise in support of the Motions, both the amendment and the clause. The Convention Centre expansion is one of those issues that we as elected members of ward seats rarely would hear on the doorstep when going to our constituents, boy we have to get that Convention Centre expanded. That's not one much those issues you hear unless maybe you represent a downtown ward or a ward with a lot of hotels like Councillor Gillingham. But, the reality is, we knew as a city, Madam Speaker, that we either had to make a decision with regards to expansion of the Convention Centre or not and it really meant the difference between the City of Winnipeg going from what is referred to as a tier two Convention Centre city and dropping down to a tier three Convention Centre city. The fact that a Convention Centre, the tier one Convention Centre cities are cities such as Toronto, such as Vancouver, where you have direct flights, where you have better connection to American markets, American conventions. And so we knew at this point we wouldn't be able to be a tier one city but we know for sure that we are in the tier two category and that there was a serious…not concern, a real concern that we were, based on expansion of Convention Centres across the country, going to drop from tier two down to a tier three city, and the previous Councils made a conscious decision, tied to the accommodation tax. I listened to Mr. Ledohowski and I have huge amount respect for Mr. Ledohowski. Mr. Ledohowski gave me my first job as a busboy, and so you might say, "What happened to him since?" but I have a great amount of respect and I know his first hotel in the city was actually in my ward, in Transcona. And he has done a tremendous amount for our city and a tremendous amount for the City of Winnipeg over the years, promoting the city and promoting this province, not just here but across the country and he has done a tremendous amount for the Ukrainian community of which I have 50 percent heritage myself and so, he is a leader in his own right and I do believe that the growth of the Convention Centre ultimately will benefit the very hotel industry that will be receiving more accommodation demands thanks to the fact that we can compete now to host gatherings and functions that we were in serious risk of losing that ability to compete and a matter of fact, we were actually turning business away. Now, we made it clear when we created the accommodation tax at the time that five…that

five points, that 40 percent or two points was being dedicated towards the expansion of the Convention Centre. And that's exactly what we have done. And that's exactly what this report does, and continues to do. There is actually more than enough funds to cover the Convention Centre's costs, in terms of capital construction, thanks to the forty percent, thanks to two points out of five being dedicated to that. The plan was never to have the balance of the funds going 100 percent to marketing and promotion. That was never the plan either. It was to assist economic development Winnipeg, we don't fund our economic development arm compared to some other cities in Canada, and I'll tell you, it's okay when the economy is going great and everything is humming and the economy is firing on all pistons but the minute the economy slows down economic development jumps up as a high profile and that may happen, hopefully not, but we've kept economic development or agency alive and we've done it through this accommodation tax and we haven't done it based on the backs of the ratepayers and frankly, I think that's not bad public policy. The fact that attracting business and attracting new folks coming and attracting new conventions here I think that's a good thing to fund out of an accommodation tax versus out of the mill rate general support where you're funding police, fire, snow, pools, let me go on. So I just want to put it into that context. I think this is a good report, I think we go forward. The other thing I just want to point out to council that we did differently in the past, every year the Convention Centre used to have to come to this council and we hog tied them; we tied their hands. They used to come to this council and beg, borrow, scrap because they'd had a shortfall or what have you. We stopped that. We said we want your books, we want your annuals, we want your financials and if you have a surplus, yes, you can reinvest into the Convention Centre but we want it see how and where you are doing it and they have done that over the years. If you look at the Convention Centre and you look at the remodeling done, of the existing Convention Centre, never mind what's been built now and the Convention Centre and the Convention Centre leadership and the board of directors of previous times have done a tremendous job in maintaining that facility to a quality facility for what we have today. So, I'm very excited about what's coming. This is going to be a tremendous facility for the downtown. I think it could really lead to a lot more growth and development for our downtown. And I hear what the industry is saying, but I know it as a fact that when we brought the hotel accommodation tax out in 2008, the industry was strongly opposed to it then. And they are strongly opposed to it now. And yet, in that same period of time, how many more hotels have been built since 2008 inside the City of Winnipeg? It has not stopped the construction of new hotels across the City and they continue to be built. The city is growing. There is demand. We can build a wonderful downtown and renovate and build a beautiful downtown. This is part of that, this is a well thought out report, I want to thank EPC and the Mayor for it and supporting the amendment as well and again, thank the delegations. The hotel industry, it's a tough business. They have to practice the model and the belief and the philosophy throughout their organization of customer service because if they don't somebody's going to go across the street. And that industry understands that and I know at times they are frustrated and I know at times the relationship between the Convention Centre and the industry has not been the greatest, I am hoping that can improve in the future as we go out. And as we build a bigger city. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Next is Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Sharma. I will be actually voting…I'm actually quite pleased that this amendment was brought forward to make sure that there is a repayment schedule to put money back into this fund. And I stand today in support of the Motion as it hopefully will be amended. And I'll give you the reasons why. Well, first I would just like to say, Councillor Wyatt has mentioned that this decision still keeps us within two points…the 2 percent that was going towards the Convention Centre. I heard Mr. Baker, Speaker, talk about only 90…only 8 percent or something left for destination type things and money to buy Grey Cups or whatever as Mr. Ledohowski talked about. I'm not absolutely sure about the numbers alls I know is that I'm going to be voting for this Motion because there is essentially one problem I have, and that is, funding the Convention Centre through the mill rate, a capital program. If we were to do that, what projects are we cancelling in the Lord Selkirk, West Kildonan area that we won't be able to complete because we are putting the money over there, when there was a combination tax established to help us with the Convention Centre? I know it took several years, in 2008 it was passed, but that accommodation tax which, San Diego has an accommodation tax, Vancouver, most major cities have an accommodation tax and many couldn't understand why the City of Winnipeg didn't have one and it took a number of years, but it was done and I think it's important to keep Winnipeg Convention Centre as a tier two for the possibilities of

getting conventions. So, really, what I am saying is, I don't see that the city of Winnipeg at this time, given our financial problems that we are trying to deal with, as Councillor Morantz is trying to deal with, I should also mention though, one of my biggest concerns though is this: it's tier two but really, the whole concept of this proceeding was actually having a new hotel built as well. That was the 16 million of the 33 million which was to be TIFFed and really, there are no other new buildings being built that you get TIFF to do it and you don't want to start doing incremental financing on an existing building because it's not bringing any new value to our assessment rolls, so it has to be something new. It looks like there isn't anything new that's going to be paying property taxes as I understand the Medical Arts Building now, Madam Speaker Sharma is now part of…going to be a government building, so maybe we will get some taxes in lieu, I don't know how that's going to work with lotteries and liquor going in there. So really there is it difficulty, but, I really have a problem in that… and we will see how this goes out, but it's good that we have this accommodation tax, as the money is there, but I have to say, I am…and I think Mr. Ledohowski has some good points and I do have respect for him, he has expanded his hotel business quite substantially since I remember some of his first days out in Windsor Park and so on and the continual expansion of his hotel domain and the selling of his food services. One of the things that was very prominent for them was selling their food services, which is what the Convention Centre is very good at doing as well. So it is competition for the private sector, but I am really concerned because I know there are some potential big conventions…I mean huge conventions coming here, but how many people are going to take…travel from the airport hotels or where are they going to be? Is there enough hotel room space in downtown Winnipeg to accommodate…and these are some of the decisions that are made by tier two conventions that want to come. These are the kinds of decisions. It's not just does the Convention Centre provide but is the city itself capable of providing the accommodations needed for bringing in so many people from not just around the country of Canada but from the united States. It would be great…I attended a national convention of teachers in San Diego. It was huge! I mean huge! I guess that's a tier one. But even a mid-western, along with prairie region, teacher convention would be able to come here but will we have enough hotel room for the space? And I hope our private sector providers, maybe they want to build a hotel and make some money around this Convention Centre because it's going to take the private sector as well, Speaker Sharma, to really make that business plan of the Convention Centre come along. So I'm really concerned, but I see no way out of dealing with the $33 million other than to use the accommodation tax and this fund and if Councillor Wyatt is correct, then I am even more assured that there is still money for us to buy and promote the City of Winnipeg through the various items that they did move the accommodation tax for, economic development Winnipeg which has our tourism branch and so on. So I will be voting for the amended Motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Gerbasi followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I agree with the comments that have been made so far, there has been some really good discussion here, I mean this is a big issue for our City and I think it's good that we are having some conversation about it. I have been given that the FCM conference with myself being 2nd Vice-President and chairing the organizing committee for that conference that's coming in June of 2016, I have been focusing on this quite a bit. And we are very confident that this new Convention Centre is going to be really great for large conferences. And that, in turn, is going to be really great for the City of Winnipeg in so many ways, especially economically, but also downtown development in general, getting people downtown. It's going to attract more, it's going to attract potentially more hotels. Unfortunately what happened, happened. The way that was done. And now we are dealing with it in an appropriate way. I want to take you back a little bit to the hotel tax was one of the things that the City basically was able to get through that new deal process that was started under mayor Glen Murray it was one of the authorities that the City was able to obtain to do that and most major cities have hotel taxes and they use it for their needs. And in many…it may not be identical but there are a lot of similarities in how it is used across cities. This seems appropriate, this is what we agreed to when it was brought in, as mentioned by Councillor Wyatt, and we are carrying through with that and we are dealing with what we have to deal with today with this, but I just think, I had a tour and many of us did have a tour of the new facility. It's fantastic and it is needed, and I just kind of wanted to put that on the record, it was sort of said that it wasn't necessary, you know we really did need a new Convention Centre. We are now the 4th largest in Canada. And if There are cities now that can no longer do what we are going to be able to do that you would assume would be able to. So I'm going to say there. We are staying up there with being able to attract those big conferences and some of those

conference will have people that at this point may have to stay out at the airport, but that's what happens in conferences in Edmonton or any place else. So we are bringing business to the hoteliers out there as well, with the size of the conventions we can hold. And one other thing is that, for example, I understood that the boat show, for example, can just do their whole show on one floor. They can just drive everything up and have the one floor instead of two floors for a show like that because of the new facilities and then you can have other conferences happening at the same time which is going to make the Convention Centre more profitable and successful and bring more people to our downtown. So this is reputational for our city, this is important for the downtown and it's fiscally responsible. We can't, you know, if we don't pay for it this way as was pointed out, we would just be raising taxes which people would be complaining about. That money would come from somewhere else. This is a dedicated fund to this that was decided and we are following through on that so i think this is a good news story for Winnipeg and I just wanted to acknowledge that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me start by saying I'm glad I'm not a hotelier in this city because every month, sending in my submission to the City of Winnipeg for the hotel tax I'd be saying, what am I getting for this? I think it's ridiculous that we're at the point now where 60 percent plus now in loan guarantee of the accommodation tax goes towards something that the majority of hotels in the City don't benefit from. I voted against the original hotel tax back in 2009 or whenever it was, for the reason that if I'm trying to run a hockey tournament and we have a beautiful new arena in East End Community Centre. You've got Gateway Rec Centre and if you want to do a big hockey tournament out in East Winnipeg now every room night, you're paying money towards a downtown Convention Centre. I'm competing against other jurisdictions where I could hold this hockey tournament, but you know what? These hotels are at a disadvantage because of the hotel tax. I mean, looking at the total right now we are talking about 5 percent GST, 8 percent PST and 5 percent accommodation tax. In fact, I think it's a little more than 18 percent. I believe the GST is applied to the 5 percent amount for the accommodation tax so the full tax actually works out to being a little over 18 percent. I mean it's not unreasonable to expect a Convention Centre to cost something to a jurisdiction. It's my understanding that the only Convention Centre in Canada that makes money is Metro Toronto Convention Centre and it's not from the fact that they run conventions and bring in trade shows and whatever else. It's because of a huge parking lot and that actually is licensed to bring money. Again, we're in a bad spot here. I appreciate Councillor Gillingham's amendment today, the idea that there is a repayment schedule that it's not going to be retained earnings within the Convention Centre, that there is an opportunity to pay it back. I do think we actually have some good management at the Convention Centre. Mr. Klaus Lahr and his staff, I think do a good job. The reality is they do compete against these other facilities in town. I know the hotels in the EDW's money, coming out of the accommodation tax but looking on the balance of fairness, it is appropriate that an accommodation tax cover that piece but only 8 percent going to the special event marketing fund for acquisition of events, that's way too small. Yeah, hotel taxes exist in other places but the majority of that money is out there aggressively trying to get events and people into the city but that's not the case here at all. Again, we are in a bad spot. I hope this is short-term and we get a hotel downtown and the TIFF money that's supposed to pay for the Convention Centre, which again, that hotel would be benefitting from the expansion of the Convention Centre. I do hope that it's short-term, I read in the media today that a hotel partner has been lined up by True North in that vicinity so I hope we see that come to fruition sooner than later. And the alternative being mill rate support which isn't fair to taxpayers. I'm going to go along with today's Motion but I think we made the mistake back in 2009 and this is, unfortunately, the best way to deal way awful situation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on the item? Councillor Gillingham, do you wish to close on your amending Motion?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker, I just want to express appreciation to Councillor Morantz for seconding the Motion and the Mayor and others around Council who spoke in support of the amendment, I appreciate that. This is simply to restate that the aim of this amendment is in a tight recommendation number four and to give assurance to the hoteliers and taxpayers and business owners in

Winnipeg that the destination marketing fund will be fully repaid by the Convention Centre and thank you and I anticipate the question.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor do you wish to close on the item.

Mayor Bowman: I would like to thank all the delegates for coming today and for all members of council for their comments as was wisely noted by one of our delegates, one of those matters that this new Council inherited. The fact that there is the loan guarantee, obviously, ties our hands as a Council and this Motion is an attempt to work collaboratively with the Convention Centre to try to make the best of a difficult financial situation for the City. I do want to thank the City's CFO and his team in finance who have been working diligently in consultation with the Convention Centre and really, just thank everybody involved, and especially Councillor Gillingham for what I think is a great amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor, I will now call the question on Motion No. 11. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Call the question on the main Item No. 2, All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I would like to now draw your attention to Motion 13 and it is a Motion moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Browaty that Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. Motion No. 13 was the leave of absence? I don't have a 13 here.

MOTIONS

Motion No. 13
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

THAT Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Madam Speaker: Yes. Great. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Now we will move on to the report of EPC dated September 23, 2015, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Mayor Bowman: I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items No. 1 through 10.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have Motion 4 which is moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by myself, regarding the board of adjustments and this will be automatic referral to EPC. We have Motion 6 moved by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Mayes regarding the Francophone City's Network and this is also an automatic referral to EPC. Motion 12 moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Dobson regarding the hiring of the Director of Public Works is an automatic referral to EPC. We'll now move on to By-laws, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS Winnipegger's spoke loud and clear in the last election on the need for greater transparency and openness with regard to decision making at City Hall;

AND WHEREAS the creation of the Board of Adjustment in 1992 came from a time when the Board of Commissioners was the centre of decision making and power at the City and where elected official accountability at Council was not supreme;

AND WHEREAS the decision to remove responsibility away from elected Community Committees has resulted in an unelected Board making land use decisions in neighbourhoods to which they are not accountable in the same way an elected Council member is;

AND WHEREAS these duties should be returned to the Community Committees to provide and ensure decision-making by elected officials;

AND WHEREAS there are administrative costs associated with running the Board, elimination of which will allow efficiencies, as well as actual cost reductions possible, including elimination of payments to individual appointed members to attend Board meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this matter be referred to the Governance Committee of Council for review and report back to Council within 90 days, with a view to developing an implementation plan to transfer hearings for land matters such as variances and conditional uses back to the five respective Community Committees.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has been invited to enroll as a member of a new organization known as The Francophone and Francophile Cities Network;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is the largest centre of Francophone culture in Western Canada;

AND WHEREAS this new organization will help build relationships with francophone and francophile municipalities across North America;

AND WHEREAS this year, Winnipeg will incur no costs associated with its participation;

AND WHEREAS other bilingual municipalities such as Moncton, New Brunswick and Lafayette, Louisiana are founding members of this organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg join this exciting new organization in order to capitalize on the opportunities afforded a city with such a rich francophone heritage and culture.

Motion No. 12
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson

WHEREAS in light of the major infrastructure issues facing the citizens of Winnipeg, the Director of Public Works is one of the most important Public Servants inside the Public Service of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS in light of how important the position is, and how it will affect the ability of Council to deliver Council mandated policies and budgets, to leave the decision at the sole discretion of the CAO and/or the COO is short sighted and a failure of leadership;

AND WHEREAS in the past, the Director of Public Works has tended to be a senior engineer, hired from within the Department, however the skill set now required to run what is, for all intents and purposes, a multi-million dollar business, instead now requires an individual with high level business management skills, such as, but not limited to, financial management of massive operating and capital budgets, communication skills, human resource skills and development, and strategic goal setting and implementation skills;

AND WHEREAS the advertisement for the position presently posted fails to refer and promote the importance of 'Customer Service' and the need for the department of Public Works to strive towards excellence in Customer Service and indeed, by failing to highlight the importance of the Customer Service management culture required, the Administration of the City is only confirming the ongoing inability of the Administration to adopt a Customer Service culture while therefore continuing to perpetuate our ongoing issues of poor services caused by poor management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of hiring the Director of Public Works that a Committee of Council be formed made up of one Councillor appointed by each respective Community Committee and by an appointment by the Mayor's Office, for a total hiring committee of 6 members of Council, and that the said hiring committee then recommend to Council, for Council approval, the new Director of Public Works, with input during the process from the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Winnipeg.

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-laws No. 82, 2015, 83/2015, 84/2015, 85/2015 and 86/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 82/2015, 83/2015, 84/2015, 85/2015 and 86/2015.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move By-laws Nos. 82/2015 to 86/2015 both inclusive, to be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 82/2015 to 86/2015 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor for third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 82/2015 to 86/2015 both inclusive be read a third time and same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have some addendum By-laws for EPC, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I move the rules be suspended and that By-law No. 97/2015 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 97/2015.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-law No. 97/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 97/2015.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: And I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 97/2015 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Mayes.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A couple of questions, and one to do with the election priority with the Mayor and one to do with the election priority of myself and Councillor Lukes. The first question has to do with looking at this agenda summary from different committees, you can probably see the need for committee reorganization and I'm wondering if.. we've had some talks, Peter Prinsloo of your office, Mr. Mayor, has got an excellent mind for this sort of thing, I would hope he could take charge of some of this, but one area in particular and I'm hoping to get some commitment to, I asked recently about one of your election priorities, the downtown dog park and was told, no that can't come to the Downtown Committee that has to come to the Protection Committee unless of course it pertains to the budget and the operation department in which case it has to come to the Infrastructure Committee. And my view is parks are too important to be playing these sort of jurisdictional games. I wonder if we can we get some sort of commitment that as we look at committee jurisdictions we can clarify once and for all where parks belongs and give that its proper due.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to the Councillor, I look forward to having further discussions with the Councillor about any suggestions he may have on improvements for clarity of jurisdictions between committees.

Madam Speaker: Second question Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: And with the priority of myself and I think of Councillor Lukes the issue of ward redistribution we have a situation where some wards have 20,000 people more than others yet we have the

same ward allowance and the same community incentive grants. We have been trying for some months, as you know, through Governance Committee to get a council seminar on this important issue and I'm wondering if the mayor…if we can have a commitment from the Mayor that he can direct, I know we have a lot of council seminars and important issues but can we get a direction to get this issue before all of the Councillors and have a look at the numbers and some of the issues that arise like the issue of ward distribution and redistribution.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and through you to the Councillor, I have not had an opportunity to speak to the Councillor about this and look forward to, again, hearing his thoughts and discussing it, and I know there are a number of competing demands and priorities that this Council and other members of Council have for Council seminars and obviously, I will do what I can to accommodate all so that we can have as many as possible. One thing I will remind this Council is that there have been a much higher level of Council seminars already within the first 11 months of our new Council than previous in years and that's an attempt to ensure that the information flows to elected members of this Council are as great as possible. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt you are next.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thanks, actually, just to follow up to one of the questions Councillor Mayes asked regarding parks. Mr. Mayor you wouldn't be aware of this but in the previous administration, thousands of dollars were spent by the public service looking at the entire concept of Parks and Recreation Department. There was even at one point, it was announced by the previous, one of the previous CAOs and that it was only a year away, and huge studies were done by the public service to look at this, to analyze it, to come up with a formula and travelling to other cities to look at their models. Not one document, not one document was tabled with this Council and, to my knowledge, not with EPC in terms of any of those expenses, any of that work, any of that due diligence that was done to look at the idea of a Parks and Recreation Department. Would you be prepared to look into this and see what we can find and be able to table that with Council? The information that we gained at the end of the day we may not choose to go down that road but at the very least I think Council and the ratepayers of the City have the right to know what was spent, what knowledge was gained and whether or not we will proceed in that direction.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sure, absolutely we can look into that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: And the question I was rising on but took my preamble but the Plessis Road underpass is going well on our way, we talked about that the other day, Mr. Mayor but is there any way…I was out there the other evening and the concrete forms are in. We as a community have been waiting two years and feels like longer, its caused huge problems. Is there a way…I know the commitment is October 31 to have the two lanes open, but the gravel is in, all you have to do from what it appears is put in an asphalt overlay and open the road. Can we see what we can do if we can get this road, two lanes open in the next couple of weeks, rather than have to wait until Halloween?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker, and through you to the Councillor, thanks very much for the question. This is a project which has been going on for many, many years. As members of this Council and the public will know regrettably the City had to ask for an extension of this project with our federal partners and they have consented to doing so. I do want to thank the Member of Parliament, Lawrence Toet, for his ongoing support and patience with regards to this initiative. I know it's an important matter for him as well as members of the Councillor's ward: The Federal Government has granted the City's request for an extension, we have been assured by the public service that the new deadlines will be achieved and I look forward to having the two lanes open to vehicle traffic this October. Obviously, we want to see it happening as soon as

possible and we have…and I have communicated this to the public service to make all efforts available to open it as quickly as possible. But, we are being assured that the new time lines will be met.

Madam Speaker: Third question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, would you and the CAO and maybe also the acting Director of Public Works be prepared to come to and inspect the work and look at what's been done and how close we are, with me, at the site in the next few days? Because I think if you see it, seeing it is believing it. We are so close. I think this project is literally, it could be open in a week if the will power was there to get it done. And I invite you and I wish you and the CAO would join me to have a look at the site in the next couple of days.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I was actually at Plessis last week. We had…the Councillor and I were out for the announcement of the new rink. I can't make a commitment on the floor at this time within the next few days. The calendar is typically set with others that I have made commitments to over the next several weeks. We can certainly look into it. What I would recommend to the Councillor is he may want to go with the respective chair to see if schedules are available and we will do what we can to get folks out to that, as well as any other project in the City that the Councillors wish to have me or other members of Council visit. As Speaker will know I have been making an effort to get out to as many wards with Councillors as possible over the summer, that is going to continue and part of the reason I enjoy doing that is to just to be able to see first-hand the projects. It does give you a different vantage point than just being here at City Hall. So I do thank the Councillor for his question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, moving on to Councillor Dobson followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Dobson: Madam Speaker, this question is to the Mayor and to the Council in general. Last spring I felt that the budget succeeded in addressing our infrastructure needs including road repair and for that I thank this Council, however I did not support the budget because I felt it missed the mark. That budget relied on too many one-time transfers which may not be available or viable in the future. I said we can stay on this path which will lead us to ever increasing difficulties in balancing budgets in the coming years with massive tax increases or we could have chosen a different path. I suggested that we freeze all hiring without approval of the CAO or Council, that all capital improvements in all departments be put on hold. That we stop all discretionary spending, renovations, office upgrades, etcetera. And that all new community developments cover all of our infrastructure and service costs relating to these projects. That we stop BRT, and that all members of Council are involved in the budget process at an early stage. So what has happened since then? Well Moody's downgraded the City's credit rating which will impact our debt servicing costs and borrowing rates. We are going ahead with the BRT, and right now we don't even have enough buses in service to meet our current demand. We passed the active transportation plan which if we follow will cost us hundreds of millions over the next 20 years. It appears to be steady as she goes at City Hall.

Madam Speaker: Councillor, is there a question coming?

Councillor Dobson: Yes, I'm almost there. Well, not in my ward, I nixed the Westwood library move because the cost of renovations and the leasing of a new facility is not something that I feel our City can afford right now. There are no more cookies in the cookie jar and the cupboards are bear, the City has to do more to reign in our costs. The City of Calgary, for example, just finished an audit of their fire department, they have the potential of saving over $10 million according to the findings of this audit. Let's do audits of our own departments and see if we can find some of those savings. From my perspective the City is in a tough spot right now just like it was in the spring. I stand by the comments I made then and I am standing by them now. The good ship Winnipeg is headed for a financial iceberg so my question to the Mayor, EPC and Council is this, when are we going to start making the turn away from this financial iceberg and get our spending under control?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and through you, I thank the Councillor for his question. I'm very proud of the fact that this Council supported record investments in road repairs, combined money that has been allocated this year to be spent on roads, $103.3 million, historic funding. Very, very happy about that, as well as other key investments. The budget process right now is an improved process from last year. Our finance chair as members of Council will know has a working group comprised of two non-EPC members, Councillor Gillingham and Councillor Gerbasi, I want to thank them for their hard work which is ongoing right now. Of course, as many of you know and the Councillor wisely notes the City is facing a looming and a growing structural deficit and we are dedicated to finding ways to address that and that will ultimately be up to this Council to decide on the budget in due course. Councillor Morantz will be providing next steps to consult additionally with all members of Council as well as the public in a fashion which is more timely than has happened in previous years and certainly in last year, the first year of this new Council's budget. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor, moving on to Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. My question has to do with there was media coverage in the last month about our environmental office, Climate Change Coordinator and we have one Environmental Office person and I'm just wondering if, through you to the Mayor, if you could confirm that we intend to maintain a Climate Change Coordinator position in the City as well as the Environmental Coordinator. That's only two people in a city our size. If this issue is important, I just want to hear that confirmation.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and through you to the Councillor. Issues affecting the environment are something that I believe this Council and certainly I take to heart. They are very important initiatives that…and issues that we need to deal with not just for those that live in our city right now but for future generations. My understanding is that that position is being filled. I don't have a current update but I can certainly direct the Councillor to speak with our CAO for an update and I am happy to facilitate any information that we may have. But as far as I understand that position is being filled. I would like to see it filled. We need someone to do the work of assisting with our efforts and I also want to thank the Councillor for her ongoing dialogue to look at ways we can reactivate and strengthen the Environment Committee. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And next is Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Through Madam Chair, I would like to ask the Mayor if he can ask maybe EPC members and the Finance Chair, is during this budget if they can look at finding some numbers for us in terms of staffing. I am a year in the job, I still have a lot to learn, but I am learning that our departments are not being able to keep up with the demands that they have. And in order for me to deal with the upcoming budget I would like to understand what that means. I learned in our Parks Department that we used to have 150 staff members and now we are down to under 100 and I know that with the tour of Janice Lukes community we have growing amounts of park space, so I would really like to understand that in terms of what that means in our budget. So I have asked through the Chair to ask the Mayor if he can ask EPC members to maybe look into their different committees and find out what our staffing numbers are.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and through you thanks to the Councillor. Absolutely, I would encourage those discussions with our Finance Chair right now, and to have dialogue with members of our public service through our CAO. I'm sure that information can be provided and can be looked at by this council in due course. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Mr. Mayor and again I ask the question and give you a preamble but you are not aware of this information because you are not a member of the Governance Committee, but at the recent meeting of the Governance Committee there were details the public service attended with regards to the renovations that are budgeted for this building and a document was handed to the Governance Committee and I raise this because of concern about other capital projects that have gone on and the fact this is a very public building and very high profile and would like to see and ensure that the renovations are done as efficiently and effectively and as quickly as possible so that the public can ensure that this building is accessible for them through the duration of this term. And I guess the question or the concern that came out of the meeting was we were given a document from the public service where they indicated a project schedule. The project scheduled December 2015, Councillors move from mezzanine to main floor council building, August 16, all Councillors move to PSB once police have fully vacated the building. Spring, 2017 Councillors move back to renovated offices within main floor of council building. So moving back means that's the end of the project, yet on the GANT chart which was supplied in the same document, the GANT chart being the chart which is the bar chart kind of showing a graph, shows Councillors offices 2018. And almost 2018, December of 2017. The question was asked why inside the document is there spring of 2017, the same document given to us to do the renovation and have them complete yet on their GANT chart it's actually saying December of 2017? It gives me the sense that this project is not well in hand and furthermore when the question was asked…actually, I'll just leave it at that and then do a follow-up.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker, the Councillor raised this issue with me the other day and I thank him for that. I have not had an opportunity to look at the document that he is referencing. But I would encourage members of Council to consult through our CAO on the scheduling. As members of Council and those that frequent City Hall will know, there is work ongoing right now. It is like being at the dentist with the drilling and everything that's going on and on the roof right now. It is something we want to see being done, obviously, as quickly as possible. The one thing I will highlight and I thank the Councillor for raising the issue of public accountability over capital expenditures, I am very pleased as I mentioned in my opening remarks today, that beginning today, every month, every dollar that's being spent on capital expenditures will be reported in a public fashion through the City website and it's also being reported in machine readable format so techies out there that want to create much more digestible, plain language graphs or mechanisms to better inform the public of how we are being responsible for spending taxpayer dollars, can be spent…this is one effort to increase the accountability on not just expenditures that happen here but throughout the City.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you Mr. Mayor for your response and for going to looking into that. I wanted to ask you in terms of the budget itself and I understand in terms of tight capital budgets but here is an opportunity for us to renovate the building to remove the asbestos, to clean up this building up once and for all but yet, typical, once again, we are only giving enough money, apparently we learned, to do the renovations without doing the council chamber and without the public offices. And my question is can we look at finding ways to do this once and do it well and not have to come back five or six years later and keep renovations going.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, can we get clarity on the question?

Councillor Wyatt: Would you be prepared to look into finding options to do the entire renovation of the building rather than have to come back six years later and do more renovations, or what have you, to the structure that we have not touched? Especially in terms of removing asbestos from this building, especially the public areas or the galleries and in the meeting rooms where the public sits and meets.

Mayor Bowman: My understanding is that the money set aside for this capital expenditure was first earmarked by previous Council. That being said, if the Councillor is interested in possibly spending more money that's probably a discussion that could be had with our Finance Chair and discussed through the budget process for Council's consideration. In terms of how the money is being spent right now that has

been allocated, making sure that it is being spent as wisely as possible and as efficiently as possible, I would certainly welcome, as I'm sure our Finance Chair…any input from the Councillor or any member of the public for that matter. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you and also, again, this is probably news to you, Mr. Mayor but public service doesn't appear to have a plan B in terms of relocating the Councillors to the PSB building. We are aware of the fact that the PSB building has had delay, after delay, after delay.

Madam Speaker: Councillor, your question?

Councillor Wyatt: Could you attempt to find out if there is a plan B for a different location for offices, including your office, to move to, in light of the fact that the police may not be out of the PSB by July of next year?

Mayor Bowman: I am more than happy to make an inquiry on that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Mayor? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Again this is more are you aware and you wouldn't be aware because this is new information. We just heard today the announcement of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries of their new corporate headquarters in downtown Winnipeg. Earlier this year Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries wrote to the City of Winnipeg and their zoning permits administrator Mr. Martin Grady had indicated to him and by doing so, the City, that the Manitoba Liquor, Lotteries Corporation is exercising what is called royal prerogative. Royal prerogative, exempting it from application of the relating zoning By-laws, all zoning By-laws for the City of Winnipeg, with regards to owned and leased operations and properties on McPhillips Station Casino and Club Regent Casino to April the first of 2020. Now royal prerogative, for those of you that don't know is something out of the nineteenth century. It basically means that every citizen in this Winnipeg has to go and pull a permit and pay for it. Every citizen who wants to subdivide has to go and follow the rules and subdivide, every citizen who has to build something and get it inspected has to follow the rules, but not the Manitoba Government. Not one of the wealthiest crown corporations in the Manitoba Government. Mr. Mayor, just the other day the same corporation shut down two lanes out of a three lane roadway on Regent Avenue causing traffic backups right into the heart of downtown Transcona. Royal prerogative, but our office received the calls. What can we do to ensure that the provincial government starts to pay their fair share or at least pay the same fees that every other citizen and business owner of the City are expected to pay. What can we do to stop this nineteenth century phenomenon from happening again in our City of Winnipeg?

Mayor Bowman: I look forward to receiving more information from the Councillor on that. It is new. I do appreciate that there are some dated practices in terms of revenue models as well. If you want to talk about archaic forms of taxation property taxes is one of them that we are obviously working and having discussions which will amplify in the coming months look forward to the Councillor and all members of the Council's support on a revenue model that works as our community grows, because the current model which is set by the province is outdated, antiquated and doesn't serve a growing, thriving City.

Councillor Wyatt: and follow up....

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: point of order. I'm sorry Councillor Wyatt, it's just I recall that there was a rule put in place that there was…which I opposed and was adamantly against because it was probably to shut a few of us down, but the point of order is that there was allowed two rounds of questions in question period and no more. If we want to change that, I just wanted to make Council aware because that would be an ongoing change which might be a good idea but it's not the current rules as far as I recall. I just wanted to check that.

Madam Speaker: We are just looking at that now, we have done it differently in the past but we perhaps probably suspended the rules, so thank you for that note. We just clarified it in the procedural book.
Councillor Gerbasi: I have no problem but I believe it's in the procedure bylaw. I don't mind if we waive the rules

Madam Speaker: At this time I think that closes off question period for the Mayor.

Councillor Gerbasi: I would be happy to suspend the rules to allow him finish but I want council to be aware of what the procedure is.

Madam Speaker: I will call for a suspension of the rules for the last question of the 3rd round, All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Wyatt last question. No preamble.

Councillor Wyatt: I understand, Mr. Mayor, would you be prepared to facilitate or inquire with Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, since you are the Mayor and you might have more authority or pull, in terms of attempting to find out what their plan of development is and what they're planning to build and execute in the area especially concerns we have typically with the development are things like public access, landscaping, pedestrian access and all these sorts of things we would look over that we would normally see and is in place to ensure safeguards in place and that development is proper and progressive.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you Councillor for a limited preamble. But what will happen now that the provincial government, Liquor and Lotteries has selected their site is they will in due course, of course, work with our planning department to ensure that the plans meet the City's requirements notably the R Winnipeg and so we will do what we can to ensure that that's followed and the downtown…I was pleased that our downtown chair attended the announcement the other day, Councillor Mayes was in attendance and this will also likely involve a consultation with the downtown, with our Councillor for the area as well but we will obviously get information from them to ensure just like any other development in our city, that it conforms to our requirements. If there are any specific issues I am more than happy to look into them. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. We passed over, perhaps a bit too lightly, an item earlier from an EPC agenda that the Mayor has championed and I wanted to give him the chance to speak to and just, item seven on one of the agenda the Syrian humanitarian crisis refugee resettlement assistance and this is something I know the Mayor has put forward for a meeting that is tentatively set for October 20th at 7 PM at the Millennium Library, the City open house to provide information to the public, those individuals, those organizations who might be interested in sponsoring a refugee or refugees and I wonder if the Mayor can speak to this item. It's obviously not solely a City responsibility by any sense but I do like the approach the Mayor is taking here of not bashing any other level of government and trying to work with the other levels of government so I wonder if he can speak to what's contained in this motion which came through EPC.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and I want to thank the Councillor for stepping up to help with this very important effort. Madam Speaker, the humanitarian crisis in Syria has been reported as one of the greatest crisis since the Second World War. This community is founded on immigrants, on refugees and it is something that we want to welcome newcomers to our community to join those of us that have the benefit of living here in Winnipeg. The report before us today that has been supported does provide support for FCM's emergency resolution, it asks the public service to report back on programs that currently are in place to aid in this disaster. And I also…it also calls for an open house which Councillor Mayes will be coordinating where community partners involved in refugee settlement will detail their ongoing work with citizens who are eager to do their part to provide assistance to newcomers and refugees and I do want to thank Council for supporting this important matter, I would ask all Winnipeggers to support this effort as well and those that are interested in either assisting with the open house or simply attending to get information to please come

out. I would urge all members of Council and the public service to support Councillor Mayes' efforts as he prepares for the day of the open house. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Sharma. I'm just doing a follow up to Councillor Wyatt's information and from what I'm hearing from Mayor Bowman and his answer, he may be having a dialogue, or his office a dialogue, with Manitoba Government, Lotteries and Liquor and, Madam Speaker, my question is the Manitoba Government has a lot of…and I think I know what Councillor Wyatt is referring to and they are using their royal prerogative, we know that Canada Post, Speaker Sharma, did that in our wards, the royal prerogative, to install things that, maybe the community didn't really want, but that said, I know that the Manitoba Government themselves have a standard to make sure that things are accessible.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham moves...all in favour...

Councillor Eadie: I would like to mention and ask if Mayor Bowman would, in any dialogues, ask Lotteries and Liquor if they are going to follow the Manitoba building standards in making that sure people can get to any facility they end up building where they are violating permits or zoning or accessibility design guidelines.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I am more than happy to do so, thank you.

Madam Speaker: That closes off question period for the Mayor. Now moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated September 21.

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Councillor Lukes: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items No. 1 to 6.

Madam Speaker: So we will call the question on Items No. 1 to 3 and 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item No. 4.

Item 4 – Amendment to Reduced-Speed School Zones By-law No. 76/2014 – Removal of Eastbound and Westbound Zones adjacent to Gray Academy of Jewish Education on Wellington Crescent

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to introduce the item.

Councillor Lukes: I will let my colleague, Councillor Morantz; he's very familiar with it all.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz you stood this down?

Councillor Morantz: Yes I did. Thank you Madam Speaker, I just wanted to speak briefly to this. When I was first elected almost a year ago, calls started to come in about this particular school zone and I wanted to say at the outset I am a supporter of school zones. I have no political agenda around school zones. It's just this particular school zone that I am having difficulties with. I can say in my entire ward I have not had a single caller call or e-mail about any other school zone, just to highlight this one, but this one has brought in lots of concern. And the reasons really have to do with the fact it was caught by a catch all provision in the

By-law which said that streets within a certain number of meters of the entrance to a school had to be designated a as a school zone. Without any independent analysis or assessment as to whether it was really necessary. The roadway in questions is Wellington Crescent immediately north of the Asper JCC which is the building which houses the Gray Academy of Jewish Education. The entrance to the school is on the south side of the building. All traffic that comes in and out of the school goes Doncaster to south Tuxedo Boulevard, it's directed that way. No students cross on Wellington Crescent, on the north side of Wellington Crescent, there's a bike path on the river, there are no homes there or crosswalks and students are not dropped off there. It's just one of those situations where it seems to be that it's really not necessary. I did have some consultation with the school, the Head Master in June when I brought the motion to my Community Committee, Rory Paul, supported the removal of the zone and the Principal of the school, Mr. Sera, also supported the removal. The President of the Parent Advisory Committee, Morris Shenkarow, gave me also a letter supporting removal of the zone and in fact, Gail Asper herself, who the building that the Gray Academy is housed in, has given me a letter supporting removal of this zone and the building carries her family name. I think it's pretty clear based on communications I have had from the community and from the school directly, that no one would be particularly upset if this school zone was no longer in place. So I've brought the motion forward, it has now passed up various committees to Council and I would hope that Council would support the removal of this particular zone and amendment of the applicable bylaw. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Sharma. I will be voting for this and I've talked to Councillor Morantz in regards to this. And I am not sure if it came up in conversations and I'm not sure if Councillor Morantz would even know how to answer this question, or he has no ability to answer questions, but I just wanted to indicate something. Wellington Crescent along here, while it isn't related to entering and exiting the school and that's very clear, I think the vast majority of students actually are bussed or driven by their parents to go to school there. However, I am not sure in the consideration with the Manitoba Highway Traffic Board who will have to, I guess approve or amending the…our By-law, is consideration of any of the students actually utilizing Wellington Crescent to get to the active transportation corridor that's there to actually get to places, and Wellington Crescent takes to a lot of places that may have academic study value, field trip value, where we are all concerned about our kids being healthy and I'm sure that Gray Academy has a good track team and so on. I'm not sure if running along that path is one of those things but cross country season is on right now, so I am not sure if those things were considered. I will be supporting the motion, Speaker Sharma, but I don't know if these considerations were given when talking about getting rid of the 30 km zone along Wellington Crescent near Gray Academy.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes do you wish to close on the item?

Councillor Lukes: Basically, I think everything Councillor Morantz has said, he came to me earlier on to discuss this, I said I think it's really prudent of you to get letters of support so that we are all clearly aware that this is what the school and the parent committee is looking for so I'm fine with that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on the item, All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have Motion No. 1 moved by Councillor Lukes and seconded by Councillor Orlikow regarding amending a decision of Council from May 27, 2015 regarding the Chancellor Matheson Pathway. Councillor Lukes.

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Councillor Lukes: Could I suspend the rules on Motion 1 and we deal with this now? It's a housekeeping matter.

Madam Speaker: What is the will to hear the item now All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Lukes. Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: Moved by Councillor Lukes, seconded by Councillor Orlikow whereas on May 27, 2015, Council adopted the recommendations contained in the administrative report entitled 2015 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan. Referred to as the report, and whereas Council wishes to clarify the intent of recommendation eight of the report with respect to identification of a funding source, therefore, be it resolved that Council delete recommendation eight of the report and replace it with the following: that the Public Works Department be directed to fund the Chancellor Matheson Pathway from Investors Group Field to Pembina Highway in an amount to be determined by the Director of Public Works to a maximum of $350,000 from the identified active transportation accounts and that any required funding in excess of $350,000 be allocated by the Director of Public Works by identifying budget surpluses from approved projects in the 2015 capital local street renewals, alley renewals, thin bitumis overlays and granular roadway improvement program and any residual active transportation funding be put into the 2016 active transportation budget and be it further resolved that the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes to introduce the motion.

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow

WHEREAS on May 27, 2015, Council adopted the recommendations contained in the Administrative Report entitled "2015 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan" (the "Report");

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to clarify the intent of Recommendation 8 of the Report with respect to identification of a funding source;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council delete Recommendation 8 of the Report and replace it with the following:

8. That the Public Works Department be directed to fund The Chancellor Matheson Pathway from Investors Group Field to Pembina Highway Project, in an amount to be determined by the Director of Public Works, to a maximum of $350,000.00 from the identified Active Transportation accounts, and that any required funding in excess of $350,000.00 be allocated by the Director of Public Works by identifying budget surpluses from approved projects in the 2015 Capital Local Street Renewals, Alley Renewals, Thin Bituminous Overlays and Granular Roadway Improvements Program, and that any residual Active Transportation Funding be put into the 2016 Active Transportation budget.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing

Councillor Lukes: Yes. I will just give a little quick history on this. On May 5 when the 2015 action plan came forward it identified a pathway along Investors Group Field Stadium that was required to improve accessibility for all the folks using the buses. The buses lined up on the north side of Chancellor Matheson. In the report that came forward, it identified one point…$1,299,000 for the construction of this pathway and identified multiple sources within the active transportation budget to fund it. In further conversation with the Director of Public Works, it turned out that the actual pathway was $350,000 and the balance was to be used for road work. So I asked at the Committee Meeting that we separate that out and fund it…allocate the funds properly to roads from the roads budget and active transportation from the active transportation budget. So, the wording of that motion at that point in time, I gather from this motion now, wasn't as clear to identify where the funding was coming from. This is a financial housekeeping motion to change the May 27th motion so that the contractors can be paid and clearly Finance is aware, now, where the money is coming from. Is that clear? It's really housekeeping. I sort of went back to the beginning

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, if you could make your statement through the chair.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, sorry, sorry. What was the question?

Madam Speaker: You have the floor. If you would like to finish your presentation, there is no question.

Councillor Lukes: So that I hope explains, so people understand that it's more of a financial housekeeping detail that we're addressing here today from the action plan.

Madam Speaker: Are there any further speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Speaker Sharma, it's my understanding that this motion is amending the action plan and not the so-called guidelines that were also on that particular agenda of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works at the time. This is the action plan then it seems to me that this is actually a budget change and I think the action plan became part of the city of Winnipeg…or was actually part of the budget because I believe May 27 is sometime after the City of Winnipeg's budget was passed, the capital budget and operating budget. So I'm a little bit confused about what they're trying to amend or which text are they amending the text that was incorporated into the budget 2015? I hope that's what it is. If that's what it is, that's fine. It's kind of interesting that a project, if there is excess revenue with road construction elsewhere around the City that that would be directed to help pay the higher cost…it sounds like this one is going over budget of 350,000. And its surpluses from others, Speaker Sharma and given some of the way a number of Councillors have been acting around…it's interesting that where the surplus…is it surplus construction projects from the south part of the City that will be going to pay for this? I'm not sure. But, anyway, I'm just wondering why this motion wasn't to amend the actual City of Winnipeg's 2015 budget?

Madam Speaker: Are there any further speakers, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, thank you Madam Speaker. I rise and I thank you…I'm supporting the resolution to amend. The bigger question and maybe I can ask this in question period and the Chair can take it under advisement. But the bigger question is what is the surplus in terms of this year's 2015 capital local streets renewal, alley renewals, TBO and granular improvements…in the past we used to, Finance would receive a report saying, usually by July saying this is how much we've tendered out, this is where the tenders stand, this is the balance that has to be tendered and this is the work that is still required to be under way, and by the way, we are under tender or over tender as of this point in the case of a year ago, we were under tender, therefore, let's get that money out and retender. You know, I'm concerned only from the fact of what I see in my community and I see road projects that barely started last week that were supposed to have started back in August and it concerns me I guess. So you don't have to answer the question you take under advisement, I appreciate that but my concern is that there is still work to be done and really, how big is the surplus and when did we know about the surplus, if there is a surplus, which clearly there is, and why could we have not have repurposed that for other works necessary throughout the City?

Madam Speaker: Any other speakers? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Just to try and make it clear again, and this only relates to the 2015 action plan. And when the action plan came forward, one of the items in the action plan was a $1.2 million construction of a pathway, the Chancellor Matheson Pathway. Upon further investigation, at the Committee Meeting at Public Works it became clear that the monies that were identified, the $1.2 million were being pooled from previous active transportation projects that for whatever reason, weren't going forward or, for whatever reason. But of the 1.29, just under a million was for road work. So I asked the Director of the time and I said this should come from the road work budget and not come from the active transportation budget. So at that point in time, the clerk wrote up the report with the resolution. Today, it's coming forward because at that point in time it wasn't clearly written up, clearly, how the funding is being allocated, so there is no overages, no unders, it's just an accounting error…or not an accounting error but just…pardon me? A wording error. A wording error that is being corrected now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on motion number one. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have four Motions moved from Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Wyatt, they are Motions 7, 8, 9 and 10 and they are all…they are related to the pedestrian cycling strategy and they will be automatic referral to Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. We will now move on to By-laws for Public Works, Councillor Lukes.

Motion No. 7
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt

WHEREAS Magnus Avenue has a pedestrian corridor traffic control which has been used for decades by pedestrians;

AND WHEREAS the proposed green way on Pritchard Avenue from the Red River to Charles indicates a crossing at Main Street where there is a signalized intersection at Selkirk Avenue not too far south;
And whereas the proposed green way along Burrows Avenue east of Main Street is redundant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps be amended to remove the proposed green way on Burrows Avenue from the Red River to Main Street;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed green way on Pritchard Avenue from the Red River to Charles Street be removed from the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps add a proposed green way from the Red River to Charles Street.

Motion No. 8
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt

WHEREAS Jefferson Avenue from Main Street to Sinclair Street is a fairly calm street with a major bus route and traffic signals already installed at the regional streets;

AND WHEREAS Jefferson Avenue at Main Street does not align for a half a block;

AND WHEREAS Seven Oaks Avenue east of Main Street does not align with Jefferson Avenue;

AND WHEREAS Hartford Avenue has a signalized intersection at Main Street;

AND WHEREAS neighbourhood families have expressed a need for themselves to find a safe way to cross McGregor Street between Jefferson Avenue and Partridge Avenue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed green way on Jefferson Avenue from Main Street to Sinclair Street be removed from the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed green way on Seven Oaks Avenue from Scotia Street to Main Street be removed from the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps be amended to include a proposed green way on Hartford Avenue from Scotia Street to Sinclair Street.

Motion No. 9
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt

WHEREAS the proposed green way on Sutherland Avenue makes no sense in addressing pedestrian and cycling needs especially at Main Street for crossing purposes;

AND WHEREAS Euclid Avenue has had issues with traffic calming for pedestrians and cyclists for years;

AND WHEREAS the active transportation provisions for Annabella Street utilize painted bicycle lanes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps be amended to remove the proposed green way on Sutherland Avenue from Higgins Avenue to Yard Street;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Euclid Avenue from Sutherland Avenue to Main Street be defined on the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps as a proposed green way;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps be updated to reflect proposed painted bicycle lanes on Sutherland Avenue from Annabella Street to Euclid Avenue.

Motion No. 10
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt

WHEREAS the proposed green way On Salter Street from Leila Avenue to Templeton Avenue is an extension of a regional road that is located in the opposite direction on a one way street from the existing Powers Street green way;

AND WHEREAS families in the Margaret Park Neighbourhood continuely express their fear that their kids will get hurt trying to cross Templeton at a pedestrian only walkway to Sly Drive on the south side of Templeton on their way to school and to playgrounds;

AND WHEREAS Weinberg almost lines up with Powers Street on the south side of Leila Avenue and connects to Sly Drive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Final Report maps be amended to remove the proposed green way on Salter Street from Leila Avenue to Templeton Avenue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Weinberg and the extension of Sly Drive from Weinberg to Templeton be added as a proposed green way.

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

Councillor Lukes: I move that the following By-laws be read a first time. By-law No. 87/2015, By-law No. 95/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 87/2015 and 95/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that By-laws No. 87/2015 and 95/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk : By-law No. 87/2015 and 95/2015.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 87/2015 and 95/2015 be read a third time and that same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Moving on to addendum By-laws for Public Works, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that the rule be suspended and that By-law No. 98/2015 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 98/2015.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that By-law No. 98/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk : By-law No. 98/2015.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 98/2015 be read a third time and that same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have question period for the chair. Councillor Browaty.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. I would like to start by recognizing that this is National Right to Know Week and I would like to congratulate Mayor Bowman and the public service for all the work that they have done with releasing FIPPA requests more publicly and having a great section on the City's website providing that information, and this morning, the first of what our monthly capital update reports being published online. Spending a few minutes looking at it this morning here, I noticed under Public Works under the Winnipeg Transit System, back in 2009, $15.2 million was allocated towards new electronic fare collection system. That was later increased to $17.7 million and almost $11 million to date has already been spent on it. Yet, on Winnipeg transit buses you're still only able pay with coins and traditional bus tickets. Could the Chairwoman provide us with some information as to when the smartcards and electronic technology will come online and why has there been such a delay?

Councillor Lukes: To respond to that, fare boxes, it's a very complicated process. Many cities that are implementing these fare boxes are having challenges, the Transit Department is doing testing and a lot of testing on it. So, before the whole entire project goes live, obviously, we want to make sure that it is working. So it is not live at this point. And until they feel comfortable with the testing that they are doing and the results that they are getting, it won't be going live in the very near future.

Madam Speaker: And second question.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker, I was wondering if the Chairwoman can provide to Council and all Winnipeggers with an update on the backlog of transit buses that are out of service and whether she would be amenable to asking Transit to provide these updates publicly and frequently and whether they would be willing to amend the bus schedule, prior to December, to get more buses back on the road.

Councillor Lukes: Okay. Well, in the last IRPW meeting, Madam Speaker, I asked exactly that. That the Director of Transit come forward at each upcoming meeting and provide an update on where we are at with the transit buses. So, as of yesterday, I ask him frequently for updates, and as of yesterday 95 buses are out of service of which 50 have emission-related issues. So obviously there are technical and non-technical solutions that they are working on to address the backlog and the number of buses available varies from day-to-day depending on the number of mechanical issues. Clearly this is a challenge. Much of it is related to the emissions-related issues. So, at this point in time, the transit will be adhering to the schedule, the current schedule that they posted until December. Obviously addressing backlog issues.

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

Councillor Browaty: Almost everywhere I travel in the world; Honolulu, Hawaii, anywhere except for eastern Canada, transit systems seem to use new flyer buses. Are other jurisdictions having the same issues that we are with these buses? It seems hard to believe.

Councillor Lukes: It is correct that other jurisdictions are having these same issues and that our Director and team is in constant communication with the manufacturer of the engine and they are acutely aware that other jurisdictions are having these same problems.

Madam Speaker: And moving on to Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. We had an agreement regarding partners related to different waste management issues. It sounds like the…for our depot at Brady landfill is pretty well getting close to ready if not ready, actually you can just refresh my memory, Speaker Sharma, if the Chairperson Lukes can do that. But really, and my question is, when will we be actually starting on the North Area… Northwest Area for our depot. I believe it's going to be near Pacific and McPhillips, as there is a huge… like, we need to provide more convenience. We still continue to have the bulk waste dumping in many of our wards in the northwest and it would be great if there was a more convenient place for those who don't want to drive down to Brady. Where is the second one at?

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Speaker. Yes, actually the first on at the Brady landfill is progressing and it is anticipated it will open in November and if you drive by you will have the opportunity to see the asphalt road that has gone in and they were…it was delayed this year because of the two downfalls of rain that we had, so that is very exciting. By early November I am told. I would also like to a note at this point in time to mention on October 22, Water and Waste, the Waste Department is coming out and doing an open house on the Brady landfill and on the depot for anyone that's interested at the St. Norbert Community Centre. I am co-hosting with it with them to have people have a better understanding and there will be visuals and such. The next ones are slated to come over the next two years. So, that's the plan for the upcoming ones. They can't come soon enough, in my opinion, but we have to construct them and build them and have them set up. So that's the plan.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: My second question is to follow-up Councillor Browaty's question. Speaker Sharma I wonder if the Chairperson…probably doesn't know but if Chairperson Lukes could find outer Speaker Sharma if the fare box issue, if they have actually worked out details about those. People who are dependent on bus tickets and the poor people who are going to have great difficulty in getting electronic cards to pay their bus fare or get bus fare from programs such as the North Point Douglas Women's Centre

where they loan out bus tickets, people can either work it off at minimum wage or pay it back. So I'm wondering where that is with the fair boxes if Chairperson Lukes could find out from Transit and report back how they are being able to deal with those bus ticket situations.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: Yes that's a very good question Councillor Eadie brought forward. I don't have that level of detail for the answer but I absolutely will check into it and report back

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker and you can take my questions under advisement. We have a local streets renewal program. We as Councillors are aware of the streets that are being repaired in our wards. I inquired into the status of three blocks of the major collector in my ward on Kildare Avenue from Day to Wayota that was supposed to start construction. According to the staff, the staff informed me at the beginning of the summer that construction was going to start in the 3rd week of August and the construction did not start until the 3rd week of September. And I would just like to know, is it because the Department of Public Works is in complete disarray and does not have control of their local improvement street budget? Or is it because that Darko and other private contractors really control and dictate the schedule versus us, when it comes to the improvements of these streets?

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will take Councillor Wyatt's comments under advisement. I would also like to remind folks that this year is the first year we have done record amounts ever of road construction. We are over $103 million in road construction alone. And we have changes coming in the Public Works Department as noted in one of your motions.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Would the Councillor be prepared to maybe lead a trade mission, maybe with the Mayor, to go to other cities to invite private contractors here so we can get more competition in the private sector so that the…this constant issue with construction inflation and rumours of collusion end and we get some real competition in the construction industry and we can get these issues addressed because of the fact that we have as a city committed to keep increasing our road construction for the next five years and outward.

Madam Speaker: Long question thank you.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, I will take your question and comments under advisement.

Madam Speaker: Third question.

Councillor Wyatt: And could the Councillor also look into and ask the Department of Water and Waste why the public service is breaking Council policy and not reporting a project which is 12.5 million, therefore, over $10 million to the Finance Committee with regards to the Finance Committee's regular quarterly capital projects over $10 million specifically for the northeast interceptor river crossing upgrade which was a $12.5 million project which has begun and is not being reported at the Finance Committee in their quarterly updates.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very, that's news to me. We'll take that under advise the and deal with it appropriately

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: My question is in regards to the bus shortage. I understand that the numbers were 95 presently, buses are out of commission, 50 or so of those regarding emission issues that other jurisdictions face, similiar emissions related maintenance issues. My question, is do other jurisdictions utilize the same maintenance programs as Winnipeg Transit or are there jurisdictions that are using different maintenance programs that enable buses to get back on the roads quicker or sooner, perhaps the Councillor doesn't know of that but if she could respond to that and maybe take that under advisement.

Councillor Lukes: In response to Councillor Gillingham's question, from my understanding and awareness, is that the Director of Transit is working very closely with the engine firm, Cummings Engines, and I would completely believe that he is using all the best practices available to repair these engines but I will investigate this further and get back to you. I know transit runs a lean, mean machine and that's probably some of the reasons we are having this challenge when unforeseen difficulties come up. So I will speak to the Director on that and get back to my colleague

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I want to say are you aware that I am grateful both to you and to your committee for adopting some of the matters that were referred from East Kildonan Transcona and referring you to the active transportation strategy? And I just wanted to say are you aware that this…my community is grateful that that was done this month.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to thank Councillor Wyatt for that. Yes, I am very aware. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? We will move on to Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report today, no Motions and in By-laws to deal with. Are there any questions for the Chair, Councillor Morantz? Councillor Gilroy.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gilroy: I am wondering when we can expect any review of the upcoming budget? I know that the community is starting to call, and call us Councillors and wanting to know a little bit more about what's going on with the budget so I wanting to know about the time line. Thank you.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to thank Councillor Gilroy through you for her question. I can say…I say we, I mean the budget working group, Councillors Gerbasi, Gillingham and have I been working really diligently on budget issues and it's really the middle of June and when I think about it over the last year really I don't think I have ever gotten off the budget train since I arrived because the first budget was of course, late due to the elections. So we have been well immersed in budget discussions for the better part of a year now. I've enjoyed working with the budget group, I think it's absolutely great. I'm so glad that we asked two Councillors that were not on EPC to come in to actually examine the books of the City and lay their eyes on the realities that the City faces and I know that they have learned so much. In many cases they knew already but this confirmed in many respects the things that I have been expressing since the issues I have been expressing since I arrived around the structural deficit and the need for a sustainable operating budgets not just for one year but for future years as well. And so…now with regard to public consultations, my understanding is we are through the Mayor's office working on this and we will be bringing more information about the public consultation process in the coming weeks and I look forward to sharing that information with all of Council and I look forward to having budget discussions with all Councillors as we move forward in the process. Right now the budget working group is still doing its work and hopefully we can bring our analysis forward to EPC very shortly and move the process forward as quickly as possible. I just wanted to comment briefly on Councillor Dobson's points earlier. I agree on this issue of the one-time revenues. It's been going on for many, many years and it's clear that we don't have sufficient revenues to meet sustainable, regular, recurring revenues to meet our operating expenses and so

for years the City has been balancing its budgets through what they call one-timers and that this is a practice that's been going on for many years that really is not sustainable and cannot continue. And so that's one of the considerations we are taking into account as we go through our deliberations so I wanted to assure Councillor Dobson through you, Madam Chair that this issue is top of mine at this time. Anyway, those would be my comments and thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I tread cautiously here, but I nevertheless tread. There are not many sacred cows but health care is one, public schools and hockey is another so I'm going to go down this road though. I'm going to ask a question -- we have a tough budget year coming up as has been said by the Councillor. The Councillor mentioned the fact that he is concerned about one-timers. Right now, the True North entertainment entity, right now are receiving based on our 2015 adopted operating pricing budget. $6.4 million from the City of Winnipeg as a refund in entertainment funding tax. On top of that they are receiving another $232 dollars as of a refund of business tax for a total of $6.632 million being refunded to a professional NHL hockey facility. Since we established this when this was created way back when, before my time believe it or not, we went from being the Moose to the Jets. We went from no NHL team to having an NHL team again. We have now had what, this is the 4th season maybe, I can't recall and they say two years is the passing point for most businesses if you get past the first two years you are moving along and we have the casino. The same entity acquired its own casino when we know of many aboriginal 1st nations groups in the City are waiting for theirs. My question is, do you think the average Jet fan, the average Jet fan who is paying for these tickets, the Moose and the Jets now, are aware that the entertainment tax they are paying to and paying on the ticket is being refunded and kicked back partly to one of the richest…17th richest men in Canada. Do you think the fans are aware of that?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you Madam Speaker. Firstly, I would say is that when you go through the grants list and the operating budget there are many different grants in there and they all have their own stories and their own history and some are a matter of circumstances which led to an agreement. My understanding of course, this is many years ago and I am sure I am not going to get this exactly right because I wasn't there and completely aware of it, but when the Moose came to Winnipeg, in order to support that very important endeavour an agreement was actually entered into that there would be a refund of the entertainment tax. I have not examined that agreement personally but I believe that is a long term arrangement that is in place. I do take some issue. I don't think that calling it a kickback is a fair characterization. And rest assured, I would say from my perspective and I think the majority of Council…I can't speak for Council, I can only speak for myself saying that this is not a kickback this a contractual arrangement and it would be very wrong to characterize that arrangement as a kickback and I really do think that that is not an appropriate way to state the arrangement. I also cannot get into the minds of every single Jets fan other than I know they want us to win. I couldn't answer the question as to whether they know or not. But I am…if the Councillor wants to go out and canvass each and every one of them at the entrance to the arena when the hockey games come up, he is certainly free to do that and bring that information back to Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah. I just…and this is more kind of an academic question but is the Federal Government refunding their GST that they collect, at all the Jets games and the Moose games back to the professional NHL team?

Councillor Morantz: Thank you for the question. That question I would have to take under advisement and look into and report back to the Councillor.

Councillor Wyatt: This is more are you aware with the combination of that amount of 6.6 million plus the 1.25 for the Winnipeg Football Club plus the 2.50 to the Goldeyes that over $8 million is now being refunded

to professional sports leagues at a time when we are having tough financial times in our budget do you not think it's time that we take this matter under serious review?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I think anytime the City enters into an agreement the parties expect that the City will honour its obligations under the agreement. Again, I have said, I have not analyzed this particular agreement other than being aware that there is one that brought this arrangement with respect to the entertainment tax into place many, many years ago. I'm sure, Madam Speaker, that the Councillor from Transcona is very much aware of this because he has been here for a long time although this arrangement was brought into place before, as he said, before his time. Having said that, I am always open to discussions and debate but at the end of the day if in fact this is a matter of contractual obligation, the City…it would be very difficult to alter that arrangement until the term of that contract came to an end. So I think that would likely wind up being the position that the City would take. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. To the Chairperson on this particular topic know me, I just want to ask quickly this question, these are legal agreements, Speaker Sharma, that led to the entertainment tax being forwarded when the baseball team got its new diamond, when we built the MTS Centre, when -- I think the Bombers were in lots of financial trouble when they started to get their entertainment tax back, some years they do really well, some they don't. But it's very clear, Speaker Sharma, that the Winnipeg Jets are very successful and now they are moving the Moose back to Winnipeg and they are going to be playing in the same building. It seems to me that this contractual agreement, Speaker Sharma, was based on financial projections about where the MTS Centre might be going, how would we be doing. I would like the Chair of Finance to ask legal to look into this contract and see if there is not a clause or something that we should have thought in the future, if this is overly successful, that this particular private enterprise was not going to need this level of funding in order to carry on a successful business. And they are very successful. So, I think it is, I would like, Speaker Sharma, I'm wonder if the Chairperson of Finance would ask legal to really examine that contract and see if there is any possibilities to open up some negotiation. I think that True North would be…they know they are doing really well, they might consider it and they do know what kind of financial crunch we are in.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz

Councillor Morantz: I would like to thank Councillor for his question, I will ask for additional information with respect to the contract. Honestly, I expect that it's probably a binding document that goes on for a number more years but I will ask for a briefing on the contract. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: My second question is I am getting pressure from people out in the community that Point Douglas Ward has had a budget consultation with the community in that person's ward. Speaker Sharma, I am wondering if the Chairperson of Finance has provided any support to the Councillor from that ward to do some sort of budget presentation consultation with the residents or people living in that ward?

Councillor Morantz: You know, I am not aware that this actually took place. I certainly am always open to coming out to budget consultations with the public. I did one just last year in Councillor Mayes' ward and I would be happy to go out to any public meeting and talk budget. That's all I'm really interested in talking about these days, so I think I may be perseverating on the issue, somewhat, but anyways, I am certainly happy to oblige in that respect.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Speaker Sharma, I appreciate the Chairperson of Finance and if I do have one, I would invite him, but, Speaker Sharma, my question is yes or no, was there any assistance provided? I am just trying to figure out if anything actually happened. Is it yes or no?

Councillor Morantz: You know, of course we are not in a court of law and I am not being cross-examined so I will answer the question the way I choose to but I was not asked for any support for this particular event, but I would say if I were asked, the answer would be yes, I would be happy to provide information and given the fact I was not asked for assistance in this regard, I think you can assume the answer to your question is that I have not provided any.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. It's more an are you aware question. Are you aware that the folks at our end of town are grateful that in your last report to your Standing Committee back in September of this month that for the first time in the Water and Waste report on the floor are Winnipeg depots which was referred to before the Community Resource Recovery Centres these are these centres where folks can drop off household waste, electronic waste, construction waste, plus recyclables and that the centre has been identified at Panet and Mission for the North for East Winnipeg? Grateful that has been identified and that has now been flagged in your report. Are you aware?

Councillor Morantz: Yes, I am aware. And I might take this opportunity to say, I don't think that as a Council we have had an opportunity to talk about what a great program this is and how forward thinking it is and this was an opportunity to raise public awareness that we are bringing in these recycling depots and really, trying to make sure people recycle as much as possible to keep the pressure, in the long term, off our landfill and to be environmentally responsible, which is something that I think as a Council, we all strive to do. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing the hour, is it the will of Council to continue through the agenda or break at this time. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I don't think we have much left, can we come back at 1:00? Personally I would prefer to press through but if others want a break.

Madam Speaker: Is it the will of Council to continue? I am seeing different expressions that's why I'm asking the question. >>the motion is a one hour lunch, rather than an hour and a half.

Madam Speaker: We will break now and reconvene at 1:00. Thank you. (proceedings adjourned)

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 30, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT DATED MAY 25, 2015

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon, we will now reconvene the Council Meeting of September 30, 2015. We are at the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I am pleased to move the report of May 25 and I will be speaking to the one Item that's there.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Seine River Greenway

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce the item.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. It's fairly straightforward Motion. It really is a magnificent greenway there by the Seine River and firstly I should thank Councillor Allard. One of the great things I'd say about working on the Seine River issues we only have to work with one other Councillor because to only touches two wards. I had a very good run with former Councillor Vandal and Councillor Allard's been terrific to work with on this file as well. This Motion is talking about the greenway and the report was first done 15 years ago, our current CAO was actually a part of the civil service group that worked on that and still stands up as a valuable document. The…I was out at the…for Culture Days on Saturday in the Seine River in the Bois des Esprits, one of the greenways that's beside the river. It's a magnificent resource that we sometimes criticize former Councils and I think we should commend former Councils for saving that spot as well as one of the people there for the Culture Days looking at the wood sculptures, was Councillor Lukes' assistant, Bev Sawchuck who said she was involved and somebody else said she should have led the group to save that resource, Bois des Esprits and she said, "Well yah, I did kind of spend four years of my life saving it." So it was great to be there to see that resource, people using it. This is talking about greater access to the river, greater, more eyes on the river so people can appreciate it, can help with the preservation by promoting another pedestrian bridge. This study done several years ago called for five, I think if we can do one we will be doing very well indeed. And it's also I think appropriate to say it's the 25th anniversary of Save our Seine this year and it's a fluently bilingual group, so I will say a few words in French, if I may, Madam Speaker about this subject.

(Speaking French) So, Save Our Seine, the organization Save Our Seine is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and the City continues to work with this organization to preserve the Seine River and its banks, and also collaborates on new projects, such as the Niakwa Trail Rain Garden near the Seine River. The City also gives a grant every year to Save Our Seine. This new grant…so, sometimes we, like Councillors Wyatt and Morantz, talk about grants here… but for me, it's a pretty important grant for this organization. Lastly, a new bridge, a new pedestrian bridge can help with the efforts to help the Seine, help improve knowledge of the river, help preserve plant species, and help preserve the riverbanks of the Seine.

(Returns to English) Sometimes called the River Bank Management Inheritance Downtown Committee to emphasize we don't just do downtown this is an important example of some of the river bank management work we do. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any other speakers on the item? Councillor Mayes do you wish to close with any further comments?

Councillor Mayes: Just to close to say after that event on Culture Days, I was with my sons and we went to A&W and we met former Councillor Steeves who was there with his kid and I had a chance to thank him and Councillor Vandal and other Councillors of the day for helping to create Bois des Esprits. It's a great example of what the City can do and works with community groups to create a cultural space and a green space.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on the item. All in favour? Contrary? Carried: There's no Motions, no By-laws. Oh yes, there is another report for the same committee dated September 21. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Move the report of the committee dated September 21, Items No. 1 and 2 inclusive.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Well we will now move on to question period for the Chair. Are there any questions? Councillor Wyatt.

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

Councillor Wyatt: I will be really quick. I just was wondering if Councillor Mayes if you could look into the matter with regards to the new parkade that has gone up on the Hargrave. It has very little urban design. I know is there an Urban Design Guideline Committee that's supposed to deal with these items, and have them meet certain requirements for downtown. And we have tried to ensure that we build…when we build downtown we build beautiful especially when it comes to parkades which are not exactly the most easy objects to deal with. But we have required a higher standard when it comes to other parkades but this one it seems to be bare bones and looks like an ugly 1970s parkade, other than at night where it has neon lights along the side. But otherwise, during the day, it looks like an ugly parkade and it seems like they have finished the work. Would you be able to look into that matter and get back to us?

Councillor Mayes: Sure, I can take that under advisement. I think this is the one north of the new hotel, north of Portage and it was part of CentreVenture's tour that they gave us as Councillors actually, talking about the effect of night-time, but I know there is some history on this and I think Councillor Gerbasi is probably more familiar than me, but I will undertake to get an answer on that.

Madam Speaker: any further questions for the Chair? Okay seeing none we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development the report dated September 15, 2015. Councillor Orlikow.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair, I would like to move the report of September 15th, 2015 one to sixteen.

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on Items 1 through 4 and 6 through 16. All in favour? Contrary? Carried Mr. Clerk Item No. 5.

Item 5 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 131, 147 and 165 Aberdeen Avenue – DASZ 20/2015

Madam Speaker: I just want it let the folks know in the gallery that public hearing is not, has been dealt with already, so there is no representations from the gallery at this time.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow would you like to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: I will introduce the item and wait to hear from my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Speaker Sharma. I rise today report Item No. 5, this is actually, you hear the address and actually there's is an honorary street on Aberdeen named after a Ukrainian hero. But, this is the Holy Family Senior's Complex and it's a good news story. This particular rezoning is important because they are about to start to build more seniors' spaces at their facility. Spaces that are really needed in this Province of Manitoba in the City of Winnipeg, and Holy Family and the nuns that ended up purchasing, once upon a long time ago, it was the Children's Hospital around there or something like that, a very long time ago, but they purchased this land and moved towards providing care for seniors and providing independent living spaces as well for seniors. But, a very important place because as we all know eventually, we can't take care of our homes and you can make a decision and move into a wonderful facility like this. What this rezoning has done is allowing them to actually maintain for the nuns a nice backyard, they are dedicating some of their land towards an active transportation trail that was part of a motion that I would like to thank Councillor Lukes for moving that forward, one of those off street transportation trails. But anyway, so, this is a great thing and I just wanted to thank Property and Development and EPC for concurring in this report. This hearing did happen at the Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Committee. And so I'll leave it at that. This is a great project and sometime hopefully in the near future, we will see this great complex built and more seniors living near the river, a wonderful place right near the Harry Lazarenko Bridge and as I said to him before, once they finish building, they can get their local road renewal on the street that drives them there. So thanks, Speaker Sharma. Thanks to speak to this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to take an opportunity as well. Enough good can't be said about this particular project on Aberdeen and I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his work on this file and working along with Jean Piché of the Holy Family Nursing Home as well as the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, this is incredible project, it's going to add more seniors housing on the neighbourhood and a perfect example of collaboration between the City of Winnipeg, the Sister's Servants and the local Councillor to resolve an issue with regards to creating a backyard for the new complex as well as accommodating the active transportation corridor through the river adjacent to this particular development. So good work all around for the Sister's servants and the Holy Family Centre and to Councillor Eadie and it's great to see work happening on Aberdeen.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow do you wish to close?

Councillor Orlikow: Sure. I will just close to say I completely agree. Fantastic job by everybody. This is a great development. We have many incredible developments happening throughout the City. And this is one, seniors housing is important and allowing people to have housing in the place where they live so they can have that sense of place and with a backyard with the river flowing, may seem nominal to some people, but I believe to those residents, to be able to have that space it don't be nominal to them, it will be very important to them. So I concur with my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary carried. We have before us Motion 2.

Councillor Orlikow: Yes. If I could indulge in the Council's permission it waive the rules to hear matter two right now.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We have a motion to suspend the rules to hear motion number two. And should I do No. 5 as well, right now? For waiving.

Madam Speaker: We have Motion 3 as well.

Councillor Orlikow: Three is a refer I believe.

Madam Speaker: Shall we deal with it one at a time it.

Councillor Orlikow: Sure.

Madam Speaker: We have Motion 2, all in favour of suspending the rules? Contrary carried. Councillor Gilroy to introduce. Yes, Councillor Eadie. Mr. Clerk.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS the Portuguese Association of Manitoba located at 659 Young Street, has identified a nearby parcel of land (Roll Number 13051180200), at the corner of Young Street & Cumberland Ave as a desirable parcel to develop into a commemorative park;

AND WHEREAS the Portuguese Association of Manitoba is celebrating 50 years as an association;

AND WHEREAS the Portuguese Association wishes to establish a commemorative park to honour the contributions of Portuguese people in Winnipeg & Manitoba;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review and report back to the November 10, 2015 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development regarding the potential lease of the City-owned parcel of land located at the northwest corner of Young Street and Cumberland Avenue (Roll Number 13051180200), to the Portuguese Association of Manitoba, at an annual cost of $1.00, for the future development of a commemorative park.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy to introduce the Motion.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, first of all I would like to thank Councillor Pagtakhan. He was instrumental in helping to make this happen, so I would like to thank him for his hard work on this. What the Motion is doing is allowing us to send this off to Property and Planning so they can look at this and do a full review on this for the November meeting. And it's important. This is celebrating…they will be 50 years in Manitoba, the Portuguese Association and they want to make a commemorative area and I did give a little map on where that's going to be. It will be on the corner of Cumberland and Young and it's a small triangle area that the City owns and we do all the up-keeping. Hopefully after we are done all this, the Portuguese Association will take that over and make it a beautiful little commemorative park where everybody can enjoy, all citizens can enjoy, that's the hope. So thank you very much Councillor Pagtakhan for working on this and if anyone has any questions.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for the Motion and thank Councillor Orlikow for moving suspension of the rules to deal with the item and I want to thank Council for their indulgence in this matter. Really quickly, Councillor Gilroy said it all, they…the Portuguese Association identified a parcel of land. I had the opportunity to sit with them over the weekend and Councillor Gilroy and I met with them earlier this year in the spring and discussed the matter with them and asked them to provide a plan, a set of concept plans, they have done that and we had an opportunity to sit down with them. It's very interesting there is a lot of interesting, artistic motifs and concepts that they are developing onto this and we are looking it see if the City can examine the possibility of making this happen for them so we appreciate the Motion and if there are any questions, happy to answer them.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy, do you wish to close? Or add any comments?

Councillor Gilroy: Councillor Pagtakhan and I said it all.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, I will call the question on Motion 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried and next is Motion 3. This is moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Allard regarding regulating cannabis-related facilities. It's an automatic referral to Property and Development. Motion 5 moved by Councillor Orlikow and seconded by Councillor Lukes regarding an amendment to the plan of subdivision under DASZ11 of 2015. Councillor Orlikow.

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

WHEREAS Canadian society's perspective on allowing the use of cannabis for medical and other purposes is changing along with the United States of America's perspective in a number of states;

AND WHEREAS medical cannabis users continue to push for their rights for easier access in purchasing cannabis to be upheld in every province and major city;

AND WHEREAS cities such as Vancouver, Victoria, and Toronto are regulating or seeking to regulate cannabis related facilities;

AND WHEREAS cities do have a legislative role in determining facility related issues under such federally regulated items like cell towers;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does regulate facilities such as bath houses and body rub parlors in zoning by-laws and the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law;

AND WHEREAS a substantial portion of society will continue to be opposed to the use of cannabis;

AND WHEREAS life style decisions and influences for minors continue to be in the domain of parents and guardians;

AND WHEREAS so called head shops are selling cannabis related apparatus / tools;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not have any provisions in its by-laws to limit the opening of cannabis dispensaries or retail outlets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg public service look to other Canadian cities for cannabis regulatory provisions in order to establish limits on cannabis related facilities in Winnipeg.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS on July 15, 2015 Council concurred in the recommendations of Item 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated June 26, 2015, as amended, (the "Report") to approve the plan of subdivision under File DASZ 11/2015 and to amend the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 to rezone the planned area to a "C2" Commercial Community District, subject to certain conditions;

AND WHEREAS recommendation 8 of the Report provided as follows:

8. That the subdivision section of the by-law shall come into force and effect upon execution by the City of Winnipeg of the Servicing Agreement;

AND WHEREAS recommendation 9 of the Report provided as follows:

9. That, the zoning section of the by-law shall come into force when the Zoning Agreement is registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office by caveat against the subject land within one year from the date the by-law is passed, failing which the by-law will expire and the matter shall be deemed to be concluded and shall not be proceeded with unless an extension of time is applied for prior to the expiry of the one year period and Council approves the extension;

AND WHEREAS the Report does not recommend that the applicant enter into a Servicing Agreement with the City of Winnipeg as a condition of approval of the plan of subdivision;

AND WHEREAS the above-referenced recommendations 8 and 9 do not accurately reflect the intent of Council with respect to the aforementioned application for subdivision and rezoning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT recommendations 8 and 9 be replaced with the following:

8. That the subdivision section of the by-law shall come into force and effect upon registration of the Plan of Subdivision in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office.

9. That the zoning section of the by-law shall come into force and effect when the Plan of Subdivision is registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office and the Zoning Agreement is registered in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office by caveat against the subject lands, provided that the said effective date occurs within one year from the date the by-law is passed. failing which the by-law will expire and the matter shall be deemed to be concluded and shall not be proceeded with unless an extension of time is applied for prior to the expiry of the one year period and Council approves the extension.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll just allow the Council to waive the rules to hear this. There isn't time sensitivity to this, a housekeeping matter.

Madam Speaker: Call the vote for suspension of the rules. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Very quickly, bottom line is that the agreement that the plan we have forward cited a service agreement that doesn't exist, so it was caught late in the process and that's all it is, just clearing-up the words from service agreement and it's a housekeeping matter but the project is ready to go. And the By-law is here so if we don't do it today we will probably have to wait a whole other month for this organization to get moving.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on the Motion?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow do you wish to add anything further in closure?

Councillor Orlikow: No.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to By-laws for P and D. First reading only, Councillor Orlikow

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – FIRST READING ONLY

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the following By-laws be read a first time. By-laws No. 81, 91, and 96/2015.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 81/2015, 91/2015 and 96/2015.

Madam Speaker: Now move on to By-laws for P and D for second and third readings, Councillor Orlikow.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2nd AND 3RD READINGS

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair, I move By-laws No. 43/2015 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 43/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair, again, I'll just move that the By-law No. 43/2015 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to By-laws for P and D for all three readings. Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair, I move 88, 89, 90, 92, 93 of 2015 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 88/2015, 89/2015, 90/2015, 92/2015, 93/2015 and 94/2015.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I move that By-laws No. 88 to 90 inclusive and 92/2015 to 94/2015 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 88/2015 to 90/2015 both inclusive and By-laws No. 92/2015 to 94/2015 both inclusive.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair I move that rules be suspended and By-laws No. 88/2015 to 90/2015 both inclusive and 92/2015 to 94/2015 both inclusive be read a third time and the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services. Councillor Browaty on the report.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce the report of September 14, 2015. Move Items No. 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on 2, 3, 4 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 – Winnipeg Police Service Strategic Plan 2015 - 2019

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. Again, new territory in that we now have a Police Board. We don't directly have the police reporting to the public service or to the politicians here. I do notice that it's Councillor Scott Gillingham, who is the Chair of the Police Board that pulled this item down. I would be happy to hear his presentation on the matter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I really just pulled it down to highlight and commend the work of the Winnipeg Police Service Executive and our Winnipeg Police Board as well. We are really excited to be tabling the first joint strategic plan of the two entities. The police services had strategic plans in the past but under the new governance structure, this is the first time there has been a jointly forwarded strategic plan and it's available to everybody at Winnipegpoliceboard.ca. The details of the plan are there so I encourage people to take a look at it. The four goals of the plan for the next five years; is less crime and victimization, engage communities, effective and efficient service and a healthy organization. And once again I just want to commend the work of the people in both the Police Board and the service and look forward to having discussion on that if anybody wants to talk to me about this item. Thank you.
Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Browaty to close.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to also include Councillor Gillinham comments, thanking the work of the members of the Police Board and members of the Winnipeg Police Service for the work they do day in and day out to keep our community safe and I do think we do need to recognize that the cost of policing in the City continues to rise faster than almost all of our other expenditures and it is certainly a major concern for all of us at the table here. We don't see the growth revenues that other levels of government have and the continued cost is certainly a challenge for all. But again, thanks to all of the wonderful work that all of them do.

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on Item No. 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 5.

Item 5 – Library Redevelopment Strategy – Old Kildonan Ward

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty to open.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. This was a Motion brought forward by yours truly, sorry by yourself, sorry, seconded by myself. And again this is an opportunity at this point to review the very exciting work that's been going on in terms of the library redevelopment strategy. We've seen new branches open and other branches majorly renovated and brought up to modern standards. It's been a good news story up to this point. We heard earlier today that my colleague from St. Charles Ward has asked for his particular library to push perhaps back or out of the library. The timing that was originally allocated for it. Perhaps there is an opportunity now and again based on communications from the department staff, maybe an opportunity to look at the strategy, which is now a couple of a year's old, and perhaps reprioritize and move some other ideas around so, I am more than happy to hear Councillor Eadie's comments and concerns.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Speaker Sharma. Just trying to catch the wording here. I stood this down. First of all I'd start off by thanking EPC for tendering it down a bit here. The original motion was very political, had no sound basis behind its rationale other than a political move, Speaker Sharma, that we move the library because one doesn't exist in another ward when the library is actually serving a community much as the regional swimming pool that's on Adsum and Manilla which is quite some distance away from the region which it serves way over…actually, up in Riverbend, it's the indoor pool, so anybody living on Armstrong and Mynarski, of course is using that regional pool. It doesn't exist in the Mynarski Ward. But it exists in the Seven Oaks area which is a huge area, historical area, and that's fine. The premise in which this was moved forward I thought was erroneous and made no sense, so I was quite concerned. I noticed EPC toned it down and it does talk about the plan and I would note though, and I think I heard some element of agreement from the person who is responsible for trying to guide the budget into coming place, and Councillor Dobson's question to the Mayor today in talking about do we need to move these things ahead as fast as they are? What's the rationale? What's there? I do know this plan, and I voted for the plan that was in place that was voted in two years ago, it was January, we actually adopted it January 2013, which is two years ago, that's not a long time span. And it was Councillor Dobson, Speaker Sharma who, basically, said to the library service, well it's serving the needs of the people that's there. Is there really a need to spend that money now? Is the building collapsing? Is it imminent? Is it something we have to do? So I notice in here, that EPC has noted options and implications of revising the library renewal plan. So I would ask this question, in light of our very, very difficult situation in terms of the budget come up both capital and operating, the question, Speaker Sharma, in light of our very, very difficult situation in terms of the budget coming up, both capital and operating. The question really is, does, and when you're evaluating I hope it will be, maybe we should wait longer? Can we hold out longer before we do this? I hope it will be evaluated from that perspective. There is an opportunity to move it ahead but should it be considered in context and maybe it should stay longer. Is that building actually serving the current West Kildonan regional library, which is what's in question here? Is it serving the people of the region in which it serves. I would note that the Henderson regional library is on the very, very edge of North Kildonan and it serves its area quite well. Maybe there isn't a need to move it. I know it's an older building, it was built in 1967, it was -- prior to that it was actually in what you might call today the Old Kildonan Ward, it was at the Garden City Collegiate, it was where that library was located. Prior to that it was located near Burrin and Main in a strip mall. So back when it was first started in the mid to late 1950s. So Speaker Sharma, the thing about revising it, I hope it will be considered that way, and I think if an EPC has seen why. So I am actually going to vote against this motion because frankly, the plan was there, I don't see any reason to revise it as they progress. They might be slightly delayed in some library development but there were a number of other libraries that were scheduled that supposedly had more need to be done before others for example, the Charleswood Library did get done, there was a huge need there and it was dealt with. In terms of the River Heights Library, how long do we have to wait for the renewal there? That's a very important library, it serves that area. There was an agenda set in that plan and it was based on what the library services and other administrators felt was an appropriate thing. So it is going to go ahead, I will be voting against it but I point out those things, West Kildonan regional library has one of the highest circulations. If you move it too early is the other library that's going to serve, we don't know where the other one will be located because when you lease something, the City decides on where they are going to get the lowest lease. They don't decide, is it going to open up in Garden City Square where it's totally inaccessible, you can't get in there. There's no pedestrian way to get into that lot. The bus stops and you can walk down the middle of the driveway, you know, who knows where it will end up, a strip mall somewhere on McPhillips which is totally inaccessible as well? I don't know. But the whole point is we have to consider these things before we move ahead and I have some great concerns and maybe, so be it, in the plan it was looking at moving in 2021, that gave enough time for other library services to develop and the people who live around the community where the current library exists, they've become very fond of it and utilize it quite a bit as the circulation would say. And the suburbs from the Old Kildonan are built on a car society. They are used to driving everywhere to get some place, so like the people who live in Riverbend, well actually, if you are in Riverbend you might want to go to the regional indoor pool in East Kildonan. So you know, like East Kildonan, Elmwood. But the whole point is, you know, I think it's erroneous to start looking at changing this especially given the context to our

money crunch and things like that, moving it up faster when we are trying to move ahead. Arlington Bridge, capital programs, money we are spending. Arlington Bridge I think would probably be more important than necessarily moving this library. There is all these things we have to balance. I know this will only be looked in the context of library renewal but we have to think of the bigger picture as Councillor Dobson has done and so I'm going to be, again, voting against this particular motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Another commitment, I'm going to be very brief but I want to say I'm supporting the clause but I want to say that I think what we are seeing here is a bigger issue that's starting to affect our City and has been affecting our City and it's going to become acute in time. We are a growing city. Physically growing by size and in terms of population and we have demands for new strategic infrastructure, libraries being one of them, but there's also other calls and other demands right across our city in terms of new facilities whether it be pools, whether it be requirements for more sewers. All of these things are putting pressure on us as a City and it's something that this Council has to deal with, and deal with soon. We do have certain tools available to us. There was a huge fight in this Council, the last Council that maybe we can resolve and this Council, one of the tools we do have that's available already through the charter, we don't have to have a charter it's called area charges and I'll tell you, it's something that's there to do regional, to deal with regional issues such as this where new strategic infrastructure is necessary. The challenge will be, as long as there is growth, you can do area charges. When growth starts to die, the area charges are no longer viable. The challenge is we are sitting back, and we have had ten, 15 years of growth and we have not been collecting dimes in area charges when we could have been and we could have been investing in new strategic infrastructure in communities that need, whether it be a library or pool or what have you or sewer or whatever the local regional issues are and that's just one example. But overall this is a huge issue affecting our whole City. What you are seeing…you are going to see more of these debates. So long as we are not addressing this issue, whether it's libraries or anything else and that's what I want to really emphasize. We are going see more of this happening across the City because of the growth that's occurring. And you specifically see it in the southwest in a big way and you see it in my end and you see it all over the City and in all levels of different types of services. I wanted to point that out. I think that's one of the challenges of this Council is facing and we must get our heads wrapped around it and we must come forward with some concrete policies to deal with them. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? I'll call the question. All in favour?

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. I have a very soft spot for libraries. They are such an equalizer. It doesn't matter your economic background, you can come from a broken home, you can go in to a library if you want to get away from the chaos of your home life, your work life, you name it, you have an opportunity. It's a very equalizing factor. There is almost no charge to do almost anything in the library, so whether it's pick-up a book or magazine or newspaper off the shelf or use a computer, apply for a job even. The librarians we have in most of our branches are good, hard-working people and they're very helpful to the people that go and use them. We've seen some branches where the rights of visitation, the amount of material lent out has gone from very low to very high. A beautiful new library at Cindy Klassen Pool. Very well used. And you have a great library branch now in Charleswood. Their numbers have gone through the roof. In fact, I have heard rumours that Henderson Highway branch which was by far the highest branch outside of the downtown Centennial Millennium branch in terms of material lent out, I heard one may have now exceeded it, so that's a good thing. People are using our libraries in this modern day and age. They are still very relevant and I think we have a neat opportunity here to perhaps make sure that we continue along this aggressive strategy that we have seen in recent years. It's a great service for the citizens of Winnipeg and I'm looking forward to the exciting Transcona branch in the near future. I am happy to move this forward and I do think, pre-supposing that it's going to go in the Old Kildonan Ward instead of Mynarski was maybe a bit presumptuous. I think the small revision to that and the support of the public service to do a full revision is well received so I'm happy to move this forward.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question and then there was a call for recorded vote I heard. All those in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Dobson and Eadie..

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Motion is carried. We will now move on to …we have no By-laws and no Motions. So any questions for the Chair? Councillor Mayes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I have had a couple of residents call and I've spoken briefly with Councillor Browaty about this and I want commend the work of Martin Miller who is in our neighbourhood livability By-law enforcement group and what people have been calling about is taking a look at outdoor fire pits and before I say anything more, both my neighbours have fire pits, never caused me a problem, no issues, great neighbours, fantastic people, no personal issues with this but I have had a couple of people call and some of them have 25-foot wide lots and the neighbour has their fire pit almost right onto the property line, that kind of thing. What I think would be best…but I defer to Councillor Browaty is could we have some sort of review of what practices are in other jurisdictions? We do have By-laws. We've got very detailed limitations I've learned through Mark Miller on what can be done but are we keeping up with other jurisdictions? I can appreciate someone with asthma or breathing issues might make this an issue.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. My personal feeling on this matter is having a number of backyard fires in most residential neighbourhoods is completely appropriate and completely enjoyable way to spend an evening during the warmer months of the year. Is there an opportunity to look and see what's being done elsewhere? I am not opposed to that notion. Would I support an outright ban? Absolutely not. Do I support a huge bureaucracy and fees and stuff? No. But at the same time, maybe something we can learn from what other jurisdictions are doing. I would be willing to support a motion to look at what's being done. But again, I am not…I have no appetite personally for a widespread ban. I do get a number of complaints as well about persistent fires during summer months and kids with asthma, but again, I don't think we need to set up a huge bureaucracy to deal with this matter.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Mayes: Yes. I wanted to thank Councillor Browaty, so I will talk to Councillor Browaty about a Motion I guess at his Committee, but again, no one is talking about an outright ban. In fact, the person who raised this with me said, so you will push for a ban? and I said no, I agree with Councillor Browaty. We're not looking for a ban, we already have limits we don't want to recreate anything but we should look at what other jurisdictions are doing and people in my neighbourhood don't cause me any personal issues on a personal lever but this has come up from other residents. And seeking guidance, does Councillor Browaty need a Motion then to come forward at his Committee or what's the preferred course from here?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: I can either approach members of the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service and Community By-law enforcement to see if they have any preferred course of action in terms of getting you that information. We might not even require a Motion, I'll get back to you before the next PCS meeting and we'll decide the best course of action. I'll take that offline with the Councillor. Again, one of the best ways to deal with neighbourhood fire pit fires is to invite your neighbours over. We moved this summer and this past Sunday we enjoyed watching the super blood moon with our neighbours with a glass of wine looking at the eclipse. It was quite spectacular. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. This is a question regarding the Henderson Library, which, when you get inside is a wonderful place. You have accessible computers, people who are blind can use it and there is various materials that are accessible that you can utilize there, but my question, Speaker Sharma is I'm wonder if they resolved the issue for people who are blind getting across what is a very busy parking lot where you have a Dairy Queen there, you have Chinese food on the other end, you have all these cars parked through the parking lot. Have they figured out…I haven't visited there on my own for quite a substantial amount time but I'm wondering if that problem has been resolved where someone who is blind can actually come off the sidewalk south of McLeod, somewhere around there and get through and enter into the door to the Henderson library?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. In my consultations with the public I have not heard of any complaints of anybody not getting access to the mall. It is at the junction of many, many bus routes. Probably the best spot in terms of transit access in all of North Kildonan/East Kildonan with the 11s and the 77 and I think 44 is pretty close and the 40, 41. You name the bus route, most of the routes from that end of the City go past that intersection in some way. In terms of the parking lot itself, there is some separation. I can see how there would be challenges for someone who is blind getting to the library branch. I can see that that would be an issue. When we did introduce the new branch though, it did bring forward many improvements to accessibility. We now have universally accessible bathrooms, there's no doors, no barriers, barrier-free access. Things in terms of the way books are shelved we are taking into account universal access. I would encourage Councillor Eadie to perhaps work with department staff and library management as well as the procurement staff perhaps to look at the criteria that are used in selecting the next branch. Universal access should be one of the considerations. I know Councillor Eadie suggested Garden City Square might be an unsuitable location, but perhaps if they were to be successful there has to be a requirement that there is some level of universal access. And I believe in fact the City now has based on provincial legislation requirements to consider access whether its and owned or leased space. I don't know the exact details of that but I know that is now part of the consideration. Yeah, I think we should take a look at the criteria and work on that together. Universal access being one of the considerations also access to transit routes and perhaps not on cost a little.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions?

Madam Speaker: Speaker Sharma, it is a great bus service actually along Henderson around McLeod.

Madam Speaker: Do you have a question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I do, as a matter of fact. My question is, is Councillor Browaty being educated now in terms of that difficult parking lot and it is a problem even if you are utilizing a wheelchair and you are low profile and going through that parking lot you have to get to that sidewalk that walks along the strip wall, so that's the issue. Has he been educated?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Yes, again, I think probably the safest route would be to go to the southern end of the parking lot by the Dairy Queen. I do recognize that at the moment that the mall landlord is doing finally some beautification of that mall right along Henderson Highway. It shocked the heck out of me the other day when I saw that happening. But if you go from the Dairy Queen, the mall does go in a bit of an L shape, you can actually go up along the sidewalk behind the Mr. Submarine which I think would be the best route from the Henderson Highway sidewalk, from transit the bus or whatever means you have to get there, the amount of traffic cutting through to that far end of the mall is a lot lower than the other ends where you've got to deal with Tim Hortons and gas bar traffic. I think it is fairly low traffic. I don't know if it's completely perfect but it's reasonable.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, Councillor Wyatt, will you move that we now adjourn? I'll call the question. 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 Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 1:49 p.m.