COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, February 24, 2016

The Council met at 9:40 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Dobson.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Before we begin our meeting today I would like to acknowledge that today is Pink Shirt Day and Council is wearing pink shirts to help support the campaign to end bullying in our community. Thank you Councillor Gerbasi for coordinating the shirts for City Council today. Mr. Mayor, I would like to recognize you to make your announcements today.

Mayor Bowman: Thanks very much Madam Speaker and good morning to you and all members of Council and those that are here in the gallery and watching online and via television. Welcome to the second Council meeting of 2016. At the beginning of February I was very pleased to join twenty-one other mayors from across Canada as part of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors Caucus meeting in Ottawa. The Big City Mayor's Caucus comprises of a regional representation, a group of FCM member cities and we meet as a group two to three times a year to discuss shared issues and to reinforce FCM's policy and advocacy agenda set by the National Board of Directors. During this month's meeting we discussed and received updates on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report implementation, infrastructure planning, public safety and disaster mitigation, Syrian refugee resettlement and climate change. I have to complement our new Federal Government partners having access directly to our new Prime Minister as well as six members of Cabinet with something that hasn't happened recently and it was very well received by the members of the Big City Mayor's Caucus. The Government of Canada's commitment to prioritize municipal infrastructure spending and to make funds more flexible to the requirements of municipalities are steps in the right direction and they were as you would expect, applauded. We will be waiting, of course, the tabling of the federal budget on details. As well, the renewed relationship with the Government of Canada that they are forging with municipalities really reflects the increasingly important role that big cities play in our federation. And it recognizes the connectivity that mayors and municipal leaders have with their residents. At the provincial level, I continued my efforts to leverage our fair share and a fair say in how infrastructure dollars are spent in our communities. Also, in Ottawa, I had a chance to discuss with my colleagues, ways we can better share and really learn from each other on our efforts to promote racial inclusion and to address the challenges of racism which are occurring and occur in all municipalities in our country and around the world, sadly. Through FCM, I was delighted to accept the role as Chair of the Aboriginal Partnership and Reconciliation Working Group. This year that will focus on recommendations from the TRC final report that municipalities can take action on. And I look forward to continuing discussion when the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has its annual meeting here in Winnipeg in June. At the end of January, I was honoured to welcome to Winnipeg Mr. Anne van Leeuwen, she is the Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Mr. Ruud Cino of the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. Both were here as part of a conference aimed at generating recommendations to develop a regional growth strategy to better ensure our region's growth is smarter, is cleaner and maximizes our economic possibilities while minimizing our environmental footprint. As many of you know, Winnipeg, and Manitoba and Canada, we cherish close ties to the people of the Netherlands. All Canadians were honoured when His Majesty, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima visited Canada last year. And in Winnipeg, we are reminded of our ties between the two countries whenever we visit the Assiniboine Park. Leo Mol sculpture, 'The Sower', was donated by the Dutch-Canadian community celebrating one hundred years of Dutch settlement here in Canada. We are grateful that a group of leading experts in Europe chose to share their very best ideas and insight with us as part of this conference, I might add, in the dead of winter here. So it was great to have them in our community. I was also very pleased to participate again in the kickoff for the Winnipeg Police Half Marathon together with Chief Devon Clunis, race founder and Director Nick Paulette, Robert Smith and Mark McDonald, Executive Director of the Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Division. Winnipeg Police Half Marathon now running in its twelfth year and it's

become, really the cornerstone of the Manitoba running calendar. It's also the third largest party...sorry the largest third-party fundraiser for the Manitoba division of Canadian Cancer Society having raised over $1.2 million so far. And I would like to give a special mention to Joanne Schiewe. Joanne is a former colleague of mine at my former law firm. Joanne is not only courageously battling brain cancer but is also a runner in the event, an Ironman tri-athlete and responsible for raising $25,000 at last year's event. I am constantly inspired by the resilience of our community and many of our citizens and Joanne is certainly an inspiration to all of us. I will add even though I am participating in the 5k event this year, I would encourage anyone considering sponsoring me to instead direct their funds to support Joanne's campaign so we can hopefully see her raise more money than she was able to do last year. Together with distinguished members of Winnipeg's Chinese Cultural Community including Dr. Joseph Du and Dr. Tina Chen, members of the Chinese Benevolent Association of Manitoba and Her Honour Lieutenant Governor, Janice Filmon. I and I know many Members of Council were thrilled to celebrate the Chinese New Year and welcome the Year of the Monkey. They say the monkey represents intelligence, inventiveness, community and problem solving and I'd like to think this goes hand-in-hand with declaring 2016 as the Year of Reconciliation in our city and as we continue to support each other and recognize that in diversity there is strength and there is it beauty. February wouldn't be complete without the Festival du Voyager. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone attending and participating in the 47th annual Festival du Voyageur. This beloved winter celebration is a tremendous opportunity to step back in time, discover our proud Métis and Franco-Manitoban roots. Our voyageur history is something I believe all Winnipeggers can and should appreciate and take pride in. I want to recognize the Councillor from St. Boniface who I know was there, yelling "Heho" with me on numerous occasions over the last week. And also, of course, I want to recognize and thank everyone for supporting Pink Shirt Day today. No child, no individual should have to suffer the emotional turmoil and pain that comes from being a victim of bullying and today, wearing a pink shirt, it's a good reminder for all of us to find ways to eliminate bullying. Lastly, I'll just say, in partnership with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, I look forward to delivering my second State of the City Address tomorrow and outlining further opportunities to grow our city while also challenging individuals and businesses to do what they can as part of 2016 being declared the Year of Reconciliation and to find ways that they can respond to the calls to actions of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Thanks very much, Madam Speaker. Merci and megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Next, I would like to recognize Councillor Pagtakhan, Deputy Mayor, to make an announcement today. Thank you.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to remind the Mayor and Council that at lunch today at 12:00 o'clock, there is a lunch and learn series at the Siloam Mission, and so I would like to invite all of the Council and Mayor to participate. It's a one hour session. There will be transportation arranged for us at the corner of…at our loading zone on King Street and I hope that all of us can attend.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

MINUTES

Councillor Browaty moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no delegations registered today so we will move on to committee reports. The report of EPC dated February 3, 2016, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 through 3. And, is it appropriate at this time to pull Report 2?

Madam Speaker: Sure. Two and three have been pulled. I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. The cumulative impact of residential schools is a legacy of unresolved trauma passed from generation to generation: often referred to as inter-generational survivors and I'm sure many of us, I know I have many friends who are inter-generational survivors. The legacy of residential schools has had a profound effect on the relationship between our indigenous peoples and other Canadians. The Year of Reconciliation will be a time to work towards implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and to share greater understanding of the historical impacts that have shaped indigenous peoples to date. It will not right the wrongs of the past but it continues our journey, together, recognizing that we are connected to each other and to this land. I look forward to working with Council and with our new Indigenous Advisory Circle to implement the TRC Calls to Action regarding education of civic employees, commemoration of the impact of residential schools on survivors and engagement as we work towards the development of a Winnipeg Urban Aboriginal Accord. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on Item No. 2? I'll call the question. Unless you would like to close, Mr. Mayor? Call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 3, Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Establishment of Ward Boundaries Commission

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, I believe you stood this down.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Lukes for her support and work on this issue. It is of particular importance in certain wards, your own, Madam Speaker, has grown dramatically in recent years. Certainly the three south end wards continue to have tens of thousands of people more than in some of the other wards. It's hardly a product of the way the boundaries were first drawn when Council went from 29 to 15 members back in the earlier 90s. It's also a product of the definition that's in the provincial law that says you can have a deviation of 25 percent above the average or 25 percent below the average. So if the average is roughly 40,000 people per ward, you've got the layout that we have now, some people have just over 30, some people have over 50 so I'm glad we are going to be taking a look and seeing how we can address this. Councillor Lukes' ward in particular and I think Councillor Allard's have had growth that put them well beyond the 50,000. My ward used to be the biggest, ten, fifteen years ago and certainly I have over 50,000 people in my ward, but it's…I think it's a responsible bit of governance by the Council here to say look, let's not wait until after the next election, that might be to the advantage of everyone here to go with the existing boundaries, let's do the right thing and take a look at what the boundaries should be to better represent the population of the City of Winnipeg. It's one of my election commitments because people call all the time about the Dakota Community Centre which is in a different ward than the Dakota Collegiate even though they are on either side of the same street. So, most people think that all of St. Vital lies in my ward and that's not the case. Councillor Lukes very ably represents about 10,000 people in St. Vital. So we need to take a look at some of these boundaries and how we can modernize them. And I want to thank, particularly, the City Clerks, some of whom are sitting here in the centre who put a lot of work in this, a lot of research, came back to us and said we could do one right away based on the 2011 census data and we could move one street a couple of blocks in one ward and that would fit the criteria. Let's do the right thing, let's get the 2016 census data and let's go forward from there. So, while we may not have those changes in place in time for the 2018 elections, but we're going to try. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Next speaker is Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I just wanted to comment also and say that I would be supporting this. And what this really is also about is being able to provide a level of service to constituents that's equal and fair across the board. When you have a very large ward...as we know, the system here is we are all allocated a certain amount of funding to be able to communicate and reach out to our constituents and to engage with them. And when you have got twice as many constituents as other wards or two-thirds more or a third more, it's really...it really presents a challenge. So I'm extremely supportive of this. It's really important that we be able to deliver a fair, consistent service across the board to constituents.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to rise, I'm supportive of the motion as well. I just wanted to point out that I think something that we have to be somewhat concerned about in terms of how this will unfold. We have, as a city, ever since Unicity tried to structure Council in a way which is equitable, largely between the wards, between the different parts of the city, north verses south, east verses west and the risk here, of course, is the lopsided

nature of the way the city seems to be growing or developing with greater populations to the southeast and to the southwest, overriding population growth in the northeast and northwest. You could argue a lot of it occurring, self-prophesized…occurring because of the public sector investments largely going into the southeast and southwest at a greater share than into the northeast and northwest, therefore driving population numbers up. The risk of course is that you get an unbalanced Council, you get a Council which will be over-represented in the south and the southeast and the southwest. And it then begs the question, are we still...or should we still have a ward system? And that I think then becomes a bit of a debate. Because we want to ensure that we develop as a city equally and equitably, that all the projects aren't going to certain parts of the city or the majority of them because of the demand, because of the population, because of the power that those areas of the city would have and indeed they would definitely have if we were to add, as legislation requires, two wards to the south. And that would change everything in terms of how the city grows and develops and not necessarily for the better. And so, it's something I just point out. Clearly I agree with the previous speakers, there has to be a far more equitable way in terms of representing constituents where certain Councillors are now representing quite a bit more than other Councillors in terms of resources, in terms of ability to do that. But we just have to somehow address the nature…or the history of this city, ever since Unicity and you know…and ensure that the ability for us to grow is one that is reflective of the entire city and that we have those so-called regional sensitivities inside the city that exist are not ignored in this process. So, thanks very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Next speak is Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Ms Speaker. I wanted to rise and thank Councillor Mayes and Councillor Lukes for taking leadership on this and I also want to take the opportunity to remind Council that St. Boniface is not only the most bilingual ward in the city, but it's also the largest. Merci.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Next speaker is Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Eadie, you have the floor, thank you.

Councillor Eadie: St. Boniface is huge. Pardon me. Madam Speaker, I rise, of course, in support of this motion. You know, it's really time that we pushed and we utilize the census data that's going to be available, it's going to be…we're going to ask to be expedited. Very important because actually, I have been running for City Council since 1998 and had the pleasure, Madam Speaker, as you know, to run twice in the Old Kildonan Ward which, thank goodness, was shrunk in the last time that we moved ahead in terms of changing some boundaries although the south hadn't quite grown, but definitely, Old Kildonan has grown immensely. You know, we forget about these areas. North Kildonan, I don't think there is any development stuff left. But, you know, there is still continual development in Old Kildonan, Amber Trails. When I ran in '98, it was a tiny, tiny place. Today it's huge. There's lots of families there, lots of people. So, the boundaries have always been, I think, very disconcerting for me. The last time there was a change to some of the boundaries, which was just a tweaking to add some to St. James-Brooklands, there was a move to...Weston was moved into St. James Brooklands and now Weston and then we...luckily we were able to move Inkster Gardens over into Point Douglas. But you know, Madam Speaker, I also wanted to speak to and to some of the issues. Now, we do know that geographic and population are interesting factors and I'm not so sure that we'll factor this in, but I just want people to understand that Mynarski, a medium-sized ward, and I'm not sure if we will look at different names but I know Councillor Pagtakhan represents Point Douglas, but most of Point Douglas is in Mynarski and the Mynarski neighbourhood, Madam Speaker, is in…the actual Mynarski neighbourhood is actually in Councillor Pagtakhan's ward so...and generally most of the public, I think, have gotten used to that, but to reflect communities as we move along, but you know, some wards though, and you know if you look at 311, 2015, they say that the most calls for service come out of the Mynarski ward although there is it quite substantial amount in St. Boniface, St. Vital, St. Norbert and Fort Rouge has been growing in the number of service requests and not quite sure what they are associated with, but there are other factors that reflect what size of ward should be, those kind of factors. But I think having a census population, I definitely do believe that the Riel Community Committee area is...and continues to grow quite a bit. But...and I know what will be difficult in this whole process for the commission that's going to be looking at this, and I hope that they are up to the task, Madam Speaker. The task is...and there's going to be some decisions. Things are going to move around. We are not talking about adding any more wards here so things are going to move around and I think that's okay. But in hearing some of the discussion, I mean the ward system is what it is. Most of the cities as far as I know have them. Not sure of any cities that don't have ward systems, but one of the issues I might have though is if you're campaigning all 15 Councillors for the city, that can be a huge, daunting task. People don't realize when you are just out trying to represent the people and trying to run a campaign, it does cost lots of money and right now, we have the ward system. But, Madam Speaker, while this isn't the topic and maybe it's better for a different time but there are ways of structuring City Hall so that it works for and governs for all of the citizens. Again, I'm not ward centric, necessarily. I consider many of the areas in other wards in terms of who have the same, similar needs for city services as the Mynarski ward and the growth of some parts of the city for some reason seems to get a priority but I'll leave it out there. Our city, as one, needs to develop economically, and things like Kenaston which is a trade route, is a very important one and we are here, the Métis have been here a long time, as well as our indigenous friends in treaty one and they all had

trade routes through here. We need to continue to see some of those develop a bigger picture, but, Madam Speaker, I think that…what will result out of this for the 2018 election will be very good. I know...the other thing that's going to do, Madam Speaker, and I want to just throw out a thanks to our City Clerk and the Clerks Department who run our elections, are going to have to put together probably new polls and all the work that's involved with that, Madam Speaker. But I know they will be up to the challenge for 2018, but I think somebody needs to mention how much work really goes into putting on an election, ward by ward and we also do it for the school divisions as well so, always things to consider. Thanks, Madam Speaker. Of course I will be voting for this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Next speaker is Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion. I think perhaps for all of us who have been, obviously, elected in our wards, maybe the easiest thing to do is just to want status quo but, as has been spoken already, for the sake of equitable boundaries and really, fairness, as far as determining that with a growing population, this is, I believe, the right thing to do. I'm wondering though, Madam Speaker, if the Mayor is willing, when he makes his closing comments if he would be willing to consider commenting on the power that the Ward Boundaries Commission does have. I just, so everyone is clear, do they make recommendations that Council has the authority to either adopt or reject or does the commission have the power to impose its findings or…if the Mayor would speak to that, I would welcome that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm surely glad we are having this discussion on this...as we move forward on the issue of the establishment of Ward Boundaries Commission. Just so we know what we are getting into and perhaps there might be further clarification on this before we pass this motion, I assume we will be passing this motion, I'll be supporting it and perhaps His Worship may as well wish to clarify on this or anyone else. Given the issue of whether or not this would or would not include adding wards, I happen to be a number of months ago, attending on behalf of Councillor Browaty, I believe, as an alternate to the Governance Committee and at that meeting, it was explained to me that the City of Winnipeg has the authority to add two wards without requests of a change by the province to the City's Charter, and I believe that is within the realm of consideration for the Boundary's Commission. Madam Speaker, I'm not convinced at all that we do need an extra ward or two but my understanding is that that would be within the purview of the commission for consideration, unless it's...this chamber is told otherwise. I believe that's what I learned at that Governance Committee meeting with, I believe, Councillor Mayes was there and I think Councillor Lukes was there as well as others. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on this item? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Apologies for that. I'll be supporting this as well and thank the members of Council for their comments today. In terms of the commission's power, my understanding is that once the commission is engaged they will recommend and it really is to be received as information for this Council. So where the distribution falls ultimately would be in the hands of the commission.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now moving on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 17, 2016. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Item 1 through 9. I would ask that Report 1 be pulled.

Madam Speaker: So far we have 1, 3, 4 and 5 pulled. Are there any others? I'll call the question on Items 2 and 6, 7, 8 and 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Office of Integrity (Ethics) Commissioner – Proposed Engagement Process

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In early December, we set the stage for the establishment of an office of the Integrity Commissioner whose mandate would be to investigate, to advise and to educate members of Council on matters relating to conflicts of interest and other laws and policies governing the behaviour of Council. As many of you know, this is something I strongly support. The establishment of an Integrity Commissioner is long overdue and is an important step which will help ensure a more open and transparent city hall. Several municipalities as well as other levels of government in Canada have implemented similar commissioners and offices. The Integrity Commissioner will report directly to Council, will be appointed by Council for a minimum two year renewable term and will be required to publish an annual report of its activities. Earlier this year, Council adopted a motion to prepare a process and implementation plan to create an Integrity Commissioner under the maximum authority provided for under the existing City of Winnipeg Charter. The City of Winnipeg Charter Act currently does not specifically provide investigative authority nor identify appropriate penalties for breeching relevant policy by-laws or acts. As such, changes continue to be required for the City of Winnipeg Charter in order to specifically grant the Integrity Commissioner investigative powers and identify appropriate penalties. We continue to expect the current provincial government to follow through with their public commitments to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter to further provide the Integrity Commissioner with the necessary powers. At this point, I haven't received any indication from the province that it will not be moving forward with changes it's publicly committed to earlier this year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I rise, of course, in support of this Integrity Commissioner's report. And as I have always said and inevitably, I think, it will be...we have a City Auditor, a new one appointed, someone who has been with the city for quite some time, a good decision, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to mention that I see these two positions as having to work together in many circumstances. For example, we still are waiting for and I don't think I have seen one yet, where the Auditor audits the Mayor's expenditures, the Mayor's office, the same way as Councillors' offices are, Madam Speaker. Something that I said needed to be done and many of us around the Council Chamber here were saying needs to start happening. In terms of Councillors and the Mayor should be subject to very similar criteria, in terms of how we spend and how we go about doing our jobs. And Madam Speaker, I think it's essential that our auditor...and when our auditor looks through that, and I don't know, you never know, there is possibilities, I think we are all very honest people around the Council Chamber, but Madam Speaker, you know, who knows what the future holds, what the past had. But ultimately, I see these two positions as having to work together. One of the things that's not happening that I always felt that needed to happen is I think the City and its administration needs guidance, not only in how the integrity conflicts of interest and so on for the elected Council members, but I still think there are gaps in our employee code of conduct...or employee conflict of interest code of conduct in there which mostly speaks to conflicts of interest. And there are some gaps in there, Madam Speaker. And I hope we don't just limit this Integrity Commissioner because maybe at some point until we have a lobby registry, I don't know that the Integrity Commissioner is going to have a lot of work to do. As I said, I think all us Council members are quite sincere and honest about what we do and open and speak to what we do. So, maybe, this Integrity Commissioner, who will have the expertise, can look at the conflicts of interest that exist for our city administration. Because I'll tell you right now, our CAO's office does not have, does not have the equivalent of what the Province of Manitoba has in terms of how you deal with conflicts and how you interact with the head of the political end and the head of the administration. In the past, we know there have been some great difficulties in that regard. I'm not saying that they exist today. But, we need some advice from this Integrity Commissioner how we can improve it and I think the model the Province uses in terms of its deputy ministers verses its ministers should be really looked at, and those provisions could be provided in there. And I think, Madam Speaker as well, we can look at what constitutes a conflict of interest? There has been a number of issues happen with City employees over the years and we know that in order for their families to make ends meet, sometimes they work in other positions. But when they work in those other positions, Madam Speaker, to ensure the integrity of our administration they shouldn't be working in the same field that they work in and make decisions about in their day-to-day work life for us. So, those kinds of things are not cleaned up in our administration side either. So I'm hoping that this will all work together and I think it will. And as I have always said and it is possible if the Integrity Commissioner...until the Province actually makes the charter amendments, it is still possible, Madam Speaker, for the Auditor and the Integrity Commissioner to get together and say, "We've got an issue". And the Auditor can, by letter, give investigative powers to the Integrity Commissioner. That is possible in this structure that we have right now. So, I'll leave it at that. I'm totally in support of the Integrity Commissioner and I'm happy that our new mayor...well it's over a year now Mayor...but I can still call you the new mayor, our new mayor, thank you for bringing this forward, Madam Speaker. Let's move forward into a much better future. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. The next speaker is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. I'll just speak briefly as the Mayor introduced it very clearly. And I just wanted to say that this is a long time coming, obviously. We know we have been talking about this for a long time, those of us who have been here longer know that very well. I do think the main gap has been for elected officials. I think that's...I'm not

saying there is not improvements and work that the Auditor could do and that the administration can do but this is really about the elected officials and we just don't have those mechanisMs I think it's going to be really useful to have somebody to go to who can investigate and ultimately...I also think we should be appreciative that the Province has made, at last, after a lot of waiting, they have agreed to make those changes that are required to give this thing some teeth. I mean, that's the issue. Elected officials may be accountable to the people who elect them, but we really are lacking in processes if something is amiss. Yes, I think our ward budgets are monitored closely by the Auditor but it's not just about budgets, it's other issues and we know there's gaps and that's why we have been talking about this for years and years so I want to thank the Mayor for his push to keep this going and to get the Provincial Government on side. It's finally happened and it's happening. And I want to thank City Clerks for their report which puts together a really good process for actually moving this forward and making it happening. It's happened...it really is important. It might not always seem that clear why, but I'm very convinced this is very much needed to help restore the public trust that was quite damaged over the last ten years and prior Councils and prior experiences even before that, and this is a mechanism that is sorely needed so. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Are there any further speakers on this item? Okay seeing none, Mr. Mayor do you wish to close? No? I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Memorandum of Agreement – Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Senior Officers Association

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This was stood down by Councillor Wyatt. You have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to be sure I'm following the rules correctly so as per the e-mail to members of Council yesterday, I want to ask a question through you to the CAO on this matter, just a clarification question, is that possible?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Wyatt: Okay, great, thank you. I just want to ask for clarification for myself and for members of Council, on page four of the report, referring to the memorandum of agreement with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Senior Officers Association or the WFPSOA. It talks about the general wage adjustments and in the report it says it's effective August 24 to 2014, August 20, August the 19, 2017 but it breaks it down based on these periods of time. Could you describe exactly what, first of all the acronym PP, because it's not described anywhere that I can find in the report, what that stands for as well as what are those periods of time reflecting in terms of the award of the contract?

Madam Speaker: Mr. McNeil.

Doug McNeil: Capital P Capital P is pay period. So we have twenty-six pay periods in the calendar year. And I can't answer your second question. I'll have to get back to you on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. If we could start the clock again, please.

Councillor Wyatt: Clarification again, through you Madam Speaker, to the CAO. So those pay periods then, it's fair to say then, is there two separate awards taking place in a given annual, for example, 2015, so pay period five, the award is 1 percent increase and then come pay period 18 in 2015, that award of 1 percent goes...there is another increase on top of 1 percent of 2 percent?

Doug McNeil: Correct.

Councillor Wyatt: Therefore it's compounding, is that correct?

Doug McNeil: That's correct.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Thank you. I just want to rise to speak to this. As we know, this is not a major impact on the budget. The Financial Impact Statement in the report refers to the fact that the total amount of this impact is 1.017 million over the course of the contract over the course of the agreement. I guess you know...and again, these are individuals, Madam Speaker, who I believe are subject as well to the same process that the paramedics are themselves and the firefighters as well, and a matter of fact, there is a chart in the report on page five that provides an outline of

wage increases and so, you can see there is a comparison which means it tells one that these are groups...these are unions which look at each other in terms of what's being raised and how it's being raised and then the latest agreement that's been agreed to, directly impacts and affects the future agreements that are yet to come. And, the reason I say that is it's quite important because in this situation, Madam Speaker, you know, much of these groups that we look at here, have MGUs…the paramedics, the UFW, the firefighters, WP, the police, are all, Madam Speaker, subject to arbitration in the event a negotiated settlement is not possible. Collective bargaining doesn't work, then you go to arbitration. But I say this because if you look at the actual settlements here they are well above the rate of inflation. We talk over and over and over again in this chamber about how we are so concerned about the gap. It's been termed now the structural deficit exists. Well, structural deficit exists largely, a good chunk of it is because of increasing labour costs which is natural but increasing labour costs which, nevertheless, are being settled outside of a scenario which would allow for a, you know, allow for one side or the other to break negotiations, allow for one side to go into a labour dispute like a strike. Those rights have been suspended by legislation and in its place is the ability to have arbitration or the requirement to have arbitration. And the risk here is, Madam Speaker, if you look at the contracts being settled, for example in 2016 which is really now, we are settling at...well you can add them up, it's 4 percent in the given year but it's actually, you look at…it's compounded, it's compounded increases so it's actually above that 4 percent. So it's…we are at the rate of inflation in the given year higher than well above the rate of inflation for the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg. So I raise this because…and I realize this is not a big group of employees. It's not a very big, it's not a very...but these are the managers, these are the bosses, so to speak, of the paramedic division. However, whatever you give the boss you're going to have to give to the employee and this is the thing this is what I'm saying here, this is the…these are the folks who will set the tone for the other negotiations. And I like to be Santa Claus, too. Who doesn't? You know. We all like to be able to be very generous and give money where we can. But I think there has to be a balance, which is why I can't support this contract. And I really believe that we are about to table a budget next week which will probably be a very difficult budget and probably have all sorts of increases, tax increases, fee increases, frontage levy, who knows what kind of increases. Huge increases. And in some cases...and yet, you know, when it comes to holding the line on our costs in terms of at the rate of inflation, I think if we can do that, I think it's easier to justify the increases that are necessary to fix our infrastructure and fix our facilities and to do what we got to do, if, at the same time, we are shown ourselves to be fiscally and financially responsible in terms of how we manage our pay roll. But an increase like this does not give me that kind of comfort. It does not give me that sense of security in terms of what we are going to be doing with the upcoming budget and the increases being contemplated there. And at the same time, we are raising rates above the rate of inflation…this Council is doing it, not the last Council. Not the last Council, this Council. The decision being made today is to raise salaries above the rate of inflation at this Council. So I wanted to make that known, Madam Speaker. It concerns me, and I just...I believe these individuals are crucial, I think they're absolutely important to the City. The work they do is great. I am not in any way, shape or form detracting from the work they do. I am not in any way, shape or form saying that they are not doing their work or their job. I am not saying any of that, I am simply saying we should be awarding contracts based, ideally, in line with the rate of inflation just as it's been pledged by the Mayor that he wants to hold property tax increases at rates of inflation…inflationary rates. So, should we be striving to ensure that our pay roll is also going up at the rate of inflation or more? So I leave those thoughts with you and I want to thank the members of this association for the work they do and in no way, shape or form am I saying that they don't deserve an increase in terms of pay and deserve benefits and so forth but I am saying what is it that we can afford and what impact that now has? This decision, Madam Speaker, will have a direct impact on the contracts to come, you could be guaranteed because I have sat at that table up there in the Mayor's office when our negotiators come forward and ask for a mandate for the next contract negotiations for the next union that's coming up. And the first thing they cite was, well, this is what we gave to so and so, just recently. And that's something, Madam Speaker, that has a direct impact then on the rest and we can't ignore that. We can't ignore that. So those are my concerns. I know it's very difficult to be the Chair of Finance, it's not an easy job, he's 'Mr. No', but I'll tell you what, these kinds of things make it even more difficult. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Any other speakers on this item? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I will call the question on the Item 3, Memorandum of Agreement, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Senior Officers Association. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Rezoning – 125 Pacific Avenue – DAZ 231/2015

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 4.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This was stood down by? Councillor Pagtakhan, you have the floor.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to stand down this item and offer some words. This was a...I really want to applaud the vision, the courage and the tenacity of one of our citizens, Madam

Speaker, Nicole Berry, who is the founder and President of the Peg Beer Company that's going to be opening up here shortly this year, I understand perhaps as early as mid-March. And this rezoning went through Property and Development, there was no opposition, there was support from the community. I know that the Exchange District Biz is very thrilled to see this new business come here within the Exchange District. This rezoning takes place, Madam Speaker, in a building that's under-utilized and so turning this building into a micro-brewery, a restaurant and a pub, I got to give kudos and props to Ms Berry. To open up a restaurant is not an easy endeavour but to open up a restaurant, a micro-brewery and a pub all together and to offer bike parking and kayak parking outside this operation is such a huge and unique thing for the area. And you know, I see Bartley Kives who is the new culinary food and drink reporter, I'm sure he will have some nice choice words when this operation opens up and I just want to put those words on the record, Madam Speaker, and congratulate our citizen, Ms Nicole Berry, for her venture.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan, any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, nothing to add.

Madam Speaker: Ok, I'll call the question on Item 4, Rezoning – 125 Pacific Avenue. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Text Amendment – Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 100/2004 – DAZ 230/2015

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item. This was stood down by Councillor Gerbasi. You have the floor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I did want to make some comments on this item. Urban beekeeping is something that we are seeing expanding across the country and I guess if we can have kayak parking downtown with our brew pubs, we are a cool enough place to have roof top beekeeping as well and that's what this is about. This is a by-law change to allow urban beekeeping within the Downtown Zoning Area By-law. And I'm really pleased; we had the public hearing, we had no public opposition. And in the writing of the report, there was consultation with the stakeholders, the beekeeping community, as well some of the businesses in the downtown. This actually arose from conversations with businesses downtown in my ward that wanted to do what many other places have done on the tops of buildings, do some urban beekeeping for both education, local food production, for the sake of the interest the public has, and we know bees are declining, that this is part of a global effort to increase the bee population for their pollination, biodiversity, local food production, it's all part of a balanced ecosystem and part of keeping our downtown interesting. I just wanted to mention, at the hearing, one of the changes that the committee made was when the report was brought forward...by the way it was an excellent report before I get to the change we made, it was an excellent report in terms of it has very clear guidelines, very clear design standards and there is...for the comfort of anyone who is concerned there is a very clear process, a provincial regulation of beekeeping within the city. We actually already have beekeeping downtown at the U of W and we just don't have problems It's very well regulated there is provincial government takes care of inspections and has clear guidelines and in the policy, in the by-law here there are some very specific standards in terms of guidelines to make sure to eliminate any problems that could possibly happen and there's a very clear process in place. It came forward to be looked at as a conditional use and that was changed to a permitted use. And the reason why was, it's a significant cost to have a conditional use process which really doesn't serve any purpose because even without the conditional use, there is still a process of application they have go to. So they can do that application process which is simpler, doesn't cost them over a thousand dollars each time, and it encourages the activity while still requiring all the same applications and due diligence and regulation and all those things that will happen, it doesn't change any of that. So we changed it to a permitted use rather than a conditional use and I just wanted to mention that that was why we did that. So, I'm just... one more comment is that, you know, many places just...city-wide, just simply allow this. Winnipeg sometimes likes to be a little more careful about things. But I think when we see this in place and we see how successful it is, it won't be long before we're looking at this throughout the city, we'll have a chance to see how it works and I don't think there will be a lot of concerns with that. There is a motion that came from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee to look at that. That has been referred to the Food Policy Council, so we are actually looking at broadening this in the future. But, this, today, with this decision, we will be changing the by-law and saying that we can have beekeeping, urban beekeeping happening on roof tops and in the downtown and I think this is a very positive story. So, I'm very proud that this is happening today and I want to thank the administration for the really good report here and the diligence they did in putting this together. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers on this item? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, I'll just thank Councillor Gerbasi for her comments and her support for this. I think this is a progressive step for downtown. I have enjoyed the honey that is made on the roof top at the University of Winnipeg and

hopefully we will have a lot more honey being produced in other locations around the city. So, I have nothing further to add. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 5, Text Amendment Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we now have Motion No. 5 before us. It is a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Dobson that Council undertake a strategic planning session. This is a Notice of Motion that we will deal with at next Council meeting. We will now move onto by-laws for Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

WHEREAS the 2014 civic election saw a large turnover in Council with eight new members elected to City Council;

AND WHEREAS with new members comes new ideas and platforms that require implementation;

AND WHEREAS every member of Council runs separately as an independent and not as one political coalition or party;

AND WHEREAS in Winnipeg Civic Elections, for all intents and purposes, 16 independent members of Council are elected, including the Mayor, all with differing and similar platforms;

AND WHEREAS in every other major city in Canada which successfully plan for the future, it does so by facilitating a Council led strategic planning initiative in order to ensure a prioritization of Council priorities and to assist with giving clear direction to the Public Service in the implementation of those priorities, both in terms of public policy and City budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT via the Governance Committee of Council, that the City of Winnipeg Council immediately undertake amongst its members, and inclusive of the Mayor, the writing of a Strategic Plan which will provide leadership and direction on setting public policy priorities between now and the next general election of 2018;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council delegate authority via the Governance Committee to request from the Public Service any discretion funds required to facilitate the writing of the Strategic Plan, including all public consultations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the first draft of the Strategic Plan be submitted for city-wide public input and review by the citizens of the Winnipeg within the next 60-120 days and prior to the submission of the final Strategic Plan to Winnipeg city Council for Council approval and Adoption required no later than 150 days.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law No. 13/2016, By-law 14/2016, By-law 22/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 13/2016, By-law No. 14/2016, By-law No. 22/2016.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the By-laws numbered 13/2016, 14/2016 and 22/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 13/2016, 14/2016 and 22/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, on the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 13/2016, 14/2016 and 22/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have Question Period for the Mayor. Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor. Mr. Mayor, I just want to follow up, thank you for your comments on the Big City Mayors' Conference that you had and it looks very exciting that what might be coming out of Ottawa in the near future in terms of funding for municipalities. One of the areas that was identified by the Big City Mayors' Conference that you were part of, the lobby that was taking place, was to working to ensure as they put it ensuring quality, affordable housing, specifically municipalities are investing in social infrastructure like housing and leading initiatives to boost the supply of affordable housing, affordable rental units from tax exemptions to intensification initiatives that they are looking to the Federal Government level for renewed leadership including protecting Federal rent to year income subsidies and investing in the repair, maintenance and recapitalization of Canada's affordable housing stock. This is from the FCM document. And it appears the Federal Government is taking a great interest in housing and getting more involved in housing and the need for affordable housing especially in Canada's cities and the need for us to be ready for that in the event the Federal Government does come down with funding, but at the same time, in the Housing and Strategic Initiatives Division report that went to EPC this last month, it was received as information, and it stated "The Planning, Property and Development Department began a restructuring of staff in housing development. The manager of the division has accepted a position within the Community Services Department, it was decided to shift delivery of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy funds to Community Services as well. Remaining staff were redeployed to Urban Planning and to Economic Development divisions within PP and D, and are working with these divisions to coordinate, incorporate activities into those areas." My question is this Mr. Mayor, is that it took a long time and many, many years ago for the City and two mayors ago to strike and set up a housing division of the city. There was lots of resistance to it, there was a lot of ideological debate about whether or not housing is a…should be a municipal area of responsibility but it was basically genuinely…I thought the debate was over and that we had agreed that yes there is a role. We approve all these private subdivisions for private housing. There is definitely a need for affordable housing, but yet we confirmed now in a Q and A in the Standing Committee a week ago with the Director of Property and Development that indeed the division has been dissolved; that the positions have been spread to the different areas in different departments and that the position of the Manager of Housing is being maintained vacant as it stands. Could you elaborate on that or agree to look into that further?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, and thanks very much for the question. I could certainly look into that. I…you know, I will note the issues of affordable housing is something that is affecting all cities across Canada. Some have, I think, more acute issues in their municipalities, but it is an issue here in Winnipeg as well and most certainly we'll look into that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Just…I appreciate you looking into that Mr. Mayor. Just generally speaking, would you suggest…would it be fair to say that at a time when the Federal Government is about to increase its level of funding for affordable housing if that is indeed the case, that it's not the right time for Winnipeg to be dissolving its housing division that we've had for now well over a decade?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well, firstly I will look into it. I'm not sure if it's accurate to claim that the City has dissolved its housing division. I can certainly look into whether or not that statement is, in fact, accurate or not. We are expecting and hoping that the Federal Government will be providing additional funds to assist municipalities, and municipalities including the City of Winnipeg does have a role to play in assisting those residents that do need affordable housing, and so we absolutely want to do our part. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Anything Further? Any other questions for the Mayor today? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. To the Mayor, I just had the opportunity in my office to look at 311 statistics for 2013/14 and 15 Madam Speaker, and during my election I was talking about the need, while we are building and fixing our local roads, collector roads, regional roads that needed to be fixed Madam Speaker, my campaign promise was to try to improve the services that people expect on an on-going basis such as getting the pot holes filled, making sure the garbage is collected, making sure the snow is plowed appropriately and safely for residents and so on. Anyway, in evaluating the statistics, I have a concern, because we constantly think about the issue of two percent efficiency, somehow departments are fat and we've got to get rid of lots of staff. I think what we need is a focus, Madam Speaker, on looking at...because it shows that in southwest…in the south district, southwest Winnipeg, that turnaround times for pot holes are like substantially lower than everywhere else in the whole city. So when we're looking at improving services Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Mayor would take it upon himself, and the more staff that he has, to have Public Works look at why do we get better service in southwest than the rest of the city; the worst in Transcona as a matter of fact when it comes to pot holes and how long it takes to get them done; and find out what the manager's doing down there that we can apply across the whole city in order to achieve it. So I'm asking if the Mayor would undertake to look at and utilize his staff to really look at this and say, okay, we need to deliver the services better, rather than saying let's just cut money. Let's…I want to understand this, and my office doesn't have the ability to analyze all this Madam Speaker. My assistant spent the better part of half a day or more just looking at pot holes and didn't complete the whole pot hole…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, what is your specific question?

Councillor Eadie: Sorry, so my question again is will the Mayor please undertake a study of this and then ask the questions of our Public Service as to how we can achieve such good turnover as we do in southwest on pot holes.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well firstly, I am pleased that we are getting a lot more information out in the public realm in terms of 311 and other departments. Our open data, open government initiatives, are intended to pull information out so that the public as well as members of Council can have up-to-date information so that we can find ways to improve our services city-wide in additional to within specific wards. I would encourage the member of Council to work with our Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee. I would be certainly open to sitting down with him to hear more specifics about the concerns that he or any member of Council has about the provision of services on a ward-by-ward basis. Of course, it seems timely after we just discussed the ward alignments, my ward is Winnipeg and I want to ensure that there is adequate services city-wide and so I do take his concerns that he is raising here seriously and would direct him to the appropriate committee and I'd be more than happy to sit down and talk with him at any time about the specific concerns as well. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, just to clarify, there's a north-south-east district for Public Works. The analysis needs to happen by that. I didn't mean by ward so I'm asking the Mayor if his staff would undertake a look at this based on our districts that we have because that's where the problem lies. I'm not talking about…I'm not ward centric. I'm talking about us improving the service to Winnipeggers because I am a Winnipegger and I appreciate all Winnipeggers, so I'm talking about a district study and it takes some research resources.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I would once again offer an opportunity to sit down and speak with the Councillor and also direct that the appropriate committee consider looking into this.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Based on the comments of Councillor Eadie and comparing 311 data from previous years, 2013 to 2015, and also making a regional comparison within the city, combine that with the fact that, you know, in this era of wishing to create greater openness and accountability and creating a position of new Integrity Officer and the fact that we have a new City Auditor and Chief Performance Officer is actually part of the title, Madam Speaker, that I see today and that is Bryan Mansky, so my question is, Madam Speaker, to His Worship, would he consider the idea that such report, such discussion, such concern be within the purview of the City of Winnipeg's Chief Performance Officer?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, I was just wondering if the Councillor can clarify what the question is.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer. Sure Madam Speaker. Always pleased to do so given my preambles and for the sake of His Worship, I'll say this in a few and different words and preps shorter. Given the concern mentioned today just now on the floor regarding a difference in time lapse between 311 calls and repair of pot holes, this is a performance issue to me. Would His Worship consider the idea that the Performance Officer, the Chief Performance Officer for the City, Bryan Mansky, look into this as a performance issue.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and thanks to the Councillor for his question. Firstly, I want to welcome Bryan Mansky to the role and I thank all members of Council for, I believe, unanimous support for…he…for Mr. Mansky to begin serving in a permanent capacity in that role. I think he's done great work and I look forward to working with him. In respect to having the Auditor look into the specific query, I would simply encourage the member of Council of contact Bryan Mansky and ask that he do so. All members of Council at any time are encouraged to contact the Auditor with any questions, concerns or inquiries that they may feel the Auditor should look into.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Anything further Councillor Schreyer? Any other questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, we will move forward in our agenda here. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We have no report today, no motions and no by-laws. We will have question period for the Chair, Councillor Morantz. Any questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, River Bank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated February 1, 2016.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Only one item so I will move the report dated February 1, 2016, Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Okay, we...yes, Councillor Allard, like to speak to....actually, we'll give…the Clerk needs to introduce.

Item 1 – Grant Funding for the 2016 River Trail

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Mayes: We have funded this for some time. I look forward to hearing what Councillor Allard has to say.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I'm not sure if we've actually voted on this already or not, but I just…rising in support of the motion, just wanted to talk a little bit about the Festival du Voyageur success this year. So we've had record attendance this year with...according to organizers, over a hundred and two thousand visits and Louis Riel Day had approximately ten thousand visitors and the overall numbers are up 13 percent this year. I just want to speak to the idea that the Festival seems to be expanding its reach beyond St. Boniface. The river trail is part of that. So it's…we talk...we often at St. Boniface talk about the other side of the river, well during Festival, we've got a river trail that's right in the centre encouraging those that interaction between St. Boniface residents and the other side of the river. So it is growing and this is part of that…this is part of that growth. I just want to thank...well, I thank Council for consideration of this motion and thank Council for support of this festival through this grant. And some examples of how Festival is growing outside of Old St. Boniface, the voyageur games happened at the Marion Hotel this year so it seems to be expanding its reach from its traditional base in Old St. Boniface and this is part of that so I thank you, in advance, for your support.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: Thank you very much for your support during the Festival du Voyageur.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Next is Councillor Wyatt.
Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I am definitely rising in support of this item. I just wanted to ask and maybe Councillor Mayes can address it when he rises to sum up on the clause. It appears the grant is only for 2016. In light of the fact that…I am aware of the fact that they have come every year for this grant, that they do this work every year that they are very dedicated, I'm just wondering; is it a multi-year grant or are we just doing another one year approval with this report? Because it appears, based on the financials, it's only a one year approval verses a multi-year grant with a multi-year approval which would save the organization the requirement and the public service the issue of having to write a report every year and have...on top of that, having a letter coming in and then writing a report and then Council having to do this every year, so I'm just wondering if that's something that can be addressed or maybe it already has. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I'm going to just rise in support of this. I have the great fortune of working with the river trail for many years prior to being elected and I just want to commend Festival for the work they do and for the Forks and for in specific, Dave Pancoe who is out there in the wee hours of the morning…and his team, flooding the trail. The river trail has really put Winnipeg on the map from a national and an international perspective and I'm extremely supportive of this and I really support your concept there, Councillor Wyatt...of Councillor Wyatt's concept of making this maybe over a period of time because every year they come back and it's really a great tourism destination and a great initiative that's put Winnipeg on the map. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thanks. I am very much in support of this. This is something that has been going on for a long, long time. Its partnership with the Festival hasn't even always been a part of it and now it's part of a whole thing we are doing in Winnipeg as a winter city. And I wanted to let people know, my mother lives on Vancouver Island and she was really excited when I talked to her on the weekend because on the front page of their local newspaper in sort of a rural part of Vancouver Island, it was all Winnipeg, about how we are such a great place to visit in the winter because of our winter activities. It really is a big thing that, you know, the Festival is happening right now and it's absolutely incredible. Every weekend, I have just been wandering down to the Forks and watching the activity and it's a vibrant, active place that people are enjoying and people are embracing Winnipeg and winter in Winnipeg. This…last, a week ago, they had something...winter canoe racing on the river as part of the Festival events. And I was speaking with Councillor Allard about he's...I think he's going to take on organizing a Council team next year for...so if anyone is interested in winter canoe racing, it's a very physically challenging, but it's a lot of fun to watch and people really get into it. And if anybody wants to see Winnipeg's Guinness Book of World Records for the longest skating trail it's outside my office. Some of you recall Harvey Smith tried to steal it from me once and I had to come in his office and take it back. But it's right outside my office and we, in fact, did, at one point, have the longest skating trail in the world which, I have the proof. And it's a friendly competition with Ottawa, which also has a very nice skating trail but not quite as long as ours was. I just…just to say, this is much larger than any small little grant that we give out, this part of our reputation as a city and it's spreading and people are talking about what we are doing in Winnipeg. We are probably doing more in winter than any other city...than many cities who are making more and more of an effort on this winter cities thing. I know Councillor Gillingham had attended the Winter Cities Conference and that…those cities are still discussing what they are doing, but we're really doing well and every year there is more and more activities. The ice village that's down at the Forks is another new thing this year, we still have the restaurant was sold out, the restaurant on the river, which was beside the river this year, was sold out within a few minutes, within half an hour, to eat outside in the winter. So we can't underestimate this positive story. So I know I'm going on and on a bit, but it's really exciting. We live in Winnipeg. Let's enjoy the winter. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Next is Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And you know, it's great to hear all these stories and I just wanted to thank this Council for the ongoing support of the river trail this year again. I too wanted to share a story because Winnipeg really is known internationally here. Back in 1998, my late grandmother, Lola Doring, from my mother's side came here from the Philippines, from the tropical parts of the Philippines close to the equator, and she came here, Madam Speaker, in January and stayed for like, four months. I took her on the river trail and I said, "Lola, you better try this", she goes, "No, no, no. I'm really, really scared", and I go, "No, it's frozen, it's frozen water, but it's safe." And I took her down and she thought I was going to push her, but no, I told her just to kind of crouch down on her knees and I pulled her on the river and it was greatest thing ever. She couldn't even understand how it worked, but it was awesome. She was sliding along and she told all her friends back home…her family, the news spread and all my relatives were calling and saying, "We're going to come over there to Winnipeg in the winter even though it's cold and we can't even understand how cold it is, it's like a deep freeze, but we're going to come there and see you." And lo and

behold loads of relatives did come to see me during the winter months and actually did go to the river trail, go to the Forks and this really is a cool thing for our city, Madam Speaker, and I just really wanted to share that story with Council how we are known as a winter city and how we don't just stay indoors, but we actually get out and celebrate and the river is a great thing for us to do that.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As a teenager, I lived in Ottawa and I had the chance to compare our skating trail, the longest one in the world, compared to the previous longest one being the Rideau Canal. And I will be representing Winnipeg at the Canadian Capital Cities Organization board meeting next month. I'm not sure if the Rideau Canal will still be open, but I would like to make another comparison just to see who our great competition is in this. But, Madam Speaker, the great virtue of what we are doing here, I think one of the great virtues, is the fact that we are a winter city, we are a northern city and issues of physical health and mental health are very much a challenge to winter and northern cities like ourselves. And we need to celebrate our winter culture and activities like the celebrations like these, I believe, do much for us to share and celebrate our city and which is also good for our physical health and our mental health. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. One of the more fun moments of being mayor to date has been when the Mayor of Vancouver recently visited Winnipeg, was last month. When he got off the plane, he told me about how warm it was in Vancouver so I thought, I'm going to get him, I'm going to take him for a walk down on the Taché side of the river and show him that…the money shot of downtown Winnipeg. The river wasn't frozen fully at the time, so of course, the river trail at that point wasn't open. But I have to say, it was pushing -40° with the wind-chill that day. Sadly, I think he was pretty tough. I was very quick to want to get back up to the heated car, but Gregor Robertson did come down and we did have a really good conversation about how beautiful the city is in all four seasons. The Tourism Winnipeg and Economic Development Winnipeg have been doing a great job on celebrating Winnipeg as a four season playground and I want to thank them for their efforts, of course, the Forks North-Portage Partnership for their ongoing efforts to really celebrate Winnipeg as a winter city. If you go down to the Forks right now and many Winnipeggers have, recently. If you go down to the Forks with the Ice Show, with the skating trails in and around the Forks and of course, the river trail, it is just a buzz right now. And I'll just take this opportunity to encourage more Winnipeggers to get down and enjoy it before it melts, soon, and we turn our gears to summer concerts at the Forks. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Are there any further speakers? Councillor Mayes to close on the item.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's always good to hear Councillor Schreyer share his stories like mine, of chasing what I believe Gary Doer called the 'Elusive Late Night Butterfly of Love' out on the canal skating dates when we were in Ottawa, though he was perhaps younger than I was, when he was out there skating. It's a good project. We do fund it every year. The answer to Councillor Wyatt's question is found in paragraph three that we are delegating authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future and similar funding agreements. So, rather than having, as Councillor Wyatt adeptly points out, rather than going through this every single year, we will be delegating authority to the CAO. The funding for this is not a special grant, it's from within the Waterways 2016 Operating Budget. So they have the budget each year to spend, so we will be delegating to the CAO. And sadly, not sharing these stories of the joys of skating on the trail and running beside it I see people out running so I can identify with that but I think we are all in favour of the grant. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item No. 1, Grant Funding for the 2016 River Trail? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we now have Motion No. 1 in front of us. And it's a motion moved from Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Wyatt regarding organics. This is a Notice of Motion, so the item will appear on the agenda of our next regular Council meeting which will be March 23, 2016.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
MOTIONS**

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the vast majority of household solid waste comes from goods and produce purchased at businesses from all over the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), as adopted by Council in October, 2011, set out City of Winnipeg policy in regard to solid waste generated within the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's CIWMP promised a review of the new first phase of the autobin garbage and recycling program, and to be done by the Department of Water and Waste, and to have been reported back to Council in 2016, with further reviews to follow;

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has failed to meet the existing targets for waste diversion as per the CIWMP by 2016 under the first phase of the plan;

AND WHEREAS residential single to seven unit households are already taking personal responsibility for garbage recycling and organic waste diversion by regularly recycling and by diverting their own organic waste through household composters;

AND WHEREAS no Curbside Source Separated Organics (SSO) Trial/Pilot Project, as identified in the CIWMP implementation plan, has been undertaken;

AND WHEREAS despite past city consultation on curbside SSO waste collection, where it has been stated to have approval ratings as high as 63%, the fact that many citizens of Winnipeg, especially low and fixed income residents, do not want to pay another flat tax;

AND WHEREAS no organic waste programs have been carried out in Winnipeg neighbourhoods, other than offering, through regional centres, old style subsidized composters, and therefore ignoring the growth in community gardening and the local food movement;

AND WHEREAS commercial, institutional and industrial waste, from operations such as restaurants, grocery stores, meat shops, schools, hospitals, and personal care homes, just to name a few, generate a huge amount of organic waste which is not diverted from landfills and has the need for a diversion program, as was identified in the CIWMP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to;

A) immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the existing autobin garbage/recycling program as approved by Council in the CIWMP 2011 report and report back to Council before the last Council meeting of 2016. The said review shall include a full analysis of the existing program, failures to meet promised levels of service, as well as comprehensive recommendations and steps required, that are fully costed, to improve the existing program/service;

B) immediately suspend the implementation plan for curbside SSO (kitchen waste) collection, and cancel any and all plans to conduct public consultations on a curbside SSO program;

C) develop a City Wide program to reduce organics waste from commercial, industrial and institutional waste and report back to Council in 180 days;

D) develop a City Wide organic diversion program that would be community based and work with existing not-for-profit groups and organizations and report back to Council in 180 days;

E) improve the existing program of subsidized organic bins for Winnipeg residents, by reviewing and potentially increasing the bin cost subsidy, increasing the times and locations when bins will be made available, and by

increasing the options for the type of models of compost bins being made available at the subsidized rate, and report back to Council in 180 days.

Madam Speaker: Next, we have Motion No. 4. It's moved by Councillor Browaty, seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding waste management contracts and it's an automatic referral to the Standing Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. I would like to draw your attention to a typo in the motion, the date is incorrect it should be...so we'll strike July 15, 2105 and replace it with today's date, February 24, 2016.

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the first year of the new garbage and recycle cart system was an awful transition with subsequent years demonstrating flaws in the collection system;

AND WHEREAS similar to other Canadian cities, establishing a more competitive integrated waste management market in Winnipeg encourages more efficient and effective systems;

AND WHEREAS if one contract area of waste collection is failing, there will be other operations in Winnipeg who can pick up a district for the rest of the contract period;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Water and Waste put out an RFP that calls for bids to provide waste collection service in the three Public Works areas of South, North and East districts, with staggered contract periods.

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QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Okay, and we have no by-laws and we will now entertain Question Period for the Chair. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. 2017 is the end of the contract for the large part of the City of Winnipeg's garbage and recycle collection, and I'm just wondering what is the RFP schedule for contract renewal, new contracts and so on?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I believe while it is a five-year contract there is a provision allowing for a two-year renewal if that is the will of Council and the will of the other party, Emterra. That said, a fair question from Councillor Eadie, I believe the intent from the department is to move forward with an RFP later this year as opposed to leaving it into 2017. Exactly what month, certainly I have not discussed that with the department but insofar as I know that the intent is to move forward later this year with an RFP to look at the whole issue of solid waste and recycling pick-up.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, we'll move on to the next committee. Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There is no report today. No motions and no by-laws. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair which is Councillor Browaty. Councillor Morantz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, one of the things that I was really most proud of, I would have to say, when we brought in the 2015 budget was a brand new program in our Capital Budget called the Innovation Capital Fund, and it was a new thing for us to do. The idea was to incentivize the Public Service to come forward with new and innovative ideas that would provide…help provide a better level of service on a more cost-efficient basis and I just wanted to ask the Chair of the Committee if he could comment on future reporting of the successful applicants at the Committee.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Councillor Morantz, and very good question. I know your work on the Committee. I look forward to working with you on that. At Monday's meeting, we actually asked the Public Service to report back at our March meeting with just a high level summary of that, where they're at with the various projects that were funded in 2015. The idea is, you know, maybe a half page to a page of some verbiage with the description as to where they're at as well as a verbal update. I mean, I am hopeful that a lot of these projects are along. We're going to start seeing some of the returns from them whether it's cost savings or operational efficiencies that are being found. We look forward to seeing that update at our March meeting of the Innovation Committee. We should start looking, sooner than later, once the budget is passed in March, at opportunities for the 2016 Innovation Fund assuming it passes with the budget. Last year we started by canvassing directors for their ideas for innovation projects, but I think it's time to perhaps even cast the net wider. I'm looking at some of the stuff that's being done in Portland, Oregon, for example. Ideas can come from, you know, employees throughout the organization, perhaps even in the future engaging the public, so definitely some exciting things that can be done in terms of innovation and the Committee and the capital fund.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Next question will come from Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. Innovation is interesting in that innovation, I think covers…we have a lot of standing committees. Innovation can happen within many of those places and I noted that Councillor Browaty has a motion here talking about more competitive system for providing waste collection services. I was wondering if the Councillor could explain to us how innovative an idea like that might be.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I appreciate the questions from Councillor Eadie. I'm not going to perhaps get into a motion that was an automatic referral. I don't think that's maybe appropriate to be doing with this time, but I will comment. There are some procedural questions that need to be dealt with. At what point, you know, is something that's being done in any one of our various City departments considered something that should be dealt with at the Innovation Committee or something that should be dealt with in the particular organization. You could argue that the Traffic Management Centre is a very innovative project. Should that be discussed at the Innovation Committee or where it has been always discussed in the past, for example, at Public Works. So some of those details are being ironed out. We are working with Legal Services and the City Clerk and we'll make sure that the Committee does capture Mayor Bowman's vision and commitment when it comes to harnessing our innovation and proper City procedure.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further Councillor Eadie? No? Next speaker is Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Councillor alluded to looking at maybe other jurisdictions when it comes to innovation. I'm just wondering if the Councillor and his committee are open to having our Public Service kind of implement…find and implement some sort of mechanism whereby front-line workers, mid-level managers, supervisors, whatever may be, could bring their innovative ideas forward. Quite often when it comes to innovation, it's the people on the front lines that are working day to day, whether it's, you know, cutting our boulevards or supervising the waste collection, whatever it is. Quite often they're the ones that come up with the most innovative ideas, so I'm just wondering if there's not a mechanism in place right now whereby those ideas could be brought forward and through the directors and to the Committee, if something like that could be explored and implemented across all departments in our city.

Councillor Browaty: I'm very open to that idea. Again, I think it would be ideal to not just ask the department directors for those innovative ideas, but like you say, people right on the front lines. Innovation, you know…I think the departments have in some cases, you know, brought forward innovative ideas that have come up organically from front-line employees. I shouldn't use the word "organic". But, you know, you're right. I mean, innovation could be some sort of, you know, technology that's being implemented or it could also be a better way of watering flowers in parks. I mean, it could be something very different. Yeah, finding those mechanisms, something I'm very much interested in.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty, any further questions for the Chair? Okay seeing none, move onto the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow, on the report dated February 16th, 2016.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move Items No. 1 and 2, 4 and 12 and 14 to 17.

Madam Speaker: Just one moment here. Just one moment

Councillor Orlikow: So in essence, 3 and 13. Pull it.

Madam Speaker: So you would like to pull which ones, sorry, could you repeat that?

Councillor Orlikow: Sorry, yah, I can make it more easier. I would like to pull Item No. 3 and Item No. 13 and move all other.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham, five? Councillor Eadie. Okay, I'll call the question on Item 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Rezoning – 971 Main Street – DAZ 223/2015

Madam Speaker: Okay, just one moment, I think we needed to pull two as well because there is an amending motion. On three?

Councillor Orlikow: Yah, I pulled three I believe.

Madam Speaker: Okay, perfect. Mr. Chair to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll introduce the item and listen to what my colleagues have to say and try to respond accordingly.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by Councillor Eadie, Item No. 1.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I speak in support of this motion. I just wanted to speak to it because once you get out of community committee a lot of people may or may not understand what's going on. So, Madam Speaker, I would like to just start off by thanking Councillor Pagtakhan for explaining this item to EPC. He has a good understanding of what it was about. So I just wanted to speak to it though. What 971 Main Street is, it's an auto body shop that has been there, it got a temporary use sometime 2002 maybe and it got a five year temporary use, Madam Speaker. What ended up happening was, when the temporary permit elapsed and this family, it's an immigrant family, and they...somehow they missed the temporary permit renewal period. But just before their period ended for the temporary renewal, there was actually a Main Street Planning District Overlay that was applied, that said, "Thou shalt not have any auto body shops on Main Street", where, right now, there actually exists two auto body shops. There's one at Flora and Main and there is one that doesn't have any kind of parking lot, but is doing auto body work from a store front through the back lane. So, it's kind of interesting that those exist, Madam Speaker. But...so the trouble is, this...this project...what had happened was, they didn't do the temporary...what they did was these people, the good citizen business people that they are, wanted to move a garage door so that it would be easier to move vehicles and people would be safer and it would be something simpler to do. And what happened was this was found, there was a problem. So what they had to do was apply for a whole rezoning and our planners did a good job. They evaluated according to all the rules we have in place and so on. So I understand their recommendation. But on this particular one, there was some missed perception that somehow you could add a huge operation on this particular lot. This lot is pretty well full of a building already. There is nowhere to build a garage or expand a building. It's really not possible. And they have one driveway that comes off Selkirk Avenue that goes into the lot. What they couldn't do is they couldn't add a whole bunch of bay doors because it would require them to get a...on Selkirk Avenue a...what is it called? A...anyway, they can't get any more driveways to have like seven or eight bays to bring more cars in there because that would be disallowed. It's not possible there, it wouldn't work. And so, this is about a family continuing their livelihood. So, I think it's important that we all acknowledge that. This isn't a new business coming on to Main Street. And my biggest problem with some of the discussion that went around on this is what we need to understand about Main Street, certain areas, we have a number of vacant buildings with boarding and everything. I don't want to see another vacant building in this particular area, when, what we need is that kind of businesses to bring in business to do business and do well. No new auto body shops are going to be coming in along this area. What we are doing is taking 971 Main Street out of the PDO. The land is nowhere near big enough to run a big Boyd's Autobody huge operation. It's not possible. So Madam Speaker, I supported this all the way through. I talked to these people all the time. They made their

presentations at community committee, as you know, Madam Speaker, and again, Councillor Pagtakhan. And it looks like they are going to be able to change their garage doors so their operation will work better and if there's any improvements to the way it looks, our administration will see fit to do that. But right now, it's a decent looking place. It doesn't look like a huge operation you might see in the Dufferin Industrial Area where we have seen big auto body shops and I mean big. So anyway, I will leave it at that. And I just thought I'd take some time here to explain it. And the family will be relieved that they can actually have their door and continue their livelihoods. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Are there any other speakers on the item? Okay, seeing none, I will call the question. Item No. 1, Rezoning 971 Main Street. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 3081 Portage Avenue – DASZ 38/2015

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, would you introduce the item? And the amending motion before us.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I pulled down items number three, 3081 Portage Avenue. There is Motion No. 2 on your table that just for clarity's sake, bottom line is there was a, "subject to the following line", that's underlined in here was just missed on the report so this ties in the servicing agreement. So we have discussed this with the department to make sure that we minimize these types of misses. But it really is just missed. There is no change to the report whatsoever except for those couple of lines.

Madam Speaker: Any speakers on Item 3? Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close?

Councillor Orlikow: I'm good. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question on Item 3, Subdivision...okay, so you've got Motion No. 2 in front of you. I'll have to call the question on the motion first. All in favour on Motion 2? Contrary? Carried.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recommendation 1 of Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated February 16, 2016, be amended by adding text at the end of the existing recommendation, as shown below in underlined italics:

1. That the plan of subdivision under File DASZ 38/2015 be approved for preparation as a plan of subdivision by a Manitoba Land Surveyor in accordance with Schedule "A" for File DASZ 38/2015 dated January 5, 2016 with such minor changes as may be required, and for registration in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office, subject to the following:

That the Developer enter into a Servicing Agreement with the City containing all the conditions outlined in Schedule 'B' of the report of the Administrative Coordinating Group dated December 16, 2015.

Madam Speaker: And we will now call the question on Item No. 3, as amended, Subdivision and Rezoning 3081 Portage Avenue. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Assiniboia Downs Area Master Plan – SP 3/2015

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is an opportunity that we have right now out more in the Downs…in my Downs area. It's just setting up the land in a way that gives it a vision of what it looks like going forward and how it ties into the neighbouring areas. It's just…it really is just beginning of a longer process. This process is required to get the…allow stakeholders to look at doing an economic aboriginal zone in that area potentially. But there is still a fair bit of work to do on the detailing. So this is more like a framework to get the stakeholder's the ability to go at least apply with the Federal Government. But I'm very excited to hear about what comments or questions or concerns or support this has.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. This was stood down by? Councillor Gillingham, you have the floor.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And yes, I concur with Councillor Orlikow that this is the beginning of a very long process but I just…I rise to just state that I welcome this report of this area master plan. Because of the potential that lies here, the partnership and the plan have great potential, the partnership between Peguis First Nation and the Manitoba Jockey Club. Yes, as Councillor Orlikow mentioned, there are many items yet to be addressed in order for the plan to unfold. All of the 'subject to' clauses, and there's many of them, are detailed in the report. Water and Waste matters, parking, traffic impact, drainage, all are matters that will need to be addressed in due course. But the development stands, to my knowledge, to be the largest aboriginal economic development zone in Winnipeg to date. And I would remind us that it comes before us on the same day that we have just acknowledged and passed the recommendations…that we pursue the recommendations of the TRC which call for, as well, action number 43 in the TRC calls for initiatives to improve the socioeconomic outcomes of aboriginal people in Winnipeg and the capacity of aboriginal organizations. I think the two of these things appeared before us on the same day should not be lost on this Council. This first came to our Assiniboia Community Committee and with my colleagues, Councillors Dobson and Morantz, passed this unanimously. At the same time, we also put forward a motion. I put forward a motion also supported by my colleagues on the Assiniboia Community Committee requesting the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development direct Winnipeg Public Service to investigate best practices for the establishment of and development within aboriginal economic development zones as identified in Section 10 of Complete Communities and to identify best practices among other jurisdictions and report back to the standing committee within twenty days. And, so...and I appreciate that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development supported that motion as well. Because what we really have before us, I think, is maybe the first of what could be others and many. So this is really important that half of us are new Council when we are making decisions on these matters, we need to be informed, which is what really the spirit behind the motion that will be…in the report that will be coming forward in due course. There is already one aboriginal economic development zone in, I know in my ward, St. James-Brooklands-Weston Ward, the Long Plain First Nation has successfully developed and is running Yellowquill College and a gas station right in St. James just about a block or two from Polo Park. So there may indeed be more to come and we as Council need to be understanding and informed when it comes to making these decisions. So again, I welcome this master plan and I look forward to the report that will come forward, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, who is the next speaker, followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise in support of this. I want to commend the Community Committee that brought support of this at your public meeting, at your public hearing. I think, clearly, this is taking some leadership on the part of your community committee and I think that's terrific what you guys have done out there, supporting this. You know, there is a lot of...unfortunately, in the past there has been misinformation on this. Though Winnipeg has a policy, municipal aboriginal pathways going back to well over a decade now, adopted by policy, by this Council unanimously, adopted here after a bit of a rancorous debate. But, nevertheless, it was something that based on the knowledge and the information that was able to come forward regarding the TLE, the Treaty Land Entitlement Process, and their obligations regarding municipal service and development agreements or, as correctly pointed out in the report, municipal development and service agreements. And the fact that we are under the TLE, Treaty Land Entitlement legislation, municipalities across Canada are made whole again in terms of the services that are provided through the MDSAs, the Municipal Development Service Agreements that are signed between us that we have to negotiate in good faith with the First Nations. And so therefore, our services and the cost of those services are like…born out in taxes or property taxes or fees or levies are covered through...and those costs are repaid to us via the MDSAs. So, the whole concept of aboriginal economic development zones or urban reserves as they have been called, is something which I think should be welcomed. It's a great…it's a huge opportunity for young people and for the First Nations to be able to improve quality of life and to provide opportunity, specifically jobs and training, here in the city, to break that terrible cycle that we have in terms of poverty and all the things that come out of that in terms of that community being hit by those probleMs And so, I just want to thank again the Community Committee for their leadership out there on this file. And I want to note as well, there's a very…some members of Council, I think, have registered, there's a very interesting next week. An urban reserves forum being put on March the 9th, a couple of weeks from now, I guess, March the 9th, it's a Wednesday here in Winnipeg in the evening and I would encourage everyone to attend if you can attend. There's going to be some very interesting guest speakers from reading the program. From local First Nations here to others, First Nations from out west and they're talking about this whole new economic initiative and the importance of this economic initiative when it comes to the City of Winnipeg and how we can improve upon it and definitely make it a centre piece in terms of what the Mayor is trying to do with the Year of Reconciliation and the need to create opportunities and the need to address this community which is a growing community. And a growing community that have growing demands to have…to have for equality and for inclusion, this speaks to that whole effort directly in terms of creating jobs and economic opportunities and being able to have a life if you are prepared to work hard and sacrifice to be able to have that life. Those individuals…this is part of that initiative. So I want to again, just speak to that and support it and encourage anyone to attend this conference as well, who is listening on TV. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. Just briefly, we had a very good discussion at the standing committee on this in terms of the larger issue and the motion that came from the community committee. And it's really great that we have asked for this report from the administration, it's really timely. One of the other issues I just wanted to bring to Council's attention for those of you who weren't at the committee was that we did talk about the challenge it is and the current process that it really takes close to seven years to get one of these up and running and if you can imagine the hoops that people have to go through and when we look to our neighbour Saskatchewan, they have a specific agreement with other levels of government which has been really effective…that's why they have something like 39 or 40 more of these happening. And ours would happen more slowly because...so I just put that forward at the meeting and the administration took that away as part of what they are looking at. To look at, you know, perhaps through intergovernmental discussions we can find ways to really facilitate this, the city only has a certain role in it in terms of the municipal sharing agreement, but I think with enthusiasm from the cities in Saskatchewan working with the Province and the Federal Government, they were able to get agreements. So as…in my role that the Mayor has given me as Secretary of Urban Aboriginal Opportunities, I am keenly on this and wanting to raise that. I mean, this is just an amazing urban aboriginal opportunity for our people...for our indigenous community because it's not only creating jobs and opportunities and improving the economy, you know, it's also bringing money back to the community and to the people where there's many, many needs. So really, everybody wins and it's a really good, it's something that I think we might need to be a little more proactive on. It's kind of been...not a lot happening and maybe we can move towards an agreement like that. And I think this report will help move that discussion along. So I really appreciate the initiative from the community committee and everyone else's input. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close? No? I'll call the question Item No. 5, Assiniboia Downs Area Master Plan. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 13 – Permanent Easement Requirements Located on Parkland (Sir John Franklin Community Club) Adjoining 1710 Grosvenor Avenue in favour of Y.M.H.A. Jewish Community Centre of Winnipeg Inc.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to open and two-thirds vote of Council will be required on this item as it's dealing with park land.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, on that point I would like to point out that the park land in present question is actually a parking lot. It's part of the old fire station so it's actually not taking away any park space but actually, it's being brought back in other areas as a playground is being put in the front of the station. I just want to...I'm not sure if I should sit down now, I introduced it but I'm the only one who sat up. I just want to commend Council on this move. This comes from the days of the fire halls when we were re-jigging them. There was a lot of discussion about what to do with the old fire halls. This is a fire hall that inadvertently was advertised for sale prior to us actually giving the approval for that, it kind of woke everybody up a little bit what's going on with the program at the time. But out of that quagmire of horror, we have popped up and you should really be proud. Not only have we retained that building for public use to the Rady Centre, this building is now providing a much needed service in the area of a non-profit daycare that's already full. The wait list is already huge. We have secured…they did…the Rady Centre have secured the provincial funding. The building that will be going to in the near future, it's looking fantastic. It's a huge amenity to the neighbourhood and the fact of the strategic placement of that fire hall right beside the Corydon Community Centre, Sir John Franklin site, allows us the advantage of also being able to have that community centre be utilized by these children in the daytime as well. We have a wading pool there. We can maybe use to get some more hours open for the community. So, not only is it great for on a social aspect, I think on economic aspect, the price that they paid was very reasonable for this site so it wasn't a $1 lease or $1 sale. To me, this is something of the public giving back to the public. It could have been easily…easily, Council could have decided just to level the building and sell it for condos. That was definitely one of the proposals on the table. So I'm very proud that Council decided to look at the public use of the building. It is a public asset and we decided as a Council to retain it as a public asset. I know there was a little bit of controversy at the time and I know that there was still a little bit of issues regarding fire halls, but again, this is a really good story from that. So, I'm very proud of Council, I'm very proud that I had a small part in helping this move forward and the neighbourhood is very excited about now having some more spaces. We are still well short of daycare spaces in the neighbourhood, but again, this is another step towards filling that gap. So again, thank you everybody and I hope I have your support today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Any other speakers on this item? Do you wish to close? We'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 15 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 4820 Roblin Boulevard and 521 Dieppe Road – DASZ 33/2015

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Committee voted three to one in favour of the recommendations you see before you and EPC concurred. I'll wait to hear some comments and finish off in closing. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Who stood this down? Councillor Eadie you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't rise to vote against this particular report but I have to express some concerns. Community Committee made the decision, there was a recommendation from the administration and they did their work, Madam Speaker. But you know, where do you build density in this city? Like, Roblin is a regional road. Yeah, there is a side street there but it's a regional road, Madam Speaker. Where, you know, we got big density being built all over the place, sometimes on collector…local streets like Roslyn Road adding tons of more cars and people there, Madam Speaker. I just, I don't get this. I just don't get it. It makes no sense to me. You know, the City...I hear there was lots of talk about traffic and driving and it's close to William Clement and it's on Roblin and there's all these issues, but Madam Speaker, you know a good traffic plan can take care of that. Look, we built a fire hall in an interchange. Good traffic management means they can exist. Like, I don't get this. Developers...where are you willing to pay all of the local cost...local improvement costs to make it happen? Where do we build density? I have seen one of these out on McGillivray. It was shut down, too. Where do we build density like this? If you look at what...a lot of people had issues with Mr. Bergen on Henderson Highway in north Winnipeg in North Kildonan. You know, that was the best thing he ever did. That's pretty well the only place you could build a rapid transit corridor right now because it's got the density. Seeing the future, a regional road. What a great thing to have. So I just don't understand…I'm not going to vote against what the Community Committee decided, but you know, I just, Madam Speaker, I don't get it. I just don't get it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Are there any further speakers on the item? Okay, seeing none. Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just, I guess to comment, we don't always agree with each other. We may not always understand each other. But we have to sometimes agree to disagree. For example, the Councillor has indicated that it's on Roblin Road. Well, it's not. It's back into the neighbourhood a bit. Is that too far into the neighbourhood or is that Roblin? It's a fair enough question. But again, you have to look at the whole report. And the outcome, even with prior to this application was brought forward to us a few years ago, and the outcome on the political side is still the same. The Community Committee did not support it the previous time. A different group of Councillors on the P&D, Property and Development Committee didn't approve it, however, the application was withdrawn before it got…or at EPC, I'm not too sure. So again, Council has actually been fairly consistent on this application. And the question is, where do we build density? And that is a good question. I could point in a way but come to a community committee meeting and listen to what is happening in Councillor Gerbasi's ward. Wow, I've got to say Councillor Gerbasi's ward is growing astronomically up. Other wards, we are looking at are, again, some people will say, well, we always have to build up. Well no, there's many other places like in BC, in Washington and other areas that have been able to increase the density in their neighbourhoods without building up. Again, that's another model you look at. You put more into existing larger buildings or homes and that's another model. So there are different ways to grow and to get that density. But we do have it reflect the fact that the community committee makes the recommendation, they have that subject knowledge such as the Main Street Project here. We do respect their community committees. We also respect all the people that come out, either for or against our proposals. But at the end of the day, Council has to make a decision. And as we make a decision, as a horrible part of our job, we are probably going to make somebody mad. We're also going to make somebody happy. But again, that's called making a decision. So today, we look at the facts in this proposal. The previous Council and this Council, the outcome is generally going the same way except the application wasn't withdrawn at the last moment. So I respect the fact that we do want on our regional corridor streets, we are looking at going up. But I wouldn't say everywhere, all the time, every day. We have to look at the community committee, what the neighbourhood is saying, community is saying, our planners are saying and then the rest of all our colleagues say and at the end of the day, we have to come up with the decision. We may not all agree with the same decision, but again, Council as a whole make that decision and then we move forward. But I understand with your concept of trying to make sure that we keep continually growing up instead of out or increasing density nodes, and I believe Council has done a very good job of that so far. When you look at some of the new subdivisions that are going on out there, they are no longer single family homes. Straight single family homes for the eye…as far as the eye can see. They have walkable neighbourhoods, they have commercial nodes in them, they have multi-unit buildings. I look at Councillor Wyatt's neighbourhood. Councillor Wyatt's is one of the leaders in this I see that right now, where his subdivisions, which have been numerous, they are very diverse. They have not only side-by-side houses, they have apartments, they have condos, they have linear streets, they even have…I saw one design recently that had back lanes.

They brought back in another model back in from back lanes that was borrowed from another model from Waverley West. So, again, there is no one fits all kind of puzzle. We as Council have to listen to both our planners, and not always agree with them. We have to listen to the neighbourhood. Maybe agree with them, maybe not. But again, at the end of the day, we have to make a decision. I read all the facts and listened to the very long Councillor Morantz who has mentioned the very long meeting. What we do now and what I committed to as Chair…and really if anybody had the chance to listen to the audios, they are fantastic, if you don't want to listen to the video. You can actually go back to the community committee and really get a full sense of what happened and why it happened, including the one on Main Street, I'd do that. And then it gives you a lot more detail and substance to what the reports are trying to get through or the decisions. I agree that we don't always have to agree but in this case the compelling facts warranted, in my opinion, and the committee's opinion and EPC's opinion that we should support the recommendation from the Community Committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. I'll call the question on Item 15, Subdivision and Rezoning 4820 Roblin Boulevard and 521 Dieppe Road. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We…I'll draw your attention now to Motion No. 3. It's moved by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Mayes regarding the Southdale Arena. This will be an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.

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MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the Southdale Community Centre has expressed concern over the viability of the existing arena ice plant, which is approximately six (6) years old;

AND WHEREAS the Southdale Community Centre, as the managing entity of the arena and community centre, is responsible for taking appropriate actions and plans to ensure the continued operation of the ice plant, until such time as all the options have been evaluated and a recommended course of action has been made;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service should be conducting a review of the existing plant and be evaluating all options for either repair or replacement of the arena ice plant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to immediately conduct a review of the existing plant and begin evaluating all options for either repair or replacement of the Southdale Community Centre Arena ice plant;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with the Southdale Community Centre Board to investigate this issue and report back to Council in 180 days.

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to by-laws for Property and Development. Councillor Orlikow.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Excuse me.

Councillor Wyatt: Oh no problem, I just have to declare conflict on By-law 24/2016.

Madam Speaker: Okay, you may be excused, thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Okay, Madam Speaker, I would like to move By-laws No. 15/2016, 23/2016, 24/2016 25/2016, 26/2016, 27/2016, 28/2016, 29/2016 and 30/2016 for a first time, please.
Madam Speaker: All in favour?

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, I'm just confused, if you could clarify for me, if…since Councillor Wyatt declared conflict of interest on 24, he's absented himself from that one. Is he in a position to vote on record?

Councillor Orlikow: Yah, I could rescind that…that's a good point. Madam Chair, can you give me some grace here? I'll just move the other…I'll move just that one at this present moment and allow Councillor Wyatt to come back.

Madam Speaker: Yup, that's fine.

Councillor Orlikow: So it was 24/2016? Was that the issue…the conflict?

Madam Speaker: The conflict is for 24/2016.

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Speaker, I would like to move the following By-law be read a first time, 24/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 24/2016.

Councillor Orlikow: Is this going to be read a second time? Okay, Madam Speaker, I would like to move that By-law No. 24/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 24/2016.

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Speaker, I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 24/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll let Councillor Wyatt to get back. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I'd like to move that By-laws 15/2016, 23/2016 and 25 through 30/2016 be moved a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 15/2016, By-law No. 23/2016, By-law No. 25/2016, By-law No. 26/2016, By-law No. 27/2016, By-law No. 28/2016, By-law No. 29/2016 and By-law No. 30/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Oh, pardon me.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I would like to move that By-laws No. 15/2016, 23/2016 and 25 through 30/2016, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 15/2016, 23/2016, 25/2016 to 30/2016 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the third reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 15/2016, 23/2016, 25 through 30/2016, both inclusive, be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I would like to suggest to Council that we now recess. Councillor Pagtakhan has brought to my attention that we have shuttles waiting for Councillors outside, several shuttles. So if it's the will of Council, if we could break at this time. Would you like to finish Question Period for the Chair? Okay, are there any questions for the Chair?

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QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Orlikow: Okay, I'll wait to hear of any questions.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Why not, why not. (inaudible). Never agree with me, Councillor. I understand, and I just want confirmation I guess on this, is that the staff have been working on bringing forward in-fill housing guidelines, and I guess guidelines are a…they're not a regulation, they're not a by-law, but they're a guideline, hopefully to help and assist members of Council as well as the Public Service with regards to encouraging density, encouraging in-fill, encouraging development especially along major corridors. Is that indeed the case and when would we expect to see something? Would there be a Council seminar for example, some chance to…? It would be great if we could see a draft and have input into it as well. Just some of us are very keen and also maybe a little concerned, potentially, that we want it to be permissive versus less permissive, instead of restrictive. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, thank you very much. In reply to Councillor Wyatt, there is the in-fill guidelines that are almost drafted. There will be a Council seminar before…probably right before it gets released. But no, we're going to have a chance as Councillors to go through this a bit. Again, I think Councillor Wyatt brings up some good points about how restrictive we want to make it or how permissible. You'll see, some of the new Council will see the difference in language that is associated with that. And I believe it will be sooner than later that we'll be having the seminar. We want to have it done in the near future so we can then go out and do the public consultation and get the people who are directly involved, the stakeholders as well involved. So I believe that is the process and I'll try to get a fixed date on the seminar, but I believe we're really close to getting that next step ready to go.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions for the Chair? Okay. Second question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Well, I need a bit of a preamble. That's why it's best you prepare to treat it as a new round. Thank you. I only have one. I think.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We shall do that.

Councillor Wyatt: Some time ago, I had an opportunity with staff who last year after the general election, and in terms of housing, there was a great initiative that was done. I think it was initiated at '07/'08. It lasted a number of years. It was a targeted mix. We called it the Mixed Use/Multiple Family Housing Grant Program where we targeted housing in neighbourhoods where we knew it was Brownfield Development or existing older neighbourhoods where we needed to help these neighbourhoods get housing density. The housing density, it helps those neighbourhoods renew, folks moving into the multiple-family housing, move out of the single-family. It helps the neighbourhood renew plus creating density and nodes that have been identified through Complete Communities, for example, allowing older neighbourhoods, older downtowns like, you know, the downtown, whether it be in Elmwood or the downtown in St. James or the old downtown wherever, to have these nodes, and we have this program, and it's expired now. It's run its course, but it was very successful. It offered $10,000 a door for…to assist developers for condo's, $15,000 for rentals. We tried to ensure we targeted for areas that needed it versus areas where the market was already performing, and anyway, I had an opportunity to meet with the former housing manager. He indicated to me a year ago that it was well under way. There was a draft report even. Anyway, I'd just like to know where that's at. Are we…is that something…it is a TIFF. It's Tax Increment Financing. It does have an impact on future budgets, however, the benefit of it is, or the argument is, that these projects wouldn't have happened anyway if we did not TIFF them in the first place. That's the whole rationale therefore these are taxes that are going to be there in the future after the TIFF is over which was I think a 10 or 15 year cap on it. So I just wanted to see is this happening. There's been talk about the Gas Station Theatre. There's talk of the old Grace Hospital. But, you know, I think we have to have a City-wide policy initiative versus doing one-offs. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Well, thank you very much. I will have to follow up with the department to see where that's at. I understand where Councillor Wyatt is coming from. There has been a lot of requests recently for TIFFing. I'd just like to

point out something that Councillor Wyatt did say that's quite relevant to that. TIFFs are to be used where development is not occurring. It's a rejuvenated neighbourhood. It's not to be used in areas that we actually have development. So it's an interesting play on what TIFF is and I think Council is going to have to have a step back and we're going to have to talk about it in a broad stroke as well. This may or may not be the vehicle for that. But I will specifically look into where that program is and if it's getting started back up and where it's at and get back to you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Are there any further questions for the Chair? Okay, that brings our Question Period for this committee to a close. Council will now recess and reconvene at 1:30. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
February 24, 2016, at 1:44 p.m.

Madam Speaker: I will bring the Council meeting of February 24, 2016 back to order. We are at the Standing Policy Committee on Protection Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan would you introduce your report dated February 8, 2016 please.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce the report of February the 8th and Item Nos. 1 and 2 as consent.

Madam Speaker: Okay, it appears that both items have been pulled. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Extension Agreement with WRHA for Provision of Emergency Medical Response Services, Inter-Facility Transport and Community Paramedicine

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, would you introduce Item No. 1?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, Madam Speaker. This is for pre-hospital emergency medical care, inter-facility agreement between the WRHA and the City of Winnipeg. They are looking for an extension.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Mayes, I believe you stood this down.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, firstly, I should apologize to Councillor Pagtakhan because I rambled on to Councillor Browaty, I'm used to him having carriage of ambulance issues and of course, that's changed in the last couple of months and it's now Councillor Pagtakhan, so Councillor Browaty listened to me patiently. This is…we sometimes sit here and say we don't…you know, cities don't have any role in healthcare, we do, and we have a very important role and that is, we run a full on ambulance service and I have to say, I think we run a very good one. Chief Lane will be here in a few months hopefully when this agreement...this is an extension, when we have a multi-year agreement, I think that will be the time to debate the costs and talk about some of what we do. It's really a very low cost to the City of Winnipeg taxpayers. A lot of this is provincial funding. A lot of it is funding through the WRHA and my point is just to sort of point out we are doing a lot of good things, doing a lot of creative things with the Epic Program which is paramedics that aren't in ambulances, they are at stationary places like Main Street Project. So we are doing a lot of good work in this area, I don't think we celebrate it enough. The exact numbers I'll leave to Chief Lane who has been…who was a paramedic himself before he became involved in the fire service and is now our Fire Paramedic Chief. So, it's an area…you know, we've got people…Stephen Juba, I think, tried to literally throw keys of ambulances at the steps of the Leg. Some people who have been here since then have had the same idea. We could parade around to do that but this is a very good service that we get for a relatively cheap cost to the City of Winnipeg taxpayers and I look forward to a more

fulsome discussion when we get that extension of the agreement. But what's important to point out is the second biggest fund there for operating in the city budget is the Provincial Government. It's other levels of government, mostly the Province. So just…I want to point out as we head into the budget debate, a lot of that funding goes, not for purposes that we can't define, a lot of it goes to this, which is a very important emergency health care provision. So that's...we'll remember that, I'm sure, as we're talking about the budget in weeks to come.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close? Okay, I will call the question on Item No. 1, Extension Agreement with WRHA for the Provision of Emergency Medical Response Services. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Parks – Public Consultation on Enhancements and Commemoration

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to introduce the item? Okay, this was stood down by? Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I support this motion, it's something that I think our administration is on its way to try to look into our celebration of what will be 125 years of parks in the City of Winnipeg. The first parks being St. Johns Park, Victoria Park...or what is now Fort Rouge Park and Central Park were the first four parks and in 2018 it will be 125 years. It just so happens that we are looking at doing this and it kind of coincides with Councillor Mayes' effort to try and recognize the 1919 strike in the Barrie area where Victoria Park used to exist. So that may be a great opportunity to commemorate as well the reality that Victoria Park was a gathering place in 1919 to hear the news about what was happening with the strike. But...while that park doesn't exist today, there was a bunch of development that happened there, but still today it is a gathering space and we, today, approved the zoning for another gathering space in the area that used to be Victoria Park. So...but you know, it is a reminder that we could lose our green space but also that we have green space and we want to celebrate it more. So, this will progress to see what we can do to celebrate those 125 years of parks in Winnipeg which people all around the city relish and really appreciate the parks. So and we all hear about that every day. So I just wanted to just quickly speak to it because 125 years is a really big thing to celebrate. I do believe, you know, those first four parks were before the railway came through, at least in the North End, so, there you go. Anyway, it's a great effort to look at doing it and whatever we have the means to do, hopefully, we can try to do that. And when they are looking at the design for that area, for the 1919 strike, maybe they will consider that actually, before it was Victoria Park, it was called Victoria Gardens. It was kind of a similar gardens to what you see in Halifax, they have a whole block that's a garden and that's kind of what used to exist there way back in what was it, 1893 or whatever it was. So, it's a great thing. Anyway, I just thought I would mention those things and hope everybody will support what comes forward in the future.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on Item No. 2? Okay. Seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan to close.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to thank Councillor Eadie for his leadership on this issue. In 2018, the four parks that he identified will be experiencing a milestone of 125 years established here within the City of Winnipeg and that's clearly a great thing to celebrate and our administration is going to look into how we can commemorate that. And just want to put on the record to thank Councillor Eadie for that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on Item 2, Parks, Public Consultation on Enhancements and Commemoration. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There are no motions under this committee. No by-laws. We will now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Pagtakhan? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated February 2, 2016. Councillor Lukes.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Councillor Lukes: Madam Chair, I would like to bring forward the February 2nd report from the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. I would like to bring forward Items 1 and 2. I would like to speak to Item 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay. I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Public Works Department – Traffic Signals Staffing Needs

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, would you like to introduce the item?

Councillor Lukes: I would like to hear from Councillor Wyatt first please, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I was actually hoping to hear from Councillor Lukes, in terms of what this is about because, I guess I'm very hesitant to see us increase the compliment unless it's absolutely justified. Because once you create FTAs, they are very hard to close afterwards and it's from a budgeting point of view, you know, we are told that we are in tight financial times. But we are adding here eight new FTEs in terms of traffic signal servicers. I have a feeling I'm...well, I know what it's about but it just strikes me that we have a massive Public Works Department and of course we delegated authority a number of years ago to the CAO to reorganize and to restructure the Public Service as he or she sees fit. They have the authority to move FT positions within the Public Service and I'm just concerned that here we are creating a management position, a brand new management position which typically, fully loaded in the City of Winnipeg as they say is well over six figures. And not to mention what this...the Traffic Signal Servicers, I have no idea what fully loaded they mean in terms of...you know, it's going to be...it's really...it's a concern to me that we are doing this. It's an $800,000 hit on the budget overall going forward and it grows so.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I just rise in support of this motion. I think it's great that Winnipeg will finally have modern traffic management system. I understand we are way behind as we are on many files. But, I do understand that this is going to be a significant financial impact to the City of Winnipeg in terms of the long term impact for the City of Winnipeg. But I do believe this is the right way to go and I think our constituents will be very happy once we have this fully functioning traffic management system. And not only will they be happy, but the system may even save lives in the event where traffic management and our emergency services vehicles can quickly navigate throughout the city. So I think this is…I just want to say that I believe this is tremendous for the City of Winnipeg, the right direction, and please support this motion. Merci beaucoup.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Yeah, I also am very supportive of this. It's obviously something that we have been lacking and I believe when we heard about this initially it was...most of cities do have this type of system and we really do need it. But, if you look at the report, it's clear that they are making positions that are currently full-time budgeted permanent. So, you know, so they are not actually...and if you look through the report, it sort of explains, it's not adding that new dollars into the operating budget that aren't already there but the way that it does explain in the report how they are going to do that without…it sounds like a lot of new positions, but it's not a brand new thing that's just starting. So I think the report, it does explain pretty clearly how they are doing without having a massive impact on the budget, from what I can see here. But perhaps the Chair can…will clarify that in her remarks. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on this item? Seeing none, Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. I will also elaborate a bit on this because as Councillor Wyatt mentioned, at first when you read the report you see eight and originally when we saw the report, we did send it back and asked for someone to come and speak to it because if you recall last year, we approved three FTEs in the budget for this project. If you look at the very bottom of the financial page, you will see that the net change in FTEs is .07. What currently is happening is they have...I believe it's...let me just get the number here. They have 7.59 full time budgeted seasonal temporary Traffic Signal Servicer or FTEs. So these are folks that, you know, are working the best they can without a traffic management system to monitor the lights in our city. So they are moving those to full-time positions with the addition of .41 permanent FTEs to the number. So if you read the report carefully, and at first when we looked at it we thought the same thing, eight, we only approved three. But the use of existing folks is what they're going to be using to run the system. It is one year into construction. It's quite unbelievable. It's a…there is a website, I should tweet it out that the department has devoted to just showing the progress as it's moving along. So, I think in a city that doesn't have freeways and that has the network that we do, this I think is long overdue so I'm fully supportive of this. I hope I've answered questions. I encourage you to read the details in the financial report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 2. Item 1, pardon me. Call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. At this time, I would like to call the Deputy Speaker to the Chair, please. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, we are on the report...have we done Question Period? Second report, right. Sorry, let me just....

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2016

Councillor Lukes: Madam Chair, I would like to bring forward the February 12th report from the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Items No. 1 and 2.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Item 2. Is anybody calling Item 1? Yes, I thought you were. So both Item 1 and 2 have been pulled so if we can introduce Item 1.

Item 1 – Waverley Street at CN Mainline (Rivers) Grade Separation

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I would welcome comments from the Council colleagues, please.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, Councillor Sharma and then Mayor Bowman.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. As you know, I was highly critical of this item at the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee meeting. In my opinion, there were many concerns with the process and really, the lack of information that was coming forward. The fiscal magnitude of this project is enormous. And for that reason and given the budget situation that we are in, it is important that we assess our expenditures very carefully. A lot of new information, Madam Deputy Speaker, came to light as…through discussions at the committee level. Much discussion surrounded the process of the cost benefit analysis and, quite frankly, I'm still quite unclear on the benefit analysis system we are utilizing. It should be very clear to Council what method or matrix we are using going forward. Further, I would like to put on the record I am also unclear as to how this project will balance with the new Federal Government's Priorities and Action Plan. Will we be able to afford the other things the Federal Government and this City Council see as a priority? I've also raised at committee the importance of evaluating this project while we deliberate the budget as a whole, as aside from approving it in advance of the budget process that we're going to be going through next month. At the Standing Policy Committee, we heard a commitment from our CAO who admitted this process was rushed, but he also committed to improving the process going forward. In discussions with the Chair of

Public Works, Councillor Lukes, she has also given the committee her assurances that she will seek to improve the process for capital projects of this nature going forward. I have to trust in our CAO and the Chair to deliver on these promises. I think we can do better, Madam Deputy Speaker. Actually, I know we can do better. We should not be afraid to arm City Council with information so we can make the best decisions on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg. In closing, I recognize the importance of this project to residents of south Winnipeg and to some extent residents in my ward as well. So today, I will be voting to support the item before us. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Sharma. Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. In March of 2015, City Council set the Waverley Underpass Project as the number one priority base on the cost benefit point analysis provided by the Public Service. For the Building Canada Fund application, we sought advice from the Public Service on a measurable way to prioritize projects which would improve our own decision-making process by giving us more information to make better decisions. While the public service has effectively used this analysis to help prioritize projects since 2013, it was...this was the first time that a Winnipeg Council had used such an analysis to aid in the decision-making process. This was also the first time, as far as I understand, that the weighted options were made public. This analysis weighted priorities using a robust, comprehensive point system that looks beyond dollar figures alone. The cost benefit point analysis is a standard used by other major cities in Canada endorsed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and is an ISO standardization. Projects the City embarks upon will have economic benefits as a result of the increased construction activity through GDP growth, job creation, income tax and sales tax but as members of Council will know the City itself receives very little financial benefit from this increased economic activity unlike the other two levels of government. To be clear, the City needs to ensure other important factors are taken into account that are not represented by dollar figures alone. Factors like environmental, social, cultural and regulatory considerations. Certain projects that may score poorly on a traditional cost benefit analysis may be very important to our community. For example, projects like riverbank stabilization, parks, recreational infrastructure and cultural activities will score low with a cost benefit analysis, but will score better on a point system because of the weight of the environmental, social and regulatory requirements. When all considerations were taken into account and weighted against the other projects on the table, Waverley scored the highest as the project with the most justification at the top spot. This underlying process is what ensures the unanimous vote by this Council in March of 2015 was both sound and justified. Against the backdrop of the commitments from the Provincial and the Federal Governments, it would be difficult to see Waverley as anything but a lost opportunity if the City does not take advantage of it. For those reasons and others that I know we canvassed over the last year, I will be supporting this report. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you ,Mayor Bowman. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Could I use Speaker Gerbasi? Well, you know, I finally got a bunch of detail and an actual scope somewhat after all the reports, by e-mail, from our administration. And, you know, so finally knew what the detour was. But, you know, there's a number of things that have been mentioned about what happened in March of 2015. In our discussions, trying to come up with the idea of what the top list was, just so everybody understands what happened, and we are talking about unanimity on what was the number one project. There was a number of things. Through the whole process, not right at Council, continued to say that we have a more important street that needs to be done further over to the west. We were told that it had the best estimate of what the costs were going to be. We were told that it had a good, high-cost benefit analysis. But we decided that we couldn't make it number one because there was a court case going to the Supreme Court and we were waiting for decisions. Although, I heard from some legal opinions that we still could have taken some of the pieces of land along Kenaston to widen it to…for the public good for the citizens of Winnipeg, for the citizens in the north and the south of Winnipeg, Kenaston being probably one of our busiest trade corridors where people go to work from the north to the south every day. Waverley, you know, there is analysis and yeah, by a point system it's great. But we decided that…and I thought, and always insisted that Kenaston was the number one project, not in my ward, but definitely something that I heard from people who live in my ward when they have to go to work and deal with Kenaston. Then I hear, in a process, that somehow there really isn't a class three estimate. Like, I don't know what's going on but some of the stuff I heard from the meeting, I got Hansard from the first special public thing, you know, we don't know the full design of the bridges that need to be dealt with and so on. So, you know, given that, okay, so when we were still moving along, I was still opposed

to what we were going to do, but when we voted, one of the things was a particular Councillor and a number of people talked and we wanted the scope in there, .4 was added in there. That's how you got sixteen votes on Council for the priority. Let's be clear about that. I just want to make sure that people are clear about that. Because the way the debate is sounding, it's like oh yeah, we were all for it and then somehow, somebody changed their mind. So in the first reports we were seeing when they were saying, we need this money, we've got to do this right away, we've got to have a sole-source contract, we've got to do this, we're giving the CAO authority, okay, we're giving him authority, delegated authority to go over budget if need be. I hope there is a report. I hope there's a report because I don't want to go through all this stuff I heard before, you know, projects over budget and on and on it goes, but so I'm going to leave that there with that, and I would like to move on, Madam Speaker, to consideration. So we've got a detour, it's got to be four lanes because right at the very same time, we are widening the underpass at Pembina Highway, for a way higher traffic load, you know, it's agreed. We all agreed, I agreed on that project. I voted for that project. There is no strategic plan in this city. Like, we should be…should have been doing Kenaston first and people will still argue and say, "Well, it's still not settled." It's still not settled. With the old military base there. Well, again, there are legal opinions that say we could have taken away that land for the greater public good to widen Kenaston and do that. More important, not just on a level of people trying to get to work from the south, move around, but also just a good trade corridor that takes you up to Centreport. It has the bigger vision which Councillor Lukes talked about when we first debated what should be at the top of the list. Anyway, I finally got the scope and the detail. Okay. So it's there: it's the plan, it was finally described, so, you know, I appreciate that. And so at this point now, I'm at the point now where I finally did get a definition and we know what's going on. It's what, 3.2…$3.4 million for the detour so that the people can move back and forth. Partly because...and it has to be four lanes, absolutely, because Pembina Highway can't take extra traffic from Waverley. It's really unfortunate how this stuff goes and we never thought about the timing. The whole timing perspective; when is it best to do this or best to do that. And I'm really sad about it. I am going to say today, and I may live to regret it, the $155 million project. I hear people are concerned, it's still only a class three estimate. You know, when we got down to a class three estimate over at Plessis, it's still got higher and it still went over budget. We, the City are on the hook for whatever that is. We can't get from the Feds a fair one-third, one-third, one-third deal. The City's got to pick up the bigger part. I don't know why, but you know, that's the way it goes and hopefully over the next short period of time we can convince them to pay, make their third more of all the costs. You know, if we're saving money and I don't know how the whole integrated project with the Pembina wide underpass and stage two BRT and all that, but if it's coming under budget, you know, and there is money to be saved, which I doubt, I don't know. It goes to a P3, you know, it is a P3 project. I don't know if they benefit by doing it for a lower price. I don't think we have our final costing on that but, you know, we budgeted X amount and we put money into this project or whatever. One would hope that at least the cost of the detour could be sucked up by the other project if it's possible. I know it still doesn't make any difference to the City necessarily. But, you know, when we're doing all this stuff together, it just amazes me and you know, Waverley, I have used it with somebody who is driving and whatever, it's good when you've got to get to places closer around there. Ends at Grant, basically. Grant will take you over to Kenaston where it still hasn't been widened. We can move traffic all around but, you know, I just…for me, given the decision came shortly, I just want it to be on the record, Kenaston was my number one project and the only reason they said it wasn't going to happen…is…is that there was some court case.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham moves extension. All in those in favour?

Councillor Eadie: And we had to wait. So, you know, I hear all this stuff. Anyway, I, today, similar to Councillor Sharma, I will vote for it. I will probably live to regret it. But one thing I do know is the CN Rivers Line is definitely not one of those lines that's going to disappear. It will be there forever...well, for as long as the company wants it there. Thanks

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm not going to speak here at length today. I think, you know, we went through the whole criteria, we do recognize that this project is heavily needed. We've got tremendous growth in the southwest quadrant to the city. Waverley West is an exciting new development that is continuing to grow out, I think more rapidly than ever expected. And again, you know, obviously I would rather see projects in north Winnipeg, northeast Winnipeg; Chief Peguis extension, maybe an inter-change at Regent/Lagimodiere. But again, I do recognize that this is a highly needed project. You have over forty trains a day going to this particular location. I do

want to thank the Public Service for providing me with answers to my questions. Maybe the format and the process wasn't as seamless and straightforward as I would have liked and what we've seen in some other projects, but the one thing I was concerned about was the temporary access road. We know that one was not constructed for Plessis and that there is one being constructed here. Based on the information I have been provided, I do believe that it is warranted because there is a cost of somewhere in the neighbourhood of $3 million for construction and property rights. The one piece that I am really considerate about…I am really concerned about is that Pembina Highway, due to the southwest rapid transit phase two. It's going to be down from five lanes to four lanes and who knows what kind of extra restrictions for 120 weeks, a little less than two and a half years, between the summer of 2016 and the fall of 2019. Waverley, based on the current project schedule, the detour, we get…it's not going to line up with Waverley anymore during the temporary work is expected to be am operation from fall of 17 to fall of 19. I think, quite realistically, we should consider maybe delaying Rapid Transit Phase 2 at this point. Tying these two projects at the same time, I think is going to be quite catastrophic for students and everybody trying to get up to U of M, people trying to get into downtown from south Winnipeg. I think, you know, this may be an opportunity to rethink some of the choices that were made, perhaps too quickly about Rapid Transit Phase 2. So that might be something this Council should consider. Anyways, those are my only comments today. Thanks.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Are there any other speakers? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: First of all, this journey to this point has been quite, I think, beneficial for the City of Winnipeg and for Council as a whole. I just want to point out a few things that have happened in this process. We kind of focused on some of the flaws in the process and there is always a flaw in the process, maybe we should have been more clear on what the matrix was. Maybe we should have used a different title. Maybe we should have been clear what happens when the project comes back to Council. But I want to talk about some of the things that I believe that have been lost in some of this verbiage. First of all, point one is, we had a Council seminar. We actually had a list of five projects. It wasn't something from upstairs and EPC where all of a sudden this project is the one, and we all just went huh? Where did that come from? We actually had a process and we ranked things. And we ranked them in order of what we, as a city, want first not what the Federal Government wants first or that our other partners want first. So we had the first time that I recall, we had a ranking list that said, this is the City's priorities so you, Mr. Federal Government and you Mrs. Province, you have to…you guys...this is what we want. We don't want you picking something completely different. And we would like you to pick it in the ranked order that we have given it to you. Again, this is trying to give City of Winnipeg more control on this, because as Councillor Eadie pointed out, we generally foot more than one-third of the bill. Again, hopefully the new government will change that. The other...again, sort of talking about the ranking, we actually had a list. We had a Council seminar. We looked at the project's scopes. We actually had a list. We ranked it. The other one is, instead of a class five estimate or a class zero estimate…I call it a class five estimate that don't even exist. This had a class three estimate already done. It was what we call shovel-ready. Some of the projects we had in the past have not had those and we've actually suffered in cost overruns. Again, it's the will of Council. We approved it, it went forward. We expect that, we respect that. But if we look back on our audits, the audits have been very clear including with Waverley West Arterial Road Audit that we've recently done. Very clear that you must make sure that you have a decent cost estimate before you go forward. Again, that's going to save you a lot of cost overages and a lot of the problems that we've seen in several other projects going forward. So again, we have a solid class three estimate. The other one that, again, we had this debate about the project coming back to us. Again, that hadn't happened in the past. Once we signed off on us, it went up to the Feds and once they agreed to whatever, we just did it. This, the idea here…there's been a little confusion, again, that's why I say we should…I'm always open to helping improve the process. My understanding is it would come back to us for a review on Council, the scope hadn't changed in the initial seminar, but if the Federal Government said you know we'll only give you 1/10th or we're not…we're going to exclude all these items out of it so your actual portion is 50 percent. Again, that was why we wanted to have the opportunity for Council to have more control again. It came back to us. Again, it got rail roads and other things popped up, and again, that's part of the process and that's fine. But again, the key for that process, which had never been done before that I'm aware of, it came back for us to say, okay the scope is still the same and you know what, the cost is still the same. We actually got a pretty good deal here. So we can now go forward. But if it wasn't so again…it's all about the City taking control of the process more, which again, was lost in this a little bit, but again, I really feel, you know, we have five points that happen on how do you better manage capital projects going forward. How do we select our next list of Building Canada list? Should we start including...and Councillor Browaty mentioned in the past, maybe it's some, we called it low

fruit once. A little bit less expensive, but a little bit more variety, maybe it's not just roads, maybe it's other things. Again, Council will have that robust discussion about how…which we want to select for the next list. And I am excited about having that. I wasn't a member of the person who put the EPC group last time that put this list forward. I wasn't really happy about it because it had the Waverley on there. But again, at the end of the day, Council will do that. Question about the matrix on how we design…again, I am very looking forward to that debate about how we decide how to rate things and having that. Do we want Councilors going in there and saying, it has to have only an economic lens? Well again, Council…or only have a social lens? Or where are we at, somewhere in the middle? Again Council, that's our job. That's our policy direction to do that and I'm excited to work with Council to figure that out. That's fantastic. So again, the process to me, it's all about ensuring the taxpayer's money is well spent. We may not all agree what project is well spent, but we know what we say we are going to spend this much money and we spent 20, 40, 50 million dollars more than we say we're going to spend, that puts a pretty bad taste in people's mouths. They're saying, what happened there? Can't you guys even manage, you know, a tin can? Wel, we can. And this is a process of us doing that. We're managing our processes by first taking control of it and then by having a process. I believe the process could be more even open and transparent. I'm looking forward to that as well. But again, just throw out everything and say this…to say this whole process has failed, I don't think Council is saying that and I don't think they ever did say that. But they said we have some concerns about some of the processes that we are working forward. And I have met with Councillor Lukes numerous times, very well, and she is very open to that. We have Councillor Pagtakhan here who has been working on our major capital projects. He also has been spearheading some very good initiatives to make sure that we in the City of Winnipeg will be able to move forward with our capital projects with assurance that we're going to be on budget, on time. So that's our one part. And I just want to respond a little bit to other comments I heard. Kenaston, I've said it so many times. Kenaston is a really, really important project. My neighbourhood needs it on a neighbourhood base and Winnipeg needs it. It's not Kapyong who's our biggest problem people. The biggest problem we have is from Carpathia Street, Councillor Morantz's ward, from Carpathia Street to Tuxedo Street which is about three blocks. Those houses, those aren't army houses, those are air force houses. We need all those houses for the widening. The air force is not part of the Kapyong discussion. That's a separate…a whole separate thing and the air force, at this point, is not ready to move out of there yet. So even if we had some access agreement into Kapyong, which may or may not be able to do, I'm not too sure. We still have the fundamental problem in the middle of the widening, the most crucial part, we have houses still there and they are being used. So again, it would be lovely to put forward the Kenaston Project. It would be very lovely to put those houses to Kenaston Project forward, but we couldn't do it until this is resolved. So again, I support, and I like the fact that the Kenaston's on the map. I also like some of the...we talked about the Chief Peguis Trail Extension. I think we've got to get that project moving. We've got to get some more design work in there. It's a huge project, you know, 500, $700 million project almost. It's huge. But again, we know it's a part of our economic corridor so it's going to be very, very important to have that. So again, we as Council will decide how to move forward on this. So, and just again to Councillor Browaty talking a little bit about the problems, I am also quite concerned about the Pembina Underpass work going on at the same time that Waverley Underpass going on. But I have been assured, and I have seen it, and I've asked repeatedly by Public Works that it can be managed, the flow can be managed. Not by not doing the detour, without the detour, we're in trouble. But again, we cannot not have…cannot not have…the detour, it is quite critical. And Public Works has been very good working with the Reh-Fit Centre, they also have an exciting project going on at the same time. And we are working with the Reh-Fit Centre so they can actually and maybe even tie in with our construction work with retention walls and what not, so again, working with the local areas. So again, I think we've talked about the neither program, but I just want to say, I know we've had some press about, you know, our processes not being what they should be, but I believe we've done a huge jump forward in how we manage our projects going forward and like everything in City Hall, we're always looking at continuing improvement. So again, I thank Council for what we have done so far and I look forward to the next round.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Madam Deputy Speaker, I will be brief. I just wanted to say...I want to thank Councillor Orlikow for his leadership on this project here. This has been a project that's been years in the making, Madam Deputy Speaker, and, you know, just from an investment planning framework, I want to thank that the Mayor for the opportunity to be the Council Liaison for Project Management here at the City of Winnipeg. And I can say that staff have been really working hard behind the scenes and hopefully the information will come forward sometime this year, Madam Speaker, in terms of the work that they are doing to create a new paradigm, in terms of how we execute projects here at the City…the capital projects, all kinds of projects, to make sure that we have the work upfront, that it is done correctly and then throughout the construction phase all the way through completion and to hand off to the City of Winnipeg. So I am

learning about all these things, Madam Deputy Speaker, and it's pretty intriguing and I just want to say just really briefly, building upon what Councillor Orlikow is saying, there was a great process, I think, just having, from what I've learned and what I am looking at in terms of this project, there was public consultation, a class four estimate was designed through a public consultation and then a detailed design was also developed, Madam Deputy Speaker. And what's really good about that is that that's exactly what we need to do in terms of the project planning, continuing for good project management, is to ensure that we have a class three estimate. And this is…you know, this is one of the few great projects that we are starting now to see occurring here at the City of Winnipeg. We're going to be making some incredible decisions over the next few years in terms of some major capital projects; the Chief Peguis extension, Marion Street, the Kenaston widening, Arlington Bridge, hopefully, a lot of different projects. And the best way to do is to make sure that we drill down, that we have a class four estimate through public consultation and through public feedback, developing a class three estimate, getting detailed design and then going to tender. And this is what we have done, I believe, Madam Deputy Speaker, to this point here. We've got a class three estimate, we've got detailed designs and now we're going to hand it off to our project managers to execute to make sure, you know, we are managing and mitigating any kind of risks that are coming. The City has a project manual and I can tell you just having looked through it, it's pretty long, it's almost like a thousand pages. So I haven't quite gone through the whole thing yet, but it's fairly detailed. And these are the checks and balances, they've got risk logs and they've got various types of software to ensure that checks and balances and there's enough challenges of the Project Manager, enough staff to make sure that things don't go sideways. So, I'm fairly confident, Madam Deputy Speaker, that this project is going to be on time, on budget and that we're undergoing a great process. In terms of the project, I remember working at Manitoba Hydro when I first started there in the late 80s and a lot of my co-workers who lived down in Linden Woods and that end of town, they told me stories, they would come in to work 15 minutes late because there was a train. And this was in the 1980s and I heard it through to the 1990s, my co- workers were telling me they'd be seeing a train, some of them saw ambulances stuck behind the train and the ambulance didn't have anywhere to go. So, this has been a problem in our city for many, many, many years, 30,000 vehicles, the report talks about 30,000 vehicles, that there's a conflict with 30,000 vehicles and 40 trains on any given day, that's incredible. So you know, I think a smooth…a city in order to run functionally and effectively needs to have smooth traffic flow. This is a very important transportation corridor within our city and I think that this project will go a long way in improving it and strengthening our community. So with that, I rise in support of this project.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to say, this is my hood. I grew up here on Queenston Bay. My house backed on to Taylor, roughly equidistant between Kenaston at the rail line and Waverley at the rail line. And I have to say, like, I spent most of my life waiting for trains whether I was going to the university, after I got married, my wife and I bout a house in Linden Woods, I remember waiting for the trains, this is before the Kenaston Underpass. And I look at the Kenaston Underpass and all the economic development that has occurred south of the tracks since that underpass went in. It's been incredible for the city. We see in my ward the Seasons Development going forward, there'll be auto dealerships, a hotel, multi-unit residential, an outlet mall, there's the Ikea. Further down Kenaston, we see there's a Mercedes dealership. You know, all the development in Whyte Ridge and Linden Woods, it's really, much of it has been leveraged off of the fact that ten years ago, Council made a proactive decision to build a Kenaston underpass. And so, I see the economic benefit, I have essentially lived through seeing the economic benefit of the Kenaston one, I have no doubt that the Waverley one will have a similar effect. I echo Councillor Pagtakhan's comments; 30,000 cars times 40 trains, the Public Service told us that they have a formula. They multiply those two numbers together and they come up with a factor, a crossover, so 30,000 times 40 is 1.2 million. We were told...the committee was told that, by the Public Service that the warrant for an underpass is roughly 200,000 and so Waverley is roughly six times the warrant. So it's not only just an economic issue although the economics are extremely important, but there is also, of course, a safety issue. And so, of course, I'm rising in support of this underpass and I look forward to driving under the railway tracks at Waverley sometime around 2019. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'm going to speak a little bit of French, just a heads up.

Translation of French spoken:

Councillor Allard: I rise in support of this proposal. I believe we, as Council, have already discussed our list of priorities for the city of Winnipeg. We have all heard, in a private consultation with the City Administration, a cost benefit analysis for this project. We have seen that, according to our Administration's analysis, Waverley is... should be our first priority as Council, given the cost-benefit ratio, and that Marion Street should be our second priority. Or that…that was not part of our analysis…that, based on this cost benefit analysis, we have taken into account what our Council priorities should be, and we have already decided that we should first build the Waverley underpass, then focus on Marion, and finally on the Chief Peguis Trail. So, I believe we have had some very good discussions. I also wanted to mention, and thank once more, the mayor for the trust he showed in placing me on the Winnipeg railway rationalization and relocation committee. I believe we are in a very early stage of this project and that, with the Waverley project, we have the contribution of the Federal Government and the Province. We have done our homework, we have a Class 3 estimate for this project. Therefore, I believe it would be a mistake not to move forward, given that we have already had all necessary discussions and carried out all necessary analyses. And the idea of relocating railways in Winnipeg is still something we need to consider, but in the future. So, with these comments, I would like to announce my support for this report, and I encourage you to vote in favour of this report as well. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Merci beaucoup, Councillor Allard. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm rising to support...I will be supporting this motion. The...I look forward to seeing the Waverley Street Project begin in due course. But I'm just wondering though, perhaps, the Chair of the Committee in her closing comments would be willing to maybe speak to this. Since we made our decision a priority decision on prioritizing our projects, our infrastructure projects, there has been movement on the Kenaston lands and then everything that was going on with the court matters there. And I'm wondering if it's her department or her committee that would kind of take the lead on this on bringing an update to Council as far as what is happening there. There is so much that we don't know, I think, quite truthfully. To a degree, we kind of have been sitting back, kind of waiting to hear where things are at. Now, there has been movement and I think there may be some updates and if those updates in regards to Kenaston are available, I think that would be very important for us as Council to have that understanding. Councillor Orlikow pointed out, kind of really the section of the street that we really, perhaps, need access to that is outside of the...was not part of the Kapyong discussion is really more a matter of being used presently by the Air Force currently. So all of that information would be helpful as well in due course and I don't know if, as I said, the Councillor wants to address that in their closing comments. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I do rise, I will be supporting this motion today. I am not a huge fan of the Waverley Underpass. You know, I am concerned. I did support it when we…I was first elected and I don't really...you know, I feel like I know a lot more that I know now than I did before. For me, it's…we are adding this nice second phase. We are doing rapid transit out there to the university and I'm very, very excited about that. But, you know, what I worry about when we construct things like the Waverley Underpass if we are not doing that justice, I would like to see us put more money into our buses and making sure we can get people around our city. So I'm hoping that we can look at that in the future. But I want to make sure that I support this because I think it's important that our funding partners know that when we say we are going to fund something, that we're going to follow through. I don't think that it's good business for us to say that we're going to fund something and then not follow through on that and so that's why I will be supporting this today. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. I don't have any further speakers at this time. Is there anybody who wishes to speak before we close? Seeing none, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Well, this is a process. I really don't know what I can say…what more I can say. I think we have all learned a lot in this process. Many of us are new here, obviously, over half the Council is new. I think we are definitely, I don't think, I know, we are definitely improving processes to what it was. My involvement with City Council in the past related to many projects, infrastructure projects, it was always befuddling to me on how things got done or got selected or got picked. I think we are far more open and transparent than previously, at least from any experiences I have had.

And I think that there still is room for improvement. I think that we can do even better than we have to this point. I know in speaking with the CAO that he indicated that we would have an overview or the Public Works Committee at least and hopefully we can extend it to everyone to have more of a detailed overview on the asset management, economic cost benefit, analysis that the City does. It's really reassuring to hear that for me. It's really reassuring to hear that. Other than that, I, you know...I think, so much has been said on Waverley. It's going forward, we have funding, we have got confirmed funding and from my perspective of course, it's a south end project, many of my residents want to see this happen, to save them five to ten to fifteen minutes worth of time. I think that that's all I have to say on this project. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Call the question. All those in favour? Any opposed? Anyone else like to be recorded? Let us know. It's carried. Item 2.

Item 2 – Results of the Proposed Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement Local Improvement Projects – November 16, 2015 Advertisement

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Lukes, did you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Lukes: Heavens no! I'll let my Councillor colleague...Mr. Gravel…

Madam Deputy Speaker: To everyone's great surprise, Councillor Mayes would like to speak to gravel…to concrete lanes.

Councillor Mayes: You didn't have to listen to me talk about Waverley, so you've got to listen to me to largely in French on rue en gravier. First, I would like to thank Henley Pfeifer who is the guru of gravel within the Public Works Department. He's nearing retirement and he has been fantastic on this project and has worked with the citizens of Winnipeg really well and with the Councillors so I wanted to salute him.

Translation of French spoken:
Councillor Mayes: Now, in French... Gravel lanes are a considerable issue in Winnipeg, especially in St. Boniface and St. Vital. But this program, the asphalt program, is very successful. The citizens of Winnipeg have supported 27 projects, 15 in St. Vital and 8 in St. Boniface. Therefore, the program is very successful. It helps citizens with their local infrastructure needs, so it is a success for the City as well as for residents. The City provides one million dollars each year toward helping citizens with their infrastructure needs. Therefore, I am proud to be called the "gravel king" and to see the program move forward year after year. This is a great success for Winnipeg, especially for St. Boniface and St. Vital. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Are there any further speakers on this item? Okay, seeing none. Councillor Lukes, do you wish to close?

Councillor Lukes: I'm fine.

Madam Speaker: We'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow, would you like to withdraw the notice of motion?

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by Councillor Morantz,**

WHEREAS on January 18, 2016 a meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works (IRPW) considered the report titled "Waverley Street at CN Mainline (River) Grade Separation", more commonly referred to as the "Waverley Street Underpass";
AND WHEREAS on March 25, 2015 Council unanimously approved the "Waverley Street Underpass" as its top capital project priority for submission to the Building Canada Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Waverley Street Underpass is a Class 3 estimate;

AND WHEREAS both the Federal and Provincial governments have confirmed funding support for the Waverley Street Underpass;

AND WHEREAS subsection 3(2) of the City Organization By-law provides that "notwithstanding the delegation of any authority or power under this by-law to Executive Policy Committee or a Standing Committee, Council may, at its discretion, review or deal with any matter which falls within the mandate of Executive Policy Committee or a Standing Committee";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following recommendations from the report titled "Waverley Street at CN Mainline (Rivers) Grade Separation" from the January 18, 2016 meeting of IRPW be approved by Council:

1. *That a new 2016 capital project in the amount of $155,082,000 be authorized and included in the 2016 capital Budget for "Waverley Street at CN Mainline (Rivers) Grade Separation" (hereinafter "Project") with the financing sources and description as set out in Appendix A. The related borrowing by-law will be prepared in conjunction with the 2016 Capital Budget.*

2. *That the Director of Planning, Property, and Development be authorized to negotiate the acquisition of land required for the Project.*

3. *That the City enter into, execute and deliver funding agreements with the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada with respect to Provincial and Federal funding contributions to the Project and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such funding agreements in accordance with this Report and such terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.*

4. *That the City enter into, execute and deliver all agreements with Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") and Manitoba Hydro as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services with respect to the Project and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such agreements in accordance with this Report and such terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.*

5. *That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and award single source contracts not exceeding a total of $13.0 million (included in the Project budget and identified in the Class 3 estimate) with Manitoba Hydro for power distribution and street lighting works.*

6. *That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated authority to approve the over expenditures, if any, relating to contract(s) with Manitoba Hydro providing monies are available within the applicable capital budget as approved by Council.*

7. *That, in the interest of meeting the project timeline, authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and award a single source contract for consulting engineering services not exceeding $12.3 million (included in the Project budget and identified in the Class 3 estimate) to Dillon Consulting Limited. to undertake detailed design, contract administration, and post construction services.*

8. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated authority to approve over-expenditures, if any, relating to the Contract with Dillon Consulting Limited providing monies are available within the applicable capital budget as approved by Council.

9. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Councillor Orlikow: I would like to file the motion.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There's no other motions, we will now have by-laws for Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, Councillor Lukes.

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

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that the following by-laws be read a first time, By-law No. 16/2016 and By-law No. 31/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 16/2016 and By-law No. 31/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that By-laws No. 16/2016 and 31/2016 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 16/2016 and 31/2016.

Councillor Lukes: Great. I would like to move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 20/16 and 31/2016 both inclusive be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Any questions for Councillor Lukes? Councillor Gillingham

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just one question for the Chair. Earlier, just a few moments ago, we passed the report in regards to the traffic signals. I'm wondering how the Traffic Management System, how its effectiveness will be measured and if there will be a report coming forward at a certain point in time that talks about the effectiveness of the management system and just the metrics in place and just being that I'm not on the committee, I'm just curious as to how that will be assessed.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Councillor Lukes

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am not clear, I am not sure on how it will be measured but I am very confident that it will be measured, but just to ensure, I will bring it up at our committee and for sure we'll have a report

on…you know, the thing with traffic management with any sort of signalization or change in behavior is it does take a period of time, six months to a year, but I will ask the department and I will get back to my colleague on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further, Councillor Gillingham? Any other questions for the Chair? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Though today is not National Zipper Day, we are talking about traffic management and this chamber did see a motion asking the City Administration to explore the traffic maneuver of the zipper merge. I witnessed the pilot that happened in St. Boniface Ward. Everything seemed to go…I'm trying to find some zipper analogies…but everything seemed to go very well and I'm wondering, I understand the Administration was working on some data and through you, Mr. Speaker to the Chair, I'm wondering if there will be an update forthcoming because seeing the City of Brandon implementing the traffic maneuver, I'm wondering if we're going to be lagging behind the City of Brandon or not on this. Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Councillor Allard, Madam Speaker. I know the department is working on putting together a review or an assessment of what has occurred and I do believe that they have new projects lined up to do the zipper merge on again this year, so I will notify my colleague when this will be coming to Committee so he's aware of it, but it was received very well. I know on Bishop Grandin, they also did a section with the zipper merge also, so they will be reporting back and we'll know more about it in the near future.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Yes, next question.

Councillor Allard: I just want to know if the Chair has ever personally attempted the zipper merge.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I have and it works wonderfully.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay. That will bring our Question Period to a close and our meeting to a close. Councillor Eadie, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 2:47 p.m.