COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, May 18, 2016

The Council met at 9:33 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 Mayes.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Before we move on, on behalf of City Council I would like to wish our colleague, Councillor Cindy Gilroy, a very Happy Birthday. Thank you for celebrating with us today. Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few announcements today.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker, and I echo your comments regarding our Councillor's birthday. Happy Birthday to Councillor Gilroy. Thank you also for…I do want to note and thank you very much for acknowledging that we're on Treaty One land and the traditional home land of the Métis nation. That is a new practice here on the floor of Council and I want to acknowledge our Speaker for making that important acknowledgment at the beginning of each of our Council meetings, especially in reference to Treaty One. We're all treaty people, regardless of our backgrounds, and I think it's a very important and timely acknowledgment to begin, especially given its Winnipeg's year of reconciliation. So thank you Madam Speaker. I do have a few comments to make at the beginning of Council today. Firstly, I want to welcome all those that are in the gallery and are watching via live stream and television. Earlier this month, we were all shocked to witness the devastating impacts of the forest fires that have happened in northern Alberta and Fort McMurray in particular. Winnipeg, together with Manitoba, stood ready to help in any way that we could. I want to thank the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service for their willingness to provide resources to assist all of those that have been displaced by the Alberta wild fires, and our thoughts and our prayers continue to be with those from Fort McMurray as well as their family and their friends across Alberta and Canada. I also want to recognize all the work and effort of our provincial forest fire personnel as well. It's been a busy week and stressful, start to the forest fire season with 58 fires reported so far in over 83,000 hectares burned. On May 5, I stood together with the provincial leaders and many from Winnipeg's Jewish community to remember all those lost, who we lost during the Holocaust, and it was also a day to pay tribute to all the surviving mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, children and friends whose lives were changed forever as a result of the Holocaust. We will never forget you. We must continually remind ourselves never to allow intolerance, racism and prejudice to fester in our society. This is one of the messages that I am delivering to high school students through my high school tour, and that message is that it's okay to be different, and it's important that we let our young people know that being different is not only okay, it's what makes our society and our community strong. I had the opportunity to represent the City of Winnipeg at a citizenship ceremony earlier this month at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. First time I've ever actually gone through an oath of citizenship, and it was exciting to hear new Canadians and to see new Canadians taking their oath to become Canadian citizens. All of them, very different people, all from very different backgrounds, but all united in being Canadian. This coming Friday, I look forward to participating with 70 schools and over 1,800 students from across Winnipeg in a Celebrating Diversity March. The Celebrating Diversity March is about celebrating all the work students have done across Winnipeg School Division in response to my challenge to them to find ways to celebrate our differences and build greater empathy and understanding, and together we are making a difference here in Winnipeg, and I do believe the tone is changing, and our collective efforts to build and to celebrate diversity needs to continue. On Monday, Madam Speaker, I attended the first throne speech of Manitoba's new Provincial Government. I was encouraged to see what I…I was encouraged from what I heard and I found a lot of consistency between the themes outlined in this throne speech and the work we're undertaking here at Council. Specifically, it was great to see the City of Winnipeg mentioned with regards to fair say. In my view it was a positive sign that this was mentioned in the first speech from the throne of Manitoba's new government, and I look forward to working collaboratively with them and moving forward. Happy belated Manitoba Day to all Councillors and Happy Victoria Day next week. On Manitoba Day I was honoured to participate with Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Janice Filmon, to announce a new initiative recognizing exceptional Manitobans by planting a new made-in-Manitoba maple tree versus the traditional Meadowlark Gift, and I want to commend our Lieutenant Governor for her initiative in that respect. We certainly look forward to partnering on this initiative and determining locations in Winnipeg to plant

these trees, and look forward to seeing many of the wonderful new maple trees in the City of Winnipeg for years and years to come. I want to remind all Councillors and…of the upcoming Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference and trade show here in Winnipeg from June 2nd to 5th. I know many of you will be attending and I want to thank many of our council colleagues, notably Councillor Jenny Gerbasi for her work in this respect. We're looking forward to hosting the largest gathering of municipal leaders across Canada right here in the centre of Canada from June 2 to 5. On a lighter note I want to thank all Councillors and City of Winnipeg staff who participated in a ball hockey game earlier this month when we challenged the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. It was a great time had by all except maybe the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce who lost decisively, and so I want to commend the talents of our hockey players around Council floor and at the City of Winnipeg. We're going to be organizing many others in the months to follow. I also want to congratulate the Brandon Wheat Kings as well as, yeah absolutely, our neighbouring city to the west after defeating the Seattle Thunderbirds last week to win the Western Hockey League Championship. Tremendous effort by the entire Brandon Wheat Kings franchise and a clear reminder that Canadian hockey is strong as ever despite our poor NHL playoffs showing this year across Canada. I want to pay some acknowledgment. We…May is Cystic Fibro…National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, and I'd like to recognize Tim McKay who is here today to represent Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Cystic Fibrosis is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young adults. It's estimated that one in every 3,600 children born in Canada have Cystic Fibrosis. It has no cure. Cystic Fibrosis Canada is a national charitable not-for-profit corporation established in 1960 and is one of the world's top three charitable organizations committed to finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. As an internationally recognized leader, Cystic Fibrosis Canada has invested more than $226 million in leading research, innovation and care. And as a result, Canadians with Cystic Fibrosis have one of the highest median survival rates in the world. Today, 50 percent of Canadians with Cystic Fibrosis are expected to live into their early 50s and beyond and nearly 60 percent of all people with Cystic Fibrosis in Canada are adults. In 1960, most children did not live long enough to attend kindergarten. The Cystic Fibrosis Canada signature fundraising event, Carstar Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis history, takes place across the country on Sunday, May 29, 2016. The walk hosts thousands of participants across Canada who come together to celebrate fundraising efforts, and imagine a world without Cystic Fibrosis. And at this time I'd like to invite Tim McKay to please come forward. Tim.

Madam Speaker: Welcome.

Tim McKay: Thank you, Your Worship Mr. Mayor, Madam Speaker and members of Council. As mentioned, my name is Tim McKay. I am the Chapter President here in Winnipeg for Cystic Fibrosis Canada and it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to speak to you today about a cause that is near and dear to my heart. I would like to mention that our Regional Executive Director, Connie Krahenbil is also here with me. She works in our office here in Winnipeg and she and her team are responsible for supporting the efforts of volunteers both here in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Connie has put together some wonderful packages that have been distributed to you, the Councillors today, and inside them you will find some important information about CF. You will see that, as the Mayor mentioned, is the most fatal genetic disease in Canada. You will notice that there are over 2,000 mutations of the CF gene, and you will see that one in 25 Canadians carries the recessive gene that is responsible for the disease. That means that probably at least one person in this room carries the gene that causes CF…spoiler alert, probably me. You will see that the median age of CF patients in Canada is approximately 52 years old. That is the best number in the world. That is a full ten years ahead of the USA which is number two. The researchers tell me that one of the reasons is because of our cold winters. It actually makes the lungs of CF patients stronger so it turns out the minus 40° actually comes in handy for something. The…this is a disease that you also see that one new baby is diagnosed every week in Canada with CF and this is a disease that they will literally be fighting for the rest of their lives. Fortunately, Canada has been at the forefront of newborn screening and so most provinces including our own here in Manitoba now make it a part of the standard neonatal testing. This means that a diagnosis is made earlier and patient care can start almost from day one. This is a disease that the patients and their families fight because of genetics. For many of our volunteers, it is because they are either themselves have CF or they're parents of children with Cystic Fibrosis. For myself, it's a family connection. I grew up with two cousins who had CF, and so Shannon who is my oldest cousin and my de facto big sister and her younger brother Ian who is the guy, who when we were growing up, I wanted to be the most like. But their cases could not have been more different. Ian is now 40 years old, lives in Saskatoon, is married and has two beautiful little girls. Shannon had a bit of a tougher go. She spent the majority of her childhood in the hospital and she rushed through life. She got married at the age of 20, was divorced at 22. When she was 25 years old, her doctor told her that she had to have a double lung transplant. So her living in Canmore, Alberta, her parents…her father retired from the RCMP and they moved here to Winnipeg. Her transplant was done just down the street at Health Sciences Centre when she was 25 years old, or 27 years old…sorry, and two years later she had the…unfortunately her battle with CF ended in June of 1999 when she was two months shy of her 30th birthday. There have been several advances in medications and care since then though. Newborn screening, which was brought to Manitoba in 2011, has been a better way to start caring for CF patients. New medicines are targeting specific mutations to help patients live longer lives and have a better quality of life. Two medications, which I was happy to announce as the advocate, or one of the advocates for CF Canada, being Kalydeco and Orkambi are the latest and greatest in the fight against CF. Our foundation has embarked also on a

project working with researchers across Canada through the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto, but researchers across the country to develop an individualized care for CF patients. The one we are looking forward to have Canadians living with CF live lives that are as long, as happy, and as healthy as the average Canadian. Right now, CF in our world standards for Cystic Fibrosis and we at CF Canada long for the day that it stands for cure found. I would now like to extend a personal invitation to all of you and your staff to come out to the Carstar Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis History, as the Mayor mentioned, and is on May 29 in beautiful St. Vital Park. This is our biggest event of the year with typically over 400 people in attendance. It raises more than $50,000 for CF research in one day. Thank you again for your time today. We appreciate the opportunity to speak to you and hope that you will leave…that we leave you more aware of the trials, tribulations and successes of the CF community in Canada here in Manitoba. Thank you.

Madam speaker: Thank you, Mr. McKay for your presence and your remarks today at City Council. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and also thank you very much to Tim McKay. May is also Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. I'd like to recognize Lizelle Mendoza, Multiple Sclerosis Ambassador, here with us today representing the Manitoba Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. MS is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 3,500 Manitobans. It's an unpredictable and costly disease directly and indirectly impacting the lives of thousands of Canadians and their families. There is no known cause or cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The MS Society of Canada founded in 1948 is the only voluntary organization in Canada that supports both research and services for people with MS and their families. The MS Society of Canada has provided more than $80 million for research during the past fifty years as well as a wide range of programs, services and social action for people living with MS. At this time I with like to invite Lizelle Mendoza to please come forward.

Lizelle Mendoza: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. My name is Lizelle Mendoza and I have lived with relapsing, remitting MS since I was 18 years old. I was just 11 years old when I had my first symptoms. I am a student pursuing a career in nursing and also an ambassador from the MS Society of Canada, Manitoba Division. MS most often strikes people in their 20s and 30s and when they're completing their education, establishing their careers and starting a family. Women are three times more likely than men to develop MS, and every day, three people in Canada are diagnosed. An estimated 100,000 Canadians and 3,500 Manitobans live with the disease. There is no known cause or cure and MS, and life with MS can be unpredictable. However, together we can help bring back stability and independence into the lives of people with MS. While independence means many things, it doesn't mean having to live alone. The MS Society of Canada is proud to stand alongside Canadians impacted by MS. Canada has one of the highest rates of Multiple Sclerosis in the world. Today we ask our government to develop a national caregiver action plan to improve job protection and better co-ordinate income and disability benefits for people impacted by MS. With secure jobs and income as well as accelerated research to find effective therapies for progressive MS, people with MS can regain their independence. May is MS Awareness Month. By wearing your red carnations, the MS Society's traditional symbol, we show people affected by MS in Manitoba that the City of Winnipeg is ready to take action to enhance the quality of life for people affected by MS and to help find a cure. Today, we can change the lives of thousands of people. Together we are stronger. So please join in the fight to end MS. Thank you.

Madam speaker: Thank you Ms Mendoza for your presence here today. We appreciate it.

Lizelle Mendoza: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We have a leave of absence motion for Councillor Browaty. Mr. Clerk would you read it into the record?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

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

Madam speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

MINUTES

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

Madam speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam speaker: We'll now move into delegations. Mr. Gord Delbridge is with us here today from CUPE. He is in opposition to Item No. 2 of the report from Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment committee regarding waste collection. We'll have 10 minutes on the clock for the delegation. Welcome.

Gord Delbridge: Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to present before you this morning. First off, I've got some concerns about how we are proceeding with garbage collection here in Winnipeg. First off, you know, I've seen there is a list of contractors that were being considered, but nowhere in any way, shape or form was it being considered to bring any of this work back in-house. This model now is being used in many cities across Canada to do an in-house private contractor split because it saves money to bring the service of garbage collection back in-house, and there's many examples of many cities right across Canada…Ottawa. In 1998, Ottawa contracted out sold waste collection in four zones and retained in-house collection in the fifth zone. The city is gradually contracting out its garbage and green bin and recycling services back in. Having faced rising contractor costs and declining public satisfaction, two zones are now serviced by City workers, and from a cost perspective, the public side is impressive. A 2,009 internal audit found in-house collection in this one downtown zone had saved the City over 5.28 million since 99 and in 2012, the contract was renewed for the zone and City workers began collecting solid waste in a second zone in Ottawa's east end. In 2013, the two city-run zones saved a further $677,530. In addition, complaints resulting from the City-run zones were significantly lower than contracted zones averaging one call per 1,000 households for the in-house zones compared to 1.53 calls per 1,000 houses for the three contracted out zones. Service in one of the contracted zones was so poor that the City levied fines against the contractor, Waste Management. Calgary, in Calgary, the City of Calgary recently reaffirmed a completely public model for its garbage and recycling collection. A 2015 City commission report detailed the current state of Calgary's residential solid waste services and recommends against contracting out solid waste collection services on the basis that there is no evidence contracting out will deliver significant cost savings. The consultant's report outlined the issues with private for-profit collection. On labour costs, in many cases the majority of the cost savings afforded by the private sector results from paying less to collection workers in salary plus benefits and because private providers have more flexibility and work rules. On cost, while profit can drive efficiency, it can also add an addition of five to 20 percent to the cost of private sector service delivery that is not included with public sector service delivery. On service, the profit motive and the drive for efficiency may sometimes be in direct conflict with service quality providing extra services to the public or simply fulfilling all requirements of a contract typically resulting in lower profits to private sector provider. The same report provides comparisons to other regions showing that Calgary's per pick up cost of $1.27 in Calgary is well within the range of comparative cities and a mix of municipalities with fully public, fully private and combined public, private delivery and is less than in areas that have fully privatized models. This has been…Vancouver has got full public service delivery and the list goes on and on and on. So once again, that's one area that really disturbs me. Why that would not even be considered. At one time we used to do a lot of in-house bidding or cost benefit analysis of bringing work back in-house. I don't know that we even have the capacity now with our staff to even do that comparison anymore as a result of the vacancy management. I know that WAPSO, they presented here saying that they do not have the resources anymore to even do these cost comparisons that they once used to be able to, and so now we just automatically go to the model that we're just going to privatize, privatize, privatize, and it's getting to the point where it's just getting absurd with the costs that we keep incurring. Nobody in Winnipeg would ever run their household that way. We would never do that. I was talking to Councillor Dobson this morning about fixing shingles on a roof and he was going to get out there and he was going to do it himself. This is what we do as Winnipeggers. Maybe there are certain folks maybe that live in some mansions in Tuxedo and stuff that outsource everything that they do, their grass cutting and what not, but that's not representative to Winnipeggers. What I find really disturbing though, is that last night, I watched an APTN investigation on Emterra. Now, it should be said that CUPE does represent the inside workers. We do not represent the drivers and the swappers. When we did go and initially proposed, you know, organizing with those workers and to represent them, Emterra, they contracted out all the drivers and those trucks and made it their responsibility to hire workers, so now what they're doing is they're going to…they're pulling up at these day worker sites and hiring these day workers. They get there at 6:00 o'clock in the morning hoping to get work. They're paid like $11 an hour. They work 17 hour days. They've got no benefits, they've got no vacation time, they've got numerous safety violations that have taken place and we've taken upon ourselves to get in contact with Workplace Safety and Health just to…just because what we see happening with these workers is just…it's absurd, it's…and we've got to show our due diligence and, you know, try to make sure that these workers are being protected even though we don't

represent them. But getting back to the APTN investigation, that was disturbing. I know when I met with Mayor Bowman back some time ago, you'd mentioned you had seen that investigation that they did. I would encourage many of you to take a look at that. It's disturbing to say the very least. It's disturbing. It's disturbing to think that when we came to…before Council initially when that work was being done in-house, we argued, we said to you, don't go down this path because this is what's going to happen and you know what? It happened. Workers should not be getting treated this way. What I find really odd though is even though we're aware of this and that this is taking place, on the list of contractors, they're included. Many of these workers that are being exploited here are Winnipeg's aboriginal youth and that's clearly shown in this investigation that APTN did. I think this is the third time that we've been before Council warning you not to go down this path because you ultimately are going to be making a decision to exploit some of these workers. 2016 we hear of truth and reconciliation, and this is how we are going to proceed? Well, like I said, this is the third time. Hopefully, I'm not falling on deaf ears once again, but if that's the case and this is how we are going to proceed, anybody that votes in favour of proceeding in a fashion that's going to exploit workers in this manner, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Delbridge, this is an opportunity for Council to ask questions. Are there any questions of the delegation? Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Schreyer. Could you come forward, sir? Thank you.

Councillor Mayes: I appreciate the comments and obviously there will be a vote projected before September on whatever the final staff recommendation is that vote will ultimately come to Council and I guess my only comment would be, you are saying Emterra shouldn't be on the list but have we excluded Emterra, you have bargaining rights there. You could equally have attacked us for excluding Emterra saying, well you're deliberately doing this to try and avoid one of the few unionized carriers, so because we've decided to go with an RFP, I guess the question is this. Are you aware that we're going with an RFP process, so it's not just necessarily the lowest bidder? We can look at things like the wages, the relationship, whether there's a bargaining agent in place. I mean, this is going to be a broader consideration by the staff, so I just…are you aware of that?

Gord Delbridge: You know what? I think that you could put some provisions in place and I think that I would highly recommend that you put some provisions in place if you continue to go down the path of contracting out. I would most certainly recommend take the time to look at what's being done in other cities where they're doing this cost-share model. I was talking to my son yesterday. He's in his second year at university. He's taking municipal studies. He talks about his professor that always talks about how much he hates government waste. But he did a report on garbage collection and he looked beyond just Canada and looked globally, and the model of bringing in both public and private seems to be the most effective in every which way, shape or form that he looked at it. So I think that we've got to go beyond just looking at exclusively outsourcing that work. We should bring that in so that we have some checks and balances there, but also, including this as…with regards to your comments there Councillor Mayes, I think it's important that there maybe should be some provisions or some language as far as accepting those contracts that would ensure that we don't continue to exploit these workers. And, I mean, at the end of the day, you know, we represent a portion of those workers. The reason we do that is to ensure that these workers are not being exploited.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further Councillor Mayes? On to you, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Delbridge raises a lot of good information and perspective. Talked about other cities, talked about the impact for the, you know, the potential for exploitation of workers through day labour agencies that are supplying Emterra and, you know, I need to state for the record, one aspect of day labour in that I worked my way across western Canada as a day laborer working in different cities; Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, showing up to the labour-ready shops or Triple A or whatever these day labour agencies are, and they offered me an opportunity to work in various sectors of the manual labour industry and gave me insights into just potential for how people can work stuff like this, where they can work, how can they apply their skills, where they fit in. Different types of sectors. You know, lumber yards, metal recycling plants, deconstruction. However, one thing, the drawback is the potential for exploitation. I was very much a witness of that. I was part of it. They are profitable and they do provide a service for our society that I have taken advantage of and been beneficial for me in terms of, sort of, working across the country, and learning about how politics affects things. In Vancouver, because of the deregulation of the construction industry for condominiums, 20, 25 years earlier and because of the lowering standards, safety standards, I, in the…like ten years ago, was hired as a day labourer to go 20 floors up on the outside of a building on the scaffolding to help with a crew replacing the windows to condominiums because of deregulation.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, do you have a question for the delegation?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, this say big can of worms, Madam Speaker and a big issue that Mr. Delbridge has to contend with and I just want him to…would he be willing to discuss this to a greater extent, and I say this I guess, one part of an obligation on behalf of the Mayor having appointed me Council Liaison for Labour Relations. These are big issues. I sympathize, it's a…and having said that, I see things from different sides on some of these issues but I would like to help. Would you like to discuss this further with the administration and with myself?

Gord Delbridge: Absolutely, we would like to sit down and have these discussions. I think that is important. I spend a lot of time going down to Emterra. You know, I've gone there myself and brought them lunches at 6:00 o'clock in the morning. I've done that. There's a lot of really good people there. I think it's important that we sit down and talk. I get a lot of our information right from the grass roots. I go there myself and I take a look at it. I talk to…you know I've talked to department heads but I also go down and I talk to the workers there directly as well. I don't only use that as my only resource. I think it's important that we sit down and have those discussions and at least let us show and hear us out and let us give you some examples and some options to consider. Now, maybe you may not consider all of them but you know, maybe there's some that you may want to consider. I think that would be important to do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further Councillor Schreyer? Seeing no further questions, I'll ask you to stand down. Thank you. Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Is there time for a question?

Madam Speaker: Yes, absolutely. Thank you for your presentation, Gord. I just…I guess you're speaking to Report 3 which is the extension of time? Oh, two, okay. That answered my question. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Seeing no further questions, thank you for appearing today. Appreciate it. We will now move on to committee reports. First is the Report of Executive Policy Committee dated May 4, 2016. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 4, 2016

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move introduction of the…sorry, I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Three is pulled. I will call the question on Items 1 and 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 - Open Government Policy - Action Plan

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce.

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

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: (inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Okay, alright. Any further speakers to this item? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to make any remarks? Okay. We'll call the question. All in favour? Okay, so noted. Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor on the report dated May 11, 2016.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MAY 11, 2016**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 9.

Madam Speaker: Okay, No. 9 we will pull as it has an amendment. Councillor Wyatt? I'll call the question on Items 1 and 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk?

Item 3 – Single Source Negotiation for a Contract Extension – Residential Garbage Collection Services in the Northwest Area of Winnipeg Materials Management Reference No. 287-2016

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce? Okay. Looking for speakers at this time for Item No. 3. This was pulled by yourself, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: (inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any further Speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to comment at this time? I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? So noted. Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Sponsorship Agreement with Casera Credit Union Limited – Naming Right of the Main Floor Canteen in the Transcona East End Community Club Inc.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce?

Mayor Bowman: I'd hear from Council colleagues. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Any Speakers on this item? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. I just want to…this is a good news story and I am supporting this. I want to thank the community club in Transcona, the East End Community Club, for their leadership on this matter. The Board of Directors, the volunteers of the East End Community Club, you know, it's the East End Community Club is, it's an amazing institution in our community that has, over the decades, done so much for the kids of our community. It was the…this first site of the first indoor facility in Transcona. The "old barn" as it was called, was, literally looked like a barn but built out of lumber from CN Rail that somehow made it to the site. And anyway, the…that was…and the old rink in the early 1990s with the leadership of the community club then, the community club demolished the old rink and built a brand new rink beside the old ice surface of the old rink, indoor facility, and then in the last couple of years, working with the community club for three years, we facilitated a process which has allowed us to add a third sheet of ice and expand the facility. It has allowed us as a city to decommission a city-owned and operated arena which had upwards of $8 million of liability tied to it in terms of infrastructure issues that had been ignored over the decades by the City, and by building this new facility, working with the community club and the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, we were able to get this new project under way. The Mayor and myself were there for the grand opening in September of last year and is really coming alive in terms of being a big part of our community as it always has been, that community centre. This sponsorship, I want to thank, specifically also thank Casera Credit Union. This is to sponsor the canteen. There's a canteen in the facility Madam Speaker, when you walk in. It's on the left and Casera Credit Union, which was formerly the Transcona Credit Union, has stepped forward in a very generous way to commit $150,000 for the naming rights for a 15-year sponsorship term, which is impressive, that the rights are for 15 years and that the funding is flowing all together at once. So we received real value and this will assist the community club in terms of its operations, in terms of its debt obligations, in terms of its operating costs. This directly assists the Board of Directors with that. The new debt that has been taken on by the community club is very significant. The Board of Directors is very conscious and aware of the challenge that that faces. I would encourage, if there's any way, the CAO is in our room today, if there's any way the CAO that can expedite the process to formalize the lending requirements that were set in place by Council, because as of now, literally every month, the community club's debt or interest on the debt goes up and up because they have not received, to my knowledge in the last two weeks, unless something's changed, have not received payments and to formalize the debt so as to reduce the interest costs to the community club. This is not occurred and it's outstanding, and that's a concern because every month that goes by, that's a new cost being added. The City of Winnipeg is quite aware of this. Community Services is very aware of it and has advised the community club just to continue until the City has instructed to flow the funds as per the agreements in place. But the longer we wait the more that interest on the bill costs

us. So, that would be one point. The other point I would like to make too is we at the Standing Committee of Protection, Community Services and Parks have been, I think, attempting and working with the Public Service to improve the sponsorship process. We've had Sponsorship Winnipeg be…come to us. There has to be a way for us to somehow expedite and make it feasible to facilitate sponsorship easier. This sponsorship was initiated as of last fall. It took this the small time to get here. If there's a way we could somehow facilitate it so that it could be a few months or a couple of months verses half a year, that would be of great assistance. And these are sponsorships, Madam Speaker, which are initiated by the community and from the community, it's very grass-roots initiated. And so, you know, when you're dealing with volunteers, they can, as you know, can get easily frustrated with processes and with government and we have to kind of keep…you know, we have to…we know we have to do due diligence from our side but at the same time, there's no doubt in my mind we could actually find ways to encourage sponsorships, make the process a little bit more nimble, especially since these are City of Winnipeg facilities, the community club ultimately is our facility. So anyway, I want to thank the Public Service for their assistance on this matter, and thank the community club for all their dedication and hard work and again, thank Casera Credit Union for their generosity and their continued support in our community for a great institution like this. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you ,Madam Speaker. I rise also in support of this motion and I want to echo actually a lot of what Councillor Wyatt has said, specifically to the…that I think the potential positive impacts of the sponsorship program. I think this is the second Council meeting in a row or maybe it was two Council meetings ago, where we see a sponsorship coming forward and approved, and as the Councillor had indicated, this program is under review, which I think is a good thing, so that looking forward to the report coming forward hopefully so that ways to enhance and maximize the program can be identified and so, as I understand it, that report will come forward to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, and I think there's opportunity here. It's always impressed when I see the sponsorship program, it's impressive to see community partners such as businesses that pay taxes, but are willing also to step up and, you know, put their name on the side of a building or on a rink or something, some community asset which is actually a City of Winnipeg asset. And so, I think we need to certainly appreciate the community partners, the businesses, the individuals that are willing to do that. And I think this sponsorship program still has a lot of potential that perhaps has been untapped. So again, looking forward to ways to improve that program that hopefully will be identified in that report so that the impact, the maximum impact of that…of this program can be reached. So thank you. I will be supporting this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I will call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk Item 9.

Item 9 – Citizen Member Appointments – Committees, Boards and Commissions

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce and then we do have Motion No. 2

Mayor Bowman: Sure. And, you know, I'll take this opportunity just to acknowledge and recognize the work being done by so many members of the public on our appointed boards and organizations. All boards require belief in public service, volunteer hours and a commitment to ensuring public oversight, and I want to say to all those members of the public who do serve on our boards and organizations, that your contribution of time is vital public service because you're not only providing meaningful leadership, but also ensuring that these organizations are administered properly. This is no small contribution because it allows these organizations to exist and to continue their mandates from a sound administrative standpoint. We don't thank you enough, so I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for all of your work and I'll wait to hear from Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We have Motion No. 2 in front of us. Moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Wyatt, would you introduce…pardon me?

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

THAT Recommendation No. 1 of Item 9 of the Report of Executive Policy Committee dated May 11, 2016 be amended by adding the following name to serve as a member of the Board of Revision:

Don Mitchelson

Councillor Wyatt: Call the question?

Madam Speaker: We need to introduce the motion. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I will be declaring a conflict on this vote as I did at EPC, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, sure. We'll let you leave the Chamber then at this time. I think we need to have Council…you introduce your motion so Council is aware of it.

(inaudible speaking in the background)

Madam Speaker: Okay. Are there any other speakers on the motion or the item? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Speaking to the amendment and the motion?

Madam Speaker: You can speak to the motion and the amendment concurrently. Or pardon me, the motion and item concurrently.

Councillor Orlikow: Okay. Well, first of all, the list…I have had a fair bit of work with the administrative staff including the Clerks to look at how our boards are structured and why they're structured and how people get on the list and how that vetting process works and I would say about 90 percent, I am pretty good with. I think we still have room to improve on how we do it, however, taking motions from the floor from individuals with no vetting and no understanding of who these people are, again it has nothing to do with the person whatsoever. Don could be a wonderful person, but the process of us just adding names on the floor of Council without any vetting or without any discussion prior I think is a bad precedent to set, so I won't be…I'll support the motion, but I won't be supporting the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. If you look at the resolution, it mentions a person by the name of Don Mitchelson, Madam Speaker. If we on Council don't know who this person is and that person does have the expertise to carry out the functions on the Board of Revisions, I don't understand why we would be concerned about that. The man has much municipal experience and has also served in this same position for a period of time. So, for me, Madam Speaker, I'll be absolutely supporting this. As I understand it, Madam Speaker, it's not knocking any other names out because basically, the way it works for this particular board is you need a minimum complement of people and you can add to it. And again, if people don't know the name on this particular motion…anyway, I would take it upon advisement that somebody served as a city Councillor would actually know how the processes and various functions of the City works, so I don't think we should be questioning this person's ability to do the work as defined for the Board of Revisions. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Still many of us are in our first term. It has been a year and a half I realize, but we have learned a lot in a year and a half, but I just throw it out there, Madam Speaker. If someone could articulate what the process is for identifying and appointing board members to such committees, I don't know, I believe in the short year and a half we have been here, I think this is the first time we have seen this from the floor, which is concerning to me. I would imagine that there is, as Councillor Orlikow has articulated, I would imagine there is a vetting process which would be I think prudent on our part to maintain, but if anyone's willing to, that's been here awhile, that's willing to just explain the proper process, I'd welcome that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Perhaps someone will do that, but the motion is in order. Next speaker is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, in seconding this motion, I certainly had no idea that perhaps not even…I didn't know I was pushing the envelope on process. Come to think of it though, Councillor Orlikow did make the point in terms of names, okay. I don't recall during my year and a half here or before, whether there's an amendment given on appointments in the Chamber, Madam Speaker. But, you know, I guess for me, in my year and a half here, I don't always know what an amendment is going to be on, so I see all sorts of firsts in front of my eyes in terms of how we use amendments, after all, aren't…isn't that what amendments are for? So that's basically where I'm coming from. Amendments are for something to happen on the Council floor that we don't necessarily know is going to happen so they're unexpected in that respect. That's all. Just in terms of how I justify in process, but I really believe that. That's been my experience here for a year and a half. Today is no exception but I do see the distinction in terms of it being regarding names appointments. Now, it was mentioned if we don't know who they are, then how could we vote on it but the conundrum in that respect is this: do we all know, if we're going to vote on this and these appointments, do we all

know who they are? They've been vetted through a process. We don't know who they are except in this case, I actually know who Don Mitchelson is, so I'm in a very comfortable position to second this, because he's actually one of the people I do know. So, what am I voting on? Well, actually somebody I actually know. So I don't see a problem in terms of, you know, where I'm coming from on this and in terms of the concerns about…I understand if they don't want to vote for it, but of course just in terms of process and where I'm coming from, this is where I'm coming from including the arguments again. This is someone that we do know. The City knows this person. Don Mitchelson was the Deputy Mayor of Winnipeg. So leave it at that. And Councillor Pagtakhan I would like him to know that I will be remembering him in the future because of the contributions he can make when it comes appointments as well. So, because they just know what they're doing. They have institutional knowledge, Madam Speaker. And not only was he an active member of this Council but he's already been on this board. So in this case, Madam Speaker, this isn't…I didn't sign a random motion. No. This is Don Mitchelson, arguably, the most qualified member of the board. That's why this has my support and that's why I'm willing to second it, because it's a legitimate…if there's any amendment that is legitimate in terms of this process, well let's…what would be the most legitimate? Madam Speaker, if there's anything that was going to push the envelope on amendments on this motion, Madam Speaker, the most legitimate one is this one because it's an obvious one that deserves merit and that we are in a position as Councillors to make a decision on this one. Not every member being appointed, not every met person we're supposed to vote on today on this, but we can on Don Mitchelson. At least we know that, and that's why, regardless of opinion, this is a legitimate amendment despite the fact it is somewhat unusual. Well, let's expect that from amendments and from Councillor Russ Wyatt in this Chamber. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I've never moved something for referral here so can I make a motion to move to referral with instructions to have it back for the next Council meeting. Can I speak to that if I'm moving it with instruction?

Madam Speaker: Without instructions.

Councillor Mayes: I can speak to it without instructions?

Madam Speaker: You can move referral without instructions, then we can vote on it, otherwise it needs to be in writing.

Councillor Mayes: Alright, I'll move referral without instructions.

Madam Speaker: Are you moving referral, Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I am moving referral, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor…Mr. Mayor, you may rebut if you wish for up to three minutes. That we should…why we should not refer this. It's a simple amendment.

Mayor Bowman: Next Council meeting?

Madam Speaker: Referral to Committee.

Mayor Bowman: I'm actually…I'm okay on…I'm listening to each of the comments made. There's been some great comments on both sides of this question. I am fine voting on it today but I'll defer to the will of Council on whether or not to refer to the next meeting.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll move on or I guess we're voting on a referral. Okay, all in favour of the referral? Contrary? Not very obvious to me. Carried. Okay. So referral to…Mr. Clerk? That's to the…which committee?

Clerk: EPC

Madam Speaker: Okay. The matter will be referred to EPC and it's carried. Thank you. Okay Councillor Morantz will return. We'll move on to By-laws under Executive Policy Committee.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

Madam Speaker: By-laws for second and third reading, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: By-laws? Sure. Thank you very much. I move By-law No. 20/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 20/2016.

Madam Speaker: Okay Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move By-law 20/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.
Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. By-laws under EPC for all three readings, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the by-laws be read a first time, By-law No. 50/2016, By-law 59/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 58/2016, By-law No. 59/2016

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move By-law No. 58/2016 and 59/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 58/2016 and 59/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, on the suspension of the rule.

Mayor Bowman: Thanks. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law numbered 58/2016 and 59/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Any questions? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to, on the issue, I noted the Open Government, it's a very good initiative, 60 more days of…good to see what the action plan will hold. And, Madam Speaker, in the Open Government in the last election, it was accountability, transparency and I understand that it's, you know, there are meetings that I guess do happen…that aren't so open because you have to discuss and figure out how things are moving forward, Madam Speaker. But one of the things that I'm still concerned about when it comes to the openness, accountability and transparency is there was some motions like from 2013 and 14 and I don't think, Madam Speaker, through either your Governance Committee nor anywhere have I seen a final conclusion on a report, Madam Speaker, regarding we, as Members of Council, the City Councillors are subject to our budgets for our offices to be, we have criteria, we have

audits every year that look it to ensure that we as Councillors, elected representatives are open, transparent and accountable for the money that we spend.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, your question please?

Councillor Eadie: And so the question is, I'm wondering if, Madam Speaker, if the Mayor has been pushing to finally resolve the issue around the Mayor's Office and having that expenditures subject to criteria, similar criteria and an annual audit?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you very much for the question. My office has been in contact and consultation with the Clerk's Department in an effort to establish a policy that would guide the Mayor's Office in this respect. I look forward to having a policy in the future, and as Councillors will know the expenses that my office incurs are posted on winnipeg.ca website as all Councillors' expenses are as well. I'm also very proud to say that my meeting schedule is also published online, something that I would encourage all Members of Council to adopt as well.

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

Councillor Eadie: Actually my calendar is open to anybody who's on City Council to look, but often, Madam Speaker, my things change quite quickly. But I was wondering in terms of the openness, in terms of being open to Council, I'm wondering if the Mayor, I'm trying to find out if we're going to be having anymore seminars to work out issues or find out how things are working as I know that Executive Policy Committee often has meetings closed doors, and I'm just wondering if some of the issues that are moving forward like solid waste, the motion we passed that had a number of items on it, Madam Speaker, if we'll be having any discussions about how things are proceeding in terms of any initiatives that the City is moving forward on?

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry I'd like some clarification of the question is, and is that a question for the relevant Committee Chair or is there a question for me?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie?

Mayor Bowman: I'm happy to answer.

Madam Speaker: Can you clarify the question please?

Councillor Eadie: Okay, well one topic, Madam Speaker, just to clarify, because there's a whole bunch of issues that I think we as a Council should be informed on how things will proceed. So I'm wondering if we'll be made aware of, as Councillors, as to what is happening in regards to federal money that will be coming in regards to capital expenditures for different programs. So my question is, is EPC working on this kind of stuff right now and if they are, can we as other Councillors be informed as to how things are proceeding?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thanks very much for the clarification. As Members of Council and Winnipeggers will know the Federal Government made a number of substantive commitments in the federal campaign as a result of the collective lobbying efforts of the Big Cities Mayor's Caucus. We were successful at advocating on behalf of Canada's big cities, especially as it relates to infrastructure. We've recently as all Canadians have been advised of the criteria by which the Federal Government will be dispensing some of these new available funds. I have asked that the administration review and advise the appropriate committees on how we may be able to access these funds. And I would also expect that the administration will be able to advise all Members of Council in due course once that analysis is complete. And I look forward to receiving that information from the administration. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, you have the floor.

Councillor Mayes: This is more of a point of order and I don't want to burn up any of the clock there, but Councillor Morantz was out of the room, and has asked me a very good question which was the motion to refer had been intended just refer to the amendment but have we in fact referred both the appointment of the list and the amendment and the bill would cycle back to the next Council meeting? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: That's right. Any further questions for the Mayor? Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Over two years ago, I moved a motion and it was referred to the Standing Committee. Winnipeg is one of the last jurisdictions in one of the major cities in Canada that does…still does not have a brown field strategy. It was something that was identified in OurWinnipeg and it was identified with the work that was done two years ago. The motion was referred to the committee, the committee was told to hold off until a full inventory was done of Water and Waste, landfills and other sites. This is a very important public policy piece because, you know, if you speak to infill, and you speak to the idea of renewing older neighbourhoods, we have issues with regards to the landfills inside our city, which are strategically located locations, we have issue with regards to industrial…old industrial sites. We have issues with regards in our communities, all of our communities, with regards to old gas stations, which are abandoned literally on major regional streets, and we are not being repurposed. We have all these various issues with regards to brown field and the need to have a brown field strategy. Mr. Mayor, would you be able to look into this and to see and update Council in terms of where the brown field strategy is at? Is there going to be a process to engage all Members of Council and where is it at? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I'll…what I will do is speak with the relevant Committee Chair to look into this matter further. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Would it be possible to have a Council seminar or some informational meeting? Members of Council, I think would, a lot of Members of Council may not be aware of what the brown field strategy or what it involves, so there's an educational element, plus a way to engage Members of Council? Cause every issue in every ward is slightly different, some wards are more impacted than others and some less. So is that possible to do that? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well, I think the first step is to speak with the relevant Committee Chair and we'll go from there. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Sure. Have Council seminars been banned? Are we having anymore in the future?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The short answer is no. I think Council seminars have a very useful role. I will note on the floor of Council, last month's meeting, the Councillor did confess to providing confidential information to the public, and so obviously that's obviously I know has been a concern of many Members of Council that have expressed concerned to me. But no, Council seminars absolutely have their role and I think there's nothing better than openness and transparency and I think what I do like about moving most of our matters through committees is that we can be held accountable, it's open, it's transparent and if information can be shared through the Livestream that we've now created at EPC and of course that's available for other committee meetings. That should always be the default. But there are times and matters that it is appropriate for Council seminars and I look forward to attending those in due course, as appropriate.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated May 10, 2016.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED MAY 10, 2016

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker I'd like to introduce report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 9.

Madam Speaker: All in…seven…okay, seven and three are pulled. All in favour? I'll call the question on Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Opening – Proposed Opening of University Crescent, Markham Road and Public Road Nos. 1 and 2 – Bus Rapid Transit Phase 2 – DAO 4/2015 and DAO 1/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll listen to my colleagues and answer where appropriate.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Eadie, was this pulled down by yourself?

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, three…well, I called 3 and 7. So I'll start.

Madam Speaker: Okay, you have the floor. Item 3.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I noted, as you know Madam Speaker, sometimes it takes me awhile to get various things described to me, and it's my understanding that this opening is related to us moving forward on our Rapid Transit plan for the Stage Two of our Phase One Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor, Madam Speaker, and in having someone describe the actual way that things are working in terms of the path that they are to follow, it's my understanding that…and it's indicated on a map…I don't know, maybe I could be wrong, but maybe Madam Speaker, there's a slight error in it showing the line, but as I understand it, there's a couple of 90 degree turns along the Stage Two piece, and often as it always does, it always rises and I know people are passionate about this, Madam Speaker, whether you go with a bus rapid transit or a light rail transit, Madam Speaker, and as we've moved along since I started voting on this particular project and again, Madam Speaker, in regards to the people who…in my ward, they actually don't see how this is actually helping them, but I've always Madam Speaker taken the stance that the City of Winnipeg is one of the…or is a great city, a big city. We're not some small town. We need to have some sort of rapid transit system Madam Speaker, and as I understand it now though (inaudible speaking in the background)…well I just want to point out that an LRT, that Stage Two Rapid Transit is supposed to be a…

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Speaker, Point of Order.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, I'd like to hear the point of order.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm not sure how this is pertaining to the actual motion in front of us, the opening.

Councillor Eadie: Well, the opening shows a map of a trail, is that correct?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, I'll caution you to speak to the item before us, please. Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: Pardon me?

Madam Speaker: Speak to the item before us.

Councillor Eadie: Okay. There is a map in here described to me. So people need to understand if you're going to convert something, a train doesn't do a 90 degree turn, Madam Speaker. So I want to know, is this thing convertible to an LRT, Madam Speaker? I don't know that I want to vote for this, you know. I know we need the Stage Two, but I just wanted to make that point, Madam Speaker. Trains don't do right hand turns. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further Speakers on the item? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think we just need some clarification on this because there is a…this is to open a right-of-way for the purpose of the corridor and the report cites the fact the project will include a construction of a pedestrian ramp for the proposed Investors' Group Field station that will be built adjacent to the existing stadium in order to accommodate buses serving major stadium events. So we are now travelling here through University lands. We have been told all along by our Transit officials that when we build BRT, that it is convertible to LRT, and so that is really at the heart of it. If you look at Appendix B on page 8 of your document, you can see that Public Road No. 1 coming through east of Pembina does have a curvature to it that would appear to…would be able to accommodate an LRT system verses BRT crossing Markham Road and into and beside the stadium, there's an aerial actually on page 9, the next page, showing the stadium and its proximity to this right-of-way, and the right-of-way for the proposed opening. But as you can see on the proposed opening, southern-most on the site running east and west, there's a hard right angle

turn that clearly a bus can make but the question is whether a conversation in the future LRT…all we're saying and all I'm saying is does this…do we…are we securing the adequate amount of land at this point to ensure that we will be able to, in the future, convert, prior to the University wants to develop of course, these are part of the old golf course lands that they acquired, that we will acquire lands to ensure that we will not have issues in the future, in the event or when this land is converted to LRT. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Next Speaker is Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This first came to Riel Community Committee, and I want to commend Councillor Lukes who I know has put a lot of time in on this and the staff at that forum one other way to thank Councillor Lukes for the amount of time she's put in on it. For once we are not dealing with the "dog leg" issue Madam Speaker because whether you came down Letellier or came through the "dog leg", somehow you've got to get through to the stadium at the end of the day, so what route the northern part takes doesn't matter. Here it's what…this is the southernmost extremity. I can't answer Councillor Wyatt's question, perhaps Councillor Orlikow can, but I certainly think there's been a lot of thought put into the configuration of the route. The University has signed off. It's important to get going on this. It will be a benefit to the University. It will be a benefit to the stadium as well. I certainly…yeah, I do think it may be 30 years down the line, just as Ottawa is converting and they've said it's been a great success their BRT but there's a million people so they're now converting to LRT. Maybe we'll have that scenario in 30 years. We'll be able to convert. Hopefully, we'll be at a million people. It's a fair question by Councillor Wyatt in terms of the lands reserve but I don't think that should delay us any further on this aspect of the project. Something Councillor Eadie too is credited voting for. We had a pretty contentious vote about BRT a couple of years ago, so I know he's not trying to delay it or subvert the whole line here. I mean it's just an operational question which I think we can work around that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It…luckily, some diligence was performed in the last number of minutes and Dave Wardrop responded to Councillor Wyatt that there is a recognition that some land acquisitions and conversion works may be required at the time of conversion. So that's what's been stated by Dave Wardrop so I truly appreciate that response to the question in the first place. So this is definitely something to consider. This is why this was being called for discussion, and Madam Speaker, in my inadequacy it didn't occur to me until now, until just a few minutes ago, this issue of the "dog leg". Madam Speaker, too often in our society in recent years and decades, we have lost the foresight of rail lines, the existing infrastructure to do our history and what they mean to us in the future. The era of the rail line isn't over. There's no indication of that, Madam Speaker. It is very much a part of the future and on this basis, it's the duty of the City, it's our duty, to deal with the future, the plan, and when it comes to issues of conversion, I'm heartened to say, you know, that it sounded almost matter-of-fact that it said when…at the time of conversion. That doesn't say whether it's being hypothetical or realistic plan but nonetheless, it's nice to see that there is some consideration for the idea that conversion is some sort of reality, perhaps inevitability, and on that basis, Madam Speaker, that is why we have to be foresightful, and I don't want to repeat myself too much on this because I've spoken on this over the past year, but the reality is that it matters what we do today for 20, 25 years down the line. It's really important and we shouldn't take short-term considerations as the primary focus, the primary deciding factor when we're talking about things that cost not in the millions of dollars a mile, but you know, in the tens of millions of dollars per mile of construction, and may I say, in terms of budget and maintenance over a 25 year period, a hundred million dollars a mile, Madam Speaker. So, you know, don't blame people for being concerned about the future and what we're getting ourselves into in terms of further costs down the road, if we could be doing it with more foresight right now. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: This is more a statement, I guess. You know, it never ceases to amaze me how these points are brought up during Council when people could easily come to the committee members, Transit, to the Public Works Committee, to the Director, to ask these questions ahead of time to get this sorted out if they're so concerned about it. It's just…this is just more a point of frustration that it's just ridiculous that we sit here and we spend all this time when all of this could be discussed and worked through with the people that have that knowledge and background to answer these questions, but people want to make points and waste other people's time. So it's just a point of frustration.

Madam Speaker: Any further Speakers? Okay, I'll call the question or Councillor Orlikow, you have an opportunity to close if you wish.

Councillor Orlikow: Sure, I would be more than happy to. My understanding, you know, the BRT/LRT debate, maybe for today, that's going to get some political headlines. We've got to do LRT, we have to do BRT again. I'm very confident that the Administration are fully aware of Council policy, that this needs to be convertible to LRT. And we can sit here

and say well, you're four metres off here so therefore I'm going to say no to this whole thing and I'm not against BRT/LRT but again, the planning process was messed up. Again, we can do that. We've had an incredibly positive relationship with the University of Manitoba already. We have seen some preliminary designs. I've been out there talking to them about it. They've got some very exciting designs. They've been an incredible partner with us already buying the land acquisition for a dollar. We're actually benefitting them as well, so I see this as really a cooperative venture that we're going forward for. The administration made it clear that the process can be…the route can be converted but again, it was mentioned before at other meetings. We did state and it was asked and it was answered, so again, everybody has every right to ask whatever question they want at this point but again, what we're talking about today is a proposed opening, not a route, and so again, you can decide how you want to vote on it but again, we're talking about a proposed opening University Crescent/Markham Road and Public Road Nos. 1 and 2, so I don't have any concerns regarding this and about any potential future acquisitions if possible they need it, but at this point, this is a fine proposal to go forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 3. Call for recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillor Wyatt.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Item No. 3 is carried. Mr. Clerk. Item No. 7.

Item 7 - Cannabis Regulatory Provisions

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce Item 7?

Councillor Orlikow: No. 7. No. I'd be more than happy to listen to…I've had discussions with my colleagues in the past about this. I think we're very clear but again, I'd be more than happy to listen to any concerns and maybe provide some updates at the end.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. This report arises out of a motion that I moved which Madam Speaker was admittedly specifically oriented to the City's ability to control its zoning and uses of facilities and where things might be placed as well as signage, Madam Speaker. We have some element of control under our zoning and other related policies and so on. And so, and just for people's sake, Madam Speaker, I just wasn't able to attend this particular meeting in which the report came up because I was called away, so for some of our councillors who think, you know, we have time to show up at every meeting for every issue, there's often many important issues we have to deal with, Madam Speaker, in our wards and so on. But Madam Speaker, I digress. I wanted to just speak to this. So given where the Federal Government is going, Provincial Government, governments change, there is who knows, privatizing of the liquor outlets. Who knows. I don't know Madam Speaker, but I have some concerns related to just sitting back and waiting to find out, Madam Speaker, as to what the Federal and Provincial Governments are going to do, because the Federal Government is related to the criminal aspects of marijuana production or whatever you want to call it, and ultimately, Madam Speaker, not only does our city incur or have issues that we have to deal with within the City of Winnipeg; for example, Madam Speaker, you know alcohol is legal. However, the distillation of alcohol is illegal and if our Police Service, if we were to determine somebody was selling 100 proof moonshine around the city, it would be up to our Winnipeg Police Service I'm sure to investigate and try to take care of this. So we have many policing services related to it. We have policing costs related to making sure people aren't drinking and driving. We have policing costs related to a whole number of issues and there will be a number of issues, Madam Speaker, still that we are going to have to deal with when it comes to marijuana because you're not going to be able to drive if you're under the influence of marijuana, either, from the way I'm understanding it, so, Madam Speaker, it's my understanding that this report is that we're going to sit back and wait and Madam Speaker, I'm not willing to sit back and wait. I think that the City of Winnipeg has to designate somebody to be involved in all the discussions and negotiations as we go along because also, Madam Speaker, not only…you know, I think the Federal Government and the Provincial Government are seeing that there are

revenue opportunities here as well, in terms of the relation of taxing the sale of marijuana like we do of alcohol. And so, but we, the City, are the ones that incur the costs related to all these matters and Madam Speaker, I am really…think that we, the City, shouldn't sit back and wait. We should be involved directly in where they are looking at going and giving our input as to what the reality will be for the City of Winnipeg, and you know, actually, you know, the City of Vancouver did what they think, I think, lawfully could do in terms of setting their own zoning rules and stuff. They, of course, their police service has to enforce the criminal but it's up to them how they want to do it, but Madam Speaker, I just wanted to make that point in regard to this report, so, and unless our Chairperson can explain, I'd be quite…I hope we're not just sitting back. We need to be in the middle of these discussions with the Federal and Provincial Governments. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Seeing none. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close?

Councillor Orlikow: Sure. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, I guess another opportunity that if someone wants to assume that we're doing nothing, go ahead and assume that or you can ask prior. I'd be more than happy to answer. We are…the idea of putting a regulation in place for an illegal activity is something that the City cannot do nor should do, however, that doesn't mean that the City is sitting back and doing nothing. Our Chief Planner has been engaged with all cities across Canada to talk about how they're preparing and there is an informal network of planners looking at the possibilities, but again, they're all in the same boat because they're not sure how the Federal Government time lines are, what the…how the Province will then roll out, so again, it's a little premature to look at a regulation but again, it's not premature to start linking up with our other colleagues across the country because we'll all be facing the same thing. Cities are cities. So we are not sitting back and waiting, I guess was the terminology used, but we are taking a proactive report but we just really cannot put…the motion was quite clear. We want regulations in place which we really can't do for an illegal activity. So that's it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions. On to by-laws. Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to advise that we received information from the Legal Services that By-laws No. 70/2016 is not ready to proceed, as acquisition of the propriety has not been completed, and that I am advising that we will not be moving By-law No. 70/2016 as listed on the agenda. Right?

Madam Speaker: Right.

Councillor Orlikow: So I move that the following by-laws be read a first time. By-laws No. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, and…yup…be moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

(inaudible speaking in the background)

Madam Speaker: So noted. Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Clerk: By-law No. 63/2016, By-law No. 64/2016, By-law No. 65/2016, By-law No. 66/2016, By-law No. 67/2016, By-law No. 68/2016, By-law No. 69/2016, By-law No. 71/2016 and By-law No. 72/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Right. Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that By-law No. 63 to 69/2016 both inclusive and By-law 71 to 72/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 63 to 69 both inclusive and 71 and 72

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, on the third reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rules be suspended and By-law 63/2016 to 69/2016 both inclusive and By-law 71/2016 and 72/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. (inaudible speaking in the background). So noted. We'll now move on to Question Period. Any questions for the Chair, Councillor Orlikow. Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just in relation to, I don't know if you call it debate, I was actually looking for information, Madam Speaker, regarding the right angle turns and so on. But so Madam Speaker, I'm just not searching headlines myself, just trying to understand things, Madam Speaker. So I'm wondering if the Chairperson of Property, Planning and Development, was had it explain to him from Mr. Wardrop, which I just happened to receive an email that reassured me and why I voted for that motion, but was the Chairperson informed that while it terminates at like a right angle but it will be a curvature through the lands that are opening up, was he told that at the committee meeting?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Curvature?

Madam Speaker: Would you like to clarify the question?

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, I'm not sure what curvature, are you talking about the right angle? Yeah, if I can get clarification of the question, please?

Councillor Eadie: I don't know if everybody got an email. I just received that email correspondence from Mr. Wardrop. Was it explained to Property and Development that while it ends at a right angle that the stage two path through this land that we just voted to open up, will have a curvature to it, not a right angle turn in terms of when it gets to the station in this particular area?

Councillor Orlikow: Well, again, specifically I know, specifically, we talked about the issue when we were looking at the South Parklands, which is the University of Manitoba project and something like that, some acquisitions that the project had to be convertible to LRT and that email says from Mr. Wardrop, that's still our intention if required.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I'm just wondering if through P&D in the past, there was this discussion about using incremental financing to build multi-family, maybe mixed-use, I'm wondering if the Chairperson can tell me if things are proceeding that we're looking at these ways of development more affordable, accessible homes in areas outside of the downtown.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is more of a 'were you aware' question to the Chair. It's further adding something that Councillor Eadie was bringing up in regards to the Cannabis agenda item we had. Were you aware that I serve on the Canadian Association of Police Governance Board and just recently we were in Ottawa as a Board talking to Federal MPs and Senators in regards to the Federal Government's new pending marijuana laws and their subsequent impact on the cost of resources of local police budgets and what the implications could be. And so I'll certainly be willing to share the information that comes forward and I just didn't know if you were aware of that or not, if he was aware of that or not.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: No.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report dated May 9, 2016.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED MAY 9, 2016

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. On the Report dated May 9 of 2016, I'd like to move it. I'd also like to stand it down to speak to the item, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 - Community Incentive Grant – Pan-Am Boxing Club Inc. North End Facility Renovation

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. This is a really good news story. It's about the program that's occurring in the North End, Madam Speaker, at Boyd Park at 1100 College Avenue in the North End, and Boyd Park is surrounded by Sargent Tommy Prince Street, Boyd Street, and Radford Street and College, and it's in a beautiful part of the North End. Madam Speaker, this…the City of Winnipeg is entering into a Live Safe Program along with Pan Am Boxing, and this is to provide free programming after school, Madam Speaker, for youth aged 12 to 14 where they're going to learn boxing training skills, physical activity, positive mental health and at the same time, reinforcing a lot of core key values such as respect, integrity, trust Madam Speaker, and accountability, and you know, I think there's going to be many great benefits from this program. We're looking to possibly work together with the Winnipeg School Division No. 1 and work with some of the great students and teachers at Andrew Mynarski, Victoria Cross School on McPhillips just down the way. And I really want to thank my Council colleagues on LSWK as well as PCSP and particularly I want to thank Councillor Marty Morantz who has been a strong supporter along with me on this program from the outset and also some great sage advice from Councillor Brian Mayes on the genesis of this project. So thank you very much to my Council colleagues supporting this and I look forward to the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further Speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close or I can call the question. Okay. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I want to rise in support of this motion. As some of you may know, I'm Pan Am Boxing alumni. I'll have to show you some moves one day if you want to join me at lunch at Pan Am. I'm sure we could do a drop-in session, but I wanted to share a personal testimonial about how boxing really changed my life. Going through school, I had some confrontations growing up. I felt I was being bullied by some of the kids at school but I got involved with the boxing and the bullying quickly stopped but at the same time, so did the fights, so boxing gave me confidence that I didn't have before. And it's such a transformative experience for a young person to go through that and to carry that, add that confidence you get from engaging in the training and I'll have to show you my one-two, Councillor Pagtakhan, one of these days but this is a great program and I can see the multiplier effects from the lives that it's going to change are going to outweigh this contribution a hundred fold, so thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I wanted to say of course I'll be supporting this motion. I am delighted to support Councillor Pagtakhan in this endeavor, and in fact, earlier today, I suggested that he and I lace up the gloves in the fall and go out there and have a friendly match but now that I know that Councillor Allard is an alumni, I think we should maybe have a round robin. So, we're going to have further conversations about setting up a boxing match. I am a little older…I'm a little older and maybe slightly more frail, so don't hit me too hard. But I certainly look forward…but a great initiative and once again, thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan for doing that

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't going to say a thing on this, but I'm just intrigued to the point that I am going to definitely support this with alacrity, with enthusiasm, because the way they're talking, I'm not sure if they're just being sarcastic but I'm taking this seriously. I want to see Councillor…I'd love to see…no seriously, in terms of some sort of celebration of when this, sort of, all happens. You know, why not see Councillor Allard with Councillor Pagtakhan in the ring. I'll see what kind of weight category I can fit into. Just give me a few months and a few pounds and we'll see. I'd like to try it as well. I'm not kidding. I've always looked to try to box and I think Councillor Allard would be a great mentor for us.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. On to you, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. There's no doubt that…and you don't have to be a boxer to go through the training over at Pan Am Boxing. Harry Black invited me to get into shape sometime and we all know that Harry Black is one of the main people there for many, many years, and Madam Speaker, while it is a great way to learn confidence and structure, one's life a little bit better for the people that they help out here in the Exchange District and moving it out to Councillor Pagtakhan, helping them move it out to up around the Sisler High School area, I think is a really important thing, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to point out something, all you guys who want to box, but I just want people to know that Harry Black and his younger brother Peter and Jeff who is my age, Madam Speaker, taught me when I was a kid living across the street from, that I didn't like to box and I never did box after that. So there you go.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan, onto you for closure.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I really do appreciate all the comments around from all the Councillors. I really appreciate Councillor Allard's personal testimony and sharing of his experience with boxing when he was younger, and you know, I will endeavour when this facility does open, Madam Speaker, to organize something with the Councillors and, you know, I'll take up Councillor Morantz on his offer and Councillor Allard, and I certainly don't want to get knocked out by Councillor Allard. He'd probably do it too. But as long as I get Wyatt on my team, I should be okay. But with all…in all seriousness, Madam Speaker, you know, appreciate all the comments around and looking forward to the support going forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There is one motion in front of us, Motion No. 1. Moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding grass cutting. This is an Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg cuts the majority of the Boulevards and the majority of Parks on an averaged 10 day cycle;

AND WHEREAS weather related circumstances and other factors may cause the cycle to reach as high as 14 days;

AND WHEREAS regional parks tend to be mowed more frequently than every 10 days, with the number of cuts per season ranging from approximately 8 to 12 cycles;

AND WHEREAS the grass mowing cycle of the City is not adjusted to ensure the frequency of mowing is higher in May, June and early July, when the rate of grass growth is the highest, versus slower grass growth in latter July, August and September;

AND WHEREAS the failure to increase the frequency of mowing in our parks and on our boulevards every year causes the City to be unsightly and causes problems for sporting groups that use park playing fields;

AND WHEREAS the issue could easily be addressed by increasing the frequency of grass cutting in May and June, and possibly part of July, and by reducing the frequency in the latter of July, in August, and September;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg direct the public service to immediately develop a solution to ensure grass is cut based on the growing cycle of lawns in our parks and on our boulevards by ensuring the frequency of mowing is increased when the grass actually grows rapidly, namely in the months of May, June, and Early July, and to report to Council within 60 days of the steps taken to ensure this is done.

Madam Speaker: There are no by-laws today.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Pagtakhan? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I'd like to rise, I want to, I guess preference my question by thanking Councillor Pagtakhan for his work and help to set up the sub-committee. Maybe he could, through a question, give Council information in terms of the fact that the standing policy committee, are Councillors aware and he could speak to it, in term of the work going on now, the standing policy committee has set up a sub-committee, being the standing policy committee to work with the public service, as a steering committee, in terms of ensuring…we have a deliverable projects working with Members of Council, working with the public, working with stakeholders, on three major initiatives passed by this Council in the budget, namely the Regional Parks Master Plan, the Recreational Facilities Master Plan for the entire city, and the Dog Park Master Plan for the entire city.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for the question, and you know, I definitely I think we acted upon a motion that was moved at Protection, Community Services and Parks. Madam Speaker, and I thought there was some good merit to it, we had our initial meeting with members of the committee and the public service and we had a good brain-storming session I believe, Madam Speaker, to talk about how we can get involve as a committee and with all of Council relative to three strategies with the Regional Parks Master Plan, with the Dog Park Master Plan, as well as the Recreational Facilities Master Plan. So we are endeavouring to work with the committee some more and a future meeting will be scheduled with sub-committee, along with members of staff, and as the work goes forward, we'll be keeping Council apprised.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questioned for the Chair? Seeing none, we'll move on to the standing policy. Councillor Lukes, okay.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I would like to ask the Chair a question if he would join me on a drive-around in the community of the neighbourhoods of Bridgwater Forest lakes and trails and then into South Pointe? We have a green space and parks issue that I think is really the canary in the coalmine to a bigger picture that the City's going to have to deal with in from the standpoint of maintenance of these beautiful developments that we are developing, not only in the south end, but in Amber Trails and also in the Sage Creek area and future Ridgewood South area and new precincts. The challenge that we're having in these communities is the design standards enable beautiful landscaped, architectural developments in the parks and green spaces, but for whatever reason, and I'm trying to get to the root of it, we are not able to maintain what we're approving from a parks and green space perspective, I'm wondering if the Chair would join me in a drive-around to see what's going on and to try and understand the challenges? I do have a meeting on Thursday, if he would be interested in joining me at that with the community and the parks folks to look at this situation.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. I really do appreciate the question from my Council colleague, Councillor Lukes, and I would be happy to do that. Madam Speaker, you know, she, Councillor Lukes, brings up a good point and I want to thank her for that observation and I think there's some opportunities that Council has in terms of looking at that from a policy perspective and perhaps, some of the topics that could be included as, you know, are there budget constraints or are there opportunities relative to design maintenance standards with our development community. So, but in a nutshell, Madam Speaker, I'd be happy to learn more about Councillor Lukes' observation and take that tour with her.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Lukes, no. On to Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Very important issue, Councillor Wyatt and I moved it, a very similar-related to this issue. Madam Speaker, in terms of the City's ability to keep up with the taking care of the parks and open space grounds that we have and flower gardens and so on, and Madam Speaker, as I know you know, we've been dealing with this problem since we were both first elected, in terms of the City's ability to even keep up to what we already have, never mind the growth and so. Councillor Pagtakhan, I'm wondering if you could take me for a ride in your ward and point out the areas that are not being kept up appropriately because we are unable to keep what we have and managing the growth is very difficult. So and I'm sure you can show me both old and new, on your tour, Mr. Pagtakhan that it's not just this new Waverley West area, the growth is very difficult to deal with. So I'm wondering if you'd take me for a tour with your ward to point out the problems?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, Madam Speaker, thanks for the question from Councillor Eadie, absolutely.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated May 3, 2016.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED MAY 3, 2016

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. It's with great pleasure that I introduce this item and move it and I'd also like to stand it down and speak to it.

Item 1 - 2016 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to introduce the item.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. This is our first foray into going through a process after we've passed the cycling and pedestrian strategies, and I think that we have worked through the process and we've listened to Councillors and we've worked with the departments on some of the recommendations for this Action Plan. It came forward to the IRPW Committee. We heard concerns from Councillors that were brought forward. We listened, we sat down with the Councillors and to work through some of the challenges that they had, and I am very pleased that we're resolving the challenges and listening and working with them. This is a very exciting list of items in the action plan that we've brought forward for this year, and I'm very pleased with the progress that we're making in the City. Obviously, there's a lot to do but we're moving along. The Department's been outstanding to work with and I'm very pleased. We've got great leadership in that Department and I think with all members of Council, they'll agree that this process this year, we're really refining and moving it along and I think next year, it will even be smoother. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'd like to make some comments in French.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: I would like to ask my fellow City Council members to support this report. In particular, there are two projects in this report that will benefit St. Boniface. Specifically, there is Burmac Road, which... I had the experience of crossing at Lagimodière, where we currently don't have the necessary sidewalks to allow pedestrians to cross at a controlled intersection, and it's really a dangerous intersection, there are heavy duty trucks going by at 80 kilometres per hour. We have children who need to commute from the Southland Park community to their school. So, this is truly a necessary project, for which we have been waiting for several years, and it would be included in this strategy. Therefore, I'm happy to see a new plan. There were issues with the original plan, since we didn't have the... We weren't able to negotiate the necessary rights for the first plan, so this second plan addresses the Burmac situation.

Also, there will be another construction project, for a sidewalk along Howden Road. This completes pedestrian routes in order to connect another school. I can share with you something that happened yesterday, while I was walking with my daughter and my son Loïc. There isn't a sidewalk along my street, unfortunately, so you have to walk on the street itself. So, we were walking to the park – on the street, since there is no other option – and a car was coming our way. I told my daughter, 'Careful, Camille!' My daughter jumped in the wrong direction, toward the car. Fortunately, the car – people on my street know there are a lot of children, and the car stopped and knew my daughter was there. But it's that type of

situation that projects such as these ones will improve. They will enhance quality of life for all Winnipeggers, and particularly for our children. So, I'm happy to see that both of these projects are being included in the implementation strategy for this year. I ask my colleagues to support this report. Thank you to Councillor Janice Lukes, Chair of the Public Works committee, for her leadership and for making this plan a reality this year. Thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Next is Councillor Gerbasi followed by Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to speak briefly and I'm very pleased of course to see our strategy for this year coming forward. A couple of things I think are worth mentioning is, you know, we heard some controversy about the downtown bike lanes prior. With this process, you know, we're seeing those problems being worked out very well. There's been a…this year we're seeing an extensive consultation throughout the year. We will see the work being done next year, and the process in working with downtown businesses and stakeholders has been great. It's been a huge improvement over, you know, we saw in 2010 when we were rushed with a couple of months to implement all the stuff and we did the best we could. But this time, we're taking the time to do that proper consultation, so in areas where you have a lot of businesses, it can be done, even when they initially have concerns and I think that's a point that should be made. You may initially people saying, we don't want a bike lane here. We're concerned. But when you go through the whole process, you have a year of consultation and proper process, you have the time to do it right, people will come on board because, you know, best practices are and research has shown that having adequate…a diverse transportation network that includes active transportation is good for business, especially small businesses, local businesses. It's good. It gets people right there on the street. It also improves the vibrancy of the area and the downtown for both neighbourhood main streets and downtown, so it's been really, really positive. You know, it takes patience. We have to wait. Frankly, I'd like to see the downtown bike lanes happening a lot faster because I think there's a lot of people that want to commute to work and want to feel safe doing that. I look over at Councillor Gilroy, who this morning was saying that very thing. You know, I wish we could do it even faster and particularly focus even more on commuting. But I mean, this policy is a balance of all the different areas of the city are being considered in terms of networks. We're talking about a transportation network. So it's a system. So you build where the needs are and you make those choices about priorities. I think mostly it's been very, very good. I also just wanted to note, this year we will be seeing that new connection between the end of Assiniboine Bikeway and The Forks which is going to be very much appreciated. Huge numbers of people use that all year round but especially in the busier seasons, and once that development, which has been I think partly stimulated by the Assiniboine Bikeway and the traffic calming and the wonderful place it is to live on Assiniboine Avenue, once that construction is done and we will have two new massive residential buildings happening downtown right along the bikeway, once those are done and the bikeway is restored, it will be even more travelled but I can tell you it's very busy even now, even with the obstructions on it and issues we've had for several years of the construction going on. So these, this is really good planning to move ahead with this. The citizens appreciate having a safe place to ride your bike that's separate from traffic. You know, we saw the success of the Sherbrook path, that three block area. People are still talking about it and we need to do more of it on the commuter routes especially so that people can get to and from work. Also, I just wanted to briefly mention the sidewalk, the emphasis on pedestrians and walking is also extremely important, and I'm really pleased the budget included the additional funding for fixing existing sidewalks. There's lots of parts of my ward where people walk to work. They walk through, you see them walking across the Osborne Bridge, so it's…and throughout the city, people, you know, if we're going to have an integrated transportation system that isn't only for vehicle traffic, we have to have pathways that people can walk to catch their bus safely and we have to include the needs of pedestrians and it just makes our city a better place for our citizens. So I'm really pleased we have a strategy and I just…think there's a good process and it's working when it comes to consulting on some of the more, I guess, they could be seen as controversial, but when you do it properly and you do the proper consultation with the stakeholders, it works, and people are really happy with it. So there's a lot of excitement in the downtown and for people who travel through the downtown and another areas to see this infrastructure being built. Thank you, Madam Speaker. So thanks to the Committee and the Chair and everybody who worked on it. Thanks.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the committee. I attended the Committee as well, spoke to this item. Just a couple of thoughts on this and for the future reports, and just in terms of future reports, I heard something at the Committee though, I wasn't a hundred percent sure, maybe the Chair can clarify it, that in the future these reports will not exist. I'm assuming I've heard incorrectly. So anyway, I think these reports are great. I think if there's a way the Action Plan could…I know the Action Plan comes after the budgets are adopted. I understand that, but in terms of projecting forward, if there's a way the Action Plan can come, ideally, I guess, in the Fall for '17 so that it's actually, you know, we kind of project the '17 budget anyway, so maybe this is a way to king of get a start on things because the Public Service like our roads, it's been explained to me, do not act upon these until the Action Plan is actually adopted, so actually because the Action Plan comes after the budget, it actually in theory holds up work going to

happen verses us adopting the Action Plan in advance knowing the budget's coming, subject to budget approval of course and budget approvals, but nonetheless, that would then allow the Public Service immediately upon adoption of budgets to move one of those projects. Number one. Number two, one of the recommendations I suggested as to adopt for future reports is if there's a way to identify and to document in the report past projects and past initiatives in terms of active transportation, whether it be studies or actual work or both, be identified. The Public Service identified items from 2015 but indeed there are items going back even prior to 2015 that were not identified yet work is still outstanding. We have allocated money. We are doing work. Work is being done by our staff but we're not actually insuring that we're keeping an eye on that work to ensure that work is actually forthcoming and being done and reported back timely, so it's crucial, I think, that we're doing our jobs, that we still have that information documented from the past, as well as having projections, since we do multi-year or single-year capital, but multi-year over the next five, there's no reason why we can't project forward in this action plan as well over the next five matching those projections in the future capital. And then finally, something I did not mention in the committee but it struck me afterwards, you know, we've tried, in our Community Committee, I know other Community Committees, to try to ensure all new developments and developments in existing areas, that if there are older neighbourhoods, a way to…through developer obligations, leverage the private sector to do this work versus us having to cost the taxpayers of the City of Winnipeg. You know what? Why would we not want to document that work coming forward as projected in light of the fact…even though it's not our cost to us. We are the ones who are mandating this work. We are putting this into development agreements. We are the ones making this happen sometimes to the chagrin of the developers but nonetheless it's still happening, it's happening. So for example, in my community last year we've built, and we're going to finish it this year, the new Flamingo Crossing Trail which runs north-south from the Transcona Trail through to Transcona Boulevard. We have built…this is all developer obligations, that the Peguis Pathway on the west side. It's not officially named that yet, but this is just the working title I guess until we decide, the community decides what the name is, on the west side of Peguis, running north-south we still have some land assembly issues we have to do. That's happening. The pathway along Transcona Boulevard. Again all developer obligations paid for is being built partly last year and the rest this year. This year along Reenders, on the north side, Shindico is mandated by development agreement to have to build an active transportation path along the north side of Reenders from Peguis to the extent of their frontage which creates an issue further down which I've identified with our transportation…active transportation staff as something to identify in the future. So, these are projects. This is just off the top of my head, Madam Speaker. I'm sure I've missed a couple of them, that active transportation facilities that are being constructed as we speak or have been constructed just recently that we're not flagging or noting. And I know we captured, I know our folks are great at capturing with the mapping. We update the maps all the time which is great, but it would be great just to keep Councillors informed in terms of the work being done and work being performed as well as flagging issues that arise out of that work through this Active Transportation Plan. So you know, it's been exciting because it's identified a lot of challenges. The other final thing I would add here is we seem to…issues arise after the fact once we've built the active transportation facilities. If there's a way to organize that through this report, and what I'm mainly speaking of…or crossed…seems to be crossing issues, safety issues that are not…we don't require a bridge, we don't require a, you know, a grade separation, but we do require some sort of signalized or pedestrian or cycling facility of some sort to make it safer for folks to get across an actual street, and we…right now, the IRPW seems to be dealing with these things one-off. Councillors are moving motions out of Community Committee to the Standing Committee. You guys are having to hear us show up all the time and, you know, if there's a way that that can be organized through this, especially if it's being driven, all of it's being driven by pedestrians and cyclists, so you know, that would be a way of identifying that liability and that…those funding issues because it's an ongoing issue. You know, I was just on Transcona Boulevard last week and I…a couple weeks ago saw the Transcona Trail which we had to redesign because of the new road and everything and there is no crossing. There's not even a sign. And it's, you know, I see folks stopped there with their bicycles all the time and there's not even a pedestrian crossing sign of any kind which really is remarkable. So that's been something that's been identified by myself, but those are those types of issues that maybe we could bring through in the future in this report. So thanks very much. I want to thank IRPW. You guys do a lot of good work there. I watch what you're doing and it's really amazing to see you working there on this stuff. So thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to rise and actually in support of this action plan. I must say, in our debates and discussions we had when we passed the Pedestrian Cycling Master Plan, of course Madam Speaker, totally not opposed to good cycling infrastructure as well as good infrastructure for pedestrians. The sidewalk program, the extra sidewalks that are getting fixed in…under this program, Madam Speaker, are really good as Councillor Gerbasi pointed out. Many of our quite older neighbourhoods have really…sidewalks in really bad shape so that pedestrian walk to catch a bus or wherever pedestrians are going, if they're just going for a stroll, whatever it is, Madam Speaker, we definitely know that we have to really start addressing these sidewalk issues as well. So, that was good. I just also, Madam Speaker, it was interesting in how the Action Plan rolled out and, you know, I did have a meeting, Madam Speaker, with our new AT person as well as the person that was acting in the role as the head of our transportation, and prior to the…well actually, might have been a week before the budget or two anyway, Madam Speaker, but there was

some considerations discussed about where they were proceeding or trying to proceed. The Master Plan does sort of say give a rudimentary structure about where to invest first, the short, medium and long term and of course a number of projects that I thought would complete things. I've been around for a long time. Should be done, and I would note in here and just to make it clear again, sighted in here is a pathway to go under the Harry Lazarenko Bridge. Yeah! People have been waiting a long time for that Madam Speaker, and I'd like to thank the Holy Family operation in their expansion and rezoning to expand seniors housing. They gave us over the piece of land that we needed in order to make a safe approach to the bridge, so that was great. And the process, you know, we did change up something. There was a study to do a long term plan, but you know, and these were the issues that I had in the Pedestrian Cycling Plan and priority and dealing with a number of these active transportation issues. You know Madam Speaker, as you know, the Chief Peguis Trail, the settler…the Red River Settlers Bridge, the bridge it's off is called that, the whole trail is the Chief Peguis Trail. Of course Lord Selkirk negotiated with Chief Peguis, so it's apropos, it's a name, but and as well as on the Harry Lazarenko Bridge, you know, there are existing problems for cyclists and pedestrians to get across at the Settlers Bridge, and I think those are more immediate because those are the pathways that our cyclists and pedestrians are using today. Very important. Yes, I don't know, I dream to have some just dedicated pedestrian active transportation bridge over the Red River somewhere between the Harry Lazarenko Bridge and the Settlers Bridge. You know, it's nice but really, I am so happy that this process worked out to the point where we are actually dealing, Madam Speaker, with issues for your residents who cycle, Councillor Browaty's residents who cycle, the Mynarski Ward residents who cycle, dealing with the real serious issues, the dangerous issues related to the existing infrastructure and how we can cycle. So I was really happy with that process and I would echo what Councillor Wyatt is saying in terms of, we know that the detailed action plan will actually be, I believe, it's going to be detailed in the budget sheets. I'm not sure, but I'd imagine and Councillor Lukes will answer that for us as she's the Chairperson. But in the future, as we do, at least with our local road, different criteria, different plans, but when we're look at cycling and active transportation on non-regional facilities, it really is a ward kind of issue in terms of that, and it would be my hope, Madam Speaker, that as we proceed, that same consultation that goes on with local roads would go on with residential roads, that same process could be in place as we proceed into the future. You know, there's big studies indicated in the big Pedestrian Cycling Master Plan, for example, at Main Street and the underpass and how to deal with that. Well frankly, you know, those are the big issues and those are issues in which, you know, that kind of consultation, looking forward as to how to proceed, those are regional. Like I'm okay with not being involved in that kind of stuff when they're ready to proceed, but anyway, dealing with the local issues we have with pedestrian and cycling, that's what was accomplished, I believe, through this action plan. So I was really happy to see it demonstrated. The promise was, you know, these things are flexible. They're not written in stone. It's just a policy and it was good to be a part of this process for this action plan, so I support it wholeheartedly. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, you now have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to commend our Committee Chair and all members of Council who have had input into this process. I know last year when we worked to develop a long-term strategy, there was a lot of debate on this floor, and I'm very pleased to see that the manner in which we're proceeding is what was stated last year, that we would have an over-arching strategic plan, that we would defer to that, and then on an annual basis when the action plans are brought forward, we would, in an open and transparent way, at the committee level and ultimately on this floor of Council, work to address any specifics and that's exactly what we've seen played out this year and I want to commend everyone involved for their participation. I'd like to also just say it's a very satisfying to see the progress and the advancement in active transportation. It was seen as a result of this year's budget and of course the plans that I've just referred to. I had the opportunity to bike into work today and had the opportunity to bike through Assiniboine Park where, of course, there's dedicated bike lanes, but also down areas where the road is shared with drivers, and so, also had the opportunity to go down the dedicated bike lane on Sherbrook, on Assiniboine Avenue. I was able to use the cycling or active transportation light signal when you cross Osborne right by the Legislature, and there's no better way to really get a better appreciation for the issues that we're talking about in terms of active transportation investments than actually getting out on our sidewalks, whether it's walking or cycling, to fully appreciate what it's like. It's also just a great way to see our city in a different way. I typically drive to City Hall and when I can cycle, it definitely gives you a different perspective of our city, and I'm very pleased that we're moving forward this today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise on a point that was touched on earlier, just to say there is an old practice at City Hall. I think it's been going on for many, many years where our community committee, when developers come forward and make applications, that sometimes they're asked to pay for things that really, they haven't contemplated in their business plans, and often it happens really at the last minute. And they're asked to do this really…and I guess it's really, you know, as politely as I can put it, kind of an implied threat that if they don't get the application approved that they wanted to get, then, you know, they're going to have to do this to make that happen. I've had many, many complaints about this practice since I've arrived at City Council and I do object to it. I do think it's

fundamentally unfair and hopefully it's something we can address as we go forward perhaps through the development agreement parameters or through other measures, just to make sure that developers, when they make their application, are treated fairly and have due process. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further Speakers on the item? Okay. Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Yes, I will make a few comments on this. Firstly, it just warms my heart to hear different Councillors get up and speak about their pathways and trails and connections that so many of us have been working on for so long. It's just a pleasure to hear that. You have no idea. In regards to the Action Plan and to address the concern of Councillor Wyatt, you know, this Action Plan that comes forward and the detail that it does is absolutely fantastic. Prior to being elected, I worked long and hard to get this amount of detail, openness and transparency related to active transportation into the process, into the budget, specific budget lines. We have not perfected it yet and Councillor Wyatt, the points you're making are absolutely correct, projects that are in…still being worked on weren't in that but I tell you, it has come miles from where it was. So, going forward, we'll continue to refine it and continue to get those details in there so that it is in there and people can see it, and because this is something that, as we've heard today, many folks are passionate about. This Action Plan will be coming forward, it will be coming forward, the process will be that next year it will be in the budget process, that that's when we'll be approving it, again to address it so that we can get the projects out earlier, but I would commit to having an information session just like we did this year, one on one's, and if Councillors would like to have a big picture overview of where we're going for the next five years because we do budget a dollar value to it, I will absolutely commit to having a session, an information session or whatever you want to call it where people can come and see how it's unfolding. Also, in regards to the developers, interestingly enough, in the development agreement parameters, there really was not a line item for pathways, trails and the active transportation aspect. So the agreement discussions are going on right now and that will be worked through and put in in some degree, so I'm really pleased about that. Prior, you know, it would be we'd have to ask in the process or ask at committee, which isn't desirable to be doing that, but I'm very pleased to see that in the development agreement parameters that this is a key topic to be discussed. It's on their action list and on ours. In regards to devices, pedestrian controlled devices, signage, all kinds of things as Councillor Wyatt mentioned, when we make the estimations for the projects prior…again I go back eight, ten years, we weren't incorporating the cost of putting in actually trails signs, signage and such. Now we are. The challenge with control devices is they need to be warranted before we put them in. So we can identify the potential need but again, it comes back to actually having the warrants, meeting the warrants to put the devices in. So that point is noted. This is a really positive point that no one brought up that I'd just like to touch on too in regards to the transit funding that we will be…that we are eligible for, that we will be receiving from the Federal Government. In the transit funding there is, as the Minister Sohi has clearly stated, that there is funding available in the transit envelope to improve ridership by developing active transportation. So, when we look at the transit envelope of funding, we have to remember that in that envelope also is funding for active transportation so that we can improve connectivity to the transit corridors. So that's very positive. Mr. Wardrop was just recently at a conference with instructions to get more details on that along with other requirements. So that's very positive. I want to commend the Mayor for taking that interesting route. I've done that route. I know it well. That's a great route to come to City Hall, and just to make two more points, on June 6, which is…I believe it's June 6, the Saturday coming up, is that June 6? I didn't look it up on the calendar. So many dates here…is International Trails Day. There will be some activities going on…no, it's June 4, sorry, June 4. There will be activities going on in the South Winnipeg-St. Norbert Ward celebrating International Trails Day. I encourage any other Councillors here, if you're interested. The City does provide funding and opportunities for you to access to do an event on that day. And on June 18 to 24 is Bike to Work Week. So again, there's all kinds of activities going on. There'll be bike clinics, stations, you name it. There's a whole bunch of activities, so I'd really, as you embrace the trails in your neighbourhood, it would be great to see you out at some of these activities that are ongoing, and I'll send you an e-mail if you're not aware of them. So in closing, again, it's great pleasure to bring this report forward and to be working on this file with everyone. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

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Madam Speaker: We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Lukes? For Councillor Lukes? Okay, Councillor Allard, you have the floor.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Just in terms of process, I feel this year worked really well in terms of how things rolled out and I understand that things are now going to be referred to the budget process. I'm just concerned about the timing of that and how there's little time to digest the budget, provide feedback of the budget, and I guess I'm asking if there will

be the same consideration for Council and community feedback with this new process. I would hope so because this obviously worked really well this year.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Yes, so my understanding is that this action plan will come forward in the budget process but I will absolutely commit to working with you prior because I know that the window of time in the past has been very short, I've always found it short, and I know we're trying to make improvements and I do believe and maybe Councillor Morantz will be able to speak to that at some point. Is he up here today? Maybe not. On the finance, from his finance prospective. I know we're still continuing to make changes to the actual consultation for the budget process, but for sure, for active transportation, we will absolutely commit to you that we will have this all discussed and worked through before we get into that window of time because it worked very well this time and it is my great goal and desire to not have, you know, chaos prevail when it comes to active transportation. So I will be working with the budget working group, with the whole process and the departments to make sure that we have enough time to talk, think about it, sort it out, and move forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, on to you.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I just kind of along the same lines because I was at the committee and I attended a good chunk of it and listened to the discussion, so to confirm then that the action plan, Active Transportation Action Plan, implementation plan will not be a stand-alone report, but will instead be, this is the last stand-alone report that we know that it's now in the budget instead? Is that what is being said?

Councillor Lukes: That's my understanding when we approved the strategies that it will be included now in the budget process, but that being said, I don't want it and I'm sure that the departments don't and I know that Councillors don't want it to be a surprise that we will be talking about this prior, you'll be putting in your recommendations, the department will be consulting with you. But ultimately, we end up voting on this when, on the Action Plan, when we vote in the budget process.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie? You have a question?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, Madam Speaker, I was…just had the opportunity, Madam Speaker to ride, once again, on the battery-powered electric bus that's running on the number 20 route. I have to say what a well-performing bus. Quiet, doesn't stink like diesel, I guess it's the greenhouse gases coming out of diesel. Anyway, Madam Speaker, and I understand that the Federal Government has a 10-year plan for several different streams of capital dollars, and I know we're looking at a rapid transit, Madam Speaker. But so…but in terms of transit in the short term, it seems to me, it's been tested now that electric battery-powered bus for quite some time, I think it's proven to work. So I'm wondering if the Chairperson of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works could request or ask Winnipeg Transit when they're looking at the dollars that will be related capital dollars in the short term that the possibility is some of those short term dollars are needed to establish some more bus routes with these battery-powered buses.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Yes, actually the electric bus topic is…it's very topical right now with this potential funding that we will be receiving. So the…and I would actually commit to having again an information session for Councillors who are interested to learn a little bit more about the whole electric bus process. We do have a working committee that the province had organized and Mr. Wardrop is on that, they will be coming back with a report at some point, I believe probably in the fall. But I'll just highlight a couple points on the electric bus network and actually the infrastructure involved. With electric buses, you need charging stations, you need routes that support the distance of the bus that it can go on the charge. In many of the suburban developments, in many, many of them, the hydropower, the wattage, the voltage is not there for charging stations. So and the whole route alignment, the route structure has to be aligned for the duration that the bus can hold the charge. So there's a lot of layers, it's not just, great let's put some electric buses out there, let's get them out there, there's a lot of capital investment and planning that need to be considered when, you know, expanding the fleet for an electric bus system. So I've talked quite extensively with Mr. Wardrop on this and it's been very informational. He, like I mentioned, is just coming back from the Annual CUTA Conference and I've asked him to give us a little bit of an update at the next Public Works meeting on the funding from Minister Sohi, and I would if folks are interested, I'm sure you would be, to have him, give an overview on electric buses and the whole complexity involved because it is interesting, it isn't as easy as it sounds, but there's all these considerations that need to be made. So and with the funding from the Federal Government, I know that that will be part of the consideration on how we move forward with our electric bus fleet. So to answer your question, I hope that's

answered your question, we will be talking more about it, not only in IRPW, but also hopefully an information session or two on electric buses.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, just one more question, did Winnipeg Transit say it's easier to establish the capital assets for the electric bus program versus establishing BRT facilities?

Councillor Lukes: I can't say I asked them that question, and I'm not sure if I understand the question exactly, but either way I didn't ask them that question. So, but you know, we can talk about this when we have a Council meeting. I think it's really important that we do have an information session because we are going to be making some big decisions on how this funding is spent for transit, and I'd like to see that all Councillors have an input on it. I know Mr. Wardrop, we've asked him in the committee will come forward with recommendations, but I think it's important that we have really good input from Councillors and also that we do a really focused approach on gathering input from what the riders would like to see also. So it's going to be an interesting few months coming up.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Councillor Eadie, last question.

Councillor Eadie: Quite knowledgeable about what the use of one. Madam Speaker, has the Chairperson actually taken the opportunity to take the number 20 bus? You can just catch it out there on in front of the Concert Hall and I think the Downtown BIZ is inviting us all to take a bus next week so.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I will be on the Downtown BIZ bussing and bussing from St. Norbert and you know frustrated in the fact that I need more frequency in St. Norbert and all that. So I look forward to that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, I see the hour that's before us. Council will be recessing, okay? Is there a motion to continue working through lunch? We would need to suspend the rule. No? Okay, so.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move to work through. We should be close to the finish line.

Madam Speaker: So Councillor Mayes moves that the rule be suspended and Council continue through the noon hour. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I think it's carried.

Madam Speaker: Council…okay, we are now moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There's no report, no motions, no by-laws. Question Period for the Chair?

Councillor Mayes: It's just kind of a point of order, Madam Speaker, the Clerk just clarified that our earlier referral motion would have the effect of…well our habit is to have Board of Revision appointees simply hold over if their term had expired. Apparently that meeting conflicted with the Municipal Act, so I think I therefore would need, Madam Clerk, someone to move it. I don't know if I can move it. We would need to re-consider the referral and either split and have simply the one (inaudible) Councillor Wyatt's amendment referred or deal with the whole…yes.

Madam Speaker: So Councillor Mayes, this is under the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 11, Item No. 9, you're asking that we reconsider the item but leave the referral motion? Is that what you're asking?

Councillor Mayes: Yes, so that the practical affect would be we are voting on the lengthy list of appointees but for the name added by Councillor Wyatt which would be referred to EPC and would be back here in a month's time. That's my understanding.

Madam Speaker: So to deal with the Item No. 9, we'd just need a simple majority yes. Councillor Gerbasi? So all in favour of reconsidering Item No. 9 today? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay we will re-open up No. 9. Mr. Clerk.

Item 9 – Citizen Member Appointments – Committees, Board and Commissions

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce?

Mayor Bowman: No, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any speakers? I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary?

Councillor Wyatt: I have to move my motion to refer…the motion has to be referred still so we will still need that vote I guess eh? Yeah. So I'm going to move referral to the motion.

(inaudible speaking in the background)

Councillor Wyatt: Correct

Madam Speaker: Okay. Yes. Okay. So then…yes. So we'll vote on the motion. It will be referred to EPC. All in favour? Contrary?

(inaudible speaking in the background)

Councillor Gerbasi: Point of Order. Could we get clarification on what we're voting on for everybody, please? Like what we've already voted…

Madam Speaker: So Councillor Mayes has approached Council to reconsider the main item as it is time sensitive...Item No. 9, but we will leave the Motion No. 2 as a referral to EPC, okay? So we're now voting on Motion No. 2 in front of you to refer. Okay?

(inaudible speaking in the background)

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt. Do you wish to let this stand for referral or to deal with it? Okay. Or are we dealing with it now? What…okay, okay, good. So any other speakers or we'll vote on Motion…okay. So we'll vote on the referral first. You have the Motion No. 2 in front of you. We're voting on a referral to EPC. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now we'll meet…vote on the main item. Item No. 9. Okay, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, back to the Standing…yes.

Councillor Orlikow: Should we…a Conflict of Interest be noted for Councillor Morantz?

Madam Speaker: It has been. Thank you. Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We now will have Question Period for the Chair.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Any questions for Councillor Morantz? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah I just, it's now been a couple of months since we dealt with the budget. I'm assuming, I'd like to know, have departments been instructed, has the letter been issued to the departments in terms of preparing for the 2017 budget and exactly what instructions have been given? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank my colleague for the question. The call out to departments is currently under review and I expect will be issued shortly.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, is there a process for us to be able to give feedback in terms of how to improve the process so we can ensure that we have a better process that all Members of Council could be a part and just avoid the kind of debacle or debate we had two months from hence?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Of course I'm always happy to discuss these things with my Council colleagues and of course, I've always said they're to feel free to come and discuss any suggestions that they may have. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Third, final question?

Councillor Wyatt: Is there a way to formalize that?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I'm not sure I know what the question is, around which formalization?

Madam Speaker: Can you clarify your question, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Is there a way to, I mean, it's informally we all could talk but is there a way to formalize it so that we could have a process that we would be able to participate in, in terms of improving the process? So not getting into the details of the budget, but more the process to ensure that we are able to have a role in that? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, again I'm always certainly willing to discuss issues of process and if there's a way we can do these things better. Certainly the Councillor is welcome to make an appointment with my assistant to meet with me at any time. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just regarding process and consultation, regarding creating the next year's budget and now how that relates to one official aspect of public consultation that we have had that was the "Let's Talk Winnipeg". I just wanted to ask the Chair of the Finance Committee, whether the City had the same intention to employ the "Let's Talk Winnipeg" discussion around the malls (inaudible) and that stuff?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the forum and scope of the public consultation is still under review, and so I don't have information at this point to share with Council. But once I have a better understanding of what the public consultations will entail this year, I'll be happy to bring that information back to Council. And of course, be happy to discuss the matter at any time with the Councillor, if he would like to contact my office to discuss, that would be great. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none. We're moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated April 14th.

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WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED APRIL 14, 2016**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move the report dated April 14. This is the one item left over from that agenda.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, there's no motions, no by-laws. Yes, we have a second report. Councillor Mayes.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED MAY 2, 2016**

Councillor Mayes: I'll move the report dated May 2, 2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Item No. 1 is before us, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Mayes: There's only one item.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There's no motions, no by-laws. Question Period at this time for the Chair.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, Point of Order. I don't know how that report was presented Madam Speaker, but I wanted to stand down a report Item No. 2, and the Chairperson introduced the first report of Water and Waste as if there was only one item on there. I believe there was two items on there?

Madam Speaker: There's just one item on both reports, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Mayes: Could I…

Councillor Eadie: That's cited as No. 2, right?

Councillor Mayes: That may be an understandable confusion. The April 14 report had been approved at the prior Council meeting but for the one item which is numbered, as Councillor Eadie said, No. 2. There's…

Councillor Eadie: I wanted to stand that down, Madam Speaker, and the way it was presented was very confusing.

Councillor Mayes: Perhaps Councillor Eadie could just ask questions pertaining to that? We have approved it.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk, why is it numbered as Item No. 2?

Councillor Mayes: Well, you weren't paying attention.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk: Because it's left over from the previous report. All the other items on the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment dated April 14 have been considered and adopted. Number 2 was referred back.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Is it the will of Council to go back and open up the debate for Item No… is it the will of Council? All in favour? Contrary? You have to speak up. I can't hear you. I'm going to rule that we go back to that item because there was a misunderstanding and I can understand that with the numbering. So Mr. Clerk to introduce Item No. 2 on the report dated April 14.

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Item 2 – Waste Collection

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce the item.

Councillor Mayes: This is a motion to proceed with a three-zone strategy for the collection of solid waste and recycling. Frankly, it's been rendered moot by the RFP which has now gone out to split the City into two zones. That said, I'm happy to hear any questions, comments Councillor Eadie or others may have.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I just wanted to speak to this. We had a delegation speak to it but…and it is about a three division and yes, I do understand Madam Speaker, although in closing, I'm not sure if the RFP actually definitely went out exactly yet. But anyway, Madam Speaker, I didn't see it or maybe I missed the announcement but anyway, Madam Speaker, this motion was to talk about providing a more, I felt, a more competitive environment, and I don't think we should've dismissed it and only went with the two sections of the City because it was mostly based on the decision that, from the advice from the very industry that's going to be bidding, they're providing advice that oh no, you know, two sections is the real only way to go, and I can understand that from a private sector company, Madam Speaker, to only go with two, or actually, they'd probably prefer one because they can maximize their profits at the most. I understand that and you know, talking about getting a good bid, but Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, is not a small city. There's over 200,000 homes that are collected right now with recycle and garbage, Madam Speaker. Even if you divided that into

four, that's 50,000. If you divide it into three, that's a lot of households. That's a lot of mess to deal with to get the efficiencies you need to get and to say that even with three contracts, Madam Speaker, to add administration from the private side and their bidding, for me, I don't see the need. We heard from a delegation, Madam Speaker, that talked about other cities that have more than just one side, the other side or talked about having a good, having a partial public service to prove out and keep the competition from developing monopolies in which they can get whatever price they want. Oligarchies, Madam Speaker, exist in many free-market systems and, you know, there are federal legal things involved with that but oligarchies, you know, they can set their thing. B.C. bought MTS. Just wait, your prices are going up. Believe you me, it will happen. So, Madam Speaker, when we look at providing better service, making sure that things are happening good, I don't see why we couldn't go with the three districts model and have three different companies. Yeah, I can understand alternating contracts might not be a good idea but, you know, it's a good idea when you're moving into the future and you want to implement things through an easier methodology Madam Speaker, but you know, Madam Speaker, for me, I just wanted to stand and say why I'm voting against this particular report as it's come to us as Council because I don't buy it. I don't buy it. And yeah, maybe it is too late now to be able to go on and divide it up into three or four. Four is not a bad idea. But still, if you divide it by four, 50,000 homes, that's like a 178,000 people per section. That's two, that's, you know, at least twice as big as Brandon, Manitoba, who runs a whole system and they run efficiently. I know they don't have some capabilities they don't have because they're not big enough, but you know, when it comes to the collection, you can divide that up, but, you know, when it comes to sorting and putting together recycles, yeah, one facility is much better than two, but, Madam Speaker, like, I just didn't buy it. Like, is the industry, the collection, private industry, driving what we as the City of Winnipeg do? Is that what's happening? Because you know, we passed a motion to talk about collecting organics in the private sector. Well, the private sector companies don't like that because you're going to take away their business, right? But we have a motion that I think is important if we want to get a handle on our climate change gases, so you know, the private sector advising us on how to proceed, you know, split it up in two, well, I've got a big problem with that. I really do, because that's who's making our decisions for us, Councillors. That's who's making the decisions for you. The private sector who is not accountable, not accountable to your taxpayers. Remember that. Those private companies are not accountable, and if there is new contracts, I think Mr. Delbridge's point of view about how you treat workers needs to be implicit in any contract. Any contract. That they don't abuse their employees. Shouldn't happen. Shouldn't happen. Should never happen. Anyway, I'm voting against this report. We could've divided up the City into more pieces and still got a decent price. I don't care what the private sector's trying to tell you. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Your next Speaker is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, when I'm looking at the history of this item here and it talks about previous Council decisions and it talks about a motion moved by Councillor Browaty and seconded by Councillor Eadie himself who just spoke on this because it talks about transition issues and why a need for staggered districts. So it seems, it appears this is going against the intention of someone who the administration shows on record as having been, well, instrumentally symbolic in terms of being the seconder of the motion, but showing obviously some insight and some support for the idea in general. So the issue is how did this get subverted? Well, I use the term "subverted" only in the sense that because from the point of view of the seconder of the motion and that's actually shown on record here from the administrative report, that's why I say it's subverted. That is a matter of opinion, but it's coming from the seconder of the motion and so that makes it an issue for debate because it is an issue of not the intent of a mover. Well, these things happen I suppose and it's not necessarily subversion. What's a better word? How did it get…at least in terms of the intent of one individual who's supporting the idea, how did it get off track and to what end and what's the extent? And what are the motivations? So look, Councillor Eadie already made his points on this. They make sense to me. This is not the way it has to be if we're trying to deal with, you know, the intent of the motion as I intend…as I see it. It does not have to be, does not have to come down to two sections for the City. That's not within the spirit of why I would support this, Councillor Eadie as well. Nor do I make the assumption at all that that was the intent by all who are supporting this from the beginning in terms of the basic intent of this motion, so on that basis…okay, I won't use the word "subverted" but it's not the intent of what others may have thought it was meant to be about. This has gone off track and the issue about why we're going down to two zones for the City, have we ever had two zones for the City? Why are we going to two zones for the City? What grade of evolution are we achieving here? I think it's the wrong direction. I think we're going the wrong way.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is actually more of a, I guess, not sure, point of privilege or to the Clerks if I may. I didn't want to interrupt anybody speaking even though my question basically is why are we speaking to a motion that's mute. We've already voted on this matter. This motion is contradictory to this…to the initial matter that we voted on, so I can't understand why we're actually even speaking to a motion that conflicts completely with a motion that we just passed prior. So I guess the Clerks…I'm just confused here on how this process works. If I can get an explanation from the Clerks on a point of privilege I guess.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk: That's part of the reason that you're voting that this matter be received as information. The Procedure By-law requires that the motion come back to Council, but you've already dealt with this matter at the committee and so you're really receiving it as information.

Councillor Orlikow: (inaudible)…well, I guess my confusion would be since it's on here and the recommendation is for a point of information, is it therefore, because Council is supreme, that we could vote to say no, we're going to receive it as due course and we want to enact this, which would then be a conflict with our motion before and the actions that we've already started.

City Clerk: You are correct.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm correct on what?

City Clerk: The fact is that Council is supreme and has to make the final decision.

Councillor Orlikow: Okay, so again, the Procedure By-law, theoretically Council could change their mind...

City Clerk: Correct.

Councillor Orlikow: …and override…and that's why it's here. Okay, that makes sense. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers? Okay. Back to you, Councillor Mayes for closing.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Glad we had a chance to debate this. The fact of the matter is, now one's…nothing's been done in secret, nothing's been subverted. We had the question, well why are we going to two? There's a very long report that's been public. It was debated in public on May 2 at the Water Committee that Councillor Eadie is on. He, I believe, voted against the item which was his right to do. He's being consistent. That's fine, but the idea of somehow, there's something untoward here, no councillor has appeared on this item when it appeared at Committee. No, Councillors appeared on this item when it appeared at EPC and today we're hearing, well what…why two zones. It's there. It's been public. It's been public for several weeks. It's attached to the Committee agenda. Now that item didn't come all the way to Council, and these things often happen. Lease agreements, for example, sometimes only go to Councillor Orlikow's committee. They don't come all the way to Council. This is an RFP. We received that as information at the Committee. So where does that leave us? Councillor Eadie is right in saying Council is supreme. There will be a vote in September. If you don't like the recommendations of the department, you should amend them, or vote against them. I may vote against it myself. I've expressed concerns repeatedly that if we have two zones and we have unionized staff in one and non-union in the other, that there may be some attempt to subsidize and maybe some attempt to (inaudible) bargaining at work by moving staff from the non-union carrier over to do work in the second zone. Staff has tried to address those concerns by saying they aren't concerns. I stand by my position saying I think they are a serious legal concern. I may vote against the report myself. Who knows. Councillor Orlikow may vote against it. He had some concerns with the way in which we're moving forward. Councillor Lukes may vote against it. She had some concerns in terms of the compost issue and how we're going about looking at this. That said, contract's expiring with Emterra after a five-year contract that expires next October. If we're going to give the one year notice that staff have consistently said we need to give, we need to be in the field right now looking at different bids, so this will come back before us Madam Speaker in September. If people don't like the recommendations, they have every right to vote no or to amend the report. It may be difficult to get a costing on three when we've gone forward with two, but if you don't like it, you'll certainly have the chance to vote against it. I will say, the idea of the three or four zones might be cheaper. I think there are some economies of scale here, so it may be that going to two increases competition and gets us a better price in that there's a huge up-front investment, capitalization costs, that have to be amortized over the life of the contract whether that's five or seven years, so well on theory the temptation is to say well let's divide it up into as many zones as possible and we'll have all this competition. Given the scale of this operation, it's a huge undertaking. It may be that we get a better price for two than smaller zones. So I appreciate the concerns that have been raised here today but at the end of the day, the staff recommendation, as made public several weeks ago, was let's go with two zones and we'll have every right to change that or vote it down in September if we so choose. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I would also like to re-state to Council the reason for opening up this item the second time during this meeting was the clear confusion with the numbering that Councillor Eadie did bring to our attention.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
QUESTION PERIOD**

Madam Speaker: Moving on to Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Mayes. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just, my question actually is something we dealt with earlier that did come through the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and that was it came out of a report, EPC report from dated May 11th and that's in regards to single-source negotiation for contract extension for residential garbage collection services in the northwest area of the city. I do note in that report that the contractor had proposed an increase of a $1.07 per cart per month for the collection of garbage during this eight month extension representing a 22.66 increase over the 2015 collection prices, 22.66 is a pretty substantial increase. And so I'm just wondering if the Chair has any idea or any indication from the department as to whatever was made to negotiate an increase that was less than 22.66 percent?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you for the question. Yeah the reasons for that increase are outlined in the report found earlier today under the EPC agenda, I think its report number six on the early April agenda. Yeah basically that…the aging equipment, the carrier I think, felt that the potential for breakdown was much higher as the equipment gets holder so they agreed to keep going, but obviously increase their price. But I can certainly see if I can get any more detail than that from our staff and get back to Councillor Gillingham. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: You know what, no, no, I'll just.

Madam Speaker: No? Okay. Any other questions for the Chair? Okay, Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Yeah, Councillor Mayes, thank you. You addressed some of my, I guess, questions in your earlier remarks. But what….when we look at larger contract areas for garbage and waste collections, what sort of mechanisms does the City have to protect itself in the event where we end up with things like equipment breakdowns or interruptions in service? I guess it's more of a general question and we voted on a report earlier today where the price is going up, there's going to be reduced penalties for late garbage pick-up and not sure what happens in the case where there's equipment breakdown. So it wasn't a comfortable report to vote on, but I understand, you know, we need to vote on it because we need to find a way forward the next number of months. But when we're, what defenses do we have to avoiding situations like that in the future?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'm not sure what…we voted on something earlier and people are now expressing their concerns, perhaps that could've been done at the time we voted. But I'm not sure I get the question is which situations like that. Do you mean short-term extension, like what's the "that" there? Are you talking about short-term extensions to solid waste contracts or, I'm not sure I get the question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, could you clarify your question?

Councillor Allard: Yeah, well I maybe I should have raised the comments earlier, but it didn't seem, I mean we had to vote on a report. I voted for the report considering that the, I mean, it was the only way forward that was obvious to me. But some of the things that may be less comfortable in the report were it wasn't clear what would happen in the case where there were equipment breakdowns, it wasn't clear what would happen in terms of how many missed garbage collections there might be. So it seems there may have been a better way to have dealt with it.

Madam Speaker: What is your question, Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: I guess I was trying to clarify my original question for Councillor Mayes. I don't know if that helped.

Madam Speaker: Do you have a specific question?

Councillor Allard: So.

Madam Speaker: Would you like to talk offline?

Councillor Allard: Sure, well specific questions how would we avoid situations like, situations where we, cause the City seems to have little recourse in terms of equipment breakdowns and having levels of services apparently reduced through not having different levels of requirements on missed collections?

Councillor Mayes: I think the answer is we're avoiding it by doing a short-term extensions to line up the dates for the zones. So this is kind of an old leftover from 2011, before I was here, before you were here, before many of the people here were elected of, you had Emterra coming in winning the bid, but not for the whole city, for just a portion of the city. So the dates were out of sync. The attempt here is at some cost to extend it for a short-term, which is not ideal, but the staff have recommended let's go with two zones, same expiry date. So I guess the answer to the question is we, by moving to having a standard expiry date for both zones, we won't have this short-term problem in the future.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, the last committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION DATED APRIL 18, 2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, will you move the report on behalf of the Chair, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I'd be happy to move the report of April 18 and wish to standing down the item real quick just to put a few brief comments on the record.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 - Sale of Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency Sixteen Passenger Van and Grant Funding to North End Community Renewal Corporation

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, a great news story Madam Speaker, and I really want to thank the North End Renewal Corporation for reaching out through City Council and for Councillor Eadie for bringing the motion forward to Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and ultimately for all the members of the Committee including the Chairman, Councillor Browaty, for supporting this. I know Councillor Browaty was here in September of 2010 when the original sponsorship agreement between HBC Zeller's and the City of Winnipeg for this van was utilized for the North End Renewal Corporation to transport families from the north end to the North End Recreation…sorry the North End Centennial Recreational Leisure facility, and this is just an extension of that, Madam Speaker. The NECRC will now own the van and Council is providing a grant with the blessing of HBC, the original sponsor, of up to $20,000 for the operation, so a great news story here Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, on to you.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, and the facility in which the van is going to serve, of course, is in both Councillor Pagtakhan and the catchment area is basically serving the people who live in our wards in the area, and I'm very happy that we opted to actually sell it to (inaudible) a price and that the original sponsors of the van are going to continue to fund the…some of the operations of that van to deliver service, but Madam Speaker, this is a good news story but I just want to point something out. The van originally was, you know, partially supported through a private enterprise to meet a need, Madam Speaker, in this particular area where transportation is always a need really, in and around the whole north end there in terms of even the ability to afford to pay for buses. But there is transportation issues and this is a regional facility, the North Centennial Recreation and Leisure Centre and all the great aspects, the pool and all the things that it has to offer this area, Madam Speaker, and we should always be mindful when you have a regional piece of infrastructure, there are an element of people who are not going to go there unless they can get transportation to arrive there, so what the North End Community Renewal Corp has done is they identified this need. There is a definite need in their greater area which goes all the way north to Inkster and McPhillips, Red River, so they're serving in an

area and I'm sure they'll go beyond to pick up some kids if they want to go swimming or participate in playing basketball, whatever rec is going on there. It's a wonderful facility and Councillor Pagtakhan is enhancing the things that are happening or we I should say, Council is enhancing some other great things for kids in that particular area, so Madam Speaker, good news story but we always need to be mindful when we keep talking about this big, regional infrastructure, having to travel so far to get to it, remember, there is a transportation need. And so when you're looking at all these new facilities and stuff we're talking about, I hear this big regionalization in recreation coming down the pipe. There's a need for more local stuff so kids can get there by walking or whatever it is and feel safe to walk there or their parents to feel safe that their kids are safe to walk to these facilities. So thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for Council for voting for this. This is just a great, important tool that the North End Community Renewal Corp needs to ensure that things continually improve in the north end. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan to close.
Councillor Pagtakhan: Call the question.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Any questions for the Acting Chair for Councillor Pagtakhan? Okay. Seeing none. Councillor Morantz, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 12:40 p.m.