COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, July 13, 2016

The Council met at 9:46 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 Orlikow.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: I would like to introduce our regular page for today's meeting, again, with us is Katrina Chanas of Miles Macdonell Collegiate. She's been here for several years, and I understand it is your last day with us. Thank you so much for all of your work. Madam Clerk, will you read the condolence motion for Sir Paul Martin into the record, please?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of Sir Paul Martin, which occurred on July 4, 2016.

Sir Paul Emile Martin was a World War II Veteran, School Trustee, former Councillor with the City of Transcona, former Mayor of Transcona, founder of the Transcona Historical Museum, and fondly known as the Greatest Transconian.

This Council extends to his wife Gail and family, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence)

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk, we have another condolence motion. Would you please read it into the record?

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of Nathan Morantz, son of Councillor Marty Morantz, which occurred on June 21, 2016.

This Council extends to Councillor Morantz, his wife Lisa and son Jeremy, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence)

Madam Speaker: Thank you. The leave of absence motion.

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do have a few remarks to share with Council. I will echo your remarks that…an acknowledgment that we are on Treaty 1 Land in the traditional homeland of the Métis nation. I do want to welcome the viewing public in the gallery and via television and Livestream. And I want to welcome all members of Council to last Council meeting before we take a short break for the summer. I do feel as a council that we have achieved a lot so far in 2016, and I look forward to reconvening in September to continue the positive momentum. I do want to wish you a happy belated Canada Day. I know many of us were very busy on Canada Day attending a number of community events across our city. I attended many different Canada Day events, and it was really absolutely amazing to visit with and meet so many different people from all corners of the city. It emphasized, again, how incredibly diverse our great city is. And it illustrated for me how this diversity makes our city strong. We all have different backgrounds. We each have our own story, but I find we're united in our pride in being Winnipeggers, Manitobans and Canadians. And I look forward to next year when all of us can be celebrating Canada's 150th birthday celebration together. In addition to celebrating Canada Day, I was honoured to join United States Consul Chris Gunning here in Winnipeg on July 4th. Other members of Council want to thank, also, and acknowledge their attendance. Of course, July 4th is Independence Day for the United States, and it was an honour to be celebrating with Consul Gunning. United States continues to be Canada's greatest ally and trading partner. We have a storied bilateral relationship that could very well represent one of the strongest, most stable nation to nation relationships in the entire world. There are few nation to nation relationships that have been as consistently strong as ours from a beginning that was rife with conflict. But in the end and perhaps the most importantly, we're friends. This is why many of us are saddened and troubled by some of the events that have unfolded in the United States recently, and it was good to be with Consul Gunning on July 4th to underscore our continued support and friendship. I want to quickly thank all councillors for your efforts as well as the efforts of businesses, of community groups, and many individuals for all you have done so far in celebrating and recognizing the importance of reconciliation. As I've said before, I don't think over the last year...I do think we've managed to change the tone of the discussion here in Winnipeg, and I am pleased this momentum has continued over the last several months following the declaration of 2016 as the Year of Reconciliation for Winnipeg. This year's national Aboriginal Day celebrations at City Hall and across Winnipeg were warm, they were dynamic, as well as educational. Here at City Hall Elder Carol Moar led us in the planting of traditional medicines while First Nation, Métis and Inuit music filled the air. At the Forks, a large crowd from across the city gathered to celebrate the foundational contributions of our indigenous peoples to our Canadian way of life. We need to continue our efforts, however, as a council, as businesses, as individuals, and as a society in finding ways to honour the truth and reconcile for the future. And I continue to encourage all of us here as well as those watching in the gallery and on-line, to consider ways each of you can honour the truth, reconcile for the future and respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. I was pleased to speak and honour our outgoing Chief of Police, Chief Devon Clunis with many of my Council colleagues at his retirement reception. Among many strong attributes, Chief Clunis embodied the strength and diversity that defines our city. Throughout his time as chief, he has always been a strong proponent of belief that with vision, with the right support surrounding you, you really can do anything you desire regardless of who you are, where you live, or where you come from. His passion for our community was always on display. He was always a strong proponent in the belief that we are better together and can achieve so much more when working together. And it's especially noticeable when working to support the youth in our community, and his people first leadership philosophy could be seen through all facets of his working life. I want to thank Devon for all his hard work over the last four years as Chief of Police and the 29 years of total service to our city and its citizens. And I want to wish him all the best in his future endeavors. For many Winnipeggers, summer is a time to pull out the coolers, pack the car, and head to the cottage, and many of us know Winnipeg summers are packed full of great festivals, events, and parties. Just to name a few, First Fridays in the Exchange, downtown concert series at Air Canada Park, concerts at City Place, Portage and Main pop-up series, the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, MTS Super Spike, St. Norbert's handmade and vintage sale, ballet in the park, movies in the park, movies on Memorial, the Winnipeg Barbecue and Blues Festival, Folklorama, ManyFest and FemFest. Winnipeg is alive. It's electric over the summer. And there's always something fun and exciting to do and as an incentive to get out there, enjoy it, I want to recognize that as of today there are only 70 days left until the first day of fall. So thank you very much, merci and megwich. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Mayes, I understand you have an announcement followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. Councillor Browaty and I are doing a joint announcement today on a sad chapter in Canada's history, I think, and that is July 29th, 1960, almost exactly 100 years ago, marked the closure

of Winnipeg's processing centre at the Fort Osborne Barracks, where the Great West Life building is now. The closure of the processing centre for World War I internees where probably...most of us if not all of us are familiar with what happened in World War II where the Japanese-Canadians were placed in internment camps, but much less well known is the nationwide steps that were taken in World War I to imprison Europeans. I came upon this recently, I was at a German event with the Mayor, and they had a hand-out talking about World War I internment, which is something I didn't really know much about at all. So began to look into it, and thousands of Ukrainians, Bulgarians, Croats, Czechs, Germans, Hungarians, Italians, and other Europeans were imprisoned in 24 internment camps, forced to do heavy labour, labeled as enemy aliens. These were people who had come over…had been invited to come over as immigrants. Some of them, 10, 15, 20 years before and had made their lives in Canada and yet were imprisoned as enemy aliens. So we wanted to mark that history here today and the anniversary of the closing of that centre, the Fort Osborne Barracks. So I'm pleased to say…we couldn't invite all 14 European groups, but we have with us Carola Lange, who is the Manitoba head of the German-Canadian Federation of Canada here with us today to help mark this anniversary. And I will turn it over to my colleague, Councillor Browaty, for the second half of the announcement.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. One of the groups that had thousands of its members interned were Ukrainian-Canadians. This sad history has been recognized by the Federal Government in 2008 with the creation of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund which has its office on Main Street here in Winnipeg. The trust monies for the fund are held with the Taras Shevchenko Foundation. The Provincial Government recognizes the internment with a statue on the legislature grounds near the Schevchenko statue dedicated October 24th, 2015. I would like to recognize Myroslava Pidhirnyj for the Vice President of the Ukrainian-Canadian Council Manitoba Provincial Council who is with us here this morning. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Browaty. Councillor Allard wishes to make an announcement en français.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I would like to add to the long list of festivals taking place in Winnipeg or in the area... A relatively new festival in Winnipeg is – is called Mercredis en musique. Mercredis en musique is an initiative by Festival du Voyageur and Provencher Boulevard BIZ. (In French, ZAC; in English, Business Improvement Zone.) They are proud to announce the return of Mercredis en musique for the 2016 summer season. So, every Wednesday at noon, from June 29th to August 17th, Provencher Boulevard will be buzzing with music and filled with irresistible aromas from the neighbourhood's restaurants. Every Wednesday in the Sculpture Garden – will take place in the Sculpture Garden, at 219 Provencher Boulevard. Meal service starts at 11:30, and free concerts begin at noon. I guess that, depending on our schedule today at City Council, if you feel like it, if you are available, there would be food and music on the Boulevard. I am making this announcement not only for my colleagues, but also for members of the media, and for the public who is here today or who might be watching online. So, thank you for your attention and for considering another festival taking place in Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard.

MINUTES

Councillor Lukes moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now have delegations. We have one registered delegation this morning, Joanne Cyr, if you could come forward, please. She is…yes.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I would like to be able to suspend the rules, Madam Speaker, to allow an official delegation, Mrs. Sylvia Bock to speak in opposition to Item No. 9 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of suspension of the rules? Contrary? Carried. Mrs. Cyr, if you could come forward. She's in opposition to Item 9 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 6th, 2016, regarding Closing part of James Avenue Street between Amy Street and Waterfront Drive in the Point Douglas Ward. Welcome, and you have ten minutes to make your presentation.

Joanne Cyr: Good morning. My name is Joanne Cyr and I reside at 206-25 Amy Street. Unfortunately, my husband Gary Cyr is in Toronto and unable to attend this session. Therefore, I'm making the presentation on his behalf. You have all received a copy our presentation, also copies of your government agenda and administrative reports which I will refer to with parts highlighted. I am here today to oppose the approval of proposed closing of part of James Avenue between Amy Street and Waterfront. On what grounds? Those opposed to the closing were not allowed to discuss any elements that had to do with the CentreVenture redevelopment project, yet, the City's own document, Exhibit 1, referred to in file DAC 11/2016, specifically treats this as one in the same with no separation of the two. The title, proposed closing of the part of James Avenue between Amy Street and Waterfront does not accurately describe the project which is really the closing of part of James Avenue between Amy Street so the land can be declared surplus and added to the CentreVenture asset agreement for the redevelopment project. As stated in the executive summary, page two, Exhibit 1, that CentreVenture had received a proposal for the redevelopment of the James Avenue pumping station, and in order to accommodate the proposal, that they required a portion of the street to be legally closed and declared a surplus in order for it to be added to CentreVenture asset agreement. This is not a City-led initiative. As the City of Winnipeg notice would suggest. Rather, the City was approached by CentreVenture to make this change in support of their development opportunity, which has had no consultation or consideration by local residents and businesses. The Chair for the Standing Policy Committee on Property Development, Councillor Orlikow, was very clear and repeated several times while speaking to those opposed to the project that nothing would be done regarding the CentreVenture proposed redevelopment and that this decision to approve the partial closing of James Street would only be the closing. My husband questioned the Chair on his comment as he was not allowed to discuss in any form the CentreVenture project and was assured it would only be the closing of the street. Yet, the recommendation before Council is opposing, declaring the land surplus and granted to CentreVenture. Councillor Wyatt questioned those opposed if there was any consultation or forums to discuss a planned closing with local businesses and residences in the area, and it was acknowledged by, I believe, by the Director of Planning that none had taken place and that this was not a correct procedure, that a better job could have and should have been done. In Exhibit 1, consultation the City had planned for Legal, Corporate Finance, Public Works, Water and Waste, Transit, and the Winnipeg Parking Authority to provide input. External consultation was pursued with 12 companies, agencies of which five did not respond, and most concerning of those that did not respond was Environment Canada. City Water and Waste in the same report stressed their concern over infrastructure that is shared with Environment Canada that is used as an important drain for the Shoal Lake aqueduct under-drain system. How can the City support a project without the input of a very important partner, Environment Canada? The report states on page six, there are no policies, regulatory, environmental, human resource or general implications associated with the recommendations. Yet, their own report clearly states Environment Canada will need to confirm something that has yet to be done. The report further states that if there is any expansion of the existing pumping station building to the east towards Waterfront Drive, it could be in conflict. The Water and Waste Department states in the report, and there's a typo there, it should be page six, that they will be engaging an engineering consultant later in the year and both that states that additionally any future building construction may need to be reviewed by the various branches within the Water and Waste Department as servicing of the site could be problematic depending on the type, size, and capacity of the proposed building and the servicing that it requires. The report states on page six, there will be no financial implications for the City of Winnipeg, yet, later in the same report identifies two errors that can have tremendous financial cost to the City of Winnipeg, specifically additional external consulting costs and potential impact to City infrastructure. Although the recommendation to Council does place a condition that the applicant being CentreVenture accept that the applicant fulfill the administrative conditions of approval outlined in Appendix A, these items of responsibility are not clearly identified or specified, leaving the City responsible for redesign costs, relocation or expansion of City services that can be significant, third-party consulting costs, environmental issues and associated costs, loss of revenues of a metered parking plan, that's for the parking on both sides of the road. Background information, we reside at 206-25 Amy Street as of April 1, 2016. We became aware as a result of another resident posting a document on the bulletin board of proposed closing of part of James Avenue between Amy Street and Waterfront known as DAC 11/2016. After much research, we learned from the documentation that this was not just a closing a part of James street, and that according to the agenda document dated July 5, 2016, File DAC 11/2016, that this really was part of a much larger agenda and that CentreVenture had received a proposal for the redevelopment of the James Street pumping station that required this parcel of land, and in order for this to occur, the street must be legally closed and declared surplus to the City's needs prior to the addition to the CentreVenture asset agreement. The closing of James Street and the proposed development project is a single initiative, any discussions regarding the closing needs to be done in the context of redevelopment projects. This closing request is a CentreVenture led initiative, not the City. My husband, Gary Cyr, and I attended the July 5th closing part of James Avenue between Amy Street and Waterfront where he and others were in opposition. We have since learned from other residents that they were not aware of the impact of the closing other than what the diagram illustrated as being a narrow strip of land. No mention

that it was actually to be part of a much bigger initiative that will impact them far more than originally thought. Concerns? My husband stated our concerns fell into two categories; impact the project will have to the historic building itself, such as no view, limited and restricted views of the east and west sides of the building, two, as a resident, what will be the impact to the tenants of skyline and two, and those in the immediate area such as and not limited to security, privacy, parking, property values, et cetera. The Chairperson would not allow any discussions regarding either of our concerns and that the sole discussion needed to be strictly on the closing of the street. The concerns of those opposed both business and residents is a significant impact to the loss of parking in the area. This project will effectively remove private and public over 55 parking spots. It will add by our estimates over 100 residential units and a non-commodity of commercial units. Just to maintain status quo, that developer would have to add well over 150 parking spots and CentreVenture publicly stated that they would only add 50 sites leaving a long term deficit of over 100 spots. Immediate impact is approximately 55 sites of which many tenants and condo developments in the area will quickly find themselves seeking parking which could be many blocks from their residence if available at all. This is not taking into consideration the impact to local businesses. Let's be perfectly clear, the proposed underground parking is not intended for public parking, evening parking or any casual use. The use is for the new tenants of the development. This will not in any form improve the long-term parking situation, it adds to the problem, and has significant and negative weight. In summary, I am confident that City Council wishes that on several highly visible projects that more time was spent in understanding the implications of the decisions that were approved, that more time was spent understanding the risk and financial implications to the taxpayer. We have identified that this is more than just the closing of 5.2 meters to flip land on James Street. Yet, we were denied the opportunity to discuss this, even though the City documentation for the project did precises that, identified the much larger intent of the project and some of the risks associated to the city. At Council meeting CentreVenture was allowed to present their redevelopment plan. Yet, those opposed could not discuss anything to do with this plan. The Chair for the subcommittee clearly stated that CentreVenture initiative would be separate and that the only approval would be for the closing of part of James Street and was reassured that this several times. Yet, we learned that it is still the granting of the land to CentreVenture with unclear conditions and significant risk to the taxpayer and negative impact to local residents and business that is before (inaudible) Council today. Recommendations? Postpone. The closing of James Avenue and not grant the land to CentreVenture until all the research of the total financial costs are calculated. All potential impacts to infrastructure identified and consultation with local businesses and residents be performed. All concerns should be addressed and dealt with and correctly identify in the contract before this land grant should be given. We ask the City not fall prey to the pending doom close and take the necessary time and make the right decision. Thank you for your time. Merci beaucoup.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms. Cyr. At this juncture, there will be an opportunity for Council to ask questions, if there are any. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I recognize that when there are events happening at multiple venues in the cultural district; Concert Hall, Manitoba Theatre Centre, Pantages, parking can become quite sparse in that area. In my experience, though, I think most of Council at this point because of the closure of the Civic Centre Parkade, parks over at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall facility. In my experience, I have never seen the parkade full at night. Is that not a viable option in the Exchange…instead all the parking on James Avenue?

Joanne Cyr: No, we've been living there, and we sit out on our deck. It's amazing how many people circling the area to find a parking spot. And I really sympathize with them, and people that even live in the condos don't have parking spots themselves. They have to, like, try to figure out where they can park. And I've seen tons of people get parking tickets because they're parking where they can't park, and they're going, you know what, we're going to leave our car because we can't find parking spots for like four or five blocks from where we're supposed to be. I would rather leave my car and be on time for the event I'm supposed to be and get a $30 parking ticket. And we tell people you can't park there, and they say we know, and just because they can't find anything. We've had friends and family come over, and they can't find anything for, like, six, seven blocks. You're going that's incredible that parking is such a scarcity.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Browaty: Is the issue that they can't find free parking or they don't want to pay for parking?

Joanne Cyr: No. That's…they have no problem paying for parking. It's a matter of...well, they would prefer free parking, obviously, everybody does. Yes, me included. It's a matter they can't find any parking available. Especially if you have two or three events going on at the same time, it's like it's a nightmare. And even for businesses during the day sometimes it's a nightmare because a lot of those spots are taken up by office workers that work in the area. So, they are bumming around looking for a parking spot.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for our delegation? Seeing none, thank you for appearing today.

Joanne Cyr: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, we will hear from Sylvia Bock She's in opposition to the same item. Welcome. And you have five minutes to make your presentation. There will be no questions.

Sylvia Bock: Okay. Thank you. My name is Sylvia Bock. I have a store in the East Exchange at 109 Pacific. We've been there almost four years. Four years at the beginning of August. Before that, we were on Corydon for 21 years, and hopefully everybody remembers us with a big moon on our building. So we moved four years ago in the hopes of being pioneers and getting involved in this really exciting new area called the East Exchange, and we have been thrilled to be there. It's absolutely beautiful and gorgeous. We love our space. We love being down there. We want to be part of a big city feel. Corydon, as much as we adored and loved it, had a very small time community feel and we wanted to feel more like, a little bit bigger, in a bigger city, in a downtown kind of location. Anyways, so we've been really happy in our area, and really happy with our landlords and really happy with everything that's been going on. This year, however, it's been tricky for us, businesses. We have a group of us, we've got the Botanical Paperworks and we've got the new Peg Beer and we've got Lily and Joe's Coffee Shop all on our block, and we're struggling with the fact that there's so many street closures and so many parking lot closures. So what's happened is that the parking lot on Waterfront got closed at the end of summer last year. Then the parking lot got closed for Sports Manitoba, and all those people had to find new places to park so there's a lot of them. Then all the parking on Pacific from Main Street to Lily is gone. Unfortunately, the City put a fire hydrant in front of Botanical Paperworks and our business even though there's a fire hydrant across the street about ten feet away. And that means those three parking spots in front of our businesses are gone. So what's left is a small block on Pacific for parking for people from Sky Condos, visitors, and for our customers. So we're opposed to the development that's happening on James for this year because we can't afford to have less access and no more parking or less parking. So the parking lot is supposed to be closed on James. That's part of the proposal. And the street's going to be closed on James as part of the proposal. So this is going to mean that nobody can get to our businesses, plain and simple, and if they are so fortunate and figure out how in the world to get to them, they're not going to be able to put their car anywhere. So I don't really know how we're supposed to do it. I mean, it's pretty tough. Pretty much impossible unless we just don't depend on Winnipeggers and try just to go more viral and, you know, I don't know. Anyways, it's really tough, and we don't want to be the negative Joe's in the room, but the truth is that we want our businesses to survive, and we want to be part of this, and we want to reap the rewards when Canada Games are here in 2017 because we know that's going to be good for everybody, and we know that will be good for us, but we have to make it through until that time, and we are all worried. We need access, and we need parking. If we could defer the project, postpone it to next year, that would make a lot of sense to us. I mean, there will...all the streets will be open by then. All the other developments will be done in the neighbourhood, and then it will be a good time for us to get busy on the pump house. I mean, everybody wants that pump house developed and everybody wants something interesting there. So if we could just postpone it, that's really what we're asking for. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 29, 2016

Madam Speaker: Thank you for appearing today. That'll bring our delegations to a close. Next is committee reports, the report of Executive Policy Committee dated June 29th. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the report of Executive Policy Committee dated July 6th.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JULY 6, 2016**

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I introduced the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 9.
Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy, which number?

Councillor Gilroy: Three, Winnipeg Private Refugee Sponsorship.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Number two in which I'm on a conflict and No. 6, please.

Madam Speaker: I saw another hand up over here. No? Okay. I will call the question. So you are not standing down to…but we'll deal with it separately, obviously now. I'll call the question on Item No. 1, 4 and 5, 7, 8, 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes will depart the room. Madam Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Amendment to Settlement of Claim – Aquatic Hall of Fame and Museum of Canada Inc.

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

Mayor Bowman: No.

Madam Speaker: Any other speakers? No? I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 3, Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Winnipeg Private Refugee Sponsorship

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to speak at this point?

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes. I just want to rise and really thank the Mayor on supporting this really great initiative. The Winnipeg Private Refugee Sponsorship really is an insurance program for people that are sponsoring other people if they can't fulfill their obligations due to health concerns or loss of job or…and it really is a great program that the City of Winnipeg has started. And I just really...I also want to give credit to him for listening to the great men and women that work on the Citizen Equity Committee that really did champion this. We wrote letters in support of this program, and we really advocated for that. And I think it's important to know that citizens that sit on our community committees play a really important role, and that they helped shape this. And I want to thank the Mayor for listening to them because I think sometimes we forget that there's community members out there that are volunteering their time to take on some important initiatives here at City Hall. So thank you for listening to the citizens out there and following through. I think this is really exciting. This will now make sure that this program is ongoing for future people coming in to Canada wanting to sponsor people into Canada and coming to the home of Winnipeg. So I just want to thank you for that.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yeah. I'll just through you, Madam Speaker, thank Councillor Gilroy and all members of the Citizen Equity Committee, and also all those that are active in our community welcoming newcomers. You know, when you take a look at what is happening beyond our borders in other countries where we see talk and discussion about closing borders, our community has remained open and welcoming of refugees, and that's something that I believe we should all be very proud of. And this is an initiative that was called for by the settlement community and our Citizens Equity Committee, and I think it positions us very well to provide that financial assurance for private refugee sponsorship programs. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. That was Item No. 3. Madam Clerk, Item 6.

Item 6 – City of Winnipeg's Compliance with French Language Services Obligations – 2015 Report

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce? Councillor Mayes, you have the floor.

Councillor Mayes: I would like to say a few words en français and en anglais.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Mayes: I would like to thank Charlene Koniak, the interim French Language Services Coordinator. She was the interim coordinator for many years, but there will soon be a full-time coordinator. This is a project that was included in the budget, it is an important project for the City of Winnipeg. It is a project – it is a symbol for the French community in Winnipeg, I believe. Council is creating new positions. I believe that, come fall, there will be a full-time coordinator helping the Mayor, councillors, and public services. Also, I would like to thank Councillor Allard...Having the interpretation service during Council meetings was one of his ideas. I believe this is an important initiative. We can now speak French during Council meetings. Also, there are – in St. Vital, St. Norbert and St. Boniface, there are new signs, bilingual signs…For example, at our fantastic outdoor pools... At St. Vital Pool, there is a huge – a huge sign stating, "Piscine St. Vital Pool." So, this is a good project for Winnipeg.

Councillor Mayes: Lastly, if I can switch back to English, I think there's a change in attitude, a change at least in large in my ward and other places, there's an attention, there's a respect that is greater for the French Language Services. It took forty years to get a sign-up in Norfolk Park in my ward, this park that's the size of one city housing lot, I discovered there's never been a sign. We've got a sign up saying Norfolk Park, we unveiled the thing, the next day we got a complaint which was it's not bilingual. So we took…and they were right, so we took the sign out and replaced it with a bilingual sign. But I thought, boy, there's something that nobody would have noticed 20 or 30 years ago in my ward, but now people want that, people want those services. So it's important to have these reports. It's important to celebrate as we move forward, and it's important to celebrate that we will be having a full-time position for the first time devoted to French Language Services. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Councillor Allard.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: I can't let Councillor Mayes be the only councillor speaking French regarding today's report. It is my honour to be the councillor responsible for the City of Winnipeg's French-language services. I would like to thank Councillor Mayes for having represented...for having performed the duties – those same duties – for many years before I was elected. I would like to thank Council for trusting me with this role. More specifically, I would also like to thank Mayor Bowman, who reestablished a position that hasn't been in place for a very long time now, a position of paramount importance for the City of Winnipeg, that of the French Language Services Coordinator. This position is sufficiently complex to require an employee's full-time attention. For several years, as Councillor Mayes mentioned, Charlene Koniak has performed the duties that will now be taken on by a full-time employee. While I am addressing Council, I would also like to ask Francophones, or those who might benefit from the City of Winnipeg's French-language services, to request service in French. This is important for us in particular...311 is being used less and less frequently in particular. Just to reiterate to Francophones the importance of requesting service in French, since, at the end of the day, we have to continue requesting this type of service, and... On that note, I think this is a positive report that confirms we are in compliance with the law, and the creation of this new position is a good step forward. I look forward to working closely with the new coordinator to move this matter forward. I would also like to recognize that the Province of Manitoba has just passed a law that will protect and improve French-language services at the provincial level and in municipalities throughout Manitoba. It was my pleasure to represent the Association of Manitoba's Bilingual Municipalities to thank the government and all political parties that supported this bill at the provincial level. So, as Councillor Mayes mentioned, I believe there has been a cultural shift, not only in Winnipeg, but also throughout Manitoba, that has allowed those who wish to interact and to live in French in Winnipeg, in Manitoba, to do so with greater support from their government. So, thank you everyone, I believe we have a positive report today.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JULY 13, 2016

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to the walk-on report from this morning's Executive Policy Committee meeting. There are hard copies on each of your desks. Mr. Mayor, will you suspend the rule to consider the walk-on report? We will deal with each item separately. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Suspension of the rules.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 97 Oak Forest Crescent – DASZ 11/2016

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

Madam Speaker: We'll deal with each item separately as it's a walk-on. Item No. 1, would you like to introduce, Mr. Mayor? Any speakers on Item 1? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, shall I call the question? All in favour? Contrary. Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 123 Doncaster Street – DASZ 25/2016

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, to move Item 2. Would you like to introduce?

Mayor Bowman: So, I'll move report 2.

Madam Speaker: Any speakers? I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Zoning Agreement Amendment – 1735 Corydon Avenue – ZAA 5/2016

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, will you move the item?

Mayor Bowman: Yes, move report 3.

Madam Speaker: Any speakers? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Zoning Agreement Amendment – 42 Smuggler's Cove – ZAA 4/2016

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you move the item?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I should just remain standing. I'll move report 4, please.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Okay, we now have Motion No. 1, moved by Councillor Gillingham, seconded by Councillor Lukes. And this will be an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. Okay, we'll move on to by-laws under EPC. Mr. Mayor.

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

WHEREAS access to information promotes democratic values of open, transparent and accountable government;

AND WHEREAS access to information, "… helps to ensure first, that citizens have the information required to participate meaningfully in the democratic process, and secondly, that politicians and bureaucrats remain accountable to the citizenry." [Supreme Court of Canada Justice G. V. La Forest in Dagg v. Canada (Minister of Finance), 1997];

AND WHEREAS Section 17(3) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Manitoba states;

17(3) In determining under subsection (1) whether a disclosure of personal information not described in subsection (2) would unreasonably invade a third party's privacy, the head of a public body shall consider all the relevant circumstances including, but not limited to, whether
(a) the disclosure is desirable for the purpose of subjecting the activities of the Government of Manitoba or a public body to public scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS citizen engagement is on the rise, and the City of Winnipeg wants to be more accountable and provide better access to information for its citizens;

AND WHEREAS direct access to information and openness and transparency at all levels of government is being demanded in order to empower citizens;

AND WHEREAS on June 25, 2014, Council adopted the "Open Government Initiative - Improvements to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Process";

AND WHEREAS elected officials and public employees are obligated to be accountable to tax, rate and fee payers for the collection, use, investment and expenditure of public funds;

AND WHEREAS City Council has committed to and launched initiatives for enhancing openness and transparency through greater disclosure of how public funds are spent;

AND WHEREAS all City of Winnipeg employees are under contract with the City as part of their employment agreement;

AND WHEREAS a City of Winnipeg employment contract is a record held by a public body and is therefore subject to accessibility laws;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's current Chief Administrative Officer recently publicly disclosed the details of his employment contract;

AND WHEREAS a compensation report for all City of Winnipeg employees earning $50,000 or more is published annually in accordance with The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act;

AND WHEREAS disclosure of compensation details for City of Winnipeg employees earning $50,000 or more, including employees under contract, is critical to effective public scrutiny of The City of Winnipeg as a public body;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is deemed to be a public sector body in The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT subject to due diligence satisfactory to the Chief Administrative Officer, the results of which shall be submitted to Council prior to any implementation of the following:

1. *A breakdown of compensation details and/or sources including regular pay, overtime, court overtime, special duty pay, vacation pay, sick-leave cash out, bonuses, allowances, severance and/or other sources of compensation be disclosed for all employees earning $50,000 or more as part of the City of Winnipeg's annual compensation report in accordance with The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act;*

2. *For all employees under written contract, details of the contract including regular pay, overtime, special duty pay, vacation pay, sick-leave cash-out, bonuses, severance, allowances, benefits, vacation and/or other details of "compensation" as defined under The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act shall be publicly disclosed upon signing of the employment contract;*

3. *If determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the foregoing, the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba amend The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act as necessary to implement the foregoing and to further enhance access to information that promotes democratic values of open, transparent and accountable government.*

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 77/2016, 78/2016, 79/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 77/2016, By-law No. 78/2016, By-law No. 79/2016.
Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the By-laws numbered 77/2016 to 79/2016 both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 77/2016 to 79/2016 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 77/2016 to 79/2016 both inclusive, be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have an addendum by-law, Mr. Mayor, for EPC. If you could suspend the rule.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so that's for By-law No. 95/2016. Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 95/2016.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 95/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 95/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, on the suspension.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 95/2016 be read a third time and that the 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. The clock is set at 30 minutes. Any questions? Councillor Dobson, followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Dobson: Madam Speaker, my question revolves around the draft budget. I have only been in Council for two budgets, but something has become quite apparent to me. The draft budget and the final budget are essentially the same budget because materially, the draft changes very little. That being said, I see a problem. Two non-EPC wards have some input in the finance portion and seven wards are not involved at all in the draft budget. What does that mean? Based on 2011 census data, it means that Transcona, Elmwood-East Kildonan, Daniel McIntyre, St. Boniface, Old Kildonan, Mynarski and St. Charles wards, representing over 300,000 residents, have no representation at all in the drafting of the City budget, and if you include the two wards with only access to the finance portion, then the number is closer to 400,000, over half the residents in the city do not have representation that is fully involved in the making of the draft budget. Residents in these wards elected councillors to represent them. You, Mayor Bowman, are preventing these residents from having proper representation in the budget. My question is when are you going to allow Transcona, Elmwood-East Kildonan, Daniel McIntyre, St. Boniface, Old Kildonan, Mynarski and St. Charles wards as well as the St. James – Brooklands – Weston and Fort Rouge wards complete access in the making of the budget?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank the Councillor for his question. Conversation, firstly, as Members of Council know, Councillor Morantz is not able to be here today. I would encourage all Members of Council with discussions, thoughts for improvement and concerns regarding the budget process when Councillor Morantz is back at City Hall to please discuss with him. In the meantime, I am very pleased to be able to answer this question. I can advise that conversations between the Mayor's Office and city administration and our Finance Chair have been happening now, discussing options on how to further improve the budget process for 2017. Options include expansion of the Budget Working Group, different ways of receiving budget presentations from departments and plans for public engagement; the annual call letters to each department requesting city administrators bring forth their budget submissions for the upcoming fiscal year were sent in May. The goal for 2017, and this is a goal, not a hard date, but it is a goal, is to have the budget passed by December of 2016 in order to allow departments an entire calendar year to deliver their programs within the year's budget. And I'd be more than happy to meet with the Councillor on any suggested improvements to the budget process that he has.

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

Councillor Dobson: Second question, Madam Speaker, my next question revolves around when we, as Councillors, receive information. The residents in my ward elected me to represent them in the decision making process.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Dobson, there's no preamble on the second question.

Councillor Dobson: Oh, no preamble.

Madam Speaker: Ask your question, please.

Councillor Dobson: Darn. Okay. My question.

Councillor Allard: Are you aware, Councillor Dobson.

Madam Speaker: I can come back to you, if you'd like.

Councillor Dobson: My question to you, Mayor Bowman, is are you or your staff being informed prior to the rest of Council finding out about all these issues?

Madam Speaker: Would you clarify the issues? What are you referring to?

Councillor Dobson: Can I clarify them now? Okay. Let's Talk Winnipeg survey. We found about it on Friday, it started on Monday, that's one day's notice. The water rate increase, that was, we had two days notice. The accessibility survey, most Councillors had virtually no notice on when it was going out.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you.

Councillor Dobson: The Hydro land sale, for the rapid, bus rapid transit.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the clarification.

Councillor Dobson: We were informed too late. Yeah, there's my clarification.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: If I understand the question about whether or not briefings occur, Members of Council, as well as I do receive briefings on a number of matters throughout the year. Members of Staff for Councillors and my staff also have ongoing dialogue with the city administration. That being said, there has been tremendous efforts and I think improvements to the process to ensure that Members of Council and I receive as much information in as timely a way as possible from the administration. And I would encourage all Members of Council to dialogue not just with me and with each other, but with the administration on how we can further improve the flow of information.

Madam Speaker: Third question? No? We'll move on to Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Through you to the Mayor, there's been quite a bit of talk recently about the possibility of rail rationalization and/or relocation. Later on this agenda, the City of Winnipeg will be making, well we'll be voting on whether or not to move forward on the significant capital investment, which I do believe that we need to be move forward on right now. But my question for the Mayor is, what, if any, conversations has he had with the Provincial Government? As we know the Provincial Government, in January '15, had announced a study joined with the City to look at the question around rail rationalization and/or relocation and wanted to ask the Mayor for an update there.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor. Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I thank my Council colleague for the question. As Members of Council will know, Jean Charest was appointed to lead the Provincial Task Force looking at rail rationalization in the city. There are many opportunities that should be examined and I'm looking forward to seeing what the task force can provide. The terms of reference for the task force in a more detailed framework are being developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the chair. I do want to acknowledge and thank Councillor Allard for his willingness to participate on this as well as his ongoing commitment to this issue. That is something that we should all welcome. The early work of the task force will be guided by four principles, they are as follows: ensuring rail relocation is approached from a broad and flexible perspective; ensuring early attempts at relocations are impartial and inclusive and include a variety of societal and economic constituents; thirdly, aligning with federal requirements to maximize program and funding participation; and lastly, ensuring key focus is enhanced rail efficiency and function in the capital region. This task force was announced by the past Provincial Government ahead of the 2016 election. The new Provincial Government will be reviewing where the task force currently stands in order to decide how it will move forward. To more specifically answer the question, I have raised this matter with the Provincial Government. We are awaiting direction from them, whether or not they do want to continue with the commitment that was made by the previous Provincial Government. We will be ready, willing, and able to play a collaborate role, should they proceed, and the reason why we agreed to join the province in their task force was, I think, having more accurate information will help guide us and public policy discussions on matters related to infrastructure. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next question is by you, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Councillor Allard have a follow-up?

Madam Speaker: No.

Councillor Wyatt: No? All right. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, it's common for the Clerks, I think, they provide all Members of Council, Councillors at least, every time we adjust our office staff. A list goes out to Members of Council stating the Members of Council as well as their Executive Assistant or if there's a change in Executive Assistant, which because of one member of Council that seems to be issued on a regular basis, speaking of myself. But anyway, I guess and I know, you know, you also have challenges in terms of staffing as well and it's normal in government to have

this and there's nothing untoward it, but the question I have is this…would it be possible for the Office of the Mayor to publish a list of all of the staff, the staff's names and who they are and their roles and responsibilities? Just so that we know who they are because quite often I see folks walking through these corridors and I find out later that they are working for you, but I don't know who they are and you know, it'd be nice to know these folks and help them in anyway and by doing so, help our city progress, so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Through you, Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for the question. I think there absolutely is more we can do to not only inform Members of Council, but the public, regarding staffing in my office and certainly something I'll look into and if that information hasn't been conveyed. Typically, it is conveyed by email regarding staff changes and we can certainly look into that and provide more information so that all Members of Council know who the staffing is.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: Clerk's have…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Clerk's have a format, it's just on where they can actually get that (inaudible). Yeah, the other follow up, I guess is more pertaining there's the well you've, in terms of your office, but there's also now the Office of Public Engagement, which I believe technically falls under the CAO and also there's been new staff there and more staff and so is it possible for us, because these are the folks who we would work with in terms of public consultations and what not in our communities. Is it possible to get a list of them and their names and their titles and responsibilities as well, so that we can know who to pick up the phone and talk to? It's just, that would be great.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.
Mayor Bowman: I think that's a request best directed at our CAO but I would support efforts to better inform Winnipeggers as well as Members of Council, regarding some of the well, staffing here at the City of Winnipeg. The Office of Public Engagement is a new entity. It's something that I think this council should be very proud of. Public engagement is something that we're seeing more and I'm very pleased and want to thank the efforts of our CAO and the staff of the Office of Public Engagement for their ongoing efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. An issue was touched on by a question, questions from a couple of councillors already on the issue of how we go forward from this point or from previously in the year on the budget. Very important issue of course, Madam Speaker, and His Worship has mentioned that there is room for further expansion on process for consultation on the budget and as well including as he mentioned specifically the Budget Working Group. So Madam Speaker, my question to His Worship is what are we looking at in terms of expansion or enhancement of the Budget Working Group for this year?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you and as I mentioned, conversations between the Mayor's Office, city administration, Finance Chair and I would also welcome conversations with all Members of Council regarding what options are worthy of implementation this year. I would encourage all Members of Council to reach out to our Finance Chair and also myself with any suggestions for how we can continue to improve. We made some good strides last year. I think it was a step in the right direction with the Let's Talk initiative, as well as the working group. Ultimately as all Members of Council and the public know, it's this Council as a whole that decides on the budget and that shouldn't be lost. That at the end of the day, each member of Council ultimately has their say on what is approved and that being said, I'm very pleased that we were able to make some improvements. I think there's a lot more work to do in further improving the process, and I would specifically ask for specific recommendations, that they be directed at the Finance Chair and if you would like to let know as well, that would be appreciated. But if there are specific things that Members of Council feel can be improved upon in the process, I would welcome them. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess to, I'm not sure if this is specific or general, but are Councillors Gerbasi and Gillingham still members of the Budget Working Group?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: No, that was the 2016 Budget Working Group.

Madam Speaker: Third question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: What are the plans at this time for naming members of the Budget Working Group?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear the question.

Madam Speaker: Would you repeat the question?

Councillor Schreyer: Excuse me, Madam Speaker. What are the intentions at this time for naming members of the Budget Working Group?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: As I mentioned, Madam Speaker, discussions are ongoing and I would welcome, as would our Finance Chair, welcome input from all Members of Council regarding specific improvements that they'd like to see.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions of the Mayor? Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor, I want, we heard this morning, Madam Speaker, of some of the concerns relative to parking within the Exchange District in our downtown and there's also been some discussion about the Manitoba Centennial Corporation with regards to the James Avenue Parkade, Madam Speaker, and I know that project's been in the works for a few years. I wanted to know if the Mayor knows anything about that project, Madam Speaker, and if he could share anything that he knows relative to the James Avenue Parkade Project.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and through you, thank the Councillor for his question. Also want to acknowledge and thank our Councillor Pagtakhan for his ongoing advocacy to resolve the issues that we're seeing remain regarding parking issues in downtown. I want to thank the two citizens who appeared before us today in delegation. I certainly was listening intently on the concerns that they were raising, and I want to advise regarding the James Avenue Parkade. My understanding from the administration is that they are aware of the need to resolve this issue, that there has not yet been identified a partner to move forward with the James Avenue Parkade, but I, and my understanding is the administration is, fully aware of the need to try to make some positive progress forward in terms of the parkade issue. I've met with the East Exchange Residents Association, I've also had conversations with many of the key stakeholders in the Winnipeg arts and cultural and creative community in the East Exchange and the issues are not new. But as our downtown continues to see positive growth, development, as well as new residents, these issues may become more acute with time and so there is going to be ongoing need for this council and for the administration to work hard with stakeholders to improve some of the parking demands that are downtown is increasing. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes, will you introduce the report dated June 21st?

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED JUNE 21, 2016

Councillor Mayes: I will introduce the report. Just the one item, the status report on corporate climate action plan.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

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

Madam Speaker: There's no motions, no by-laws. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is my understanding that Councillor Mayes went to Ottawa, very recently on a research mission to see what type of model that they employ regarding waste collection. Madam Speaker, I ask this because very important issue, of course and in Canada right now we see a specific pattern of model or trend in model in terms of what is done in-house by City workers and what is contracted. In Calgary, as an example, they're 100% in-house City workers. In Edmonton, they have a 50/50 model. Cities like Ottawa and Toronto, they have a model of certain ratio of privately contracted waste collection and city worker. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask Councillor Mayes what he has found out in brief and I'm truly willing to look at further reports after this from the Councillor, but what he could tell us right now on the floor in terms of what he's found out from his meetings in Ottawa.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, thank you to Councillor Schreyer for the question. Yes, I was in Ottawa yesterday actually. Very productive day, met with the Mayor, met with the Councillor who's the head of the Environment Committee, met with the two senior staff who do garbage and recycling and met with CUPE representatives over the lunch hour. Literally ran between meetings a couple of times. But very productive day and it's an interesting model as Councillor Schreyer has touched upon that rather than, it's in between what Calgary does where it's all the workers are in-house and what we do where all the work is contracted out. It's a five zone system for garbage, recycling and compost pick up and none of this prejudice is what we might do on compost, what we might not do on compost. Ottawa has moved to twice, every two weeks you get the garbage, but every week you get the compost picked up. We've made no decisions of that variety here of course. But what's interesting in the Ottawa model was the City's divided into five zones, everybody gets the same level of service, but two of the zones are operated by the City and the workers are unionized by CUPE. And what's interesting is it's not within, it's not entirely within the pre-existing collective agreement, it's a competitive bid process, so the City as employers sits down with CUPE, comes up with a wage rate, there's certain other provisions in the collective agreement which are not part of the terms and conditions for the garbage and recycling pick-up workers, so sick leave for example, is quite a bit reduced for the staff who work on garbage and recycling and the City puts in a competitive bid and they were able to win over, they started off about 15 years ago and this time they picked up a second zone. So two of the five zones are done by the City as employer with CUPE workforce, the other three are done by private contractors. It's, use the analogy the Mayor used, it's like a perpetually warring armies and that's the idea is you try to make sure everyone's got an eye on each other, you don't end up in a situation where it's all out to one private contractor, if there's a strike, you've got issues, if there's service delivery problems, you've got issues, you have a contingency, you have some people ready to go and conversely if the City workers go out, you have three private contractors in the three other zones who are ready to gear up. So they kind of stumbled into it in Ottawa because one of their contractors went bankrupt and they said they had to go to the auction and buy some of the trucks themselves and gear up a whole collection. But there's a lot of pride. It was interesting. The people who ran the service took great pride in the level of service they were able to provide and that they were able to work cooperatively with the union. So it's…it bears looking at, it left me with a lot to think about and a lot to discuss around this table. It's an interesting model, can we do something, as Councillor Schreyer will probably know we are back here in the fall to vote on what our plan is for the next five to seven years. Can we get something in place by then? I don't know, but it's certainly, I felt I was doing my homework to look at this model. It's something we certainly should go back and look at. I know 2005 was the last time, all of the last bit of the work was contracted out by the City of Winnipeg. I get a sense from talking with the CUPE leadership, they're interested in doing something innovative and this would be something innovative, it is not simply bringing the work in-house, everybody under the existing collective agreement, it's a break with that model. But it certainly gives the union a fair chance to work with the City and be part of the collection system. So it's worth further study.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the research of Councillor Mayes, why does…why does he would…would he believe that a city like Calgary would be 100% in-house workers and a city like Edmonton would be 50/50?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'm now giving longer answer than Councillor Schreyer's questions, which is a breakthrough for us. It's, I don't know, I mean that's history. I don't know exactly what the history is in those different cities. I do know that Toronto history that Mayor Ford, getting in saying he wanted to contract it all out, in the end 50% got contracted out, 50% didn't. There's been an in-house study, there's been an Ernst and Young study saying, you know, this did…there are efficiencies in doing it that way. So what I find interesting was the numbers they got on the savings were not…CUPE had some numbers but the City of Ottawa staff had numbers that they had prepared, they had distributed to their Council Members, five year breakdown savings, additional savings for, they managed to bring in the costs under their estimate. So certainly it wasn't, you know, the City staff themselves providing these numbers about the savings they had realized. So as I said, it certainly bears further study. I don't know the individual history of other cities other than Toronto's recent history but and I'm now up to speed on Ottawa, but it's…they wanted to maintain the balance in Ottawa to have some that was with the City and some not. So it's certainly, it's creative and it's worth looking at further.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As this council has no choice but to make a serious decision regard what is probably a seven year contract, which will not be dealt with in the next term, but only in the term after that. This is it, Madam Speaker, and on that basis I ask whether it is now understood in terms of process and bidding by the administration that this…that in the Ottawa model at least, as well as other models across the country, that the City bids after negotiating a wage with the workers.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah and Councillor Schreyer asked at the last meeting, a question about what's in the tender document or the RFP document, in terms of there is a provision that allows the City to fail the search if the City feels the bids aren't competitive with what the City could do in-house. It's a bit legally tricky to say, well let's now generate a bid with CUPE, but we don't deliver the service at present, but it's certainly worth looking into what we might be able to do. Ultimately that vote is coming to Council, I presume in September, maybe, October in terms of where we want to go. Councillor Schreyer's quite right. It is a long term commitment. Some people around here have said it should be five, others have said it should be seven years. It would exceed our term of office and he's right, the next term of office, so it's a major decision, it bears a lot of analysis and discussion. It's a lengthy notice period because the contract with Emterra runs out October of '17, but the idea is look it takes…takes a long time to get the trucks ordered if you're going to do this, and the Ottawa staff talked about that. They kind of got baptism of fire when one of their contractors went bankrupt. They had to go out, they had to get the trucks. Now they're much more familiar with that and how to cost it out, and they're quite skilled and I mean, they've said look, if we don't win the bid, we lose some of our managerial staff, we don't need them around and the workers. So there's internal motivation to win the bid and I think you have to try to create that culture of innovation here and that's something we should look at.

Councillor Schreyer: I plead for a point of privilege.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: Councillor Mayes said we may be making a decision in September. I just wish to make the point on a serious issue that the administrative report…

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, that's really an additional question and time period's running out and I had a question.

Councillor Schreyer: Merely a comment of clarification, no questions ma'am.

Councillor Gerbasi: Okay, well.

Councillor Schreyer: Merely, merely.

Councillor Gerbasi: (Inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, do you have anything to add?

Councillor Gerbasi: That's really another question.

Councillor Mayes: I'm so, please get some questions. No that's Councillor Schreyer's right. It'll be a major decision and there really wasn't a question. But yeah, it'll be a major vote that we have to face as a long term prospect. I'm trying to do my homework, I'm sure others are and I know there are other questions. So I'll leave it at that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham, you're next.

Councillor Gerbasi: Oh, okay.

Madam Speaker: Followed up Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gillingham: Sorry.

Councillor Gerbasi: It's okay, I didn't know (inaudible).

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question for Councillor Mayes has to do with combined sewer overflows. Last year, we had several significant rain events apparently I was told by one of the gentlemen at Water and Waste that we had a five once in 100 year events last summer, so I'm just wondering about this year though. Will the Councillor's committee be receiving a report this year on the number of combined sewer overflow incidents this summer and to his knowledge, has there been any to this point in the summer?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: To my knowledge, there hasn't been but I can certainly take that back and ask the staff. It's a big issue, it's a big multi-billion dollar issue. I know the Mayor and the CAO are very much up to speed on this and have been starting conversations with the Province about we have our plan with them from December of last year, we met the deadline to put a CSO plan in. We'll leave it with the AM. I'm sure it's an important issue for the Province as well. It's billions of dollars in play here, so we're working with the Province to see how they want us to proceed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question?
Councillor Gillingham: No, the Councillor has answered my second question with his indication of speaking to the Province. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. A bit following up on Councillor Schreyer's line of questioning, part of this is about the timing of this contract and it's coming up soon and we have to make a decision and it's a long term decision we're making. Another issue I'd like us to be considering when we make that decision in September, as well as the one that Councillor Schreyer has raised, is on the issue of procurement and green procurement, which was something that was discussed a little bit at the committee in terms of we don't really have a procurement, an environmental procurement policy yet, I know it's in the works and it's coming. But that's something that isn't really part of our, imbedded into our procurement procedures and I know that's something that the climate change group is going to be looking at and the administration's been working on and it will become forward. But I'm just with this time crunch with this contract coming soon, I just wonder if that can be something that we look it up at committee at our next meeting and really get the administration to follow up and let us know how we can consider that as well. So what I'm really talking about is the types of trucks and other things, you know, if we have a more environmentally friendly option that's coming forward in terms of the type of vehicles that's being used, is that going to be weighted properly in the procurement process, even though it isn't part of our official policy? So that's what I'm trying to get at and I'm just hoping that that could be part of our committee discussion when we make these bigger decisions in the fall.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, I think that's entirely appropriate. The bid process, I think closed the 11th, it might have been extended, so I stand to be corrected on that. It might have been extended by one week, but the bids will either have been received or very shortly be received, and then our staff will be going through them over the course of the summer and having to make some recommendations. But I think, you know, the staff talking with going to a two zone model with different contractors in each zone, but we have yet to make a final decision on anything. So the RFP that went out certainly doesn't say low bid wins, period, there will be other factors, I think that's a fair point. Both my colleagues have raised about the method of delivery, about the labour relations. Obviously we've had some issues in the media in the last two years or so. But that issue of the green procurement, what kind of trucks, all of that should be in front of us, should be on the table and throughout, I mean I've been here almost five years. I didn't vote on that first Emterra contract, it's…these are long term commitments, so we should make sure we're giving it our due diligence and I'm sure

the staff, Moira Geer and the others, are very serious about this and want to make sure they give us their best advice and it'll be up to us to make the final decision.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Point of privilege.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. Yet again, the administration's report according to His Worship is not due until the last Council meeting of the year. How would we…how we would…how would we vote on this?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, that's not a point of privilege. That could have been raised in question period. You'll have to have…

Councillor Schreyer: I only had three questions, Madam Speaker. That's (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Yeah, we can go to second round of questions, are allowed under the procedure…Councillor Schreyer, there's 52 seconds if you choose to ask a question, you may proceed. The chair.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. But it's along the same line of questioning and on that basis I assumed I wasn't able to ask a (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: You can ask a second round, 40 seconds.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The point is and I'm truly grateful that, I believe in the…our last Council meeting last month, His Worship did make the statement that the administration reports back…when I asked on this, on a similar issue that his response on that issue, was that the administration reports back on the last Council meeting of the year. And on that basis, how do we vote on this in September when the administration doesn't report back until presumably December?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayes, if you could answer the question.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, Councillor Schreyer avoided a shot clock violation there, so well done. I don't remember that and I'm not sure there's obviously some confusion here. No, we'll have the report, we get the annual Veolia report, I think that's coming to our September Water Committee meeting. We get an annual report on the, I can't think of the acronym, the water, the entire garbage recycle pick up, we get that annual report, we do get a series of annual reports from Water and Waste staff, but this is separate from that. This will be their assessment of the bids basically that certainly we, at our last committee meeting, got the annual report on basically the whole, you know, the diversion rate, our efforts on garbage and recycling complaints in and on about Emterra and there was some lively debate about that. So I think we do get annual reports, but no, this is coming in the fall because we have to.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. The rest of the conversation will be offline.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION DATED JUNE 20, 2016

Madam Speaker: Okay, we're moving on to the next committee, which is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. Councillor Browaty on the report dated June 20th.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move report 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions, no by-laws, now have question period for Councillor Browaty.

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Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt. Just one moment, I would like to confer with the clerk and I would like to hear your question. Okay, Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted just to rise to ask Councillor Browaty, and he could take it under advisement if he doesn't know the answer, is the motion, it was a number of months ago now with regards to looking at setting up an application, online application or an app for snow removal on P3 streets to allow for smaller enterprises, individuals, others to be able to bid potentially in a process which will allow them to do snow removal on residential streets, on residential sidewalks, maybe back lanes as well. Maybe it's a creative way to and try to get more folks out there, expand the market and at the same time improve possibly customer service to our citizens. Does Councillor Browaty have any update or in terms of where that's at right now because it was, I believe referred from your committee to the administration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Councillor. I don't have an update available at this time, but I will certainly follow up with the question and provide a response.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question?

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Was there any time limit given at your committee in terms of when they have to report back by? Do you recall?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Actually, I don't. Again, in all technicality the Innovation Committee has the four SOA's that reports to it, as well as oversight over the $1 million capital innovation fund. So if this could be funded through that particular fund, it would fall under the jurisdiction of this committee. Otherwise, it really would be a Public Works Committee issue at this point. I'd love to see some, perhaps, changes to the Organization By-law to change the mandate of the Innovation Committee, but as it is currently, I've been advised by the public service that the scope of the committee is a little bit limited.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, final question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. To your knowledge, has the public service, Public Works being the public service in this case as the appropriate department, made any application to the innovation fund of a $1 million to be able to assist them with funds to be able to do this work? Because I happen to know that this is one of the concerns expressed by Public Works, but I quickly pointed out to them the fact that there was this fund available for them. Have they made any application for it?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: The call for 2016 applications has been a little bit delayed. We've requested public service to look at expanding who was being asked to reply. In the past, it was just the most senior directors; in fact, Council wasn't even canvassed to have, as to whether they had any innovation projects that they thought were worthwhile. My idea is like, if you're a grass cutter and you think, you know, a $500 extra piece of equipment that's non-existing, ideas from the…are right at the ground level and through or people throughout the organization at all levels. I'd like to sort of, you know, you don't have to have a report submitted through the RIS to be able to make a request to the innovation capital fund in my mind. The idea is it's almost like a common carbon lunchroom that could perhaps make its way through to the committee. That's what I'm trying to get to, I'm just figuring out the issues with getting to that is what is taking a little bit longer than I would have liked. In regards to the particular snow clearing app that or snow clearing processes that the Councillor's looking for, my discussions with the director have been such that they're not all that keen on moving forward with this particular initiative, so I don't think there has been any work done towards preparing an application for this, at least, that was my last discussions with Director Lester Deane.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, Councillor Browaty, my question pertains to report that I guess was taken for information at the last Innovation Committee on Wi-Fi on buses. Just and other jurisdictions are looking at having pretty important

deployments of Wi-Fi on buses including New York and other jurisdictions, and I'm just wondering what the next step might be in terms of perhaps exploring pilot project or how do we move forward from here? I know that there's going to be new demands for Wi-Fi on buses with the recently released Pokémon Go. I'm sure Winnipeggers will be going everywhere in Winnipeg looking for their favourite Pokémon, whether it's Pikachu or another, I digress. So I'm just wondering how we might move this file forward. I know that it's just an anecdote I, you know, I heard a story about someone who had limited income and one of the ways that they saved on their monthly bill was accessing internet through various City facilities, whether it's buses or other city facilities. I think it's an idea that has merit and that we should move forward. I know the Mayor has also made some comments about how it would be good for Winnipeg and wondering what the next step might be.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. Based on an early, you know, off the top numbers from Director Dave Wardrop, the size and the scope of a wide implementation of Wi-Fi on buses would certainly be beyond the innovation capital fund $1 million annual piece. On top of that, there is ongoing operating. In terms of coming back with a very specific pilot project, that's something that could perhaps be entertained through the innovation capital fund, it would be worth doing. Perhaps pick a particular route or a rapid transit line. There may be an opportunity to further explore the option of Wi-Fi on buses. It's interesting, it's such a mixed bag out there in terms of jurisdictions that do go towards Wi-Fi and the ones that don't. I was on a Canada Line a couple of weeks ago in Vancouver, brand new, great rail line. Interesting, you go to some of the underground spots, full bars on my cellphone through a cellular data plan. Other jurisdictions, you know, going really heavy on the Wi-Fi. So one side or the other, whether it's you know, not every jurisdiction is going Wi-Fi. I know places like St. John's Newfoundland, one place I've been where I noticed I got a signal here for Wi-Fi, they've actually gone and removed it because the ongoing operating costs are high. The…when you share one, you know, Wi-Fi modem if you will on a bus, you've got multiple people using it, people's expectations now are that you know, I can get video on my Facebook stream. When you've got five people sharing one cellular connection that collapses pretty quick, you know, people are wanting to do things like even streaming audio if you do a, you know, five people trying to do Spotify, you might not have enough capacity. So there are some limitations to Wi-Fi and if you start adding, you know, four or five modems, the cost goes up exponentially. Trying to find a way to fund it, that's going to have to be a discussion. Will our provincial partners, if this is an ongoing piece that we're going to implement system-wide on the whole network, would Wi-Fi service be one of the cost-shared pieces that the Province of Manitoba would go as part of the 50/50 funding formula, or would that be something that the City would have to do alone. Would we need to increase fares to the public to provide that service? There's a whole multitude of questions you would have to explore before it's implemented system-wide. But it's again a discussion certainly worth having.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Allard: Do I get another question?

Madam Speaker: Do you have a final question?

Councillor Allard: Yup.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: Just, can I ask a question on a different topic?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: Okay, just on while we're talking about Wi-Fi, we also considered Wi-Fi at municipal facilities recently. I know, I was in conversations with Shaw, who was hoping to open up approximately 200 Wi-Fi hot spots across Winnipeg facilities.

Councillor Orlikow: Just for clarification for the committee, I believe there's no preamble.

Councillor Browaty: On a follow up.

Councillor Allard: So what would be the next step? A report was taken for information on Wi-Fi for municipal facilities. I understand there was opportunity in terms of private sector opportunities. What's the next step as the report was or the motion was taken as information at the Innovation Committee at the last (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. I think actually it's a worthwhile endeavour to figure out this particular piece. There are some costs implications as we currently get an annual per device fee from Shaw for locating in civic facilities. So it really probably should have been referred to the budget process. But I do think it is a worthwhile endeavour. Again, sole sourcing to one company, you have to be open that…that's not what we're looking at here. We'd have to make that opportunity open to other providers and there would have to be discussion on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Browaty actually hit on the heart of one of my questions or my first question a moment ago. That is has to do with the pathways through which innovative ideas can flow up to his committee; and I'm wondering if, he indicated a little bit that they may be working on it, I wonder if he could just tell us what routes or pathways are being established so that if you do have a frontline worker, who many of which, can come up with creative ideas whether it's someone in permits or grass cutters as you say or you know a meter-reader, Water Waste, may have an innovative idea, is there an established pathway by which, you know, they can get their idea forward and through their director and ultimately onto the…on to the table at the Innovation Committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. I really appreciate the question. Different jurisdictions have different things that they do. I'm hoping we can be a leader in this regard in terms of opening it up. Honestly, I think for this year, we may open it up a little bit broader and but it will still probably just be emailing the ideas through the committee clerk, taking them through the departments and asking if you know, they can prepare a little bit more meat in terms of how they would implement it. So we're just trying those details out. I know some cities like Portland, Oregon, for example have programs that allow municipal employees and I think even the public that's perhaps even somewhere where you know we'd like to go where innovation ideas there's a process to receive feedback from the public on innovative delivery of municipal services so hopefully sooner than later.

Madam Speaker: Second question.
Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker, similar to Councillor Mayes a moment ago, his answer just evaded my second question. So I'll put it this way, is the Councillor aware that I would be in favour of seeing the public also, this be expanded to the public so that members of the public, citizens of Winnipeg that have creative, innovative ideas could bring their ideas forward? Perhaps that's down the road in another iteration or you know, in the development of the committee. But is he aware of that?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I, too, am supportive of that idea and I think that was part of the idea of this fund. You know, again last year, I mean it was just the directors. This year hopefully we can get it out to City staff. We're still working on some of the technicalities of that and I would absolutely be open to the idea of working to the public going forward.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you. I just was interested in your follow up response on a couple of the questions with regards to the innovation fund. So I was not aware and remiss maybe on my part, maybe a memo went out I didn't see or email. But in terms of the innovation fund and a call for proposals for the innovation fund. Could you take us through that, exactly what that's involving? Is it a report coming back to your committee and exactly how is that going to work in terms of that $1 million?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Last year was the year number one. We actually had a really great number of projects that came forward from the public service and we started again, you know, with sort of a top down process. We've got initiatives that are able to provide all sorts of additional revenue through innovative program through the Assessment and Taxation Department that will use satellite imagery to find additions to the tax roll that weren't necessarily where permits were applied for. It'll be used by existing city staff, it's not an ongoing operating cost increase, it allows our staff to do their jobs better over at Assessment and Taxation. We've got a tool now for illegal dumping. There's all sort of great innovations that came out through this particular process. Again, my really hope is that we'll be able to, for this 2016 round of applications…oh and by the way last year, the email did not even go to Councillors, there was no notice, there was nothing. In 2016, we haven't had…Councillor Mayes is smiling. 2016 there hasn't even been, we haven't done the call yet. I'm still working with the public service trying to figure out how this process can work exactly. I apologize for the

delay, but there's been some back and forth, I should be pushing a little harder myself, I have in the last number of days worked with the COO. Hopefully, we'll have something before the end of the month is my hope, but I'm not promising that today.

Councillor Wyatt: And is the concept that this would be open for ideas from Members of Council, members of the public service, members of the public, what is the, who is the customer if you like or who is the entity that can apply or are eligible to apply for the innovation fund? Can you take us through that?

Councillor Browaty: Yeah, my thinking this year is in terms of the call, we would open the call up at least to the public service as well as Council. Some of the, you know, I think some of the departments are already coming up with some concepts that maybe you know, into the five and six figures. I'd expect, you know, ideas coming from the public service may be smaller dollar amounts, but maybe they're bigger, I don't know. Of course, at the Innovation Committee any member of the public can come forward during that meeting to appear in delegation. So I mean, in some ways, it is open to the public. This year, I think going forward, I mean, there may be opportunities to pair the public with people in the city to provide service in a better, more innovative way. But I don't think this year, the intention is to go broadly to the public, keep the public come at the committee stage, absolutely, but the call that I'd like to get out in the near term, is to people within the City organization including Council.

Madam Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. And what is the reporting structure in terms of that call? Is there a report that goes to your committee in terms of the call going out? So that we know that it's been issued and is in terms of that, and I guess also the results of it too.

Madam Speaker: Answer the question.

Councillor Browaty: My thinking is the call would go out via email to the City organization. The responses would come back in a variety of formats. Some of the departments have already, I think, some ideas that are going to be in a format that feels consistent with the RIS. Some will go by email to the Committee Clerk and will be reviewed by the committee. And then the thinking is once we have them at the committee, we will then challenge the various directors to figure out how to implement it and what they're feedback on those particular ideas and the practicality of implementing it. Some of them may be labour relations issues, some of them, you know, just practicality so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED JULY 5, 2016

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We're now moving on to the next committee, which is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated July 5th.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to introduce this report, these reports. Sent a huge thank you out to the department for doing an enormous amount of work. Over 60 reports went out this month. And move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 to 28.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Twenty five and Twenty six.

Madam Speaker: Okay. I'll call the question on Items 1…

Councillor Wyatt: Oh, I'm sorry, and 12 and 13, please. Sorry.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Items 1 through 11, 14 through 24, 27 and 28. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 12.

Item 12 – Gas Station Arts Centre Review

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll wait to hear comments from my colleague and try to respond from there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I just wanted to rise to say that I'd like to...I think this is a great project. I want to compliment Councillor Gerbasi on her work that she's done on this project. It's in her ward. I think we heard many delegations at the standing committee on this item. There's no doubt that this is a very unique project that is very unique for our city. I think the first of its kind. We have housing, and housing for artists, and then you have a theatre as part of the same housing project. To me, I always like to...if we can do a project right the first time, do it right the first time and just get her going. This allows us to proceed with part of the project, not all of the project. It would be great if we could proceed with all of it. Now, in the committee, it's not really referred to in the report that I can see that in the committee or at least in the recommendation clauses, but it was stated in the committee that the onus is on the public service to bring back a report for a city-wide targeted city-wide mixed-use, multiple-family housing grant or something to this effect that where there's not a one-off, and that's good. I think that's very good because we have done that before. We actually don't need to reinvent the wheel. I know there's issues in terms of some issues with regards to TIFFs, taxing and financing. But, you know, we have employed them in the past with success. The crucial thing with a TIFF is two-fold, in my mind. Number one, eligibility should be...the question has to be asked, would this project happen if the TIFF was not there. That's number one. And then number two, are the dollars that have been identified in the TIFF to front end to the development accurate as possible? I know there has been issues in the past with the latter one. More or less, Corporate Finance has expressed concern that what we have forwarded in terms of taxing and refinancing for whatever reason the project starting late or it being changed as it went forward in terms of the amount of size or scale of a project and then all of a sudden, the taxes coming back are not exactly what was foreseen. I would like to know how much of a variation that is, but I also understand that even if it was a minor variation, our CFO and our folks at Corporate Finance are cautious by their very nature, and thank God they are, and so they're protecting the financial interests of the city. And so…but there's got to be a way to deal with that issue and to do it so that you have built in a margin of error so that you could still go forward. You know, I can tell you that there was many projects in some neighbourhoods...some areas of the city you don't need a TIFF, it's very clear that projects can proceed without the taxing or refinancing. And it's just because of the nature of the neighbourhood, because of the market, because of the place of the neighbourhood, but there's other areas of the city, a lot of them are in older neighbourhoods of the city where existing services are already there. They need urban renewal. We need this tool to help facilitate that. Because the reality is greenfield development is less costly and that's why it happens more or less on a large-scale in the city versus brownfield development which can mean polluted but also can mean renewal in an existing older neighbourhood of an existing...where you have to assemble land, and land assembly issues are very costly and complicated as well as potential demolition and changes to existing structures as part of those projects. These are the sorts of things that we really should be encouraging, and so I just want to thank Councillor Orlikow who shepherded this matter and the members of the committee and also the residents and those who spoke at the Standing Committee on Property and Development. They spoke passionately, they really believe in this project. They've been at this project for some time. And there's no doubt that this is the kind of thing that we should be encouraging. Now, you could argue that development is already happening. There's lots of housing happening. In terms of the funding here, but the reality is in terms of multiple family housing in this neighbourhood and Corydon, Osborne area. But the important point here was that there was the issue of the affordable nature of the housing and why that housing component needs some municipal assistance. And if you look across the country, Madam Speaker, this is not something that is out of the exception to the rule. Cities and other cities in western Canada employ the tax increment finance model to assist especially with more affordable housing, and why? Because, unfortunately, municipalities across Canada have very limited tools in terms of these sorts of things other than supplying an outright grant or outright cash. The tax increment finance model is deployed quite often. And so, that's why I think it's crucial that we as quickly as possible bring back a report that clearly states across the City target. We did it from 07 to 09 and expired 09, 010. And we did it targeted in…both in downtown and targeted in neighbourhoods throughout the city based on a number of criteria. And it worked, and I think ever since then, you know, I've noticed a slowdown in many of those neighbourhoods in terms of new infill development projects. Even though the market has been strong, but there has definitely been a slowdown, and yet, in some other parts of the city, multiple family housing is still going strong and booming and you see it. Especially in the greenfield areas, especially in the powerful economically more successful or whatever the terminology is of the south of the city, but, you know, we still have that demand in the older neighbourhood and there's a need for a program like this. So I hope that will come back quickly. It would be great if it come back quickly enough so that this...these folks could proceed as one entire project so that they can actually see it come to fruition altogether instead of...because there's a cost involved, of course, Madam Speaker, if you are building part of your project, and then you got to come in later and build the other part. There's literally hundreds of thousands of dollars that adds to the cost

of your project. And that would really be a shame on a project like this, which is a multiple family housing project, which is affordable housing. I also want to add that we have a historic opportunity now in terms of what's happening federally. The Federal Government is coming forward with funding for sewers, funding for transit, and funding for housing. Those are the big three. And, you know, we got to get out…we got to insure Winnipeg receives its fair share because other municipalities and other cities across this country are getting their fair share. We got to make sure that we do our part, and one of the greatest success stories I just like to point out and maybe it might be of assistance to the Mayor and EPC is...and it's one of the secrets of Winnipeg is the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, the WHRC. The WHRC was started in 1970s by this council. It now has over 1,000 affordable housing units. It has over $45 million in assets. It provides quality affordable housing.

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

Councillor Wyatt: It supplies affordable housing…quality affordable housing. When I say that…what I mean is it's well maintained. It's looked after. The vacancy rates are incredibly low. Not like I'll point out to Manitoba Housing where vacancy rates are high because of the issues they have. And so we have actually a vehicle if we wanted to engage it in terms of this. You know, it's interesting, in the last little while I've gotten calls from developers who do business out west, but because of the slowdown out west have come here now, and are doing business here, and they were telling me about...and I've met with them and engaged the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation in these discussions, and to see where we could go. But they have some programs, for example, in the city of Saskatoon where they are building very affordable condominium mobile family units, and when I say affordable, I mean under $200,000. One of the biggest challenges they have found is, you know, not the fact that people could not afford to live there and buy and have an asset and build equity in their own personal lives, which is crucial for anybody, but the fact that they can't qualify for the mortgage because they don't have a large enough down payment. Matter of fact, it's one of the reasons why so many folks today out there are renting. It's not because they want to rent. It's because they don't have the ability to save enough for that down payment. And you talk about first-time home buyers, first-time home buyers, where you only need 5% down, but yet, that 5%, when you have a land transfer tax and everything else added in and legal fees and everything, all of a sudden, boom, it's a big, big challenge for a lot of folks out there. So in some jurisdictions, they're actually giving municipalities...they're stepping up and helping with the developers matching. There's things we could be doing I guess is what I'm saying. Thank you, Madam Speaker.
Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank in particular Councillor Orlikow. I know he worked really hard on this, EPC and all of Council for getting it this far. The Gas Station Art Centre Project has been a dream for many years. It's been years and years of work. And on behalf of the community and those of us on the committees that have dealt with...that have heard the presentations many times, but it's a very unique and complex process to get to the point where you can come forward with a project like this and I'm not sure if all of Council is aware that it's not only reinvigorating and making sustainable…an arts organization that puts on one of the best comedy festivals if not the best in Canada, and is a fixture in the Osborne Village community. It's part of the fabric of the community. It's really important that it continues…over the years...it is a brownfield site. And over the years it has struggled and community and efforts from volunteers, boards, and other patrons have kept it going to this point. So this motion today that we're supporting…this support for the theatre aspect of the project is really, really important, and I thank all of Council in advance for supporting that. Councillor Wyatt raised a number of issues on the broader housing issue of affordable housing is that Chair of housing as well, I would like to make a few comments on that as well which is part of the bigger picture of this item in front of us. I also...just, before I get to that, I just wanted to mention I'm not sure if everyone is aware but the uniqueness of this project. Affordable...or housing is happening in Osborne Village. People are building new multi-family units, but they're not building complex projects that have co-op housing, housing for artists, social housing, art, housing for the deaf/blind community, housing for McDonald Youth Services, people that are graduating from those programs and need a place to live. This is something that meets so many goals, and it's something that needs to be done in partnership with the other levels of government that have that responsibility for some of those areas more on the social housing side and stuff and that's what this vision is, it includes all of that. There is funding for the social housing aspect of it. Our housing policy focuses more on affordable, but it also focuses on partnerships. So, I think what we need to do with the tax increment financing programs as we go forward is target them to the things that truly are not going to happen without the tax increment financing support. We have to be very careful because, they're…you know, we...our resources are scarce and we want those taxes that we grant back to people to be taxes that we would not have received because the thing wouldn't have happened without that. And what is really hard to make happen right now is social housing, co-op housing. These projects take three to four years of the community going out and pulling in people that sign up and to join the co-op and believe in a vision like this as well as going out to the other levels of government and getting funding and doing community fundraising as well. So it's a much more complicated thing than simply a developer coming forward and saying I want to build some housing, you know, in Winnipeg. There was...I just wanted to advise Council as well if you weren't aware that we moved another motion at the committee asking that the public service work with the Housing Steering Committee to develop a new housing program

to support projects which include co-op and non-profit housing and have significant affordable and social housing components using financial tools such as taxing increment financing if appropriate. And also that it would be designed to enable partnering with new and existing federal and provincial housing programs. So this is a very targeted program that I really agree with the comments earlier by Councillor Wyatt that we need to target this. We need to do it quickly so it can support these complex and important projects that are vital to our community. Our artists have no place to go. They don't make a lot of money being an actor. We heard some very heart-wrenching stories from the many delegates we've heard over the last year or so as this project has come forward. We know there's other...at least one other really good co-op project that's out there that is going to provide social housing as well as affordable in partnership with the other levels of government if they can go ahead. So I think the targeting is important, and the other piece I want to also concur with Councillor Wyatt mentioning the Federal Government has committed a pocket of money to housing. We don't know what these programs are going to look like yet. We don't know, and we don't want to miss our opportunity to benefit for the City of Winnipeg and our residents to benefit from that. But we have to also be doing our part to be ready with some sort of a program that we can partner with. If we don't have anything in place, then we won't really...we may miss an opportunity to access some of that. And so I really…I'm looking forward to seeing this motion that we moved. It's gone to the administration and it will come back through the committee process. Because I think we need to do two things, we need to be ready to support these amazing difficult challenging, desperately needed types of housing in a way that we can afford because it's incremental taxes because these projects wouldn't be happening without our support. And we need to be ready when those federal programs are ready. Right now consultations going on a housing strategy, a national housing strategy, the first phase of it is on the broader picture of it, and the second phase of it is on the specific programs coming forward. As you know, FCM is very involved in...at that level of consulting on those programs as they come forward, and trying to make sure that the interest of the municipal sector, which doesn't always have the same resources. You know, it's going to have access to some things. So, I just wanted to make sure Council understood all that, but having said that, thank you, thank you Councillor Orlikow, EPC, everybody for finding a way to support this project in Osborne Village. It's an integral part of the community. It's part of the character of Osborne Village, and there's been a need for this, the housing component of it, if it can find a way to carry on. There's a need for this to support our artistic community, our vulnerable people, deaf/blind people as well as those with McDonald Youth, our youth. This is a way to support all of that, and the mixed housing idea is very innovative. It's a much better way of bringing in…including people in our community, having vulnerable people living side by side together with everybody in a beautiful mixed high density community there. It's just perfect, and I think we have to find a way to do our part in a way that's affordable and reasonable for us. But this is so great, and I just want to thank everyone, and I'm really pleased to see it here today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Oh sure. Thank you very much for this discussion. The questions are Councillor Dobson, putting you on notice to let you know that the conversation that councillors have to have…and we have to decide as a group, is A) do we as a city want to support affordable housing? I will do my best to convince you that this is a good idea. But again, Council has to decide. It is a huge commitment. It is very complicated. So the idea of just doing a one off grant we've done in the past and here, just get it done, but then you who also have the next project, I'm going to say no to you because whatever reason. Again, we're trying to get past all those models. The GSAC model for the theatre, the TIFF is kind of reflective of we'll see you later on with the Forks, kind of the community amenities space. So there was a basis on that one. But I was very concerned about opening up arbitrarily without Council's support or knowledge of, A) do we as the City want to go into affordable housing? Well, that's...maybe this council here today says, of course we do. But again, that has not always been the practice in the past. So again, I think it would be wrong-headed of us to forge ahead with the policy of that magnitude without having Council concurrence on it. So again, that is really important to do. People should know that the affordable housing applications, that's not the only one we have in the queue right now. We have another beautiful proposal over at the hospital site…Grace Hospital site, another one. And I've had numerous. Again, but they're all over the place…different types of programs. So again, this is an opportunity for us as a council in September to say, A) yes, we do support affordable housing, and we want to be more of a director player because we are. We actually are. What we're talking about is a financing model. The GSAC proposal was given other tools that we do use which is such as increasing the density allowable based upon our zoning. We do have other tools that we do have to help encourage developments and those will also be a part of it. Is TIFF the only tool we want to use for affordable housing? What is affordable housing? Is it market based, a little bit lower or is it co-op or...there's many, many questions. And again, we aren't the first city to do this, so again, we will be sharing with our colleagues across the country to see what best practices they have going on forward. And then we also have to talk about what tools we want to use and how much do we want to spend. Again, it's very easy for councillors...our councillors in general or politicians in general whose term may be over by the time that happens, but we have a fiduciary duty to this city to make sure that we're not leveraging our future by just opening up the gates and just spending all the TIFF money we can. We're going to have to have a discussion about that a bit as well. So again, these are all very positive discussions. I'm very excited to be a part of, and helping to champion the road through. But it has to be with Council. We're going to have to decide what we want. Administration have already talked about different tools. TIFF may be one tool. I've talked to some housing

groups. They don't believe TIFF is a good tool. They are quite concerned about that being the sole tool that we use. So again, we'll involve the other stake holders. I've talked to banks and Councillor Wyatt commented on that. Banks are willing to participate in this as well, strangely so. They see the value of it. They have done it in other cities. They're part of the program, part of the lending and trying to help people get the first time down deposits. But again, they're not going to do that unless we have a clear criteria and we have clear eligibility listed. The banks are not going to touch us with a ten foot pole until that happens. So this is all…the Federal Government. We know the Federal Government hopefully will come on board. We will mold them so we can access that money. Again, but it needs to be a Council decision. This is a very large policy decision that will outlive all of us because the job that is entailed for us to do this, it is to me a fundamental right for people to be able to have a home. How they do so, again, there's different ways of that. We know that there's too many people living in very crammed quarters, couch surfing from house to house. That provides such a social instability within a network of families and neighbourhoods that has an incredibly negative effect. Councillor Wyatt talked about it today…again, it's another policy discussion, should we target to specific areas only? Or should it be broad based and let the market decide where affordable housing? You know, we have the ghettoization model…does that happen if we start targeting too hard? Or do we set limits? So there's lots of really great questions that I'm not shying away from. And our committee, fantastic people, we won't shy away from it. But we want to make sure that Council also has an opportunity to have that say. So again, GSAC was one piece of that puzzle. I'm very happy it's there. It does allow the project to go forward. We will be meeting with Minister Scott Fielding to talk about whether the provincial…what are they feeling about where this is at, and where would they like to go forward with it because again, it will have to be a partnership with all levels of government. So again, it's an exciting time for us, the City of Winnipeg. I think it's way past due myself. But again, I will try to relate that to my committee members and to Council as a whole. But again, at the end of the day it will be up to Council to…A) yes we want to do this or no we don't. And B) What tools do we want to use?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 12, Gas Station Arts Centre Review. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 12…13.

Item 13 – Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce?
Councillor Orlikow: No. I'll just quickly mention this is a smaller amount of money to start leveraging other money from FCM and other groups to get the brownfield strategy included. It's in the process now. But again, if we can leverage $100,000 or plus from other groups based upon a $20,000 investment I think, that's good value. So again, we do have these redevelopment sites, brownfield redevelopment sites in the city. We do know the City of Winnipeg is running out of land rapidly. So the value of this land is going up, which is great, because that allows some of the cost and remediation to be covered somewhere. But again, we have to start dealing with brownfield as well. We've done…transformative areas have been dealt with quite well. I think most of them are getting developed at this point. Infill could still do better. But again, I believe one of the last pieces of our social…our land high, I'll call it, would be the brownfield. So I'll wait to hear what the comments from the councillor are.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, thank you Madam Speaker. I spoke at this committee. This is coming out of a motion going back to April the 30th, 2014. Council concurred on recommendation of the standing policy committee that the public service be directed to formulate a brownfield redevelopment strategy for both public and private lands and report back to the standing policy committee in 120 days. Subsequent extensions of time were given by the standing policy committee on April the 14th, 2015 and February the 16th, 20...sorry, April the 14th, 2015, and April the 16th, 2016 and May 10th, 2016. So I guess, first of all, I was the mover of that motion back in April of '14. And it's…this is a project…this is a strategy which is, I think, absolutely crucial to our city economic success. If you believe in growing the tax base versus raising taxes this is something which is absolutely crucial. Because there are literally hundreds and hundreds of acres if not thousands of acres in the city that are brownfields that we have over the last number of 10, 15 years, you talk about ad hoc basis, we've been dealing with these on an ad hoc basis. And we haven't done it with a strategy and it's frustrating that it's taken over two years to get a document back to Council saying that now we have money to actually now write the strategy. And that's really disappointing, but at least it's here. And at least it's going forward, and at least we're going to try now to apply for bringing municipal funds to get the strategy moving. But you know, the economy right now is strong, Madam Speaker. We are literally missing the boat. There's tons of land. You look at…you go down any community in the city almost and you will drive down the main streets of our city, and you will see a vacant lot, and that vacant lot is there even though commercial and residential on either side. Why? Because there used to be a gas station there. That's a brownfield. That's basically a site that's contaminated, that's sitting there. They prefer to sit on it. They can't do anything with it. They won't remediate it and it's sitting there. This is…and yet, if it were remediated and cleaned up, would their development happen on it? Absolutely. Why? Because you have services there, and you have a relatively strong economy where you still have development happening in the city. Across this city, we are running into

this. We literally have…in my ward, we had 40 acres of brownfield...City of Winnipeg walked away from its own brownfield site. We built $50 million new Public Works facility and the Public Works Department walked out of it as if they didn't have any…thank goodness, this council showed initiative. Previous council showed initiative issuing a joint in venture…EOI. And this council closed on it and it's finally going forward to clean up the site. But if…and we're, you know, we're not out of the woods on that one yet. But that's a huge brownfield site that needs to be cleaned up. Across this city, we've had to find ways to make solutions. Because of brownfields and almost tanked a housing development a few years ago on Waterfront Drive called Sky. And that one almost went south because of a massive Brownfield underneath of it, pollutants that were there left by Winnipeg Hydro under the ground. And so, we scramble all over the place to deal with these things, and yet, this speaks to the whole idea of Our Winnipeg and it speaks to densification, it speaks to urban renewal, it speaks to the ability for us to see older neighbourhoods renew themselves. And it also, believe it or not, the Federal Government wants to put money into this too at the same time, so…which is really amazing. So you know, we got to get going on this stuff. Two years. More than two years to bring it here to tell us that, you know what, now we're applying for the money. Really? Really? Like this is the kind of stuff that can modernize and change a city, and people come here and say, oh, well I remember this used to be an old gas station. Well, look at that, there's an apartment block on this site or there's a business operating there paying taxes, Madam Speaker. Paying taxes new to the roll. I would prefer new rolls, new buildings, new to the roll than having to raise taxes. But, you know, this is the kind of thing that this could do. We're talking about a new impost fee or new impost fees and there's all this…there's this big concern going on right now. Developers are lining up all against it. Hiring lawyers and consultants and getting ready to fight the City and declare war on the City, and then over here we're having a consultant we hired 10, 12 years ago doing the same thing for us again. And you know what, maybe this is a way we can find common ground because if you are going to have a new development, maybe they should be helping to pay to clean up old sites that were developed at the turn of the last century or during the last number of decades that are now contaminated or underdeveloped sites or need clean up. Right across the city we have these and you know what, not just Winnipeg. Every modern, major western industrialized city has this challenge, and literally every...almost every major city in this country has had a brownfield strategy for years. And so, we're way behind, and, you know, this is an example where we got to get moving we got to get forward. If we really believe, you know, not in all this suburban greenfield and all this…I've heard so many speeches...if we really believe in this, let's get it going. Let's get that...let's get that money from the feds from the municipal fund and let's get strategy written, and let's get it back here before the end of the year. It can be done if the will is there. I've seen when the will is on, when there is the political will here, Madam Speaker, I have seen it where, you know what, anything can get done in this council. Things just go, and they happen. Let's make this happen. This is something which is great for our city. You know, and this is something that will actually improve every one of our wards together and by doing so, improve the whole city. Now, what's wrong with that? There's nothing wrong with that, and that's...and at the same time do it…we talked about the environment. A lot of these sites are literally...you know, there's contaminants in them, they're literally going…some of them are going into the water supply. Not that we're drinking that water anymore because we got pipe water, but it's going in, it does. It's going down into the run. We have other sites that are literally venting…venting out into the atmosphere in terms of methane gas and everything. Kind of like what I'm doing here with this council chair. You know, it's, it's...you know, it's frustrating that this is happening. And we know it can be done…and guess what, Madam Speaker? It's not a question of having to reinvent the wheel. You can go to almost any major city in this country and say, you know what? Go online, look up their brownfield strategy and just take it, cross out their name and put the City of Winnipeg and keep going. You know, we'll have to tweak it for sure we're going to have some new stuff. But you know what, it's an amazing situation where we own brownfields, we being the public. This province owns brownfields. The City owns brownfields and the private sector has underutilized brownfields sites across this city that are just...and you drive past them…like, look at the old Dominion Bridge site. You know, you drive past that site…I just cry every time I see that place. It's just…it's like, you know, they call it the rust belt out in the certain parts of the eastern United States…the rust belt. Well, that's Winnipeg's rust belt right there. I mean, if you look at that the, you look...but you know what, we can overcome these things. I give you an example of how things can be overcome. Sometimes you can add it to the tax base, sometimes the costs…

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

Councillor Wyatt: But you know, we…just from speaking from my community because that's what I know best from our...we had…the City of Winnipeg inherited from the City of Transcona a brownfield site. It was the old Public Works yard of Transcona that became the City of Winnipeg's Forestry's yards for all of Winnipeg on Pandora Avenue. We did a…we declared a surplus. We got it out. We got an expression of interest, and then sure enough, one company bid to put housing on it, and found out there was contaminants there. We had to work….working with the Province, working with the developer, working with our public service. We found a solution to ensure that the housing project went ahead, and we cleaned up the site. In another case where we couldn't find the money…where the cost and the issues of it were just so big and it was the old Domtar site in northern Transcona, literally hundreds and hundreds…huge site. That was where…Domtar was a company that made creosote. Creosote was used to sink the ties of all the railways that was built across this country. It was a preservative for the wood the held the rail line…the rails together. And so this…this creosote was literally…back then they didn't care, they just, you know, it was all over the land. Province had to come in

with Domtar working with the City, literally went into the backs of people's yards, dug out their yard, cleaned up the site. The site is now a nature site managed by Fort Whyte with a bequeath from Domtar to ensure that the funds are in place for them to be able to look after. So there's lots of ways we can deal with these things…these sites, to beautify our city, to make our city more attractive and to add to the tax base. So, let's get going. I'm happy this is here. I'm happy this is here...I don't want to be negative...I'm trying to be positive. I'm happy this is here. And I'm glad it's here, but let's...there's no time frames on it. But let's bring this back ASAP. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I just wanted to rise in support of this motion, and just in particular there's a very large brownfield in St. Boniface Ward, the former stockyard and Canada Packers site, and just wanted to urge my colleagues to support the motion, and perhaps just put an emphasis on the need for a study like this, and pleased to see it moving forward. I just...I know that in terms of this site in particular there's huge opportunity for development. An entire community really could go there if the direction was to develop it into a residential neighbourhood. So, eager to see this moved forward, and wanted to see...I just wanted to put those thoughts on the record, and I believe there's huge opportunity. I guess at this point we need the studies to move it forward and step in that direction. So, I wanted to urge my colleagues to support. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow, to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. Yeah, this is just to make sure that Council is aware, yes, it has taken a little bit of time because we do know that one brownfield is not another brownfield. We have to figure out where the brownfields are and what is the brownfield. Is it an old dump? Is it an old industrial plant? What is there? And then we also have to ask ourselves how much are we willing to pay or the developer pay to remediate this land so it's sellable. Again, I believe, as Councillor Wyatt has pointed out, with the increasing value of lands, it actually becomes more viable. I sometimes joke to people the great thing about our Exchange area was our slow growth. So we didn't get a lot of pressure to rip down all these historical buildings at the time because we didn't have…same kind of thing with the brownfields. We, you know, we had slow growth so there wasn't a lot of demand for those lands at the time. But Councillor Wyatt is correct that there is demand now coming from those lands. There's also opportunity with other levels of government as was pointed out by a number of people. We don't do these kind of redevelopment of brownfield lands by ourselves. It's usually in conjunction with the developer and/or another level of government. But it is time. We do have the metrics. It does have majority of their information. They have to tweak a little bit more information coming in regarding abandoned dumps and the leeching that is going from them and how far that goes and water tables. It's a hugely complex issue to try to identify all the Brownfields in the city and what they are and then start a hierarchy of where we think the best opportunities for redevelopment are. But again, it's because Winnipeg is growing. It is because there's demand for land in Winnipeg. These are very good things for us, which allows us to take the Esso…abandoned Esso station in its prime corner of many of our wards. It's prime, but it just sits there with a chain link fence around it. So that's great. Or some of the larger redevelopment lands around there. That said, we will continue to move forward with this report, and if development opportunities come forward by developers that wish to work with us in trying to remediate a specific piece of land, again, we'll have to do those one-off and continue to do that as we have in the past. Because again, we don't want to jeopardize developments, but we also have to make sure that if we're going to have a strategy, it's a city-wide strategy, that, again, developers will then know what the opportunities they have or even the public has, which ones will be nature preserves because we just cannot remediate them to that level that's required. So all this will be coming forward and I agree that we…regardless of this motion today, it's really just a leverage of other monies. That doesn't mean we're going to sit on our duffs and wait until we get the okay from FCM or whoever else. We'll carry on with that work on the brownfield strategy, and I'll endeavor to make sure that at least we have a good solid update in September, October.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 13, Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Council will now recess and reconvene at 1:30. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
July 13, 2016, at 1:39 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene the Ccouncil meeting of July 13th, 2016. We are on Item No. 25 under the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on Report No. 25. Madam Clerk.

Item 25 – Proposed Parcel 4-Forks Rail Side Development Update

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce.

Councillor Orlikow: It's a very exciting project which I will comment at the end. However, I'll wait to hear what my colleagues have to say.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stood this matter down. This was at our standing committee again. We did have a delegation pertaining to this matter, Mr. Paul Jordan of the Forks Renewal Corporation. And Mr. Jordan was...is always eloquent, very competent, energetic leader and does a lot for our city. And you know, I was…he made an interesting note, or made a point in the committee that I thought was quite remarkable. And that's this that, you know, we often say, you know, things don't change and are not changing but he says look back and think back 20 years. Twenty years ago, none of this was here. The Forks that we know today and all of the improvements that have happened there have happened in the last 20 years. Matter of fact, this was an old marshaling yard, this was an old rail yard and a brownfield site at that. And because of the leadership of this council…previous councils in this building, it was changed. This was a special project too. I know Bill Norrie and…who spent a lot of time lobbying Ottawa and the Province of Manitoba to make this project happen. Mr. Norrie was extremely passionate about bringing this all together in the late 1980s and, you know, it's actually 20-plus years. He was...he had a great passion for the downtown. I recall one time, my father was on Council with him, and I would have been about 12, and we went to visit him at his cottage, Mr. And Mrs. Norrie, Helen and Bill, at their cottage, they had a cottage on an island on Lake of the Woods. And a group of colleagues, there was Councillor Mitchelson and Councillor Ernst and Councillor Wyatt and others, we were all in the boat. It was Mitchelson's boat, and we went to the island, and there I was about 12 or 13, and there was Mayor Norrie on the island, and here he was entertaining Koizumi. Koizumi being the invited conductor for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Koizumi…and Bill was quite an extraordinary individual. You know, he was entertaining him, and him and Helen were entertaining him, but it was interesting that, you know, Mr. Koizumi didn't speak very...he spoke virtually any…no English. It was just Japanese. The only language he understood internationally was the language of music, you know, which is international, but somehow Bill Norrie is entertaining him at his cottage all weekend. Here he was. Then I recall clearly walking through the cottage and, you know, typically in cottages you see pictures of, you know, loons or, you know, moose or, you know, different things like this on the walls, instead Mr. Norrie had on his wall posters of core area initiative, core area initiative one, core area initiative two. He was so passionate about the downtown and what was happening. And so, you know, I harken back to this because of the fact that we can do amazing things as a council, and through leadership we can change amazing things, we can move rail yards. We can move rail lines out of the city. We can redevelop lands that were once not even...people didn't even know it was there. When the Forks was being built, people are wondering, what are they doing down there? What's all this activity all about? At one time you would drive down...at that time it was Water Street. You drive down Water Street, and there's these huge bumping...basically everybody remembers these massive garages, old garages that trucks would back into to unload from the freight trains. And they were lined up down Water…you couldn't even see the Forks at that point because of this massive...these massive buildings. And it really...it really changed the city. The energy that came from that really had a remarkable impact on Winnipeg. I mean, could you imagine Winnipeg today without the Forks? Absolutely not. And could you imagine Winnipeg now? Look what we've done as a city, as a community with the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. You know, at the Forks with all of the different festivities and activities that take place there. And how it's become almost like our Stanley Park if you like or our Central Park in the heart of our city. So I was extremely excited and impressed with the work that the Forks Renewal Corporation is doing on the lands to the north or sorry, to the west of Israel Asper Way. And, you know, that was tremendous, and the whole idea also they looked at the traffic volumes and patterns and the fact that, you know, we have this huge four-lane roadway that we really don't need a four-lane roadway, there's other things that we can do and it's going to be beautiful when it's implemented. It will be absolutely amazing. And so, you know, we can do things. We can dream is what I'm saying, Madam Speaker. We can dream about the idea of moving rail yards out of the city and freeing up land to do amazing things, but that dreaming has to come from the City. It has to come from here and has to engage our citizens because at the end of the day, Ottawa will follow what we want to do in terms of how we want to see the city, the Province, likewise as well. But, it is Council working with the citizens of Winnipeg that can truly do amazing things like this. And so I raise it to point out the fact that sometimes we throw our hands up and say it's impossible to do. It's impossible to deal with all these brownfields. It's impossible to move the rail yards. It's such a massive challenge. It's impossible to move the rail lines out. No, it's not. No, it's not. It can be done. Other cities have done it. Other cities are doing it as we speak in North America. It can be done, it takes the political will. The will to say, yes, this is what we want to do, this is what we want to see Winnipeg look like in the next 20 years. This is what we've done in the last 20, and this is where we're going to go forward now. And that's what can come out of things like this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, very much. Just for, I guess, the viewing public at home, congratulations to you all. But just to give you a little synopsis of what's going on right now and why this motion is here, this is actually a motion from previous council, so a previous term that's just really getting amended a bit going forward. The Forks is at the point now or past the point now where they've done, I think it's an ROI or ROP…something like that, and now they're at the selected some developers that are fitting within what they feel should go forward. They're looking at five story buildings, not forty story buildings. They're looking at enormous amount of integrated public space. Including things such as artist…working artists workshops underneath the bridge. They're looking at walkways. They're looking at full geothermal for the whole site. They're looking different types of mixed housing, some commercial while making sure they've reserved the green space that they do have. So, the initial plan that we had, again, dreaming the dream, just was a little too much for this time. It's not required, especially around the parking lot, the parcel four at this point that's down the line. But this here today, Council, will be signaling to the Forks and also signal to the developers who are looking at putting proposals forward that we are still with this proposal process. We are still going to commit the TIFF granting for the public space because there's an astronomical request for public space as being something that the neighbourhood and the stake holders who are involved in numerous consultations sessions with the Forks were quite clear about it that they want to make sure that this is not only green in the fact of energy consumption and use, but also green in the fact that it has that space. So Council has generally approved all of this. We're just kind of hiving off the Parcel 4 part to allow them to move forward. They're very happy about that. We'll deal with Parcel 4 in 10 years, 15 years whenever that happens. But this will get them to get through the first phase of the project, which is really just on the rail side where the parking lots are now to get that part of the project, Phase 1, I guess we're calling it now done. But, you're absolutely right. The Forks would not be there without that vision from days of past. We still have an incredibly good working relationship with the Friar Park group that's on the land. They have done amazing things for the City of Winnipeg and for downtown revitalization, and this is, again, a continuation of what Winnipeggers do want, I believe, to be able to find different types of housing in a very unique...they're calling it European style, which I'll be there shortly, where it's much more of a street-friendly. Cars will be kind of third tier in this whole development. It will be very pedestrian oriented. Houses will be…used to be very close to the sidewalk, and there will be a lot of interaction between the buildings themselves and the public as they engage on both aspects. So it's a super…super exciting project. It will take a while to get this whole project going, but this is a critical part just so they can start getting…the developers can start getting their plans together, the financing in order, and the Forks can start mapping out the space. Thank you.
Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item No. 25. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item No. 26.

Item 26 – First Charge for the 2017 Capital Budget and Amendment of the Seven Oaks Indoor Pool – Renewal Plan Capital Project Budget

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

Councillor Orlikow: My pleasure. This is an amendment. I'll see what the comments are from my colleagues. The majority of this has already been done through the budget process. However, I'll hear any concerns are at this point.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I stood this down mainly to…I am supportive of the clause, of course, and supportive of the project. This was a project that was started and money was starting to be set aside in the budget in the last term. It's a renewal of an older pool in your end of town, Madam Speaker. And it's...you know, a very good project to renew the area of the pool, especially with the growth and development that has occurred in northwest Winnipeg. And so, it's a very worthy project. It's…money was set aside, but Class 5 money, and they're trying to get up to the numbers that needs to be there in terms of actually being able to build it, and another 2.4 million was required. I was happy to see that there was an amendment made to the capital budget in terms of this project to allow that. The one part of the amendment, I guess, that I just want to point out, it's not here before us today, and there is an opportunity still to address it in a future capital budget. So I just want to point it out and hopefully it will be addressed. And that is this, that the first part of the clause that was amending the capital budget to place this pool was to say that funds would be coming from the $2.4 million was identified from the…funded from a partial deferral of a developer payback for the 20 of Keewatin Street, and that money was in place in 2017 already. The payback to the developers is not required, apparently, until 2018 now because of the timing of when they started the project. But the other part of this obligation, though, was the other part of the clause that's the concern, and that is then the developer payback, the 20 of Keewatin Street in 2018, be increased by the same amount offset by a decrease in the regional and local street renewal capital program. So what that basically means is to put it in English is that the $2.4 million here that we need now to get this pool going, which we're doing as a first charge against 2017, that money has been identified from a developer payback but then in 2018, that money is going to be needed for the developer payback so in 2018, what was proposed and voted on by Council was that the local street...the local and regional street capital program be rated to put the money back into

the developer payback for the 20 of Keewatin. And the problem with that, Madam Speaker, is that basically raids dollars from everybody's wards to…that are there to fix regional and local streets across this whole city. Let's find the dollars somehow, but let's find the dollars to make this project happen. This is recreation, Madam Speaker. Recreation is always seems to be kind of the last, you know...last thing thought of in many ways when it comes to infrastructure. It's considered…even called soft infrastructure versus hard infrastructure, whatever that means. But the fact of the matter is recreation is a big part of our quality of life as a city, and to...you know, sometimes you can steal from Peter to pay Paul, but in this case, you know, I don't think Paul is going to like it very much, so or maybe Peter. And you know, so that's the concern I have. That's again not before us today. What's before us today is the first call on what was decided in the last budget. But I'm hoping...and this was…and I understand, it was a last minute amendment that was made during the process which was very rushed and fast in the budget process in March and I understand that it was done partly just to make sure the project stays on track, which is important. But I'm hopeful that this could be addressed in the coming deliberations. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, did you have your hand raised? You have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise actually, I am in support of this report. The Seven Oaks Pool serves basically the city north of Inkster as its regional pool. That's West Kildonan, Maples, Amber Trails and probably will be serving all the new neighbourhoods that are getting built. So investment in this pool is very important and I appreciate that the ability to find the money was there, and Councillor Wyatt basically spoke to the moving money from roads and you know, Madam Speaker, when we really want to get something done and it's important, it seems that we can find the money. But I have to say, there's another pool that…there wasn't as strenuous an effort to find more money to do a proper job of that capital project and it happens to be in the northeast part of the city, and Madam Speaker, while I'm voting for this report, I just...I just had to rise and say it sort of demonstrates to me the inequity that was in the budget of 2016 when you voted on that in March, and so I would like to point that out. And yeah, when you are taking money from local and regional roads and you are moving it to...I personally believe, Madam Speaker, that recreation facilities are just as important as roads, and I believe that my residents feel that way. And so, it's not quite as problematic for me to see some road money going over that way to ensure that we have a quality facility that's going to be able to serve the people in the region that the Seven Oaks Pool does, Madam Speaker, but I just can't help but stand up and say how inequitable. It just, to me, you know, we should be supporting the whole city. That's what is important. I'm not a ward-centred person but when we're doing this kind of thing, you know, we have to...we have to try to meet the needs and wants and what the people, residents of Winnipeg, expect all around the city. And so, this was my opportunity to just speak of the inequity. This is a good report. I'll be voting for it. I'm glad that the Seven Oaks Pool will be serving our citizens much better in our part of the city, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. This actually motion does represent councillors working together to overcome issues that either pop up because we went with the Class 5 estimate without the proper due diligence because we had to get in a budget, and now we are kind of faced with this moment where we need to get the project done. This is a very unique project. The councillor for the area has been…was a very strong advocate for the project and brought in other levels of government to help out as well with the City. However, the reality was at the end of the day, we had a shortfall for this project. Again, working with the area councillor in a cooperative team kind of manner and working with the rest of the Executive Policy Committee and then with the rest of Council, we can find solutions that we work together. Doesn't mean that I'm going to get…if I worked together means I get my new arena at Charlie Barber, which, again, I don't…my arena's ending. Again, just because I don't get it, doesn't mean it's not equitable, it just means that it's just not the time for it yet. So we have to work together to try to find it. We do know that we all have enormous amount of pressure throughout the city for new infrastructure or to replace a whole different structure that's in Transcona, that's in Old Kildonan. We have areas in the city where there is no recreational infrastructure at all. So we have some huge challenges. We have some huge challenges on how we're going to go forward. But I just want to stress this was an issue that was raised up during the budget process, quite concerned by the area councillor. We spent an enormous amount of time and effort to try to find ways, and again, I echo what Councillor Wyatt is talking about with the road plan to try to find ways in which we can actually make sure this project goes forward. Because we knew for the area councillor and for the residents for the area by working together, we can try…we'll make this work. So again, to me this is an example of teamwork. Doesn't mean we always get our way, but again, this council is going to be using Class 3 estimates, much more rigorous demand on that. We're also going to make sure that budget items are in the budget actually have the money. They're not just a budget line that says we will raise from somewhere. We've got to make sure that the actual budget has the actual money that is in there. Not something that we hope to get at a later date. So it's just changing a few of those…and again, Councillor Morantz will talk about this and our structural deficit, I'll just do that for him right now. He would talk about some of these changes in our practices that we're trying to get to so we don't have the shocks during the budget season because Councillor Wyatt is right. When these things pop up, it usually happens during the last few months, and we have to try to find a solution quickly. So in this case working with the area councillor

with the support of the Mayor, the support of the EPC and Council, we are able to not only get the funding today, we're here to get the funding down now so we can get the project in the ground now. Again, it's going to save us money, but it's also an incredible amenity that the neighbourhood deserves so…and the whole quadrant. It doesn't limit the need for other areas at all. I understand completely there's many areas in the city in need. But again, we'll have to work on a case by case basis to see how we can resolve issues. But this one is another good news story. It's a good news story of working together. It's a good news story of a very unique amenity that's going into the area, and it's a good news story, I believe, even if you don't live in the ward or that area, drive on down. It's going to be a beautiful facility.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Orlikow. I'll call the question on Item No. 26. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions. Another report? No, that is it? Okay. Mr. Clerk, we're done with the reports, correct? Okay. No motion as I was saying. There are by-laws for first reading only. Councillor Orlikow.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 1ST READING ONLY

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that By-law No. 55/2016 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 55/2016.

Madam Speaker: We'll move on to by-laws for all three readings. Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Chair, thank you very much. I move 81…By-laws 81 to 84, 87 to 94 inclusive for a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 81/2016, By-law No. 82/2016, By-law No. 83/2016, By-law No. 84/2016, By-law No. 87/2016, By-law No. 88/2016, By-law No. 89/2016, By-law No. 90/2016, By-law No. 91/2016, By-law No. 92/2016, By-law No. 93/2016 and By-law No. 94/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Okay. I move that By-laws No. 81/2016 to 84/2016 both inclusive and 87/2016 to 94/2016 both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 81/2016 to 84/2016 both inclusive, and 87/2016 to 94/2016 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, on the suspension and the third reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 81/2016 to 84/2016 both inclusive and 87 to 94/2016 both inclusive, be read a third time and the same be ordered signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Councillor Wyatt.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Chair. And I know I raised this last month on a similar issue with regards to the by-laws and how they're coming forward. I know Legal looks at it from the point of view of legalese and everything has to be legal in terms of the wording and everything. However, we're the ones actually voting on this stuff and unless you have with you, the lawyer with the file and you actually can pick it up and consult with it, a lot of these by-laws, typically in the past we've often had maps, a schedule attached to it showing exactly the lands in question. So for example, I'll give you one, By-law No. 89/2006 where we just moved to acquire land for the purpose of the construction on Waverley Street at a CN mainline. We just…a whole bunch of properties were just moved through in the by-law. Now I know we voted on this in the past. These are decisions that Council made amongst all the other ones. But in the past, we've often had a…we've shown, okay this is what we are talking about today, and this is really important and I'm sorry for the big, long preamble but it's really important, especially for Members of Council that need to know that if they are in a conflict of interest or not, in any kind of situation, that they know when not to be voting on a certain matter and so it's crucial. Another one was the…which is the other one that I saw? Anyway, there's a number of them. But anyway, is it possible that…and Councillor Orlikow probably could take it under advisement, but is it possible if we could look into this and see if this could be a, even though not legally required, it would be a courtesy to Members of Council? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: The short answer is absolutely. The longer answer is we've already started working on this and you'll see some of the other ones will be pointed out where they've actually added the maps. Some of them in the past, they haven't and maybe we can the maps anyways or links to the initial motion. We can always refine it. But after the last comments that was well pointed out by Councillor Wyatt that the minimum nature of the language of the by-laws, yes, maybe that's all we have to do. But we are here as decision makers, so we have to provide that information, so you'll see in this one, it'll be a little, even at this by-laws they'll be a little more extensive. But again, if the issue is making sure that maps are present for all of them, again, even if it was passed that means the map was already there, it's just been carried forward. So I'll take that under advisement and pass that along to Clerk's.

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

Councillor Allard: I do. Just in terms of secondary plans, we have several in the books and I'm thinking about, well, first a secondary plan is happening in my ward with Provencher and the Old St. Boniface secondary plan. There is another plan that residents are starting to call for, I guess albeit indirectly because of industrial activity happening close to their residences. I'm wondering about priorization of secondary plans. Do we have a timeline on these plans? How are they prioritized? Because I know that in the case of the Mission Industrial Park secondary plan, which was a recommendation they came out of the unfortunate event of the industrial fire with Speedway International. So back to my, I guess back to the question of how are these plans prioritized? Are there timelines in particular, looking to move forward the Mission Industrial secondary plan? I'm wondering how I can help move that forward.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Councillor Allard for the question. Secondary plans, plan development overlays, whatever plans you want to call with there is a large list and it comes forward every year for approval through the committee. I'm not sure if it goes to Council or not, but I know it comes through the committee where the administration will put the list together of their own, but also on your point, Council approved ones, and then they'll come up with a prioritization list based upon numerous factors and then we vote on that.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. To give context to a concern which is being witnessed to Councillors on in this Chamber that being a…the committee that had to deal with making a judgment on appeal to a pawn shop that was being proposed in my ward at the corner of Hespeler and Henderson. The issue galvanized members of our community to work together for a secondary plan, plan development overlay, neighbourhood plan is what I see on paper we're calling it at this time. As Councillor Orlikow has stated, whatever you want to call it, we're coming up with a plan. It's been a long time, it's been decades since our area of the city's had a type of officialized secondary plan or planned development overlay. In fact, we've never had a PDO. Madam Speaker, in recent years, all PDOs in the city include stating no pawn shop, no pawn shops except for those that are already existed, are thus grandfathered. Since Councillor Allard has mentioned…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure, well my concern is when it comes to prioritization, until these PDOs exist, there was no obligation by the administration to inform me of the fact that there's going to be, there was this proposition in place. And it was only by being in the neighbourhood that I found out about it. I asked the advice...

Madam Speaker: Your question?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, Madam Speaker, of course. I asked the advice of the Chair of the Standing Committee what can one do to make sure that before we have our PDO in place or neighbourhood plan before it maybe prioritized or prioritized or priorized by the administration that until that time the intent of the actions by citizens of our neighbourhood to create one with the planners of the City of Winnipeg, that we are apprised of those things that might be going on in our area that go against the spirit of what we're trying to create right now.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, on to you.

Councillor Orlikow: Quite simple, just talk to your area planner, ask him what's going on in the neighbourhood that you don't know. They'll know about any PDOs. PDOs do require Council approval. There is a process for it, a public hearing process, a whole bunch of things. So but again, not exactly sure what the…my colleague's talking about regarding an appeal of some sort to some effect. But again, if there is a plan going on in the neighbourhood that is being driven by the administration, is there a conflict with either the Councillor, the area Councillor or the neighbourhood. Again, there's hearings that take place and there's public engagement that takes place. I just give a shout out to Councillor Gerbasi, who has been diligently working on an area plan for as long as I've known her it feels like. But it's an incredibly complicated and difficult task and again I've got to commend the administration for also working with her on that. So again, there's something area plan or secondary plan or imagery plan or whatever's going on in the department that you do have a concern with, by all means raise it. And if you're not sure what is going on in the area planning, again, your area planner would be well versed on all that including up to our Chief Planner, Braden Smith. They'll know, be able to tell you. Now the question about how do we priorize who goes first? That's what politics is all about. That's why we have a Council vote on it. Again, we all want ours to go first. We only…remember, we don't have that staffing levels that can do all this at once. So again, Council will be the ultimate arbitrator to decide what plans are priorized in which order. But again, the administration will bring forward pretty well all the stuff they're working on including working on and want to do, and then Council will decide which ones go where. Most of the priorizing, but again, if you have a concern about a plan that's going on in the area, the best person to be talking to is the Area Planner. Without satisfaction from that area, maybe they're not well versed in it, then it would be the Chief Planner.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing, no, okay, seeing none, we'll move on the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, and Community Services and Parks. On the report dated, we have a walk on report, paper copies on your desks, it's dated July.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS DATED JULY 11, 2016

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to suspend the rules and...ask to suspend the rules and that the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated July 11th be considered item by item.

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 – Service Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and The Winnipeg Humane Society

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce Item No. 1. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'm going to move that this report be adopted.

Madam Speaker: Any speakers on Item No. 1? Okay, Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: No.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008 – Rooming Houses

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I see that there's some questions from Council, so I'll stand down.

Madam Speaker: There was a hand up there. Councillor Eadie, on Item No. 2.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to this motion that was moved by Councillors Lukes and myself. And we dealt with it, I think, adequately at community committee. It is going to the administration and hopefully they'll be back in October with a plan on how to implement such an annual inspection. But, you know, given some of the speaking today about a couple of reports or, a number of reports that were on the Property Development, Downtown Development and Heritage, Madam Speaker, I thought that I'd rise and just talk about the need for rooming houses to have annual inspections. But just so everybody understands it, rooming houses are an affordable housing option that are very important to this city, Madam Speaker. There are so many people that are dependent on being able to stay in a rooming house because they can't afford to live anywhere else and basically, these are the best prices that you can get in terms of looking for housing that you can afford aside from social housing. And Madam Speaker, in that it is that important and we heard the Chairperson from Property and Planning talking about different models of trying to assist to have affordable housing and to make sure things are okay. And Madam Speaker, you know, many of these rooming houses are in very old buildings, old houses, large, old houses, sometimes smaller houses with a number of people living in them, Madam Speaker. And there are some illegal rooming houses out there as well that should be registered and licensed appropriately, Madam Speaker. And so, part of the…this is…this motion here is part of a solution, annual fire inspections are important matters as well, Madam Speaker, as I know that our city inspectors know and try to do, Madam Speaker. But, you know, in many cases, rooming houses are this option. We need to be able to work out some method, Madam Speaker, in helping landlords…and there are good landlords, and they are trying to do the best they can to upkeep these houses. They are making good money as Sel Burrows said, however, many of these really old houses, to make them safe for the people that live in them, it takes a substantial amount of money and investment in some of these older properties. And so, I just…you know, throwing out things and I think that there is room to work with other levels of government, I know there is an ad hoc committee looking at rooming houses, I believe looking at issues in the West End. Their Chairperson, the Housing Committee is quite concerned about that, that's Councillor Gerbasi. These matters are very important, so we need to work with other levels of government to say, if a house needs a sprinkler system, a big old house, to stem off fires, Madam Speaker, I don't know, we should be reaching out. We should take the lead. The City of Winnipeg should take the lead because it's about the people who live in our city. Take the lead to try to get the Federal Government and maybe Canadian Mortgage and Housing to offer grants to these landlords. This is a private sector offering to people for affordable housing. And we know there's many, many homeless people out on the street as well. And so, if we can improve the housing stock and rooming houses, if we can try to work out some way, Madam Speaker, for us to take the lead and get them to invest, provide grants to private sector rooming house operators, the good ones, there are…well, I don't want to get into all those deals, Madam Speaker. But there are basically drug dealers who buy houses and have people living in them and they make more money than just room rental off of the people living in these houses, especially in the illegal ones. So, it's a real difficult matter, but…so I just wanted to rise and speak on that and say, you know, rooming houses are an affordable housing option and we, the City are at many levels responsible for housing stock, fire code, building code and so on and so forth. And so, that's why we need to take the lead and I know that our public service as Sel Burrows has said, our by-law enforcement people and other administrators are quite committed to trying to see if we can't get this done. I know it's a matter of resources and how you spend them, but you know…you know, it's a…it's difficult to hear about people dying in fires every couple…few weeks or month. It's been a bad year for rooming house fires, but there's been past difficult situations, Madam Speaker, in my ward and in other wards in this city and so, we need to address it. So I just wanted to speak to that and I'm hopeful that we can move to a report and get something done if there has to be any changes to by-laws or policies or what have you that we get a report in October and hopefully we can deal with it at a council meeting shortly after that. So thank you Madam Speaker, for allowing me the time to speak to this and to the Chairperson for also putting a good weight on this particular project as he also has the issue happening in his ward as well. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to rise to thank Sel Burrows for all the work that he has done over the years on rental properties and these converted residential dwellings and rooming houses. He has actually been very instrumental in laying the ground work, and I'm really realizing the work that he has done now as I'm dealing with by-law enforcement

and a different type of rooming house in south Winnipeg around the University of Manitoba. And I would like to thank Councillor Eadie for bringing this forward, and I'm pleased to support this motion and work with the departments to try and find something within the resources that we have to find a way that we can help support and protect the more vulnerable folks that need these, you know, affordable housing situations. So I just wanted to make note of Sel Burrows. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too want to thank Councillors Eadie and Lukes on this motion. Just for information for Council and the public as well, we have had...we had a rooming house task force that was looking at some of these issues, which I co-chaired with one of the MLA's from the previous government. Looking at how we can support the good rooming houses, the Province does have a program or did that was looking at ways to do that because in areas like, for example, in my area of West Broadway, there are...there's a concern about the loss of affordable housing units. When I say affordable, I mean ones people can actually afford. Not just affordable as we describe it in some of our programs that those housing units are being lost, but at the same time safety is paramount. It's extremely important that we have particularly the fire codes being respected and being protected. The illegal rooming houses, we really can't do that much about unless we know about them. If we don't know about something, we can't go in and fix it. And there's a very different situation, you know, there's different kinds and different issues in different areas of the city. I know Janice or Councillor Lukes, I should say, in her area, it's kind of a different issue than in the inner city where we want safe housing that people can actually afford. I mean, ideally we'd have alternative housing that perhaps is better, but in the meantime we can't throw hundreds of people on the street and close everything down unless there's a safety violation that's quite, you know, clearly unsafe, we have to deal with that. So we do need the inspections, but I just wanted to kind of make it clear that there are a variety of issues here, and it comes back to the need for housing that people can truly afford. You know, it's true for students as well as around the universities as well as the inner city folks and various folks that are trying to find a place to live. It's a complex problem, and we do need to do the inspections, but we also maybe need to work as part of an overall, you know, fighting homelessness strategy and housing strategy with the Federal Government and the Provincial Government to look at alternatives to deal with some of these issues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I just want to rise in support of the motion and want to thank Councillor Eadie and Councillor Lukes for bringing this forward. Rooming houses are a huge issue in my ward, and I know that it's not only for the safety and livability of the people in the rooming houses, but also those people that are living around them. I believe rooming houses play a really huge role in our end to homelessness, so I hope that we do do it with being mindful of needing rooming houses and how we can work with those that have rooming houses to ensure that we can keep the stock that we have. I want to make sure that's included when we do do these inspections because I do think that they provide needed, adequate housing for some of those people that are most vulnerable. But I want to make sure that it's safe for those that are living in there, and I also want to make sure that it's safe for those that are living around rooming houses that may be next door. I just want to thank very much Councillor Eadie and Councillor Lukes for your work on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know what occurs to us…to all of society, we know that the costs of owning a house, of renting an apartment, have gone up substantially in the last decade in Winnipeg and elsewhere across the continent and elsewhere. It happens to be as well, Madam Speaker, that the costs have gone up for those who choose or have no choice but to live in humbler dwellings. And it occurs to me, Madam Speaker, that it may very well be...I would say probably be that the need for dwellings such as rooming houses are going to be more important in the decade to come as…if trends continue because people simply will not be able to afford the same size of dwelling to the same extent that we have in the past. That is where we're going. It's just getting more expensive to live primarily because of the cost of housing. So this is at least some indication of acknowledging that and the fact that we're dealing with it to some extent in terms of dealing with by-laws, to deal with safety is a good step. It's an acknowledgment about something that has greater repercussions than that, Madam Speaker. But I'm glad to see that we're at least dealing with it on this issue of rooming house safety and inspection today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? I will call the question on Item No. 2. All in favour?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Would you like to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank all the councillors who spoke on the item, and I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his leadership on this issue. This is a safety issue, Madam Speaker, and, you know, rooming houses are an important component of affordable housing within the City of Winnipeg and all parts of the City of Winnipeg. And I'm looking forward to the report that's going to be coming forward to our September 2016 meeting of Protection, Community Services and Parks. And, you know, it promises to provide some really good solutions relative to safety and to provide a level of comfort, Madam Speaker, for the citizens who live in these homes and to give them a sense of safety and assurance. So with that, we'll ask you to call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Grass Cutting Cycles - Parks and Boulevards

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The department's going to be coming back in our September meeting as well. I especially want to thank Councillor Wyatt for bringing this issue forward to see if our department's going to be looking at putting together inventory and some costs associated with that, and that report is coming forward in the fall.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: I don't want to overthink this one because, again, I really find the only problem with grass cutting is at the very beginning of the season. No matter how much it rains, I really think that we need to find a way to twerk and make sure we have the resources early on in the season. But by the time July 1st hits, the cycles are adequate, and we don't really get complaints. Year over year over year, it's that early hit that we never seem to be able to keep up. If we can find some way of moving resources rather than trying to find a way to spend more money, I would be much more happy.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Schreyer.
Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Browaty has just mentioned that we need to find a way to twerk, I hope he is not trying to dance around the issue.

Madam Speaker: I think he meant tweak. Thank you. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Pagtakhan? I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 4, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Buhler Recreation Park – Request for Operating Grant – East Winnipeg Sports Association Inc.

Madam Speaker: We have Motion No. 3 that is amending this item. Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to introduce the item and your motion?

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

THAT Recommendation 2 of Item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated July 11, 2016 be amended by adding the words "and that all of the above be completed within 30 days." at the end of the recommendation as shown below:

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the East Winnipeg Sports Association Inc. that sets out the terms and conditions of the grant, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City, and that all of the above be completed within 30 days.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. This item here basically is…we're looking at providing a grant to the Buhler Recreation Park and the East Winnipeg Sports Association Incorporated. The intent, Madam Speaker, we had a unanimous vote on at the committee as well EPC and what we're looking for, Madam Speaker, is to sort of reinforce the intent of our decision and to make sure that we do everything necessary to expedite this matter relative to this particular organization receiving the grant. And so, what the amendment does, Madam Speaker, is it puts a time frame around it and I'll just read it out basically after...I'll read out the last sentence here. The last sentence...it's one big sentence, "that the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the East

Winnipeg Sports Association Incorporated that sets out the terms and conditions of the grant and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and the City Solicitor to protect the interest of the city, and here's the amendment, and that all of the above be completed within 30 days.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to clarify for Council and myself. Council has done a lot of work to, again, the Mayor, staff and many people have done a lot of work to ensure that we don't have walk-ons. It's a lot of heavy lifting at the front end to make sure that councillors have the opportunity to see and not even councillors, the public at large. They deserve the opportunity to have an opportunity to see what we're deciding to do here today. But again, that's in a perfect world. So again, that's our...that's my initial position. However, the world is fluid, and we know that, and in this case I do concur with the motion. It is very time sensitive. This is...this park is doing some amazing work up there. They have some great baseball going on right now even, rain aside. However, they do need this fund sooner than later or there's in jeopardy in play. So this is a very time-sensitive walk-on, and that's why I do support it, and I also do support working with this group to figure out the long range plan for this group so we can also address it so they can have a sustainability plan that goes forward. It's a wonderful group, but again, I just want to stress why this walk-on...sometimes it is time sensitive, but it's an exception to the rule.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise to support this motion. Just to express my appreciation to Councillor Pagtakhan and his members of this committee for doing two things. For, number one, finding a way, I guess, lack of a better term, compromise, to see this group continue, but even more so, to require a plan for financial sustainability with a date on it. I think that's really important. We've got a lot of great groups doing a lot of really good work, but where we can have groups develop plans that are...you know, so that they're self-sustaining and there's financial stability, and where the City does not have to grant as much or any funding, that's really where we need to...the direction we need to be going. So again, I'll be supporting this motion and just want to commend Councillor Pagtakhan and others as well. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I just…I'm rising reluctantly, I guess, not in support of this report. I do want to recognize the work that this group does, and I do understand that there's been a bit of a tradition here, but I had to explain to a group in St. Boniface Ward why they didn't meet the criteria of the dollar lease in terms of operating support from the City of Winnipeg, and just in terms of fairness for all groups across the city, with all due respect to everyone involved, thank you very much for bringing this forward. I just…I…you know, unless someone can give me some additional context, this is a walk-on. This is the first time I have to consider this. It's going to be difficult for me to support this walk-on when I had to explain to a group in my ward that does tremendous group and is very important for economic development and tourism in this city, and with that I reluctantly feel I need to oppose at this time unless the information can come forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't really going to speak to this. I'm in support of this motion, Madam Speaker, although I don't fully agree with it. So, but what I learned over the short-term and, by the way, it's great to have such a facility of sport fields, the baseball diamonds, but there are...I think they have some soccer pitches and they're looking at being sustaining by building a couple of more soccer pitches but you know, Madam Speaker, you talk about giving grants and being sustainable, well, apparently this land that this sports…Buhler Sports Park or whatever, it was...and I mean Councillor Wyatt would be the right person to talk about this. He was involved and as is many people in Transcona, but they had a big...this is a big chunk of land, and when it was first started up, I think, and I can't remember the exact year, but when it was started up, there was a bunch of proposals for this land and this was the one that the City I guess deemed the most appropriate, and there was a lease agreement, but at the time when it moved forward, Madam Speaker, there was a number of City-owned and run diamonds and stuff in Transcona that were decommissioned because this new, larger, better facility...and this is a well-kept facility, Madam Speaker, and it's really heavily used. But basically, when this thing came into being, the City started to save money because they decommissioned ones that were taking care of themselves. And Madam Speaker, I'll point out that other parts of the city have huge facilities for soccer and baseball…John Blumberg, Madam Speaker, out there. We, the City, we put money into that…we put money into those fields, Madam Speaker. We give grants to the Assiniboine Park. We give grants to help out other people who are leasing facilities like the West Kildonan Arena or the St. Vital Arena which are basically run by not for profit volunteer groups. And so Madam Speaker, the compromise here, and this is what I wanted to speak

to, I'm voting for this, and it was a compromise, but, you know, for $60,000, what's happening out there, you know, for what the City gets, and this is $60,000 is 10% of the annual revenue expenditures because they usually have a net deficit or a net surplus some years, but depending on how good the season goes, Madam Speaker, but I still don't know why we couldn't find them $60,000. We found $125,000 for a Zamboni for another not for profit group who couldn't, you know, afford it, and it's important we do that. These people are running facilities that Winnipeggers, we as Winnipeggers, Madam Speaker, expect to have. We are actually hoping to see some sport fields open up in...we voted on a report for the northwest corner, King Edward and Inkster property. Trying to get to see that happen, Madam Speaker, because we know there's a need for more sports fields. We know that quality of life in Winnipeg is enhanced, enhanced by this kind of stuff. You know, in Transcona, I just want to finish by saying that, you know, if you want to know and find out how much the residents of Transcona support and like this thing, they built this thing with lots of donations from people who live right there in Transcona. Go out there, apparently they have this brick wall, and you'll see the names. And these are people who live and play sports and raise their kids in this area, Madam Speaker. We as a city should be able to support this. I just, you know, for me I just don't get it, and, yes, yes, it will be great to see them become sustainable so that they can see the ability to operate without city money. That's fine. That was the original concept, and that concept I know the volunteers that are there try everything they can do to try to get there, and they do. That's what they do, volunteer. And we have heard many other frustrating stories about other volunteer groups in different places. Anyway, so I wasn't going to really speak to it. Just vote for it. And I think the amendment is appropriate. Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan for moving that motion to get this thing moving because it really does need to move quickly, and as I understand, sometimes these grant agreements take some time to work out. So, anyway, thank you Madam Speaker. I will be voting for it, and there are…I will say Councillor Allard alluded to it, there are groups all over the city and probably every one of our wards who would like to get City grants, so I get that. So, but in this instance, we need to get this done, and I'll leave it at that. Thank you, ma'am.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Just very briefly in support of the compromise that's been put together at the committee level. Just to clarify, there was a comment, I think, at the committee and here today about...Councillor Eadie's quite right, we do work with other groups. The arena in Councillor Dobson's ward, one in Councillor Eadie's ward, one in my ward, the St. Vital Arena all operated not...they're City owned facilities operated by various community groups. We voted unanimously to approve the lease earlier today five-year extension with St. Vital Minor Hockey. I don't…Councillor Eadie didn't say this specifically, so I apologize if I'm misstating something, it was referenced to a Zamboni being bought for a group. The only one I can remember being bought in the last couple of years was one that the...there had been a budget several years ago that voted $400,000 for St. Vital Arena. That money wasn't flowing, and they asked for permission to use some of it towards a Zamboni as a capital expenditure. We voted as a council to allow them to do that, so that was not...it wasn't an incremental purchase. It wasn't a bailout of some sort. It was simply 400,000…200,000 of which came out of my ward funds. So I should make that point clear. So $200,000 out of the central budget, $200,000 out of my ward funds going to support the good people of St. Vital Minor Hockey and part of what they needed to keep the arena running was a Zamboni. So I don't want…I may be mischaracterizing something Councillor Eadie has said but just wanted to be clear on the facts that there hadn't been sort of a couple of different payments made to the St. Vital Arena, but I support the motion. It's a good one from Councillor Pagtakhan. They are doing some good work out there. Just as the folks who run Councillor Dobson's arena and Councillor Eadie's arena are also doing some good work as community groups running the City owned facilities.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the motion or the main item? Councillor Pagtakhan to close.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just also wanted to acknowledge the support of Councillor Wyatt over the years relative to East Winnipeg Sports Association. This past Monday, Madam Speaker, we had the opportunity to have a delegation from East Winnipeg Sports Association through Steve Mymko and Mr. Thompson, and we had an opportunity to ask several questions regarding the park and learn that this is really a great flagship park that the city should be proud of. It's a highly used, Madam Speaker. It's got a high maintenance in terms of offering premium turf and baseball pitches for athletes, and, you know, this organization, Madam Speaker, is very close, I feel, to being sustainable. We're looking to have them come back to us by November of this year with the financial sustainability plan. I feel confident that they could meet that, and, again, I want to thank Councillor Wyatt and members of my committee for supporting this as well as Executive Policy Committee. And just for Councillor Allard's clarification, the only walk-on is the amending motion, Madam Speaker, with respect to the 30 days. Everything else was posted on time and was dealt with at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Motion No. 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Calling the question now…so noted. Calling the question now on Item No. 4 as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. So noted, thank you.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Okay, we have Motion No. 4 in front of us, moved by Councillor Mayes, seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan regarding a non-conforming CIGP grant. It's an automatic referral to Protection, Community Services and Parks.

Councillor Mayes: Could I move, Madam Speaker, to have that heard today? I guess I'm moving suspension of the rules which would require 10 since we are 15 instead of the usual 16.

Madam Speaker: Yes. So call for suspension of the rules. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes.

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS in 2015 Heritage Winnipeg Corporation applied for a Community Incentive Grant for the First World War Digital Memorial Project, with a total project cost of $60,940 and a funding application for $30,000;

AND WHEREAS the application met criteria and a Community Incentive Grant in the total amount of $30,000 was approved, as follows:

- *October 5, 2015, Riel Community Committee, $10,000, funded from the St. Vital Ward allocation;*
- *October 6, 2016, City Centre Community Committee, $2,000, funded from the Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward allocation;*
- *October 6, 2015, Assiniboia Community Committee, $13,000, funded as follows: $1,000 from the St. James – Brooklands - Weston Ward, $2,000 from the Charleswood – Tuxedo – Whyte Ridge Ward, and $10,000 from the St. Charles Ward allocations;*
- *October 13, 2015, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, $3,000, funded as follows: $2,000 from the Point Douglas Ward and $1,000 from the Old Kildonan Ward allocations;*
- *October 20, 2015, East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, $2,000, funded as follows: $666.67 from the Transcona Ward, $666.67 from the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward, and $666.66 from the North Kildonan Ward allocations,*

not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost, to Heritage Winnipeg Corporation to assist with the cost of the First World War Digital Memorial Project, subject to the following conditions:

1. *Confirmation of other funding sources.*
2. *Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the City of Winnipeg.*
3. *The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg;*

AND WHEREAS the total project cost has been reduced to $40,000, other funding sources have been confirmed in the amount of $10,000, and the application no longer meet criteria;

AND WHEREAS the Community Committees have confirmed, in writing, their support of the project as per their 2015 motions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, namely:*

   A. *Total City of Winnipeg contribution is 50% or less.*

2. *A Community Incentive Grant in the total amount of $30,000, funded as follows:*

   - *$10,000 from the St. Vital Ward allocation;*

- *$2,000 from the Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward allocation;*
- *$1,000 from the St. James – Brooklands - Weston Ward allocation;*
- *$2,000 from the Charleswood – Tuxedo – Whyte Ridge Ward allocation;*
- *$10,000 from the St. Charles Ward allocation;*
- *$2,000 from the Point Douglas Ward allocation;*
- *$1,000 from the Old Kildonan Ward allocation;*
- *$666.67 from the Transcona Ward allocation;*
- *$666.67 from the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward allocation,*
- *$666.66 from the North Kildonan Ward allocation,*

be approved to the Heritage Winnipeg Corporation to assist with the cost of the First World War Digital Memorial Project, subject to the following conditions:

A. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Community Services; and

B. The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you for that indulgence to my colleagues. This is a very fine project, World War One Digital Memorial. We have voted in the past to wave criteria on these CIG projects. There was one, I won't try the Portuguese pronunciation but the Casa Dos Acores in Councillor…should defer to Madam Clerk. It's in Councillor Pagtakhan's ward. Last June, we provided $26,000 of the $41,000 requested. We certainly on occasion do waive. This is an unusual project in that five different community committees, ten councillors voted to provide some funding. The project has been done. The project looks great. The project is at the Via Rail rotunda. We should all go down and see it. It was unveiled on Louis Riel Day as part of the Heritage Winnipeg Awards. So it's in place, what happened though was, as I understand, Via Rail contributed space in kind instead of charging for it. That is not allowed under the CIG guidelines. Thus, pushing us the aligned move that we were then offside because we're now at 30,000...not of a $60,000 project, but a 30,000 or $40,000 project just because Via Rail made a donation instead of charging Heritage Winnipeg, kind of a good news story, actually. So, some good work by Clive Whiteman and his staff to say don't go back all the way through all five community committees, EPC, Councillor Pagtakhan's committee to get back here, let's just try and deal with it here. What we're…the project is funded, the project is done, there's no new money. This isn't like the one from last June where we were voting on a project that was yet to be built. There's no additional funding here. It's in place. It's a great...you know, if you go by the Leg, there's a lot of stuff commemorating World War I. This is City Council's effort to do that, I think. It's a great project. It's World War I Digital Memorial. It's quite creative. It shuts down November 12th, 2018. This is not a concrete...this is not a granite structure. This is...this is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the War. It wraps up when that...after November 11th of 2018. So I would encourage councillors to support this, and a particular thanks to Councillor Dobson who really made this possible. I have put in ten, and he to his credit put in 10,000 as well, and got this thing rolling so my thanks to Councillor Dobson.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I want to just rise to thank Councillor Mayes for spearheading this initiative. We spoke about it before, but I think it's worthy to speak about again. This is a great project. It's...next year is going to be the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy. And it was a battle which the…Canada by and large came of age as well felt that it was the hill that no one else could take. The British, the French, no one could take and it was the Canadians who...the battle that went on, and cost thousands of lives and is really remarkable the war that was supposed to end all wars, the Great War. And the community that I represent, so many young people even though it was such a tiny community at the time went and volunteered young men by and large and yet, about 118, 120 did not return. More than double what did not return in the Second World War. The war was…by and large your odds of perishing in that war were way higher than in the Second World War. It was a war which introduced for the first time the use of the airplane, tanks, gas. It was an absolute horrid affair which changed the world forever. Matter of fact, you could say that the word is not been the same since the First World War. And it's a war which still leaves a mark and lost a whole generation almost in that entire war. Nine million people died. And then the following year after the end of the war, it led by and large...scientists now believe, led to the most horrific influenza outbreak the world has ever seen where another 20 million people died around the world because of the fighting that went on and the enzymes that were released from the soil and everything else causing this massive, massive influenza outbreak around the world. So it was a huge catastrophe of massive proportions, and we have to remember these things, and we have to remember these things today at all levels of government because we still have the ability, unfortunately, to destroy ourselves. We still live in an unstable world. We still have, unfortunately, powers in this world that cause instability for various reasons, and it's

something we have to remember so that we truly never let it happen again. Lest we forget. And you know, I hope and…I hope next year with the Vimy centennial that we could go all out in terms of that centennial because there was many, many young and hopeful people who left. Most of them came from communities that were pretty small back then. From farms, from villages, most were farming kids. You know, pretty strong, you know, could put up with a lot of adversity but never the less, they went through horrendous suffering. Suffering that with the passage of time it's easy to forget. And we just can't forget, Madam Speaker, because if we do forget, it's when we forget that we risk, they say, repeating history again. And we just can't allow that ever to happen again, especially today when we know what war can do. So thank you very much, and I want to thank Councillor Mayes for the motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to rise to echo much of what Councillor Wyatt has said, and also thank Councillor Mayes for his leadership on this project, and also to thank every one of my Council colleagues who contributed in any way to this project. The project…Councillor Mayes was leading this project certainly before the administration of the...and my appointment to the role of Council Liaison for Veteran and Military Affairs, but I can tell this council today that in the nine months I've been in that role, what has been driven home to me time and time again is that any time the veterans and their families are recognized, they have deep appreciation for that recognition. It doesn't go unnoticed to them, and they are sincerely grateful. So I know, through you, Madam Speaker, to Councillor Mayes, that his work, his leadership on this will certainly be appreciated. Councillor Wyatt raised a matter of Vimy and that the Battle of Vimy, and I do want to let this councillor know that I'm working presently with Mr. Jason Bell of our Parks and Open Space Division as well as with Councillor Gilroy on some work, some kind of upgrades in time for…upgrades at Vimy Ridge Memorial Park in time for the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge so as I have more information, I'll certainly be glad to share this with this council as well. But again, just thanks to Councillor Mayes for his leadership and everyone else who participated in this. I do know that the veterans and their families and the military at large will appreciate this. It's important to continue to tell this story, these stories that are our national stories and our local stories. It's important to continue to tell these stories to our community so that future generations understand the great sacrifice that was made, and understand what it is that we are built on as a nation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Mayes to close.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Those were some generous comments by my colleagues, but this has been a group effort. A lot of different wards providing funding, Councillor Dobson in particular as I mentioned, and it's...we do these...we do different things for our children, for families, for our parents. This one is really...in my case, my grandfather served in the First World War. So it's a chance to, I think, a lot of...thousands of Canadians as Councillor Wyatt…have a connection back to the war, and we saw some people here at the start of the meeting today ironically, whose grandparents or parents, you know, there was an internment camp philosophy. So this was a divisive and important part of Canadian history when, as Councillor Wyatt said, when Canada really came of age, and we should try and mark it in any way we can. So pleased that we are able to get this together. Heritage Winnipeg called me up at one point and they said we have a project on the shelf. We think it's what you are talking about, but we had to shelf it. We didn't have the funding. We'll come down and see you, and took a few weeks with ten councillors and we had the money together. So very pleased it's up and running, and I encourage people to go and see it in via rotunda.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call to question on Motion No. 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Pagtakhan? Councillor Allard.

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Councillor Allard: I'm just going to pose a question that I posed to the wrong Chairperson last time or am I doing it again? Parks?

Madam Speaker: You've got the correct one.

Councillor Allard: Okay, yes. So we recently saw an email on the whole grass cutting issue. We've been informed that the parks budget has not increased in the last 20 years. The city's obviously grown since then. To Ms…Madam Speaker, through you to the Chairperson, what's the plan? I mean Winnipeg is getting bigger, the budgets aren't getting, I mean, I know budgets are tight but I know I had a phenomenal amount of complaints when the grass wasn't getting cut early this year. I understand some staff was reallocated to the new Waverley West development earlier this year. I just, there seems to me, things are going to hit some kind of…some kind of wall at some point with Winnipeg being a growing city. So I mean, that's the question, what are we going to do going forward?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, I want to thank, Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councillor for that question and with a growing city, there's growing demands. To Councillor Allard, that is a reality, you know, and we're going to be looking forward to getting information from our department, the department's going to be coming back, Madam Speaker, in the fall with the extra inventory that's directly related to a growing city and some costs associated with dealing with some of the additional green space and city, you know, the requirement for the City to get out there and cut these fields and cut the green space. So we'll be hopefully dealing with this in the fall and it'll probably have some future budget implications.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sort of on this topic, you know, we do talk about the City expanding in the last message and how the budgets haven't increased and so on. But Madam Speaker, this is really a "did you know" kind of question, Madam Speaker. Recently in the McGowan Parks Seven Oaks House Museum property, there was a young woman who, there was an attempted rape, I guess. There was two people hiding in a bush in the area because the sightlines were difficult and it's a…this is a park that's utilized by many people in the neighbourhood in the East of Main, in the West Kildonan area. And the "did you know" question is, when I got a call and I put the request in to our Parks and Open Spaces people, Madam Speaker, it was done in a day. The whole bush, everything was cleared. Did you know that, Chairperson Pagtakhan, that they actually got that cleared away and there isn't a space you can't see on that lot now so that young women and people can be safe in that park so…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Well, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor for the "did you know" question and happy to hear that the Park Department was able to respond quickly to that request.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Mayes: This is on the library part of your portfolio and that's, there was a discussion at the committee meeting Monday about a particular, the roving service for seniors that library services did have in place, seems to have been reformatted or reduced or eliminated if for some senior's buildings at least, and I wondered at what discussions have taken place on that or if it's simply being referred to the budget. It's not something we expressly authorized in the budget, obviously departments have some flexibility but it has been coming up at the seniors' homes I've been visiting.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Mayes for the question, and as you know, the libraries are the living rooms of our city and they provide a great service for our citizens. On the Councillor's question, Madam Speaker, the department undertook a strategic planning session and they consulted extensively with citizens of the city. And did you know, Madam Speaker, there are over 200 senior centres within the City of Winnipeg? The current program that the Councillor is referring to, serviced about 17 different seniors' homes or senior centres and what the department was trying to do, Madam Speaker, was to try and meet the growing needs of the 200 plus seniors' centres, and if there's a need, Madam Speaker, for a senior who is unable to get out of their home to borrow a book, the library offers a homebound service but for those that are able to get onto a bus or through Handi-Transit, the library will still, will provide a service for them as well. So this isn't about a service cut, Madam Speaker, but

it's more about reallocating resources to sort of meet the needs and spread out the requirements of all the different senior centres relative to this, the roving seniors program at the library.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Mr. Mayes, on to you, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. My question is, Councillor Pagtakhan, is in terms of the library program as well, the capital, the library reinvestment strategy. We learned also at the committee meeting on Monday and from slightly before that one of our libraries, which was expected to start construction in the fall is not starting construction in the fall now, it won't start until the spring. That there's a shortfall in funding even though the funding was approved in 2014 and now we're finding out that there was a need to inject more funding into the libraries, specifically I'm talking about the Transcona Library, but I'm also talking about all of the libraries that we're reinvesting in. You know, what can we do, Councillor Pagtakhan, to keep this project on track? Because when we vote as a Council to initiate strategies, and then we hand over, and budgets, and then we hand it over to the public service to implement, they're still not staying on track. And I just want to, anyway, I'll ask that question and then follow up.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for the question. He's certainly a strong and passionate advocate for the new Transcona Library that's proposed to be developed over the next couple of years and, Madam Speaker, what happened in this particular case is our department consulted with the community and had several open houses and heard back from the community, Madam Speaker. The community wanted a different look to the library and so our department needed to make some adjustments with the architect and as a result, Madam Speaker, it took additional time and naturally it's slightly off track in terms of the timelines. But the department, Madam Speaker, is…has told us that they are very…they're being diligent and they're trying to expedite this process as quick as possible to try and stay on budget, but as issues come up, Madam Speaker, they have to make adjustments and sometimes, we'll have to amend the schedule.

Madam Speaker: Second question?

Councillor Wyatt: The department indicated that they were submitting it as part of the capital budget for '17, that it wasn't a separate report, it was not permitted to go forward but in terms of that is, you know, we've done this before where we do a first call or we allow a project to go to tender and we, you know, we make it subject to. We just recently did that in terms of the road project just to the east of here, $6 million project, subject to Council approval to keep the project on track knowing that funding's already, some funding's already in play, could we not see to it to try to get it moving as quickly as possible because as we know time is money?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very for the question, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Wyatt. We're…when we do capital projects, Madam Speaker, the City's embarking on a new project management strategy in terms of capital asset planning and a new level of rigor and discipline with regards to budgeting, and the department made it quite clear, Madam Speaker, that before they can do anything with regards to tendering they need to have preliminary design ready. The department is not quite ready yet with that, so I think it would be putting the horse before the…putting the cart before the horse, Madam Speaker, if we tender it out, sorry if we assign some dollars before having a preliminary drawings to provide proper estimates, Madam Speaker. So I think that the department's on the right track here just to make a long story short, and you know, we just need a little bit more patience and the project, I think, will proceed smoothly and on time and on budget.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, is it possible to get an update on the entire strategy in terms of all the other projects because clearly if one project has the numbers moving on it then there's other projects that have the numbers moving on them? And my concern is that what we told the public and what we told Council in 2013 or '12, whenever that was adopted is now not the case.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank the Councillor for the question. I'll take it under advisement. We can certainly ask the department manager to come back at a future meeting for an update on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, we will now deal with the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated June 28th.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED JUNE 28, 2016**

Councillor Lukes: June 28. Yes, thank you Madam Chair. I would like to bring forward Items 1 through 5 from our Public Works Committee report on June 28th, and I would like to speak to No. 2., to introduce No. 2.

Madam Speaker: So we've pulled 2 and 4. Okay. Councillor Allard, are you trying to signal me? Okay. I'll call the question on 1, 3, and 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – 2016 Capital Surplus Funds Locations

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. This is…this particular report is more for clarity. I'm sure everyone's read it or is familiar with it. If you're not though, I'll just highlight it. Our committee was made aware back in May that very favourable competitive prices were coming in for concrete and asphalt work being done in the city due to a variety of reasons which actually I'll elaborate later on in another report. But it was brought to our attention, we met with the Director of Public Works and we asked the committee members asked him if he could go back to the department and come forward with a list of streets and sidewalks that could be done on shorter notice if there was surplus funding in the 2016 budget. So the department came back with a list of basically industrial roads that are presented in the report and also sidewalks that are more in the industrial areas. So we won't know if there's a surplus still probably mid to latter part of August with all things considered. And if there is a surplus, this report is asking that these projects go forward. So these projects in speaking with the director are easier projects to do. They don't require the level of detail design that regionals or other roads take. These ones are primarily asphalt overlays. So just so folks understand and are clear, this is if there is a surplus in the 2016 budget.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on Item No. 2? Seeing none, do you wish to close? I can call the question. All in favour of Item 2? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Functional Design for the CPR Yards Crossing Study

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I'll welcome my colleagues' comments.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Chairperson, Councillor Lukes and her committee, Madam Speaker, for dealing with this item in a positive manner as well as my Council colleagues on EPC. Madam Speaker, while the Arlington Bridge continues to serve Winnipeg, it struggles to serve Winnipeggers. It's been clear for a few years that the Arlington Bridge is near the end of its useful life as a way to cross the CPR rail yards. With it rusting and unable to accommodate growing demand for all kinds of motorized traffic, Madam Speaker, and active transportation, our public service undertook a detailed study of what to do about that bridge because fixing it is not possible. The City should be proud of the process to date. It's followed a logical path to determine what the best course of action should be. To start with, we ask the question whether the bridge should be rebuilt at all. The answer was a resounding yes. Based on the traffic analysis of the various options and input from the public and surrounding communities, it was recognized early in the study that the Arlington Bridge provided a vital link for our local community in daily activities for all modes of transportation and was also required to sustain our city's traffic capacity needs. Madam Speaker, studying the problem first while carefully developing estimates is not only fiscally responsible, it also stands to benefit us all with a bridge that fits our needs as a city. I look forward to seeing the final designs and working with Council to add hopefully a well-researched project to its long-term capital budget. This path also makes sense because it recognizes the priority need for us to maintain and improve existing infrastructure service levels in the heart of Winnipeg. Crossing a rail yard may not be as exciting as some other capital projects, but this bridge is a vital link for the thousands of Winnipeggers and for the businesses operating on either side of the rail yards. Already isolated from the city by the rail yards themselves, the areas north and south of the bridge have long tolerated a bridge that is unable to handle heavy vehicles like trucks and buses. That means school and transit buses can't travel on the current bridge, which makes it even more difficult to get to school, work, even the hospital. Additionally Madam Speaker, the steep inclines on either side make it difficult to access for pedestrians, cyclists, seniors, children and people with disabilities. You know, an awful lot has been written in recent years about how the rail yards have contributed to social isolation for the North End. Even though the current bridge is substandard and a relic, it has been one of the few strands that connect the North End with the rest of this great city. The new bridge promises to better provide an increased level of

connectivity and help us continuing to tackle that sense of isolation. In recent months, I have had the great pleasure to speak with hundreds of Winnipeggers who are excited about a new bridge and the level of rigor and planning being done as we plan for a new bridge. Madam Speaker, this functional design for the CPR yards crossing study for a new Arlington Bridge is a positive example of how the City can and should plan for future infrastructure needs. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: I want to take an opportunity, well first off, to congratulate Councillor Pagtakhan on moving this project forward, and I just wanted to say that I will be supporting this report and I have to think of this capital investment which is obviously needed and in the context of the idea of going forward with the study for rail rationalization and rail relocation. So I understand this is something that we need to address now, but it begs the question when we're making significant capital investments that are related to rail, you know, what might be the possibilities if we did have a study that could show us some other ways forward in the medium, long term. So I wanted to congratulate my colleague on moving this important project forward for Winnipeg. And at the same time, just highlight the need for the study of rail in Winnipeg and what that might mean for the future. So thank you for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was inspired by the last speaker just to talk a bit about the history of the rail yard. We do have this railway rationalization, and the Arlington Bridge is an essential bridge. I as an individual living in Garden City and on the 71 bus route, that's the Arlington bus for people who may or may not know, what a pain it is for you to have to go all the way back up to McPhillips and come back around and dunk down Logan in the back to Arlington so you can get to your destination. It's really a frustrating thing, but in terms of the rail yards, you know, there is a rationalization, you know, if the rail yards ever move. But the thing is it doesn't look like these yards are moving any time soon, but it seems to me, though, that the CP Rail main line would probably still be there if you move the yards away and it would mean a smaller crossing of the CPR railway. Because if they did move the yards out to Centreport, which there may or may not be a possibility and that might be, I don't know, maybe the railway will buy into the Centreport idea and want to move its yards over there. I don't know. It's a big expensive proposition, but we need to continually move along because we can't lose this bridge, that this ability to cross here, Madam Speaker. As you know, it serves many people, and it will serve many more when you can actually run buses over it and, I mean, it might even bring more traffic into the North End which is always some concern for myself when you make it better and easier for crossing, but this is an essential capital project. It needs to happen, and we don't want it to collapse with people on it either. So many old bridges, we have to restore them. I would point out, though, with the CPR yards there, and this was pointed out me, Madam Speaker, is that those CP rail yards provided over the many, many years that it's been there, has provided jobs for so many North Enders and West Kildonan, Brooklands, whatever…whichever area you want to talk about. It has provided much employment for many, many individuals. So while yeah, it seemed like some kind of barrier, we need to be cognizant of the jobs that are provided and many of the people who work in those yards and there are people who live in the same area of the city in which it's at. And so if we ever have seen the rail yards move, I would hope it stayed somewhere in Manitoba, but as I understand it, Madam Speaker, if those yards were moved, CP yard would probably just say, hey, listen, we've got yards in another city we can utilize that. So that's always a concern, right? So I'll leave it at that. Thank you Councillor Pagtakhan, you made this your campaign issue the last election, and it's great and it serves all the people up here, and so thanks for moving this forward, Councillor Pagtakhan.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, myself, wasn't intending to speak on this issue, but I am inspired by previous speakers on this for what is being said in terms of consideration of what there is to consider as we move forward from here. I see here we talk about Phase 2 that we should be considering the following, a number of points including the future of the CPR lines. And you know we need to consider as well this is a vital link for the North End to other parts of the city and vice versa. Councillor Eadie has mentioned what it has meant for employment, the CPR line itself as well as the link to the rest of the city. I myself worked for five seasons two blocks from the Arlington Bridge on the west end side. Well, my work was based there. I worked throughout the city with the Avalon Foundation Specialists fixing houses. And most of my coworkers lived in the North End and West End, some of whom I would pick up on the way to work before we headed out throughout the city. And so, I lived the experience of the need for the bridge. So I'm not disputing that, Madam Speaker, but as we consider the future of the CPR lines as was said, I believe...I would be surprised if we were to move the entire line. I think the line is vital, it's important, it can provide great service for the city in the future. My concern is going to be when we choose the design or what length of the bridge we're going to have. What is the necessity of costs involved? And when it comes to this whole issue, of which I am sure that Councillor Pagtakhan and others will show consistency in their concern in the work but that we do show due consideration on these issues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on the item? Councillor Pagtakhan to close. Councillor Lukes, pardon me.

Councillor Lukes: All right. Okay. Yes, just to close on this item, I would just like to bring to folks attention, this is a very good step in the process. It's part of a process getting to a Class 3 estimate. We're also working on the Marion Underpass trying to get that to a class 3 estimate. Chief Peguis is working...we're working on trying to get that to a Class 3. Kenaston is on the shelf, I believe it's at about a Class 4. We have the Louise Bridge also. So these are just the road projects. All of these projects, while all really needed in various areas by various opinions, are in the hundreds of millions of dollars. And every single project we will need partners; Federal, Provincial, whoever, we'll need partners to do these. In addition to the roads, we also have a very large sewer treatment plant operation underway. We have got a combined sewer overflow initiative that is somewhat going to be underway. Again, both hundreds of millions of dollars, so I think it's great we're moving forward. We're having these plans put on the shelf, but we all have to remember that we're going to have some hard decisions prioritizing. And when we look at our debt ceiling for the City of Winnipeg, we are going to be having to make very hard strategic decisions, and we're going to need to look very, very closely at how we do our asset management program and how we make these decisions. We all experience the first round when we started. Many of us were new starting with the Build Canada Initiative, prioritizing and how we went through that process. I, myself have been through two asset management sessions. I believe there might be another one coming up in the fall or we might be holding one. I highly encourage you all to attend and understand how the City is going forward in building criteria and making these recommendations on what to prioritize. Because, you know, there's a whole list of hundreds of millions of dollars in projects here, and they're all good, and they're all worthy, but it's going to be...we're going to have to really look closely at how we prioritize with our limited budget. So I'm excited about this. I'm excited about all these plans on the shelf. And with that, I'll close.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We are moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal report dated July 4th. Councillor Lukes.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED JULY 4, 2016

Item 1 – First Charge on 2017 Capital Budget to Undertake Additional Local Street Renewal in 2016
MM#628-2016

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am very pleased to bring this report forward, and I would like to preface it with some comments so folks understand why the committee brought it forward to EPC which then has moved it on here to Council. So again, as I mentioned earlier back in May, we were finding...we were hearing that very competitive pricing was coming in due to the prices of asphalt and concrete, and we...the committee sat down and we met with the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, we met with some representatives. We met with CAO, the COO, Director of Public Works. And we took these points into consideration. We looked...we looked...we were listening to what the market conditions were. We were looking forward to understanding that next year we've got a $96 million projection for the road budget. We took into consideration that the Provincial Highways Capital Program for 2016-17 had been reduced by about 48 million. A new government was taking not a pause, but they were looking at projects with new eyes, which basically that was about a 10% reduction in the overall plan that they reduced. The new Federal Government's priorities related to bridges and roads was not set out for the 2016 construction season. We listened to the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association come forward and basically state in there 25 years they had never seen contractors laying off crews in mid-season looking for additional work. And as per the Director of Public Works 30 years working in the field, he too said he had never seen such competitive pricing for road work. We looked at fuel prices and how they've been trending. This is an industry, of course, that uses fuel in all aspects. And we looked ahead at the 2017 construction season, and we are very aware that a major project, the St. James Project, will be underway. The Northbound Pembina Highway Project will be underway. Waverly Underpass will be underway. Work on BRT will be underway. So we took all of these factors into consideration, and we decided to make the recommendations that we do a first call on the 2017 budget. We asked the department to go back and find out how they could do this in a way that would be timely, in a way that would be cost effective, and they came forward with a list of streets, one in each ward whereby they would look to add on to existing projects that were underway or in close proximity to projects that were underway. They spoke with Manitoba Heavy Construction who spoke to the contractors who would honour prices, the prices that they had bid on the projects that they are working on. So we decided with all of that in play, we asked for a first call on the 2017 budget. Depending, of course, all of this is whether they get it done this year or not is weather-dependent, but we felt also confident that if they were holding the prices to this year's prices and if due to weather or whatever they didn't get them done this year, they would have them in the queue ready to go as soon as the frost came

out next year. So we considered all this. We talked about it quite extensively with many, many industry folks, and brought it forward to EPC and it is here today for Council's consideration, and I hope that we'll have good support on this. I would also like to thank...there's many, many ways I've found at City Hall that reports come forward and things get done. So I'd really like to thank the Public Works Committee for the work that they put in to it, to Councillor Sharma, Councillor Dobson, Councillor Gilroy, and I would also like to thank Councillor Wyatt. I forget who seconded your motion for $30 million…Councillor Eadie…was it Councillor Eadie? You know, a combination of working behind the scenes are some people's style and other people's style or a combination of working more publically but I think the combination of these two worlds in motion came together and I feel that we're bring forward solid recommendations for the taxpayers' dollar and investment in our roads. Ultimately, what the department will do after next season's tenders are all out, we're going to do a cost comparison and an analysis to see, you know, what actual cost savings we had. So I feel very confident as do our committee members that we will see good savings in relation to the road prices.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I just want to rise to thank the standing committee and the Chair for all their work on this matter. I know that the...there was a lot of...there was a special meeting called. There was many delegations. You know, they had to put up with hearing from me more than once. So, you know, I just want to say that I think you did a lot of good work, and brought this to the forefront and made something happen and I think this is good. I think it definitely concerns me in terms of what may happen next year now because of the Province holding back work and then talking about more work next year and so I'm...just in terms of construction inflation. And so we have to start looking creatively, I think, in terms of how we're delivering our capital budgets pertaining to this type of work, road construction. We, I think have to revisit the...I want to say .2009 capital budget projects audit, which gave about 29 recommendations, one of which was...sorry, 39, one of which was to have multiple year capital budgets approved by Council going forward so every year you would approve two or three year, you know, going forward and, you know, maybe we do it start...we crawl before we walk or we walk before we run. Maybe we do it pertaining just to our roads renewal program. And the benefit of that would be the fact that we would be able to do a number of things. First of all, it would allow the public service to do design work on a whole bunch of roads earlier than later, and have on shelf work. Secondly, it would allow them to start tendering earlier instead of later which is a case, ideally tender in the winter months, award first thing in the spring or even earlier, and the work starts immediately. Also, it would allow us to start looking creatively in terms of how we do tendering and materials management in terms of awards and procurement here. You know, we could look at scenarios as we ramp up the local street regional street renewal program. We could look at scenarios, and I know this is somewhat political, but we could look at scenarios where you have groupings of neighborhoods, P3s to actually build and renew streets. Do it on large scales. Cities like Edmonton will go into an entire neighbourhood and say this is what we're going to do in this entire neighbourhood and we're going to move into this neighbourhood and that neighbourhood, and they'll do a number of neighbourhoods at the time. That's the benefit of that, you have crews all in one place. If you did it as a P3, the benefit of that is you have 25 or 30 year money and you have the benefit of the fact that more than one generation is paying for that work and you also have the benefit of the fact that the private sector's going to maintain that work. That's one of our greatest challenges we have. We do great…we're trying to ramp up on the renewal side of it, but we're still shortchanging our side on the annual maintenance. So we're always going to have…we're always going to be putting out a fire at this point. We haven't figured our way out of putting out this fire yet. We haven't stopped the bleeding, if you like. The patient is still bleeding, it's just we have slowed it down a bit. And so this is the challenge. We really have to start challenging ourselves on how we can ramp this up in the next three to four to five years to make sure that we can actually get ahead of the curve here because we're not. I mean, the challenge we're faced with right now is the infrastructure is crumbling at a rate. We are ramping up, but we're not ramping up…you know, it's there, and it's increasing, but it just...the sense that's happening out there is we're not taking advantage of the opportunities we could potentially have with a larger budget like this and I think we have to. So it's going to take a lot of creative thinking, a lot of innovation, and it's going to require us to do things differently. And that means...I know we're kind of...you know, we're all creatures of habit and to have a budget annually and to have that capital passed annually, maybe this is one portion of the budget that we should really be looking at multi-year budgets. That would be the first step to do. And then the second step would be to see how we can deal with procurement and procurement issues to get the best value for money, and then the delivery and long-term maintenance of these roads. This is...these are the key issues because, you know, I know everybody kind of...you know, some folks see this as kind of, you know...this is just basic stuff. It's not exciting. It's not...you know, it's not building museums or art galleries or stuff like this, which is exciting. This is fixing the roads. Well, this is what the full...this is what I hear all the time from my constituents, fix our roads, fix my street, fix my sidewalk. Why can't you fix my curb? My curb has been like this for years. Just, you know, very basic things. And you know, it's frustrating because, you know, you see it. And, you know, you see it across a whole city. And when a community...we want homeowners, and we want private property owners to look after the properties to maintain their properties, but it's very hard for us to tell them to have to do this when we're not even doing it ourselves within our own public right of ways, within our own public realm. And so we often see...I think there is a correlation between a street and a sidewalk that's broken up and dilapidated or a lane that's in terrible condition and the state of that neighbourhood. I really do believe…I think pride comes also from when the public...when the public entity leaves, and then the

neighbourhood sees that and that I think creates pride and inspires those to go forward. So, we've got to look at…we also have to look at, you know, I was inspired by what the Mayor did with regards to funding money, putting money towards innovation at the University of Manitoba with regards to this, and I think we should really push that button hard because, you know, we need to look at innovative ways as well in terms of materials, and how we deliver these budgets. You know, just to the south of us, you know, Grand Forks, Fargo, they go in and they do, you know, basically do a concrete curb and gutter and asphalt roads and that's it. You know, and they know they're back in there in another 20 years or so but that's what they do and they just, you know…far easier. Winnipeg is still the king of concrete, you know, and do we really need to be? And is it really that efficient? Ironically, you have neighborhoods…some of my neighbourhoods in south Transcona, I know some in Charleswood where they don't have an infrastructure problem. Why? Because they have type two gravel roads. They have chip seal roads that we have a policy that anything that is zoned residential on either side of a chip seal road...residential on a gravel road, that road will be chip sealed. And there's a chip seal program in place, and every two to three to five years that chip seal road is renewed. Well, guess what, they don't have an infrastructure. Ironically, here they have a chip seal road. But we have all these concrete roads that we can't maintain, but we are maintaining those. So there's really…we have to start to really challenge ourselves on this, and it's really a job which I think all of Council must be involved with, and with our public service because it's not going to go away right away. We have to continue this discussion, and we have to keep it going, and we just can't have it in the spurts that we have with these reports that come forward, and the RIS system, everything that is just...you know, it's a...I don't know. It's...you feel like you're tied up and you can't get anything done. You know, you feel like you're in a straight jacket, and it's just crazy.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes moves extension. All in favour. Contrary. Carried?

Councillor Wyatt: And it is crazy. We're continually doing same thing and literally watching the city still crumbling. And so…this is great. This is wonderful that we're getting these funds out. Would I have liked to have seen more funding going out? Absolutely. But, you know, if there was a way we could in the future learn from this, so that we can beat the Province when it comes to their tenders and we can make sure that we're on top and we are doing things more efficiently than them and everything else, because they are really, when it comes to this roadwork, they are our major competitor. You know, because they're the ones who in many ways…and they shouldn't be. They should be working with us as well and helping us in terms of delivering these projects more efficiently and that we don't have 5 or 6% construction inflation or more. Because that's absolutely outrage. That's absolutely ridiculous. So, I'll leave it at that, Madam Speaker, and I look forward to being able to vote for this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Onto Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes. I just want to thank everybody who is kind of keeping the conversation going. We need to come up with a better plan. We are giving records amounts of money into our roads, yet we're not feeling the impact and we need to come up with a better program. We need to look at what other cities are doing. We're just not…at the rate that we're doing things right now, we're not going to catch up, and neighbourhoods and the way that we're set up is that we get a percentage of roads in our neighbourhoods, so then neighbourhoods that have maybe high density number of people but smaller ward sizes aren't getting a greater share. So we need to come up with a system that's kind of fair all around. I know that in Linden Woods, there's roads that no longer can get the TBO because they're in such bad condition from 30 years that they can't even get filled. So all the neighbourhoods, whether you're suburban or inner city, eventually this is going to hit all of us. So I'm really hoping that we can really kind of get to the, you know, the core of the issue. And it is partly…it's funding, but partly it's finding a new mechanism looking at maybe what other cities have done in terms of the tendering processes, but also in terms of how they redistribute the work and where it gets done. It's not working, and right now with the funding at high records, you know, just in some areas we're not even seeing any change, and we're getting the phone calls. So we need to figure things out. Just even having the conversation going, this is a great debate. I'm kind of open and looking to any new ideas that might help improve the infrastructure challenges that we have especially in aging neighbourhoods. Because we don't deal with the aging neighbourhoods we have now, it's going to filter out into these neighbourhoods that are just being developed 30 years down the line if we're not putting money in investing in those, they're going to be in the state that ours are in now. So we have to find a mechanism. I don't think we've found the one we have right now in the City of Winnipeg. I'm not sure if it's working for us, but I am open to hearing the conversation, the dialogue, and thank you to all the councillors who are keeping the conversation going. Record numbers of amounts is going into our roads, and we're not there yet. So I just…thanks.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I start off by thanking…actually Councillor Wyatt, we did move that motion, but Councillor Wyatt always has his ear to the ground, and we were talking about moving that motion that we did at least a month earlier, but it didn't get done, but that's neither here nor there, Madam Speaker. It's good that our public service and everybody went out and did all that talking to all the people that Councillor Wyatt was listening to months

ago. But Madam Speaker, I'm in support of this report. It would have been nice to do more in terms of a first call and getting more work out and, you know, I understand, you know, sometimes there's issues of capacity and getting proper design work done and all that sort of thing, but Madam Speaker, yes, I get the calls. I have my dynamic map that I brought to the Province, and I'd be…show it to people whenever I get the opportunity. Nice big map of Mynarski just so everybody can see the bad back lanes and the bad streets. And you know, when I do show that, Madam Speaker, sometimes to a resident, and we'll send out a picture, the blue is slowly encroaching upon the red. It is slow, but I was just listening to some of the previous speakers and Councillor Wyatt, you know, we do need innovation and we need different thing but no thanks to a P3 for residential streets. No thanks. There's an extra cost to that, and what I would point out though because we talk about future generations paying for work done. You know, P3 could get a whole bunch more work done, yeah, more…earlier. But, you know, when we brought...when…actually, when Councillor Wyatt brought the first plan to really address the local road problem, local sidewalk, the problem, back lanes, Councillor Wyatt was the so-called budget boss at the time. And he worked with the administration and they came up with a calculation. A 25 year plan and yes, it does cost money, so therefore it is taxes. But it is a 25 year plan that we were told, and I believe it's still there, 25 years, it's a long time, but you know, we, Madam Speaker, when I started and got to Council in 2010, I started to push. You know why? Because when I did my first speech in this very chamber in 1991, what were people talking about? The condition of the streets. It was a problem. It took 26, 27 years before we actually had a plan that's going to take 25 years to address the residential street problem, Madam Speaker. And you know, that long-term plan, it didn't factor in exceptional years like this year as Councillor Wyatt is putting…put me onto originally saying, hey, this is a…we're getting good, low tenders right now, and this is really good. It's a good season. What we don't have is, we don't have a plan on how to take advantage of that king of market because the market changes every year, obviously, right? So Madam Speaker, we should be able to figure out a way better way to take advantage of a good season and this might not be the only year. There will be years along the 25 year plan. I know it's frustrating for people, like, well how come they're fixing that road and that road? You know, try to explain, we try to get the worst first done, Madam Speaker, worst first, try to get it done. And sometimes we're being held up by another department called Water and Waste, the utility. Because they want to do, and many of these old areas where we have these failing streets that haven't been renewed or maintained for 50 years or whatever, these just happen to be the same streets that we're going to deal with combined sewer over flow, or basement flooding from combined sewer into flooding people's basements, Madam Speaker. So, you know, in that budget, and just so you know, in that water…in that water bill thing that you passed, and the budget that was passed, relay the water bills, they slowed down the combined sewer overflow thing because they're waiting to find out what the plan is from the Province of Manitoba and how, you know, what plan we're going to get and what's going to happen. But you know, there's taxpayer money in the water bills. There's taxpayer money from Public Works. When we're doing streets that need the CSO and they need the streets, I think we should be aligning our priorities more closely. For example, I've got Hartford Avenue, it needs to be renewed, but the CSO plan for Hartford Avenue is like, forever. Like, we need to bring it closer together where we can use combined money, and you can get more done in a year as well. Because the last thing you want is to beat up the street that just got renewed by Public Works and Water and Waste and we do work together. Our Water and Waste and our Public Works engineers, they talk and they discuss things together but one department will have a higher priority or lower priority. Like, this is a problem, Madam Speaker. That's innovation too. How can we can align that more up so we can combine dollars to renew the streets and do the sewers operation at the same time, Madam Speaker? Get it down quicker. I'm waiting to get Kilbride east of Main done, I can't get it done because we're waiting for that sewer separation to happen. But the street's awful…like, you take a drive down there, van almost falls into a huge hole. Like, it's crazy. So you know, the work needs...we can't do it until we align it because we don't want to waste money and then wreck it. You know, spend money and then wreck it later. So Madam Speaker, we have a 25 year plan…we're 2013, so we're the third year in there. We need to follow that plan though. Because we had our City experts looking at this, looking at what needs to be done on the local street renewal program and they said we can get this done in 25 years as long as we follow the plan, as long as we follow the plan. So I noticed in our last report, Madam Speaker, that I don't know if all of the surplus that's going into these regional streets and regional sidewalks that was in report number three, that was spoken to, that we all agree is a good thing, but if we're using local road surplus money, I'm a little concerned that we're going to slow down our local road and then we have a regional road program that's supposed to take 15…is it 15 or 18 years, another one that was moved in by the so-called budget box, Councillor Wyatt, Madam Speaker. If we follow these things, supposedly, our experts, we've worked it out, we are supposed to get to the point where we can do the ongoing maintenance, which Councillor Wyatt, which I disagree with, which is that the P3s, we'll maintain it the proper way. Well, apparently this 25-year, and this 15 or 18 year plan is supposed to get us to the point where we can maintain them the proper way. Because on a P3, we pay extra money to make sure they are maintained properly. And I will also point out, Madam Speaker, that on residential streets, we're not putting in concrete anymore, just so you know. The renewals are asphalt renewals. That's what's going on right now, Madam Speaker. So that's an innovation that our engineers and our departments say, you know what, we only need to use asphalt on a residential street. But when you get a collector with heavy equipment going down it, we'll see if Chief Peguis Trail...I know we're giving them a lot of money to maintain that road, but it is very thick asphalt. We'll see how it fairs out over the…you know, I don't know how many years it's gone, Madam Speaker, but I just wanted to point all these things out. So, while we're only getting a minimal amount of first call here, to get out onto the streets, it would have been great to have more, Madam Speaker. I'm going to be voting for this,

because actually the streets that they picked in my ward are directly related to construction that they're doing right now. Probably get some really good low bids by those people doing those streets right by where they are. So thank you Madam Speaker, I'll be voting for the report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers? Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: I rise in support of this and I just want to acknowledge and thank the work of the committee members and many members of Council and, of course, our administration on this. We've seen record investment in street and road renewal over the last two years, 103 million in last year's budget, 105 million in this year's budget. That's almost $210 million in two years. And every cent of this year's property tax increase was invested in infrastructure. Over the last two years, that's over 320 kilometers of road renewal has been undertaken. And it's taken us to Dryden, Ontario, but we need to go a lot further. We're inheriting a massive infrastructure deficit well beyond transportation infrastructure and road renewal, but we still have more work to do. And I appreciate the work and support for a variety of efforts to ensure that we're getting greater value for the money that we are investing, and so making sure that we are tapping into the research and the resource that we have at the University of Manitoba and appreciate Councillor Wyatt's acknowledgment of that research chair is very important. Of course, there's many other steps that we have and will continue to take I think it's going to be up to all members of Council working in collaboration with their administration and the public to find even more innovative ways to stretch the dollars further and to also find more dollars. So we do still have more work to do. We are building and rebuilding our city one road at a time. And it's important to remember that in no time in our history of City of Winnipeg has a council been so focused on repairing and upgrading our local and our regional roads. And so, I'll be supporting this. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to make comments, but also to express my concerns in terms of lack of knowledge or due consideration yet to be taken by myself as well as City Hall in general on what are extremely important issues as a society, but for which we as a municipal government have our proportionate responsibilities and must show our due consideration. I truly, truly do commend Councillor Lukes for taking on the task of her standing committee. It's truly quite an undertaking, and I know there's a lot of time that does absolutely go into this. She just mentioned in her last speech that, you know, she's had a series of meetings, and we're all aware, numerous meetings she has on these issues regarding construction, road construction and dealing with issues of costs, rising costs, and we...as Councillor Morantz would say, you know, other levels of government may have the tax dollars, but we have the problems here at municipal level. And we have to deal with the realities of the broad strokes of the economics of the resources that go into construction. And when you think about asphalt, asphalt is primarily rock stone aggregate except with bitumen. And it's oil based to that extent and thus, we have the conundrum of oil economics and how it plays out and how asphalt is a residual if you will, some form of residual aspect of the oil industry in terms of...I won't call it a by-product. It's not. But it is being termed the bottom of the barrel if you will in terms of…in terms of oil production and refinement. Thus, when we've had rising oil prices at 10%, asphalt's risen at 7%. But when we've had a decrease in oil prices of 40%, what has happened to the cost of asphalt? Has it decreased by 40%? Or by two-thirds of 40%? As you've had your disproportionate rise of 10% per year at one point of oil prices, thus 7%. Then perhaps when oil reduced by over 40%, you had maybe a 30% reduction in the cost of asphalt. Well we didn't. Of course, there's a reasoning for that because one would say that despite the lower demand or the lower cost for oil that unto itself hasn't burdened a disproportionate economic growth by having such a cheap and highly valuable and important factor in construction or any other aspect of economics, by which we're energy dependent and fossil fuel dependent still at this time economy for decades to come. And on that basis, there is the argument, well, given that asphalt is a residual aspect of the oil industry, there's no incentive to produce more asphalt and, thus, the cost of asphalt increases. So we have this conundrum, Madam Speaker, and look, I am open to this discussion. I am open to anyone explaining on the record...preferably on the record in terms of how I'm misperceiving this. What lacks my perspective on this? This is what it's all about, Madam Speaker. So when oil prices go up, cost of asphalt goes up. When oil prices go down, asphalt goes up. Now, if that's not the case, Madam Speaker, that…then I would like on the record explanation of that preferably from this circle and from members of the administration. And I am willing to have any conversations that a councillor may direct myself to. But if I'm wrong I would like to be corrected here so the public is in on that conversation, and so with true respect for the responsibilities that Councillor Lukes has to take on in her role in terms of the standing committee, relevant to these issues, as she's mentioned again, I would just like to be straight up on this. And say that, you know…it's not the first time I've mentioned these types of issues here at Council meetings. But it certainly won't be the last. And as we're dealing with the rise and the fall of oil and a substantial factor in construction and all other aspects of our economy and budgeting priorities of our city how that relates to other aspects of construction that are related. Having said that, Madam Speaker, I'm still in favour of the motion, I'm just saying it's part of something that is truly greater that we can't ignore. And I don't think we're doing our jobs if we're not dealing with the issues that I have just mentioned, and from this point on, I just want to make it clear again. I'll be raising this issue for the rest of this term and for the rest of the year as well. It happens to be, Madam Speaker that, you know, there's a frustration and perhaps some sense of

contradiction. We're calling for first call from next year's budget to get work done. Let's do it. But at the same time do we spend our entire budget on this from the last budget? So these are part of the conundrums that we have to deal with as a city council, and I just feel obliged to put that on record, and I am pleased to be educated and corrected in this chamber at any time on these very important issues. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: All right. Firstly, actually, I would also like to say that when we say roads, we also mean active transportation because we have the lands of active transportation that we've put on all these roads that we're speaking of. So if some are being built with sidewalks or pathways, that is all considered in it if they're part of the network, so just to be clear but everyone likes to talk roads. So in regards to doing things differently, I just wanted to speak to Councillor Wyatt's comments and Councillor Gilroy's. We will be having a procurement report come forward in September, it might be some nice end of August reading for folks and I guess it would come forward in September on the agenda at the beginning of September. And this procurement report will be making recommendations on how to get our projects out earlier. So I'm, you know, looking forward to this report coming forward. It will be a…probably a presentation on how we should be doing things differently and I'm opening lots of dialogue on that prior even to it coming to committee once it's posted. And then I guess to the approach of how we're doing our roads, the…you k now, in speaking with the department virtually daily on many issues related to roads, we are focusing on our regional roads as a priority, and we have a lot of the local roads that we need to do. The approach…if we were to do something different, what it would mean if we looked at Edmonton model, I know I've talked to Councillor Gilroy quite a bit about this, the Edmonton model. If we were to look at doing the Edmonton model where we do an area, not necessarily as a P3, but just let's say we do an area, it would mean that we would have to have full support of all the councillors because other councillors would have to give up some of their roads to allow this really serious renewal to occur in some of the older parts of the core. So, you know, we...it's easy to talk about doing something different, but it's truly another matter of actually committing and support to doing something different. I am pleased to bring forth this report. I have nothing further to say on it other than I hope that we can have Council support on it.

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

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We now have Motion No. 2 before us. Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan and seconded by Councillor Lukes, it's regarding parking solutions for the Exchange District. It will be an automatic referral for to the Committee on Public Works.

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

WHEREAS in recent years, there has been an increase of residential, retail and restaurant developments in the Exchange District;

AND WHEREAS there is an increased demand for parking in the Exchange District;

AND WHEREAS there are a large number of loading zones in the Exchange District;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of Canadian municipalities have increased parking opportunities thru theimplementation of angled parking in their downtown;

AND WHEREAS there is an existing City of Winnipeg parking lot at the Alexander Docks area, that could provide temporary parking in the East Exchange;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service do all that is necessary to allow parking on this lot;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service explore and report back on innovative on street parking solutions for the Exchange District with the aim of increasing the available number of on street parking spots thru an examination of but not limited to:

- *the development of a loading zone policy*
- *implementing angled parking in strategic locations*

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

Madam Speaker: Moving into by-laws, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to...oh no, sorry. I would like to…

Madam Speaker: Go ahead, first reading. Your first, yes.

Councillor Lukes: Okay. All right, I would like to move that By-law No. 86/2016 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 86/2016.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to read that By-law No. 86/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 86/2016.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 86/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Lukes? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Councillor Lukes, you spoke about a number of infrastructure projects earlier that peaked my interest. In terms of the federal funding, which is out there and available. I know it has to flow through, technically flow through the Provincial Government. But where is the City of Winnipeg right now when it comes to our infrastructure ask and when will Council be asked for a chance to weigh in on its priorities? Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: At this point in time, we have heard from a transit prospective. I've been working on the transit file, and I mean, that be up to Councillor Mayes, might be able to speak better to Water and Waste. But in relation to transit, we haven't received a lot of details yet, breakdown on this fund that they have available to us. So I know that Mr. Wardrop is preparing basically a wish list that I expect will be coming forward at some point to Council. But until we have more details to understand what is and isn't eligible, we're in a bit of limbo right now.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. So yeah, there's three sets of programs from my understanding and I know I'm not allowed preamble, so maybe I'll ask on the first one that is the transit. Are we now concentrating on the first tranche of money, which is a three year money? Is that what we're concentrating on now, which is the short term money versus the long term money and are we going to have two separate reports or is it going to be one?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: So what's come out from the Federal Government has been basically, there's about $84 million to be allocated to the Province of Manitoba and there're really no details that that is in the first, the short term. So they're, and there's no real details yet in the following, regarding the following program. I know myself, I've been working very closely with my local MP on this initiative just to see what he's heard, but from the standpoint of the first three years, it would be the $84 million, how would be allocated or how, what portion would come to Winnipeg and what projects would be eligible. But we don't have a lot of detail on that yet that I've received.

Councillor Wyatt: Will we use this opportunity to increase the size of the transit bus fleet? Because we know we have an issue there across our entire city, which is growing.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: That would absolutely be probably one of the requests that Mr. Wardrop would be bringing forward, but I also know having toured the facilities multiple times now that I would expect he would be bringing forward a list regarding the maintenance, expanding the maintenance shop, dealing with the maintenance in relation to the engines and such, so and with that comes probably a bit of expansion to the shops. So I don't have a list yet from Mr. Wardrop on what he is making recommendations on, but you know, even if we were to receive $70-75 million, absolutely I would think buses would be one of the number one requests and then we do have to deal with our maintenance facilities and where it's being held so. But until that comes forward, I'm assuming.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? That will end Question Period. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There's no report today, no motions and no by-laws. Councillor Lukes will act as the Chair in Councillor Morantz's absence and will take any questions at this time for question period. Any questions for the Acting Chair? Councillor Wyatt.

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Councillor Wyatt: And I know you're the Acting Chair, so you probably may not have answers, but I know that the questions were asked about the budget process and everything the Mayor referred to ask Councillor Morantz. I think we want to respect his situation right now of course. So I'm asking you, and you can take it under advisement, but it would be good to know what the budget process will be, what will be Members of Council's involvement, how it will look in terms of what, will we have the same kind of budget working group, will we not and timeframes I guess in terms of when the budgets will be coming down.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: So I will take that question under advisement. But I do know that the desire and the goal from the committee, Councillor Gillingham and I sit on the committee and we've had very good budget discussion, not budget discussions, finance discussions, but we've also talked about budgets with Councillor Morantz and I know the goal again this year is to continue improving the process. I know last year, the process was very different in that non-EPC members were a part of it and there was a working group. And it is my hope that it improves, it is my hope ultimately we will get to a two year budget, possibly a three year budget. But at this point, really I have no further information that I could really speak knowledgably on.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Is there a way for us to try to think out of the box so that outside of those who are on the Budget Working Group that there is a better way to engage ideas and thoughts and concerns in terms of, and inputting them as early as possible into the budget process without having to politicize things?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Well, I would totally hope so and I mean, I know the Mayor has spoken of this before and I know Councillor Morantz has also, is to, you know, send in, email in, forward on lists of projects or initiatives that are of special interest to the area councillors. But ultimately, you know, I'm…I have no more information really on the process that I can talk about.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Just a little confused from the questions I asked this morning. I had the impression at this time there was no budget working group. I just wish clarification. Councillor Lukes talked about Councillor Gillingham being on the committee. Are we referring to last year's committee or…?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to clarify.

Councillor Lukes: Councillor Gillingham's on the Finance Committee with myself, so we often pre-meeting, post-meeting talk about a lot of financial things, so and budget of course is one of them, so the budget process.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Okay, seeing none. Councillor Orlikow would you move adjournment? Thank you. Okay, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 4:05 p.m.