EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 449
Councillor Dobson asked when all citizens of Winnipeg would be properly represented in the budget process; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that conversations on how to improve the budget process were on-going, including public engagement.

Councillor Dobson inquired if His Worship Mayor Bowman, or his staff, were informed prior to the rest of Council on issues such as water rate increases and bus rapid transit; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that he received regular briefings from the Administration and encouraged all members of Council to do the same.

Councillor Allard asked if His Worship Mayor Bowman had a conversation with the Province of Manitoba on rail rationalization or relocation; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied in the affirmative and that he was awaiting direction from them.

Councillor Wyatt asked if it would be possible for the Mayor's Office to publish a staff contact list to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he would take it into consideration and provide more information in this regard.

Councillor Wyatt inquired if Council could receive a contact list for the Office of Public Engagement, to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that would be better directed to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Schreyer asked if there would be expansion or enhancement of the Budget Working Group to which His Worship Mayor Bowman reiterated that conversations were on-going and that all members of Council were welcome to reach out to him or the Chair of Finance.

Councillor Schreyer asked what the intentions were for making a Budget Working Group for 2017; to which the His Worship replied that he and the Chair of Finance welcomed input from all members of Council.

Councillor Pagtakhan requested an update on the James Avenue Parkade; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied the administration was aware of the need to resolve the issue and was working with the stakeholders to improve parking demands in the downtown area.