COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

The Council met at 9:37 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 Pagtakhan.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, on to you for the morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning to my council colleagues as well as those viewing in the gallery and online and via television. I want to welcome members of Council to our first Council meeting since July. I hope everybody had an enjoyable summer and I hope you were able to take part in many of the festivals and activities that took place in Winnipeg over the course of the summer. As we all know, Winnipeg is a great place to be in the summer with a number of festivals and events that are happening. It's always a fun and exciting time in our community, and I continue to feel that as we look forward in this fall and in the coming year, we're going to continue building on the positive momentum, not just at Council but, of course, in our community. I do hope everyone was able to take in a bit of the summer Olympic Games. Our athletes made us extremely proud, particularly, I'll say, in the swimming pool. We're now less than one year away from hosting the Canada Summer Games when we will be welcoming over 4,000 athletes and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors from across our country, and it will be very exciting and together with our organizing committee and Winnipeg's outstanding volunteer support, we're going to put on a great show and we'll do an exceptional job hosting the nation here in Winnipeg.

I was also very pleased, recently, to do a business trip to Atlanta, Georgia. I was able to meet with many different people including the mayor of Atlanta, Mr. Kasim Reed as well as Consul General, Louise Blais and the President of Price Industries. Price, as you know, is headquartered here in Winnipeg but has operations globally, including in Atlanta…they have two facilities…was able to get a tour of their facility and it was a very impressive facility. I was also able to meet with the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and Invest Atlanta which is roughly the equivalent of our Yes Winnipeg. All of these opportunities were a great time to be able to promote Winnipeg, to showcase our city as a great place to live, to work, and of course to build a career and invest in. And while in Atlanta, I was also pleased to announce, together with the Downtown BIZ, that Winnipeg will be the host of the International Downtown Association Conference and Trade Show next September, 2017, so mark it in your calendars now. It will be an exciting time to show visitors all of the exciting changes that have occurred in our downtown over the last 20 years since Winnipeg last hosted this international conference, and this is just another example of how Winnipeg continues to be a destination stop rather than a departure point, and I look forward to continuing this momentum.

I had an opportunity to meet with the Bank of Montreal senior executive team earlier this summer. This is a group of senior executives from across Canada who chose Winnipeg as their location to meet. Interestingly they didn't want to discuss as much interest rates, debts or financial ratios; what they wanted to talk about, with regards to Winnipeg, is what makes us as a community. Things like our reconciliation efforts, our diversity, high school graduation rates, housing challenges and investments, and it was very interesting to hear some of them describe Winnipeg's diversity and really, Canada's diversity as a national advantage both economically and socially. Winnipeg, as every member of this Council I'm sure will agree with, is a great city full of great people and it's being recognized more and more around boardroom tables and kitchen tables.

Earlier this week the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, which is headquartered here in Winnipeg, identified…they identified on Monday, Cybertip.ca Awareness Day, and I was very pleased earlier this summer to have participated in an announcement designed to help prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation in city of Winnipeg aquatic, recreation and library facilities. I want to thank all members of Council for their support on this initiative. And I was also very grateful for the Canadian Centre for Child Protection agreeing to a first of a kind partnership to assist us in enhancing child safety

across our civic facilities. Under the leadership of Lianna McDonald, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection is doing a tremendous job protecting children, certainly across Canada and working with global partners as well, ensuring the safety of our children. It's critically important at all City of Winnipeg facilities and I am very pleased that we've been able to partner with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

I was also pleased to award two outstanding achievement award medals recently to two very different but equally deserving Winnipeggers. The first went to Amber Balcaen for her accomplishments on the racetrack where she became the first Canadian woman to win a NASCAR sanctioned race. I know many of you were in attendance for that and I want to thank you for being there. The second went to Kelsey Wog for her accomplishments in the swimming pool recently where she finished first in 50 and 200 metre breast stroke during the 2016 Canadian Swimming Championships. I want to wish them again congratulations for being not just successful in their respective sports but being outstanding role models for young women and young boys in our community looking to...younger, it's all relative, younger role models in our community. They are doing so much to make us proud.

I was pleased to participate in several important private sector announcements recently. Urban Capital officially opened Glasshouse Skylofts this summer and this development completes the Centrepoint which is $130 million project at 311 Portage Avenue. Winpak, a leading manufacturer and distributor of packaging materials and equipment who has called Winnipeg home since 1977, undertook a further expansion of their facility and just yesterday, Bell and MTS announced a significant commitment to bring the most advanced broad band and wireless services to our very own Innovation Alley. This is a very significant announcement. It was described to us that what this means for non-techies is that what would take typically over five minutes to download Game of Thrones would take about 12 seconds now. I don't suggest members of Council do that while we're in meeting today, but I would absolutely lend your voice to support those in Innovation Alley that are helping create more jobs for us and for our kids. This will provide additional tools to the entrepreneurs and innovators to help them break new ground, continue to achieve international success and recognition and to take on and to lead the world right here from Winnipeg, blocks away from City Hall. These have been significant investments and announcements for our city and they underscore that Winnipeg is open for business and that we are, in fact, a great place to live, to work and to invest in. And they underscore confidence and pride in our city. I remain committed to building a city whose pride and reputation is growing and promoting Winnipeg's strengths nationally and internationally and together with the private sector investments that I have mentioned and so many others, we are building Winnipeg for the future.

I was also very pleased to participate again this year with other members of Council, Councillor Scott Gillingham in particular, in the candle light service of remembrance. Both the councillor and I participated in the ceremony. It was a very somber and emotional service that commemorates World War I and World War II anniversaries at Brookside Cemetery. And for those that don't know much about Brookside, if you're watching this right now, take some time to visit it. It is something that we are very proud to have here in Winnipeg. It's the largest war cemetery. I have heard people describe it as Canada's Arlington Cemetery and it's definitely something that if you've never visited, I would strongly encourage all Winnipeggers to visit and pay your respects to heroes. Brookside Cemetery, as I mentioned, it's the largest, it's the most significant military field of honour and last year it marked its 100th anniversary. This June and July we recalled the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Sommes in World War I. In December, we remembered the liberation of the Hong Kong prisoners of war. In both actions, troops from Winnipeg played heroic roles. When the need has arisen, Winnipeggers have always stepped forward to defend our community and our country out of a sincere desire to serve and a very strong desire for peace. And if you look around Winnipeg, you see that the consciousness of what our veterans have done permeates every corner of our city. You will see reminders of our veterans' courage and statuary memorials, in inscriptions, in stained glass windows, in paintings and murals and in place names and street names all over Winnipeg. We need to remember and thank our veterans and all of the women and men in uniform today, including our first responders here in Winnipeg for all that they do each and every day, on our behalf to keep us safe and to keep us free.

On a lighter note I want to congratulate the Winnipeg Goldeyes for literally bringing it home. Congratulations to the team and the management for capturing their second American Association Championship in five years. Great job to the Goldeyes organization and fans, of course. And let's also hope Canada can bring home gold at the World Cup of Hockey while the Jets fans get ready for another outstanding season. And last but not least, let's keep on cheering for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers who are peaking, I think, at the right time of the season and we're all behind them. So that concludes my opening remarks. Thank you very much, merci and megwich Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Pagtakhan, our Deputy Mayor on to you. I understand you would like to announce some dignitaries that are visiting from Portugal and other special guests here in the gallery today.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Yes, it's my pleasure to introduce two visiting guests, from the Government of the Azores; Dr. Rodrigo Oliveira, he's the Undersecretary of the Presidency to External

Relations for the Government of the Azores as well as Dr. Paulo Teves, he's the Regional Director of Communities for the Government of the Azores. They are accompanied by a few of our community leaders right here in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mr. Paul George Cabral, the Honourary Consul of Portugal and Mr. John Paul Melo, President of the Azorean Cultural Centre of Manitoba as well as Mr. John Cordozo, CKGS Radio. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you very much. On to you, Councillor Mayes for your morning remarks.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. A couple of words en Français, if I may. Quickly, I think it's worth noting just.

Translation of French Spoken:

Last week, for the first time, the City of Winnipeg hired a languages manager – a French-language services manager. This is the first time that the City of Winnipeg will have a full-time position devoted to French-language services. This is an effort, an expenditure in the budget. Ms Nicole Young will be starting next week, I believe. This is important for the City of Winnipeg, it is very important for St. Boniface and St. Vital, and I would like to thank Councillor Allard for his effort with the French language and with this new position. I wish to welcome Nicole Young. There is a lot of work for her. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. At this time I would like to call forward Jeff Hnatiuk, President and CEO of the Winnipeg Canada Summer Games 2017 to come forward and make a presentation. Welcome.

Jeff Hnatiuk: Thank you very much. Thank you very much for the opportunity to be here this morning to give you a very brief update on progress relative to the hosting of the 2017 Canada Summer Games here in the city of Winnipeg and the province of Manitoba. You had the opportunity to meet Niibin. Niibin has been…and Neebin, I should mention, means "the summer" in Anicinabe. Niibin has been extremely busy this past summer having attended well over 50 events. We anticipate leading up to the games in the summer of 2017, Niibin will attend well over 200 events. So, he has been extremely busy and will be busy leading up to the next year as will a number of people here in the city and the province of Manitoba. I am very pleased to say we currently have about 500 leadership volunteers in place that have been working on various committees over the last year and a half in planning…the pre-planning of the games. In addition to those leadership volunteers we have a staff component of about 50 staff at this point. Combined, the number of committee meetings that are currently taking place to plan these games exceeds over a hundred meetings per month. Those will only escalate as we get closer and closer to the games. Very pleased to also, with the support of the City of Winnipeg, we have been able to announce some great venues here in the city that will be not only venues for the games next summer but will be extremely important legacies for the city and the province moving forward. Of course, the beach volleyball venue which will be a permanent venue at Sargeant Park Community Centre, the mountain bike course, Bison Bute Course, at Fort Whyte, which will be the mountain bike event and is one of only, I believe, two urban mountain bike courses in the country. So those are two key legacies. Obviously, there's improvements to the track at the University of Manitoba and, of course, the major legacy that's being built across the street, the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre. So, our venues are in place. They are being constructed and they are being developed. Our revenue generation targets, which, on the private sector side, we are required to raise almost $9 million, we're on target for where we need to be at this particular time with that revenue generation program, so I am pleased to say that at this point. Volunteers are the backbone of delivering these games. We will require over 6,000 games time volunteers. We launched our games time volunteer recruitment strategy about two weeks ago, the 6th of September, towards that target of 6,000 volunteers. I'm very pleased to say at this point, two weeks in, we have recruited over 1100 volunteers. We have to keep that momentum going though. So the tap won't be turned off, if you will, when we look at recruiting more and more volunteers. So, anything that can be done through either Council or the messaging that can get out relative to volunteers. If we don't have the volunteers in place, obviously, we can't deliver a successful game. That's a very quick update as to where we are at. Things are progressing extremely well at this point and I would like to thank at this point, the City of Winnipeg for your support, the support that we're receiving through your staff, as well as through you as Council is greatly appreciated. We look forward to that continued support and as we collectively move forward to bringing the country here in the summer of 2017. So thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Hnatiuk for being here and you as well Niibin and for all your efforts in preparing for the summer games taking place next year in our city and I know through the Mayor and the leadership of Councillor Mayes who sits on your board of directors, you will see further support from the City. Thank you so much.

Jeff Hnatiuk: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, will you move the minutes of the meeting held July 13, 2016, be taken as read and confirmed?

Councillor Mayes: I so move.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move into delegations. We have one delegation this morning. Ms Shauna MacKinnon on behalf the University of Winnipeg in support of Item No. 8 of the report of EPC dated September 21, 2016. It's regarding a grant to the University of Winnipeg. Welcome.

Shauna MacKinnon: Thanks. Thank you, Mayor Bowman and Councillors and in particular, Councillor Mayes for being a champion of this idea and being a big supporter of our proposal for the Youth United@Winnipeg initiative that I'm going to speak a bit about today.

I'm a professor at the University of Winnipeg in the Department of Urban and Inner-City Studies and I'm also responsible for managing the Youth United@Winnipeg program. For those of you who aren't aware, our program is situated on Selkirk Avenue in the North End and we will soon be occupying the space that has in the past been known as the Merchants Hotel, and so we are pretty excited about that as well and it fits really well with this program. As described in our grant application, Youth United@Winnipeg is an intensive inner-city summer university credit and work experience program that will operate from May through August. In addition to academic instruction in traditional...in non-traditional classrooms across the city in diverse settings, 20 students, half of which will be from the inner-city and half from other areas of the city will be matched with community organizations to provide service to the community and work placements four days each week. So this will give students an opportunity to apply what they are learning in the classroom and also provide an important service to the community through existing organizations.

The central theme of the work study program will be reconciliation, drawing upon the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and we believe this to be important because the TRC highlights the importance of youth as leaders in the process of reconciliation. Youth United@Winnipeg is a great fit for the University of Winnipeg and in particular for urban and inner-city studies because it allows us to scale up the work that we currently do, expanding beyond scholarly learning to community practice and service in the spirit of reconciliation. Our department is unique in, and with the risk of sounding boastful I think it's fair to say that we are ahead of the curve in many ways in that we have been providing for several years now, a learning experience that we would describe as reconciliation in action. We are unique not because we offer our courses on Selkirk Avenue, there are many other great education programs on the street, but because we aim to bring students from different backgrounds, different socioeconomic classes and ethnic backgrounds, from parts of the city to study with students who have, in many cases, lived all their lives in the inner-city in the North End and many who have always lived in poverty. We have a high number of Indigenous students, approximately 40 percent, the other 60 percent non-Indigenous students, about 10 percent of whom are newcomers. More than half of our students come from outside of the inner-city, many from suburban neighbourhoods. These students come to Selkirk Avenue to take courses for a host of reasons. Some of our students choose to major in Urban and Inner-City Studies, some take one or two electives with us. We have had students who plan to be police officers and have thought it would be a good experience to learn in the North End. In fact, I had the interesting experience last year of having a young man interested in entering policing sitting next to a young man who had recently been released from prison, and because our classes are small and allow for a lot of time for discussion, these two individuals engaged in some very interesting conversations over the term and had a very different understanding about each other at the end. And again, we believe this is an excellent example of reconciliation in action. We have students who want to be social workers, lawyers, kinesiologists, city planners and some simply wish to work in a community organization to give back to the neighbourhoods that they grew up in. Regardless of their reasons for studying with us we know that at the end of the term each of our students will leave with a very different perspective than that which they came with. Our students from the inner-city meet students from other neighbourhoods and are sometimes surprised to learn that although they come from very different experiences and in many cases, have experienced many more challenges and barriers, they are not all that different in many ways. Each of our students has the hopes and dreams of completing their education and living full and productive lives. Many students who come to study with us from suburban neighbourhoods describe urban and inner-city studies as a transformative experience for them that has helped them to unlearn many of the negative stereotypes they have of Indigenous peoples and the portrayals of the North End as a place to fear. Non-Indigenous students learn much from their Indigenous peers and Indigenous students find allies in many of the non-Indigenous student that they meet. Students who come to us from suburban neighbourhoods return to their communities with a very different perspective of Selkirk Avenue and the North End and they transmit these new perspectives back to their family and friends, again, a good example of reconciliation in action. Indigenous students and non-Indigenous students from

across the city are building bridges across our communities and beginning to break down the divides that we know exist in our city. It is this experience we that build upon through Youth United@Winnipeg. Youth United@Winnipeg aligns well with Mayor Bowman's designation of 2016 as the Year of Reconciliation as well as the ongoing leadership that our mayor and council has shown in response to the realities of racism that we have in our city. We are very pleased that Youth United@Winnipeg was identified in the 2016 City of Winnipeg budget as a two-year pilot project to begin in 2017 and we look forward to beginning in May. However, we have a ton of work to do before May of 2017 and the bridge funding that we are requesting will allow us to hire a program coordinator so that we can do the work required in preparation for May.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls upon Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians to be part of the process of healing and moving forward. It emphasizes that reconciliation requires sustained public education and dialogue including youth engagement. The TRC describes the importance of reconciliation at the community level and I quote, "Where contact between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples is often minimal or marred by distrust and racism." So this is what we aim to do through Youth United@Winnipeg.

As a final note I would just like to again thank the Mayor and Council for taking seriously the need to address racism and the other divisions of our city by breaking down barriers and building bridges through your support for programs like Youth United@Winnipeg. Identifying a commitment to this project in the 2016 budget has encouraged us to move forward with our planning providing us with the bridging support that we can hire a program…so that we can hire a program coordinator to implement our intake process, provide administrative support and work with our community partners to develop meaningful work placements will ensure we are ready to implement Youth United@Winnipeg in May of 2017. Thank you for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms MacKinnon. Are there any questions from the chamber at this time? Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Thank you very much for coming here and thank you for all your work and the work of others at U of Winnipeg and just if you can clarify, the 40,000 is merely an advance, it's not an addition to the 200,000. So this is basically university work budgets on an academic year. We work on a calendar year so…

Shauna MacKinnon: That's correct, yes.

Councillor Mayes: If the students are going to have somewhere to work in May, we've got to have somebody planning in advance and this is just an advance on the money.

Shawna MacKinnon: That is correct. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Are there any further questions? Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Am I supposed to stand?

Madam Speaker: Yes, please.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, Ms MacKinnon, I just wanted to say the dialogues you talk about with the program that you are part of a professor of...those dialogues are always interesting. I always welcome the opportunity to come to speak to those classes and the dialogues are very interesting.

I just had one question and I really appreciate the work but could you just give me some idea of the bit of the pre-planning work that needs to be done, a couple things?

Shauna MacKinnon: Sure. The main role of the program coordinator will be to identify the organizations in the community and do some outreach to develop the work placements. So the students will be placed in various community organizations four days a week from the beginning of May to the end of August. So we want to make sure that they have meaningful work placements and so that's part of the role. And the other is just to, you know, all the administrative work involved in going through the intake process, identifying students who apply, selecting students. We actually anticipate...we are already getting many, many calls of interest and so we anticipate we will have quite a few applicants and so we need to have a process in place to go through that. And so this is all sort of work above and beyond what we're able to do with our very small department staff at Urban and Inner-City Studies.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you so much for being here today.

Shauna MacKinnon: Thank you. Appreciate it.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to committee reports. First dealing with the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14th, 2016. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7.

Madam Speaker: 1 and 4 have been pulled. I will call the question on 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Compensation Disclosure – Breakdown of Details

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 1.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you Madam Speaker. This report and this initiative is long overdue and so I want to thank my council colleagues for the efforts to move this matter forward. This will bring about, I believe, unprecedented openness and transparency in addition to the work and the momentum on greater openness and transparency that we have already begun. I am very glad to see and would like to express my appreciation for our CAO and our auditors' leadership in making their contracts public. And you know, this initiative and what this report calls for, I believe would make it a lot easier for everyone when the disclosures are released as part of the annual compensation release as mandated by the Provincial Government. Certainly would address questions that the media and the public have. Generally, that would make it much easier for many of us to be able to legally respond to, and I'll strongly urge my council colleagues to support this report. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to first thank the Mayor for his support on this initiative and thank Councillor Lukes who seconded the motion as well. I'm asking my colleagues to support this motion on compensation disclosure. And as you can see by the resolution, the resolution is really seeking three outcomes; first the motion before us calls for an expansion of compensation disclosure breakdowns for all city employees earning more than $50,000 a year. This would change the practice of disclosing total compensation only to listing regular pay, overtime, special duty pay, vacation pay, sick leave, cash-out bonuses, severance, allowances, benefits, vacation and any other compensation as defined under the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Second, the motion calls for employment contract details to be disclosed at the time of signing for those employees under written contract with the City of Winnipeg.

Third, to enable some of these changes the motion calls on the Province of Manitoba to amend the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act as necessary.

I said it before when I presented at EPC, the disclosure is critical to the public having confidence in government. The level of public confidence in government is proportional to the level of transparency within government. This week, I received a letter of support supporting this motion from Jonathan Alward, Provincial Director of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. He writes, and I quote "We too believe that disclosure is critical for small businesses to have confidence in government, and the CFIB was pleased to see Mayor Bowman and the Executive Policy Committee support your proposal to improve the compensation disclosure for city staff at the meeting of EPC on September 14th, 2016." Madam Speaker, as I said a moment ago, I commend the Mayor and my colleagues on this Council that have already committed themselves to have taken steps towards providing the public with more access to information. In the first two years of our Council's term, changes have been made that promote democratic values of open, transparent and accountable government; for example, the capital expenditures monthly report is now available online for every citizen to track our city's capital projects. And I echo the Mayor's comments a moment ago commending our CAO and Auditor who earlier this year publicly released the details of their employment contracts. These are steps in the right direction, in the direction of increased transparency at City Hall, and I believe that this Council desires to be more accountable and to provide better access to information for its citizens.

When presenting to EPC earlier this month, I stated that accountability is directly tied to transparency. And the citizens of Winnipeg have the right to know how public funds are being spent including how public employees are being compensated. I believe the importance of transparency and accountability is reinforced when we consider that the average income of the citizens of Winnipeg…if we consider the average income of the citizens of Winnipeg. The most recent Canadian census data available reveals that the average annual income of a Winnipegger is less than $40,000 a year. It's important that we around this chamber always bear in mind that the average, the average citizen in our city earns $10,000...earns $10,000 less than the lowest paid city employee on this list. The list includes names of 6,644 City of Winnipeg employees in 2015, including the Mayor and Council. If we as elected officials are going to continue to represent the average Winnipegger, which I believe all of us want to do, then we must continue to make transparency and accountability a priority. I remind us that it is the tax dollars, it is the levies and the fees from hard working Winnipeggers and seniors on fixed-incomes that our city collects and in turn, pays our salaries. City employees, including each one of us around this chamber are accountable to the taxpayer, and Madam Speaker, somewhat by coincidence and quite fortuitously, this week is Right to Know Week. Our own city's media release from Monday states, and I quote, "That each year in September, 40 countries celebrate Right to Know Week. The purpose is to raise the awareness of an individual's right to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to both democracy and good governance. Earlier this year the city completed a study that identified a number of opportunities to apply better data sharing with the public. Several opportunities were identified across city departments to improve data sharing using the city's open data portal." Madam Speaker, this compensation disclosure motion supports the right to know principle and the City of Winnipeg's open data initiatives. And finally, I'm confident that the Provincial Government will recognize the benefits of these changes and assist, if necessary, with increasing transparency to the public. When we are upfront about the details of compensation it's easier for the public to understand how their tax dollars are being spent and invested. And Madam Speaker, I ask my Council colleagues to support this motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. On to you, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise in support of Councillor Gillingham's motion and he very eloquently said what the essence of this motion is. We campaigned on a more open City Hall with a greater level of transparency, and many changes have been made with this Council towards more openness and much more work still must occur but this is a very significant step in the right direction. It is my belief that local governments must be accountable to people, businesses and organizations that they serve. A greater level of transparency enables the public to have a greater level of confidence in the work we are doing and how we are using their hard earned tax dollars. The goal of this motion is to improve disclosure and enable more accountability of public tax dollars and I fully support it and am pleased to second it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer you have the floor.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the work done and this motion. We mentioned some important things. Councillor Gillingham had mentioned that there are citizens' small businesses that get confidence...a sense of confidence from government expenditure when they see such disclosure. I believe that's the case. Councillor Lukes mentioned we need openness and transparency at City Hall and that we have been achieving that. I happen to believe that the pressure is on us, that we need to walk the talk and we are on the road towards openness and transparency and on that basis, this is a good thing. This motion is a good thing. We need openness and transparency. We need...the reason is, Madam Speaker, because we need understanding. That's why. Openness and transparency and accountability, unto themselves are just words, but what is the point? The point is, Madam Speaker, so that we understand, so that we know. That's what it's about. And on that basis, Madam Speaker, when we talk about the reason for openness and accountability and transparency, we need to know where our tax money is going. We need to know what's going on. We need to know what the trends are when it comes to these types of disclosures. That's what it's about. So, to be consistent with this, Madam Speaker, I wish to be consistent, at least I wish to explain why I am supporting this, it's because we need to know. It's hard to have a debate, it's hard to have real discussion when there isn't real disclosure, when there isn't a real accountability in terms of expenditures, Madam Speaker. But, we need to bear in mind, Madam Speaker, we can't solve our financial problems when we're dealing with a certain limitation on public expenditures, on taxpayers expenditures. Of course there's also need for privacy and secrecy when it comes to our contracts with the private sector, I understand that. But, Madam Speaker, we must also appreciate the fact...and if there is a councillor here, or people that disagree with that, we'll just say, let that be part of the discussion, Madam Speaker…in that it's still inherent that when you have, by definition, in your contract's lack of disclosure by contract we at least need to appreciate the fact that that decreases our knowledge and understanding for us to have the discussion. So, there is a balance that we as a government have to deal with. But, Madam Speaker, there are still certain issues that this motion doesn't deal with, in the spirit of what I understand at least from Councillor Gillingham and Councillor Lukes' comments in terms of the purpose, and therefore, this unto itself is excellent. But not...does not address the reason why we have disclosure, openness and accountability, and that is for not just accountability but it's for understanding, so that

we know, so that we know what to do. And Madam Speaker, consistent with this, when it comes with the pressures on our budget in terms of the trends of inflation, we also need to have a discussion consistent with this, on other aspects of public expenditure, other aspects of pressure, on inflation on our budgets every year. And we must deal with the fact that this, unto itself, does not deal with issues of construction inflation, Madam Speaker. And so, as an example of something that this does not deal with, when it comes to what we have to deal with, for the purposes of disclosure, accountability and openness, for the purposes of understanding what we're doing and the decisions we're going to make, is that there are other aspects of expenditures that this doesn't deal with. In fact, Madam Speaker, I would say the majority of our expenditures. This is good. And on that basis, Madam Speaker...this motion is good. This motion is good. But, if we're going to be consistent, if we're doing it for the purposes of understanding so we can have the discussion and understanding where our money is going, where the taxpayers' money is going in Winnipeg, then we need to have a greater understanding of other aspects of public expenditure. It's not all indicated in our wages and salaries, it's also indicated in the costs of our private contracts and in terms of construction, new construction of bridges, BRTs and the like. Madam Speaker, I think this is really important because that's where the inflationary pressures are. If you take a look, Madam Speaker, in fact, you will notice that the inflation rate of the disclosures that this motion deals with, are not the same as the inflation rate of our private construction contracts. So there, Madam Speaker, in a nutshell, you get the gist of where I'm coming from. In the final analysis, not only does this account for a fraction of our expenditure, it accounts for a fraction of our inflationary pressures on our budget. And so, Madam Speaker, I guess I'm repeating myself. I do look forward to the day in this term when issues of openness at City Hall, transparency and disclosures deal with a great…a meatier aspect of the increasing inflationary pressures on our budget. And Madam Speaker, I'll give you an example with my 40 seconds left, I will say it again, Madam Speaker, if in the last ten years oil has gone down, the cost of oil has gone down by 40 percent, how has that affected our construction contracts? Have they gone down to a proportional degree? They have not and why not? We need to know that, Madam Speaker, and consistent with this motion, we need greater accountability, disclosure and discussion at City Hall in order to answer those questions so as not to make a mockery of this motion itself. I stand in support of the motion because I stand and support of a greater accountability and understanding of our financial obligations here at City Hall on behalf of all of the taxpayers of Winnipeg. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item No. 1 – Compensation Disclosure Breakdown of Details. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item No. 4, Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Loan Guarantee Policy

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. Loan guarantees, as members of Council will all know, represent a meaningful financial commitment and risk to the City of Winnipeg and this...the current policy that the City of Winnipeg has been operating under has been in place since 1992. This report recommends a new policy and the new policy will include new fees for those seeking loan guarantees, will also ask for business cases to determine the financial viability of applicants.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I stood it down, Madam Speaker. We've, as a city, have had a long policy of providing loan guarantees and this is an update to the policy of, I believe, of 1992. The reason I stood it down was to bring to the attention of Council what was brought to the attention...actually, there was a lot of stuff going on, of course, during the budget back in March but we had identified an issue in the budget at the Standing Committee of Protection, Community Services and Parks that even the senior public service who was in the meeting were not fully aware. You can watch the video again, but they were not fully aware of a major aspect or addition to the budget, namely in the loan guarantee. I draw your attention to the requirement for what's called a loan guarantee standby fee to community centres. And, this is...a, you know, a standby fee, it sounds actually quite nice. Who doesn't like stand by me, you know, the song, it's a great song but it's actually more than that. It appears that in addition to the one time...in the actual appendices of the policy under section 3.4(a), Application Loan Guarantee Standby Fees, there is a one-time application fee applied to all loan guarantee requests whether successful or not. In addition, there is a standby fee for all outstanding loan guarantees, and the standby fee is a quarter of a percent which you could argue is not a lot, but, you know, we're talking about community clubs who raise money, who get volunteers working in canteens, parents coming and paying for hockey time, ice time, if it's a community club that built a facility for indoor soccer for soccer time, and now they're going to be having to spend...and we know the loan guarantees of now...as a matter of fact, by this report it has to be a million dollars or more to entertain a loan guarantee. So that's $2,500 for every million. So you do the math and this could add up quite substantially year after year after year to a community club, and I think that's unfair. I think it's just an inherent...it is a mean tax grab on our community centres, to be quite frank. I said it back in March in the Standing Committee of Protection, Community Services and Parks and I'm going to say it again here, which is why I'm not going

to vote for this policy. I cannot support a policy that we are going into partnership with the very entities of our community which have done so much over the decades to strengthen the welfare and the quality of life of our citizens, where we have citizens who give hours and hours of their countless time to improve the community club as volunteers and help kids and coach kids and give them a place to go and play and we are...and on top of that, on top of that, councillors, we are making them...we get them to do the business plans, we get them to do all the performance, we get them to sign everything, we now charge them, by the way, thanks to the last budget, a whole bunch of legal fees that they've got to now pay us for our lawyers to do the work. So we're charging them this, they're paying us and now we've got to…we've got to hit them again every year? That's the way I read this. A quarter percent on year-end outstanding balance. On year-end outstanding balance. Now what's interesting about this, members of Council, is that we…

Madam Speaker: Address the Chair, please. Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: Sorry. Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you for that kind reminder. What's interesting is that you know, we have never had a community club default yet, thank God, knock on wood. And we...and you know our community clubs are very conscientious of that. As a matter of fact they go out of their way to pay down their loan guarantees earlier, prior to the term being out because they just want to get the debt off of their books. And we've had community clubs where they've done business plans and they've had to go back to their members to actually say look, we are going to have to increase your fees. It happened in Southdale a few years ago because the numbers were wrong. All I'm saying is that look, I am not blaming EPC, I'm not blaming the Mayor, I'm not blaming the Chair of Finance, I'm saying they've got a million things on the go with the budget. This is something that somehow appeared, it was clearly coming out of the financial side of the public service or the organization because the program people, okay, the community services and what not at our committee, did not have any idea what the heck that was and they had to look into it. And you know, I really think this should be revisited. I really think it should be because our community clubs are diligent, they are paying. I mean, the interesting thing, I read this report, it doesn't give any historical context. Previous reports did, that we actually have a really good rate of ensuring that the loan guarantees are paid off. We have not had a default. So, we have had a good record. I understand there probably is some sort of rationale behind this saying, well we have to possibly got to…we have to review a financial report every year from every community club, but we do that already anyways. We require financials from all of our community clubs and that had to be done no matter what, whether they have a loan guarantee or not. And you know, so this is just, in my view, an unnecessary tax grab which probably doesn't amount to a lot of money but it's really a kick you know where to our community centres because here they are, trying to make things work, trying to make things happen and I would prefer to see this report referred back and reconsidered rather than have to vote against it today. So those are my comments, Madam Speaker, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers? Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I'm going to rise on the issue of the loan guarantees. I think since the election in 2014...I think Councillor Gillingham spoke very eloquently earlier on this point, we have made tremendous strides in order to ensure that we are acting in the most fiscally responsible way we possibly can, and I think the evidence of that is, for example, that we have a debt ceiling in this city, it's fairly rare as I understand. Quite rare, I'm not sure of any other municipalities that actually employ that ceiling. We balance our budgets every year, of course we're required to but I'm happy to say that I have been intimately involved in balancing two budgets in a row and we will continue to do that and I think that and the loan drives efficiencies and ensures that we make the best possible decisions we can with limited resources.

When it comes to the issue of the loan guarantee policy, this is simply to put some guidelines around the issue of the guarantees for nonconsolidated entities. Just as we have a debt ceiling, we have guarantees for consolidated entities. For example, a consolidated entity...an example would be the Convention Centre or CentreVenture. Non-consolidated entities are primarily community centres or other entities that we might provide guarantees for that are not completely under the control of the City. So the idea that was put forward here is that we create some guidelines around those guarantees and primarily the guideline is that the total amount of all of the guarantees provided by the City of Winnipeg simply cannot exceed the stabilization reserve. So some of you may recall that we have guidelines around our stabilization reserve, the amount in our stabilization reserve cannot be below 6 percent of our operating expenditures. And so, you know, last year the operating budget was roughly $1,053,000,000 I believe and so 6 percent of that is, you know, roughly $60 million or so. So this is simply to ensure that our guarantees don't get out of control, that we have a method to ensure that there is essentially a cap on the number of guarantees that we provide and it's very good policy and very good fiscal stewardship of our limited and precious resources. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, for the sake of consistency, I truly appreciate the comments made by other councillors, and I appreciate the fact that Councillor Morantz, as Chair of the Finance Committee, you

know, has to deal with financial accountability at the date, has to present a budget or do his part as a budget is presented to Council for us to make serious, serious decisions on.

He mentioned being...being as…doing things in the most fiscally responsible way that we possibly can, and as it relates to well, our public expenditures, the reason why we would do such a thing to put on a new fee based on interest rate, on loans to community clubs despite the fact we've never had a default. So again, Madam Speaker, I mentioned this a year and a half ago, and I am not going to stop but the reason is, Madam Speaker, we see how all things sort of lead to an inevitable logic or gap, in my mind, and I believe...and I know in the minds of other Winnipeggers. If we are going to be dealing with such motions, Madam Speaker, for the sake of being as fiscally responsible as we possibly can, well, Madam Speaker I do know that in other cities across the country because we're going to be dealing with this as well, but for the sake of consistency how does this jive with other councillors? How does this jive with Winnipeggers? What's our priority? Putting a .25 percent interest on community clubs that are basically run by volunteers for their work and their fundraising? Or trying to find our efficiencies in our waste disposal system, Madam Speaker, when we're the only major city that I am aware of that has been presented to Council so far, that doesn't have a hybrid model of city workers and privately contracted. Now, I'm waiting for a report from the City, Madam Speaker, I'm waiting for our city to have shown due diligence on what makes Winnipeg so special that we can't do what Toronto does or Ottawa or Montreal or Edmonton or Calgary. When they bring in a dual system of in-house workers as well as privately contracted workers to, Madam Speaker, be as fiscally responsible as they can in bringing about their public services. So, if we are going to bring in .25 percent interest fee to community clubs, volunteer-run community clubs, what are we going to do to be consistent with this stuff in accountabilities and transparencies? What are we going to do about our due diligently reported explanation as to why we wouldn't do what other cities do for the sake of fiscal prudence, in offering a dual service, in-house and privately contracted waste disposal model in this city? So, on that basis, Madam Speaker, I hope that weighs on our mind before we make this vote. Putting a .25 percent interest rate on volunteers but not explaining why, after all the other cities didn't in Canada, why we wouldn't bring in a mixed dual in-house and privately contracted waste disposal system. I will leave that for Council and for our constituents to contemplate as we have to account to them regarding our fiscal responsibility. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Just read through this policy change and I think it is financially prudent, Madam Speaker, that we lay out a policy that's very clear that loan guarantees are given to not-for-profits to carry forward what we call a City of Winnipeg need, I would say. Services that we as a city appreciate and that we would establish loan guarantees to assist people with their business plans in accomplishing the goals, and it's very clear that we just don't give loan guarantees to not-for-profit organizations that just decide to go ahead and build something on their own, it has to follow, Madam Speaker, the plans that Winnipeg has laid out in terms of, say, for example, its indoor hockey arena plan and so on. So, Madam Speaker, I appreciate this model.

Just speaking, Madam Speaker, to the quarter percent annual fee, I know that our CFO's office spends a fair time making sure these things are followed through, Madam Speaker. My concern only with that fee as it was established...I'm not sure if it was applied to any loan guarantees that we had in the past and then all of a sudden added which would go to what Councillor Wyatt is quite concerned about in terms of that being an add-on after the fact. While it may not be depending on the loan guarantee, may not be a ton of money, but for me, moving forward, it's clear with this standby fee that these not-for-profits who are building facilities that we as Winnipeggers want, that going forward, they will be able to factor this into their business plans when moving forward. So, I wasn't sure. I think the quarter percent was applied to some existing loan guarantees. It sort of came out of the blue. I was at the 2015 or '16 budget, I can't remember which one, but anyway, never mind, I just wanted to speak to that though.

The other issue I wanted it speak to about this policy is that it does talk about not-for-profit groups receiving loan guarantees. In the past this Council has seen some for-profit entities, by the way, working to establish a public good related to transit for example, although I don't think we have that loan guarantee on file any more. But, this policy as it's described now, it's very clear, for-profit entities are not eligible for these loan guarantees and I think that's a much appropriate Madam Speaker. So, I just wanted to say that I am going to vote for this, and this policy is directly related as it's explained through there that it's directly related to our financial management plan which falls under the Finance Chair's portfolio. So I'll just leave it at that, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this policy change. It would be interesting to note though, you know, as things proceed into the future, nobody knows what the future looks like, Madam Speaker, so I see no provisions in here, if we are going to not follow the policy, does that require two-thirds vote of Council to be able to decide to not follow the policy? That provision is not in this document, so I leave it at that, Madam Speaker. But I will be voting for it today, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty followed by Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'm going to be super quick on this one. I am supportive of this. The only thing I do want to caution a little bit about is section 3.3.3a about loan guarantees not being considered under $1 million. I know with the various funds that councillors have available, projects, you know, up to the quarter million dollars range we can normally deal with through land dedication, park amenities, funds like that. Sometimes when those amounts, you know, are between 250, $300,000 and a million dollars, sometimes those are a little bit hard for some community clubs to short-term carry. I know we've done loan guarantees that Gateway Rec Centre, one of the bigger community clubs, or the biggest community club in my ward, and they've been, you know, in the 8, $900,000 range so I hope there is going to be some flexibility, perhaps, to make exceptions going forward. Only comment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Yes, I support this motion as well. But I have a question. The Seven Oaks, $5 million loan for .25 percent, what's the total interest paid? This is a question that maybe, perhaps you can't answer but it's something I would like to know at some point.

Madam Speaker: You can ask the administration offline or perhaps it will be addressed in the wrap-up in the closing comments. Thank you.

Any further speakers on the matter? Okay, Mr. Mayor, on to you to close. I'll call the question. Item No. 4 – Loan Guarantee Policy. There's a call for a recorded vote. All in favour please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed please rise.

Nays

Councillors Schreyer and Wyatt

Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Item 4 is carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Madam Speaker: Moving on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21, 2016. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 12.

Madam Speaker: There were other hands up, they're covered? Okay. I will call the question on Items 1, 3 through 6, 9 through 11. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk Item 2.

Item 2 – 2016 Grants to Community Organizations that provide Recreation and Leisure Services on behalf of the City of Winnipeg – Red Road Lodge and Charleswood Social Club

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 2.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will wait to hear from Council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, Madam Speaker, I rise to, of course, support this clause. Clearly these organizations are worthy organizations. I 've read their background and, you know, it's clear that these are important in the communities. Probably these grants were shepparded here by individual members of Council I'm assuming, who have taken their cause under advisement. I just want to point out though, that just as we discussed in the last clause, that we are taxing not-for-profit community groups, here we are now granting same amount of funds to not-for profit community groups, similar type of funds under $10,000. So this is…by the looks of it this is a permanent grant that's going to be granted on an annual basis, not just a one-time grant the way its reading here but I don't know that for sure. But again, I support it but I just think if we're on the page of supporting not-for-profit groups we should just be consistent about it. So again, I congratulate whoever was on Council who spearheaded these and will be supporting the grants.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, just for clarity for those watching, with respect to funding arrangements, these particular two organizations, working collaboratively with Legal Services, it was determined in the fall of 2015 that Red Road Lodge and Charleswood Social Club Program payments should be considered a grant. And because of the timing of this decision, these grants were not included in the 2016 grant application process but will be included in the 2017 budget for consideration by Council.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk Item 7.

Item 7 – Recommendation to the Province of Manitoba Regarding the Relocation of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Headquarters

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce. Okay, this was stood down by yourself, Councillor Wyatt. You have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like just to rise...this is a motion that originated out of the standing property committee...the Standing Policy Committee of Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, and it was moved by myself there and you know, I want to thank the committee, the Chair, as well as members of EPC for supporting this. You know, we understand the Province is facing you know...having to make some tough financial decisions, and definitely can understand that and appreciate that and the fact that they have stated quite clearly that they do not want a Crown Corporation to be in the property management or property ownership business and that's definitely understandable. So the idea behind this motion was simply to say to the Province that in the event that in the future, you see opportunities to consolidate your offices, namely, the offices pertaining to the fact that they have amalgamated two Crown Corporations, Manitoba Liquor and Manitoba Lotteries, that in the event in the future that they have an opportunity which it may be very foreseeable in the fact that they could consolidate properties and probably reduce costs there further to themselves, that that consolidation location that they decide to choose, that we encourage them to locate in downtown Winnipeg. Because...and they don't have to build and own, they can lease. There is tons of lease space available all over downtown Winnipeg in office buildings that probably would be more than happy to accommodate something like this. I think…so I commend the new Premier for the decision that he made and the Minister, Minister Schuler, for the decision that he made and Cabinet, not to proceed with the over the top, expensive development that clearly we would have been paying for one way or another, in terms of those Crown Corporations but to also encourage them that in the foreseeable future, that they look at and consider downtown Winnipeg as their home for the headquarters…no different than we worked with the Province before and Manitoba Hydro and other entities as well that they have. So I want to thank again EPC and the standing committee for their support on this motion and hopefully with Council's support this can move forward. Thank you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My opinion is I'd rather see the Province do what's in the best interests of taxpayers in Manitoba whether that's locating it in downtown Winnipeg, a suburban location in the city or even outside of the City of Winnipeg. I think it's up to the Board of Liquor and Lotteries as well as the Province to do what's in the best interests of all Manitoba ratepayers and taxpayers. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I thank Councillor Wyatt for raising the issue at committee. I mean really, this type of motion is more of a discussion point with the Province, an awareness that, you know, investing in our downtown is really important and that it should be considered going forward when decisions are made. Obviously they have to consider and we have that discussion that they have to consider the financial bottom line to consider all these other things but part of the success of the Province is the success of our downtown and the success of our major city, only large city in the province, 70 percent of the population. You know, you look at the success of the agreement

and understanding that was made when Winnipeg Hydro was sold to build the Hydro building downtown. That has had a significant effect on downtown, a significant positive effect for our province and for our city that that decision was made. So I really think this was really just a dialogue point that as we go forward in building and improving our relationship with the new government, you know, we're going to have to talk about those things, we're going to have to get them to come downtown and talk to the movers and shakers downtown, the Downtown BIZ and other people, talk with each other, to make the best decisions if there are any opportunities for new investment, and I think that was the spirit of the motion, was let's have that conversation, let's think about it and maybe there was no other way in this decision. Who knows. I'm not going to cast judgment on that, the decision has been made. But going forward let's make sure that if there's opportunities to strengthen our downtown let's take them and let's have those conversations. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Any further speaker? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 7 – Recommendation to the Province of Manitoba Regarding the Relocation of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Headquarters. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. On to Item No. 8, Mr. Clerk.

Item 8 – Grant to the University of Winnipeg –
"united@winnipeg" Youth Summer Pilot Project

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I would just like to commend Councillor Mayes for his leadership on this matter as well as to thank the University of Winnipeg for their response to our call to action to the community to step-up our collective efforts in our community to build bridges and to really do whatever we can to respond to the calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report. The work of our colleges and universities in particular as well as our business community, not-for-profits and unions, they have been stepping up and doing excellent work. My hope and expectation is that when we conclude this year of reconciliation that that work will continue, of course, and the University of Winnipeg through this program, I see is positioning to do just that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Mayes, did you stand this down?

Councillor Mayes: Wyatt pulled it.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Wyatt on to you, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I don't know what Councillor Wyatt is going to say so…but I will just…I will try and be brief. Dr. MacKinnon, I think, summarized the program pretty well earlier. This was in the budget. I think it's technically Youth United@Winnipeg but we'll clean that up, in the next budget, the wording there. The program is deliberately worded Youth United@Winnipeg in the hopes that other cities will steal the idea and we'll have Youth United@Calgary or Youth United@Edmonton. The launch will be in May. I've already been trying to contact the Federal Youth Minister's Parliamentary Assistant to invite him to come and certainly we'll be inviting provincial representatives. But it only launches if we approve this today, quite frankly, because they need to get the money flowing to have someone in place to, as Dr. MacKinnon said, to set-up those work placements. You can't show up May 1 and not know where you're going to be working in the inner-city for the first four days.

There was a report earlier this week that said I was the brain power, which was very generous of the report. It's an idea that's been adopted in over 20 cities in the US through the City Year Program. This is a made in Winnipeg version of that. U of Winnipeg deserves a lot of the credit for coming up with the idea of linking to the Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan and taking action. So it's important that we approve this today, it's important that we get the work going so we can have this pilot project, hopefully there will be other private, public funding for this, hopefully other cities will look into it. When Mayor Nenshi was here I talked to him about this and I know Calgary is certainly...there is some people there who have expressed an interest, and the Mayor of Calgary, Mayor Nenshi said you know, you're…when he spoke at the U of Winnipeg said, you know, your mayor, Mayor Bowman, is really a national leader on the reconciliation file and I think that's true. So this is important for youth, it's important for suburban youth, people like my sons who have a chance to see the inner city through a program like this. It's important for our work with universities. The Mayor highlighted that in his platform. Obviously we're giving some funding to U of M for the infrastructure. Professor...chair and infrastructure file over here…we're doing this with U of Winnipeg. I think that's innovative and a step forward. So, I think it's a step forward in a number of directions for the city and as I said previously on this matter, I have been at this for 25 years and here...when we are about 18 months into the Mayor's term of office, we've got some action. So I don't think that's an accident. I think that…I want to thank the Mayor for his backing of this project and invite you all to the

launch next May and I believe it's Councillor Eadie's ward, beautiful Selkirk Avenue campus of U of Winnipeg and we'll get this thing up and running. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I was impressed by the presenter earlier today and of course supportive of this. It's a very good project. It's a substantial grant of $200,000 per year, each year, in 17 and 18, so 400,000 in total. It's a substantial grant to a very good program, a substantial grant to a non-City of Winnipeg entity, not owned by the City of Winnipeg, but it's noted, duly noted and recognized and I think it will, you know, make the city better. But, again, it's a positive project and so I will be supporting this substantial grant to a non-City of Winnipeg entity. Thank you very much.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. While the program sounds like it will be centred in the Mynarski Ward, Selkirk and Andrews, the new Merchants Corner Operations that is under construction as we speak which also, by the way, Madam Speaker, includes housing for students while they attend various education courses that are all offered along Selkirk Avenue. It's a real education hub, Madam Speaker. And frankly, Madam Speaker, the education hub is a great daytime activity and while the program that Ms MacKinnon was talking about is a daytime, the course, bringing youth to the area which also, essentially, is bringing people from the suburbs down to Selkirk and Andrews. You know, Madam Speaker, the North End is a place that is getting better. And there is a lot of perception out there that it's such an awful place to be, Madam Speaker. But, the more people we can bring down to this area, the better it will be because the more people around, they will see that it's a decent place and there will be more activity, hopefully, through the evening which Merchants Corner is offering many evening-style activities as well. So that it is good not only for the people, the youth, who will be involved in the program that this thing is getting a grant for, but also, it will be good for the businesses who will have more people on the street and it will help, I think, to further along this healing and moving forward of this particular area of the city.

I note that this grant...and I think this is a very important program that is being offered through the University of Winnipeg and others, so it's really essential. But, Madam Speaker, when we talk about grants for very good things, we live in a fiscal hole as you might want to call it, Madam Speaker. There are some other essential operations around in that area that are working for youth as well, working towards reconciliation, working towards assisting Indigenous people to move forward in their lives. For example, Madam Speaker, I just have to mention this, but at 24/7 Youth Drop-in they were unable to get grants in the budget process. Hopefully if they apply again they'll be able to get some funding to continue the 24/7 Drop-in for youth in around that same area, Madam Speaker, because healing needs to happen that way, too. There needs to be a safe place for youth and we as a city need to look at this program but also look further into it and fund the things that I think are important for us as a city because it is directly related to how well the City of Winnipeg does, and so when we're considering the budgets, we really have to consider how the improvement of neighbourhoods and the safer the neighbourhoods, Madam Speaker, the better place it is to live and work and play. And so I'll leave it at that, Madam Speaker. I'm total support of this program. They are getting 40,000 up front. I think it's very essential. We want this program to work in old terms, tickety boo. And so I think that this is a good motion and I whole heartedly support it. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan on to you.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this program. You know, there's a lot of great things that are happening in this city. I'm glad to hear that this program is going to be taking place at Merchants Corner on Selkirk Avenue. There's a lot of great things happening on Selkirk Avenue lately, the rehabilitation of Selkirk Avenue itself, the Merchants Corner, the rising of the Merchants Corner, Neechi Commons, just a stone throw away from Selkirk Avenue. This program here, I really want to thank Councillor Mayes for being really quite visionary, Madam Speaker, in helping find a collaboration with the City of Winnipeg, the University of Winnipeg and the youth within our city. This was a…this is a huge program that I think will really build a lot of bridges, go towards our reconciliation activities in the Year of Reconciliation 2016. Just really want to thank Councillor Mayes for this, I think it's fantastic. I think any youth that's going to participate in this program is really going to have incredible benefits to see the stuff that's happening in our North End, in the inner-city. Michael Redhead Champagne who does the Friday Night Walk to the Bell Tower, you know, that's an example of a great youth who's doing great things at Neechi Commons on Selkirk Avenue, I know he's involved in the Merchants Corner. This is going to be a great program again, and thanks to Councillor Mayes for his work in making this program a reality.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to make any comments in closing?

Mayor Bowman: I have nothing further to add, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question, Item 8 – Grant to the University of Winnipeg for the Youth Summer Pilot Project. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 12 Mr. Clerk.

Item 12 – Independent Fairness Commissioner Model

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thank you, Madam Speaker. The objective of the Independent Fairness Commissioner is to ensure the real estate transactions and management services adhere to the policies and procedures of the City of Winnipeg. In addition to that the Independent Fairness Commissioner should consider if the policies and procedures themselves that are in place meet the goals of being open, fair and transparent, and this report for consideration by Council recommends for the engaging of an external firm to fulfill the mandate of the Independent Fairness Commissioner as directed by Council. Of course, this is a key recommendation in the audits which predate this term of office but whose implementation rests on this Council to implement. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, thank you Madam Speaker. I stood it down because, you know, this is an extremely important initiative and report. This came out of the...as the Mayor mentioned, the real estate audit which was in that very hot summer of 2014 when everything was happening down here. And this was a...was driven politically by some of us who felt that this was absolutely crucial to have this office and part of the Auditor to audit and oversee transactions randomly, to ensure that there was just another check and balance on that. Just, you know, we've had now the real estate audit of 2014 and prior to that, there was another audit about a decade before, another real estate audit caused by, again, shortly after the 1998 election for various reasons, you can go into the history of it yourself but it was crucial, I think, that after two experiences within, you know, a decade or so of each other that were fairly substantial that had big impacts on the city and its credibility in terms of administrating and a lot of it concerns in terms of political oversight, I'll be frank, political oversight, in terms of real estate, that was frankly questionable. I think it's crucial to have this lens as a check and balance on, you know, the administrative and the political arm to make sure that we are holding to the principles that were established under the original real estate audit when it came to the City of Winnipeg's real estate transactions. I think this is great that this is coming forward now. There is unfortunately a cost. I know this was something that was at the time of concern to the Auditor that there was going to be a cost that they would not be able to absorb so I'm glad to see that there is a commitment and a commitment to see this happen over the next five years to have this in place and to have, even if it's external work going on, that's absolutely perfectly fine and that would allow the Auditor to ensure quality control as well. So, you know what, this is a very positive recommendation and, you know, quite often, I think it's very easy for us to get very, you know, in terms of the issues of the day and what's on the front page of the Free Press or whatever, that, you know, these are the things that tend to drive a lot of the issues down here but quite often, when the dust settles and everything kind of cools down, often issues...or the follow-up, the crucial and the hard work that comes out of all of the challenges and problems that were identified earlier, often will get dropped, not always, often or missed. This is one that's being followed-up now and so I think it's very positive. Thank you very much.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion as well. One of the roles, obviously, responsibilities our city has with all of this is to identify and manage risk always, and this recommendation, as the Mayor said, that really is something that predates this Council, this recommendation that comes from the Ernst and Young Real Estate Management Review calls for this position to be put in place, this Independent Fairness Commissioner. At the risk of being perhaps hyper vigilant, I guess the question would be and perhaps the Mayor can perhaps address it in his close, is who monitors the fairness monitor? What I'm wondering ultimately is we do have fairness monitors also in our capital projects and so what recourse does the City have if a contracted Independent Fairness Commissioner fails in their duties and exposes the City to liability? Has this been contemplated? Is something like this written into the contract? I'm just wondering if any consideration has been given to that as well?

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

Mayor Bowman: I'll just add in response to the comment by my Council colleagues, the report is drafted just by way of reminder, the Council that directed the Auditor to come back with this report and it would be the Auditor who would be responsible for awarding the contract and enforcing that contract. The Auditor of course is appointed as a statutory officer of this Council and reports directly to Council. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to the walk-on report from the EPC meeting of yesterday, September 27th. There are paper copies on your desks. Mr. Mayor, will you suspend the rule to consider the walk-on report?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and the report of Executive Policy Committee dated September 27th, 2016 be considered.

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

Item 1 – Settlement of Claim - Banquet Barons Inc. ("Banquet Barons") and the City of Winnipeg (the "City") (the "claim")

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce Item 1?

Mayor Bowman: I'll just move that Item 1 be adopted.

Madam Speaker: Okay, seeing no speakers, any comments to close? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Settlement of Human Rights Complaint – James Derksen against Handi-Transit the "complaint"

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I just move that Item 2 be adopted.

Madam Speaker: Any speakers on Item 2? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to briefly just speak to this. Mr. Derkson did raise an equality issue related to seniors using Handi-Transit and I just wanted to acknowledge that we as a Council tried to move to reconcile this...was that 2014? 2014. And we had...the political will was there to just implement it but given that there was a case and there had to be some sort of...the process that the City of Winnipeg had to go through so I mean I'm totally supportive of what's moving forward here. It's regretful it has to get to the point where human rights complaints get filed Madam Speaker, as you well know, and I just wanted to say, it sounds like a great settlement and I'll be voting for it. Thanks.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor do you wish to close? I will call the question on Item 2 – Settlement of Human Rights Complaint. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

I'll now draw your attention to Motion No. 1. It's moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Wyatt. It's regarding department heads and standing committees. It's a Notice of Motion so it will appear on the next Council agenda in October.

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

WHEREAS the principles of open and transparent government dictate that access to information must be provided in a timely manner;

AND WHEREAS members of Council often have difficulty obtaining information from the Public Service;

AND WHEREAS there is a lack of accountability for not responding to Councillor inquiries;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter grants the Executive Policy Committee the jurisdiction to supervise the Chief Administrative Officer as well as recommend to Council individuals for appointment as statutory officers, and where necessary or appropriate, the suspension or dismissal of statutory officers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 be amended so as to provide for a dual reporting relationship of Department Heads to both the Chief Administrative Officer and the Standing Committees, in order to provide for better information sharing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 be further amended to grant Standing Committees the authority to recommend to Council individuals for appointment as Department Heads, and where necessary or appropriate, the suspension or dismissal of a Department Head.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Solicitor/ Director of Legal Services be directed to submit within 30 days to Council, the appropriate amendments to the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law No. 7100/97, to reflect the intent of the above.

Madam Speaker: Next is Motion No. 6, moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Eadie regarding an organizational study. It's also a Notice of Motion so it will appear on the next Council agenda in October.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS it has nearly been 20 years since the last time the City of Winnipeg conducted a comprehensive review of its governance structure, resulting in the Goerge B. Cuff – Organizational Review and performance Assessment Report of October, 1997;

AND WHEREAS prior to 1997 compressive reviews of City of Winnipeg Governance were undertaken in the 1976 Taraska Report and the 1986 Cherniak Report, therefore ensuring substantial reviews to affect progressive change approximately every 10 years;

AND WHEREAS since the adoption of the "cuff Report', multiple ad hoc changes have been made to the organizational structure, including the decision to delegate extensive powers to the CAO, which has now directly facilitated changes announced by the CAO on Monday, September 26, 2016;

AND WHEREAS unlike Winnipeg, in most cities in Manitoba and in English Canada, the powers given to the office the Mayor/CAO have not been concentrated to the safe extent;

AND WHERES the failure of the existing system has been recognized recently, namely with: the adoption by Council in June of 2014 a motion that formally requested of the Province to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter to allow for the direct election of three members of the EPC by City Council and; the 2014 election campaign promise by the present Mayor to have all of the EPC elected directly by Council and; the latest motion moved by Councillor Dobson for improved accountability at the Standing Policy Committees, just to name a few examples;

AND WHEREAS the latest announcement made by the CAO on Monday, September 26, 2016, represents a major departure from the original intent of the last review (Cuff Report), and is best illustrated when comparing the organizational chart adopted by Council in 1997 (Appendix A) to the organizational chart that now exists (Appendix B), fully recognizing that the existing chart has evolved dramatically since 1997 via many ad hoc changes implemented by more than one CAO and/or Council;

AND WHEREAS WITH THE POWER OF THE Mayor to appoint the EPC, including his/her ability to then informally influence the election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker, this has promoted a growing sense that the existing governance system can exclude up to 50% of Council in the process of public policy development and decision making;
AND WHEREAS THE Office of the Mayor, via the Report Information System, has authority to control all agenda management of the Executive Policy Committee and of every Standing Policy Committee;

AND whereas democracy and accountability seems to have been negatively affected in many areas with the adoption of the Strong Mayor/Strong CAO Model that originated in 1997;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Organizational By-law be amended to allow Council to:

1) Conduct a full, comprehensive and independent civic governance and operational review and performance assessment that will set as its goal an improved civic government in terms of democratic reforms, transparency, openness, and accountability, by directly taking steps to reduce administrative red tape and costs and restore the balance of power between the Office of the Mayor, Councillors and the Public Service via structural changes that will permanently empower the elected Council and the Standing Policy Committees, including but not limited to the following process:

a) To review the adopted George B. Cuff – Organizational Review and Performance Assessment Report of October, 1997, including an analysis of its strengths and weaknesses

b) To review all revisions made to the Organization By-law, including changes to the administrative and political structures since the adoption of the George B. Cuff – Organizational Review and Performance Assessment Report of October, 1997, including an analysis of all strengths and weaknesses

c) To review the powers, roles, responsibilities, budgetary costs/resources and reporting relationships of the:

i) CAO/City Manager model and the senior management team (See Organization Chart, Appendix B), including an analysis of the advantages/strengths, disadvantages/weaknesses, and the best practices with Manitoba Cities and Canadian Cities in English Canada;
ii) Office of the Mayor/Strong Mayor Model, including an analysis of its advantages/strengths, disadvantages/weaknesses, and the best practices with Manitoba Cities and Canadian Cities in English Canada
iii) Executive Policy Committee and that of informal/planning Executive Policy Committee, its legality under existing legislation, and its ability to conduct priority setting/strategic planning and budget formulation and delivery, including an analysis of its advantages/strengths and disadvantages/weaknesses and the best practices with Manitoba Cities and Canadian Cities in English Canada
iv) Office of the City Councillor and Council in general, including an analysis of its advantages/strengths, disadvantages/weaknesses, and the best practices with Manitoba Cities and Canadian Cites in English Canada
v) Standing Policy Committees, including an analysis of its advantages/strengths, disadvantages/weaknesses, the number of Standing Policy Committees and their alignment and the best practices with Manitoba Cities and Canadian Cities in English Canada
vi) Administrative departments, including an analysis of its advantages/strengths, disadvantages/weaknesses, the number of departments and their alignment and the bewst practices with Manitoba Cities and Canadian Cities in English Canada

d) An analysis of the potential benefits of a Treasury Board or Board of Control within the Civic Government and how this may be applied to ensure the oversight and the effective use of resources for both operational program spending and capital budget project spending

2) Council shall oversee and approve the Terms of Reference, the tendering, hiring, public consultation and reviews of draft and final reports of the full and independent civic governance and operational review and performance assessment, with said final report being submitted to Council for consideration and approval, as outlined in clause 1), within six months as of the approval of this motion.

3) The said final report shall, as outlined in Clause 1 and Clause 2 provide comprehensive recommendations including, but not limited to, all necessary steps that will provide for the systematic structural changes required for the democratic reforms and mandate outlined in all Council By-laws, Procedure, informal or not, Council Policies, Administrative Directive and Provincial Legislation required for the democratic reform of civic governance and to be reported with the said timeline stated in Clause 2

4) A temporary suspension, effective 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 23, 2016 of the CAO's powers to reorganize the administrative structure/organization, and said suspension of said delegated powers shall be in effect until such time as determined by Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resources for said independent civic governance and operational review and performance assessment shall be found from within the existing administrative budgets and that appropriate officers of the Public Service do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Madam Speaker: Next is Motion 7, moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Schreyer regarding the YMCA-YWCA partnership with the City of Winnipeg. It is an automatic referral to EPC.

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

WHEREAS at its April 29th, 2015 meeting of Council the following motion was moved by Councillor Wyatt and Seconded by Mayor Bowman namely:

WHERAS the 2014 Operating Budget earmarked $1,750,000 for the YMCA-YWCA three model expansion partnership in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service was directed to enter into a memorandum of understanding with YMCA-YWCA, as directed by Council;

AND WHEREAS to date the memorandum of understanding hasn't been struck with the YMCA-YWCA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to conclude the memorandum of understanding with the YMCA-YWCA with respect to the three model expansion partnership with 180 days

AND WHEREAS on May 6, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council motion of April 29, 2015 and recommended to Council;

1) That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to conclude the memorandum of understanding with YMCA-YWCA, with respect to the three model expansion partnership within 180 days
2) That the proper officer of the city be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing;

AND WHEREAS since that time, nearly 16 months ago, there has been no report to Council on the status of the memorandum of understanding nor on an budgetary requirements for the three facility model YMCA-YWCA;

AND WHEREAS yet in the external consultant Hemson Report's technical Report dated August 31, 2016, the YMCA-YWCA appears on page 57 with a total budget of $100 million with net municipal project costs of $50 million for "YMCA (three facilities incl. pools)";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that within 30 days the Winnipeg Public Service shall report to City Council, via the appropriate Standing Policy Committee on

1) The status of the memorandum of understanding that was requested nearly 16 months ago by EPC and Council;
2) How Hemson arrived at the figures listed in their technical report of August 31st, 2016 as it pertains to the YMCA-YWCA

Madam Speaker: Now moving into By-laws under EPC. Mr. Mayor.

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-laws 96/2016 to 99/2016 both inclusive and 109/2016 and 110/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 96/2016, By-law No. 97/2016, By-law No. 98/2016, By-law No. 99/2016, By-law No. 109/2016, By-law No. 110/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading please.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move By-law Nos. 96/2016 to 99/2016, both inclusive, 109/2016 and 110/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 96/2016 to 99/2016 both inclusive, 109/2016 and 110/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 96/2016 to 99/2016, both inclusive, as well as 109/2016 and 110/2016 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. We will now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Gerbasi followed by Councillor Wyatt.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Gerbasi, followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be asking my question today in French, so if you would like to use your ear pieces.

Translation of French Spoken:
I put a lot of effort in learning French over several years. My first motivation was my role at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. My second motivation was my desire to be able to speak French like my colleagues Matt Allard and Brian Mayes, as well as Jason Schreyer. Also, I believe in the inclusion of both official languages. My question for the mayor is related to the opening of Portage and Main to pedestrians. The mayor said he hopes the Portage and Main intersection will be open to pedestrians by the summer of 2017. Does the mayor believe this can really be achieved?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Mr. Mayor, your response?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and through you to my Council Colleague, I would like to compliment her on her use of the French language, and I'd also like to thank the translators for allowing me the opportunity to understand what you were saying. In terms of the question regarding Portage and Main, discussions are ongoing with the property owners most directly affected. Those discussions having been going very well, and of course, ongoing work regarding traffic study so that traffic flows, pedestrian safety can be best managed. Those discussions are ongoing. The question was whether or not it is possible to have it open next year. It is possible, but time will obviously tell based on the nature of the discussions that we're having with the property owners but they've been going very well, and I want to thank them for their willingness to work with the City of Winnipeg on a matter that was discussed, of course, during the most recent municipal election and since. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Alright, thank you. Madam Speaker, last fall I rose and I asked a similar question maybe not to the Mayor, but another Member of Council, and I want to have this opportunity to do the same. We now know that thanks to the local street renewal reserve and the regional street renewal reserve funds that we are upwards of $50 million in reserves going forward on an annual basis for those capital improvements for local streets and regional streets. We also know that we have another approximate $50 million of the combined program, of local streets and regional streets, it's pretty safe to save close to a $100 million if not over in the projected 2017 forecast for road repair improvements. I know the Mayor has taken a great interest in this and I thank him. I'm not on Twitter, but I understand he's been tweeting out various intersection and road improvements around the city during the course of the summer, which has been remarkable and great. But one of the greatest challenges we have is the inability for us to procure and tender early

these projects to ensure that we get the best value for money. We had many ways and missed a great opportunity with this last season because the province wasn't doing as much, there was a slow down there and in the private sector as well in terms of their work, and it was partly because of the fact that we do not procure early enough, we tend to procure late, we tend to wait for our budgets to be passed, which they have to as the public service. However, in the past, Council has, and I apologize for the long preamble, Council has brought forward a motion as a first call on the '17 budget, a substantial call in the millions, knowing full well that you know, a month or two later the capital budget is coming forward.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: But, would it be possible that at the next Council, before now the next Council meeting in October that at that meeting, it's important to be done quickly and we could have a motion before us that would allow Council to give the green light to the public service to procure now and to get that moving, so that we're actually tendering over the course of December and January and closing in February and awarding in March and getting out before the Province of Manitoba and other entities and try to get the best price?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Firstly, I'd like to thank the Councillor for his question, and ongoing interest in ensuring that we get contracts out sooner than later. I'd also like to thank Council for its leadership in approving record spending and road repairs. I know the amount of road repairs that Winnipeg has seen last year and this year combined totals approximately 380 kilometres. That can take those driving out to Dryden, Ontario. The challenge, of course, is given the infrastructure deficit that our roads face we need to go probably well beyond Newfoundland if you actually looked at how many roads we need to fix. Drivers should be thanked for their patience during this construction season as well as last year. I know it was slower getting around town as a result of the record investments that we're making in roads. But the fresh asphalt and smoother roads that we're building is very much a part of building this city for the future and has to occur. With regards to procurement policy, I understand that IRPW is considering changes to procurement policy. I would suggest that the Councillor direct the question to the Chair of IRPW as well as to the Director of Public Works, who are, I know, working diligently on how we can get contracts out sooner than later so that we can get the, not only the biggest bang for our buck but the most out of the construction season. And so, I'll be awaiting the report that will be considered by IRPW soon and do hope that this Council will be able to support those efforts so that we can accomplish the objective that were raised in the preamble by Councillor Wyatt. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, and also related to roads and the repair of roads. Recently in the summer, the Federal Government with the province and the city announced.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: $85 million for roads, or for transit. And so it potentially would freeze up about $80 million in the coming years, '17, '18, '19. Can we get that money dedicated in those budgets, now that we've freed up our share of those dollars, thanks to other levels of government, can we get those dollars into the road repair budget since that really is truly your top priority and our top priority as well?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Ultimately those decisions would be made by all Members of Council in the course of the budget deliberations and vote. The one thing I can advise the Councillor and the public is our public service has been working diligently to seek clarity in writing from our Federal Government partners with regards to the infrastructure programs that have been announced, and those are very much ongoing and very timely discussions that our public service are having with both other levels of government, both the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Government to seek greater certainty about the infrastructure funds that have been recently announced by the Federal Government and the Provincial Government.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Councillor Wyatt, third question.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you. Earlier this year, we had the Canada 150 projects, which were brought forward. I'm glad you mentioned the federal, that was my last question. Have we had any news in terms of the various applications that we have submitted as a city of the Federal Government in terms of that? Was that an announcement? That there was a lot of announcements this summer, maybe that was one that we missed, but I don't recall it.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Councillor Wyatt: Sorry, quick note, is that my understanding is that money has to be spent in the by the March of '18, so we would need to know soon, if we were to implement these projects.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you for the question. I will need to check with the CAO and I would encourage the Councillor to also check on the current status of the Canada 150 submissions that have been made.
Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Dobson, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In July of this year, I asked the Mayor when he was going to allow Transcona, Elmwood-East Kildonan, Daniel McIntyre, St. Boniface, Old Kildonan, Mynarski, St. Charles, St. James-Brooklands-Weston and the Fort Rouge Wards complete access in the making of the budget. I was told that the conversations between the Mayor's Office and the city administration and our Finance Chair have been happening now and discussing options on how to further improve the budget process for 2017. Well I see that we've added three Councillors to the Budget Working Group that's one up from last year, although not at the start of the budget cycle, whoopee. But I think that you're missing the point. There are six Councillors, six wards in this city that have no representation in the making of the draft budget. That is unacceptable to me, to other Councillors, and to the residents in the ward that are not being represented.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Dobson, your question.

Councillor Dobson: I'm just about there. And I think it's safe to say that the draft budget and the final budget are essentially the same budget because materially they don't change. So my question is pretty well the same question I had in July. My question is, Mayor Bowman, when are you going to allow all of Council to take part in the making of the draft budget from the start?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Well, firstly, I mean all Members of Council have the opportunity to fully participate in the budget deliberations, some have different roles of course. I do want to thank and commend the leadership of our Finance Chair who has recently, in working with Members of Council, announced that that the Preliminary 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets are going to be tabled at a special meeting of EPC on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. This is a much earlier announcement than we've seen in previous years with regards to the timing of the budget for everyone's advanced notice. As well as an announcement about opportunities for residents to be involved in the budget process this year, which have been enhanced. Building on last year's goal of increasing citizen engagement in the budget process this year's budget planning process will be enhanced through the addition of five community-based consultations that will be held at various locations across our city; and these consultations will be members to, it will be open, I'm sorry, to all members of the public and community organizations. It will also provide residents an opportunity to meet face-to-face to discuss the challenges and the opportunities facing Winnipeg and to share their ideas with the administration and elected officials on the upcoming capital and operating budgets. Additionally, residents will have an opportunity to provide input and feedback through various online platforms as well as a telephone survey, which will be scheduled in early October. Information on how to provide input and feedback online will be made available in the coming weeks and I would direct Members of Council to our Finance Chair for input and feedback on that as well as all of what I'm speaking to right now. This year's Budget Working Group has, as was mentioned in the preamble to the question from Councillor Dobson, does include three Members of Council who I do want to thank for their willingness and leadership to assist Council and they will be working with members of EPC to help prepare and to bring forward the City's preliminary budget for consideration and input by Members of Council. Of course, I'm speaking about Councillor Jenny Gerbasi, Councillor Cindy Gilroy and Councillor Matt Allard. After the preliminary budgets are tabled in mid-November, a series of public meetings will be held by various standing policy committees. This is going to provide additional opportunities to hear from the public delegations and from Members of Council to consider and debate the preliminary and operating budgets, and the schedule of standing policy committee meetings to hear delegations on the Preliminary 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets will be released shortly as well. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Dobson, second question.

Councillor Dobson: It's kind of still the first one. He didn't answer the question number one. I mean, he gave a lot of material.

Madam Speaker: Do you have a second question, Councillor Dobson?

Councillor Dobson: Okay, second question is pretty well the same as the first one. When are you going to allow all of Council, all Council Members, to be part of the draft part budget from the start?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, all Members of Council have that opportunity right now, and I would encourage them to work collaboratively with our Finance Chair as well as Council colleagues on their thoughts for input. They can do that at any time. Ultimately, it is this Council that makes decisions about the budget and in addition to all the enhancements that I've spoken about and I'm sure Councillor Marty Morantz can speak to as well, if he's so asked by the Member of Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions for the Mayor? Councillor Wyatt. Oh, pardon me, I do need to go back to Councillor Eadie. You have the floor. We'll do the second round in a minute.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, the former Mayor, prior to 2014 posted all of his office financial transactions up on the internet in the scene, open and transparent. Madam Speaker, but also in the past term, we asked, motions passed by Council to have a Mayor's Office that is accountable, open and transparent like City Councillor's Offices as the Mayor is also, well has much more authority and responsibility, is also a Member of Council and that motions were asking for criteria and audits for the Mayor's Office in terms of spending money on people who work for him as well as other expenditures in that office. So Madam Speaker, it's been years now.

Madam Speaker: So your question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: So, I'm just saying Madam Speaker, it's been years now and I just want to know when, when are we going to see the changes for the Mayor's Office to be accountable similar to City Councillors?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thanks for the question. In terms of greater openness and transparency, there's been a number of changes that I've made during my term, one of which is to post proactively on my website the listing of my meeting calendar, something that I would also strongly encourage the Councillor and all Members of Council to follow suit. The expenditure disclosures, my understanding is all Members of Council are required to post and report on gifts in excess of $250. My position is to post all gifts, regardless of the dollar amount and I do that as well. In terms of specific policy that the Councillor's requesting, I'd be more than happy to sit down with him to seek greater clarity as well as to see what it is exactly he's seeking and look forward to those discussions.

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

Councillor Eadie: Is the Mayor not remembering that the motions that request this were brought to the attention of this Council back in 2015?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I will need to review the policy in this specific motion that he's referring to. I'd like to know exactly which motion he's referring to. So I'd be more than happy to work with him afterwards to identify it and to address the question that he's raising.

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

Councillor Eadie: I'll try not to do a preamble, Madam Speaker. But through the Mayor, my question is to actually the Chair of the Police Board, how it feels to be involved in submitting and knowing what the budgets submissions are as a member of the Police Board versus not knowing what the budget submissions are regarding standing committees?

Madam Speaker: Could you clarify your question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Just to clarify, the Winnipeg Police Board and its members actually look at what budgets submission, prior to it being submitted to our city's administration. I'm not going to get into the details, as I'm not allowed to talk about that. But the reality Madam Speaker, is that we on the Police Board get to see what our budget submissions are and work with the Winnipeg Police Service in that. So I was asking the question, through the Mayor to

Councillor Gillingham, how it feels versus whatever standing committees he may sit on, not being involved directly in the preparation of any of those departmental budgets?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Firstly, I'd like to thank all members of.

Councillor Wyatt: Point of order, I don't think, I can understand a Councillor's policy position, I can understand a Councillor's viewpoint, but how a Councillor feels is not really in order in my opinion. Madam Speaker that's, I would kindly request the Councillor rephrase his question.
Councillor Eadie: I respectively withdraw my question, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: That is correct, Councillor Eadie. We cannot impugn motive here in the Chamber, and the other thing is you can't ask Councillor Gillingham a question during the Mayor's EPC question period.

Councillor Eadie: Can I ask him questions through the Mayor?

Madam Speaker: Is it fair that we move on to Councillor Wyatt? Okay, Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. How do you feel this morning Mr. Mayor? Maybe not so good after this question. Sorry I just, sorry I had to. Anyway, it was announced last week and I think it was welcomed "pause" if you like in terms of the debate that was been going on with the impact fee, growth tax, call it what you like. I think and I want to thank, through the Speaker and through the Mayor to the Chair for the fact that he called me last Friday. I think that we had an extremely good discussion at that meeting that was very productive. The key thing and I think that came from the meeting in my mind at least, was a need to come forward with the very clear process going forward now, I think there is actually buy-in to do something like this, whatever it's going to look like. The key thing though, and I think there's even buy-in from the [inaudible] Ministry, the key thing though is to have a process that would give assurance that concerns, issues, challenges that have been raised can be addressed and that we can take it off the front pages of the paper and the media and do the type of policy work that needs to be done. You have a good, solid process, you typically will have good, solid public policy come out of that. Mr. Mayor, could we arrive at that, you know, and I read the what the media and I don't want to read what's in the media, I want to ask you, could we in the next week or two have a process that would be announced at least publicly or informed of Council and therefore after public, in terms of what that would look like and to arrive at a good, solid public policy?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and through you thank the Councillor for asking how I'm feeling. I am feeling great. With regards to the issue of growth fees or impact fees, I also want to compliment Councillor Wyatt for identifying years ago that there was a need to find better ways to fund growth in our city. I know previously he introduced the Development Charges Motion. Obviously there is a different mechanism that is being contemplated right now. But I do want to commend the Councillor as well as other Members of Council for recognizing that as an island in Canada, and certainly around our capital region it's not fair to put the burden for growth disproportionality and solely in the hands of our current tax payers. And so, I'm pleased that we're having this discussion. I also want to thank Councillor Orlikow for his leadership, as Chair of Property and Development. At this time, I know he's having a very good, I understand from him, he's having very productive discussions with developers, with Members of Council and the public. And at this stage, EPC is awaiting to hear back from Councillor Orlikow as a result of that discussion and I'm sure he will also keep in mind the request from Councillor Wyatt today.

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

Councillor Wyatt: What would be the, I appreciate the response and thank you Mr. Mayor, and you know, as was noted in the seminar and I know we're not allowed a preamble but I think it's definitely, you've succeeded in raising the issue, profile the issue, educating the public and others but also just the ability to take the issue on, a very creative step. I think it's crucial though that for there to be credibility in terms of process.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: We know what the process, could we get a timeframe around when what you just referred to in terms of Councillor Orlikow reporting back at EPC gathering and sitting down, could we get an idea in terms of a timeframe of when we would have an announcement or some sort of agreement on a process that would be going forward towards arriving at the goal of a balanced, well-thought out public policy?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I'd point out right now that it was this Council that requested a report be commissioned to study whether growth is, in fact, paying for growth. That report was released publicly and proactively to all members of the public, the industry, Members of Council and myself at the same time. Of course, I'm referring to the Hemson Report in keeping with the practices and procedures that are practiced for all other reports, the administrative report was also released publicly so that this discussion could be happening in an open and transparent way, keeping in mind that there are very different views and opinions on this matter. And I want to thank all members of the industry, and the public, and Members of Council that have expressed their views and in many cases, very thoughtful views on a very important decision that this Council will have to make. My understanding is Councillor Orlikow is having very productive discussions and it will on the basis of the input that he receives that will dictate the timing and the content that he would report back to EPC. And so, I'd like the Councillor to continue his work and I think it would be premature at this stage to contemplate another process when right now the Councillor is having those very important discussions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Third question, no preamble please.

Councillor Wyatt: Can the Mayor give us his assurance that there will be in no way, shape or form any policy brought out in conjunction with or prior to the budget that is expected to come forward in the next coming month or so?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Well the discussions over the budget are happening and will continue as I and the many Members of Council, most notably Councillor Marty Morantz as well as Councillor Orlikow have indicated both privately and publicly, you know preparation of the budget is something that is ongoing and will continue to ramp up as we get closer to December and is occurring in the absence of any Council direction or impact fees. And so that work is ongoing and does not contemplate the, you know, any decisions that may be made by Council at a later date. Again the timing of consideration by Council as well as what would ultimately be considered by Council with regards to impact fees at this stage we're wanting to encourage Councillor Orlikow to continue having productive discussions that he's having and I look forward to hearing from back from him in due course.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the next committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. Councillor Morantz on the Report dated September 15th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

Councillor Morantz: I would just introduce the report. I'll wait for any comments from my colleagues. Sorry, I would just introduce the report. It's so rare that I get to introduce a report, Madam Speaker. I am not as polished as my colleagues. But I will introduce the report and wait for any comments that may come. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call to question, or are there any speakers on item one? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Morantz do you wish to close or call the question? Call the question on item one under Finance, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions and no by-laws. We'll now entertain question period for the Chair. Councillor Pagtakhan?

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The budget is happening, the Mayor previously announced that there's going to be a few community budget consultations occurring, I believe the first one's occurring in Northwest Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, and at the North Centennial Community Centre. I just wanted to know if the Chair could explain to the public and explain to Council what's going to be taking place at these meetings?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz?

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I'd like to thank my colleague for the question. This budget marks the third budget that I've been involved in and every year we are incrementally improving our process based on feedback that we received from the public. So this year as my colleague mentioned, we're actually having a series of five community consultations. These consultations will be organized through the company that we have retained in the past, dialogue partners who'll assist us in facilitating these meetings right in out in the community and will give an opportunity for an individual in the community to come forward and in a meaningful way have discussions about what they see as their priorities for this upcoming budget. As I understand it, and you know, I don't have all of the details yet, they'll be in the order of a roundtable discussions, a series of number of tables in the room where citizens can sit and we can all have meaningful discussions about what their priorities are. The first one is Wednesday, October 12th at the North Centennial Recreation Leisure Facility, the second one will be at the Jonathan Toews Community Centre on October 13th, the third one October 27th at the St. James Civic Centre, the fourth one at the Millennium Library and on October 28th, and then October 29th at the Henderson Library. I might add and I just, you know, I know the Mayor's talked about this already but I really do feel that, you know, we are making our best efforts to be as inclusive and mindful of other Councillors as possible I know. Many Councillors have raised this, Councillor Dobson has raised it today and you know what, I think when you look at what we've done, we've done something that was never done before. Last year we brought in two Members of Council who are not on EPC. I think it's important to remember that we also have certain legislative frameworks that we work within. The Winnipeg Charter requires Corporate Finance to bring the budget to EPC, and for EPC to present the budget to Council. So the system that we have is not perfect, but we have made steps to open it up and last year we had two non-EPC Councillors, Councillors Gillingham and Gerbasi and it went very, very well. It went so well in fact that we wanted to continue the process and expand it even further. So you know, I guess you know, if you tried to say Rome wasn't built in a day, but I think when you look at what we've accomplished, you know, I think it's far more inclusive than how budgets were done in the past from what I can see. In addition to that, I am also planning, I know I have meetings every year, I request meetings every year with individual Councillors. I am also planning this year to have those meetings, a meeting request will go out in short order. And these meetings will be somewhat enhanced, my plan is to have the CFO present at these meetings as well to take questions directly from Councillors along with myself. So these are things that, changes we have made, they're not perfect. Again, at the end of the day, Council decides and there is opportunity of course, after tabling to also bring arguments forward at the standing committees and at the end of the day we have our vote. And I am very optimistic that this year everyone's going to vote in favour of the budget. Okay, I'm just trying to make a little joke, but I certainly would hope that that's the case. I think of it as the goal if my first budget passed 14-2, last year 10-6, but I'm always optimistic that we can all come together and approve a budget and I think it would be a very good sign if we did that unanimously and together. But those are essentially my comments about process and I thank my colleague for that question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none we'll close that committee off. We're nearing the 12 o'clock mark, we can go onto the next committee if we choose. There's just one report. Councillor Mayes on the Report of the Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment Committee dated September 8, 2016.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'll move the one item in the report dated September 8th.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Winnipeg Sewage Treatment Program 2015 Annual Report Program Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and VWNA WINNIPEG INC. (Veolia)

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

Councillor Mayes: Sure. I remember my first year here, Councillor Vandal saying, as with some vitality, well this is year one of 30, well, now we are on to year five of 30. More than half of this Council, myself included, was not here when this agreement with Veolia was entered into. The work continues, the funding arrangements, the reimbursement arrangements, frankly, could be simpler and could be clearer but they are presented in the report. We had a discussion with the staff at the committee. Look forward to…Councillor Eadie, of course, is on the Water Committee and we had quite a discussion there and I look forward to hearing his question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: He is speaking to the item.

Councillor Mayes: He can speak to the item, I apologize.

Councillor Eadie: Actually, question period isn't…Madam Speaker! I speak to this report, while I'm going to support it, I mean there's…it is a report of a contract agreement that we have with Veolia, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to point out being on the standing committee, I was able to ask a number of questions related to this report and I just wanted to, Madam Speaker, I will be voting for the report. It is a contractual agreement and it's structured…actually, I learned a lot about the contract and how it's working forward. It looks like it's working quite well, Madam Speaker, in terms of...we pay direct cost to Veolia. That's fine. There is whole bunch of criteria and good solid fiscal prudence in terms of when they can take out any profits that they might have attained through assisting the City of Winnipeg, achieve a more efficient, effective sewer processing in the city, and they've done a lot of work and you can look through and see all these different projects that they worked on. Some worked out, some didn't, some are the way they go, but I just wanted to point out, Madam Speaker, in here it talks about a $50 million...I can't listen to my document right at the moment so I'm not going to use the official terms but essentially there is $50 million insurance in place to make sure that the commitments of Veolia's local operations here meet their obligations. And that $50 million is a letter of finance and also some insurance payments, 25 million, 25 million but essentially, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to bring to everybody's attention while that $50 million is there and Veolia is doing that to make sure that they uphold what they have said in the agreement, however, I just wanted to point out, Madam Speaker, that it's actually the City of Winnipeg and its direct payments to Veolia's local operation that we actually pay for the cost of those provisions for the $50 million. Just so it's clear, I just want to be clear. I don't know why we just don't ensure the operations ourself directly but anyway, nevertheless, Veolia under the contract was asked to do that and they do it but we pay the direct cost associated with that. And then there is a guarantee from the parent organization, the Veolia parent organization of local operations, to ensure that a continuation of the agreement would happen if something happened to its local operations. I'm not sure if there is a direct expense related to that guarantee but, Madam Speaker, I just wanted the public to know and to be clear what this is. I'll leave it at that but I will be voting for the report and it's very open and transparent this report. It does report in quite detailed minutiae that the contract is working and I just wanted to point out the direct costs do get paid to Veolia's local operations so they are making a fair amount of money under this contract with us. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes do you wish to close?

Councillor Mayes: Yes, some good comments by Councillor Eadie, and I will just point out the strength that the new committee structure that the Mayor set up, I think, recommended by Councillor Lukes, myself and others, this is a separate committee now, Water and Waste and we set up Public Works together, Madam Speaker, a few years ago. You know, the water issues would come after hours of debating on snow clearing roads, transit, much more attention, much more scrutiny now, I think, in terms of the operation of the Utility and Water Department. So I will be supportive of the item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried.

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

Madam Speaker: We have Motion No. 2 before us, moved by Councillor Schreyer, seconded by Councillor Dobson. It's regarding public hearings for water and waste sewer rates. It is a notice of motion so it will appear on the Council agenda in October.

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

WHEREAS the City's sewage treatment system has allowed millions of litres of raw sewage to enter into Winnipeg's rivers in recent years;

AND WHEREAS the City acknowledges that the Province has ordered the City to upgrade the North End Water Control Centre, along with other city wide upgrades to the water and waste systems;

AND WHEREAS the increase in water rates has been justified by City officials due to the necessity of the City to upgrade its North End sewage plant and to implement its entire Capital Program;

AND WHEREAS the City's water utility is proposing a substantial increase its water rates over the next three years;

AND WHEREAS the percentage rebate/dividend that is paid to the City of Winnipeg general revenue stream by the Water and Waste Utility of the City was increased from 8 percent to 12 percent in 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is projected that $32 million, a historic high amount, will be paid to the City of Winnipeg by the City's Water and Waste Utility and their customers;

AND WHEREAS even Manitoba Hydro has been subject to public hearings in recent years, implemented by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board, over Manitoba Hydro's request to raise hydro rates.

AND WHEREAS Councillors' concerns raised on the idea of the Manitoba Public Utilities Board conducting the such hearings was that it undermined the independence of the City Administration to conduct its own business;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Administration to call public hearings on the proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases of 2017 and 2018.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE
RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to By-laws for this committee. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam...Sherwood?

Madam Speaker: If you could move that the By-law 116/2016 be read a first time. Move it on your behalf.

Councillor Mayes: I'm just wonder if Mr. Clerk is doing that or if I am doing that? I'll move that the By-law No. 116/2016 to amend the Lot Grading By-law to correct the hearing body for appeals be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 116/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, second reading.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move the By-law 116/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 116/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes on the suspension and the third reading.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 116/2016 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.

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

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not sure if it was asked before Madam Speaker, but in context to the RP that went out for a solid waste collection renewal that probably is coming to the Water and Waste Committee soon. It has a clause that talks about if the City could perform the work at a more reasonable cost that they didn't have to accept any of the bids, Madam Speaker. My question is what is our Water and Waste Department doing to try to calculate what the City's cost would be, if it had to deliver the services itself?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, fair question and Councillor Schreyer had raised this oh, a couple months ago, I think on the same RFP. That provision is a standard provision found in other documents that are put out. They basically reserves rights for the cities, it doesn't force the city to award something in-house. It merely says that the city reserves the right to not go through with the RFP, to not award if work could be done by current employees at a comparable rate. I'm paraphrasing and so is Councillor Eadie. The Water and Waste Department has looked into that, I understand that there's going to be some estimates of what the reimbursement, what the cost to the city would be to do it in-house that that will be forthcoming when the results of the tender, when the suggested award is made public, which should be in the very near future. Certainly, Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Eadie have raised questions as I see the Chair of our CUPE Local, Mr. Delbridge is up in the crowd, they've all raised concerns. You know, I went to Ottawa to check into their model, in terms of how they deliver 40% of their service is in-house. So it's certainly something that we've considered and looked into and I've talked to the staff and the Mayor about it. I know the Mayor's met with CUPE as well. This issue of what exactly the term of that RFP might mean, could still end up in some sort of legal proceeding but I can assure the Councillor, we've certainly looked at that and certainly looked at the concerns raised by the bargaining agent CUPE in terms of what we might be able to do in terms of an in-house option.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: In determining what it would cost for this city to deliver this service is the department consulting with the industry on that particular point?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I can't say for sure. But I don't think so. I think they've come up with an estimate of what it would cost to deliver the services in-house based on the current collective agreement. It's a bit difficult in that the services were contracted out, fully contracted out back in 2005, I think, so there hasn't been an ongoing rate increase, an ongoing dispute about wages for garbage collection or recycling collection. But certainly the staff have been taking a look at what it would cost to do deliver it in-house that certainly doesn't rule out discussions with CUPE about the future or trying to be innovative. In this Council, we're trying to look at other options. Ottawa, I think took a very innovative approach so I think unlike maybe some other Councillors or Councils we're not simply saying, "It's all going to be contracted out and that's the end of the dispute that's the end of the debate." We are seriously considering some of the issues that CUPE and the Labour Council have raised about looking at it in-house or partially in-house model.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Third question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: My question, when this comes to committee, will we know if there was any effect from industry consultation about going with two-halves of the city for delivering this service as to how we, the City could deliver the cost, deliver the service in-house?

Councillor Mayes: Well, I don't, yeah I mean I think that's already been publicly discussed by the administration saying they discussed different zone models with the industry and that's why they came back with a recommendation for two zones this time instead of just the one big Emterra zone that we currently have. I mean, I know there's some small exemptions in certain parts of the city. But by-and-large Emterra has the vast majority of the city. The staff recommended going to two zones. Obviously, one could debate that, Ottawa has roughly 50,000 or 55,000 homes in each of its zones, each of our zones would have about a 100,000 doors. So fair bit of range there. But yeah, the industry recommended going with two zones, our staff proceeded on that basis. I think there's some reasons for that, if there's a strike in one zone you have some potential coverage. If one of the winning bidders goes bankrupt, you have some potential coverage. If there are severe problems with one of the companies, you have some potential coverage. So

there's certainly some strengths to going to a model where you have more than one zone. Ottawa has five, two of them delivered by the city, with CUPE as the bargaining agent, three with different private companies. Toronto has a different model, half of it delivered in-house, half of it contracted out. We'll try and find the appropriate balance for Winnipeg. Certainly that debate about how many zones is one we could have at the committee, but we are moving forward. There will be a recommendation about where this, about how to award garbage and recycling for the next period. Emterra's contract does run out in '17, so it's the right time now to take a look at which way we're going and to take a look at the whole balance. Councillor Eadie's been very persistent on this and Councillor Schreyer as well, saying that we've got to at least look at what other cities are doing, in terms of options for delivering this in-house and not just contracting everything out. So I thank them for that and we'll have a good discussion, I can promise you that at the committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That concludes question period. Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Madam Speaker, could I respectfully ask Council colleague members if they would consider waiving lunch and continuing through with the meeting?

Madam Speaker: Is it the will of Council to continue? I've had other e-mails as well. There aren't many…Innovation has no report, the next item. So we'd have to have a suspension of the rules to continue and work through lunch. We'll likely finish around 1:30 I would estimate.

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, I really think…there's a whole page here…

Madam Speaker: I'd like to call the question.

Councillor Gerbasi: I'm not supportive of that. I think it will go a lot longer than…

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on working through lunch. All in favour? I think it's clear that we are going to be working through lunch. Moving on….sorry? All those opposed? Okay. The question is to suspend the rule, that we continue the meeting through the lunch hour. All in favour? Those opposed? Okay, those in favour, please rise. Working through lunch, we'll likely finish at around 1:30 I estimate, possible. Okay.

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty…

Madam Speaker: Okay, it's a tie vote because I'm voting to continue the meeting. So where are we at with that? Okay, we'll let people…they're talking here. All in favour, please rise. Let's just get this straight.

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy…

Madam Speaker: Okay. I want to make sure everyone's understanding the question. Mr. Clerk, just a moment. There was a motion put forward that we continue the meeting and not recess at 12:00 noon. So if you are in favour of continuing on we will likely finish around 1:30, 1:45, I estimate. Please rise if you would like to continue working through.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Allard, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Schreyer and Wyatt.

Madam Speaker: Suspension motion is carried. We needed two-thirds right, excuse me, two-thirds were required. So we will break and we'll return at...well that would be...excuse me. There is another request that we just break for an hour but that would require another vote...we concur? So we'll convene at 1:00. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 28, 2016, at 1:04 p.m.**

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
QUESTION PERIOD**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of September 28th, 2016. We are now dealing with the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There are no reports, no motions or by-laws, so we'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Seeing none, we'll now move onto the Standing Policy. Question?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Could the Councillor tell us that we set aside $1 million in the Innovation Fund in the last operating budget, could you tell us of the $1 million what has been accessed by to-date of the public service or others to, I guess the public service is the one who applies for it, but in terms of doing innovative concepts or ideas?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to thank my colleague from Transcona for the question. We had a deadline that has come and gone in early September and we did actually for the first time extend the invitation for submissions to go beyond actually the senior bureaucrats. You would have received a letter, Councillor Wyatt as well as all of Members of the Council for ideas even from Members of this Council. We put out an invitation to the city bureaucracy through the organization, we had a lot of you know ideas that were not much more than a couple lines. But it gave us an opportunity to go and pursue perhaps some of the innovative ideas throughout the organization beyond just what we received the year prior. We're right now just formalizing and figuring out exactly how we're going to bring these ideas forward. We did meet as a committee, I know Councillor Gilroy had a meeting that ran long and she wasn't part of that. But the committee has seen all of the submissions, every one of them and we'll have an opportunity I'm hoping to get the money out in October. Just as a clarification, this is the Innovation Capital Fund, I think the majority, I believe the money comes out of the capital allocation, not operating.

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

Councillor Wyatt: So how much of the money has been accessed or committed? I didn't hear that figure so.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: As of this point, the money has not been allocated out. In terms of the total ask for the year and what's going to get approved, hopefully we can determine that in October.

Madam Speaker: Final question?

Councillor Wyatt: In the event that the capital funding because it's capital by nature it does not have to be spent in any given year, in the event that the capital funding is not accessed or earmarked will that capital funding roll over and be net new to any and new funding in 17?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: That, of course, would have to be a decision of Council through the budgeting process.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, Councillor, or through you to the Chair, earlier this year I brought forward a motion on Wi-Fi in public facilities. I understand that report was taken as information. I wonder if there's, you know, what might be the next steps and where are things at with that initiative? I understand there's an administrative working group but what would be the next time that this Chamber and the public might get an update and how?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Chair and through you to the Councillor. I do recall that there were some administrative considerations and that the proposal coming forward was the sole-source open internet to one particular provider. We wanted to make sure, I think that there was fairness. I believe there was also going to be a small loss of the per-site locations subsidy we were getting from Shaw to the previous arrangement. I do believe we are probably timing out on that so I will make sure that we get an update at the October meeting of the Innovation Committee, which is rounded but it's a little bit earlier.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Second question.

Councillor Allard: Question, so just for the record, am I not to say how I feel about something? Because really is it part of the Procedure By-law, question for the Speaker, because I love to say how I feel. I'm feeling good right now but I don't know if I'm allowed to say that right now.

Madam Speaker: That is good to know. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: But, no, but specifically like I really want to know.

Madam Speaker: We made some.

Councillor Allard: If we can talk about feelings?

Madam Speaker: We made some comments earlier about imputing motive. Mr. Clerk, could you clarify that point?

City Clerk: On any item in front of Council, it's inappropriate for a Member of Council to impute the motive of a person on how they're voting. Therein you can't really ask a person why they're voting a certain way or how they feel about something beyond account of how they're voting.

Councillor Allard: Okay, but, so.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, this would be more appropriate offline. So it is not question period.

Councillor Allard: My answer, I think I heard that I can say how I feel about something but I can't ask how someone else feels about something. So, and.

Councillor Browaty: It was a long question, which as opposed to a preamble so it was supposed to be question not an expression of your own, anyway.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Do you have a question for the Chair?

Councillor Allard: So, thank you to the Chair for that commitment for an update.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the Report dated September 20th.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair I would like to move Items 1 through 19 for consent.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on 1 through 12. I'll call No. 2, Councillor Wyatt. Call the question on...okay I'll call the question on Items2 through 12, 15 through 19. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk Item 1.

Item 1 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 20 Berrydale Avenue – DASZ 14/2016

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

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

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I just want to vote against the recommendation out of EPC.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so noted at the time. We will note it later. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to make any closing comments? I can call for the vote? All in favour of Item 1? Contrary, which is recorded? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 13.

Item 13 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 989-1001 Ducharme Avenue – DASZ 29/2016

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

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

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes did you stand this down?

Councillor Lukes: I did, I did. I would like to speak to this one and I guess I will speak to the other one, it's the same topic though. I just wanted to note that Item 13, whoops, No. 13 and No. 14 have both…both of these apartment developments are the first in Winnipeg to adhere to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities guidelines for new development in proximity to railway operations. Whoo-hoo, toot toot! They both are being constructed with crash walls and they are both along a rail line and it was a little bit of discussion and much discussion to get to that point, but both the developers that are developing them agreed to it and I think it's very positive, so that's the one I am speaking to, 13 so that's Pembina and Ducharme. And then I would like to just say one more thing about 14.

Madam Speaker: We're not at that item at this time so thank you for your comments. Okay, next speaker, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes. Further to my colleague, Councillor Lukes' comments and thank you to Councillor Lukes, I understand you were involved in these discussions and we were involved as well at Riel but this is, I think, a historic moment for Council because we are approving a development that is conforming to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities guidelines on new developments near rail. So, I mean, the developer here has essentially accepted the guidelines and is incurring some significant costs to keep their residents safe in this new development so I would just like to commend this Council. I think we unanimously supported these guidelines and they are actually real so it's part of our legacy will be a safer Winnipeg and we're going to see them soon with these crash walls that are protecting people near rail lines. So, kudos to everyone and thank you very much for supporting them.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call for the vote on Item 13. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 14.

Item 14 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 2525 Pembina Highway – DASZ 27/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair, I will introduce the motion…I'll introduce it and wait to hear from my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: And on this one, too, I would just like to draw attention to the fact, Madam Chair that...Madam Speaker that this one also adheres to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities guidelines and this is a very interesting unit on Pembina Highway. It's been about two years in the works and it is going to be a 640 bed unit on Pembina Highway. We've approved the variance to double the density of what was currently recommended for that site. It's dramatically reducing car parking because it's across from the University of Manitoba. It's on a major corridor and close to the transit station and it will have bike parking for approximately 500 bikes which is unprecedented for Winnipeg. I am very pleased that this will be solving some of the problems that we have on affordable housing and shortage of space for students in South Winnipeg. So, I want to thank the departments and the committee and everyone working on this project. It is rather unique and it presented some unique challenges, but the developer has been great about accommodating our needs, the City's needs, and also for the community. So I just wanted to draw a bit of attention to that and thank everyone that was involved.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Lukes. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close, or I'll call the question? Would you like to speak to the item?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes please.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I'd like to…we supported this in the committee but I just want to point out that the...there is some unique requirements being placed on the developer that I have never seen before such as a 12.13 meter in height crash wall along the CNR Letellier subdivision and this is new. Clearly, a new developer obligation that I have never seen...I have seen berms, I've seen setbacks but I have never seen a crash wall to this extent. I have seen walls built for the sake of noise and sound attenuation, but this is new. I just think we should be cognizant of that going forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none I will call the question on Item 14. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow, on to the By-laws.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Chair, I'll move that By-laws 100 to 101, 102, 103 and 104/2016 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 100/2016, By-law No. 101/2016, By-law No. 102/2016, By-law No. 103/2016, and By-law No. 104/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I move that By-law Nos.100/2016 to 104/2016, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 100/2016 to 104/2016 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-law Nos. 100/2016 to 104/2016, both inclusive, be read a third time and the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

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

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker through you to the Chair. I believe I asked this question prior, but I wonder, many of us have secondary plans in our ward and wondering when Council can expect to know what the purposed schedule is for plans coming forward? What's the timeline? And looking forward to hearing about that.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, thank you for the question. I know there's a lot of interest from my colleagues, the list of secondary plans, area plans, PDOs and whatnots will be all tabled together in one document and then the administration will bring forward their recommendations what they see they can do with their funds. And again, thank you to some of the Council colleagues in the last budget cycle that allowed a few more resources into that area. So we're hoping to be able to tackle a few more. I'm hoping to see it within the next month or so, but again I'll clarify with the Chief Planner to, I know that he working on it. And I hope we been working on it, as they keep adding. So but I'll get more of an exact date from you but I know this is getting complied presently.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Earlier this year, it was, May, end of May, the Expression of Interest closed on 266 Graham. And I'm just wondering when we will see results of that at it coming forward?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Well, thank you very much for the question. The ROI has been closed, there is some due diligence going on. The exact date, I'll try to get it for you when we hopefully be seeing that. It is a very complicated project with air rights and whatnots and the, you know, the relation with the Police Headquarters. But there has been some interest and I may make a plug into Liquors and Lotteries, maybe they want to look at that building. However, we'll get that number, that date sooner than later for you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Councillor Wyatt, second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Just a clarification. The expiry date for applying has already come and gone? Is that? Okay.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the Report dated September 19th.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to move the report of September the 19th, Items 1, 2 and 3 as consent.

Madam Speaker: Which number is that, number 2? So it appears everything has been stood down. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Agreement with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for
Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Employee Clinical Skills Experience

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, pleasure to introduce this report. It's a housekeeping report, Madam Speaker. Basically it allows our fire and paramedic staff, who are taking in-house training with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, it's an agreement between the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the City of Winnipeg to allow our paramedics and firemedics to take the courses in the hospitals throughout the City of Winnipeg for the paramedics.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham I believe you stood this down.

Councillor Gillingham: I did, thank you Madam Speaker. As the Councillor said, this is really a housekeeping matter but I just want to take the opportunity that it affords us to acknowledge again the good work that our emergency services personnel in this city do. Our police, our fire, our paramedics, are consistently working on their training, they're committed to ongoing improvement of their skills and it happens through partnerships like the one that we are voting on in this motion, in this report here today. Earlier today in our agenda we also passed several motions that talked about agreements, that referred to agreements that our police services have with different organizations as well. And again, I just wanted to take the moment that this report affords us, just to acknowledge that the men and women that serve us in this city to keep us safe and keep us healthy do an excellent job. They're consistently improving their skills and their ability and so I certainly will be supporting this motion.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. One of the issues that have been an honour to learn about one of the honours and privileges of being elected to City Council is just the insights that you receive by the leadership of the various departments and agencies including the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services. One issue that we do have to deal with, with the Regional Health Authority, one that is a matter of time...it's a matter of money. It's a matter of budget, it's also a matter of the time of our paramedics is the handoff time between when the paramedics show up with a patient at the hospital and when they can relieve themselves of their duties and go on to continue their obligations throughout their shift throughout the city. I have learned in my first year on Council that it's a notable handoff time to the extent that could be considered problematic. And on that basis, I just have to say that, any time that our paramedics are having courses, practicums at the hospitals, anything that allows them to increase their experience time at the hospitals with doctors, emergency nurse, emergency room nurses, et cetera at the hospitals, that it facilitates their working relationship, I think is a good thing. Hopefully that is also one of the things that ends up being a virtue of this with their shared time at the hospital, how we deal with the handoff time and how we reduce the handoff time at the hospitals between the paramedics and hospital staff. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan would you like to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: I just want to thank my colleagues for their words and call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Elimination of Fines on Children's and Young Adult Materials

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much Madam Speaker. This item we dealt with this at Executive Policy Committee and we are making a recommendation to refer this to the budget process to continue the dialogue, Madam Speaker, and I want to thank members of the Winnipeg Public Library Board as well as Councillor Allard for proposing such a policy and look forward to the discussion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this motion. Thank you to the Winnipeg Public Service for their substantive report on this. I guess the issue here is that during the budget deliberations I asked the Library Board what should we be bringing forward to Council in terms of budgetary items that may not have been considered through the budget process and that was last year's budget and they came forward with this. It comes out of community consultations and strategic planning for the Library Board where this is found to be one of the best places to invest additional dollars in library services. Turns out that many children and young adults are choosing not to take out library materials because of fear of fines. This is particularly acute with low-income families where you know, there is concern when taking out library material that there might be a fine incurred that the family is not able to pay and the end result is that some families are choosing not to take out library books. And you know, these are…it pains me to think that some children are choosing…some families are choosing not to take out, you know, free library materials to engage in such a productive activity growing up, it's such an important foundation to education for our children and young people. I would also like to recognize Jason Schreyer who has been advocating for this at the standing policy committee who also sits on the Library Board, so thank you, Jason. I also understand you've had sort of personal experiences that support the need for this type of policy. I am speaking today because it's the first time that we consider this item at the Council chamber, and I do feel that we would get tremendous value for our dollar at the Council level in supporting this and I do respect that we will be balancing this policy among many other requests out of the budget process, and on that I would like to thank Mayor Bowman for the appointment to the Budget Committee. I am honoured to have a seat at that table where I will be bringing my perspective, and certainly, I will be bringing my perspective on this particular issue within those budget deliberations but I do understand that there are many things on the table. And on that, thank you to my colleagues for your consideration. We'll see if there is room in this upcoming budget to consider this policy. So thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close? I'll call the question. All in favour of Item 2? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Community Incentive Grant – Henteleff Park Foundation Inc.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you very much Madam Speaker. A great project. I know that Councillor Mayes wishes to say a few words on this and will yield the floor to him.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: This is that rare thing in St. Vital that I won't take any credit for because this is in Councillor Lukes' portion of St. Vital. Her ward, as you know, Madam Speaker, contains about 10,000 people on the St. Vital side of the river. So some very good work here done by Councillor Lukes both before her election as a volunteer on this project and since her election as well as former Councillor Swandel actually passed this funding originally and did a lot of work. We were both at the opening, Councillor Lukes and I recently, it was fantastic. It's a great park that people should check out in St. Vital. It's still pretty much unknown to a lot of people but it's, you know, for walking, for taking your family, it's a terrific resource and the history of it is fascinating, too. And we were both there, Yude Henteleff spoke at the opening that it had been his family farm, he grew up there and he opened by talking about that his family, Jews from the Ukraine, were allowed to come to Canada and he talked about Canada and he said because they allowed us to come from the Ukraine, none of us dead in the Pogroms, none of us dead in the Holocaust, none of us dead in the Stalinist era. It was this fantastic speech about the new life and the benefits they had coming to St. Vital, to Winnipeg, to Canada. Well worth seeing the park and the....it's not a building, it's more of a display, an interpretive centre that's there, really worthwhile project.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I will rise to say a few words on this also. I am not used to the patting myself on the back yet for all this work but this is an amazing project. I think what the most amazing part of all of this is how the volunteers in a community can be brought together and you get the energy and the leadership of an individual, in this case, Yude Henteleff, to energize the community to build and make a park even more beautiful, if that can even be, than it was before. But to do such a big contribution to the community, he has been outstanding, he's inspirational and I have been very, very pleased to have been a part of it pre-being elected and post-being elected. So, it's a big tipping of the hat to all the volunteers that do so much for our parks and make them such jewels that they are. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary. Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We have Motion 3 before us. It is no longer valid, it's replaced with Motion 8. And Motion 8 is moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Eadie and it's regarding funding regarding museuMs It's an automatic referral to the Committee on Protection, Community Service and Parks.

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

WHEREAS Museums are an invaluable part of the cultural and heritage landscape in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS many of the local museums in Winnipeg such as the Historical Museum of St. James-Assiniboia and Le Musee de Saint-Boniface Museum have been funded by the City of Winnipeg via an operating budget grant for decades;

AND WHEREAS the grant provided by the City is used by museums in a similar way to how it is used by City Departments, that is for operational needs such as salaries, utilities and rent;

AND WHEREAS for the last several years, museums were provided with 30% advance payments on their grants in advance of approval of the operating budget, in accordance with by-law 8164/2002, which states that the CAO may authorize spending of up to 30% of the previous year's operating budget prior to adoption of the budget;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the City moved to a process whereby grant agreements are required of all grant recipients;

AND WHEREAS these grant agreements do not recognize the need for advance payments;

AND WHEREAS if Council does not pass the operating budget until March, grant payments do not go out until April or May;

AND WHEREAS not receiving payments April or May results in Museums not being able to pay salaries and will lead to layoffs and closures of these valuable institutions;

AND WHEREAS in 2016, the CFO recognized the hardship this would cause museums and ensured initial payments were available to those long-term grantees of the City who required them;

AND WHEREAS Museums have been advised this may not be possible in 2017 without a change to their grant agreements;

AND WHEREAS the Council included such a provision for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres in 2016, recognizing this need for Community Centres but not for Museums;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes the need to provide initial funding to its long term grantees such as Museums and other organizations such as WAC, and take the appropriate actions to ensure that initial payments can be made to these organizations in 2017, as they have been in previous years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by-law 8164/2002 be amended to allow the CAO the authority to approve grant payments up to 30% of the previous year's budget to be granted to these organizations prior to adoption of the budget;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this requirement be built into future grant agreements.

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

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AND WHEREAS the Council included such a provision for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres in 2016, recognizing this need for Community Centres but not for Museums;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes the need to provide funding prior to adoption of the City's operating budget for the following organizations:

- *Winnipeg Arts Council Inc.*
- *Dalnavert Museum*
- *Grants Old Mill Museum*
- *Historical Museum of St. James-Assiniboia*
- *Manitoba Children's Museum*
- *Manitoba Museum*
- *Ross House Museum*
- *Seven Oaks Museum*
- *St. Boniface Museum*
- *Transcona Museum*
- *Western Canada Aviation Museum*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to directly submit to Council amendments to By-Law No. 8164/2002 to allow the CAO the authority to approve grant payments of up to 30% of the previous year's grant to such organizations prior to the adoption of the budget, commencing in 2017;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this requirement be built into future grant agreements between the City and such organizations.

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

Madam Speaker: We have no By-laws. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Two brief questions for the Chair. The first, I think last year when Councillor Browaty was the Chair, I asked about residents of mine had raised the issue of backyard fire pits and I thought we were going to get a report from the civil service as to what other cities do on this that was not for [inaudible] there may have been a misunderstanding. I just wonder if the Chair of the committee could come back, if the civil service takes the position they need a formal motion. I'll bring one down the line or maybe somebody at the committee could bring that? For clarity, I'm not raising this because I, my next door neighbour has a big backyard fireplace that he put a ton of time into it. It doesn't bother me, it doesn't bother my kids. But other people in the ward have some issues, some of them have much narrower lots so, I wonder if I could just hear from the Chair to see how we would like to proceed on getting some sort of study done of other jurisdictions?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I thank you through to Councillor Mayes for the question. Certainly we can, I can talk with By-law Enforcements and the folks here at the City to find out more about backyard fire pits and the policy. Currently, in terms of anything fire related, Madam Speaker, is regulated through the Provincial Fire Protection Act and Code within the Province of Manitoba. All municipalities will have some form of policy related to that Provincial Act. But I could certainly find out some more information from the department and get back to Councillor Mayes.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Second question?

Councillor Mayes: A number of, we're on a fire theme here, a number of residents also phrased concerns about smoking on patios; and I know we touched on this in the prior Council and there was some confusion over whose jurisdictions this was, if it was provincial or city. I wonder if the Chair could perhaps ask of the new Provincial Government if they have jurisdiction over this. I don't know how I would, frankly, decide on a debate on this issue, but it is an issue that residents bring up from time-to-time. So this is the issue of should we ban, should the province ban, the issue smoking on outdoor patios?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you. I know a little bit about this in terms of that smoking on patios is regulated by the Non-Smokers Health Protection Act with the Province of Manitoba; and enforced, if a patio is licensed, Madam Speaker, it's also enforced by Liquor and Lotteries. So I can certainly have a discussion with Councillor Mayes to see where he would like to go with this; and if it's something that we can bring to the committee to talk about and ask our department for more information, I'm certainly willing to do that.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. During the 2016 budget process, I was very happy to be able to work with Councillor Pagtakhan on a funding a grant for an inner-city boxing program and I was wondering if the Councillor would update us on the status of that great program?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Great, thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and I want to thank Councillor Morantz for the question. I heard a little chuckle out of Councillor Allard over there as well, and I know both those Councillors spoke at the last meeting that we had regarding this item. And yeah, just so you know, the city is currently through Community Services, the department is working with the Pan Am Boxing Club. The Pan Am Boxing Club has moved in to 1100 College Avenue. They started doing their renovations, installing some of the equipment, and they're just in the midst of completing the brochure and talking with the Winnipeg School Division. They're just doing some minor tweaks in terms of the program and I anticipate probably within the next six to eight weeks that the program will be up and running. And I asked Councillor Morantz if he's been training because maybe we'll see can do a little bit of an exhibition match between him and the Councillor Allard or myself and Councillor Morantz or who knows. But you know, it's certainly on its way. I want to thank Council for its support and Councillor Morantz for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, this is kind of a "are you aware" question, is because we have to term the questions that way. But, and I know you are aware, but are you aware that at our meeting on October the 14th Friday in the morning, Members of Council have an opportunity to come and hear a presentation by our community clubs greater, the GCWCC, and their executive who've wanted an opportunity to come, to speak, to be able to talk about their role, to talk about the community club roles, especially maybe useful for Members of Council to hear from the community clubs and exactly what they're doing and the initiatives that they're involved with across the city, and as well how, maybe Members of Council could better assist them, interact with them, even with their upcoming Awards Night that maybe Members of Council want to be plugged into? So that's are you aware that's happening at your committee, which you're organizing with me on October the 14th at 9 a.m. in the morning?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Well thank you very much through you, Speaker to Councillor Wyatt for that. And I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for the notion, for the idea of purposing that the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres appear, do a bit of a presentation, update us in terms of some of their projects and initiatives with all the various community centres across the city that certainly do great work and a great group of folks that work hard on our behalf to ensure that our communities centres function and advocate on their behalf as well, teach them about governance and about how to do projects. And it's certainly an open invitation, we'll certainly have them come out at our next Standing Policy Committee meeting and it's an open invitation to all Members of Council to come out and certainly hear about what they have to say at that meeting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, we're now moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the Report dated September 19, 2016. There are five iteMs

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Chair. I would like to move Items 1 to 5.

Madam Speaker: 1 has been pulled. I will call the question on 2 through 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 – Street Parking Solutions for the Exchange District

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

Councillor Lukes: I would like to hear from my colleague please and then I will comment.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I stood this down basically to thank the committee for their support in terms of the request coming out of the motion. There is a lot of activity that's happening within the Exchange District. A lot of new residences that are moving in through the condominium developments, through apartments in the area, there's more retail businesses and restaurants coming in. We are seeing a whole new generation of entrepreneurs coming in, Madam Speaker, to...into the Exchange District. And, you know, certainly the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation is doing an incredible amount of programming at the Centennial Concert Hall. The numbers are pretty staggering, Madam Speaker, in terms of the number of people that come in to the Centennial Concert Hall rivals the amount of people that are coming through the MTS Centre which is quite a number of people, I believe it's over 900 events a year and that's pretty outstanding. 900,000 people a year coming through that area. So, there is a need for more parking, Madam Speaker. The motion basically was to ask for angled parking. Other cities and other jurisdictions across Canada have angled parking in their downtowns, and this motion was asking for angled parking in strategic locations within our Exchange District as well as to open up on a temporary basis a surface parking lot off by the Alexander docks. And so I really want to thank the folks that spoke in favour of it at the committee, the Exchange District BIZ, the Centennial Concert Hall, as well as residents from the area. And it was just great to see that…and some local architects as well. So, just really grateful that this is here and happy to support it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none I will call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
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MOTIONS**

Madam Speaker: We have Motion 4 before us. It's moved by Councillor Gillingham, seconded by Councillor Mayes, it's regarding the use of drones. This will be an automatic referral to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

**Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,**

WHEREAS the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones is increasing;

AND WHEREAS UAVs and drones can pose risks to public safety (other aircraft and property) and privacy if not operated appropriately;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada has established regulations and provides education regarding the use of UAVs and drones;

AND WHEREAS vendors are currently under no obligation to educate purchasers of UAVs and drones with respect to Transport Canada regulations;

AND WHEREAS there is increased need for public awareness and education on the appropriate use of UAVs and drones;

AND WHEREAS representatives from various local stakeholder groups including Transport Canada, Nav Canada, Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Airports Authority, Canadian Armed Forces and the City of Winnipeg met recently to discuss the need for a concerted effort to address concerns related to the use of UAVs and drones within the city of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not currently regulate the use or sale of UAVs and drones within the city of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable for the Public Service to provide recommendations regarding the feasibility of adopting a bylaw to govern the use and sale of UAVs and drones within the city of Winnipeg;

AND WHERAS the Public Service review should include consultation with stakeholders including Transport Canada, Nav Canada, Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Airports Authority, Canadian Armed Forces, Manitoba Aviation Council and Airline Pilots Association;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works within 120 days with recommendations regarding the feasibility of adopting a by-law to regulate the use and sale of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones and requiring vendors of UAVs and drones to provide purchasers with information on Transport Canada regulations and local by-laws which govern the use of UAVs and drones, which report shall include:*

   a. a review of best practices in other jurisdictions;
   b. human resource and labour relations implications;
   c. budgetary implications;
   d. legal implications; and
   e. all other relevant considerations.

2. *The Public Service consult with*

   (a) appropriate stakeholders, including Transport Canada, Nav Canada, Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Airports Authority, Canadian Armed Forces, Manitoba Aviation Council and Airline Pilots Association; and

   (b) other jurisdictions that have established by-laws relating to the use of UAVs and drones.

3. *The proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Madam Speaker: Motion 5 is moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Wyatt. It's regarding taxicabs in diamond lanes and this will also be an automatic referral to the Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

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

WHEREAS the taxi industry is an essential component of a city's transportation system including limousine service;

AND WHEREAS HandiTransit is part of the City of Winnipeg's mass transportation system;

AND WHEREAS visitors to the City of Winnipeg can get frustrated with the city through slow taxi service;

AND WHEREAS the city's taxi industry continues to lobby for use of diamond lanes in Winnipeg like other cities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has the authority under the Highway Traffic Act to allow usage of diamond lanes for the taxi industry including private providers of HandiTransit services;

AND WHEREAS on March 17, 2010 EPC's agenda had a motion entitled "Item No. 5 - High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes" (diamond lanes) added to its agenda, which was referred to the Winnipeg Public Service for possible implementation with the following rationale:

> *"WHEREAS in the 2006 Implementation Plan for Rapid Transit Task Force Recommendations, the City of Winnipeg has defined diamond lanes as traffic lanes designated for exclusive use by transit vehicles, cyclists, emergency vehicles, and right-turning vehicles;*
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> *AND WHEREAS a 2009 Winnipeg Taxi Study commissioned by the Manitoba Taxi Board recommends assisting the efficiencies of the Winnipeg taxi industry by opening up high occupancy vehicle and diamond lanes;*
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> *AND WHEREAS the cities of Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto and Ottawa specify the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes to include vehicles such as taxis, motor vehicles with two or more occupants, bicycles and buses;*
>
> *AND WHEREAS the OurWinnipeg process launched on April 25, 2009 includes the preparation of a Sustainable Transportation Direction Strategy;*
>
> *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the usage of diamond lanes and the potential implementation of high occupancy vehicle lanes for vehicles including taxis be referred to the Winnipeg Public Service for recommendation and report back to the appropriate committee of Council through the ongoing OurWinnipeg process."*

AND WHEREAS nothing was ever done to allow taxis to use diamond lanes;

AND WHEREAS transit drivers, transit inspectors and WPS traffic services can report abuses of diamond lane rules during a pilot project's period of study;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service undertake all things necessary to implement a pilot project allowing the taxi industry and HandiTransit private service providers to use diamond lanes with the following exclusions: no pick up or drop off in diamond lanes during operational hours of the lane, and no use of the Graham Avenue transit corridor.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, on to the by-laws for the committee.

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

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that the following by-laws be read for a first time; By-law No. 111/2016, By-law No. 113/2016, By-law No. 114/2016 and By-law No. 115/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 111/2016, By-law No. 113/2016, By-law No. 114/2016, and By-law No. 115/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes on the second reading.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that By-law Nos. 111 and 113 through 115 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos.111/2016 and 113/2016 to 115/2016 both inclusive.

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-law Nos. 111 and 113 to 115 both inclusive 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.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
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QUESTION PERIOD**

Madam Speaker: We'll now have question period for the Chair. Councillor Wyatt, followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I rise to ask the Chair a question pertaining to what I asked the Mayor previously and she suggested I ask you. So I'm going to do that now. In terms of getting our capital dollars, especially the ones that we know that we will be having in the upcoming are fairly certain that are going to be in the 2017 budget to have a substantial first call, when I say substantial, I mean in the tens of millions against for local roads and streets and to target the October meeting so that work can begin immediately. Quite often there's last minute surveying, last winter they were actually ploughing streets to get the survey crews out so they can see the markers, which was ridiculous. So if we can this stuff moving now, and get the tenders out ASAP, we can in theory get better pricing in the market and our dollars will go longer than what we had before.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: So, if you've noticed on the agenda, the Public Works agenda, we've been waiting for a report that's to come forward regarding procurement. There's been a lot of discussions within the department, with industry, and with finance very recently. So I do expect, we have two meetings in the next month and I do expect that not at the first meeting, but at the second meeting we will see this procurement report come forward, the recommendations on how to do exactly that, to get the tenders out sooner in hopes of better pricing with that's the ultimately goal.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Okay, thank you very much. I appreciate the fact you're trying to develop a policy, that's great. I know there's no preamble. However, in the past, we have had motions brought forward where we get the move.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, your question?

Councillor Wyatt: Could we do that target? You can still walk and chew gum at the same time. Can we do both and get the money moving ASAP in October for the new year?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: [Inaudible] and I'll get back to you, and I'll also take it up at the Finance Department too. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Third question?

Councillor Wyatt: And as well, in terms of that process, is it being taken into consideration requirements that we should be placing in terms of simple requirements, project management requirements, in terms of delivering simple street renewal projects that should only take three to four weeks and not two and a half months to complete in every ward making the city look completely inefficient and ineffective when it comes to building local streets?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Yes, all that will be taken into consideration and I just want to remind everyone here and everyone that's listening that we've done record about of work this year on the roads. And I know at sometimes there's been a frustration and comments about the coordination of projects. But you know, we are on a [inaudible] model from downtown out and really when you have a record amount of construction going on, sometimes we just have to deal with the pain and then we'll have the gain for the next 20 to 40 years. So but that definitely, all that will be taken into consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Earlier we passed a motion regarding street parking solutions for the Exchange District, heard the good news about amount of traffic that's coming into the exchange for various reasons. We have, you know, beside us the civic parkade that will be obviously demolished, we don't know exactly will happen. But I know in time passed around this Council Chamber, there was discussion around the James Avenue Parkade and my understanding, and I may be wrong, but my understanding is that that somewhere within the province and some of their purview, but given that we are trying to attract more people to live downtown and in the Exchange area given that

more people are coming to the Exchange District for events, can the Chair provide us with any sort of update in regards to the status of the James Avenue Parkade?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: That's a very good question that came up when we had our presentation when the various representatives came down to talk to the parking. We've asked the department to get back to us on that. So I don't have an update to provide right now, but we did ask the department that was exactly my question too, was what's the update on the parkade. So when I hear that, I'll pass that around.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions of the Chair? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Schreyer will you move adjournment? Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 1:46 p.m.