COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

The Council met at 9:39 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 Allard.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: We have two first-time pages with us here today. Please join me in welcoming to the Chamber, Marianna Pozdirca from Miles Macdonell Collegiate. She resides in the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward. And also with us today is Quiana Kumar from River East Collegiate. She resides in the North Kildonan Ward. Thank you so much for joining us today. Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few announcements for us this morning

Mayor Bowman: I do, thank you Madam Speaker and good morning to everyone in this chamber and everyone watching online and via television. Well, it is now official. I want to welcome our new Chief of Police, Mr. Danny Smyth, into the role of our new Police Chief. I was very pleased to participate in the swearing-in ceremony earlier this month. And as all members of this chamber will know, the role of the Chief of Police is an incredibly important one for our community. It's also a very important leadership role and one that comes with incredibly high expectations. As a 30 year veteran of the force who served in a multitude of roles, Chief Smyth's experience will serve him incredibly well in his new role. I was very impressed and have been very impressed with him over the last two years seeing first-hand our new chief's humility as well as his eagerness to hit the ground running in his new role. I do want to again, thank Deputy Chief Stannard for all of his time and his commitment in serving as our acting Chief. As well. I want to thank Councillor Scott Gillingham for leading the search and recruitment effort together with other members of the Winnipeg Police Board. On November 8, many of us watched with great interest as Americans elected a new president. And I want to recognize incoming President Elect Donald Trump on his election victory and wish him all the best. The democrat process is, as we know, the best method we have for selecting our leaders and it's critically important that we respect that process and we respect its outcome. While I have been very clear that I don't support the rhetoric of Mr. Trump, I have a tremendous amount of respect the will of the voter and it's my hope that leadership across all levels in the United States find ways to bring Americans back together, that they find a path to unity and in doing so they find strength. I was very pleased to meet and receive a progress update recently from the End Homelessness Winnipeg Team. What a committed and passionate group of community leaders in that team. I was also very pleased that Winnipeg will host next year's Canadian Annual National Conference on Ending Homelessness. As a city and with the support of this council, we now have a five-year commitment in place to provide $150,000 over the next five year period to support the United Way's plan to end homelessness. That's something I am incredibly proud of each and every member of this council for that unanimous support that we provided for this plan in our initial...one of our first initial meetings when we were all just elected. It's just one more step in the many steps that we need to tackle this issue together. And I look forward to hosting this conference next year and sharing ideas to reduce and ultimately eliminate homelessness in our city. Friday of last week marked Remembrance Day in Canada where we as a nation remember the tremendous sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces. And I stood shoulder to shoulder with the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Government to pay respects at the cenotaph on Memorial Boulevard. It's such an important day for reflection and I was very proud to see so many Winnipeggers donning poppies and doing their best to honour our courageous veterans at ceremonies across Winnipeg. And I want to applaud all members of Council, many of whom I know participated in numerous events in our…in respective wards. I know it does not go unnoticed by our veterans and those that are currently serving, to keep us safe and free. It was great again this year to participate in a...in two long standing traditions. One was the Santa Claus Parade last Saturday and the lighting of the Christmas tree here at City Hall on Monday. And it was great to see so many Winnipeggers come out and enjoy these traditions together. In the Year of Reconciliation, it was great to see an aboriginal float in the Santa Claus Parade for the very first time, something that was noticed on the national level. And they did a wonderful job of representing the beauty and the heritage of our Indigenous Peoples. And the parade overall was another wonderful expression of our pride in who we are as Winnipeggers. It was great to see Councillor Dobson and Councillor Lukes who I should add is celebrating her birthday today, participate in this parade this year as well as so many of our public servants that were out participating in the

parade, helping out with the parade and walking in the parade. A big thanks to all those who helped organize the parade and thank you to this year's Christmas tree donors, Gail and Gerald Bordian. The tree looks absolutely gorgeous. It's a 40-foot tree that has over 9,000 LED lights that we are now all enjoying the beauty of which is right outside of City Hall. We continue the countdown until Winnipeg hosts the Canada Summer Games next year beginning July 28th until August 13th. As my Council colleague Brian Mayes knows full well, tomorrow, and together with the Canada Summer Games Committee, we will be announcing that tickets will be going on sale. With 16 sports, over 250 events and a major cultural festival, the 2017 Canada Summer Games will welcome over 4,000 athletes and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors. We will be celebrating the games 50th anniversary as well as Canada's 150th birthday, and that the Canada Games will be this country's largest multi-sport event for young athletes and I encourage everyone to look at ways to be involved, buy tickets, attend events, volunteer and attend the festivals. That's all I have to say for opening statements, Madam Speaker, thank you very much, merci and megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Mayes, you now have the floor for your morning announcement. It's onto you Councillor Mayes, yes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Thanks to the Mayor for that mention of the Canada Games. As we all know unfortunately St. Vital didn't get the beach volleyball because Gilroy's scooped it for her ward. But some good work there by Councillor Gilroy but St. Vital Centre, in my ward, is a great sponsor of the Canada Games. And yes, Thursday and Friday the tickets start going on sale later this week. My announcement though is on something a little more intellectual which is, about a year ago the Mayor created the position of School Board Liaison and Youth Liaison and I have been lucky enough to fill that for the past year. And one of the three jobs in that portfolio is to look at promoting civic engagement of youth and the Mayor is good at sort of saying well look, we created this position, you're going to have to find the money from within. Find it from within your chair budget, find it within your ward budget, so I was pleased to be able to find some funds to help fund an event on Monday at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. This was the celebration of the Persons Case. The governor general was here yesterday giving out some awards to a number of women from across Canada. The Monday component was at the Human Rights Museum, young women and some men from different high schools from across the city and out into the country came together to hear speakers on a number of women's rights issues. So I was pleased to help to be able to support that. I think that's the exact kind of thing we should be doing at the City of Winnipeg to promote civic engagement of youth. Minister Squires was there, later in the day, the Federal Minister for Status of Women was there, Gail Asper was there and some of the award recipients were there. It was a really a terrific day, quite powerful day to be speaking in the main hall at the Human Rights Museum. Glad to make sure the City of Winnipeg had a part in that whole presentation and to be part of this new commitment. I think the Mayor has shown specific engagement by our youth. So we've got two new pages, seems a good, symbolic way to connect to that, so, I was very pleased to support that. And later today I think we will be speaking to the Susan Thompson motion that you, yourself have brought forward to your credit, Madam Speaker, and that's another, I think, fitting connection to the whole…the connection with the Persons Case and recognizing women's rights. So I just wanted to put on record that this youth liaison role, you don't get any additional money for it but we are doing…doing some good things. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. We have a leave of absence motion before us for Councillor Wyatt. Madam Clerk, will you read this into the record please.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

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

MINUTES

Councillor Schreyer moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on October 28, 2016 and November 2, 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we shall do that. All in favour for the leave of absence motion? Contrary? Carried. We will now move on to delegations. First, we will hear from former City Councillor, Mr. John

Prystanski. He is here to speak to Item No. 6 of the report of EPC dated November 9th, 2016 on the renaming of the administration building to the Susan A. Thompson Building. Following that we will hear from Ms Doris Mae Oulton on the same item. If you could please come forward at this time as well. Welcome.

DELEGATIONS

John Prystanski: Thank you Madam Speaker. Joining me right now is Ms. Doris Mae Oulton and she is our second delegation on this matter. But we thought we would share the podium together on such an important matter.

Madam Speaker: You will have ten minutes on the clock.

John Prystanski: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Prystanski and Ms. Oulton, you will have five on the clock following. Thank you.

John Prystanski: Good morning Your Worship, Madam Speaker, Councillors, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today to voice support for EPC's motion to rename the City Administration Building to the Susan A. Thompson Building. I am John Prystanski and I am honoured to have served our City of Winnipeg and our Municipal Council for the Point Douglas Ward from 1989 to 2002. Mayor Bowman and Councillors, congratulations on recognizing Susan Anne Thompson. One of Winnipeg's most amazing leaders and trailblazers. She is a community leader, entrepreneur, diplomat, philanthropic fundraiser and was our mayor of the City of Winnipeg from 1992 to 1998. Susan and I first met a few days after her historic 1992 mayoral victory. At the time, no one on Council, including me, knew or understood Susan's commitment to her undertaking as Winnipeg's mayor. It is not surprising that Susan became Winnipeg's first and current, only, woman mayor in our city's 142 year history. During my time on Council, I came to know Susan as a dedicated and intelligent leader. She possessed and still possesses a strong work ethic with her perseverance and determination she led Winnipeg and its City Council through some of Winnipeg's most trying obstacles and challenges. The obstacles and challenges Mayor Thompson faced in her six years as Mayor on Council were significant. As the mayor, how did Susan Thompson respond? She led and developed the majority of Council into a working group. She led Council and Council responded. As a result, Winnipeg and her citizens benefited. As a leader, Mayor Thompson proactively insisted and challenged everyone to change the City of Winnipeg's corporate culture to be inclusive of women in leadership roles at City Hall, to include our First Nations and Métis communities in our workforce, boards and committees. She expanded the City's employee benefits and pension plans to include partners of gay and lesbian employees. In 1992, municipal taxes were the number one issue. Winnipeg was well known at the time, nationally and of course locally, as being one of Canada's highest taxed municipalities. To describe the tax burden in minimal detail, some members will remember that just prior to the 1992 civic election, approximately 1,000 of Winnipeg's silent majority, people who did not protest, marched on City Hall demanding their property taxes be either froze or reduced. This also included having to deal with a major city reassessment that required the City of Winnipeg to refund over $100 million to Winnipeg property owners. Winnipeg's property and business taxes under Susan's leadership were frozen. Thus, over time, Winnipeg reduced their citizen’s tax burden to manageable levels. During Susan's term, our city redeveloped its bureaucracy and included major departmental restructuring. Susan led major economic development initiatives such as the mid-continental trade corridor. She was a driving force for major events such as the 1999 Pan American Games, the World Jr. Hockey Championships, the 1998 Grey Cup and the International Winter Cities Conference. Let me put it to you this way, Winnipeg won every bid initiative that we sought. Other notable initiatives included the Charleswood and main Norwood bridges, the approval of the Millennium Library, major aboriginal initiatives such as Neeginan and Thunderbird House. Of course, let's not forget the keeping of Winnipeg above the flood waters during the 1997 Flood of the Century. Did you know the 1997 flood waters were flowing so fast and so viciously that the flow would fill an Olympic sized swimming pool every ten seconds? We used approximately 12 million sandbags and had the largest use of military personnel since the Korean War. Susan led and participated in all these initiatives in her six years on Council. Of course, outside of Council and over the last 25 years, Susan and I have worked together on various projects, but to name a few; the Westland Foundation, the University of Winnipeg Foundation, and currently the Winnipeg Art Gallery’s Inuit Art Centre. And as an FYI for this project, we aim to raise $65 million and create another Winnipeg and Manitoba and Canadian world-class project. And recently, I am sure some of you know and for those that may not be aware, I am pleased to share that Susan is now a best-selling author. So let me conclude with this; Dr. Susan Thompson, recipient of the Order of Manitoba, is ideally suited to be a Council's name choice to enhance the City of Winnipeg's Administration Building. Susan exemplifies the spirit of a Winnipegger. She is part of Winnipeg's moment in time. She continues to serve the city and its citizens. She is a role model to so many people. She leads by example. She gives and we all benefit. Sincerely, Councillors and Your Worship, I truly believe that your choice to rename the Administration Building to the Susan A. Thompson Building will create and be a calling of inspiration for future

Winnipeggers to love our city, to grow and develop, and to give to our city so that we all may continue to live and prosper in our Winnipeg. Thank you for allowing me to participate today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Prystanski. Welcome Ms Oulton. It is now your opportunity to speak to the same item. You have five minutes on the clock.

Doris Mae Oulton: Thank you. I can't tell you how delighted I am to be able to speak to you today on this really, really important motion. I am...my name is Doris Mae Oulton, I'm past President of the Canadian Federation of the University of Women. I was the ADM of Status of Women for the Province of Manitoba. I am on the board of the Nellie McClung Foundation and I was one of the founders of WOW, Women of Winnipeg. And it's on WOW's behalf and there are a number of us in the audience who are here in support as well, that I am talking today about this motion. I'm not going to talk about Susan's CV or her credentials. As Councillor Mayes has already pointed out this morning, what's important is Susan as a symbol. I'm going to start with Susan as a symbol and how WOW got started. WOW got started out of an initiative of the then Minister of Justice, Kim Campbell. Ms Campbell had identified ten women from each province in Canada to come together to form a support network. This was way before Susan was elected mayor. She was identified as one of those ten influential women in Manitoba. Went to the thing. It was about networking, she came back and she said, "We have to do this in Winnipeg." Winnipeg has always been leaders. We have always been leaders in…then women moving forward. We need to be supportive. You have to remember that this is the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote in Manitoba. That's incredibly symbolic. Susan understood symbolism. Susan understood being a symbol. When she became mayor she introduced a number of things that other people might have thought were frivolous but I guarantee you they are things that are remembered about Winnipeg. One of those was the twinkle lights on Broadway. Okay, if you want to have a symbol of your city as a winter city that sparkles, what better thing than having twinkle lights on Broadway that everybody drives by and sees every day. Not frivolous, symbolic. When she went to China, she wore a red coat. She understood the symbolism of red and the importance of red, and its good luck for people in China, and the importance that that would be in building that kind of relationship between China and Manitoba. She understood the symbolism and became known as the Mayor in Red. When she…when we had the flood, she was down here answering the phones. Did she have to answer the phones? Of course not, but how important for the citizens of Winnipeg to hear, when they…when somebody answered the phone at City Hall during that flood, "Hello, Mayor Susan here." She understood symbolism. This is the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote in Manitoba. As I was ADM of the Status of Women, I had the opportunity to go across Canada on many, many, many committees, et cetera, that had premiers, had senior leaders, everybody knew Susan Thompson as our mayor. Everybody did. Twenty years later as President of CFUW, I did the same thing. Three times across Canada, everybody knew that we had had a woman mayor, Susan Thompson, mayor of Winnipeg. This is the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote. What greater symbol for the City of Winnipeg than to name a building after your first mayor. She symbolized women voting, she symbolized women taking the office. It would be a very, very important symbol and important for women, Manitobans, Winnipeggers, to see that visibly every day. Thank you. Thank you Mayor for…and thank you for bringing forward this motion. I think it's really an important one. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Oulton. We now have an opportunity for Council to ask any questions of you both if you'd like to come forward again. Are there any comments or questions for the delegations today? Okay, seeing none, thank you very much. Next we have...we will hear from Mr. Denis Gautron, if you could please come forward. He is here for Item No. 3 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated November 7th, 2016, and it's regarding design options for Marion Street. Mr. Gautron is in support of this item. Following that we will hear from Mr. Marty Gold, if you would like to make your way down to the bench as well, Mr. Gold. Welcome, Mr. Gautron. You will have ten minutes to make your presentation.

Denis Gautron: His Worship, Mayor Bowman, dear councillors and guests. My purpose today is to speak to the topic of a smaller scale project to address the traffic congestion at Marion and Archibald. As advocates of the Seine River, we had serious concerns regarding the impact of the proposed street widening and underpass project. The magnitude of the proposed project was overwhelming to us. The Board of Save our Seine is pleased that this city council is taking the time to study less costly options. These options could have less of an impact on the river and its eco-systems. As you know, the Seine River is a fragile environment and has been at risk and needs all the tender love and care we can give it. We acknowledge the very difficult task of finding solutions to the traffic congestion at Archibald and Marion. In finding solutions, we ask City planners and designers to include in their plans not only the conservation but also the enhancement of the Seine River and Happyland Park. We do not know the amount of reconstruction that will occur on the Marion Bridge over the Seine River. This would be an opportunity to improve pedestrian movement and safety in the area, easier passage of canoes, better passage for animals that inhabit that area and connection to other trails along the Seine River. The installation of riffles as was done at the Royalwood Bridge in St. Vital would be another asset for the immediate area. There are concerns regarding effluence that flow from the east under Archibald Street into a stream and into the Seine River. We understand that some testing of the water has been done. Save our Seine is still concerned about the quality of the water entering the Seine River in that area. The street construction and

improvements on Marion would be an opportunity to address the quality of the water flowing from this large industrial area into the Seine River. Finally, I acknowledge that this is not a question and answer session. However, I would like to end with a question. There should be a search for alternatives to Marion Street for traffic entering the city from the east. Have City planners and Council members considered an underpass or an overpass at the Fermor railway crossing where there is more space for such a project? The communities of Sage Creek and Southland Park are much more aligned with Fermor than with Marion. This approach would help reduce congestion on Marion. The volume of traffic coming from the east will continue to increase in the future. So naturally, pressure is going to continue to rise on Marion. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor and councillors for giving Save our Seine an opportunity to share our concerns and ideas with you. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Gautron. At this time, are there any questions from Council? Councillor Lukes. Mr. Gautron, there is a question for you if you could please come forward.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Thank you very much for your presentation, Mr. Gautron. Thank you very much for all the work you do with Save our Seine and all over the years, it's hugely appreciated. Mr. Gautron, could you tell me, was Save our Seine consulted in any way on this project? I think we all know that point sources of pollution, many of them do come from roadways into our waterways. Could you tell me if Save our Seine was consulted and to what degree the consultation occurred.

Denis Gautron: Just for clarification, consulted on?

Councillor Lukes: Consulted on the Marion Street project, on the road project itself.

Denis Gautron: We received invitations to make presentations and we were at the open houses and we also met with MMN. They invited us...or we had an opportunity to sit down with them and express our concerns.

Councillor Lukes: Can I ask another question?

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: And do you feel your concerns were acknowledged and heard and incorporated into the plans? Or could you maybe just relay some of that to us?

Denis Gautron: Are you talking about the big plan or the…?

Councillor Lukes: The big plan…the big plan.

Denis Gautron: We thought that...we expressed concerns about the impact on Happyland Park. We felt that Happyland Park area would be reduced and the plan that came out did not really address that. There may be other issues but that particular one, we were all so overwhelmed by the magnitude of the project and the impact it could have on the Seine River, and the environment, it was a concern to us.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: You were here a year ago I think today for the 20th anniversary of Save our Seine. Just two quick...sort of a comment and a question; one was the magnitude that...I think Councillor Allard and our admin got some criticism that perhaps wasn't warranted to the sheer magnitude of…well, part of that was we directed the staff to plan for the fifth BRT line which is the one that would come down into some of the areas in the…run beside the Archibald railway tracks and lead out over Fermor down further south east. So I think they were trying to incorporate that into their design. So I don't…I think perhaps Councillor Allard and the staff got…criticized for over-designing when really it was more of a council directive. But my question is, that you talked about the Fermor option and obviously there is some work going on there, some work with enterprises. Are you satisfied...have the staff been in discussion with Save our Seine, Sauver notre Seine, about the Fermor project that's ongoing now and there's some Métis work, there's the tunnel, or...I'm concerned if you aren't being involved in that process because that's much more immediate, that's coming in the next couple of years.

Denis Gautron: Could you rephrase the question?

Councillor Mayes: Have the...has City staff been in consultation with Save our Seine in regard to the coming work at the Fermor Bridge project both east of the Seine and west of the Seine?

Denis Gautron: Were you asking if we had been consulted on this?

Councillor Mayes: Yes.

Denis Gautron: Well, we did…we do receive invitations to provide information. We have the opportunity, we have access to the City Councillors to give feedback. And we, of course, appreciate that the smaller scale project is being proposed and we look forward to continuing giving feedback to the City Councillors about our interest and our concern for what is happening in that area.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for our delegation this morning? Seeing none, thank you Mr. Gautron. Next we will hear from Mr. Marty Gold who is in opposition to the same item. Mr. Gold, you have ten minutes for your presentation.

Marty Gold: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good morning to you, good morning to my friends here at Council. I want to firstly advise Council that members of the South St. Boniface Residents Association could not attend today. They couldn't get off work on such short notice. And in addition the founder of the Residents Association, Sandra Dupuis, many of you know, has had a lot of health problems in the last couple of years and although she was able to leave her hospital bed for the last Public Works meeting, she was unable to attend today and therefore some of my remarks encompass directly many of the residents and businesses concerns about the process thus far and the process to follow as well as my own concerns. Now, one issue raised with me and I think those of you that are…have been around here, see me for the last few years, know I generally don't get in a minutiae about procedure but there is a procedural issue that did bother the residents that I do want to just flag and this could be contemplated by Governance Committee or whatever. The matter was laid over on September the 19th by Councillor Lukes as Chair of Public Works for 60 days. The Procedure By-Law, By-law 50/2007, it's…page 29, so laying over, section 26(3) sets out that a matter that's been laid over to a particular date should not be considered by Council before the date set unless the rules suspended in accordance with Rule 4. And you all know I am no expert on this stuff, but the experience of the Residents Association is that this matter is now being heard by Council and it hasn't even been 60 days since it was first laid over. They were a little upset about that. I don't know how that gets resolved in the future in terms of what people's expectations are when a matter is laid over and how fast it gets through committee and Council, but I think it's worth all of you noting that. I don't know if there is a consistency or if something was not quite proper and I'm not commenting on that. But they are upset because they expected to have more time to be able to appear here. Another thing that was raised, of course, was that at the initiation of the 60 day delay Councillor Lukes had requested a report be produced pertaining to the quality of consultation that she had characterized as "horrible". This report does not seem to have materialized anywhere on the public record. There's a thousand people who believe that the consultation process was rigged against their community to advance the expropriation of 140 properties regardless of job losses or reduced property values. Among the proclaimed goals like reducing wait times because of trains at rush hour, this was designed seemingly to deliver to Old St. Boniface the perk of reducing truck traffic so they get a beautified neighbourhood with bike lanes linking to the Forks and no trucks while the Archwood neighbourhood would be left decimated and left without services, amenities and safe streets. They said rigged because there's no other way to describe how 24 streets did not receive notices for the open houses that the notices were delivered after the open houses so they were chucked out as junk mail. There is no consideration about emergency access and egress in case of another speedway type fireball evacuation. Councillor Allard, in an e-mail yesterday, seemed to be arguing that a proposed wall at various intersections at Archibald to restrict access and egress didn't "affect non-expropriated homeowners". For instance, Michelle Burger of the Association who lives in the second house off of one of those corners, this is to justify how she wasn't and others weren't notified about this idea of building a wall. Well, that's absurd. The eagerness the consultants had to impose walls like this in the plan showed no concern for public safety and no emphasis on the safety of women in the winter months who would be walking behind a wall to catch a bus stop, God knows where the bus stop would be located. And I was asked to ensure that you were aware that a Free Press…other media had reported on a sexual assault in the last week or so, it was not in Windsor Park, it was in fact in Archwood. No matter how the meaning of words like 'affected' are twisted here at City Hall, every home on Kavanagh is going to be affected if northbound traffic going to East Kildonan was going to be rerouted to down their street to Archibald to then turn left. And that left hand turn, I've talked about it every time I have appeared at Council and committee is incredibly dangerous at the best of times. Triple N had no problem getting paid to have somebody draw this on a map, but they never stood on the corner and saw for themselves that hairpin turn that people would be turning into. That's one example of the underwhelming work we saw on display at these open houses. Do you think that deserves another $200,000? There is no consideration of snow clearing, the plan to pound gravel lanes with more vehicles let alone the impact on affordable housing in the area. The other thing that complicated this that you should keep in mind is the St. Boniface residents were watching what was going on at Parker lands at the same time. Now one year ago today, George Elliott issued a report saying, City officials repeatedly failed to consult, that staff was unwilling to share evidence with property owners until he ordered to do so. So people in St. Boniface saw that as

being their future, to get marginalized, to get wedged, to be ignored. Is it any coincidence in their minds, do you think that when a BRT line is involved public consultation has gone sideways twice now, once in Parker lands and once in St. Boniface. The entire Marion freeway process is a slap in the face not only to the residents, but to the City Auditor whose guidelines, adopted unanimously by this council, by many members sitting here today, in January 2012, those guidelines were bypassed. He made clear that affected businesses were left off consultation lists so the question of affected is not just the businesses being expropriated by the Auditor's own guidelines set out years ago. The other thing that was made clear is if consultations fail, the City is at fault. You can't blame people for not coming out. Council wears the failure to engage not the residents who your officials blame. I do give Mr. Deane credit for recognizing there is a problem and wanting to fix it. It's not fair to me if Mr. Mayor, if you've read that audit report from 2012 or your new councillors have, but you should because that sets out the standards and the principles of what public consultation should look like and for some reason, this proposal is the office of public engagement is going to like rewrite what the Auditor has already provided Council's guidelines. Furthermore, back in 2012, Mayor Katz and other councillors were adamantly opposed to that consultant getting any more contracts from the City. That was the risk consequence of their failure, the consequence of Triple N's failure is to be rewarded with another contract. The Public Works Committee has not for a minute let alone Council, discussed how the planned public markets infill on the east side of Archibald and the planned BRT line located basically ground zero were concealed at the open houses, let alone that Triple N was paid on both of those files for the conceptual designs that rely on the City to alter roadways. How is that not a conflict of interest? That's what the residents don't understand. The consultants approached 141 properties under the restrictive definition of who is affected, they spoke to 67. That's a 47 percent success rate. They only spoke to 61 property owners out of a thousand properties in the neighbourhood. That's six percent. Now the Neighbourhood Association, amateurs with no funding, they did their own survey. Out of the 286 residents, they found Triple N achieved a mere nine percent awareness of the second open house in April of 2015, a microscopic three percent awareness of the public market's plan and two percent about the BRT line. The Residents Association, they garnered 70 percent awareness of that second open house, 10 percent of the public market plan and six percent of the BRT line. Those last two issues, the amateurs outscored the professional consultants by triple. And it was the residents not your administration that flagged the high cost to Councillor Allard. They are the ones that pointed out that this thing was going to skyrocket. For all this, the residents get nothing and Triple N gets another $200,000. And no one has explained how Triple N can represent private interests on one side of Archibald, but protect the public interest on the other side. And the refrain, small town, small number of consultants does not past the sniff test. Don't hold your noses at this. If the excuse is, well the consultants did what they were asked by the administration, how can residents and businesses trust the same administration to guide a revived consultation after this kind of treatment using the same firm? With due respect, not one councillor has been able to tout a single accomplishment of the office of public engagement to support in tackling this type of project, let alone regain the community trust. You are asking for an act of blind faith. This recommendation before you is putting a price on civic credibility and by supporting it, you councillors are saying it is not worth paying. The message to consultants is there is no consequence for outright failure to engage the community. The message to the administration is that rigging the scope of public consultations to suppress descent and criticism is acceptable. And rewarding this failure is telling the City Auditor, they can be successfully disregarded if their guidelines are inconvenient. It is insulting, in my opinion, to tell residents and businesses in St. Boniface they aren't worth investing in a process and in contractors they can trust. And Councillor Lukes well understood this and the residents thank her for having stood up for them. If the rest of Council, like Councillor Lukes, doesn't consider the residents who made investment into their community, into their home, this is the largest investment, their homes, for almost all of them. If they don't consider them affected by loss of amenities, loss of safety, increased traffic and a freeway design, what motivation do you as councillors give citizens to remain in this city rather than take their homes to bedroom communities if they can be so easily disregarded and dismissed? Do you re-hire babysitters your spouse doesn't trust? This proposal is not far from that premise to the residents and businesses. You have to find a way to mitigate the distrust of both the consultants and the public service and this sitter is cheaper and will tell you the process later, isn't going to find acceptance in the community. And with this precedent of rewarding failure and neglecting the principles of accountability and transparency, you're risking this can be repeated at other neighbourhoods in your own wards, something that should be rejected by each and every one of you. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Gold. Just to clarify, are the other delegations here today that were registered on the same item? That would be Sandra Dupuis, Teresa Cwik and Matthew Bingham.

Marty Gold: Sandra is sick, Matthew was not going to be attending and clearly, Teresa couldn't get off work.

Madam Speaker: I just want to be sure. So now we'll have questions for yourself. Are there any questions for the delegation this morning? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, by sheer coincidence something that Mayor Bowman mentioned regarding the homelessness, End Homelessness Strategies today brought me back to our very first Council meeting two years, when His Worship first mentioned that. And at that first meeting two years ago, I recall Marty Gold being there. I was just thinking about Marty Gold and all the sudden I see him here. By sheer coincidence, I was thinking

Marty Gold just as he was thinking about us. I have a question for Mr. Gold and I truly appreciate all the time it took to bring forth a delegation like this, to bring forth a report like this. We are not talking about hours here, we're not talking about days, we're talking about months involved and a…on par with any member of Council or any member of any citizen's organization involved and we should all appreciate this. I can't get my head around every aspect of everything he brought forward. He has brought forth a number of complexities but one issue that may be…may be salient to this is he brought forth the issue of…the procedural issue of layover from standing committee and whether this can be, in fact, dealt with today. I'm asking Mr. Gold if he would be satisfied at least on the technicality of that if the administration would be able to give clarification to this issue in the chamber today before we have our vote.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Gold.

Marty Gold: I am looking around the room for which councillor I've known the longest and whoever you are, might be Councillor…probably Councillor Pagtakhan, that person will know that I do not have expertise in, you know, procedural matters and Robert's Rules of Order a little bit. I think that, from the residents' point of view, based on what they have experienced in this process, they are upset. And I think, as a matter of principle if I might, that it probably would be a good idea for the Chair or for you to get directions from the Clerk about whether there is an issue about this matter being laid over and then not…then heard so quickly by Public Works where you are...I think it would...

Madam Speaker: Mr. Gold, I think you have made your point and it will be dealt with. The residents are also welcome to contact the City Clerk or the Deputy City Clerk at any time. Any further questions of our delegation today? Okay, seeing none. We appreciate your presence here. Thank you.

Marty Gold: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Our final delegation is Mr. Tom Scott. He is in opposition to Item No. 6 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. This is the report dated November 8th, 2016 regarding closing of a public lane. Mr. Scott, come forward. We will have ten minutes on the clock and following Mr. Scott's presentation, you may ask questions. Welcome, Mr. Scott.

Tom Scott: Thank you. I have a few pictures here for Council if they would like. There is…number one is one for everybody and then there's two or three copies of the rest. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this morning. I am here to ask that you take the time to consider the concerns I put forth and do something that will be hard to do. Vote against the closing of the lane. Hard on the fact that some of you have already voted in favour of closing the lane and those that have not voted would need to vote against your colleagues which you are closely with. You will also need to vote against the administration which you rely on the advice. But I do believe that this process has been rushed. There are a number of concerns I and the community have, such as the safety to the outcome being one, such as from safety to the outcome being one that is morally just. The recommendations may be legally just but is morally...is it morally just? I have not witnessed this much opposition to a proposal in Point Hébert since Helene Hug wanted to build on Messager. That one went all the way to the Supreme Court although I hear that there is or will be court action taken on this, I hope that other options can be looked at with an outcome that everybody can live with. I have submitted a few photos to better understand my comments. In picture one, that shows where in the neighbouring yard, the developed plans on putting the entrance to the development if the lane is closed. Picture two shows where the entrance would be and if you take a look at picture one that arrow, the entrance to this development would be right there and right next to that would be the entrance to the underground parking. This homeowner would have 100 or more vehicles drive right by within feet of his deck every day. Would you want that? Would you want somebody to take away the comfort and enjoyment of your yard? Picture three and four shows in detail how close to the house, not just the deck but the house that this lane would be moved. You can see in the picture four that the lane did see use in 2014 as that is taken from Google as it does today and is not as stated in the minutes that you have and the advice you have from the administration that the lane consists of open field and exists in a legal context only. It appears to serve no public transportation purpose. As you can see that is wrong and if you go there today you will see...and people in those homes there need that lane to access their backs of their properties. Closing this lane and giving the adjoining neighbour's right to use the egress to the development puts the neighbours at the mercy of the development and whether the passage is open or closed, whether its…snow has been cleared, whether there's a moving vehicle or some other vehicle there. It also restricts the neighbouring property owners from using their properties as zoned, M2, unless of course the lane way is large enough to allow the semi-trailers and other large vehicles to pass on Hébert to the properties at lots 16 and 18. One option among many that could be brought forth is an open and transparent discussion could be considered. And I think that's one of the problems, there has been no options looked at whatsoever, other than the one that the developer has brought forward. The underground parking could be left where it is which would be far enough away from the neighbouring properties. Move the entrance to the development on Taché as it is on all the other condos except for one on Taché…

Madam Speaker: Mr. Scott, I do need it remind you that your comments need to be limited to the lane closing and not the subdivision and rezoning because we already went through a public hearing process.

Tom Scott: Yes, I understand that.

Madam Speaker: So let's keep your comments to the closing of the lane itself.

Tom Scott: I am just giving options for the closing of the lane.

Madam Speaker: Okay, well you need to be specific on that, okay?

Tom Scott: Well, that is specific.

Madam Speaker: You are stretching it a little bit so I am just cautioning you.

Tom Scott: Well, okay, well then I don't know what else I can say other than to give options because nobody here at Council or EPC or even our own councillor has looked at other options and I am trying to bring forward those types of options. I want dialogue. I want open and transparent dialogue on this lane closing so that if it is done, it is done with the residents considered and for the safety and that of the community at large. All I am asking is that there be dialogue, that there be options looked at and just not be rushed through. I know that if some of the suggestions that have been made are put forward with these property owners, they're given the land next to them to have access to their properties, the City will lose money in their selling of the property. But I think that to get this done right and get quick construction of that property and quick agreement among the people in the area would be worth that little bit of loss to the City. The optics in this, the rush to closing the lane is not good. The benefit is only to the City to the point of over $2 million. The optics do not look good if this is rushed. And therefore, I think that this should be held over and more options...and I won't mention anyone, but more options should be looked at as there are more than one option to this. I thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Scott. Are there any questions for our delegation? Okay, seeing none. I thank you for your presentation. We'll now move on to committee reports. Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 9th, 2016 and I would like to ask the Deputy Speaker to take my chair at this time.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Madam Deputy Speaker: The report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 9th, Item 1 to 7. Item 6 has been called. Any other items? Councillor Lukes. Oh, I am sorry. Well, I am seeing if there's any other items that people want to pull off first and then you move the report, right? Or am I in the wrong order? Mr. Mayor, apologies.

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

Madam Deputy Speaker: Item 6, Councillor Lukes. 2? Okay. Anything else? So therefore for consent we move 1, 3, 5...4, 5 and 7. All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried. Item 2.

Item 2 – Civic Governance and Operational Review and Performance Assessment

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce.

Mayor Bowman: I will just wait to hear from Council.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Lukes, would you like to speak?

Councillor Lukes: I am just going to stand in support of this motion. I spoke to it at EPC and posted my comments on my website. I do believe that the timing is...it's a good time to take a look and review. We've got lots of opportunity to look at best practices throughout the country and to look at how we are governing and operating our City Hall here. So, I am speaking in support of this. I like the fact that we have been given time for 120 days to hopefully carry on conversation with Council colleagues and just, you know, to give us that time to look at best practices and have the department look at this a bit further and speak to the Mayor about it. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. And I remind Council this is really only speaking to the layover of the matter rather than getting into the matter. With that I recognize Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just rise...I think it is...this is a big issue and actually, the last full review was quite a number of years ago. We're going to be speaking to the next report to be stood down, and that's the last time a full review was done. And so, 120 days, in order to consider how to proceed with a review I think is very important. And I would note that, you know, back when the last one was done, there was a mood of change, Madam Speaker. And taking 120 days to ensure that we proceed in an appropriate way...in this era of what we elected in 2014 we are talking about a change in the City's direction, a bigger vision, a better way to do things and Madam Speaker, I think it's okay to have discussions and hopefully the Mayor will...maybe we can have a…just an informal discussion amongst all of us as how to proceed, Madam Speaker, or for those next 120 days or well, if the Mayor wishes, maybe individual meetings. But Madam Speaker, I'm okay with waiting the 120 days and that's why I'll be voting for this report today.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any other speakers to Item 2 other than…we'll have the Mayor close. Okay calling the question. All those in favour? Any opposed? It's carried. Now, Madam Clerk.

Item 6 – Renaming Administration Building of the City Hall Campus to "Susan A. Thompson Building"

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. This is a matter which I am tremendously honoured to have moved the motion with the support of our Deputy Speaker. Winnipeg's first...sorry, Speaker…Winnipeg's first female Speaker, another strong female leader in our community that's a trailblazer. And I really...I want to begin just by acknowledging and thanking the delegations today who spoke in favour of this. I want to thank them for coming out as well as all their ongoing work in the community. This year does mark the 100 year anniversary of suffrage and the right of some women to have the right to vote. This, of course, occurred in January of 1916, and on that same day, on January 28th, 1916, the Lieutenant Governor also passed into law the right of Manitoba women to put themselves forward as candidates. 1992 has been noted and is noted in the motion before you, Winnipeg elected its first female mayor in Susan A. Thompson .She served two terms as Winnipeg's 40th mayor and as was noted earlier, had many noteworthy accomplishments which I expect will be remarked by others in a few moments. I just want to pay tribute and thank Councillor Devi Sharma for leading this initiative and bringing this forward to…for all of us to consider. This is an incredibly timely year to be making this change at City Hall. And I believe the reasons for naming the administration the Susan A. Thompson building are numerous, one of which is to pay tribute to Susan Thompson. The other, and I think even more importantly, is the message that it sends to everyone in our community, young girls, young boys in our community that in Winnipeg, you can do what you want if you are prepared to work hard and there is no doubt, Susan Thompson worked incredibly hard as mayor and continues to do incredible work in our community. I'm hopeful that all members of Council will support this and again, I would like to thank all those who...starting of course with Councillor Sharma who have brought this forward to this council for consideration. One of the things that...and I know we're going to be unveiling a portrait in a few hours of another mayor, but I will just say one of the things that I appreciate when I have the opportunity to host citizens here at City Hall, especially our youth, is to take them in the galleries behind where everyone is seated right now and to show them the previous mayors. And I always really appreciate being able to show the portrait of Susan Thompson, of Glen Murray and soon to be Sam Katz, in the new ground that each of them respectively broke. Susan was our first female mayor. I believe the reason she was elected is she was the right person for the time and she served honourably and it was with tremendous honour that I bring this forward to Council for consideration. Thank you.

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

Councillor Sharma: Good morning, Madam Deputy Speaker. It is my pleasure, my honour, but most importantly, my duty to rise today and support this motion which honours Susan A. Thompson and to recognize, support and encourage women's participation in municipal politics in all walks of life. I would like to begin by thanking Mayor Bowman and all members of City Council for bringing this motion forward today and for their support and remarks both publicly and privately on this initiative. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our delegations who took the time to attend today's meeting, former City Councillor John Prystanski and community leader, Ms. Doris Mae Oulton. They came today and spoke about Susan and showed their support. I appreciated that very much. Winnipeg has always been a leader in gender issues. Winnipeg women were eligible to vote in civic elections as early as 1887. And in 1916 through the hard work of Nellie McClung and others, Manitoba became the first province in Canada to grant women the right to vote. Shortly thereafter in 1920, our first female city councillor, Jessie Kirk was elected to Council. Over 70 years later, on October 28th, 1992, another major milestone in our history was achieved. From a slate of 17 candidates, the City of Winnipeg elected its first woman mayor, Susan A. Thompson. The turnout for this civic election was the second highest in unicity history and remains one of the highest election turnouts experienced in a North American municipality. From 1992 through 1998, Susan Thompson served two terms as our mayor where she will always be remembered for

bringing change and innovation. Madam Deputy Speaker, she shaped the destiny of the city by implementing the recommendations of the historic Cuff Report which brought in the CO governance model that is still in use today. She further opened doors for women administratively when she appointed the City's first Chief Administrative Officer, that was Gail Stephens and the City's first female City Auditor, Carol Bellringer. In 1997, she led Winnipeg through the Flood of the Century which threatened the survival of the city. Susan will also be remembered as the person who promoted Winnipeg to the world whether it was winning the bid to the Pan Am Games coming back to Winnipeg, hosting events from the Brier to the Grey Cup to the World Junior Hockey Championships, the Winter Cities Conference and the Summit of Mayors, Susan loved to make Winnipeg shine. Following her second term as mayor, Susan went on to become the first woman Consul General at the Canadian Consulate in Minneapolis. She returned to Winnipeg where she became the founding President and CEO of the University of Winnipeg Foundation and was recently honoured with the Order of Manitoba and also received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Winnipeg. Susan Thompson was and continues to be a trailblazer and an inspiration to women everywhere. As a woman in politics, I can attest to the challenges that women face when running for and holding office in government. They are the challenges that all trailblazers face in trying to enter or change a well-established system whether that system is dominated by members of one gender, race or some other factor. For Susan, this meant not only dealing with the difficulties in leading a major civic government, but also in dealing with the comments, questions and doubts to her ability raised simply because she was a woman. She was a woman in a traditionally male dominated field, but because of how she handled herself in her role as mayor, with grace and determination, the challenges I now face are lessened and for that I am grateful. Susan refused to allow the opinion columnists or her skeptics to detract from her vision and her leadership potential. She didn't allow others, Madam Deputy Speaker, to define Susan Thompson. She stood strong to define herself through her actions. As a result of the example of women like Jessie Kirk and Susan Thompson, today, 16 percent of Canadian mayors are women and 26 percent of Canadian council members are women. Madam Deputy Speaker, we must continue this trend. We must improve on this trend. The motion before you today honours the achievements of Susan A. Thompson but more importantly, it recognizes the important role of women in municipal government. It provides encouragement to all women that they too can make the leap from great citizenship to great leadership. Naming the administration building right here at City Hall campus will serve as a permanent reminder, a very important symbol that women can aspire to and achieve their dreams not only in politics, but in any sector they choose. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I just…largely to echo what I said at EPC, I want to commend Councillor Sharma for her work on this. This was not thrown together last week. This was…took several months of preparation and discussion and lobbying to get this to go forward. And as I said at EPC, often we remember people after they passed away, we've had Brenda Leipsic Park, we've had Florence Pierce Park in my ward honouring former female councillors, just wonderful to be able to honour someone who's still with us and I want to commend Councillor Sharma for that. We have, I think, done a not bad job in terms of honouring former councillors, I know Councillor Eadie put forth the Lazarenko Bridge, we've had Brenda Leipsic, we've had a couple of things in my ward. But I think this is important to take this step. I think Susan Thompson is a historic figure in the city of Winnipeg as mentioned by the Mayor so I just want to rise in support. Some very good comments already made but it is an important symbol and it's one that we should be making and I just wanted to commend you, Madam Speaker. This was...I think you said at EPC this was overdue, but we haven't...but whether or not it's overdue we are finally getting to it now and I think that's…we're going to be able to do this in a timely manner and celebrate the occasion appropriately. So I want to commend you for your work on this and speak in support.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to thank you, Madam Chair for all the work that you've done on the renaming of the building after our first female mayor. I also want to thank you for all your work that you've done on the 100th anniversary and as being the first female speaker, you are also a trailblazer, so I just want to thank you for the work you have done in getting to where we are today, naming a building after our first mayor. I also want to note, we have two young new pages here with us, both are young females and they are here listening to this conversation. I think it's an important conversation to have because I'm hoping that one day these two young women will be in the seats that we are in here today. And if we are going to do that, if we're going to get these two young women to want to maybe enter politics or take on some leadership roles, we have to show them women that have done that before us and we have to honour those women. And Susan Thompson is truly one of those women that have shown great leadership here within our city, not only in her political career but also in her other career and her work that she has done with the University of Winnipeg. So, I am very happy to support this motion today and hope that young women will see us honouring the women that have been trailblazers and some of the women that are here today that are also doing great work on behalf of all women. So thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Dobson, you are the next speaker.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I think of former Mayor Susan Thompson, it brings my memories back to the year of 1997, when the City was under siege by a wall of water commonly called the Flood of the Century. She was our mayor at that time. Winnipeggers by the thousands took time off work to fill sandbags or to help build dykes. My wife and I spent two days doing just that. The amount of water actually exceeded the design capacity of our floodway, but we prevailed. And in memory of our perseverance during that difficult time and the mayor who led us, I support this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Dobson. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I want to commend you for the tremendous work you have done and for moving this important matter forward. Madam Speaker, it strikes me that there are two reasons we choose to honour individuals. One is to honour individuals for what they have accomplished in our community, but also to ensure that the public knows and remembers what these accomplishments are. Today, there are young women and men in Winnipeg born in 1998, the last year of Mayor Thompson's term who are now, 18 years later, eligible to vote. It is quite possible these young millennials may not know who Mayor Thompson is or what she accomplished. Madam Speaker, becoming the first woman mayor in our history is a tremendous accomplishment for Mayor Thompson, our community and our society. And I for one find two things fitting; one, that she be recognized for it and two, that we make sure young Winnipeggers know what she did. I cannot think of a better way to do this than to honour her by naming our administration building after her and I will be supporting this motion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Councillor Eadie, you now have the floor followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is a worthy deed that you have moved this agenda forward and I thank you for that. I am going to be speaking a little more personally because I was heavily involved around the city during those years and so bear with me. I rise to speak well of our first woman mayor of Winnipeg. My career as a city councillor became a reality because of Susan Thompson's effect on my sense of civic duty in those early years when I was thinking about running for Council. Yes, there have been a number of women representing Winnipeggers as councillors but some 24 or 25 years ago, Winnipeggers saw fit to elect our first woman mayor, Susan A. Thompson, to the top political office at the city level. As I recall, there were many difficult issues to deal without…to deal with throughout the six years of her being the mayor. Two issues that…many that I remember were the mounting high interest rate city debt and two was the beginnings of the recognition of the deteriorating streets. When I first learned of thin bituminous overlay which was an effort that the administration came up with the TBO program, and that started under Susan Thompson to try to prevent or slowdown that deterioration of our streets and we all know today where we are moving to fix throws deteriorating streets. Leaving alone the controversial issues, I want to speak of her efforts for persons with disabilities because this is where I think that people need to know the efforts and things that she did to make things happen. She began the awakening of the City's administration through accessibility for persons with disabilities by...this issue was on the City's agenda over the previous decade or 15 years, but she established the permanent City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee some 21-22 years ago now. This was a catalyst for persons with disabilities to demand the rights to accessibility of City facilities and services. And so she started that. She stated early on that accessibility is not a political issue, but an issue to resolve in order for persons with disabilities to live full lives in Winnipeg. Besides the Access Advisory Committee, Susan Thompson ensured that accessibility issues were heard during, and I'm going to cite a number of them, the huge expansion of the handi-transit service, the creation of the city's Access to Information By-law in 1994. This by-law was the first by-law of its type or law of its type in, I think maybe North America, maybe the world. But definitely in Canada it was the first law of its type to recognize persons with disabilities right to accessible records. And it did acknowledge that and it was an excellent effort, amongst all the other controversial issues that came with that, and it was sad to note that when the Province took it over, they didn't put in any clauses, acknowledge the rights of persons with disabilities to accessible records. In 1996, when talk of closing libraries was on the agenda, she ensured that the Library Forward Thinking Committee had a representative as a person with a disability to ensure that moving forward with libraries that we would have accessible libraries and I have to say today, we have some of the most accessible libraries that I have had the opportunity to visit, although I haven't visited many across this city. The study of downtown's infrastructure for its accessibility was a baseline and she made sure that this happened in 1998. This baseline study was done of all of downtown. It was a huge area and she ensured that there was funding to do this study so that we could look at how to start tackling the barriers and removing them so that people could participate more in downtown and today, again, things are much more significantly accessible. Susan Thompson began the initiative to install accessible pedestrian signals back in the early days and soon we will have every intersection done but that was begun under Susan Thompson. In conclusion, I just want to personally thank Susan Thompson for beginning the efforts to making Winnipeg maybe, and we will find out, maybe in the next year, that most accessible major city in Canada if not North America. And its Access Advisory Committee, we're going to take up an

initiative, there is a program we're going to try. I just want to finally say yes, I name…I vote to name the administration building the Susan A. Thompson Building and I thank her for all the efforts. She was a mayor, a woman, difficult enough but a very difficult job through those 1990s when there was huge pressures and huge monetary problems and I have to say that we have to acknowledge that being the mayor of Winnipeg is a difficult job for anybody and so thank you, Madam Speaker, for making sure that this was on our agenda today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Now on to our Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first wanted to thank you, Madam Speaker, for bringing this forward. Of course I am speaking in support of this. And it's interesting, Susan Thompson was the mayor just prior to my election and politically I differed very much and I came into politics. But even before I was in politics, I was watching our first woman mayor and I was appalled by the treatment I saw her receive in the comments in the paper. It was always about physical appearance, it was always about her as a woman...things that the men would not be facing. And it's true, that is one of the things that makes it more difficult for women in politics. And it's real, it's very real. I also would point out the importance of the time of when we think of what just happened last week. We accept the results of the election, we wish our friend to the south well, but the dialogue that has gone on in that election campaign is very, very concerning to women, to all of us, because it made it more acceptable to not only denigrate women but be racist and all sorts of other things that were just normal...normalizing this dialogue which isn't acceptable in our society, but it's happening. It's happening more and more as a result of that. So I think this is very timely in that context as well. And I think...I wanted to mention also, there are efforts in Canada and we are part of FCM, me being first Vice President but the FCM organization has a full standing committee on increasing women's role in municipal government which is very active and trying to get those numbers up and the municipal sector is one of the harder sectors. It's more of a traditional…we're dealing with roads and whatever…buses, physical infrastructure. There's less women involved than at some other levels of government and that's a work in progress and there is a lot of work to be done. I did want to let Council know that I will be going to Bogotá, Colombia in a couple of…a week or two to work with a group of women mayors in Colombia. We're doing a workshop supporting their organization and their work that these women mayors are doing as part of the international work that FCM does. You usually hear about our advocacy to Ottawa...in Ottawa, but you don't always hear about the international programs that FCM delivers in a number of countries in the world for our Federal Government. And so, just I thought, Council, it seemed appropriate to mention to you that this kind of work is going on locally, nationally and internationally. And Canada, you know, I am proud that we are being a voice of reason on this. Our Prime Minister has gender parity in his cabinet for the first time as FCM has gender parity in its chairmanship appointments of its…of its board committees. So, thank you again for bringing this forward. We need to acknowledge our people breaking ground like this. This is very significant. It was very significant at the time. When I got on to Council, it was very much an old boy's club. I can tell you some stories when I...I could tell you some stories some other time when I was on EPC as a woman, as a single mother, when Mayor Murray was mayor. Very difficult times. Very interesting dialogue that sometimes went on but it's...it can be a tough environment and that's why we don't see as many women there. And Susan Thompson, I want to thank her, I want to…and I appreciate the opportunity to honour her and her many contributions to our city that have been mentioned so eloquently by my colleagues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion and like so many of my other colleagues already I want to echo my comments in commending you and the Mayor for really leading on this initiative in recognizing former Mayor Susan Thompson. And I just...a lot of my colleagues have spoken about kind of her past actions, I just…my relationship with the former mayor is more recent. And just to state that my first impression is certainly is that she continues to work very hard on behalf the City of Winnipeg. In my recent role as Council Liaison for Veteran and Military Affairs I began to collect some artwork to update HMCS Winnipeg which of course is the Canadian navy ship named, you know, in honour of Winnipeg. And when Susan Thompson found out that that work was being done she reached out to me very enthusiastically and suffice to say made the first donation of a piece of artwork that will adorn the ship once we collect all the artwork and other artifacts and send it out to the ship. And she of course had formed a great relationship with HMCS Winnipeg. My point was that, you know, it's very obvious that she still very much not only loves our city, but is involved in the betterment of our city and continues to be an ambassador for our city. And though she has left the mayor's chair some time ago she certainly, you know, is still very, very engaged in the enhancement and the promotion of our city. And so I'm very glad to support this motion. I just want to maybe make one other comment. It's been said a few times today that renaming of the administration building in honour of Susan Thompson is… is to sending an important message to the women and to the young women of our community and it certainly is doing so but Madam Speaker it also sends a very important message to the men and the young men of our community. And so may it always be said that when young people in our city think about community leadership, that they think first not about gender but rather that they think about ability, talent, capacity and vision that they really qualify someone to serve in leadership in our community. So, again, kudos to you, Madam Speaker to the Mayor, and to all of

our colleagues around Council that are supporting this motion. Thank you also to those that delegates that spoke so well in advance and I am certainly glad to support this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Schreyer, onto you.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I do want to thank His Worship and yourself for moving this motion. A lot has been said on this issue today and I basically don't…I want to make the point of not being overly repetitive, but there's other things to say, since we are talking about it so much, some other things I think that are relevant. We have had former Councillor Prystanski and current councillors such as Councillor Mayes talk about the individual...or excuse me, Councillor Dobson talk about the individual, another councillor was talking about the individual Susan Thompson. Others like Doris Mae Oulton and Councillor Mayes talked about the symbolism and the symbolism is very important, that's why we have commemorative names. And as Doris Mae Oulton mentioned, Susan Thompson understood the importance and the depth of symbolism. It's very symbolic, as His Worship has mentioned, this week that we had the Governor General's Awards in commemoration of the Person's Case which just took place yesterday at the Manitoba Legislature. Very symbolic that this should all take place in the same week. My parents were there, my father was there, the Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Persons Case started when my father was the Governor General and he presided over the very first award ceremony. In fact, he presided over the creation of it but in fact, he couldn't make it and my mother Lily presided over and presented the first awards that continue on to this day in the Manitoba Legislature yesterday where, when my father was Premier of Manitoba, brought in some of the first and leading initiatives for the rights of women in this country, yae in this hemisphere. And we have to remember, it's not just about politics. Politics is an expression of empowerment of women. It's an expression of empowerment of humanity, and thus we can have people like Susan Thompson become the mayor of Winnipeg. Not just because of politics, because of empowerment in general, of women, and of all human beings. That's how it happens. That's how we end up with people like Susan Thompson as mayor, and yourself, Madam Speaker, as speaker. You know it has been pointed out, our two pages today, Marianna Pozdirca, who's actually from my ward, and Quiana Kumar whom I happen to know as a fellow performers in the Indo-Caribbean Pavilion and to which Councillor Mayes can attest, yes he can. They were born I believe, in the very last year of Susan Thompson's term as mayor, and therefore, it is symbolic of the fact as has been mentioned perhaps we forget about these things, so this is inspiring. And consistent with that, Madam Speaker, I wish to state to date that symbolic of this and consistent with this, in the spirit of what we are doing today, as we are talking about other women involved in politics as our current dean of the chamber, Councillor Jenny Gerbasi has mentioned as well, in this case, I want to mention that it is my intention to have similar due process in my ward for commemorative naming for a former councillor and former Deputy Mayor Lillian Thomas, who was the dean of the chamber as well, for all the work that she has done on behalf of all Winnipeggers and on behalf of the people of Elmwood-East Kildonan. It's an inspiring day, Madam Speaker and I am inspired. And I wish to make that point because it is not just about one person. We've mentioned the challenges and the successes of Susan Thompson. We have also mentioned her in terms of what she represents for our society and for women and this is part of an evolution of making sure that empowerment continues. And I rise in support of the renaming of the City Hall administrative building, the Susan A. Thompson Building. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Lukes, you now have the floor.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to commend you for your work and diligence on this initiative and also to commend the Mayor for working with you and supporting it. Susan Thompson is a trailblazer and an inspiration to women. As the first woman to serve as mayor of Winnipeg serving two terms from 1992 to 1998, Ms. Thomson literally challenged and changed the system at City Hall. As I stand here in this chamber today, as a councillor, reflecting on my personal political experiences these past two years, I have a profound respect for her determination, perseverance, strong will and remarkable accomplishments that we heard so many have mentioned today. She is an inspiration and a guiding light for me in my role and will be for other women for years to come. Serving the public and being an agent of change is not for the weak of heart. It is incredibly daunting to put your name forward to be on a ballot and open yourself to public scrutiny. But, as I and Ms. Thompson and all women know, for a democratic government to deliver to their constituents they must truly…be truly representative and recognize that women must be equal partners in the process of democratic development. Ms. Thompson has significantly improved the opportunities for women entering into the political realm and in doing so, has contributed to creating a healthier and more democratic public system. She encountered and endured many opinions and obstacles that were biased solely because she was a woman. But she was highly motivated for her great love for Winnipeg and her strong character carried her far above the detractors of grace and dignity. It's time we honour the first female mayor of Winnipeg for her accomplishments and for her ongoing mentorship and as a role model for other women today. She has made it easier for the next woman and the woman after that and the woman after that. And I am very proud of her and extremely pleased to support this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes, Councillor Pagtakhan followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to put a few remarks on the record and rise in support of this incredible motion. I just want to start by saying, you know, over the years I have had the great opportunity to host in my role as Deputy Mayor, many students, hundreds of students that throughout these council chambers and to take them around the halls to see some of the historical figures of our former mayors of the City of Winnipeg and a real point of pride, Madam Speaker is taking them across and showing them Mayor Susan Thompson. And you know, I always ask to see the reaction from the students especially from the young girls from elementary, you know, I always…this is our former mayor, Susan Thompson and she was our first female mayor. And we always ask, who wants to be mayor and sure enough every single little girl will always put their hand up. And that's a real point of pride to see that when their eyes glow and the whole idea of perhaps being a woman mayor within the City of Winnipeg. This motion here, is going to see that our administration building is going to be renamed as the Susan A. Thompson Building and that will be a very public place and it will serve as, I think, a living legacy, a lasting legacy within our city of our former mayor who was a real champion of our city on many initiatives as you have indicated, Madam Speaker, and for all the speakers before me. And I really want to thank you, Madam Speaker, for championing this as well as Mayor Bowman for championing this initiative as well. And of course I want to recognize that you were the first...the City of Winnipeg's first woman councillor to serve as Speaker and so thank you very much for that and it's a real great pleasure, like I said, to support this on the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I rise in support of this motion. I want to commend your leadership on this, Speaker Sharma, and the leadership of Mayor and EPC for bringing this forward to Council, and I, you know, I just want to recognize how incredible a politician Susan Thompson has been and how I can't think of...I can't think of a better person to name our administration building after. You know, I hear stories about how effective a politician she was and how effective after public life she continues to be so a tremendous person to be recognizing today. And I…also just in terms of recognizing a first female mayor, I think, today more than ever, it's important to recognize the contributions that women make in political life. I have warned Mayor Bowman already that my daughter, Camille, who is seven years old is after his job one day and she often gives me advice to give to the Mayor on some, you know, policy decisions like making pools free, which we have done. So, you know things like that. But all jokes aside, I think Susan Thompson has, to use the cliché, broken the glass ceiling for women in municipal politics and we now know that they can achieve the highest municipal office. And so for that reason, it will be easier for my daughter to get involved in political life. I hope that she doesn't but if she does choose to make that choice, that that is a door that's wide open for her because, you know, in great part, because of Susan Thompson's contributions. I know I have said it earlier in my remarks but as a politician, I just want to recognize that from everything I hear that she was a force to be reckoned with and we'll be recognizing that and all of her other contributions. So with that, I know we have gone around the table today, I will leave it at that and thank you to all involved on this very positive motion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. That brings our list of speakers for this item to a close. I'll hand it over to you, Mr. Mayor, to close on the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank members of Council for all their incredibly thoughtful comments that I hope former Mayor Susan Thompson and so many others in our community hear. You know, Winnipeg is a very progressive city and I don't think it always gets the credit that it deserves. Certainly the mayors such as Susan Thompson, first female mayor, Glen Murray, Canada's first openly gay mayor, Sam Katz Winnipeg's first Jewish mayor, and the ground that I was able to break as Canada's first Indigenous mayor, what it makes me incredibly proud is I think in all of those cases, the primary reason folks were elected was because of the citizen's view at that time that they were best prepared as people to serve. I have had conversations with my children about today and about this vote and one of my sons was genuinely confused why this is a big deal and that gave me great hope. Sadly, I did have to explain to him why it is so important and the fact that in many sectors, including political life, the glass ceiling still remains and it needs to be continually pushed upward whether it's political life, business, media, you know, in so many facets of society, we still have more work to do. And sadly, sexism still exists, ageism, racism, homophobia, there are many barriers which we continuely need to proactively attack, and we are through positive action. And this is incredibly...it is incredibly symbolic primarily not just to honour Susan Thompson, but also to send that clear message to Winnipeggers that you can be proud of who you are, you can achieve your dreams here in Winnipeg, and this community by and large, will support you. And so, I…it's my hope that this motion will receive unanimous support and will send a very clear signal to our residents, current and future, that Winnipeg is a place that everyone can be proud to call home. Thank you.

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

Deputy City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 16, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Item No. 6 – Renaming of the Administration Building to the Susan A. Thompson Building passes unanimously. I just need a moment with the clerk to go over the next item because I understand the notice of motion has an amendment now. Okay, we are on to the next item here, it's a notice of motion that's before us from last Council meeting. It's moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Eadie and it's regarding Access to Award Authority Material by Members of Council. He also has an amending motion to this item that would be Motion No. 2. So, you have the floor, Councillor Dobson to introduce the main motion and your amending motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Council and its Committees must on occasion make decisions in regards to the awarding of Solicitations (such as Bid Opportunities and Requests for Proposals);

AND WHEREAS these decisions often have critical, long term impacts to the City of Winnipeg, dealing with awarding of multi-year contracts valued at over $5 million;

AND WHEREAS Council and its Committees recently considered a report entitled Award of Contract for Integrated Solid Waste Collection in the City of Winnipeg - Request for Proposal No. 302-2016;

AND WHEREAS this report did not provide any details of what was contained in the various bids received or the unsuccessful bids compared to the recommended bids;

AND WHEREAS while it is important to protect the business information submitted by bidders, when Council or one of its Committees is the Award Authority it is also important for members of Council to have access to some level of detail on bids in order to make sound, prudent decisions that will best benefit citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all future Solicitations (such as Bid Opportunities and Requests for Proposals) issued by the City of Winnipeg be amended to incorporate wording to provide for the following:

That when in the role of the Award Authority or a Committee considering an Award Report in the process of being submitted to the Award Authority, Members of Council will, upon request and upon having signed an appropriate non-disclosure document, be granted access to ~~the summary of~~ all (see amending motion below) bids received and access to Materials Management Standard Scoring Matrix.

THAT the Notice of Motion moved by Councillors Dobson and Eadie dealing with Materials Management bid information be amended by deleting the words "the summary of" from the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED section as shown below:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all future Solicitations (such as Bid Opportunities and Requests for Proposals) issued by the City of Winnipeg be amended to incorporate wording to provide for the following:

That when in the role of the Award Authority or a Committee considering an Award Report in the process of being submitted to the Award Authority, Members of Council will, upon request and upon having signed an appropriate non-disclosure document, be granted access to the summary of all bids received and access to Materials Management Standard Scoring Matrix."

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

THAT the Notice of Motion moved by Councillors Dobson and Eadie dealing with Materials Management bid information be amended by deleting the words "the summary of" from the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED section as shown below:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all future Solicitations (such as Bid Opportunities and Requests for Proposals) issued by the City of Winnipeg be amended to incorporate wording to provide for the following:

That when in the role of the Award Authority or a Committee considering an Award Report in the process of being submitted to the Award Authority, Members of Council will, upon request and upon having signed an appropriate non-disclosure document, be granted access to ~~the summary of~~ all bids received and access to Materials Management Standard Scoring Matrix."

Councillor Dobson: Okay. The main motion, I don't believe I am supposed to read it all out, am I?

Madam Speaker: The main motion? No, it was posted on the agenda, I don't think that's necessary.

Councillor Dobson: The amending motion is basically the same but it's going to remove the words "the summary of" in the "therefore be it resolved" section. And if I could speak about these motions, when making long term decisions or any decisions for that matter, it is important to have as much information as possible. Well, I don't expect this motion to be used often, it will be there if councillors feel they need more information to help them make the proper decision. One more tool, so to speak, in their tool box that the councillors will have to the benefit of all the citizens of Winnipeg. That's it.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to speak in favour of motion to amend and, of course, with being the seconder to this notice of motion. Madam Speaker, this motion is not to say that every councillor wants to look at every bid and, you know, swear a confidentiality agreement to go ahead and see it. But from time to time, Madam Speaker, there arises an issue in which councillors need to be assured that due diligence and everything is being taken appropriately. And by swearing a confidentiality agreement, I just wanted to say, I don't know that I would exercise that right necessarily or not because Madam Speaker, it does limit one's ability to speak to the politics of a potential RFP or whatever. But, Madam Speaker, I think it is very important. And we've, you know, there is precedence. We have signed confidentiality agreements to explore some of the issues that we have dealt with, for example, the second phase of the southwest rapid transit corridor. So I don't see a problem with this. I think it's a no brainer. With the amendments, it's very important but I don't think this is going to be undue demanding on our city administration as these issues don't often arise. So again, I will be voting for this motion as it will…the amendment and as it will be amended. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do, as well, rise in favour of the motion as amended. Just to briefly mention, you know, last year we were offered on an issue, an option to swear an oath of confidentiality to learn more about it and I, along with other councillors decided not to. But in leaving...in me leaving the room, I thanked...I was thankful and I expressed my thankfulness for the option. The option ought to be there but one has to make a decision whether one is thus privy to the information that's withholding from one's constituents. It's…it's a big issue but that's the responsibility of elected representatives, I believe. And on that basis, I chose not to swear the confidentiality agreement. But I still thought it was a good idea to have the option. And on that basis, I am glad in this case that we're going to offer greater clarity and force to this, because this is something that we, as Council in general, have to deal with and I believe it is the prerogative of councillors to make that decision as they see fit. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the motion? Councillor Dobson, do you wish to close?

Councillor Dobson: I will wait for the question…the vote on it.

Madam Speaker: So, we will vote in reverse order. We'll vote on the amending Motion No. 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Voting on the main motion as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you. We now have Motion 1 in

front of us on your desks. It's from Councillor...moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Dobson. It's regarding the Mayor's spending policy. It will be an automatic referral to EPC.

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

WHEREAS the Mayor is a voting member of Council subject to the Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act and other applicable laws in Manitoba similar to any other member of Council;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2013, Executive Policy Committee referred the Council Motion from Councillors Eadie and Gerbasi regarding applying the Councillor's Representation Allowance (CRA) Policy criteria to other funds, including Mayor's Office spending, to the Governance Committee of Council for its consideration during its review of the CRA Policy;

AND WHEREAS on September 25, 2013, Council referred the Council Motion from Councillors Havixbeck and Orlikow regarding having the City Auditor include funds such as
Mayor's Office and Chairmanship spending into its annual audit of CRA spending;

AND WHEREAS On June 25, 2014, Council adopted recommendations of the Governance Committee of Council regarding the CRA policy, including the following recommendation related to the two prior mentioned motions by Councillors Eadie, Gerbasi, Havixbeck and Orlikow:

"6. That the City Clerk consult with the Mayor's Office to determine the spending requirements of that office, in order to develop a set of criteria, including a yearly audit of spending, that would apply to the Mayor's Office spending, in keeping with the spirit of CRA policy;"

AND WHEREAS Councillor Eadie has inquired with Mayor Bowman during question period of several Council Meetings about the progress of such a policy;

AND WHEREAS the effort to create a Mayor's Office Allowance Policy began over two years with no end in the foreseeable future to having a policy adopted by Council that would require the Mayor's Office to follow the same standards of openness, transparency and accountability as Councillors are required to follow under the Council adopted Councillor's Ward Allowance Policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a "Mayor's Office Allowance" Policy be created before the end of the 2016 fiscal year, reporting on but not limited to the following expenditure categories:

1. *Various expense categories similar to those included in the Councillors Ward Allowance Policy including human resource costs related to running the day to day operations of a Mayor's office;*

2. *Operating expenses related to running the EPC and IEPC;*

3. *Operating expenses and human resource costs for the Mayor's policy support office;*

4. *Operating expenses for the Mayor's advisory committees reporting directly to the Mayor's Office;*

5. *And providing an annually updated Mayor's office organizational chart;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor's Office Allowance Policy be adopted by Council and include an annual audit by the City Auditor of all Mayor's Office spending, similar to the annual audit undertaken as part of the Councillor's Ward Allowance Policy, with the first audit of Mayor's Office spending to occur on the 2017 fiscal year expenses.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to by-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 132/2016 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 132/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move By-laws…sorry, By-law 132/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 132/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law 132/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Browaty, you have the floor.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On November 2nd, Mayor Bowman produced for all members of EPC as well as the Deputy Mayor, Acting Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Police Board, mandate letters. I think this is a very good exercise because it actually, more explicitly points out the objectives, goals and work plans for members of EPC, I think it's a good exercise in transparency and openness. In the mandate letter to Councillor Marty Morantz, the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the very first bullet in terms of the priorities, the number one priority is listed as such "Ensure bus rapid transit development with a priority on ensuring accountability for the construction and completion of Phase II of the Southwest Rapid Transitway, the Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor study and ultimately keep Winnipeg on track to complete all bus rapid transit routes by 2030". I appreciate that during the campaign, this was the Mayor's commitment, and now that he's been in office for two years, does he still believe that this is his top priority? Does he believe that 2030 is achievable and how does he expect Winnipeggers to pay for it?

Madam Speaker: You had a few questions in there, Councillor Browaty.

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, I think I can answer all of them. So I appreciate the acknowledgement of the first time we've, as far as I understand, a mayor has produced mandate letters and also proactively released them publicly for all to see. I'm very proud of the work that this council has done over the last two years and I don't believe it's fair to say that's the top priority, it is a very important priority for me and the mandate that I take seriously from the citizens of Winnipeg that have given me the honour of serving in this role. The number one priority, let's make no mistake about it, it'll warm the heart of my Council colleague is fixing the roads, and after 14 years of property tax cuts and freezes, our roads are in disrepair and we've provided record investment in fixing our roads. And commuters will know, the roads are getting fixed and we've got a lot more work to do, 380 kilometers of road renewal over the last two years and of course, much, much more work to do. The work of supporting rapid transit, I'm…was very proud to have secured the funding from other levels of government for the second phase, within months of taking office. Previous council did provide or was able to get the first half of one line completed, that's not…that was not as quick as I think many people would have liked. And I'm very pleased that we are currently constructing second phase of rapid transit. This is the first line of having a modern rapid transit system. The study is underway for the Eastern Corridor and much more work has to happen. I'm very optimistic about the leadership of our new chair to pursue that and many other priorities that were listed in the mandate letter and I

look forward to working with all members of Council to support Councillor Morantz's leadership in the position of Chair of the Standing Policy Committee for IRPW.

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

Councillor Browaty: Is the Mayor aware that the first leg of this rapid transit project, the entire project out to South Winnipeg to the University of Manitoba is about $800 million? And does he expect that the billions of dollars that this will cost will be, how will it be paid for?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The manner in which additional phases of rapid transit are funded is something that this council will need to consider. I do see them as investments as our investments in roads, as well as active transportation, those investments are important as we grow our city and position it for a million people. You know, right now, we have approximately 718,000 citizens that we all serve, and as we grow to a million people strong, you're adding approximately 300,000 people on our roads. We are…we are in this council, I'm very proud of, is looking to the future and making decisions today to help, not just current residents but future residents. Public transportation is going to be a key part of how we move our citizens around in an environmentally sustainable way, in a way that improves commuter times for those that do drive, and any modern city that is positioning for growth needs to look at all forms of transportation, active transportation, public transportation as well as traditional driving. And so, there are costs associated with that, they are investments and the additional lines, a key component that this council is going to have to consider is how in fact they're funded. And so, we obviously have more work to do as a council and I look forward to, I know the Councillor's views on rapid transit are not consistent with mine, I respect that and I appreciate his diligence in not only asking this question, but the scrutiny that he will bring to bear and how we fund additional legs of rapid transit.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. This question is for the Mayor and a great percentage of our work here, what we do is we gather information and base our decisions on the information that we gather. I've been working since middle of June to try and get a high level, three-tier level org chart from our Operating Officer, and I've been challenged. You know, we can speak to the leadership directly, but in turn, they just become a call centre. I'm just wondering if the Mayor…if the Mayor feels it's important that we have an org chart. There's been a lot of changes, I'm at a loss sometimes on who to contact, I know I've spoken with him before on this and with the COO, but I've really not gotten anywhere. I do think in this kind of business, we need to be able to communicate and reach out and understand who we can communicate to, an org chart would be extremely helpful even from the top three-tier level.

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

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry that…could the Councillor just repeat the question, just so I make sure I answer properly.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I want to know if he feels it's important that we have an org chart and if we could have an org chart.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I could see the benefit of an org chart. I think her question is best directed at our CAO, and I know, I certainly, you know, as all members of Council, a primary point of contact for me, for my office, for the administration, is our CAO. I could see the benefit and I've had discussions with the Councillor about her requests for an org chart from the CAO. Obviously, I would encourage her to have that discussion with the CAO.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I guess I've been having that discussion since June 6th and I'm not really getting anywhere, so I'm wondering if the Mayor could maybe help me with that a little more.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'd be happy to do so.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Mayor today? Okay, seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report dated October 14th, 2016.

REPORT "A" OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED OCTOBER 14, 2016

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to move the report of October 14th Consent Items 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There are no motions, no by-laws....oh, there is a second report here though on the same page, the report dated November 7th. Councillor Pagtakhan, would you move that?

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. On the November 7th, report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, it's my pleasure to move Consent Agenda Items 1 to 4.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I will call the question on Item 1, 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Annual Inspection of Converted Residential Dwellings (CRD) with shared Facilities (Rooming Houses)

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: I will just wait for Councillor Eadie to speak on the matter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to speak to Item No. 3.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be very short. I just thought that at Council…we discussed this at Protection and Community Services, Madam Speaker, but I just wanted to say, totally in support of this. But what I wanted to do just here is I wanted to thank our City's…our Winnipeg Public Service for coming up with a plan to address this aspect of rooming house issues and some of the issues with other multi-family type buildings. But, so, again, just wanted to rise and thank also all the people out in the community, people like Sel Burrows and others who have brought this to the attention to our city that we need to address these problems and so here you have it, annual inspections of rooming houses that were grandfathered in from 1986 and we know that if we can inspect them annually, that people who live in these rooming houses will be also empowered to speak more to our Winnipeg Public Service who will be out there to inspect for the conditions of these homes. And so, also, not really attached to this report, Madam Speaker, but we are looking to hearing more from Property and Development about how to deal with some other aspects to these issues that we have to deal with on an ongoing basis, Madam Speaker. So thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I rise and commend the departments for the work that they have done on this. This is a really important issue as Councillor Eadie has brought forward and having been a previous licensed rooming house owner. It…there's a lot of challenges. And the department has come through and has provided some really, really good work and good suggestions on how to move forward and I just would also like to thank Mr. Sel Burrows for the work that he's done in support, he's provided on this issue also.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, appreciate the comments from Councillor Eadie and Councillor Lukes. I certainly want to commend Councillor Eadie for bringing this to the forefront at our April 27th meeting earlier this year. Really good work by the department in terms of creating a safe environment and inspections…annual

inspections for our licensed rooming houses and there is more work to be coming, so stay tuned. But a great report all around and I want to thank the department for their hard work.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on Item No. 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions, no by-laws. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Are there any questions for Councillor Pagtakhan? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz, our new Chair, on the report dated November 7th, 2016.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Councillor Morantz: I'd like to have you remind me how to do this again. What do I do?

Madam Speaker: You can move Consent of Items 1 to 4.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you very much. I'd like to move Consent on Items No. 1 to 4 then. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Items 1, 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Investigation of Functional Design Options along Marion Street between Lagimodiere Boulevard and Youville Street

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

Councillor Morantz: I wanted to speak…

Madam Speaker: Yes?

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, bear with me, I think this is important. It was raised by Mr. Gold and I've checked, there was some confusion as to process and it was clarified to me, presumably, that it has been 60 days. I looked and it says held over for 60 days. Madam Speaker, it has not been 60 days. According to my math it has been 58 days, I know that's close but Madam Speaker, it's about process and has been mentioned that delegation assumed they would be here. It has not been 60 days, Madam Speaker, and on that basis I must bring this forward on behalf of those who could not be here because they did not expect it to be here according to what has been said.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. I'm now going to give the floor to our City Clerk who will respond.

Deputy City Clerk: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The motion was to lay the matter over for 60 days. In our process, that means laying it over for up to 60 days and have it come back two months later at the meeting two months previous. So it was laid over at the September meeting and returned two months later deemed to have been laid over for 60 days. So it came back at the November meeting of IRPW.

Madam Speaker: So are you saying that our process met our procedures that are in place currently?

Deputy City Clerk: Yes, all procedures were followed and were met.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, for clarification, does up to 60 days thus mean up to 30 days?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk?

Deputy City Clerk: The actual term for 60 days refers to meeting cycles so when you refer to 60 days it actually refers to two meeting cycles as we have a standing policy committee every month.

Councillor Schreyer: And for clarification, Madam Speaker, does that mean it could be 45 days?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk?

Deputy City Clerk: Yes, potentially. It's two meeting cycles so whenever the second meeting cycle occurs after the 60 days has passed is when the item would return.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz, back to you. Do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, sorry, I…just as a matter of procedure, and I apologize, I didn't call out Item 1 which…have we voted on that?

Madam Speaker: I did, yes. It's just the Item No. 3, the Functional Design for Marion Street.
Councillor Morantz: I know, did we pull down Item 1 though?

Madam Speaker: We did not.

Councillor Morantz: And did we vote on it?

Madam Speaker: We did.

Councillor Morantz: Okay, I…

Madam Speaker: Would you like to go back to that for a certain reason?

Councillor Morantz: I would like to go back to it, my apologies.

Madam Speaker: With Council's permission, we can go back and deal with Item 1.

Councillor Morantz: With Council's permission, I would like to return to Item 1. I apologize for any confusion I may have caused.

Madam Speaker: Can we deal with 3 before us at the moment and go back?

Councillor Morantz: Sure, we can deal with Item No. 3.

Madam Speaker: Or why don't you start with Item 1?

Councillor Morantz: Okay, with Council's indulgence on that, I do apologize.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 – Expansion of Transit Vehicle Overhaul and Maintenance Facilities Capital Project

Councillor Morantz: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I received a request from the CAO to have this item referred back to EPC where additional information will be provided by the Public Service. The CAO has advised that the City Auditor has identified an issue with the report and the class estimate of the project. I understand there is additional work required and the details of the issue will be addressed by the Public Service at EPC. So I would like to move this report back to EPC for that purpose.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of referral back to EPC of Item No. 1? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Morantz: I apologize for my rookie error although I have been here two years. Now onto Item No. 3, I would...is this is the appropriate time to address Item No. 3?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Item 3 – Investigation of Functional Design Options along Marion Street between Lagimodiere Boulevard and Youville Street

Councillor Morantz: Okay. On Item No. 3 there, you know, of course I…firstly, I just want to thank Mayor Bowman for the appointment, this is really the first time I rise as Chair of Public Works and of course, it's a whole new learning curve and I am learning as quickly as I can. This report came forward and had been dealt with prior to my being appointed to the Chair and was referred out 60 days or I guess, now we know it, which is interpreted as two meeting cycles it came before committee. I do understand that there is significant concern in the community over consultations. However, we

are elected ultimately to make decisions and one of the things I think we all know is that when we make decisions, some people are happy and others may be very unhappy. This is a situation where we are essentially following the recommendations of the administrative report, and I think those recommendations are measured and appropriate. The recommendation is essentially to continue on with MMM to do consulting on a new design that would not include grade separation or widening of Marion, but wouldn't preclude other elements to improve the functioning of the intersection including active transportation and other things that would be important for traffic flows in the area. The reality is that if we were to go to RFP to request proposals from new engineering firms or design firms MMM would be free to bid. And given their historical knowledge of the project, you know, it could be that they might be successful. I don't know. I can't predict that but I do certainly think it's in the interest of taxpayers of Winnipeg to continue on with the firm that knows the area so well. Also, concerns of the community were attempted to be addressed within the administrative report and there is a specific...there's language specific to this in the report where it basically says that the public service is recommending that a public consultation and design study continue to investigate, but it goes on to say that rather...sorry, it goes on to say that the Public Service is recommending that additional study which will include a public consultation process, developed with the office of public engagement be undertaken to identify lesser cost alternatives. So I know there's a lot of history here before my appointment to Public Works, likely a lot of it before I was even elected and, you know, I do think, you know, we have a difficult situation. And I know the residents, many of them are upset and I know Councillor Allard worked very hard to try and address the concerns of the residents to his credit. Also recognize that the cost of the initial program just was not feasible given our debt limits and other reasons. So the purpose of this report is really to move this process forward in a reasonable fashion. And so I would support...I hope my colleagues support the idea of having MMM continue on in this role but I also, I think we need to engage with the office…engage with the office of public engagement to create a consultation process that is more satisfactory to the community. So those would be my comments and I will wait to hear from the rest of my colleagues. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, I think the exchange we had with administration offered some clarity that I don't believe we, consensually as a council nor did other stakeholders that intended to be here were aware of. There was no clarity on this. And because of this, given the fact that we just moved to refer Item 1, I move that we defer Item 3 to the next Council meeting so that we can be consistent with what was consensual perspective in terms of what 60 days would have meant to this issue and for those that would have liked to have been here.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so we'll vote on the referral? Yeah, okay. Councillor Morantz, do you wish to respond? Councillor Schreyer has moved referral to the next Council meeting on Item 3. You do have an opportunity to respond.

Councillor Morantz: I would, Madam Speaker, prefer to see this report voted on here today.

Madam Speaker: Okay.

Councillor Gerbasi: Just a point of order, did he move referral after making his comments? Because you…

Madam Speaker: No, he had a point of order before.

Councillor Gerbasi: It was a standing…okay, I just wanted to be sure because you're not supposed do that. Okay, that's fine.

Madam Speaker: So just to clarify, Councillor Schreyer is moving referral to the next Council meeting that the item would be on our December Council agenda. All in favour? No. There is no speaking, it's referral without instructions. All in favour? Okay, we'll call it for a recorded vote. Just a simple majority is needed, correct Mr. Clerk? All in favour?

Councillor Orlikow: It's okay, Ross, slow down, slow down.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, are you aware of the vote before us? Okay, just to clarify, Councillor Schreyer is moving referral of Item 3 – the Investigation of the Functional Design regarding Marion Street. He's moving referral to the next Council meeting of…I'm going to let Councillor Schreyer explain again why he wants to move referral since you were missing from the chamber. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to clarify my points and I might end up taking a little bit more time but....

Madam Speaker: Just a moment. Councillor Eadie, for your benefit I am having Councillor Schreyer explain why he is moving referral once again.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, I am not impugning all of the good work that any councillor here has done or any member of the administration, in particular, Councillor Allard or Councillor Morantz.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, just speak to the referral, please.

Councillor Schreyer: My point being, Madam Speaker, as is being pointed out, it was said they couldn't make it here because of short notice and that's because it wasn't…to my understanding, they didn't expect it to be on this agenda because in the meeting in which this was addressed by standing committee, by IRPW, it said laid over to 60 days. They thus assumed it couldn't be here because today's 58 days. It has now been clarified to us, Madam Speaker, that 58 days is adequate because it's within the two regular meeting...two month regular meeting phase. But Madam Speaker, I do not believe that Council nor the stakeholders involved were aware of that specifically and thus that…that we knew this was going to be hitting this council meeting until it was too late for stakeholders to not participate and present their due diligence in making delegation today. And on that basis, I am requesting that this be laid over because of this misunderstanding and a clarification that we now have.

Madam Speaker: So Mr. Clerk, just to clarify the terminology, it's not referral, it will be laid over the item? Okay. So Councillor Schreyer has moved that we layover Item No. 3 to the December Council meeting. There was a call for a recorded vote. All in favour of the layover, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillor Schreyer

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

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

Madam Speaker: Item No. 3 will be dealt with today. Councillor Morantz, you've introduced the item. Yes and are there any other speakers on this item? Okay, Councillor Morantz, do you wish to close? Councillor Allard, would you like to speak? This is your opportunity, Councillor Allard, you have the floor.

Councillor Allard: Thank you and thank you to my Council colleagues for not laying this over an additional 30 days. I…just sort of a general perspective on where we are at with…with this. I guess I feel like everybody has done their job here. The administration has done their job, MMM Group has done what we have asked them to do as a council. The community has done their job in expressing their views that they oppose the original plan. You know, I feel that I have done my job in hearing what the community had to say. We have new information now as a result of the consultations that were hosted by MMM Group and in collaboration with our Public Works Department. We now know the community...we now know from our community perspective that the proposed option was not a viable option. We also know, given new estimates that the option that had been proposed is not viable from a financial perspective for the City of Winnipeg. So, given all this new information and where we are at in the process, I know Councillor Morantz indicated in terms of getting the best value for our dollar with MMM Group, if we were to go to RFP, you know, there is a chance that...there is a very good chance that well, either MMM would bid and come in with the lowest bid because they are the firm which at this point has the most detailed knowledge of this project, There's also a chance that MMM not bid which would potentially be a very bad story for this council and Winnipeg taxpayer because the other bids that come in might come in, and probably would come in significantly higher cost than what MMM has proposed so. You know, in terms of community consultation, there is going to be a new round with, if we do endorse this report with MMM Group and in collaboration with the office of public engagement. So I think there is going to be ample time for anyone interested in participating in the discussions to connect with me, to connect with MMM Group, to connect with Public Works and any member of Council here today. And in terms of the option or the report is recommending, really I think, substantially addresses much of the community's concern. If you read the report, the direction is to go towards…is to investigate options that don't include a road widening or grade separation. So the road widening…my understanding as a lay person who is not an engineer is that those two components of the project were the components that were going to result in the requirement of a majority of the properties that needed to be taken as part of the project. So just in terms of

what the direction that we are going into, I do believe that much of the residents' concern has been captured in this report. And then just maybe to reiterate my point in terms of going forward, we…I expect we will have a robust consultation process with the office of public engagement if we do endorse this report with MMM Group. And I…you know, I am happy to be there at the ground level now. I know when I came into this process as many of you will likely remember, I passionately fought for the funding for the project. When the report came out and the option became…the recommended option by MMM Group came forward, at that point, I guess that's when the community really mobilized to say that they were not favourable to this project. And I…feeling the need to be, you know, responsible with our city resources and the process, I let that process go to, well, what I felt was almost the very end having received the draft consultant report from MMM Group. And that was in the summer of 15 and so at that point, you know, after having reflected on the many conversations, the many meetings that I attended and I attended almost every…every formal meeting organized by MMM Group and our City's administration and I believe every meeting that had been a public meeting organized by the new residents association and I would like to recognize them for the work that they did because there was a lot of work involved. So…I…back to my, I guess, my original statement of that I think everybody has done their job here and I think we have a reasonable way forward, I do believe that any delay will result in more uncertainty for the community and will result in eventually higher costs for whatever consultant…whatever project comes out of this new round of consultations. And just on community uncertainty, this project, this problem predates this council. It probably predates Unicity. This intersection has been problematic for many, many, many years. The current functional design option that's on the books right now builds a road through the Dufresne neighbourhood, that's the 1979 option. So, I mean, if we consider that the City is banking land and not allowing...has all sorts of restrictions on the type of development that happens in the area, this community has been on hold for how many years is that? So there is a need to move forward on this and we do have a way forward. We have another round of consultations. And…and I, you know, I respect that there has been…there was a lot of emotions in the community, and that the consultants, I guess, has become the focus at this point, though the focus has changed I think over time. So, all that being said, you know, this has been...this has been a…I use the words the best laid plans of mice and men. Like, you know, we've planned, the administration's plan, everybody's done their job, we are at this point now where we do need to move forward on this intersection, we do need to move forward for the community to have some certainty. We do need to move forward for industrial...certain industrial developments to be able to take place because there is a whole bunch of question marks too in terms of the St. Boniface industrial park. So I do think that we have a reasonable process in front of us. There will be many, many more opportunities to engage with the office of the public engagement, Council, MMM Group, in formal ways and I expect there's likely going to be new opportunities to participate if the Residents Association which was created as a result, I think, of this proposed functional design, or the previous version. There's going to be many, many more options for participation going forward. Thank you to Councillor Morantz for his comments and for moving this forward and to my other colleagues on Public Works. I do think...I do hope that we approve this report and I do think that we are doing the responsible thing, for the taxpayer, for the community, and that we do need to have some certainty for the benefit of…from Winnipeg and for the benefit of the neighbourhood. So with that, thank you for hearing my comments on this and I urge you to support the report. Pretty good time.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty moves extension. Not needed, okay. Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Allard. We have one more speaker but before we go on to that I would like to recognize a very special guest in the gallery. The Honourable Scott Fielding, Minister of Families with the Province of Manitoba and our former colleague who represented the St. James-Brooklands-Weston Ward on City Council, welcome, nice to see you here. Yes.

Councillor Gerbasi: The time and the event at noon. Could I suggest we...? Well, I think there's other speakers on the question, so I don't know if we should just stop at noon. Just a suggestion.

Madam Speaker: Yes, sure. I think we can stop now and we'll reconvene at 1:30? Okay, meeting is adjourned.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
November 16, 2016, at 1:38 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to bring the Council meeting of November 16th, 2016, back to order. We are on Item No. 3 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. That's the Investigation of Functional Design Options along Marion Street. Our next speaker on the list, Councillor Lukes, you have the floor.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I just wanted to rise to say that I will be supporting this motion because I do believe that we will be getting value for money by using the same consultant. I absolutely do. We had good conversation in the Public Works meeting, the last one that I chaired with the department and it was very clear to us in that meeting that this

project had initiated the terms of reference, the way the consultation was to be held, all of that was determined in the RFP. So we are picking up the pieces, we are moving forward. I do believe we will have value for money by having the same consultant do it. I do believe that the consultant clearly heard the residents' concerns through the many presentations and conversations that the residents have had with them, have brought forward publicly and in the chamber and at Council meetings. And I am pleased to hear that the Chair now is opening...is open to improving the public engagement process. I have training in the methodology of the International Association of Public Participation and I did see a lot of areas where we could have done better but you know, to the consultants…to the consultant, they probably were just adhering to what was in the RFP. So, it was a challenging process. I do think we are moving in the right direction by continuing on this. I do have a concern but I guess we will address that at another point how this changes the rankings in the Building Canada priorities list because now it's just a road upgrade it's not part...I think from the criteria that we used for the Building Canada rankings, I think it will change so I think we need to go back and look at that, I will bring that up with the Chair of Public Works at another point in time. But I just wanted to rise and say that it was a very difficult process for the residents but, going forward, I think this is the best thing to do is just to continue going forward and learn from our lessons.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Lukes. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Briefly I rise to actually support this report, and moving ahead without running a brand new RFP for the consultants to work on what will become...well, something as mentioned by Councillor Lukes who had that under her portfolio. But I just wanted to say, Madam Speaker, though, to the matter, the community and many people who got themselves involved, Madam Speaker, with this issue, the original plan, huge plan, and I just wanted to say in those terms though, they have presented many of the deficiencies that they felt the community had in terms of being consulted. Whether it was planned or however you want to look at it. What I can say and I do know, over time, administration and everybody learns from their past experiences and I believe the consultant moving ahead here will understand completely what the dynamics are in terms of this area and hopefully the next consultations will be adequate for those people. And we must always remember though Madam Speaker, more than likely you're never going to achieve a hundred percent confirmation that what you want to move ahead is the way to go because there is always dissenting opinions and that's just the way it goes but if there is a proper consultation, then people will have their say and I think that's one of the most important things that we heard today. And I just wanted to say, it's…in terms of the priority for that area, I just wanted to end by saying, really, the biggest solution problem for traffic solved areas is to get rid of that CP Rail spur line. Move it outside of the city. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise to illustrate a point right now where we have...our job is to do our best to try to work with consultants, to try to reach out to the neighbourhoods. You will recall when I was first elected we had the traffic circles issue, and the question always was, until that spade went down into the ground and people saw that happening, they really didn't feel informed ahead of time. And unfortunately, and people's lives are so busy, it's hard to make sure that everybody is getting the information they need. But I do know every councillor around the table here plus the Mayor has been very vocal and very…very focused on it of trying to get that information into the hands of the public in a way that they can actually digest it and see it, and then have the input. And you know, I do appreciate that we have Councillor Lukes who has had to file before as a Chair. I do hope she will be working with Councillor Morantz to see maybe there are some areas in the process that could be updated, and having that going forward. But I don't want us leaving today to think that our processes are all not working too well because I just want to mention the Waverley Underpass consultation, the open house we had, hundreds and hundreds of people showed up, hundreds and hundreds of people were super happy to have the information. They had some people who were not too…who had questions about certain sides of the street, the staff there were incredibly diligent and very forthcoming with answers. Sure, again, in the end of the day, there were a few residents that preferred, you know, why are you doing underpass, just remove the rail line, that option. It's a nice option but again, it's not the immediate future for sure. And some other areas, but the administration was there. The consultants were there. They did an incredible job of answering the people's questions. They worked with my office to help me distribute the information for them. As well they did their own but councillors could have that opportunity to also enhance it at the best they can and get that information into the hands of the people that really want to know that information then hopefully those neighbourhood networks will take over. So again, I understand some of the concerns by the neighbourhood, you know, the mistrust they may feel, but this process did work its way through the proper process. We got to the point now where the community had their input, it was very clear that as a community-based idea this was not a great idea at all; it's going to level some…too many homes, the costs. But we also have a transportation issue. Again, I'll be looking at with a keen eye on this project not that it's not...it's not, you know…it's not at that grade. They're just going to do that grade and not do separation which I think is very important. I do like the idea of removing that spur line out, would be wonderful. But in the end of the day know that, you know, some neighbourhoods will be very…they'll like the process and they'll be very engaged with the process and that's great. Other times when the neighbourhood gets engaged and they don't like the process, maybe

they don't like the process but they probably really don't like whatever is being proposed and I think that's what happened today, in that report. And the neighbourhood did speak very clearly and very loudly. Maybe we need to consider in the future about that proposal before it went out, is this something Council would even support? I don't know. At the end of the day, we kind of had the public go first and had their input which I think is a fair process and then Council at the end once we've heard from everybody, we then make our decision. So, they had their voice heard very well. They did a very, very good job in making their voice heard and now we're going to restart the process to look at, you know, another scale. Councillor Allard's going to have a very active and engaged group already set up. And I know Councillor Allard will keep reaching out to them to make sure that in phase two of this consultation, they will have the process. So I don't want to leave here today and think we had, you know, traffic circles is an example of how horrible everything is and consultation or...you know, whatever the individual councils may want to try to say, the consultation process is horrible, well sometimes they don't work sometimes they do work, but we have to continually go on improvement, constant improvement, and so, I just want to share with Council, Taché, this one may have been difficult, but it did work out in the end properly. That the community's voice was heard which was the purpose of it but then out the other side, the Waverley Underpass was a resounding success. I have not received...I received a few calls from people who are just opposed to the underpass in general which is definitely their right, I am happy to hear from them but the feedback that I have received from that open house in that process and even going forward, and I think most of you had an opportunity maybe to see what the southwest BRT process is going forward, on how they're going to have their, you know, open houses consistently. They're also going to have the newsletters going out consistently and they also have check-in points from councillors in the community. They're going to have the webpage set up for people who wanted to see at 3:00 in the morning can go there and figure out what's going on. So, yes, it's very hard for a consultant or the City to make sure that we reach everybody and every home and make sure they read the information properly and have the ability but all we can do as Council is strive to do always better. So I don't believe this process was...and this…the Marion was that flawed. I don't…I'm not…I understand some of the angst from the neighbourhood, but we are doing a process. We listened to the neighbourhood, we are now shelving that program, they didn't have the communities for it, I don't believe it had Council support in the end anyways which is again reflective of the community support and then we move forward. But again, with Councillor Morantz in the Chair now, I'm quite confident that we will be getting to consultation processes and we'll be able to fix some of the things that maybe have not worked out the last time.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, next speaker Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting the motion here before us today. Just a couple of quick comments, I think it's a good idea. I mean, I think we recognize that there is still a lot of growth happening and that has already occurred in southeast Winnipeg. It's going to necessitate the improvement of traffic capacity. Whether it's Marion, whether it's Fermor, St. Mary's, St. Anne's, there's all sorts of pieces in that whole quadrant of the city that are going to be needed to move more traffic around. I guess we're going to have tools to pay for some of this stuff with the growth fee that this council passed last month, which is, I suppose, in some ways positive but we do need to recognize that there's going to be that need there. If it's not going to be at Marion, it's going to have to be somewhere else. So separately from looking at improvements to Marion which are perhaps required, I think we should actually go back and revisit our transportation master plan recognizing that this is not going to be the high capacity route that was perhaps previously envisioned but a lesser route serving just a smaller area there. It also moves along and that raises the need to look at the replacement and expansion of the Louise Bridge that's currently a hundred year oval plus bridge, it's identified that it needs to be replaced and today it's only a two lane span. Moving all that new traffic…Transcona West is growing rapidly, there's going to be needs to do that there. This may also necessitate the building of a separation at Regent-Lagimodiere. I think the changes that are happening because of this are going to have to…we're going to have to re-evaluate the whole southeast traffic scenario, northeast even because it does affect that whole area. A lot of Transcona would be using Marion to get to downtown and now Regent comes back into play again. So this isn't a decision we're making in isolation. I do think we need to go back and revisit all of our Building Canada priorities but studying what we need to do on Marion I think is a good exercise and that's why I'm supporting this here today. In terms of public consultation, I think Councillor Orlikow was actually bang on in terms of his comments. Quite often it's not necessarily that people don't like the process, they don't like the results or the…what is coming up there. And frankly, $600 million, the amount of property expropriation required for Marion does bring a lot of that into question. A lot of the, you know, reasons, for example, that the Waverley Underpass moved up the prioritization was because of rail safety issues and I think that's also in play here with Marion but, again, we have taken this off the table here tonight. I'm just going to share a little story about community consultation. My first term on Council, I wasn't on EPC but we did actually, thanks to Mayor Katz, we just recognized his portrait today, thanks to members of Council that were on EPC, Chief Peguis Trail got into the capital budget I think my first year on Council. Broke ground just into my second term. There were a lot of people that you know, that backed onto Chief Peguis Trail sort of heard rumours that you know, this big field that was behind them that was continuous in all through the area, one day would be a road. But some of these people have lived there since the 1960s, they reserved this land dating back to the 1960s. The first phase of Chief Peguis between Henderson Highway and Main Street opened in 1990. I was 13 years old and the big Kildonan corridor study always proposed that they'd be building in a different phases two years apart. 2000…1990 was the first phase,

2011 was the second phase. So it took them 21 years or something like that, not two. But anyways, the City and their consultants and the P3 partner did an open house and they listened to the public but there were still some members of the public that weren't happy. Some residents that did not even live right there but some of them, they may have had an axe to grind with me on another issue. So they decided and did a much, much better job than the consultants and all those other people and they held their own open house. They decided to get one of the large churches in the area, take over the whole thing, they put signs up and down all the boulevards everywhere. There was about 500 people, like, you couldn't park anywhere, the room was jam packed. It was too warm. I had just come back from Boston, Massachusetts, the US Planning…the American Planning Association Conference and I went to a session all about public engagement and public hearings and stuff. One of the things they said to do is, I mean, control all the assets of the room you can. Beat on the floor, you know, I wasn't controlling the session. We were up on a stage, the Public Service didn't send anybody because they didn't want to be part of this roasting that they figured was coming. Against the advice of the Public Service, the P3 partner did send a representative and the MLAs from the area were told they had to be there, even though they weren't closing their project, they were up on the stage there with me. Two area MLAs were abutting the Chief Peguis Trail extension. So, the first thing I did, was I stood at the front of the room and as everybody came in the door, I shook their hands, looked them in the eyes. So, they're not that random, you know, mud slingers from the back of the room. So at least you know, I'm a human being, you are a human being, I am not just that guy from the stage. Again, you don't want to be on a stage, but that's how the room was set up. Handed out as much information as I possibly could. We had a moderator that helped to organize the session and he was at least fair. And I stayed there until everybody in the room had all their questions answered as best as I could answer them. I had the…you know, there were a handful of questions where we had the P3 consultants in the room. Again, I preferred to give him a handful of times. But for the most part, I was there answering 90 percent of the questions. At the end of the day, people loved the project. People today, I think are absolutely thrilled with the way that worked out, but there were again, a lot of people who were apprehensive at the beginning. So, my advice to my friend Councillor Allard from St. Boniface is, listen to the people, but understand that sometimes you do have to lead and do what's right as opposed to necessarily what, you know, the loudest voice isn't always right. I am not saying that the proposal of $600 million proposal that came through the process was the right one either, I don't think it is, actually, but there is my four and a half minutes of advice. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Morantz, do you wish to close?

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to close, I think it's been a very, very positive discussion around a very difficult project with a lot of history. And, you know, being new to the portfolio, I'm always someone who likes to sort of look forward and, you know, get things done and accomplish for the city and I know at the same time, I don't want to…in the process of moving forward, have the grievances of the community lost in that process and I think whatever we can do through the office of public engagement to enhance consultation and it is a work in progress and maybe somewhat art and science. I am starting to learn. But, we can only do the best that we can do. I also want to remind councillors that when we voted on the Build Canada priorities, we tried to depoliticize that process as much as possible compared to, perhaps, what had been done in the past. And how we did that was we tasked the Public Service with doing a cost benefits points analysis and there was a lot of discussion, everyone will recall around that time over that process and it was a new process that was part of a new asset management program and I think it put us in good stead. I have had some brief discussions with the CAO and he can say...his view is that it's likely that this analysis of cost benefit points analysis would show that there is no…would be no material change in the ranking of this project in terms of Build Canada fund applications. So those would be my closing comments and I would hope and I believe my Council colleagues will be supporting this report and moving it forward today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There are no motions, no by-laws. We will now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Morantz? Now, move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report, no motions and no by-laws. So we will now have Question Period for the new Chair for Councillor Gillingham. Any questions? Okay, move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated October 31st, 2016.

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Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to pull No. 1 so I will move No. 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Capital Budget Amendment and First Charge – Lyndale Drive Retaining Wall Rehabilitation

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

Councillor Mayes: Just briefly, we…as Chair of the committee with the words 'Riverbank Management', in it I think it's important to pull this item just to point out this is a riverbank stabilization project. The stabilization work is 2.6 or 2.7 million out of the total $6 million of the project. That's a bigger budget than we've got for all of our other stabilization projects going on this year at 1.6 million, as you'll know, from the capital budget. So it is worth flagging. It has been said that if we continue at our current pace of a million dollars a year we will have...it will take us a hundred years, almost as long as it took the Cubs to win the world series, take us a hundred years to…our camera man's a Cubs fans, so I wanted to throw that in, take us a hundred years to get through all the riverbank stabilization projects. So we are picking up the pace a bit where we can, tying it into bike paths, tying it into other initiatives and this is a good example of that. In light of seeing Councillor Vandal at the noon hour I'll say....

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Mayes: Riverbank stabilization is very important for the City of Winnipeg as well as for the Red, Assiniboine, and Seine rivers. It is important for all the neighbourhoods of Winnipeg. It is also important because it fills an infrastructural need, for ecological infrastructure. To the councillors, the mayor, and others, it is important to improve the state of our riverbanks with projects like that of Lyndale Drive. It is important that it be improved for all of our rivers, including the Red, the Assiniboine, and the Seine.

Councillor Mayes: So in closing, it's an important area we sometimes forget about but this is an important initiative to tie in this work with some road work and I look forward to passing this today and moving forward with other similar projects where we can.

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

Councillor Mayes: No, I stood it down.

Madam Speaker: You stood it down, okay. Councillor Eadie followed by…Councillor Allard, did you have your hand up? Yes. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll try to be short. Of course I support this, I supported it at committee. It's a great effort, essential, Madam Speaker. The investments we have been doing with the riverbank and we all must remember that the Red River, the Assiniboine River and all these rivers in Winnipeg are our former highways, our transportation methodology. And so, Madam Speaker, I totally support the repair of this and there is a big need and I think that we as Council, Madam Speaker, should remember when we are moving ahead with this capital project that maybe we, and I know that the Chairperson of Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and Environment is quite concerned about it as well. This should be part of our Building Canada application to restore our riverbanks and to protect them because I am telling you, that is Winnipeg. That is where we come from. That is moving towards our future. So I support this effort wholeheartedly. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I wanted to rise in support of this report. I wanted to thank my colleagues on the Water and Waste, Environment Committee for support as well as Mayor, EPC and I hope the rest of Council will support this motion...or this report today. I wanted to talk about this project in the context of I guess a larger vision. If you go to Lyndale Drive at the very beginning, you see a sign that's got information on Promenade St. Boniface. So the idea is essentially that we would have a linear park going all the way from Lyndale Drive and it would follow the riverbank all the way to the Norwood Bridge, past the Norwood Bridge, all the way to the Promenade Taché, past the Promenade Taché and there is…the linear park continues along the riverbank past Elzéar Goulet Park and eventually there is a trail called La Liberté Trail that we named in recognition of the French newspaper in Manitoba. You keep going, it goes…the linear park goes under the high line or under the rail that separates the rest of...that separates Point Hébert from the rest of the linear park. So how do I...essentially, the high line where the rail is on the other side, there is a neighbourhood called Point Hébert and on the other side you have Voyager Park or Whittier Park who most people are familiar with. But so, this…this half a kilometre stretch that we are rehabilitating is part of that linear park that we are slowly but surely building. And one day, I hope we will be able to go all the way from Lyndale Drive, all the way to Whittier Park following this beautiful linear park and this beautiful tribute to our waterways. As Councillor Mayes said, there is much work to do and this will take quite a few years, but I think that that is the vision going forward. And I know that I will be working to make that vision a reality. So thank you to my Council colleagues for this report.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers? Councillor Mayes, back to you for closing.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Some good points there by both councillors and it is part of a larger ideal, I guess or vision for Lyndale Drive. There are three separate Lyndale Drive projects we've done over the last couple of years, I think, so a lot of riverbank management needs there. I was going to say concluding remark in French because I forgot to say it earlier

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Mayes: We can create paths, benches for pedestrians, and other activities thanks to the stabilization projects.

Councillor Mayes: So with the stabilization projects you can start creating some of the things that I think the Mayor talked about in his campaign; more usage of the rivers, walkways, pedestrian sites and hopefully some later activity used by canoe and kayak. So we are, as Councillor Eadie says, we are very much influenced by the river still and we need to keep doing this work. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes, I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2 Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Update to the Community-Wide Climate Change Action Plan Development

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

Councillor Mayes: Councillor Gerbasi is very much carried the ball on this file, the climate change, so I will defer to her comments.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. And I will be relatively brief, I just wanted to give Council a little bit of an update and put this report in front of us in a bit of context. As you know, the Mayor appointed a climate change working group with myself as Chair and with Councillors Allard and Gilroy and I want to thank them. We've been working really hard. The report is due at the end of the year, obviously that's a little tight but I just wanted to mention that this is...the priority of climate change is hugely important these days. We know there's going to be changes coming forward. The Federal Government is essentially requiring some sort of carbon pricing regime. There's going to have to be something coming down from the Province which means opportunities. There's also new Federal infrastructure money for green infrastructure, billions of new dollars coming with the second phase on the infrastructure program as well as new money for FCM, green municipal funds that we are going to be eligible for all of this. So we need to be ready for that and that's part of this, as well as some of you know, I was fortunate enough to be part of FCM's delegation to the COP21 talks in Paris and Canada made significant commitments there. And part of what they did there was emphasize the role of the municipal sector there, that's why there was many of us there. So just to give you a bit of…some of that background, it's pretty important stuff. And I really thank the Mayor for giving us an opportunity to have a working group to look at what the city has been doing and reviewing that. But this report in front of us is really part of...you know, there has been talk lately about openness and transparency and I want to mention that there hasn't really been a lot of reporting coming through since Winnipeg was part of Partners for Climate Protection which is an FCM program that over 200 communities are part of. We joined in 1998 and over a number of years, we kind of dropped off I think in some of our commitments to that. I don't…there wasn't regular yearly reporting. We are looking at both our corporate emissions as defined in that Partners for Climate Protection framework as well as the community-wide ones. So the corporate ones are the ones you hear about a lot, the fleet, the buildings, those things. That's only one percent of the emissions of the City of Winnipeg. And we have done a lot of work on the corporate ones and there was a report a month or so ago that came through Council which was an update on where we were at with our current work on corporate emissions side which is that one percent which we've focused on and we've done quite a lot of work on over the years, but we haven't been reporting. And that report came forward with where we were at and this is the second report which is focusing on the community side. And what it is, it's a consultation report that was done, which was step one of the five step framework, which was doing like a baseline or just identifying what is out there in terms of corporate emissions and it outlines some different forecasts and different things. So what's…what Council is being asked to do today is to just refer this to receive it as information but also it will be informing our final report which will be coming to you in the near future. So this…I just want to point out that all the documents that we have due to climate change that were done for the City have been made public now and we weren't seeing those sort of yearly reports that we sort of stopped, petered out in

about 2008. And part of that was because we weren't really able to meet our targets that had been set. They…you know, that may have been part of it, I don't really know. But I think...I just want to make sure that our mayor and this council gets credit for the transparency and openness of making sure, you know, we are out there. These are our targets. This is what we've done. This is where we're at. And also, just creating the task force is…taking a look at that and reporting back to Council on what we have done and where we possibly can go. So, I think it's important to recognize that and I thank the Mayor for the opportunity to work on this, I think, extremely important file and something that almost…most cities in Canada are really, really active on and I think we should be too. We should be doing our part as…and that includes many other...many things we do are connected to that. You know, active transportation, transit, stuff we have done with our landfill, yard waste collection. Many of these things that we've been involved in, we have been doing a lot of good things but we have so much more we can do. So I just want to thank Council for listening and I just wanted to give you a bit of an update on what we are working on and it will all come forward in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speaker? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes, back to you for closing. I'll call the question. All in favour of Item 2? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Morantz…or Councillor Mayes, pardon me? Councillor Schreyer.

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Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Regarding Item 2 and the Update to the Community-Wide Climate Change Action Plan Development, in terms of stepping this up from achieving a six percent reduction from 1998 levels, I believe instead of doing it from…by 2050, to do it by 2031, to do it in the next 15 years, it states that there's the next steps in the update, three steps, and one is, "the Public Service is proceeding with the development of a Community-wide Climate Change Action Plan to achieve Council's 6% emission reduction… The development of the Action Plan will be supported by a public consultation," I'm just being brief, and "upon approval of the recommendations… the Public Service will collaborate with the Climate Change Working Group on developing recommendations." Actually, Item 2 is…it's substantial, it's impressive, it's good public awareness campaign and "identify and prioritize opportunities for action in Winnipeg." Yes, Madam Speaker, very important context, I just don't want to leave it out. It might be a difficult question to answer at this time, but I really, I'm curious, for what's called the "Next Steps" in this recommendation, what is the timeline for working on these three next steps?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: When I agreed to fund Councillor Gerbasi's airfare to Paris, she agreed to all the work on this file. So I'm paraphrasing slightly. Very much, she's the expert on this file. I mean the Climate Change Committee is, three of my colleagues here is coming forward with a report fairly soon. So in terms of the decisions made other than Council obviously hasn't done any, made any decisions on that but we are, the Mayor's has appointed the committee that Councillor Gerbasi is chairing so I'm somewhat in the same position as you, Councillor Schreyer, I'm just kind of waiting to see what will come forward from that committee and Councillor Gerbasi may have an awkwardly phrased 'are you aware'-type question that might speak to some of what you're.

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

Councillor Schreyer: (Inaudible) Madam Speaker, it may very well be a difficult question to answer at this time, but nonetheless I want to put it on the record. So my understanding, therefore if this could be answered, these next steps and where we go from here, this will be addressed, the timeline for these next steps will be addressed in the report that is imminently forthcoming from the working group?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I'm not certain what specifically will be addressed in that report. The Mayor, to his credit, created this committee some months ago, naming three Councillors. They have taken the lead on this. I have not been burdened with that. They…yeah, I'm not sure when that report is coming forward, but I think fairly soon. Councillor Gerbasi or Gilroy or Allard, may be more familiar with the timelines on that. But you know, despite what happened in the recent U.S. election, I think it's a, I mean it's a global issue and that's why, you know, there were a lot of countries at that conference in Paris, a lot of Canadian reps, including Councillor Gerbasi there on behalf of the municipalities. So it's something that we're going forward, we're taking seriously and you know, the specifics, the composting, the other items that make up

this equation, you know, there's a lot in play here and a lot with some dollar figures attached. But not doing anything would also have a cost. So in terms of the details, I'm…I very much would defer to the members of the committee in terms of the timeline and what they're bringing forward.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: I will just say an 'are you aware' question as a clever way of adding something I forgot to mention. But it is sort of an 'are you aware', but I just wanted to mention that as we're working through this, this report has just been made public, you know, recently and we're working through our final process with our report. But I would like, and I don't know if Councillor Mayes's is aware of this that I would like to take every opportunity to talk with any Councillor who's interested about this as we're ready to, you know, move it forward and we have the recommendations finalized at that point to update you on everything. But I mean, we're still in the middle of getting information and working through it and at the right time, we want to make sure before you're voting on something…

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question.

Councillor Gerbasi: …that you're very clear what it is. So, thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: No, just to say that, I mean the committee is still doing its work, it's going to come forward. We had a somewhat similar report a few months ago on what the City of Winnipeg was doing, and that was kind of an awkward device because it's like if you add one more bus, then your carbon emissions as a city go up, but surely that's beneficial to the overall city's carbon totals. You know, it was this kind of, if you isolate the city, government as one part of the city, then you don't really get an accurate reading. This is bigger, this is broader, this is saying look as a, as a…not just as a corporate entity, but as the entire city, we are making progress. I mean it's a…it's a difficult issue, it's a long-term problem, but we'll see what the committee comes forward with and I'm glad to hear Councillor Gerbasi saying she and the other committee members are willing to talk to any member of Council about it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none, that will…we'll conclude our Question Period. On to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. We have no report today, no motions and no by-laws. We'll now have Question Period for our new Chair, Councillor Gilroy. Any questions for the Chair? Okay we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated November 8th, 2016.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 18.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I want to record my opposition to something, do I do that after the vote or?

Madam Speaker: We should probably pull it, I think.

Councillor Mayes: I will pull…

Madam Speaker: Or you can do it during consent.

Councillor Mayes: I'll pull 4 and 5 then, but…

Madam Speaker: I think 5 has been pulled already. Anything further? Okay, we have pulled 3, 4, 5, 6 and 12. Okay, 6 is there. Yes…

Councillor Orlikow: Can you tell me which ones are?

Madam Speaker: Yes. I will call the question on 1, 2, 6 through 11, 13 through 18. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Just to clarify Councillor Mayes you wanted to be recorded in opposition to item? Okay, it's coming. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Rezoning – Corydon Osborne Planned Development Overlay 1 - DAZ 213/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll introduce the item and I look forward to hearing from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, you have the floor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker and my colleagues for their willingness to listen. I'm not going to take a lot of time but I just think this is one of these things that is quite significant and I don't feel right just not making any comments on it on the floor of Council. This has been something that my neighbourhood has been talking about since before I was councillor when Councillor Murray was there they had an Osborne Corydon Management Plan which was the first precursor of sort of a visionary…vision kind of plan for the area. So here we are in 2016, that was 1996 or 97, with a detailed neighbourhood plan for the Corydon area. And it's been a long process but it's…I think we've landed in this, what's in front of us today. The plan itself was approved by Council already, what this is, is that the detailed development overlay which includes design standards. And this is something I wanted to bring to your attention because I think this is the first neighbourhood plan that has design standards like this, this kind of detail and I think it might be…I think it's going to be really great to see this as it works in our neighbourhood and in other neighbourhoods that are going to want to see this happening with our planning. I mean what it does is it gives the developers who want to make changes in the neighbourhood as well as the residents a clear understanding of what is allowed before anybody puts in their application. The design standards and the designs are worked out before final approval. There are some very unique things. There's also a couple of new...there is a new type of zoning that's in this plan that I don't know if you are all aware, transit oriented zoning is a new category that's been created as a result of this plan for the area around the Osborne Station and it allows high, high density. This takes the area of the plan and as high density, medium and low density areas. One of the…there was some controversy and when you look at the report, you'll see a lot of people listed in opposition in the final public hearing at community committee. But community committee made some amendments that I believe satisfied the people in the room and myself that we are addressing the concerns that were expressed by those people in the audience. They were very pleased with what was decided at the committee, it had to do with preserving the single family, particularly making it sure there was a full rezoning to go from single family in the mid-block areas of the single family areas…of the low density areas. So I think that satisfied people. So even though I just wanted to advise people that you might see a long list of people in opposition but people were really pleased with the changes that our community committee made and that's been supported through the years. So you know, you may have heard of some of the challenges we had when a committee of Council, the property committee of the past stopped our whole planning process, in the middle of it and it was delayed for a long time, there was extra money spent, there was a lot of difficulty. And the residents rallied and wanted their plan completed and we got it completed. It's been quite a journey for the residents and for myself as a councillor to get to this point but I'm really proud of it. Again, like we saw with the St. Boniface issue, this…not everybody's going to be completely happy with everything and there's going to be individuals who think…you know, who aren't going to necessarily trust our processes or trust the City, but I really think this is going to be so great for the Corydon area. I actually personally live right in the middle of this area too so it's my home. And I'm really proud of the type of...we're going to be…we've done our share in my part of the city for increasing density and infill development. Huge in terms of taking...you know, doing our part to make our city more sustainable and this will guide anything further that happens in a way that respects the character of our neighbourhoods as well as allowing density where it makes sense and where it works in a way that respects the existing character. Thanks for indulging me to speak on this for a few minutes, but it's a very significant moment for me and for my residents that I represent and I think for the city. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I just…I want to commend Jenny for her work on this. I am embarking on a review of a secondary plan, PDO, in Old St. Boniface. And having been on Council two years I have been…I've lived through a few pretty tough land development applications and I just want to say that I think this is the type of plan and I'm sure almost everyone would agree that we need to have across the city and give certainty to developers and communities in terms of what type of development they're going to have in their communities. And I…yeah, I mean I saw some of the reports in terms of some of the things that Jenny went through in terms of community meetings, and I've…people ask me, you know, City Council, what's it like being in your job? I think for me, personally, this is one of the toughest parts of our job. Like, it gets...it can get so personal and things can get so visceral during land development applications and I know that personally, having a secondary plan PDO is really a bit of a lifeline for developers, communities and anyone who is involved in making these decisions and I hope that we can develop many, many more plans like this as a council and I

think…I think the city will be better for it because communities will have better understanding in terms of what is going to be going up in their communities. Developers will have a better understanding in terms of where they might want to invest to build more housing and that's, you know, as we build up this city, that's going to be...once we get denser and be more infill, we're going to get best value in terms of our tax dollars will be more efficiently spent because we know that denser cities not only are better for the environment, Jenny, but they...you know, they...it becomes much more easy to service denser neighbourhoods as…with our municipal services. So Kudos, Jenny, I know it wasn't an easy process and I only saw the tail end of it, I think, since my election to Council. But let's…congrats to Jenny and let's get a…crank a whole bunch of...more of these plans out there. And thank you John for managing that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Councillor Schreyer.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't know why I have chosen this time to speak in French. It is likely because I wish to express myself in the spirit of Michel Durand-Wood, one of our citizens from Glenelm – a neighbour of mine – who is working with members of the community, with leaders of the community of Glenelm-Chalmers, to create a planned development overlay (said in English). I'm not sure about the translation for that, but I will look into it. Anyway, I too must congratulate Jenny Gerbasi for all her work on her planned development overlay, which she has told us took almost twenty years to come to this point. But, I must say that before this, she told us that there was a management plan. For us in the community of Glenelm-Chalmers, this was not the case. We had the Henderson Plan, but I don't think that is the same thing. So I must say we have more work to do given that there was no management plan prior to this and I hope that it will not be twenty years before we have our own planned development overlay. But I must also say that it has been interesting for me and my community to note the new terminology involved with this motion, and Ms. Gerbasi mentioned the use of the term transit-oriented zoning. And I know in the development of our motion a few months ago, members of my community who were involved in the structuring of the motion noted this terminology and used it, likely in large part thanks to their consultation with City of Winnipeg administration. I was pleased to see that. And I must say that, as Councillor Gerbasi pointed out, it's not easy to do. It's not easy to create a planned development overlay. As Councillor Allard noted, there will always be disagreements. At this time, in a spirit of unity, we have created our plan as a community with the administration. And at this time, certain circumstances and factors united us as a community in the development of our plan. But I must say that right now, it's the best of times, because from this point on, it will become more difficult. We'll see what happens in one, two, maybe three years. I hope it doesn't take fifteen years! I should be heading up Council by then if it comes to that! I don't think it will happen for a few reasons. But I must say that it is inspiring... I am now inspired as I witness the results. And I think that we are inspired as a community having something like this to see, to consider, and to note, and we will learn from the process and the results of those long years, and I must warn Madam Speaker that in the coming years, with consultation, given the differences of opinion, that there will be some good consultations about this in our community over the next few years. And I must once again congratulate Councillor Gerbasi. We will see what happens in the case of Elmwood-East Kildonan. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers on this item? Okay, seeing none, I will call the question on Item 3. Or we do get closing for the Chair, just a moment. That would be Councillor Orlikow. Do you wish to close?

Councillor Orlikow: I'll just make a few quick comments about this one. Councillor Gerbasi has in her ward, she had the Osborne plan, she has the Corydon plan, and it's kind of been directed, again, if councillors want to put their areas forward but at the end of the day it has to be going through the administration where they see that demand for growth going. We all like to have a secondary plan in every one of our neighbourhoods. We'd all like to have a PDO, corridor study, a transit oriented design study. We do have limited resources as much as we...our team at P & D are doing an incredible job trying to keep up. End of the day, that's why we bring the list out. So, yes, I understand that some councillors strongly believe that they should have their secondary plan or PDO going forward sooner than later and there is a time for that to advocate for that and we do appreciate that but in the end of the day, we have to listen to our administration about where they believe the demand for the secondary plans or PDOs or area plans or TOD plans. Again, I have a whole list of all the different plans that Council may want to look at. So when they are asking for a plan, they actually know what plan they are asking for because there is very different varieties. But let's not get too…some councillors made the comments about, "if I only had this plan, then my world would be happy. We would all be...the community would be happy. We'd be singing songs together. There'd be no one coming here appealing rezonings. We're all happy." Well, I give you a great PDO on Academy Road recently where I had to endure six months of just horror. I never talked to them, no transparency on Academy Road. That was a PDO. We spent three years going through a PDO on that one. We had everybody engaged, thousands of people engaged. But at the end of the day when the hits…you know, the rubber hits the road, it doesn't...there still may be people even though it has a PDO or a secondary plan, they are just not in favour of it. So again, what Councillor Gerbasi did at the end, which I commend her

for, she said, “Okay. I hear you the neighbourhood, you want to have a voice. You want to have…make sure that you have a voice in different facets of this and I recognize that and I support that.” And when that happened, you saw the community go, okay. So we’ve got this kind of idea, great. And we still as a neighbourhood want to have that say. Again, doesn't mean that when something happens they’re going to go, oh great, we have a PDO or we had a secondary plan for the area. So I appreciate that people want to have...every councillor does. I think I have four right now that I wish I could get on the board but the administration is saying no, sorry Councillor Orlikow, it's not an area of demand. We are not seeing that push up that’s happening in, you know, south River Heights and a few other places. Again, I have to respect that. Again, councillors also do have the opportunity, because councillors do have a very good say in what's going on and we hope to have through these pre-applications changes and process I’m working with Councillor Allard on, that we have more of a say at the beginning of the stage before it goes into the public hearing stage, but definitely keep engaging with your neighbourhood. I know Councillor Schreyer is doing that. Keep engaging with your neighbourhood so you understand what their feelings are and what they want and we will continue to try to open up the process on the beginning side, so we can go through these processes and at least, in a manner where the councillors have a little more information before the application goes in, the developer has more information about what challenges they may face going in and the neighbourhood has a better lead time up into it because one of the bigger problems we do know, which again, we’re working on with Councillor Allard and a few other people, is how to notify people sooner. Sometimes they just get notified when the agenda gets out. Now they have, but I’m planning to go to the cabin on the weekend or I have a hockey game with my kids or whatever, but you only have one weekend because the meeting is on Tuesday. And that's pretty difficult for the general public. So, trying to move...so it's not just having a PDO or a secondary plan, there’s a whole bunch of facets that have to come together and I just want to thank all of you who are bringing those ideas forward to how we can improve the process to make it so we don't have these conflicts as much in the end. But I just hope people are listening, that in the end of the day, please don't believe that just because you have a secondary plan or a PDO that this is going to be some type of new era of harmony. Some people, like we talked about this morning with Chief Peguis Trail, they have lived there for 60 years. Maybe they are second generation in that same house. So that's actually what we kind of do want, that sense of ownership of their neighbourhood but sometimes when that ownership changes or the designs change,we also have to respect the fact that the neighbourhood may just not even agree even if you have a PDO in the end. So, again, we’re going to keep trying to get as many PDOs and again, I thank the Mayor for…in his mandate letter, which was quite clear, that he wants to see the older PDOs, I know we have a PDO...I think it's called PDO, yeah, up in Councillor Browaty’s area that I think goes back into 1972 and it’s causing us more problems than good. We have to actually go back and really just restart that one because it’s actually…it doesn’t…it's not relevant today. Because these plans are relevant today but as the city grows and we reach a million people, those plans are going to have to be changed as we go forward. And Councillor Browaty’s one is a great example of north Henderson is growing in different ways now than we ever envisioned. So, another one that we have to revisit the older ones, we have to maintain the ones we have now and then we also have to do new ones. So please just respect the fact that the administration will do their best. Advocate as much as you want, I appreciate that. And also realize that at the end of the day the best thing you can do is stay engaged with your neighbourhood, know what they want, make sure they realize just because you want, it doesn't mean you’re going to get it. But again, you’ll be able to deal with some of those issues going forward. So, thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. I will call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 4, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Closing – Public Lane South of Rue Hébert, East of Avenue Taché for Incorporation into DASZ 26/2016 – DAC 9/2016

Councillor Allard: I want to be recorded in opposition. I don’t need to speak to it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce the item? I don't know if there’s any other speakers.

Councillor Orlikow: Are we doing 4 and 5? Sorry I was…

Madam Speaker: 4.

Councillor Orlikow: Just 4 by itself?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Orlikow: I’ll just listen to my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, do you wish to speak?

Councillor Mayes: I just want to say, like Councillor Allard…this one's in Councillor Allard's ward. We both voted no and it was at community committee that then got overturned at the next level up then it came to EPC where I voted no again. So to stay consistent, I'm going to vote no. This…4 and 5 are to be distinguished. It is confusing from 6 and 7 which are…it's all 2 different developments in and around Taché and the person who appeared this morning in delegation was actually speaking to 6 and 7 which we passed already, we haven't pulled. And I have to say, Councillor Allard took us through two separate very long public hearings each taking two days on these so if anyone says he didn't hear the community, I mean, he certainly put in the hours as I did with him to hear these ones and he, I think, showed some...it was a difficult decision I know for him on 6 and 7. But on 4 and 5, he and I voted no at the original level and with that, I just wanted to be recorded in opposition again to stay consistent.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Okay, seeing none. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close?

Councillor Orlikow: I just wanted to close and thank both Councillor Allard and Councillor Mayes. It's very difficult when you are at the standing committee level and I think we've all had those opportunities especially on the P and D side when you overturn a community committee. It is something that is done…not done very lightly because again they know their neighbourhood. In this case we did look at...this is just 4. We did review it but the committee in the end unanimously approved it.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, you will note Councillor Mayes and Councillor Allard, record them in opposition, please. Thank you. Madam Clerk onto Item 5.

Item 5 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 836-842 Taché Avenue – DASZ 26/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

(Inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Allard: (Inaudible) It's related to sort of the similar dynamics. We voted no at community committee so I would like to vote again at this time, no.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close? Just we have a hand up.

Councillor Orlikow: Sorry, go ahead.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie. Councillor Eadie, do you wish to address Item 5?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to note, Madam Speaker, I've been the…I call it in the past the victim of turning over a decision at community committee and I have to say I am going to be voting along with Councillors Allard and Mayes.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Orlikow to close on the item.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. Again, I just want to stress to councillors, when you're putting your reasons why the community committee you don't approve…you are not approving, it's very important to be very clear of why. This property is going from a R1 to a R2 zoning. So that's really what we are looking at the land use is the R1 to R2. I don't believe on my own personal opinion was on a street like Taché, R2 zoning is an appropriate zoning. If it was maybe a jump up to an RMF-M or something, it would be a little concerning. But the report that we got from the community committee stressed the fact that the developer wasn't able to provide the plans or what it would look like. And this is, again, something that Councillor Allard and I have talked about in the past. It's actually not required for a developer to put in full renderings. That's something that's taken over at Council the last couple of years, now we have videos going on, again, but it's actually not something that's required. But what we do do and what was done in this case was that we did ensure and it was ensured by the community committee that any...whatever is designed or proposed for the site has to go back to the community committee for approval. So the fact that the plan wasn't there we understood that's a concern but we are really looking at the zoning. And the R2 zoning is appropriate in my opinion and secondly, the fact of the matter is the plan will go back to the community committee for approval. So if they don't like the plan there, they can say "no thank you." So again, we felt that those two…the zoning was appropriate and the protection under the 2a I believe it was, that it had to go back for approval at community committee, address the committee's

concerns. Again, so it's with a little bit of a heavy heart we, again, the committee unanimously overturned the community committee and put this one forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. I'll call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Two councillors will be recorded in opposition. Thank you. Three? Councillor Eadie, do you wish to be recorded? Okay. Thank you. Item No.12, Madam Clerk. Madam Clerk.

Item 12 – Plan for Red River Exhibition Lands – SP 1/2016

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

Councillor Orlikow: No, I will be more than happy to listen to my colleagues. It's an exciting proposal.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Yes, as Councillor Orlikow just said it is an exciting proposal. I just…I rise to support it. But I just wanted to highlight that this development of the Red River Ex lands really represents a great economic development potential at the west gate really of our city. The lands are located just west of the Perimeter Highway right at Portage Avenue and they are adjacent to West Port Festival Lands, the Jockey Club and Peguis First Nation Lands as well. And when we think of the Red River Exhibition, most of us probably, our mind immediately goes to, you know, heading out to those...that property sometime in June every year to, you know, to head out to the Red River Ex and for a lot of us to watch some 80s band that is 30 years past their prime but while the kids go on the rides. But the lands are so much more than that and they represent so much more than that. I just want to highlight a couple of things out of the report so we really understand again what this potentially could be. The Red River Exhibition Association is a non-profit community organization. It promotes…it operates year-round and the major objective of the association is to promote and hold fares, exhibitions, competitions and games involving horses, cattle, agriculture, horticulture, creative arts, athletic sport and recreation. And this park when fully developed will host fairs, exhibitions and events sponsored by the association. The area provides ample space for the exhibition park to expand and to accommodate large scale festivals and event type uses. One of the...I know one of the goals of this group is to really begin to attract once again, large agricultural exhibitions which right now, with the City of Winnipeg where it used to be, you know, kind of the centre in western Canada for agricultural fares and trade shows, we watch right now those trade shows and fares go off to other municipalities and other cities and so this will allow us to compete once again which I know to our Ag Rep, Councillor Mayes, is an important component of what the City of Winnipeg can once again become on the agricultural map through the development of these lands. But, in partnership with that the development also proposes to attract agricultural related businesses and institutions within the planning area. So if you take a look at the map within the report, there is various components that will attract various economic development from agriculture to business to industrial business in the area that is related to agriculture. So it's a great opportunity that we have before us. It's a good report. I know it represents a lot of years of work and I do know that Mr. Garth Rogerson from the Red River Exhibition Association and his team have worked really hand in glove with our departments as well, including certainly our Planning Department, Public Works Department, Water and Waste Department, Transit Department, Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Department, Legal Department, and the other departments as well. So there has been a lot of effort put into this and really I am certainly really glad to support this project and I trust that my colleagues will support this report that's before us as well.

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

Councillor Mayes: Yes, some very good work done on this file by Councillor Gillingham as the self-appointed Chair of the entirely unofficial Ag caucus, I want to thank Councillor Lukes for joining in on the unofficial Ag caucus. It is important. Agri-business remains important in the City of Winnipeg. I'm meeting with the Ag Minister Eichler tomorrow morning as a matter of fact to talk about Ag business, there's a thing called the Grain Innovation Hub. We talk about a lot about innovation here, the grain innovation hub is not a brooks and mortar thing but it is centred in Winnipeg. Tons of Federal money, tons of private money, tons of Provincial money, we've got it so we need to defend that from raiding by the Government of Saskatchewan. I think we need to I think pay attention to our Agri-business interests here. And you know, it's…we are expecting the...we have a report coming on Food Policy Council that has been in the works, staff have been working very hard on that, I think that's coming forward hopefully for the next Environment Committee meeting. You know, it…some people think of it as part of our past, but it's very much part of our present and it's part of our future. There is a company called Farmer's Edge out there and I recently heard a speech by one of the officials with Farmer's Edge, I mean, it's precision agriculture. It's very high-tech stuff. It's very targeted. It's, you know, people in Silicon Valley in California wanted them to move down there and they are staying in Winnipeg to their credit. It's...you

know, this is not buggy whip making as I've said in the past. This isn't barrel making. This isn't part of the past, the Ag community's a big part of our present and a big part of our future. So thanks to Councillor Gillingham for his work on this.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the extent that this is relevant in this conversation, this circle right now in terms of agricultural aspects of this motion, I do want to state for the record, having been a federal rural candidate, having lived in various places rurally and agricultural areas across western Canada, and being an interest of mine I do as well consider myself part of the unofficial agricultural caucus of this council and I appreciate Councillor Mayes' involvement and I do intend to apprise myself more fully of this grand caucus in the preceding year. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close? I can call the question on Item 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move on to by-laws for a second and third reading, Councillor Orlikow.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

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

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 55/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the third reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that By-law No. 55/2016 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow, on all three readings.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time, By-laws No. 128, 129, 130 and 131/2016.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 128/2016, By-law No. 129/2016, By-law No. 130/2016 and By-law No. 131/2016.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that By-laws No. 128/2016 to 131/2016 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 128/2016 to 131/2016 both inclusive.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the rules be suspend and By-laws No. 128/2016 to 131/2016 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. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none, we will move on. Before we close off our meeting, just on behalf of Council and the members of the administration that are here, Councillor Lukes, I'd like to wish you a very happy birthday. Hope you enjoyed it. The Mayor had already said that at the opening of the meeting but again, thank you for spending the day with us. Councillor Browaty, will you move adjournment, please? Okay, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 2:55 p.m.