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MADAM SPEAKER: MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

CLERK: YES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE QUORUM

MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 13, 2016, TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ON TREATY ONE LAND, THE TRADITIONAL HOME LAND OF THE MITIS NATION. WE WILL NOW HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER BY COUNCILLOR WYATT. WILL ALL THOSE ON THE FLOOR AND IN THE GALLERY PLEASE RISE

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR AND WE REFLECT OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF MONTHS, 12 MONTHS OF THE YEAR, AND WE KNOW WE STILL HAVE CHALLENGES OF STILL PEACE IN OUR WORLD AND PEACE HERE AT HOME, SO THIS IS DEDICATED TO THAT AND SOMEWHAT INSPIRED BY MY COLLEAGUE TO MY IMMEDIATE LEFT, AND A FATHER EQUALS MOTHER, BROTHER EQUALS SISTER. LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME. LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, A PEACE THAT WAS MEANT TO BE WITH GOD AS OUR FATHER BROTHERS ALL ARE WE LET ME WALK WITH MY BROTHER IN PERFECT HARMONY LET PEACE BEGIN BE ME LET THIS BE THE MOMENT NOW WITH EVERY STEP I TAKE LET THIS BE MY SOLEMN VOW TO TAKE EACH MOMENT AND LIVE EACH MOMENT IN PEACE ETERNALLY LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME AMEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT. MR. CLERK, THE ROLL CALL

CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA. HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS ALLARD, BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN, SCHREYER AND WYATT

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. CLERK, COULD YOU PLEASE READ THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE INTO THE RECORD

CLERK: PURSUANT TO SECTION 79, ONE OF THE CHARTER I AM DIRECTED BY HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN TO ARRANGE A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016 AT 9:30 a.m. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: ITEM ONE, REPORT OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD AND ITEM ONE OF THE REPORT OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 9, 2016, REGARDING 2017 OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2018 AND 2019 AND 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2018-20225 YEAR FORECAST

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL MOVE ON TO DELEGATIONS. DELEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ITEM ONE OF THE REPORT OF EPC DATED DECEMBER 9, 2016, REGARDING THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGETS. FIRST UP IS MR. LORNE REMILLARD. ARE YOU HERE?
YES, WELCOME. MR. REMILLARD IS THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES TO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY

LORNE REMILLARD: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, MAYOR BOWMAN AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY AND CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILLOR WYATT. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL VOICE. ON BEHALF OF THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND GREATER THAN 2,000 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, I AM PLEASED TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT FOR THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE CHAMBER HAS APPEARED BEFORE COUNCIL REGARDING SUCCESS OF BUDGETS IN WHICH WE STRESS THE NEED FOR VISION AND A LONG TERM PLAN THAT ENHANCES WINNIPEG EGGS ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS, IN PARTICULAR FOR SMALL BUSINESS WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 50 PERCENT OF OUR COUNTRY'S GDP AND 78 PERCENT OF ALL NEW JOBS CREATED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SECONDLY, TRANSFORMS WINNIPEG INTO CANADA'S LEADER IN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE CIVIC SERVICES AND 3RD, ESTABLISHES A NEW SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL, FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK. BUDGET 2017 LIKE THOSE BEFORE IS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE MAYOR FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THIS ENDEAVOUR AND COUNCILLORS GILLINGHAM AND MORANTZ FOR THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THIS AND PREVIOUS

BUDGETS. AND WHILE THERE IS MORE TO LIKE IN THE 2017 BUDGET THERE ARE ALSO A FEW QUESTIONS THAT WE WILL BE POSING. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, THE BUDGET REPRESENTS STRONG, TANGIBLE PROGRESS ON EXPENDITURE CONTROL. AND TO US THAT IS REALLY THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS BUDGET AND SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE LAUDED. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A DECADE, OVERALL SPENDING ROSE BY A MODEST 2.3 PERCENT, IN LINE WITH INFLATION AND POPULATION GROWTH. IN PARTICULAR, IT BEARS NOTE THAT SPENDING IN EMERGENCY SERVICES, WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY OVER THE PARTS OF A DECADE, HAVE RANGED IN THE FIVE TO 10 PERCENT RANGE, IS NOW MORE APPROPRIATELY ALIGNED WITH WINNIPEGERS' ABILITY TO PAY. WE KNOW THE COST PRESSURES FACING THE CITY YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT, MAKING THIS YEAR'S 2.3 PERCENT ACHIEVEMENT THAT MUCH MORE REMARKABLE AND HISTORIC. GOING FORWARD, COUNCIL'S CHALLENGE, HOWEVER, IS TO ENSURE THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT ISN'T A ONE YEAR PHENOMENON BUT YEAR ONE IN AN ANNUAL ALIGNMENT OF SPENDING INCREASES TO POPULATION AND INFLATION GROWTH. FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW WE SEE DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON THE BUSINESS TAX AND OF COURSE THE CHAMBER'S LONG STANDING POSITION IS TO -- GIVEN THE IMPACT FOR REVENUE DERIVED AND VALUE RECEIVED. I INVITE ALL COUNCILLORS TO COME DOWN TO THE CHAMBER IN THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT TO REALLY MEET WITH AND TALK TO THE VERY PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUSINESS TAX TO HEAR FIRST HAND FROM THEM HOW IT IMPACTS THEM AND WHY IT IS AN IMPEDIMENT TO GROWTH IN THIS CITY. MAKE NO MISTAKE, THE REDUCTION THIS YEAR A NOMINAL .05 PERCENT RATE REDUCTION IS NOT AS SOME OPPONENTS HISTORICALLY HAVE CONTENDED, A WIND FALL FOR THE CORPORATE COMMUNITY. SIMPLY PUT, IT IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE SMALL AND MID-SIZED BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND AN INVESTMENT TO ENABLE THEM TO GROW, OPERATE AND ADD JOBS. ACTUALLY, IT'S AN INVESTMENT THAT DOESN'T REAL LAY AFFECT YOUR BOTTOM LINE AS YOUR OWN BUDGET PROJECTS AN INCREASE OF 200,000 IN TERMS OF REVENUE FROM THE BUSINESS TAX THIS YEAR. I'M GOING TO HAZARD A GUESS THAT PERHAPS THAT'S THE RESULT OF MORE BUSINESSES OPENING AND THRIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY, SOMETHING THAT THE MAYOR AND MANY OF YOU CAMPAIGNED ON AS SOMETHING THAT OUR CITY NEEDS TO DO A BETTER JOB OF. IF SO, THAT SUGGESTS SOMETHING THAT THE CHAMBER HAS LONG ARGUED, INCREASED REVENUE NOT THROUGH TAX INCREASES BUT THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE ECONOMIC PIE IN WHICH YOU ARE

TAXING. WELL, 2017 MAY NOT BE AN ASSESSMENT YEAR BUT THE CHAMBER URGES COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AN ANNUAL POLICY OF ANNUAL INCREASES TO THE TAX THRESHOLD REMAIN AT $32,222 IN THE ARV. BUSINESS OPERATES BEST IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF CERTAINTY. IF THIS THRESHOLD REMAINS UNTOUCHED, WE COULD SEE SOME BUSINESSES NOT PAYING THE TAX ONE YEAR ONLY TO THEN PAY IT THE FOLLOWING YEAR AND THAT UNCERTAINTY MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR BUSINESSES TO PLAN AND OPERATE EFFICIENTLY. OTHER POSITIVE MEASURES IN BUDGET 2017 INCLUDE FEES, LEVIES AND OTHER CHARGES, IN GENERAL, REMAIN STEADY, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATIONARY PURPOSES. AND SO WE APPLAUD THE AUTHORS OF THE BUDGET FOR RESISTING THE TEMPTATION TO SQUEEZE MORE REVENUE OUT OF FEES, LEVIES AND CHARGES BEYOND WHAT IS REASONABLE AND REASONABLE BEING INFLATION. EFFICIENCY GAINS OF $11 MILLION FROM CITY OPERATIONS WERE ONCE AGAIN REALIZED. AT THE CHAMBER AND WITHIN OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS WE KNOW EFFICIENCY IS A STOP START PROCESS AND A STATE OF MIND AND A CONSTANT, CONSTANT EXERCISE. AND THUS WE ARE EXTREMELY EDGE COURAGED THE CITY CONTINUES TOMORROW BARK DOWN THIS PATH. ONE CONCERN WITHIN THE BUDGET IS THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL STREET INVESTMENTS PROGRAM. A LOT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT WHETHER BUDGET 2017 CONSTITUTES AN INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE CITY'S ROAD FUNDING AND WHETHER THE 2 PERCENT IS GOING TO THE ROADS OR NOT. HOWEVER, ONCE YOU CUT THROUGH THE NOISE, ONE CONCLUSION REMAINS, IN 2017, WINNIPEGERS ARE PAYING MORE FOR THE SAME THAN WAS RECEIVED IN 2016. LET ME BE VERY CLEAR. THE CHAMBER AGREES THAT THE $10 MILLION DERIVED FROM THIS YEAR'S 2 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, IS IN FACT, GOING TO THE ROAD PROGRAM. THAT IS NOT IN QUESTION. SO WE COMMEND THE CITY FOR CONTINUING TO HONOUR THAT. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE CITY'S SPENDING ON ROADS CONTAINS DISCRETIONARY SPENDING WHICH IN 2017 IS AS FOLLOWS: CASH TO CAPITAL WHICH IS DOWN $6 MILLION FROM 2016. EXTERNAL DEBT FINANCING WHICH IS DOWN $2.7 MILLION FROM 2016. AND A TRANSFER FROM CORPORATE NON-SPECIFIED CAPITAL ACCOUNT DOWN 1.9 MILLION FROM PREVIOUS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND WE RESPECT THE RIGHT OF COUNCIL THAT IT IS DISCRETIONARY SPENDING AND IT IS SUBJECT TO THE WILL OF COUNCIL EVERY YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT, TAKEN TOGETHER, THE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING DECREASES ARE EQUAL TO THE $10 MILLION GENERATED FROM THE 2 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. KIND OF BEST WAY IT LOOK AT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IF THE ROAD

PROGRAM WAS A BUCKET AND THAT BUCKET CONTAINED BOTH ROCKS, SAND AND WATER. AND THE DISCRETIONARY IS THE WATER. THIS YEAR -- LAST YEAR YOU SPENT $105.2 MILLION ON THAT BUCKET AND THAT'S WHAT WINNIPEGERS GOT THIS YEAR THE BUCKET SIZE HASN'T CHANGED. IT'S STILL 105.2 MILLION BUT YOU ADDED ROCKS AND SAND WHICH HAS DISPLACED SOME OF THAT WATER. SO THE QUESTION BECOMES, WHERE HAS THAT DISPLACED WATER GONE, THAT $10 MILLION? IN EFFECT, THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, WHILE INDEED GOING AS INTENDED TO THE ROAD PROGRAM, RECOGNIZING THE CORE OF THAT PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW, THAT IS NOT IN QUESTION. BUT, THIS HAS ALLOWED THE CITY TO CAPTURE AND DISPLACE THOSE FUNDS THAT DIS-- DISPLACED FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL. AGAIN, THAT IS THE WILL OF COUNCIL. THAT IS YOUR RIGHT TO DO SO, BUT, WE ARE JUST -- THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS AROUND THAT ESPECIALLY AS WE LOOK AHEAD, THIS DISPLACEMENT METHOD CONTINUES FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS AND ACCORDING TO THE 2017 BUDGET THE TOTAL ROAD INVESTMENT WHICH IS DEDICATED AND DISCRETIONARY, YEAR OVER YEAR INCREASES ARE AS FOLLOWSLES. ZERO THIS YEAR, 1.1 MILLION IN 2018, 1.1 MILLION IN 2019, 1 MILLION IN 2020, 19 MILLION IN 2021 AND 2.7 MILLION IN 2022. THIS REPRESENTS AN AGGREGATE OF 24.9 MILLION IN YEARLY INCREASES OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS AND YET, OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, THE 2 PERCENT ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASES WILL GENERATE APPROXIMATELY $60 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE DEDICATED FOR ROADS. SO, THE QUESTION REALLY IS, OF THIS $35 MILLION DISCREPANCY, THE CHAMBER WOULD WELCOME AN EXPLANATION IF IT'S NOT DISPLACEMENT, THEN WHAT IS IT AND WHERE ARE THE FUNDS GOING? OUR CONCERNS FOR THIS EXTEND BEYOND JUST THE USAGE OF THE DISPLACEMENT METHOD IF THAT'S THE CASE, AS TO RELATES TO THE ROAD PROGRAM. THESE CONCERNS EXTEND TO THE RECENTLY APPROVED IMPACT FEES, WHICH LIKE THE 2 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASES FOR ROADS, ARE TO GENERATE DEDICATED REVENUES IN A SEPARATE FUND. DISPLACEMENT IS IN AND OF ITSELF NOT A BAD THING IF TO LEADS TO LESS DEBT BEING TAKEN ON, THERE IS A BENEFIT, A TANGIBLE BENEFIT TO WINNIPEGERS THAN IS NOT IN QUESTION. FOR BUSINESSES, THE KEY IS ONE OF FULL DISCLOSURE OF ITS USAGE. OTHERWISE, IT MAY CREEP INTO OTHER FACETS OF THE CITY OPERATION WHICH ULTIMATELY MUDDIES THE WATER, IF I MAY USE THE WATER AGAIN AND THAT CREATES UNCERTAINTY. AND AS I SAID, BUSINESS OPERATES BEST IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL CERTAINTY. AND A FINAL NOTE ON IMPACT FEES WE URGE COUNCIL MOVE FORWARD WITH A

COMPREHENSIVE, DEPOLITICIZED INFILL POLICY THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE IMPACT FEES, PLANNING GOALS IN OUR WINNIPEG. I KNOW THE MAYOR AND OTHERS HAVE PUSHED FOR THIS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND TO ARGUE FOR THIS COMPREHENSIVE POLICY. IF URBAN DENSITY AND INFILL OPPORTUNITIES RECOMMENDED BY URBAN PLANNING PROFESSIONALS WITHIN YOUR CIVIC ADMINISTRATION ARE SUBJECT TO SUBJECTIVE INTERPRETATIONS, THE POINT OF IMPACT FEES IS POINTLESS. AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND I BID YOU WONDERFUL HOLIDAYS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. REMILLARD. WE WILL HEAR FROM THE NEXT DELEGATION AND THEN I WILL CALL YOU BACK FOR QUESTIONS. NEXT UP ON THE BUDGET ALSO IN SUPPORT IS MR. CHRIS LORENC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MANITOBA HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION AND YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES.

CHRIS LORENC: GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER, MR. MAYOR, COUNCILLORS. I AM CHRIS LORENC. I WOULD LIKE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET RESULTING CONCLUSIONS AND ALL MESSAGES WERE DEVELOPED IN-HOUSE AND BASED UPON PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED COUNCIL BUDGET DOCUMENTS ACCESSIBLE ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE. I PARTNERED WITH NO ONE ON COUNCIL OR ANY WHERE WITH ANY INTENT TO MISLEAD AND ANY STATEMENTS SUGGESTING THE CONTRARY SHOULD BE UNCONDITIONALLY RETRACTED BY ITS MAKERS. I HAVE ALSO BEEN REFERRED TO AS A LOBBYIST. A TERM I AM NOT OFFENDED BY ANY MORE SO THAN ANYONE SHOULD BE OFFENDED BY BEING REFERRED TO AS A LAWYER OR POLITICIAN. LOBBYING, HOWEVER, SAY FRACTION OF WHAT I DO IN MY DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES. HAVING SAID THAT, HOWEVER, YOU, ME, EVERYONE IN THIS CHAMBER, LOBBY. YOU LOBBY THE PUBLIC WITH YOUR PLATFORMS, THE COUNCIL, COLLEAGUES, TO ADVANCE INTERESTS, CONSTITUENCY BASED OR OTHERWISE. YOU LOBBY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR A FAIR SHARE AND FAIR SAY. YOU LOBBY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MONEY TO ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES INCLUDING STREETS. SO, WE ARE ALL IN THIS CHAMBER, EVERY ONE OF US, WHETHER MY OR ANY OTHER DELEGATION BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY, OR BEFORE STANDING COMMITEES OR IN A MEETING, ENGAGED IN LOBBY ACTIVITY. LOBBYING PERFORMS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE. BE PROUD OF IT, I CERTAINLY AM. THE POINT OF THE STREETS RENEWAL POLICY WAS TO PRESENT THE PLAN IN

HERE IS DISCIPLINE, DEMONSTRATE IMPROVEMENT AND RESPONDS TO A PRIORITY THE PUBLIC HAS CONSISTENTLY IDENTIFIED AS AN IMPORTANT ONE, FIXING STREETS. THE POINT OF THE POLICY AND ITS ASSOCIATED REVENUE STREAMS WAS CERTAINLY NOT TO DIVERT FUNDS AWAY FROM DESIGNATED PURPOSES AND APPLY THEM ELSEWHERE SUCH AS FUNDING CORE SERVICES OR OFFSETTING INCREASES TO FEES WITHOUT FIRST LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW. DOING THAT SUGGESTS TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE POLICY EXISTS WHEN IN FACT IT DOES NOT, OTHER THAN IN ITS BREACH. NOW, NOTHING IS CARVED IN STONE. IF CIRCUMSTANCES OR PRIORITIES CHANGE AND THE LEVELS OF INVESTMENT REQUIRED TO ADDRESS A PROBLEM CHANGE, THEN YOU CHANGE THE POLICY. HENCE, ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGETS TO REVIEW PRIORITIES, CIRCUMSTANCES PROJECT FORWARD AND MAKE DECISIONS. IN THE CASE OF THE STREETS RENEWAL POLICY, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCE, THE RIGHT THING TO HAVE SAID, HEADING INTO THE 2017-22 CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY FORECAST WAS EITHER WE EXCEEDED REVENUE TARGETS AND CAN SHORTEN THE NEED FOR THE 2 PERCENT SUR TAX OR WE ARE ON TRACK AS PLANNED AND WILL STAY THE COURSE OR, WE CAN AFFORD -- WE CANNOT AFFORD WHAT WAS PLANNED AND SO HERE ARE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS OR ADJUSTMENTS, ALONG WITH THE RISING CONSEQUENCES OR, WE NEED MORE MONEY AND HERE IS THE IMPACT OF WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO DO AND WHY. AND THAT HAS BEEN OUR POSITION ALL ALONG, TRANSPARENCY. THE MHCA CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL STREETS RENEWAL POLICY AS ADOPTED WAS A GOOD ONE. IT WAS WORKING. THE FORECAST AND THE REVENUE FLOWS FROM THE 2 PERCENT TAX ON THE PROPERTY SHOW THIS. BUT, IF THE ADOPTED POLICY REQUIRES CHANGE BECAUSE OF EVOLVING CIRCUMSTANCES, CHANGE IT. BUT DO SO TRANPARENTLY. SO WE OFFER A SOLUTION FOR YOU TO CONSIDER. IF THERE IS NO ABILITY WITHIN THIS BUDGET CYCLE TO RESTORE OR FURTHER ADJUST A MULTIYEAR FUNDING PLAN, THEN ADOPT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND I WOULD, FOR MANY OF THE REASONS GIVEN BY MR. REMILLARD BEFORE ME, RESPECT THAT AND SUPPORT THAT. BUT, CONCURRENTLY, SUPPORT A RESOLUTION OF THIS COUNCIL ASKING THE IRPW WITHIN 120 DAYS TO PRESENT AN UPDATED LOCAL AND REGIONAL STREETS RENEWAL POLICY COMPLETE WITH CLEAR, TRANSPARENT AND DEDICATED FUNDING REVENUE SOURCES, SUSTAINABLE FUNDING LEVEL OBJECTIVES, ACCOMPANYING MULTIYEAR FORECAST PROJECTIONS AND MEASURABLE PAVEMENT CONDITION IMPROVEMENT TARGETS FOR WINNIPEG'S STREETS, RESOLVE FURTHER TO ENSURE THAT THE

UPDATED POLICY IS IN PLACE WELL AHEAD OF AND INCORPORATED INTO THE 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET. THAT SAT MINIMUM WHAT I SUBMIT THE PUBLIC EXPECTS. I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. LORENC. MR. REMILLARD IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATIONS HERE TODAY? COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WANT TO THANK MR. REMILLARD, FIRST, FOR CLARIFYING THAT AS HE SAID, UNQUESTIONABLY THE 2 PERCENT IS GOING INTO THE ROADS, YOU'RE RIGHT, AND THE NUMBERS DO SHOW THAT, SOME OF THE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS ARE BEING REDUCED. WE AGREE ON THE PHRASING. I GUESS MY FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE IF YOU ARE SAYING WE SHOULD INCREASE IT BY ANOTHER10 MILLION AND I AM NOT SURE YOU ARE, CERTAIN -- IF YOU ARE SAYING WE SHOULD INCREASE BY ANOTHER 10 MILLION ON THE ROADS, WHERE WOULD YOU FIND THAT? THAT PEOPLE SAY -- SOME PEOPLE SAY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, OTHERS SAY OTHER SOURCES, I AM NOT ACCUSING YOU OF PICKING.... NOT SAYING YOU SAY TAKE IT FROM AMBULANCE BUT, DO YOU HAVE SOME OTHER PLACE WHERE YOU SAY THE 10 MILLION SHOULD COME FROM? BECAUSE I DO APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THE 2 PERCENT IS THERE, IT'S THE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING WE WEREN'T ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH AT THE SAME RATE THIS YEAR.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. REMILLARD.

LORNE REMILLARD: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT YOU NEED TO THEN INCREASE IT BY $10 MILLION AND NEED TO FIND THE FUNDS. IT'S A QUESTION OF WHEN WINNIPEGERS ARE PRESENTED WITH A SIX YEAR ROLLING PLAN AND THEY SEE THAT THERE IS 105 MILLION -- 105.2 MILLION AND IT'S THE SAME THIS YEAR BUT THEY ARE PAYING MORE FOR IT, IT'S A QUESTION OF, IF THE DECISION WAS MADE TO REDUCE CASH TO CAPITAL, DEBT FINANCING, BE VERY CLEAR WITH THAT, ARTICULATE THE BENEFITS OF THAT DECISION BUT REALLY BRING CLARITY TO IT, THE CASH TO CAPITAL IS ALWAYS ONE OF THOSE PROGRAMS THAT AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT FOLLOWS CITY HALL AND I THINK OTHER CITIZENS THAT DO, IS THAT ONE AREA WHERE YOU CAN GET PLAY BETWEEN THE TWO BUDGETS. SO AGAIN, IT COMES DOWN TO JUST SAYING OUR CORE OF OUR ROAD PROGRAM IS

INCREASING. THE ONE THAT IS DEDICATED AND IS BEYOND QUESTION THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DISCRETIONARY AROUND THAT, BUT THEN ARTICULATE THAT. MAYBE THAT'S THE SIX YEAR PLAN. MAYBE THE SIX YEAR PLAN IS NOT 105 MILLION AND SO FORTH, IT SHOULD BE OUR SIX YEAR PLAN THAT WE COMMIT TO IS IF IT'S 50 MILLION FROM THE ROAD RESERVE FUNDS, NEXT YEAR IT WILL BE 60 AND AFTER THAT 70. EVERYTHING ELSE SHOULD NOT BE PRESENTED IF IT'S TRULY DISCRETIONARY BECAUSE THEN IT CREATES EXPECTATIONS. AND THAT IS, I BELIEVE, AT THE CORE OF THIS ISSUE. THERE IS EXPECTATIONS CREATED AND AS A RESULT, CITIZENS ARE SAYING MY EXPECTATION WAS THIS LEVEL AND NOW THERE IS 10 MILLION MORE. WHERE DID THE REMAINING 10 MILLION GO?

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MAYES ANYTHING FURTHER? SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THE FORM LETTER THAT MANY OF US GOT FROM MANY CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATIONS TALKED ABOUT -- IT WAS CRITICAL ABOUT THE USE OF DEBT AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR, AND I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT WHEN THIS PROGRAM WAS FIRST INTRODUCED BACK IN THE 13 BUDGET OF 1 PERCENT AND WENT TO 2 PERCENT IN 14. IN THOSE WE WENT FROM 30 MILLION TO 80 MILLION UNDER COUNCILLOR WYATT'S LEADERSHIP. OBVIOUSLY THAT WASN'T JUST APPLYING 5 MILLION AND THEN 15 MILLION. THE ONE AND THE 2 PERCENT. SIMPLE MATH YOU GO FROM 30 DAYS AND SOMETHING ELSE IS GOING ON THERE SO THE ANSWER IS THE USE OF DEBT. DOES THE CHAMBER TAKE THIS POSITION AS WELL? FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE WERE ABLE TO USE DEBT TO GET FROM 30 TO 80 AND WE ARE NOW -- THE PLAN WAS ALWAYS TO START SHAVING DOWN THE AMOUNT OF DEBT AND FUND IT OUT OF THE RESERVE. ANY COMMENTS ON THAT? THAT'S NOT A POSITION YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING BUT SOME -- FOR EXAMPLE I HAVEN'T FOLLOWED THE CRITICISM WE HAVE BEEN UNDER FOR THE USE OF DEBT WHEN THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO THIS LEVEL IN THE FIRST PLACE.

CHRIS LORENC OR LORNE REMILLARD: I THINK IT APPLIES TO OUR PERSONAL LIVES, OUR BUSINESS LIVES. IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO WRITE A CHEQUE AS OPPOSED TO TAKE OUT A CREDIT CARD FOR ANYTHING. AS A CITY, WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEEK WAYS TO NOT DEBT FINANCE BECAUSE THAT DOES TIE THE HANDS OF SUCCESSIVE COUNCILS BUT AT THE

SAME TIME, I WON'T SIT THERE AND SAY WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DEBT BECAUSE THERE IS GOOD DEBT AND BAD DEBT AND SOME PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT IS WELL ARTICULATED, AND THE DEBT IS WELL MANAGED, THEN PURSUE THAT DEBT. BUT, DEBT UNTO ITSELF IS NOT -- IT'S JUST NOT A CARTE BLANCHE RESPONSE. THERE IS GOOD DEBT, BAD DEBT AND I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO TELL COUNCIL AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN SAY YES THERE, NO THERE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO ASK, SO REGIONAL ROADS ARE ABOUT COMMERCE. REGIONAL ROADS ARE IN BAD SHAPE, WE ALL KNOW THAT. THERE WAS TALK THAT -- WELL, THERE IS SOME POLITICAL HYPE IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT SAYS THAT SOMEHOW WE FOUND $11 MILLION WORTH OF SAVINGS AND WE ARE PUTTING IT INTO THE REGIONAL ROAD PROGRAM WHICH INCIDENTALLY IS THE PROGRAM GOING DOWN BY $6 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE OLD POLICY. SO MY QUESTION IS, ARE YOU OKAY WITH USING 6 MILLION OF THIS 11 MILLION SAVINGS TO REDUCE CASH TO CAPITAL?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. REMILLARD.

LORNE REMILLARD: YOU KNOW, THE CASH TO CAPITAL USAGE IS -- AS A -- ASIDE FROM THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE IS ALWAYS ONE AREA WE HAVE SOME CONCERN WITH BECAUSE OF THE PLAY, BECAUSE OF EFFECTIVELY, IT'S STILL THE SAME PAIR OF PANTS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT LEFT POCKET, RIGHT POCKET. WE TRY TO LOOK AT THE AGGREGATE IMPACTS OF THESE THINGS. THAT IS THE WILL OF COUNCIL. YOU WILL DEBATE -- YOU WILL DELIBERATE OVER THAT. IS THAT APPROPRIATE OR NOT? FOR US, IT'S A QUESTION OF IF THE 2 PERCENT -- OR THE EFFICIENCIES,. IF THE EFFICIENCIES ARE GAINED THAT'S FANTASTIC. THAT IS THE CORE ISSUE FOR US THAT YOU ARE CONTINUALLY SEEKING OUT EFFICIENCIES. WHERE YOU APPLY THOSE -- THE BENEFITS OF THAT ENDEAVOUR, THAT IS THE WILL OF COUNCIL THAT DECIDES WHERE IS APPROPRIATE OR WHERE IT ISN'T APPROPRIATE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: WITH THEM LYING ABOUT WHERE THE $11 MILLION IS GOING?

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE, THAT'S NOT AN APPROPRIATE LINE OF QUESTIONING. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESTATE THAT.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I WITHDRAW THAT COMMENT. I WILL LEAVE IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

>>TRANSPARENCY. MY QUESTION IS, DO YOU THINK THAT THIS BUDGET IS A TRANSPARENT ONE.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. REMILLARD.

LORNE REMILLARD: I THINK THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE NOR CLEARLY ARTICULATED. IN TERMS OF OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SAY ON EFFICIENCY THAT IT'S A STOP START PROCESS, CAN THIS COUNCIL CONTINUE TO BE MORE OPEN AND MORE TRANSPARENT? ABSOLUTELY. YOU KNOW, IT'S AN EXERCISE, IT'S A COMMITMENT TOWARDS THAT END. WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AND WE ARE HERE TO SEEK THAT CLARIFICATION AROUND THE DISPLACED FUNDS. AND WE ARE HOPING TO GET THE ANSWERS AND BY AND LARGE OUR EXPERIENCE WHEN PRESENTED WITH THOSE QUESTION THIS IS COUNCIL PROVIDE THE ANSWERS BUT WE ENCOURAGE THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH THIS YEAR, THAT COUNCIL STEP BACK AND SAY THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS EXERCISE TO ENSURE WE ARE GETTING CLARITY AS TO RELATES GOING FORWARD. AGAIN, IT IS A CASE OF CONTINUAL REFINEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE, FINAL QUESTION?

COUNCILLOR EADIE: HOW TO FRAME IT? DO YOU BELIEVE THAT INSTEAD OF REDUCING THE BUSINESS TAX FROM 5.3 TO 5.25 THAT THEY SHOULD ERASE THE CEILING FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES WHO STRUGGLE IN THE CITY? >>WE BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE AN ANNUAL -- FIRST AND FOREMOST WE BELIEVE

THE TAX SHOULD BE ELIMINATED ENTIRELY. WE WANT TO BE CLEAR. BUT IN THE INTERIM, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE ACHIEVE THAT, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO SEEK A RATE REDUCTION AND AN INCREASE IN THE THRESHOLD. OUR CONCERN IS THAT GRANTED ASSESSMENTS TAKE PLACE EVERY TWO YEARS, WE APPRECIATE THAT AND THIS BEING A NON-ASSESSMENT YEAR. BUT, WE ARE AWARE OF INSTANCES WHERE COMPANIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM AN INCREASE IN THE THRESHOLD. OUTSIDE OF THINGS -- OUTSIDE OF THEIR OWN CONTROL AND THEN FOLLOWING MAYBE A YEAR OR TWO, ARE BACK ON PAYING THE BUSINESS TAX. SO, IT IS ONE OF THOSE CASES WITHOUT ANYTHING WITHIN THEIR CONTROL, THEY ARE NOW HAVING TO JUGGLE. ONE YEAR I AM PAYING, TWO YEARS LATER I AM NOT. WE WOULD LIKE MORE CONSISTENCY TO THE POLICY AND A COMMITMENT THAT THAT POLICY WOULD REFLECT AS IT RELATES TO REDUCING THE HARMFUL IMPACT ON BUSINESS, PARTICULARLY SMALL BUSINESSLES.

MADAM SPEAKER: AND NEXT IS COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU TO OUR DELEGATES FOR SUPPORTING THE BUDGET AT PRESENTATION. IT'S A ARE YOU AWARE QUESTION. ARE YOU AWARE THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF FUNDING FOR ROADS, DISCRETION NATURE RAIN NONDISCRETIONARY AND THE NONDISCRETIONARY WHICH IS THE DEDICATED FORMS THE TRUE BASE FOR A ROADS BUDGET AND ARE YOU AWARE THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S BUDGET -- THE PREVIOUS ROAD BUDGET IS NOT THE BASE FOR THE NEXT YEAR ROADS BUDGET? >>TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION, NO, WE ARE AWARE AND MY NOTES ARTICULATED THAT AND SECONDLY AS TO RELATES -- AND I KNOW IT'S A QUESTION THAT THIS 105 IS THE BASE THE FOLLOWING YEAR, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CITY THEN NOT TO REPORT IT THAT WAY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE CITY'S OWN DOCUMENTS, WITH RESPECT TO WHEN THE BUDGET WAS TABLED AND YOU GO TO THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION AND HERE IS OUR SIX YEAR BUDGET AND IT DOESN'T SAY HERE IS OUR DEDICATED IT SAYS 105 MILLION. IT MAY BE JUST A CASE OF BEING MORE CLEAR WITH WINNIPEGERS, THE ROAD BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE NEED TO WRAP UP THE QUESTION PERIOD. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM -- COUNCILLOR EADIE MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR?

CONTRARY? CARRIED. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM NEXT QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: I GUESS THE QUESTION IS AN ARE YOU AWARE WHEN IT COMES -- THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE PROMISE OR FUTURE BUDGET, THAT THE FUTURE BUDGETS ARE FORECAST AND ARE YOU AWARE THAT BUDGET FORECAST -- NO BUDGET FORECAST ARE PROJECTIONS AND SASS THE CASE WITH ANY PROJECTIONS THESE FORECASTS ARE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT AND THAT 2015'S FORECAST SHOWED -- PROJECTED $94 MILLION IN SPENDING ON ROADS IN 2016 AND IN FACT, THE ADOPTIVE SHOWED 105 MILLION IN ROAD SPENDING AND THAT SAME 2015 PROJECTION SHOWED $100 MILLION FOR THIS YEAR AND HERE WE ARE ABOUT TO VOTE ON A BUDGET THAT IS 105 MILLION. I WONDER IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THAT AND I WONDER IF MR. LORENC AND HIS MEMBERS PREFER $16 MILLION LESS IN ROAD SPENDING OR WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO PASS WHICH IS $16 MILLION MORE THAN WHAT WAS PROJECTED IN THE 2015 FORECAST?

CHRIS LORENC: YES, I AM AWARE AND ABSOLUTELY. BUT, IT BECOMES A CAVES RAISED EXPECTATIONS AND MANAGING THOSE EXPECTATIONS. PERHAPS, ONE WAY TO PRESENT THE BUDGET WOULD BE HERE IS WHAT IS NONDISCRETIONARY AND THE REST, REALLY IS A SEPARATE ELEMENT THAT SAYS CLEARLY WINNIPEGER THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT EVERY YEAR THAT IS LOCKED AND LOADED. THE REST AS YOU SAID IS DISCRETIONARY AND SUBJECT TO THE WILL OF COUNCIL, CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND SO FORTH. NO ONE IS QUESTIONING COUNCIL'S RIGHT OR ABILITY TO MANAGE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOU CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE PRESENT NUMBERS TO WINNIPEGERS TO SAY HERE IS OUR SIX YEAR PLAN AND GET CREDIT FOR IT. LIKE WE ARE INVESTING $685 MILLION IF IT'S ALL SUBJECT, A BIG CHUNK OF THAT IS DISCRETIONARY, THAT'S CAKE AND ICING AND ALL THAT TOGETHER. PRESENT WHAT IS NONDISCRETIONARY THEN AND MAKE IT CLEAR THE REST IS OPEN FOR DELIBERATION.

CHRIS LORENC: FIRST OF ALL, YOU ARE NOT CRAFTING BUDGETS FOR MY INDUSTRY OR ANY INDUSTRY. THE STREETS RENEWAL BUDGET IS IN RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC PRIORITY TO FIX OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. WITH RESPECT TO FUNDING LEVELS WE HAVE NEVER COME TO COUNCIL AND SAID YOU NEED TO SPEND X AMOUNT THIS YEAR AND ANOTHER AMOUNT ANOTHER YEAR AND ANOTHER AMOUNT ANOTHER YEAR. WHAT WE HAVE SAID IS YOU HAVE AN

ADOPTED POLICY. WE LIKE POLICY BECAUSE TO PROVIDES PREDICTABILITY. IT PROVIDES CERTAINTY. IT PROVIDES INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AROUND WHICH THE PUBLIC CAN ASSESS THE MERITS OF POLICIES THAT YOU AS COUNCILLORS ADOPT. SO, IF IT'S A MATTER OF CHOICE, GIVE US THE POLICY THAT YOU HAVE ADOPTED BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT YOU REPRESENTED WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE LEVELS OF FUNDING, CASH FINANCE FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS AND WHATEVER THOSE NUMBERS ARE, THOSE NUMBERS ARE, THEY ARE BASED ON ADMINISTRATION'S CONSIDERATION OF THE NEED AND YOUR POLITICAL JUDGMENT. AND THAT POLITICAL JUDGMENT WAS MADE BACK IN 2015. NOW, AS I SAID IN MY PRESENTATION, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, YOU REVIEW YOUR PRIORITIES AND IF THE POLICY ISN'T APPROPRIATE, CHANGE IT. BUT, DO IT TRANPARENTLY. DON'T TELL THE PUBLIC THAT THE POLICY THAT LAID OUT SIX YEARS OF INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS RENEWAL EXISTS IN YOUR -- AND YOU ARE ADHERING TO IT WHEN, RESPECTFULLY, YOU ARE NOT.

MADAM SPEAKER: FINAL QUESTION, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL FOR MR. REMILLARD, ARE YOU AWARE THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE VERY BREAKDOWN BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES OF FUNDING THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT SO FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE AND FINAL QUESTION IS ARE YOU AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FORECAST AND A POLICY.

LORNE REMILLARD: YES, I AM AWARE OF THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO. AND AGAIN, I DON'T WANT THIS TO COME OFF AS A HARSH CRITICISM BECAUSE IT IS NOT. IT IS REALLY PART OF THE PARTNERSHIP WE FEEL AS A CHAMBER THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS COUNCIL, THIS MAYOR, TO CONTINUALLY ADD OUR VOICE FOR REFINEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AND SO FORTH. WE DO ACKNOWLEDGE, WE ARE PUTTING RECORD LEVELS OF INVESTMENT INTO OUR ROADS, AND THAT NEEDS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED. BUT, THE MANNER OF THE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING, THERE ARE QUESTIONS ON HOW IT'S PRESENTED AND HOW IT'S PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC, HOW ARE THEY ASSESSING THAT? AND THE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THAT BECOMES INCREMENTALISM APPLIES TO THAT. THAT IS RELATED TO SOME OF THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US

TODAY.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: COUNCILLOR, POLICY DRIVES FORECASTS AND FORECASTS DRIVE POLICIES. AS I SAID IN MY EARLIER RESPONSE, CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND YOU ADJUST.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: AND YOU ADJUST TO THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND IF THE POLICY ON WHICH YOU MAKE FORECASTS IS INADEQUATE TO THE TASK AT HAND, THEN I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY TO COUNCIL IF YOU ARE CHANGING THAT POLICY, FOR WHATEVER REASON, DISCLOSE IT TO THE PUBLIC SO WE KNOW WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE.

MADAM SPEAKER:
THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ MOVING ON TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: FOR MR. REMILLARD. MR. REMILLARD, A LOT HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH MR. LORENC'S LOBBYING EFFORTS AND I WANT TO BACK UP I KNOW HE APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE – >>I HAVE TROUBLE HEARING. >>I KNOW MR. LORENC SAID WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE MY COMMITTEE THAT MAYBE HE MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY ACCURATE IN HIS COMMENTS AND YOU WEREN'T THERE THAT DAY BUT THAT WAS HIS OWN ADMISSION BUT, A LOT HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH MR. LORENC'S LOBBYING EFFORTS AND COORDINATION WITH THE COUNCILLOR THAT -- THAT WE HAVE SOMEHOW BROKEN -- >>POINT OF ORDER. THE IMPLICATION MADE HERE THAT THERE WAS SOME CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN MYSELF AND MR. LORENC WHICH IS COMPLETELY FALLS. AS A MATTER OF FACT HE COULD HAVE SPOKE BEFORE ME AND HE DID NOT IN THE COMMITTEE AND THERE WAS NO -- WANT TO PUT -- IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THE ALLEGATION, I'M GOING TO SWEAR. (multiple voices).

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.... (multiple voices).

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ WHEN YOU WERE SPEAKING MANY OF US COULDN'T HEAR SO WE ALERTED TO PUT THE VOLUME UP. IF YOU CAN RESTATE YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: I AM TALKING ABOUT THE LOBBYING EFFORTS OF MR. LORENC AND THIS IS MY QUESTION FOR MR. REMILLARD. MR. LORENC HAS BEEN PUTTING OUT -- BROKEN UPON US. HE CAN'T TAKE THAT BACK. EVERY TIME YOU PUT ON THE RADIO HE SAYS WE BROKE A PROMISE. NOW, I TAKE FROM YOUR COMMENTS THAT YOU DON'T FEEL THAT WAY. YOU ARE SIMPLY SAYING THAT SHOWER NOT PRESENTING OUR BUDGET DATA CORRECTLY AND THAT WE NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT BUT YOU ARE NOT SAYING WE BROKE A PROMISE. IS THAT CORRECT?

>>I AM SAYING THERE IS DEVIATION FROM THE SIX YEAR PLAN THAT WAS PRESENTED.

>>DEVIATION AND.

>>IF THE DISPLACEMENT IS FOR REDUCED DEBT AND THERE IS A CASE TO BE MADE THAT THAT IS IN THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE CITY, THEN PRESENT THAT. BUT, I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON OTHERS' COMMENTS AND SO FORTH, THAT'S JUST INAPPROPRIATE.

>>TO FOLLOW UP, MADAM SPEAKER, ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE ONLY FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS RESERVE, THERE ARE ONLY TWO.
THERE ARE ONLY TWO DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS RESERVE. ARE YOU AWARE OF THAT?

>>FOR THE ROADS? YES. LOCAL AND REGIONAL.

>>YOU KNOW WHAT FUNDING RESOURCES ARE WHAT ARE THEY?

>>I CAN'T HEAR WHAT THE QUESTION IS.

>>DO YOU KNOW WHAT FUNDING SOURCES ARE FOR THE RESERVES.

>>FOR THE RESERVES.

>>YEAH. WHAT ARE THEY.

>>I CAN PULL UP THE DOCUMENT, THE GAS TAX.

>>ARE YOU COMMENTING ON ROAD RESERVES. CAN YOU -- CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT ARE THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE RESERVES,. THE DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE RESERVES.

>>I DON'T HAVE THE DOCUMENT.

>>YOU DON'T KNOW.

>>THAT'S INCORRECT. IT'S POLITICAL BUT INCORRECT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MORANTZ YOUR QUESTION IS.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THERE IS SAY 2 PERCENT.

MADAM SPEAKER:

>>THE FORECAST BALANCE IN THE RESERVE FOR 2017 IS $32,000,200 SO IT GOES UP BUT I EXPECT IF YOU COME HERE AND COMMENT ON OUR BUDGET YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE FUNDING SOURCES ARE FOR THE RESERVE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATION.

CHRIS LORENC: MADAM SPEAKER THERE WAS A STATEMENT MADE ABOUT ME AND MY ACTIVITY AND I THOUGHT I MADE IT VERY CLEAR IN MY RE MARKS -- YOU CAN'T CAST ASPERSIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. LORENC, WE ARE MOVING ON. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. AND THE QUESTION IS FOR EITHER OF OUR DELEGATIONS: I WANT TO KNOW IF THEY ARE CERTAIN THAT THAT WHICH IS STATED IN THE BUDGET IS DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATION TO STREET REPAIR AND IF THEY ARE CERTAIN THAT MONEY GOES TO STREET REPAIR.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR BROWATY MOVES EXTENSION.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: I CAN'T SAY WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY WHICH IS WHY IN MY CLOSING COMMENTS I SUGGESTED A FORM OF RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO BRING THAT CLARITY.

MADAM SPEAKER: 2ND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: DOES MR. REMILLARD WISH TO RESPOND.

MADAM SPEAKER: NOT AT THIS TIME. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: IS IT REASONABLE TO THINK THAT THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG ARE JUSTIFIED IN EXPECTATIONS THAT WHEN THE BUDGET SAYS MONIES GOING TOWARDS SOMETHING THAT IT GOES TOWARDS SOMETHING AND THAT WE HAVE CERTAINTY ABOUT THAT WHEN WE VOTE ON IT?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. REMILLARD.

LORNE REMILLARD: IS IT REASONABLE THAT CITIZENS HAVE THAT EXPECTATION? ABSOLUTELY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES. MADAM SPEAKER, MY QUESTION GOES TO MR. LORENC. I WOULD JUST WANT TO ASK A QUESTION IF HE SUPPORTED THE LOBBYING TO GET MORE MONEY FOR HOUSING IF THAT WAS A LAUDABLE EVENT AND DO YOU SEE YOUR WORK AS A LOBBYIST SIMILAR TO THAT?

CHRIS LORENC: I AM NOT AWARE OF THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT AND I THINK I HAVE OUTLINED IN MY OPENING COMMENTS THE VALUE AND PUBLIC MERITS OF LOBBY ACTIVITY WHETHER IT'S BY OUR ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER DELEGATION WHICH APPEARS AT ANY OTHER FORUM BEFORE THIS COUNCIL OR ANY STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OR ANY MEETING OF COUNCIL.

MADAM SPEAKER: SEEING -- COUNCILLOR MAYES YOUR HAND IS UP.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I THINK IT COMES DOWN TO WHAT WE ARE BEING TOLD PEOPLE WERE GIVEN DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS. SO YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT

THE ROADS BUDGET INCREASED FROM 30 MILLION TO 80 MILLION BETWEEN 2013 AND 2015 BUDGET. THAT'S OBVIOUSLY SHOWS THERE IS MORE THAN JUST THE ONE AND 2 PERCENT GOING IN. THERE WAS A 50 MILLION INCREASE AND YET WE ARE TOLD TODAY PEOPLE EXPECT IT TO GO UP BY $10 MILLION A YEAR. I DON'T REMEMBER EVER YOU BEING HERE CRITICIZING US FOR EXCEEDING THAT THRESHOLD WHEN WE INCREASED IT FROM 30 MILLION WHEN COUNCILLOR WYATT WAS HERE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. YOU ARE SAYING THAT THE EXPECTATION IS FROM 30 MILLION TO 80 MILLION -- OR THE EXPECTATION IS 10 MILLION. THAT THE CHART THAT WAS ADOPTED BACK WHEN THIS PROMISE WAS MADE ACCORDING TO THE FORM LETTER WOULD HAVE US SPENDING LESS THAN WE ARE, HAVE US SPENDING A HUNDRED MILLION NOT A HUNDRED AND FIVE. IS IT YOUR POSITION WE SHOULD HAVE KEPT TO THE HUNDRED MILLION OR SPEND 105, WHICH IS THE GREATER AMOUNT?

CHRIS LORENC: I THINK THE REASONABLE PUBLIC EXPECTATION IS THAT ONCE COUNCIL ADOPTS A POLICY IT SHOULD STICK TO THE POLICY UNLESS IT FINDS A REASON FOR THAT POLICY TO BE CHANGED. AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EXPLANATION GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT I AM AWARE OF, TO CHANGE THE FORECASTS FROM WHAT THEY WERE IN 15 TO WHAT THEY ARE PRESENTED IN 17.

MADAM SPEAKER: 2ND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: YOUR ORGANIZATION FOCUSES ON 2013 AND 14 AND DO YOU AGREE WE KEPT IT, WITH THAT CONVOLUTED SAND, WATER AND ROCK ANALOGY THAT WE HAVE INDEED CONTINUED TO PUT THE BASE FUNDING N THAT'S HIS POSITION AND I AGREE WITH MR. REMILLARD. DO YOU AGREE WITH US?

CHRIS LORENC: WE REFERENCED 13, 14, 15 AND 17 FOR VERY SPECIFIC REASONS. IF YOU TRACK THE HISTORY OF THE ONE PLUS ONE IT BEGAN IN 2013 AND CONTINUED IN 14. A POLICY -- THE FORECASTS WERE ADOPTED IN 15 AND THEY ARE DIFFERENT TODAY THAN WHAT THOSE FORECASTS WERE. SO, WE ARE NOT RELYING ON ANY ONE BUDGET, WE ARE RELYING ON A POLICY ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND WE ARE ASKING COUNCIL TO CHANGE IT, IF THAT'S

THE VIEW OF COUNCIL. AND TO PROVIDE THE REASONS FOR THAT CHANGE.
MADAM SPEAKER: MR. REMILLARD.

LORNE REMILLARD: FOR US, YOU KNOW -- AND THIS SPEAKS TO A PREVIOUS COMMENT MADE BY COUNCILLOR. THE FACT THAT WE ARE HERE AND YOU HAVE GOT 16 PEOPLE AROUND THIS TABLE AND YOU DO NOT HAVE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN, SHOULD BE A WAKE UP CALL. BECAUSE I AM ACCUSED OF NOT KNOWING THE NUMBERS AND NOT UNDERSTANDING. THIS IS YOUR JOB AND IF YOU CAN'T ALL AGREE ON IT, I FIND IT OFFENSIVE THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INSINUATION THAT SOMEHOW I SHOULD KNOW MORE THAN THE 16 OF YOU. (applause).

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES FINAL QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: FINAL HAVE ACCUSED US OF LYING WHICH WE FIND OFFENSIVE AND IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN ONE PLUS ONE IF WE GO FROM 30 TO 80, RIGHT IT'S MORE COMPLICATED POLICY THAN WE ADD.

MADAM SPEAKER: :COUNCILLOR GILROY MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY, CARRIED. COUNCILLOR MAYES THAT WAS YOUR FINAL QUESTION. MOVING ON TO COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR PASSION ON ROADS. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT REALLY IMPACTS MY COMMUNITY AND WINNIPEG AS A WHOLE. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS YOU DID A REALLY GOOD JOB COMING TO THE CITY AND MAKING SURE THAT WE SPEND MONEY ON ROADS. ARE YOU GOING TO DO THE SAME FOR THE PROVINCE TO MAKE SURE THEY KEEP UP THEIR LEVELS OF FUNDING AND HOPEFULLY SO THAT THAT MONEY CAN FLOW DOWN TO THE CITY? BECAUSE THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND JUST AS YOU SHOW THAT LEADERSHIP HERE TODAY, WE NEED YOU TO SHOW THAT LEADERSHIP WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL.

CHRIS LORENC: COUNCILLOR THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND I THANK YOU FOR T I WILL REFERENCE YOU -- OR REFER TO YOU THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING COUNCIL REPORT WHICH I CHAIRED AT THE REQUEST OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES AND THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. AND

ONE OF ITS KEY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THAT REPORT IS THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE A NEW FISCAL DEAL FOR ALL MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE THE REVENUE STREAMS THAT ARE AVAILABILITY TO MUNICIPALITIES WERE CRAFTED AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE MUNICIPALITIES NOW SHOW, FAR EXCEED THE CAPACITY THAT THOSE REVENUE STREAMS CAN FUND. WE HAVE CHAMPIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF A NEW FISCAL DEAL BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND WE CONTINUE TO CHAMPION THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: :THANK YOU. MR. REMILLARD DO YOU WISH IT RESPOND.

LORNE REMILLARD: ABSOLUTELY. THAT IS A CRITICAL ISSUE AND THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT BECAUSE THE PROVINCE IS ABSOLUTELY PART OF THE SOLUTION FOR OUR CAPITAL CITY AND THE REGION AS A WHOLE AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE CONTINUE TO RAISE WITH THEM. WE RAISE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF NOT JUST THE INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING BUT REALLY EMPOWERING THE CITY WITH THE MEANS TO BE ABLE TO SET ITS FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK. WE BELIEVE THE TIME HAS -- HAS COME FOR THE CITY TO HAVE A MORE ROBUST SET OF TOOLS IN ITS REVENUE TOOL BOX. AS YOU MAY KNOW DURING THE PROVINCIAL -- OR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, PROVINCIAL ELECTION, WE TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THOSE NEW REVENUE TOOLS AND ONE, OF COURSE, SOME DISAGREED WITH, BUT AN INCOME TAX AT THE CITY LEVEL. WE ARE NOT SAYING WE WANT TO ADD TAXES. THAT'S A REBALANCING OF THE TAX BOX. ULTIMATELY, WE HOPE THAT MOVING AWAY FROM NECESSARILY ONE TRANSFER TO ANOTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT IS JUST EMPOWERING THE CITY WITH A MUCH MORE STRENGTHENED ABILITY TO DRIVE ITS OWN REVENUES AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT MR. MAYOR, AND ON TO YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR COMING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BUDGET. I WITH LIKE TO WELCOME CAPTAIN MITCHELL. I UNDERSTAND HE IS HERE AS WELL AND WELCOME YOU TO WINNIPEG CITY HALL. WITH REGARDS TO THE NOTWITHSTANDING YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BUDGET, THE CONCERNS YOU

RAISED, I WOULD SIMPLY ASK IF WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE RAISED.

CHRIS LORENC: ABSOLUTELY AND UNCONDITION UNTILLY, MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU.

LORNE REMILLARD: ECHO THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. MY QUESTION IS FOR MR. LORENC. MR. LORENC, LEADING UP TO THE BUDGET, BEFORE THE BUDGET, PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS, WAS THERE ANY PHONE CALLS, E-MAILS, TEXTS BETWEEN YOURSELF, MYSELF, ANYONE IN MY OFFICE TO YOU, IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM, LEADING UP TO THE BUDGET?

CHRIS LORENC: NONE, MADAM SPEAKER.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: AND MADAM SPEAKER IN AN AGREE AND OPEN SOCIETY, WHICH I THINK WE BELIEVE WE LIVE IN, EVEN IF THERE WERE, IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT?

CHRIS LORENC: IN MY VIEW, MADAM SPEAKER, NOT AT ALL.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS AND MY FINAL QUESTION IS, WE -- IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO HAVE A LOBBYIST REGISTRY, SOMETHING THAT WAS PROPOSED IN LAST COUNCIL AND SOMETHING PROPOSED BY THE MINISTER FIELDING WHEN HE WAS A MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL WHICH MANY OF US SUPPORTED AND HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. DO YOU SUPPORT A LOBBYIST REGISTRY.
CHRIS LORENC: I HAVE NO REASON TO OPPOSE IT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: :ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATIONS TODAY? SEEING NONE -- THANK YOU FOR APPEARING TODAY. THAT WILL CONCLUDE OUR DELEGATIONS THIS MORNING. NOW MOVE ON TO THE 2017 WINNIPEG

POLICE BOARD BUDGET. MR. CLERK ON THE ITEM.

CLERK: ITEM 12017 OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2018 AND 2019 AND 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2018-222 FIVE YEAR FORECAST.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR BROWATY ON THE REPORT OR THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD DATED DECEMBER 6, 2016

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THE RECORD. THIS YEAR -- FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO START BY CONGRATULATING THE FORMER CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD. THE POLICE BOARD ITSELF, AS WELL AS THE POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTIVE FOR PUTTING FORWARD THIS BUDGET THIS SAY RECORD INVESTMENT OF $288 MILLION IN KEEPING WINNIPEGERS SAFE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS BUDGET IS ADEQUATE FOR MAKING OUR POLICE SERVICE EFFECTIVE AND WILL PROVIDE SERVICE TO THOSE WINNIPEGER WHOSE DESERVE TO BE SAFE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE LOTS OF CHALLENGES THAT OUR POLICE SERVICE DEALS WE HAVERY DAY AND OUR NEW CHIEF HAS IDENTIFIED THOSE AND IS WORKING HARD TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THOSE THINGS. OF COURSE THERE IS THE OUTBREAK OF THE FENTANYL CRISIS WE ARE SEEING ACROSS WINNIPEG. WE ARE SEEING -- A LOT OF THINGS ARE HAPPENING. SMARTER DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCE AND EFFORTS TO REDUCE OVERTIME. I HAVE WORKED WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES AS WELL AS WITH THE PREVIOUS MINISTER OF JUSTICE ON WORKING ON FINDING WAYS TO REDUCE COURT OVERTIME AND THAT NEEDS TO CONTINUE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND I HEARD THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE. BUT AGAIN, WINNIPEGERS EXPECT POLICE BUDGETS NOT TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE AT RATES WELL BEYOND INFLATION. THE MEDIAN HOUSE IN WINNIPEG, $277,000 IS PAYING ALMOST $500 ANNUALLY TOWARDS THE COST OF POLICING. THAT NUMBER CAN'T CONTINUE TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY AND THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IS A MUCH MORE MANAGEABLE FIGURE. WOULD I LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE WORK OF THE PREVIOUS BOARDS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE AND I PRESENT THIS BUDGET TODAY FOR INFORMATION. THE DOCUMENT PRODUCED IS REPEATED IN ITS ACTUAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER AND THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I WANTED TO THANK THE POLICE BOARD CURRENT CHAIR, JEFF BROWATY FOR HIS MOTION AND HIS WORK ON THIS AS WELL. I ALSO WANT TO ECHO A LOT OF WHAT HE SAID IN REGARDS TO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD, BOTH PAST AND CURRENT MEMBERS AND THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD STAFF INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF, THE CONTROL AND MEMBERS OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICES EXECUTIVE. I KNOW HOW HARD THESE INDIVIDUALS WORKED TO PREPARE THIS SUBMISSION FOR THIS BUDGET AND TO TOOK MANY MONTHS OF A LOT OF HARD WORK AND A LOT OF COMMITMENT AND MAKE NO MISTAKE THAT ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS I JUST MENTIONED ARE COMMITTED TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN THAT THE POLICE BOARD AND SERVICE BROUGHT TOGETHER AND RELEASED IN THE SPRING OF 2015 AND THE GROUND WORK FOR THIS BUDGET WAS LAID, EVEN PRIOR TO MY TIME AND I KNOW COUNCILLOR EADIE ALSO WORKED -- I WANT TO BUT THE GROUND WORK FOR THIS BUDGET WAS LAID EVEN PRIOR TO MY TIME IN 2014 OF BEING APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR TO CHAIR THE POLICE BOARD AND SOME OF THESE TAR GUILTY AND THIS DISCUSSION REALLY GOES BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN PAUL EDWARDS WAS CHAIR OF FINANCE FOR THE POLICE BOARD, AND THE WORK TO REALLY ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS SAFE AND YET DO SO IN A WAY TO FUND THESE SERVICES IN A WAY THAT IS SUSTAINABLE IN THE LONG HAUL FOR TAXPAYERS IS A WORK THAT I KNOW THE BOARD TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY. ON ONE HAND AS COUNCILLOR BROWATY MENTIONED WE HAVE A RECORD LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE POLICE SERVICE DO GREAT WORK, DO FANTASTIC WORK. THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG ARE VERY WELL SERVED BY OUR MEN AND WOMEN THAT SERVE IN UNIFORM AND PROTECT US. ON ONE HAND THERE IS RECORD LEVELS OF INVESTMENT AND ON THE OTHER HAND HERE WE HAVE A BUDGET THAT REALLY ADDRESSES THE RATE AT WHICH POLICING COSTS HAVE RISED AND I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY AND MANY OTHERS HAVE AS WELL, THAT IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE FOR THE LONG HAUL BUT THIS IS A RECORD LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE ON ONE HAND AND ON THE OTHER HAND, IT DOES FOLLOW IN LINE WITH THE POLICE BOARD AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF LIMITING RATES OF INCREASE TO THE BUDGET TO RATE OF INFLATION. AND THIS CERTAINLY DOES THAT. SO AGAIN, MY APPRECIATION TO

ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THE POLICE SERVICE EXECUTIVE HAS DONE AND THE POLICE BOARD HAS DON AND I KNOW COUNCILLOR BROWATY IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE WITH THE CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICES BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT IS COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE -- I AM IN SUPPORT, MADAM SPEAKER, OF THIS REPORT AS INFORMATION. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT IT ISN'T A MOTION THAT HAS TO BE VOTED ON AS IT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE OVERALL BUDGET. SO I THINK THAT'S A REALLY EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT, I THINK, IN TERMS OF HOW HARD THE ADMINISTRATION AND POLICE SERVICE AND EVERYBODY HAD TO WORK ON THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. AND, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS I FIND WORKING ON THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD AND THAT ALL OF MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES HAVE DECIDED THAT INDEED THEIR APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE BOARD, WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS REFRESHING IN THAT AS A MEMBER OF THAT BOARD, I ACTUALLY GET TO WORK IN DETAIL AND DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT'S IN IT AND UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY, AND I THINK THAT'S A VERY INTERESTING THING THAT I THINK EVERYBODY ON A STANDING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE WHEN DEVELOPING A BUDGET BECAUSE THE POLICE BOARD STARTS THIS IN JUNE WHEN WE GET THE LETTER AND FORWARD IT ON TO THE POLICE SERVICE AND WE OF COURSE HAVE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES BUT COUNCIL DOES DECIDE THE BUDGET. SO, THERE SAY BUNCH OF TEAMS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER. BUT, THIS BUDGET THAT'S HERE TODAY, WE HAVE A REALLY BIG CHALLENGE NEXT YEAR, MR. SPEAKER IN TERMS OF DEALING WITH THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE BUDGET BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR, I THINK IT DOES ACHIEVE THAT BALANCE. I AM OUT ON THE STREET ALL THE TIME IN MY WORK BUT ALSO OUT ON THE STREET WITH PEOPLE AROUND THE WARD AND I KNOW THE POLICE SERVICE WORKS VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG AND ANYBODY VISITING ARE SAFE AS POSSIBLE, MADAM SPEAKER AND THIS BUDGET, I BELIEVE, DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO REMOVE THEIR ABILITY TO DO THE WORK THEY DO. I KNOW THAT THE WINNIPEG POLICE ASSOCIATION IS ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR WORKERS AND THEIR ABILITY TO DO THEIR WORK AND I THINK, MADAM SPEAKER, 2017 ACHIEVES THAT. AND YOU KNOW, IT IS

DIFFICULT IN TERMS OF WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT A SUSTAINABLE POLICE SERVICE, WE ALL FORGET, IT'S A DANGEROUS JOB IN MANY CASES. THERE IS A LOT OF RESPONSES THAT AREN'T RELATED TO CRIME. THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO FOCUS IN ON A BUDGET, MADAM SPEAKER, TO DEVELOP ONE FOR THE POLICE SERVICE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T -- IT'S A HUMAN SERVICE. THAT'S THE REALITY. THEY ARE DEALING WITH HUMANS OUT THERE EVERY DAY AND IT'S HUMANS WHO PARTICIPATE IN CRIME AND HUMANS WHO EXPERIENCE ALL KINDS OF SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE A POLICE RESPONSE, MADAM SPEAKER. AND SO TO BALANCE AND TO ACHIEVE THAT KIND OF OF THING AND ENSURE THEY HAVE THE QUILT AND EVERYTHING THEY NEED IN ORDER TO DO THE JOB IS ESSENTIAL. SO AGAIN, I SUPPORT THIS, I SUPPORT THE WORK AND I KNOW OUR NEW CHAIRPERSON HAS ALREADY SPENT A LOT OF TIME WORKING AND I'M GLAD TO BE WORKING WITH HIM AND WORKING WITH OUR CITIZENS ON THE POLICE BOARD BECAUSE YOU KNOW, IT IS DIFFICULT AND THOSE PEOPLE ON THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD, MADAM SPEAKER, THEY PUT IN A LOT OF TIME AND HAVE A LOT OF SKILL AND THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT IN THE PROCESS, BECAUSE THEY ARE REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC AND TRYING TO ACHIEVE A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT STATES WE NEED TO SOMEHOW -- WELL, WE HAVE TO KEEP COSTS DOWN BUT WE WANT TO DELIVER ON ALL THESE ASPECTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF GOALS TO ACHIEVE AND I KNOW OUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE HAS THE ABILITY TO MOVE THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE FURTHER AHEAD FROM OUR FORMER CHIEF CLUNIS. THAT'S BASICALLY ALL I WILL SAY ABOUT IT AND I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO SAY I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUDGET BUT ANYWAY, WE WILL DILIGENTLY WORK AT THAT, MADAM SPEAKER AND WHEN WE ARE HERE NEXT TIME I HOPE TO MAKE A SIMILAR SPEECH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO ECHO COMMENTS MADE BY BOTH MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE. THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD BOTH PREVIOUS AND CURRENT MEMBERS HAVE DONE OUTSTANDING WORK. AND OBVIOUSLY I WANT TO THANK OUR FORMER CHAIR OF THE POLICE BOARD, COUNCILLOR SCOTT GILLINGHAM AND OUR NEW CHAIR, JEFF BROWATY FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO RESPECT THE POLICE BOARD'S

STRATEGIC PLAN. THIS YEAR'S POLICE BUDGET AS PROPOSED AND VOTED ON SHORTLY, PROPOSES THE LARGEST FUNDING IN PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T BE LOST ON ANY OF US. POLICING AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, IS A CHALLENGING PROFESSION. THE WOMEN AND THE MEN OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE NEED TO HAVE THE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO DO THE IMPORTANT WORK THEY ARE DOING ON BEHALF OF US AND OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CITIZENS EACH AND EVERY DAY, 24/7 AND THIS BUDGET DOES THAT AND ALSO RESPECTS TAXPAYERS AND RESPECTS THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD IN LIMITING INCREASES IN LINE WITH THE RATE OF INFLATION. THIS YEAR AT AN INCREASE OF 1.3 PERCENT AND APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S COMMENTS ABOUT PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD WHO HELPED COME UP WITH THE STRATEGIC PLAN, THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING THROUGH THIS BUDGET. THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE THAT HELPED IN THE DRAFTING OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET WITH REGARDS TO THE POLICE BOARD BUDGET. , OF COURSE, I WANT TO THANK THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE, OUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP. I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE ASSOCIATION WHO ARE HERE AND WELCOME THEM ALONG WITH LEADERSHIP OF THE WINNIPEG FIRE FIGHTERS UNION AND THANK THEM AND THE MEMBERS THEY SERVE FOR THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR BROWATY ON TO YOU FOR CLOSING OR CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOUR? RECEIVING THIS REPORT AS INFORMATION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET. MR. CLERK ON THE ITEM.

CLERK: ITEM ONE, 2017 OPERATING BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2018-2019 AND 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2018-2022 FIVE YEAR FORECAST.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE THE REPORT OF EPC DATED DECEMBER 9.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING COUNCILLOR MARTY MORANTZ FOR ALL OF THE TIME THAT HE HAS INVESTED

IN PREPARING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AND ALSO THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR SCOTT GILLINGHAM FOR HIS EFFORTS AND IN A SHORT PERIOD OF OF TIME HE HAS IMMERSED HIMSELF IN THIS BUDGET AND THE WORK AS FINANCE CHAIR AND HE HAS CERTAINLY PICKED UP WHERE COUNCILLOR MORANTZ LEFT OFF. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP IN PREPARING THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET THAT IS BALANCED. I ALSO WANT TO PAY PARTICULAR THANKS TO COUNCILLOR JEFF BROWATY AS WELL AS COUNCILLOR JANICE LUKES FOR THEIR WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN DRAFTING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. AS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL KNOW PREPARING A BUDGET IS IN EASY TASK.
IT REQUIRES DIFFICULT DECISIONS, DIFFICULT CHOICES, DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS ON THIS COUNCIL ARE HIGH AND, OF COURSE, RESOURCES ARE LIMITED. AT THE START OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS WE FACED A $52 MILLION DEFICIT IN OUR TAX SUPPORTED OPERATING BUDGET. WE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY AND CREATIVELY TO PREPARE AND TABLE FOR COUNCILLOR CONSIDERATION A PRELIMINARY BUDGET THAT IS BALANCED. I AM VERY PLEASED THAT STANDARD & POORS RAY FIRMED WINNIPEG'S DOUBLE A STABLE CREDIT RATING AND IN THEIR REPORT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT STANDARD AND POOR INDICATED THEIR ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON AND I QUOTE "THE CITY'S STRONG ECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS, EXCEPTIONAL LIQUIDITY AND MODERATE DEBT BURDEN AND CONTINGENCY LIABILITIES." THE 2017 BUDGET BUILDS ON THESE PRINCIPLES AND I BELIEVE THIS YEAR'S PRESENTS A BALANCED, FISCAL THINK PRUDENT PLAN AND WHEN THE EXPENDITURES INCREASE TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN TEN YEARS AND THEY ALSO MAINTAIN AND THEY INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE THAT IS ARE IMPORTANT TO WINNIPEGERS. THE PRELIMINARY BUDGETS REFLECT THE REALITY THAT WINNIPEG'S POPULATION IS GROWING AND IS ON TRACK TO GROW STEADILY AND STRONGLY OVER THE NEXT 25 YEARS AND THAT WE NEED TO MANAGE AND SUPPORT THERE GROWTH BY INVESTING IN THE RIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE RIGHT TIME SO THAT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE WHEN WINNIPEGERS NEED IT. THIS YEAR'S OPERATING BUDGET PROPOSES TO LIMIT EXPENDITURE INCREASES TO 2.31 PERCENT. NOW, THIS IS THE LOWEST RATE OF BUDGETED GROWTH IN TAX SUPPORTED SPENDING IN TEN YEARS. NO RATE INCREASE IS PROPOSED TO THE FRONTAGE LEVY THIS YEAR AND THERE IS IT ZERO RATE INCREASE PROPOSED FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DIVIDEND. THE BUDGETS DO NOT PROPOSE ANY NEW FEES OR CHARGES AND THE IMPACT FEE APPROVED BY THIS COUNCIL IS NOT USED AS A FUNDING

SOURCE FOR ANY OPERATIONAL OR CAPITAL PROGRAM IN 2017. WINNIPEG CONTINUES TO HAVE AMONG THE LOWEST PROPERTY TAXES IN THE COUNTRY. THAN BUDGET TAKES STEPS TO MAINTAIN OUR COMPETITIVE RANKING IN THIS REGARD. PROPERTY TAX INCREASES THIS YEAR ARE LIMITED TO 2.33 PERCENT AND THE ENTIRE INCREASE IS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING WINNIPEG'S INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS. 2 PERCENT OF THE PROPOSED 2.33 PERCENT INCREASE IS DEDICATED TO REBUILDING AND REPAIRING LOCAL AND REGIONAL ROADS. 0.33 PERCENT OF THE PROPOSED INCREASE IS DEDICATED TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THE SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT WAY. WITHOUT A DOUBT INVESTMENT IN ROADS REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY FOR OUR CITIZENS AND THIS BUDGET REFLECTS THIS PRIORITY. AND DESPITE RHETORIC -- SOME RHETORIC OUT THERE THAT ONE OF THIS YEAR'S -- WANT THIS YEAR'S ROAD BUDGET TO BE CUT THE BUDGET MAINTAINS RECORD INVESTMENTS IN ROAD RENEWAL TO 105.2 MILLION AND THIS WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE TO REBUILD AND RENEW OUR REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS. AND TO CONTINUE POWERING THE ECONOMY AND REDUCE THE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES, THE BUSINESS TAX RATE WILL BE REDUCED FROM 5.3 TO 5.25 IN 2017. SINCE THIS COUNCIL TOOK OFFICE TWO YEARS AGO WE REDUCE THE BUSINESS TAX RATE FROM 5.7 TO 5.25 PERCENT PENDING COUNCIL'S VOTE TODAY AND WE HAVE INCREASED THE BUSINESS TAX THRESHOLD FROM $23,880 TO $32,220 WHICH IS ELIMINATED THE BUSINESS TAX FOR ALMOST HALF OF WINNIPEG BUSINESSES. IN 2017 WE IDENTIFIED A FURTHER $11 MILLION IN EFFICIENCY SAVINGS THROUGH VARIOUS MEASURES AND THESE HAVE BEEN INVESTED BACK INTO THE CAPITAL BUDGET TO HELP REBUILD OUR ROADS AND TO SUPPORT FURTHER IDEAS FOR INNOVATION AND EFFICIENCIES THE BUDGET CONTINUES THE $1 MILLION INNOVATION CAPITAL FUND IN 2017. THE 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROPOSES TO INVEST $288 MILLION IN POLICE SERVICE WHICH REFLECTS AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 3.6 MILLION OR 1.3 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THIS INCREASE AS I MENTIONED EARLIER TODAY IS IN LINE WITH THE RATE OF INFLATION AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TARGET THAT WAS SET BY THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN. OVER $199 MILLION IS PROPOSED TO BE INVESTED IN FIRE AND PARAMEDIC SERVICES IN 2017 WHICH REFLECTS AN INCREASE OF OVER 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. A MODERN, WELL FUNCTIONING PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM IS CRITICAL FOR A GROWING, THRIVING CITY. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEXT PHASE OF SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT WAY CONTINUES AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THIS PROJECT HAS

HELPED TO IDENTIFY EFFICIENCIES
AND REDUCED COSTS FROM $587.3 MILLION TO 467.3 MILLION. IN 2017, TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE FEDERAL AND THE PROVINCIAL LEVELS, THE BUDGET PROPOSES TO INVEST $81.5 MILLION TO MODERNIZE AND UPGRADE EXISTING TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSETS. THIS BUDGET ALSO PROPOSES TO EXTEND TRANSIT ROUTES IN THE FALL OF 2017 TO SUPPORT GROWING AND EXPANDED AREAS OF THE CITY IN AMBER TRAILS AS WELL AS BRIDGE WATER FOREST AND SOUTH POINT. THE TO 17 PRELIMINARY BUDGET IS PROPOSED TO INVEST A TOTAL OF $13.5 MILLION IN VARIOUS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, AN INCREASE OF 4.9 MILLION OR 57 PERCENT INCREASE FROM 2016 LEVELS OF 8.3 MILLION. NOW, THIS INCLUDES NEW BUFFERED BIKE LANES, BIKE CORRIDORS, PROTECTED BIKE LANES, TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS. WE CONTINUE TO FACE AN IMMENSE CHALLENGE AS A COUNCIL TO ADDRESS A PROJECTED INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT OF $7.4 BILLION, ABOUT HALF OF WHICH IS REQUIRED TO UPGRADE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE OTHER HALF IS REQUIRED TO INVEST IN NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A GROWING CITY. NEVERTHELESS, 2017 BUDGET PROPOSES TO INVEST IN PROJECTS ACROSS OUR CITY FROM NEW -- FROM A NEW RECREATION CENTRE IN SOUTH WINNIPEG TO A LIBRARY AND WALKING TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSCONA TO A NEW BUS ROUTE FOR THE MAPLES TO FURTHER ENHANCEMENT IN NORTH KIDD. THIS PROPOSED BUDGET IS BUILDING A BETTER AND STRONGER WINNIPEG. AT THE MIDPOINT OF THIS COUNCIL'S MANDATE, WE ARE ON A BETTER TRACK THAN WE WERE AS A CITY AND AS A COUNCIL TWO YEARS AGO. THIS BUDGET STRENGTHENS OUR SENSE OF PRIDE IN OUR CITY AND CONTINUES THE MOMENTUM WE HAVE MADE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. AS I MENTIONED, WINNIPEG IS A GROWING CITY AND WE ARE ON TRACK TO GROW STEADILY AND STRONGLY AND A GROWING CITY NEEDS TO BE SUPPORT WITH THE RIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. AND MANAGING THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF A GROWING CITY WHILE ENSURING FISCAL PRUDENCE AND BALANCE REQUIRES DIFFICULT DECISIONS AND STRONG LEADERSHIP THAT TRANSCENDS WARD BOUNDARY IN THE INTEREST OF BUILDING A WINNIPEG WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. AND LOOKING FORWARD WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH A DISCIPLINED AND RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO INVESTING SCARCE TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAXIMIZE WINNIPEG'S SHARE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND MEAN MAINTAINING A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROVINCE. WITHOUT A DOUBT, WE ARE BETTER AND STRONGER

TOGETHER. I WOULD LIKE TO ALLOW OUR FINANCE CHAIR IT USE THE REMAINING TIME I HAVE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU THROUGH YOU TO THE MAYOR. I AM PLEASED TO MOVE THE 2017 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR ADOPTION. ON NOVEMBER 26 -- OR 22 I TABLED THE 2017 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET AT EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. AND SINCE THEN THE BUDGETS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND PASSED THROUGH -- REVIEWED AND PASSED THROUGH STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE. EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED PRESENTATIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ON THE BUDGETS AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR MARTY MORANTZ FOR HIS EXCELLENT WORK OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND ALL OF HIS EFFORTS IN LEADING THE PREPARATION OF THESE BUDGETS AND I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO OUR CORPORATE FINANCE STAFF. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND ALL THE COUNCILLORS ON THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PLANNING AND ALL OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS WELL WHO WEIGHED IN ON THIS BUDGET. AND I THANK THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG WHO PROVIDED THEIR IDEAS AND FEEDBACK. I WILL LIMIT MY COMMENTS AND NOT REPEAT A LOT OF WHAT THE MAYOR HAS SAID BUT SIMPLY TO SAY THIS THAT THE BUDGET IS A REFLECTION OF PRIORITIES. THIS BUDGET REFLECTS THE PRIORITY WINNIPEGERS EXPRESSED TO US. THEY TOLD US THAT IT'S A PRIORITY TO FIX THE ROADS AND BASED ON THE FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED, INVESTMENT IN ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS REMAINS IMPORTANT. LOCAL STREET RENEWAL, $105.18 MILLION COMMITTED TO FIX AND UP GRADE THE LOCAL ROADS DESPITE ALL THE CHATTER OUT THERE, IT'S UNDENIABLE, THIS IS A RECORD LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND THAT IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES THAT WINNIPEGERS HAVE SAID TO US AND CALLED ON US TO FIX THE ROADS AND WE ARE DOING THAT. THE SIX YEAR PLAN INCLUDES AN INVESTMENT INTO ROAD RENEWAL WHICH IS THE LARGEST INVESTMENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY AND IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, MADAM SPEAKER. THE INVESTMENT MADE LAST YEAR, YOU SEE IT AS YOU DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNITIES. THE INVESTMENT WE MADE IN ROADS IS PAID

DIVIDENDS BECAUSE WE SEE THE IMPROVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND THIS YEAR WE WILL CONTINUE ON THAT PATH TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE ROADWAYS AND STREETS AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WINNIPEGERS HAVE STATED THEY EXPECT US TO CONTROL OUR SPENDING. THAT'S A PRIORITY OF WINNIPEGERS AND THEY ASKED US TO GET CONTROL OF OUR SPENDING AND TOLD US TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR EFFICIENCIES AND FIND WAYS TO INNOVATE TO SPEND WISELY. THE MAYOR JUST STATED AND I WILL REITERATE. THIS BUDGET LIMITS TAX SUPPORTED EXPENDITURE GROWTH OF 2.31 PERCENT THE LOWEST INCREASE IN OVER TEN YEARS. MADAM SPEAKER I CAN GO ON BUT JUST SUFFICE TO SAY THAT THIS BUDGET IS ABOUT PRIORITIES. EVERY BUDGET IS ABOUT PRIORITIES AND THIS BUDGET REFLECTS THE PRIORITIES OF THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG AND BRINGING IT BACK INTO BALANCE TOOK A LOT OF HARD WORK, LISTENING AND DIFFICULT CHOICES AND I AM PLEASED TODAY THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO VOTE ON A BUDGET THAT IS BALANCED. AN OPERATING BUDGET THAT IS BALANCED AND LIMITS THE BUDGETED TAX SUPPORTED EXPENDITURE TO THE LOW INCREASES WE JUST SPOKE ABOUT. PLEASED TO SAY THE ENTIRE 2.33 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX, THE ONLY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IS 2.33 PERCENT WITH THE ENTIRE 2 PERCENT DEDICATED TOWARDS REBUILDING AND REPAIRING OUR ROADS. AND I WOULD DRAW THOSE THAT ARE WATCHING AND THOSE AROUND THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER, I WOULD DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO COMPARE THE 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET, REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREET RENEWAL PAGE WITH THE 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PAGE AND YOU WILL SEE THE DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU ADD UP THE LOCAL STREET RENEWAL AND REGIONAL STREET RENEWAL. LAST YEAR OUT OF THIS YEAR THE DIFFERENCE IS $10.6 MILLION OR 2 PERCENT. IT'S CLEAR IT'S THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE AND IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. IF A STRUCTURE INVESTMENT REMAINS TOP PRIORITY. WE DO FACE A DEFICIT AND REALIZE THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE AND WE WILL CONTINUE ON THIS WORK IN THE FUTURE YEARS. THE INVESTMENT IS ONLY POSSIBLE -- PARDON ME THE 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTS A 2.2 INVESTMENT PLAN OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS FOR KEY ASSETS BEYOND OUR ROADS REQUIRING -- REQUIRED FIRE GROWING CITY INCLUDING THE ROADS BUT ALSO WATER AND WASTE WATER, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. WE BELIEVE THIS INVESTMENT PLAN IS AFFORDABLE AND ACHIEVABLE WITHIN OUR PRESENT AND PROJECTED REVENUES AND OUR EXISTING CAPACITY. THIS BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: WRAP UP.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. THIS BUDGET CONTINUES OUR APPROACH OF DISCIPLINE FISCAL MANAGE THE AND INVESTING PRIORITIES REQUIRED FOR A THRIVING CITY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. I CONCLUDE BY THANKING THE MAYOR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF FINANCE AND I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL THROUGH FUTURE BUDGET YEARS TO ENSURE WE CONTINUE TO REFLECT THE PRIORITIES OF WINNIPEGERS IN OUR BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I WILL NOW DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO TWO MOTIONS THAT YOU EACH HAVE ON YOUR DESK. MOTION NUMBER ONE AND MOTION NUMBER TWO. MOTION NUMBER ONE IS AN AMENDING MOTION TO THE BUDGET MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY REGARDING WATER AND WASTE DIVIDENDS. MOTION NUMBER TWO MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE REGARD, THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL STREETS PROGRAM. COUNCILLOR WYATT, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO MOTION ONE AND TWO SEPARATELY. FOLLOWING THAT WE WILL OPEN THE FLOOR UP FOR DEBATE. EACH MEMBER CAN SPEAK TO THE BUDGET AS A WHOLE AND THE MOTIONS CONCURRENTLY. COUNCILLOR MANY WYATT YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE AS WILL THE MAYOR. AND WE WILL CALL THE VOTE. COUNCILLOR WYATT ON MOTION ONE, TEN MINUTES ON THE CLOCK.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU ON MOTION ONE. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO PREFACE I REALIZE I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE BUDGET BUT SINCE I AM SPEAKING NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME, JUST TO CONGRATULATE THE CHAIR ON HIS APPOINTMENT AND TO RECOGNIZE HE CAME INTO THE POSITION IN THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER AND THEREFORE A LOT OF THE WORK BY THEN THE BUDGET WAS IN PRINT, SO I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT WHATEVER IS SAID OR DEBAILMENTED HERE TIED DON'T NECESSARILY RECOGNIZE IT AS HIS BUDGET AS WE KIND OF SAY IN TERMS OF THE CHAIR OF FINANCE. SO, BUT CONGRATULATE HIM AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM GOING FORWARD. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK, MADAM SPEAKER TO THE MOTION BEFORE US. I WANT TO NOTE THAT THIS MOTION DOES NOT IMPACT THIS BUDGET WHATSOEVER. THIS MOTION SPEAKS TO THE 2018 BUDGET. I DID NOT GO TO THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE OF WATER AND WASTE, THEREFORE I AM NOT PROPOSING AND I WANT TO THANK MY 2NDER, COUNCILLOR BROWATY, COUNCILLOR BROWATY AND I ARE NOT PROPOSING TO CHANGE OR ALTER THE 2017 BUDGET BEFORE US TODAY THAT WE ARE DEBATING TODAY. WHAT WE ARE CALLING FOR IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGETS' DIRECTION AT THE FRONT OF YOUR BUDGET BOOK YOU HAVE THE DIRECTION GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE WITH REGARDS TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE GOING IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE. WE OFTEN PREFACE THE BUDGET BY GIVING DIRECTION ON DIFFERENT INITIATIVES AND DIFFERENT PROJECTS, DIFFERENT POLICIES WE WANT TO DEVELOP OR ARE DEVELOPING, AND WE PREFACE THE BUDGET THAT WAY TO GIVE DIRECTION AND CLARITY NOT JUST TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BUT TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THIS MOTION DOES THAT. THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET CALLING ON THE 2018 BUDGET TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE WITH REGARDS TO THE DIVIDEND. JUST SO YOU KNOW, THE DIVIDEND -- AND THAT'S THE TERM THAT'S USED AND I PREFER TO CALL IT A TAX. IT'S NOT A DIVIDEND, IT IS A TAX. BUT THE DIVIDEND HAS GROWN IF WE CALL IT THAT FROM AN AMOUNT OF ABOUT APPROXIMATELY 19 MILLION ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO TO A TOTAL OF 35.6 MILLION IN 2017. THAT'S A MASSIVE INCREASE. NEARLY DOUBLE IN FOUR YEARS. A FOUR YEAR -- A PROGRAM WHICH STARTED OUT FAIRLY -- AS A SIMPLE IDEA THAT THE ARGUMENT IS HYDRO TAKES A DIVIDEND, OTHER UTILITIES TAKE DIVIDENDS THAT GO BACK TO THE GENERAL REVENUE AND WHY SHOULDN'T WATER AND WASTE BUT IT'S GONE FROM THAT AMOUNT AND IT WAS IN 2015 AS COUNCILLORS KNOW, YOU WERE PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS THEN AND WE ALL VOTED TO CHANGE IT FROM A 8 PERCENT AMOUNT TO A 12 PERCENT AMOUNT. A HUGE CHANGE. WHICH NONE OF US FORSAW THE DOLLAR VALUES WOULD ROLL IN AS IT HAS NOW. COMPOUNDING THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, IS THE FACT THAT THE INCREASE THAT'S BEING PROPOSED IN THE WATER AND SEWER RATES HAVE BEEN NOTHING LESS THAN DRAMATIC. THEY ARE NEARING DOUBLE DIGNITARY. 9 PERCENT FOLLOWED BY 8 PERCENT. THESE INCREASES IN THE WATER AND SEWER RATES DIRECTLY IMPACT THE DIVIDEND, CAUSING THE DIVIDEND OR THE TAX TO GO UP. AND THIS AMOUNT IS GOING UP NO LESS THAN 3.6 MILLION IN ONE YEAR ALONE. THE CONCERN I HAVE, MADAM SPEAKER, IS THAT IT SEEMS TO BE A TAX WHICH IS OUT OF CONTROL. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO ADDRESS IT. I THINK THERE COMES A POINT WHERE THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE POLICY OF A DIVIDEND STARTS TO LOSE CREDIBILITY AS A POLICY WHEN IT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY RATIONAL, GOOD PUBLIC POLICY

ARGUMENTS BEHIND IT. WITH THIS IS SHOWING UP MORE AND MORE AS A WAY TO SUBSIDIZE THE OPERATING BUDGET, TO KEEP THE PROPERTY TAX DOWN. BUT THE REALITY IS WE ARE NOW CHARGING THE SAME PEOPLE, THE SAME HOME OWNERS, THE SAME AMOUNT AS IF THEY WERE PAYING IT BUT NOW THROUGH THEIR WATER AND SEWER RATES. I THINK WE NEED TO RECONSIDER THIS POLICY AND BY FREEZING TO THIS MOTION CALLS FOR FREEZING THE DIVIDEND AT THE RATE OF THE AMOUNT WE ARE COLLECTING THIS YEAR IN 2018. AND WHAT WOULD THAT DO IN TERMS OF POLICY WISE? THAT WOULD START TO DROP THE PERCENTAGE. THE PERCENTAGE WOULD START TO FALL FROM 12 AND DOWNWARD. AND THE REALITY IS WE ALL VOTE ON THE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND YET AT THE SAME TIME WE KNOW WHEN WE ARE VOTING ON THE WATER AND SEWER RATES, THOSE WATER AND SEWER RATES IF WE VOTE THEM UP AND UP HIGHER THAN THE RATE OF INFLATION, THERE IS A DIRECT IMPACT, POSITIVE IN THE SENSE OF UP, NOT GOOD, IN TERMS OF THE DIVIDEND. SO THERE IS A CONFLICT. NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BUT A CONFLICT IN POLICY. WE ARE THE SAME POLICY MAKERS. WE VOTE ON THE BUDGET. WE VOTE ON THE WATER AND SEWER RATES. HEIGHTER THE WATER AND SEWER RATE, THE HIGHER THE DIVIDEND, THE HIGHER THE TAX COMING BACK TO THE OPERATING BUDGET. SO HOW CAN WE OBJECTIVELY STAND UP AND SAY WE KNOW WE ARE RAISING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE WATER AND SEWER ALONE WHEN WE KNOW THAT A PORTION THERE OF, AND A GROWING PORTION THERE OF, OF THAT WATER AND SEWER RATE IS ACTUALLY BEING USED TO PAY FOR THIS TAX? BECAUSE FROM THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY POINT OF VIEW AND LOOKING AT IT AS THE UTILITY NOT JUST THE HOME OWNER, THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT LOOKS AT THIS AS A TAX, AS AN EXPENSE, SOMETHING THAT COMES OFF THEIR BOTTOM LINE THAT THEY -- THIS IS MONEY THAT THEY CANNOT USE NOW. THIS IS MONEY THAT THEY CANNOT USE TO FIX OUR COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM, THIS IS MONEY THEY CANNOT USE TO ADDRESS THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, TO ADDRESS THE SEWAGE THAT STILL GOES INTO THE RIVERS. THIS IS MONEY THEY CANNOT USE TO FIX THE CRUMBLING WATER LINES AROUND OUR CITY THAT ARE BEING HELD TOGETHER BY MANITOBA GUMBO. THIS IS MONEY THAT THEY CANNOT USE, MADAM SPEAKER, TO ADDRESS THE LONG TERM ISSUES EFFACING OUR WATER AND CITY SERVICES AND WE KNOW THEY ARE SEVERE. 35.6 MILLION. IMAGINE WHAT THAT WOULD SUPPORT IN TERMS OF LONG TERM WORK. I MEAN ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THAT'S AN ANNUAL AMOUNT, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE TO SLAY THIS BASE. THIS WILL AFFECT THE DEPARTMENT TO DO A

SUSTAINABLE, LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS WE KNOW NEED TO START TO HAPPEN. WE KNOW WE MUST RAMP UP TO ADDRESS THE COMBINED SEWERS, THE NEED FOR THE TREATMENT PLANTS. THE NEED FOR UPGRADING OUR WATER SYSTEM. ALL OF THESE ISSUES, MADAM SPEAKER ARE BEING DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS TAX AND, IT'S A TAX COMING OUT OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THIS. THIS DOES NOT, AGAIN, IMPACT THE 2017 BUDGET WHATSOEVER. THE DIVIDEND STAYS AS IS. THE ARGUMENT IS TO START TO PHASE IT OUT, FREEZE IT AND YOU KNOW, THE REALITY IS IF WE SAID WE WOULD FREEZE IT HERE AND GOING FORWARD AT 35.6 MILLION, IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO BECOME INSIGNIFICANT BUT IN 20 OR 30 YEARS IF COUNCILS KEEP DOING THAT, AND WITH THE WONDERS OF INFLATION AND COMPOUND INTEREST, IT WILL BE MORE INSICK AS TIME GOES ON. HOWEVER, AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW AT THE RATE OF GROWTH IT'S GROWING IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE AND THE RATE OF GROWTH IT'S GOING UP THIS YEAR ALONE BY 10 PERCENT. THAT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE. WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE. SO I WOULD SUPPORT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO VOTE ON IT TODAY, FINE, REFER T REFER IT TO THE BUDGETS MOVE A MOTION TO REFER BUT DON'T JUST RANDOMLY KILL THIS AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR WYATT. NOW YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE MOTION NUMBER TWO.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DEBATE AROUND THIS ISSUE, MADAM SPEAKER. AND YOU KNOW, I WANT TO PREFACE -- I HAVE BEEN ON EPC, I HAVE BEEN CHAIR OF FINANCE, I HAVE HAD THE HONOUR OF SERVING IN THOSE ROLES AND I CAN IT WILL YOU THAT IT'S EASY TO CRITICIZE. IT'S EASY TO HAVE THE BARBS THROWN AT ONE. I HAVE FACED THAT, FELT IT, KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE. AND I CAN FEEL FOR MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON EPC. AND SO, I KNOW IT'S EASY TO ATTACK SOMETHING. WHAT'S HARD, MADAM SPEAKER, IS TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE. I WISH I HAD AN ALTERNATIVE TODAY THAT WAS NOT PROPOSING A HIGHER TAX INCREASE. I WAS NOT PART OF THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP AS A MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL. MY INPUT INTO THE BUDGET WAS RELATIVELY LIMITED. I DID NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO THROUGH AND FORMULATE THE BUDGET AS SOME MEMBERS OF COUNCIL DID TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS THERE TO ASK THE TYPE OF QUESTIONS, TO BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN AS ONE CAN THROUGH THE

BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND THROUGH THAT BUDGET PROCESS. SO I CAN'T JUST SIMPLY POINT TO SAVINGS. I WISH I COULD. THAT WE COULD FIND. BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS HIGHER TAXES. NOBODY WANTS TAX INCREASES. THIS IS IT KIND OF GOING BACK TO THE DAYS OF ROBIN HOOD. WHO WANTS TO RAISE TAXES, RIGHT. WHO WANTS TO BE THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM AND YET WE ARE DEBATING THIS TODAY. WE ARE DEBATING THIS TODAY BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS BUDGET BEFORE US AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE TAX INCREASE AND WHETHER THE MONEY IS GOING INTO THE STREETS OR NOT. AND I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS MADE THAT BASED ON THE 2015 FORECAST, THERE WAS GOING TO BE A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS NOT HUNDRED AND FIVE. BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE THOSE COMMENTS WITHOUT HAVING THE FORECASTS IN FRONT OF YOU. THE VERY FORECAST THAT IS BEING CRITICIZED SAYING THAT WE HAVE MORE MONEY IN THE BUDGET. WELL, THE REALITY IS, THE FORECAST IS NOT HERE. IT'S NOT IN THIS BUDGET BOOK. IT HASN'T BEEN IN THE BUDGET BOOK NOW FOR TWO YEARS. THIS IS A 2ND YEAR. HOW CAN YOU ATTACK A FORECAST AND REFER TO IT AND SAY WE ARE DOING BETTER THAN THE FORECAST BUT NOT PUBLISH THE FORECAST. IT'S EASY TO BE CRITICAL IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PLAN. THE PLAN -- THERE WAS A PLAN. MAYBE IT WASN'T PERFECT. MAYBE IT WASN'T IDEAL BUT IT WAS A PLAN AND NOW I FEEL WE ARE THROWING CAUTION TO THE WIND, AND WE HAVE NO PLAN GOING FORWARD WHEN IT COMES TO OUR ROADS. LET'S BE VERY CLEAR, MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS A FINANCIAL ISSUE. THIS IS A REAL ISSUE, A TANGIBLE ISSUE, WE ALL KNOW THAT. IF WE DO NOT HAVE A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE GROWING ISSUE -- AND THIS IS JUST ONE ISSUE, BY THE WAY WHEN IT COMES TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT. THE ROADS, THE REGIONAL STREETS, THE LANE, THE SIDEWALKS, WE WILL BE CREATING A COLOSSAL LEVIATHAN OVER THE HEADS OF FUTURE COUNCILS AND CITIZENS OF THIS CITY. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US NOW TO COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT WE CAN LIVE BY AND STICK TO. I WANT TO THANK THE DELEGATION THAT IS CAME BEFORE US. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE TO SEE THE BACK AND FORTH AND THE QUESTION AND ANSWER THAT OCCURRED BUT I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR COMING, AND I THINK THE IDEA THAT WAS PUT FORWARD BY ONE OF THE DELEGATIONS, THAT THERE SHOULD BE WORK IMMEDIATELY TO REVISE AND COME UP WITH A NEW PLAN SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY. I CAN TELL YOU I INTEND TOMORROW IF THIS BUDGET PASSES AND THIS MOTION IS DEFEATED TO BRING A MOTION TO CALL FOR THAT TOMORROW AND THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING THAT THERE HAS TO BE A PLAN GOING FORWARD. WE HAVE KILLED THE LAST PLAN. IF THIS BUDGET

PASSES AS IS TODAY WE HAVE KILLED THE LOCAL STREET RENEWAL RESERVE AND THE REGIONAL STREET RENEWAL RESERVE AS IT WAS INTENDED TO BE TO GROW THOSE FUNDS. WE NEED A NEW PLAN. AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL. WE HAVE TO DO IT NOW. THE BIGGEST ISSUE IN THE LAST CIVIC ELECTION AND WE ALL HEARD T I HAVE BEEN THROUGH A NUMBER OF ELECTIONS NOW AND LET ME TELL YOU, I CAN'T RECALL AN ELECTION WHERE THERE WAS ONE SINGULAR ISSUE. TYPICALLY IN ELECTIONS YOU HAVE THIS ISSUE AND THIS ISSUE AND THIS ISSUE. WELL MY END OF TOWN THERE WERE TWO ISSUES, THE ROADS AND THE PLESSI UNDERPASS. IF NOT FOR PLESSIS IT WAS ROADS. FIX MY LANES, MY ROADS, MY SIDEWALK AND CURBS.
MY LANE IS CRACKED. I CAN'T -- I PAY TAXES WHERE IS MY MONEY GOING? YOU KNOW, WE WILL ALL HEAR IT AGAIN IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS. AND YOU KNOW WE SAY WE NEED MONEY FROM OTTAWA AND WE NEED MONEY FROM THE PROVINCE AND WE'RE NOT GETTING OUR FAIR SHARE AND SOME CITIZENS SAY LISTEN, I'M ELECTING YOU. DEAL WITH IT. GET IT DONE. AND THAT'S THE MESSAGE COMING FROM THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG, MADAM SPEAKER. I DON'T LIKE HAVING TO SAY WE'LL RAISE TAXES, WE'RE GOING TO GO FROM 2.33 TO 4.33. BUT THE REALITY IS, MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT THAT THE PRACTICE THAT WAS DONE IN THE PAST AND WHEN I SAY THE PAST I MEAN GOING BACK YEARS NOW, EVEN PRIOR TO THE LAST ADMINISTRATION, GOING BACK INTO THE 90s AND THE 80s AND ESPECIALLY THE 90s WHICH IS WHEN IT STARTED, THE EARLY 90s WHEN THE CAPITAL BUDGET WAS RAIDED TO BALANCE THE OPERATING BUDGET WHEN ALL THE STUFF THAT HAPPENED AND WE SAW THE CONTRACTION BECAUSE OF FISCAL IRRESPONSIBLE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE 1970s AND 80s AND THAT COUNCIL HAD TO FACE IN THE 1990s AND THAT STRATEGY WAS TO ROB AND TO STOP BORROWING AND ROB FROM THE CAPITAL TO BALANCE THE OPERATING AND KEEP THE TAXES DOWN AND THAT IS HOW IT OCCURRED GOING FORWARD. AND WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THAT EVER SINCE AND EVERY CITY HAS, NOT JUST WINNIPEG. EVERY CITY HAS BEEN DEALING WITH T WE HAVE A UNIQUE SITUATION BECAUSE OUR CLIMATE AND SOIL CONDITIONS MAKE OUR CHALLENGE THE GREATEST IN THE COUNTRY FOR A LARGE CITY -- A CITY OF OUR SIZE, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. AND THERE IS A NEED. THE GAS TAX WAS HISTORIC. IT ALLOWED US TO DO A LOT OF THINGS WE NEVER THOUGHT WE COULD EVER DO IN TERMS OF FIXING BRIDGES AND ROADS THROUGHOUT THE CITY THAT WE KNEW WE HAD TO DO. BUT THE REALITY IS, MADAM SPEAKER, WE NEED TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM ALIVE AND KEEP THE INVESTMENT GOING UP. 105 MILLION

LAST YEAR AND 105 MILLION THIS YEAR. 105 MILLION A DOES NOT BUY YOU WHAT 105 MILLION WILL BUY YOU IN 16. THE PROVINCE HAS RELEASED THEIR CAPITAL BUDGET, HALF A BILLION DOLLARS RELEASED IN THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER. THEY ARE ALREADY GOING TO TENDER MUCH THE COMPANY -- THEY ARE BIDDING ON THE PROVINCIAL TENDERS AND WHEN THOSE TENDERS GET FULL AND WHEN THEY FILL THEY WILL AND START LOOKING AT OUR PROGRAM AND I WANT TO THANK THE FACT THAT WE ARE HAVING THIS DEBATE TODAY. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A FIRST CALL ON THE CAPITAL, SOME OF US ON THE FLOOR WERE CALLING FOR TO GET THAT WORK OUT AHEAD OF THE PROVINCE, NOW WE ARE GOING TO BE EATING THEIR DUST BECAUSE OUR PROGRAM COMES OUT AFTER THEIRS AND WATCH THE PRICING. THEIR PROGRAM WAS ON HOLD AND NOW THEY ARE GOING FULL FORCE, DOUBLE BARRELS AND WE WILL BE FACING THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. WE NEED TO GET THIS PROGRAM OUT. WE NEED TO INCREASE SPENDING. WE NEED TO KEEP AT THIS SO WE DON'T FALL BEHIND CONSTRUCTION INFLATION.
AND EVEN WITH THE EXISTING PROGRAM PUT FORWARD, IN 2013 AND 14 WE WERE BARELY KEEPING AHEAD OF CONSTRUCTION INFLATION WHICH WAS NIP BEING AT US. WE WERE BARELY KEEPING AHEAD OF IT BUT WE WERE KEEPING AHEAD AND WE WERE STARTING TO BUILD OUR WAY OUT SLOWLY AND IT WAS TO 2036 AND IT WAS A COMBINATION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASES AND LEVY INCREASES AND WE WERE WORKING TOWARDS HAVING IT DEDICATED TO GET OURSELVES OUT BUT TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF THE BASE PROGRAM AND BALANCE THE OPERATING WHICH IS WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY, I GET THAT. AND I, FRANKLY, BELIEVE THAT THE MAYOR AND EPC SHOULD SAY WE NEED IT TO BALANCE THE OPERATING. WE HAVE TO TAKE MONEY OUT TO BALANCE THE OPERATING. WE WERE AT SPACE WITT'S END TO FIND THAT. WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM GOING AND WE HAVE TO NOT CUT OUR FRONT LINE SERVICES THROUGH OUR OPERATING BUDGET. I KNOW IT TAKES COURAGE TO SAY THAT. I KNOW IT TAKES COURAGE TO GO ABOVE THE RATE OF INFLATION. BUT MYSELF AND COUNCILLOR GERBASI STARTED TO CALL FOR AN END OF THE TAX FREEZE

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: AND THE MAYOR OF THE DAY JUMPED ALL OVER US AND MADE SURE THE MEDIA WAS ON OUR TAIL. THEY ARE CALLING FOR A TAX INCREASE, HOW DARE THEY? THE MAIN ARGUMENTS WE CAN'T RAISE TAXES

HIGHER. WE CAN'T PUSH SENIORS OUT -- IT'S THE SAME ARGUMENTS WE HEARD WHY WE SHOULD KEEP THE TAX FREEZE. WE HAVE TO KEEP THE ROADS PROGRAM ALIVE AND STAY AHEAD OF INFLATION AND WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS MUCH OUR CONSTITUENTS. NOW, IF SOMEBODY HAS A MAGIC GUN AND FIND THE EXTRA WITHOUT THE 10.6 MILLION WITHOUT GOING ANOTHER 2 PERCENT I AM ALL EARS. YOU HAVE TIME TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION AND PUT A MOTION OUT. I'M ALL NEARS. I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY IF THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY FOR 10.6 MILLION BACK INTO THE ROADS PROGRAM. BUT I PREFER TO GIVE A SOLUTION THAN JUST TO CRITICIZE. AND I KNOW THE RISK OF DOING THAT ALL THE STRATEGISTS SAY DON'T PROVIDE A SOLUTION BECAUSE THEN YOU BECOME CRITICIZED. SO WHAT. WE ARE HERE TO LEAD. WE ARE HERE TO LEAD AND WE ARE HERE, HOPEFULLY, NOT FOR A LONG TIME BUT FOR A PRODUCTIVE TIME. I WANT THIS BUDGET TO BE PRODUCTIVE. EVERY BUDGET COUNTS. I BELIEVE THE MAYOR WHEN HE SAYS HE IS COMMITTED TO ROADS. I BELIEVE HIM AND I BELIEVE HE SAILS HE KNOWS THIS SAY TOP PRIORITY FOR WINNIPEGERS. LET'S MAKE IT A TOP PRIORITY AND RESTORE THE PROGRAM ASAP. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WE YEAH WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK NEXT? COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU. THESE ARE ALWAYS INTERESTING DEBATES WE HAVE AT CITY HALL. AGAIN, IT'S EASY TO POINT AT IT AS A POLITICAL PLOY. I UNDERSTAND AND I DON'T WANT TO GET TO THIS BASE LEVEL. I HAVE FULL RESPECT FOR EVERYONE ON COUNCIL. THIS IS A BIG DECISION. THIS IS THAT PLAN OR GUIDELINE GOING FORWARD ON HOW WE WILL MOVE WINNIPEG TO GROW AND TO ADDRESS THE CITY OF WINNIPEGER'S NEEDS. AGAIN, I FULLY BELIEVE THAT. AGAIN, ONE THING I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ASTOUNDED WITH AND WHY I VOTED AGAINST THE BUDGET IS I NEVER SAW A PLAN OUT. I SAW A HEAVY DEBT LOAD BEING INCREASED. I SAW NEW FEES, AND I CONSIDER THEM TAXES. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. DEPENDS HOW YOU WANT TO DEFINE IT. BUT AGAIN, SOMEONE HAS TO PAY. BUT I SAW AS WE WENT THROUGH THE LAST BUDGET I DIDN'T SEE ANY VISION ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS. WHAT A BUDGETING PROCESS IS, IS WHERE YOU LOOK AT THE BUDGET AND DECIDE HOW TO ALLOCATE BASED ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. AND WE ARE IN A DEFICIT EVERY YEAR. THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. WHEN WE BUDGET EACH YEAR WE ARE NOT STARTING AT ZERO. YES, WE ARE BALANCED

BUT IN OUR FORECAST GOING FORWARD WE HAVE THIS STRUCTURAL DEFICIT WHICH HAS NEVER REALLY BEEN ADDRESSED. IT KEEPS GROWING AND GROWING AND GROWING AND BECOMES ALMOST -- BECOMING ALMOST UNMANAGEABLE. SO I ALWAYS STATED THAT I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO HAVE A VISION ON HOW WE WILL TACKLE THIS AND THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT THIS BUDGET. I AM SUPPORTING THIS BUDGET BECAUSE IT ENSURES THAT THE MONEY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR BUDGETING THAT'S ALLOCATED THERE IS ACTUALLY REAL MONEY. NOT FICTIONAL MONEY THAT WE COULD GET. THERE IS A LOT OF PROVINCIAL MONEY THERE WE ARE NOT GETTING, NICE IDEA. THIS IS FICTIONAL MONEY. THAT'S A NICE IDEA BUT WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT WHEN WE BUDGET AND GO FORWARD THAT THE MONEY IS ACTUALLY THERE. IT MAY BE A LAND SALE THAT WE BELIEVE WILL GENERATE HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY. WE BUDGET FOR THAT AND SPEND THE MONEY BUT IN REALITY THE MONEY ISN'T THERE. SO NOW WE HAVE TO BACK-FILL: WHAT THIS BUDGET HAS DONE AND WE SEE THAT THROUGH COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM IS WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE MONEY IS REAL. IS SOUNDS SIMPLE BUT THAT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO MANAGE AND AGAIN WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE DO PROJECTS THEY ARE NOT JUST DONE ON A NAPKIN. WE HAVE HAD HUGE PROBLEMS WITH THAT AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLASS THREE ESTIMATES, SOMETIMES CLASS FOUR. WE MADE HUGE MOVEMENTS FORWARD AND REDUCED SPENDING. THIS BUDGET DOES THAT WITH REGARD TO REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES IN TEN YEARS. WHEN WE SAY WE WON'T TOUCH FRONT LINE SERVICES, I AGREE BUT VACANCY MANAGEMENT DOES THAT. WE HAVE REDUCED IT REALLY GOOD AND INCREASED OUR DEBT LOAD IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND WE ARE NOW MAXED OUT ON OUR DEBT LOAD. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY GOING FORWARD. WE DON'T HAVE NEW REVENUE. WE HAVE INFLATION BUT WE FLAT LINED THAT. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE. WE HAVE A RECORD INVESTMENT. WE HAVE THIS ROAD THING OF WHO SAID WHAT AND GREY AND BLUE, BUT IT IS A RECORD INVESTMENT AND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTICED THAT. AND COUNCILLOR WYATT SAID THAT IS ONE OF THE FILL ISSUES. SO THERE IS A LOT GOING IN HERE BUT WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AND IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY TRYING TO GET THIS BUDGET UNDER CONTROL. WE CAN'T KEEP STARTING IN THIS WAY. WE HAVE INFLATIONARY INCREASES AND OTHER COSTS COMING UP. WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS STICK THIS STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE RATHER THAN JUST REACTING TO THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT EACH YEAR. THIS BUDGET DOES THAT AND NEXT YEAR WILL BE SUPER TOUGH BUT

THIS BUDGET TAKES US A COUPLE OF STEPS FORWARD AND SETS A GOOD PRECEDENT. I DON'T LIKE EVERYTHING IN HERE. YOU DON'T LIKE EVERY BUDGET. I'M NOT SURE WHO THAT IS WE CAN GO AROUND THE TABLE AND EACH ONE OF US WOULD WISH THERE WAS MORE MONEY THERE OR MORE MONEY THERE OR I DON'T WANT TO SPEND SO MUCH MONEY THERE OR RAISE MONEY OVER THERE. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE COLLECTIVE WHOLE. ALL OF US ALREADY TAKE THE POSITION TO BALANCE IT OFF IN THE END. FOR ME, THIS BUDGET IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR TODAY, TOMORROW AND GOING FORWARD AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT IS COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS BUDGET IS A LITTLE EARLIER THAN THE PREVIOUS TWO I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN OUR MAYOR REPLACED 2EPC MEMBERS? DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS? IT MEANS THAT ONLY FOUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, EPC MEMBERS, WERE INVOLVED IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FROM START TO FINISH. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THAT MEANS. THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU LIVE IN DANIEL MCINTYRE, ELMWOOD EAST KILDONAN, FORT ROUGE, EAST FORT GARRY, MYNARSKI, NORTH KILDONAN, OLD KILDONAN, ST. BONIFACE, ST. CHARLES, ST. JAMES-BROOKLANDS-WESTON. SOUTH WINNIPEG, ST. NORBERT OR THE TRANSCONA WARD, THEN YOU HAD EITHER PARTIAL REPRESENTATION IN THE MAKING OF THE DRAFT BUDGET OR YOU HAD NONE AT ALL. AND BY THE WAY, BASED ON THE 2011 CENSUS, THAT MEANS 475,000 RESIDENTS THIS THIS CITY WERE NOT FULLY REPRESENTED IN THE MAKING OF THIS DRAFT, START TO FINISH. THAT'S 71 PERCENT. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ALL 15 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FROM THE START BUT THE MAYOR AND EPC ARE PREVENTING IT. REMEMBER BACK IN THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER, THE GRASS SO HIGH YOU COULDN'T TAKE YOUR KIDS TO THE PARK AND THE DANDYLIONS HIGHER THAN THE SEAT ON THE PARK BENCH? WELL THIS BUDGET HAS ADDITIONAL SPENDING FOR GRASS, WEEDS CONTROL TO ALLEVIATE THAT PROBLEM. KUDOS FOR THAT. BUT OVERALL THE PARKS BUDGET ISN'T KEEPING UP. HOW ABOUT POTHOLES? ISN'T IT WONDERFUL WHEN ONE APPEARS YOU CAN CALL 311 AND YOU ARE TOLD IT WILL BE FIXED WITHIN 90 DAYS AND IT'S NOT. THREE WHOLE MONTHS AND THEY DON'T FIX IT. DO WE NEED MORE RESOURCES? DID WE INCREASE THE POTHOLE BUDGET? GOOD

QUESTIONS AND IF YOU LOOK IN THE DRAFT BUDGET YOU WON'T FIND THOSE ANSWERS. IT'S NOT EVEN A LINE ITEM THAT YOU CAN COMPARE YEAR TO YEAR. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SUCH A KEY ISSUE IS NOT EVEN LISTED? DID THE DEMOCRATIC REQUEST EXTRA FUNDING FOR POTHOLES? DID THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP EVEN CONSIDER THIS TO BE A PROBLEM? YOU TELL ME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. THE NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT FOR RESIDENTS IN MY WARD IS POTHOLES AND YET IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A PRIORITY HERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY MISSED IT. SURELY THEY MUST HAVE POTHOLES IN THEIR WARDS WHICH IS WHY ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FROM THE START. I FOR ONE WOULD HAVE PUT POTHOLES FRONT AND CENTRE WHERE IT SHOULD BE AND I DID ASK THE DIRECTOR ABOUT THE POTHOLE BUDGET AND HE SAID SOMEONE WILL GET BACK TO ME AND I AM STILL WAITING. WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED? I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED AN INSTANT RESPONSE BUT THEN AGAIN THERE ARE NO REAL REPERCUSSIONS FOR NOT RESPONDING TO A COUNCILLOR BUT WE COULD HAVE CHANGED THAT. I PUT A MOTION FORWARD THAT WOULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT REPORT TO STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE MAJORITY OF COUNCILLORS IN THIS ROOM DIDN'T WANT THAT AND I HAVE TO WONDER WHY. BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED US SO MUCH MORE INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENTS, WANTS, NEEDS, REPORTS, ET CETERA WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN AND THAT TRANSIT REPORT THAT SAID IT WOULD COST A MILLION MORE IF WE OPENED IT? STOP RIGHT THERE. WHAT REPORT? THE MAYOR IS IN THE PRESS ON THIS ISSUE AND THERE IS A TRANSIT REPORT THAT ONLY HIS EPC GETS IT Z EPC MEMBERS SEE THE BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF THIS REPORT AND SAY NOTHING? WAS IT EVEN CONSIDERED FOR THIS BUDGET? ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THIS SECRECY CRAP HAS GOT TO STOP. THE REPORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WON'T LET REGULAR COUNCILLORS SEE, EPC WHO WON'T SHARE THAT INFORMATION AND A MAYOR WHO SUPPORTS THIS. WELL, YOU ARE EITHER PART OF THE PROBLEM OR PART OF THE SOLUTION AND UNTIL ALL OF COUNCIL IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE THEN THE MAYOR AND EPC ARE THE PROBLEM. I HAVE ASKED ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN ONCE IF WE COULD HAVE INFORMATION DELIVERED TO US IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE RESPONSE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WE DON'T WANT THIS INFORMATION LEAKED TO THE PRESS. NOW THERE IS TRUST FOR YOU. MY HOPE OF COURSE WAS THAT HE WASN'T REFERRING TO ME. PERHAPS ONE OF THE OTHER MORE VOCAL NON-EPC COUNCILLORS AND YET, THERE IS HIS EXCUSE FOR DENYING. DID HE MAKE THE DECISION HIMSELF OR WERE THE MAYOR AND

EPC INVOLVED? EITHER WAY, I AM MORE THAN JUST A LITTLE INSULTED. AND I GOT NEWS FOR YOU I DON'T TRUST THE ADMINISTRATION. I DON'T TRUST THE EPC MEMBERS AND I CERTAINLY DON'T TRUST THE MAYOR. I DON'T TRUST YOU BECAUSE OF ALL THE SECRETS AND REPORTS THAT YOU HIDE FROM US REGULAR COUNCILLORS. THIS DRAFT BUDGET. HOW MANY DECISIONS WERE MADE BASED ON REPORTS I WILL NEVER SEE? HOW MANY SECRETS ARE IN THERE THAT WILL COME TO LIGHT NEXT YEAR? MANY COUNCILLORS IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN SPOUTING THE VIRTUES OF OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY. WHY? BECAUSE IT MAKES GOOD PRESS. FOR THOSE COUNCILLORS I THINK IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR BLINDERS OFF AND HAVE A GOOD LOOK. OPEN AND TRANSPARENT CAN IS NOT BUT KEEP YOUR BLINDERS ON AND KEEP SUPPORTING IT. I FOR ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY WON'T SUPPORT THIS BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR DOBSON ON TO YOU COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU. I WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING IN THE SPIRIT OF COUNCILLOR WYATT'S PRAYER THAT I THINK PEACE AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE IS A GOOD THING. SO, I ALSO WANT TO SAY -- I WANT TO COMMEND HIM. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN SAID FROM THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL BEFORE BUT THE RESERVES HE SET UP WHILE HE WAS THE FINANCE CHAIR WERE REALLY -- MAY BE ONE OF THE BEST THINGS HE HAS EVER DONE. THESE RESERVES ARE AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR ROADS BUDGET. AND THE MATH IS PRETTY CLEAR. IF YOU GO EVERY YEAR, 2 PERCENT GOES INTO THE RESERVE, AS I SAID EARLIER, THE RESERVE REALLY HAS ONLY TWO FUNDING SOURCES. THE COUNCIL NEVER DIRECTED CAPITAL GO INTO THE RESERVE IT ONLY DIRECTED THAT THE 2 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASES AND THERE WAS SOME DEBT, 27 MILLION I BELIEVE, IN THE LOCAL STREETS PROGRAM AND 25 MILLION IN THE REGIONAL STREETS PROGRAM. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, LIKE AROUND THIS DEBATE, I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN -- COUNCILLORS HAVE TAKEN OUT ADS PAID FOR BY THE TAXPAYERS. MONEY THAT COULD ENHANCE THE ROADS BUDGET WENT TO NEWSPAPERS. THOSE ADS, THEY DON'T BUILD ROADS. WHAT FIXES ROADS AND BUILDS ROADS IS VOTING FOR THE ROADS NOT VOTING AGAINST THE ROADS. IF WE ARE TO STICK TO THIS PLAN, GREATEST RESPECT TO COUNCILLOR WYATT AND BROWATY AND OTHERS, WE WOULD ONLY SPEND

A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR ON ROADS, 5 MILLION LESS THAN PLANNED AND LAST YEAR WE WOULD SPEND 94. I AM NOT ADVOCATING FOR THOSE NUMBERS WHICH I FIND QUITE INTERESTING BUT I WANT TO SAY, THIS IS A GREAT THING THAT COUNCILLOR WYATT DID AND THIS RESERVE IS GROWING. IT WILL GROW EVERY YEAR AND IT WILL ONE DAY BE SELF SUSTAINING AND WE HAVE TO PROTECT IT AND WE WOULD FORWARD IT BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE CASH CAPITAL THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT WAS NEVER DIRECTED BY COUNCIL TO GO INTO THE RESERVE. THE RESERVES ONLY FUNDED BY THE TAX INCREASE AND BY $25 MILLION IN DEBT IN THE REGIONAL RESERVE AND $27 MILLION OF DEBT IN THE LOCAL RESERVE. AND IN FACT, THE LAST YEAR FOR DEBT AS A FUNDING SOURCE IN THE RESERVE WAS 2016. FROM 2017 FORWARD IT'S A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AT SOME POINT AT 2022, SUPPLANTED BY OR SUPPOSED TO BE SUPPLANTED BY FRONTAGE LEVIES. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY, MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF THIS INDEX IN THE 2015 BUDGET AND I THINK IT WAS IN THE 2014 BUDGET PRIOR TO THE LAST ELECTION AS WELL AND IS BASED ON VERY OPTIMISTIC FORECAST OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN SO FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU GO BACK AND ACTUALLY LOOK AT THE 2015 BUDGET WE APPROVED, YOU CAN SEE IN 2019 AND 2020 THAT THE PROVINCIAL FUNDING UNDER THE PROVINCIAL ROADS INVESTMENT FUND DROPS OFF. YOU CAN LOOK AT IT IN THE TO 15 CAPITAL BUDGET. THE $9 MILLION ENDS IN 2018. WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE THAT RENEWED. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROVINCE'S POSITION WILL BE. BUT, IF YOU LOOK AT THE RESERVE, THE FORECAST IN THE RESERVE ASSUMES THAT THAT $9 MILLION CONTINUES ON. BUT, WHEN WE ACTUALLY PASS OUR BUDGET WE CAN'T RELY ON ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE NOT REAL. THIS RESERVE SHEET, THIS APPENDIX IS JUST A FORECAST BASED ON SOME OPTIMISTIC ASSUMPTIONS. IT'S NOT WHAT WE VOTE ON. IT'S NOT WHAT WE PASS. IT'S NOT WHAT THE ROADS BUDGET S WHAT THE ROADS BUDGET WAS FROM IN THE 2015 BUDGET, THE FORECAST FOR ROADS WHICH WE VOTED ON, WE PASSED WAS $640 MILLION. THAT WAS THE SIX YEAR TOTAL. THE 2017 BUDGET BEFORE US TODAY WHICH I THINK ALL COUNCILLORS SHOULD VOTE FOR, IT INVESTS OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, $685 MILLION AND YOU KNOW WHAT IN LARGE MEASURE, BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCILLOR FROM TRANSCONA WHO DID GREAT WORK. HE CREATED THIS RESERVE. AND I CONGRATULATE HIM FOR THAT. BUT AGAIN, MADAM SPEAKER, I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT THIS APPENDIX IS JUST SIMPLY A FORECAST BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE. WHAT IS TRUE IS WHAT WE VOTE ON IN THE

BUDGET AND AGAIN, THE 2015 BUDGET, YOU CAN SEE ALSO IN 2018, THE PROVINCIAL MANITOBA WINNIPEG INFRASTRUCTURE FUND OR WHAT PEOPLE CALL THE MWIF FUND, DROPS OFF AND THIS APPENDIX ASSUMES IT WILL CONTINUE AND WE DON'T KNOW THAT. I'M SURE THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PROVINCE AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THOSE DATES TO SEE IF IT WILL. BUT WE CAN'T SAY AND THAT'S WHY THIS APPENDIX IS NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN RELY ON TO SAY WE MADE A PROMISE OR BROKE A PROMISE LIKE MR. LAWRENCE WOULD LIKE TO SAY OVER AND OVER AGAIN WHILE HE LOBBIES US ON THE RADIO. THIS IS SIMPLY A FORECAST BASED ON THE RESERVE COUNCILLOR WYATT CREATED. IT WAS A VERY GOOD THING AND LOOKING BACK ON HIS CAREER NO DOUBT HE WILL LOOK AT THIS RESERVE AND SAY "I DID THAT" AND I CONGRATULATE HIM FOR THAT AND HE SHOULD BE LAUDING THIS TODAY AND HE SHOULD BE LAUDING NOT ONLY THE $105 MILLION, RECORD FUNDING FOR ROADS, MADAM SPEAKER IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY BUT THE $105 MILLION WE DID LAST YEAR AND THE $103 MILLION WE DID THE YEAR BEFORE. SINCE MAYOR BOWMAN WAS ELECTED BY A MASSIVE PLURALITY OF VOTE, SINCE THAT TIME, SINCE THE DATE OF THAT ELECTION, WHEN THIS BUDGET PASSES TODAY, WILL HAVE VOTED ON $314 MILLION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY AND THAT IS CHANGE, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT IS REAL CHANGE AND I COMMEND THE LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR BOWMAN AND THE LEADERSHIP OF MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUE THAT IS ARE BRAVE ENOUGH TO VOTE FOR THESE BUDGETS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF MY GREAT FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM WHO, UNDER GREAT WEIGHT AND STRAIN OF MOVING NO THE FINANCE PORTFOLIO, REALLY WITH JUST A SHORT FEW WEEKS HAS DONE AND I CREDIBLE JOB AT UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS AND TELLING IT LIKE IT IS. SO NO PROMISES ARE BROKEN AND I WOULD URGE ALL COUNCILLORS TO SUPPORT RECORDS SPENDING ON OUR ROADS BECAUSE I AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR WYATT. THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE WANT US TO DO. WE ARE VOTING FOR ROADS AND WE ARE FIXING THE ROADS. YOU CAN CHOOSE NOT TO FIX THE ROADS IN ANSWER TO WHY OR VOTE FOR ROADS AND FIX THE ROADS AND TELL THEM THAT YOU ACTUALLY DID SOMETHING DURING YOUR SHORT TIME HERE. THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING HERE ON COUNCIL AND ACTUALLY DOING GOOD WORK FOR THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR MORANTZ. WHO WOULD LIKE TO

SPEAK NEXT? COUNCILLOR BROWATY

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING OUR SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS AND CORPORATE FINANCE STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DO. MIKE (RUTA), AND HOWARD (FALK). WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY AN EASY GROUP TO DEAL WITH. ONE DAY WE MAKE UP OUR MINDS AND THE NEXT DAY WE CHANGE OUR MINDS. THESE THINGS HAVE A LOT OF IMPLICATIONS. WE SPEND A HARD DAY HASHING THINGS OUT AND THEY REWORK THE NUMBERS AND GET THE ANSWERS TO OUR MANY QUESTIONS. IT'S BEEN A GREAT WORK RELATIONSHIP WITH THEY WILL AND MAKE DECISION LATER THAN THEY NEED TO AND THAT IMPLICATES THEIR PERSONAL TIME AND SOCIAL TIME. SO AGAIN THANK YOU. I DON'T THINK I WILL BE PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS NEXT YEAR, IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU. I WILL START ON A POSITIVE NOTE. SOME OF THE GOOD THINGS IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. NOT SEEING A FRONTAGE FEE INCREASE. IT WAS TIME TO DRAW A LINE IN THE SAND AND I AM HAPPY TO SEE THE FRONTAGE FEE HAS NOT GONE UP. AND THAT NUMBER 2.33 ISN'T STEW DAUNTING BUT THE SHELL GAME GOING ON HERE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THERE IS ALL SORT OF MAGIC TALKED ABOUT AND RECORD INVESTMENT IN ROADS BUT WHAT'S UNDENIABLE IS YEAR OVER YEAR WHAT IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, OUR ROADS AND OUR STREETS, THE BASE NUMBER IS DOWN WHEN YOU LOOK AT $10.6 MILLION ADDED THIS YEAR. YOU DON'T DECREASE INVESTMENT ON YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY YEAR OVER YEAR, IN MY MIND, THAT IS THE BIGGEST FLAW OF THE BUDGET BEFORE US HERE TODAY. I'LL SPEAK TO THE MOTION I SECONDED WITH COUNCILLOR WYATT IN REGARDS TO THE WATER AND SEWER DIVIDEND. GOING TO 12 PERCENT IN BUDGETS I SUPPORTED WAS A STRETCH, THE HIGHEST IN WESTERN CANADA AND DIVIDENDS ARE NORMAL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND 12 PERCENT IS STRETCHING THAT. BY LIMITING IT TO THE CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNT IS RESPONSIBLE IN TERMS OF THE RECOGNITION WE NEED AND THE REVENUE FOR OUR BUDGETS BUT ALSO BECAUSE WATER AND SEWER RATES HAVE TO GO UP DUE TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT NEED TO BE MADE THOSE INVESTMENTS SHOULDN'T BE COSTING OR PRODUCING ADDITIONAL BENEFIT TO THE GENERAL FUND. SO, I THINK COUNCILLOR -- I THANK COUNCILLOR WYATT FOR THE SUGGESTION. THAT DOESN'T AFFECT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET BUT IS A DIRECTION GOING FORWARD AND AN IMPORTANT AND SOLID POLICY OBJECTIVE. GOING BACK TO THE ROADS AND THE STREETS BUDGETS. I AM

ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THIS COUNCIL AND EPC I WAS PART OF DID WORK WITH THE REALITY THAT THERE WAS EXCESS INDUSTRY CAPACITY IN 2016, THAT THERE WAS AN ABILITY AND WE WERE GETTING GREAT PRICING TO START ON SOME OF THE 2017 WORK EARLY. THAT WAS A POSITIVE INITIATIVE AND I HOPE IF WE SEE ANOTHER SCENARIO LIKE THAT IN 2017 THAT WE TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE THAT FORWARD. AGAIN, THE ACTUAL DOLLARS SPENT IN 2017 WILL BE DOWN BUT THAT'S FINE BECAUSE WE GOT THAT MONEY OUT EARLY AND WE GOT A GREAT VALUE FOR THAT MONEY. THE OTHER THING I AM PERTURBED ABOUT, AGAIN, WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD THAT ONE ON ONE, THE REGIONAL STREET FUND AND THE LOCAL STREET FUND IS NOT GOING TO INCREMENTALLY YEAR OVER YEAR INCREASE ON OUR ROADS BUT ALSO THE .33 PERCENT GOING TO SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT RESERVE. AND WE HEARD EARLIER BACK IN JUNE AND JULY WE ARE GETTING $120 MILLION IN SAVINGS FROM THE INNOVATIVE P3 MODEL WE HAVE. THIS IS WONDERFUL NEWS, WHY AREN'T WINNIPEGERS SEEING THE BENEFIT FROM IT? THERE IS TALK ABOUT FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCE. THAT IS NOT PART OF THE DEAL IN MY MIND. THE A PLAN WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL 5 CENTS GOING ON TO TRANSIT FARE USERS BUT THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA SAID NO WE WILL FIND YOU. WE DON'T SEE THE 1.7 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM THE PROVINCE WE GO BACK TO THE OTHER SCENARIO WHERE WE DO THE FARE INCREASE. THAT'S FAIR AND REASONABLE AND THAT'S OUR ORIGINAL PLAN. WHEN IT COMES TO IT WE NEED A NEW MODEL AND EVEN THE $120 MILLION BASED ON INFORMATION WE WERE GIVEN IS ON THE LOW SIDE. IF THIS IS IN FACT SOME MEANS TO FUND THE OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT AND HOW ABOUT THE FUNDS TO BE RAISED THIS YEAR BY THE GROWTH. MONEY WILL COME IN IN 2017, WHY HAVEN'T WE HAD A GOOD OPEN DISCUSSION ON WHERE THOSE FUNDS WILL GO. THAT'S MONEY IN OUR COFFERS IN 2017 BASED ON FORECASTS. AND YOU KNOW, I WAS REALLY DISTURBED BY THE TONE OF SOME OF THE E-MAILS GOING AROUND IN REGARDS TO INDUSTRY PLAYERS AND HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE IMPROVEMENT IN THAT OF OUR CITY. YOU KNOW IT WAS MENTIONED ONCE THIS MORNING, CHRIS LORENC WHO UNDERSTANDS MUNICIPAL POLITICS, HE IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THIS CHAMBER. HE UNDERSTANDS. THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING ROADS THAN BUILT IN OUR CITY AND I WORKED WITH HIM UNDER THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING COUNCIL. WE WORKED TO FIND A WHOLE MYRIAD OF OPTIONS, WAYS TO FIND HOW TO FUND OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, OUR

ROADS AND OUR STREETS AND WE WERE WORKING WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES AND MAYOR KATZ THAT CONSTITUTED THIS GROUP AND THERE WAS A REPORT WAY MYRIAD OF OPTIONS TO FUND OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ONE OF THE TOOLS WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT I VOTED AGAINST IS THE GROWTH SCENE THAT WAS NOT SUGGESTED HEAVILY IN THIS PARTICULAR DOCUMENT. YOU MIGHT THINK THIS NEW COUNCIL ISN'T FAMILIAR WITH IT. WE HAVE GOT MAYOR BOWMAN FOR 2014 PUT INTO PRACTICE STEPS ALREADY IDENTIFIED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING COUNCIL OF 2011 REPORT. OBVIOUSLY THE MAYOR IS FAMILIAR WITH IT SO HE UNDERSTANDS THAT CHRIS LORENC IS WORKING TO FIND GOOD SOLUTIONS SO I AM DISAPPOINTED BY THE TONE OF THOSE MEMBERS. I'LL PUT TON THE RECORD, I HAVE NO -- PUT IT ON THE RECORD, I HAD NO DEALINGS WITH CHRIS LORENC OR MEMBERS OF THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION IN REGARDS TO THE BUDGET COMMUNICATIONS GOING ON THERE. SO AGAIN, I FIND THAT DISAPPOINTING. I WILL REITERATE I THANK COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD. IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE POLICE BUDGET WE ARE BEING RESPONSIBLE AND KEEPING THE ANNUAL INCREASE YEAR OVER YEAR TO 1.28 PERCENT, MORE IN LINE WITH INFLATION AND THE REALITY OF WHAT IS AFFORDABLE WHILE DELIVERING A LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT WINNIPEGERS DESERVE AND RESPECT WHEN IT COMES TO OUR POLICING SO AGAIN, I WON'T BE VOTING FOR TODAY'S BUDGET AND I AM HOPEFUL WE WILL SEE INCREASED REVENUES ON OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, OUR ROADS AND OUR STREETS.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU. I AM RISING IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S BUDGET AND I WANT TO THANK THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WHICH FINANCE CHAIR COUNCILLOR MORANTZ WAS AND THEN BY COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM. MEMBERS OF EPC PAST AND CURRENT, COUNCILLOR GILROY, GERBASI AND ALLARD. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO ALMOST THREE FULL BUDGET PROCESSES AND CLEARLY RECOGNIZE IT'S A TOUGH BALANCING ACT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ADMINISTRATION, MR. RUTA WHO DID A GREAT JOB ANSWERING QUESTIONS, DURING COMMITTEE AND AFTER WHEN I WAS CONTINUALLY E-MAILING YOU. AND BALANCING A BUDGET IS A DELICATE BALANCING ACT. FOR THE TAXPAYERS I BELIEVE THIS BALANCED BUDGET REPRESENTS A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO MANAGING THE CITY'S

POSITION. AVERAGE HOME OWNERS WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL $38 IN PROPERTY TAXES AND THE BUDGET PRESENTS A TOTAL SPINNING INCREASE OF 2.3 PERCENT. TO ANY OF THE TAXPAYERS I SPOKE TO ABOUT THE BUDGET AND THERE ARE LOTS IN THE WARD THAT LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET, MOST ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH WHAT IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD THOUGH THEY ARE CONFUSED ABOUT THE ROADS BUDGET AND I WILL SNEAK TO THAT. I AM PLEASED TO SEE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION CRITICAL TO OUR GROWING CITY BY MOVING GOODS AND PEOPLE TO GROW OUR ECONOMY WHICH ENABLES US TO INVEST AND IMPROVE IN THE LIFE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TWO BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS ARE INVESTMENTS IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND IN PUBLIC TRANSIT, EXPANDING SERVICE INTO NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND INVESTING IN THE RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR AND I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF TALKING ABOUT RAPID TRANSIT I AM A STRONG BELIEVER. INVESTMENT IN BOTH THESE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON MOTORIZED VEHICLES WHICH REDUCE NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT. I KNOW THIS IS IMPORTANT TO MANY OF OUR CITIZENS AND WHILE I APPRECIATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT I THINK WE NEED TO BE BOLDER TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT. SILL LOCAL AND REGIONAL TO HOW WE ARE INVESTING IN A TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WHICH WILL DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION YOU MUST LOOK TO OTHER CITIES TO LEARN AND APPLY BEST PRACTICES IN EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES AND DO OUR OWN DUE DILIGENCE TO STUDY NETWORKS, CYCLING NETWORKS AND WE HAVE TO LOOK AT CITIES WHO REMODELED TRANSIT ROUTING TO INCREASE TRANSIT AND INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE IS IMPORTANT BUT IT'S PRUDENT FOR US TO LOOK BEYOND OUR NORMAL WAY OF OPERATING THESE INVESTMENTS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MANY OF YOU OBJECT ON IT. AND THE ROAD INVESTMENTS ARE CRITICAL AND WE ARE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT THIS YEAR, MORE THAN WE HAVE EVER MADE, I AM CLEAR ON THAT. BUT I HAVE TO SAY, ON THIS FILE OF ALL FILES, I AM BEYOND DISAPPOINTED IN HOW WE ARE COMMUNICATING WHAT IS BEING INVESTED. I SIT HOURS ON END IN HOCKEY RINGS AND ATTEND COUNTLESS EVENTS AND TALK TO RESIDENTS ABOUT CITY HALL, THE GOINGS ON AND ABOUT HOW MUCH WE ARE INVESTING IN OUR ROADS AND WE KNOW THIS IS THE CITIZENS TOP PRIORITY TO FIX OUR ROADS. WE KNOW THE CITY'S BILLION DOLLARS

BUDGET IS COMPLICATED. BUT WE ALSO KNOW WE HAVE HIRED THREE, FOUR, I DON'T KNOW, UP TO SIX NEW COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS. SURELY, SURELY, SURELY, THESE PROFESSIONALS COULD HAVE CRAFTED A MESSAGE THAT THE AVERAGE HOCKEY ARENA CITIZEN TO COMPREHEND THAT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED A CLEAR, OPEN, TRANSPARENT UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH OUR ROADS BUDGET. WE HAVE HEARD DISCUSSION THIS MORNING AND I WON'T GO ON ABOUT IT BUT I THINK WE HAVE FAILED AS COUNCIL AND I THINK WE FAILED IN OUR MESSAGING AND WHAT THAT DOES IS IT CREATES DISTRESS AMONG THE PUBLIC. AND I AM REALLY DISAPPOINTED AND IT'S EMBARRASSING WHEN I AM OUT IN PUBLIC TO GET ALL THESE DIFFERENT CONVERSATIONS GOING AND TRYING TO EXPLAIN IT TO THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB. SO MOVING ON FROM TRANSPORTATION OF COURSE I AM PLEASED TO SEE INVESTMENT IN CORE SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE SERVICE STATION IN NORTH WINNIPEG. LARGEST FUNDING TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE FIRE, PARAMEDICS, COMMUNITY SERVICES. AND OF COURSE I AM PLEASED TO SEE THE 4.1 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RECC OR THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND OF THE NEW RECC FACILITY IN SOUTH WINNIPEG ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING QUADRANTS OF OUR CITY AND PLEASED TO SEE 4.3 MILLION GOING INTO AT THAT -- TO TACHE AND OTHER CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THE PARKS. THESE -- THERE ARE MANY POSITIVE HIGHLIGHTS AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS I WANT TO MENTION THAT I AM NOT KEEN ON AND THAT I WANT ON THE RECORD. I HAVE GONE ON ABOUT OUR INVESTMENTS IN PARKS AND TAKING CARE OF OUR PARKS. WE ADDED 250-ACRES OF PARK SPACE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

WE KNOW IT WILL COST 1.2 MILLION FOR MAINTENANCE BUT WE ARE NOT PUTTING A PENNY TOWARDS T I DON'T AGREE. I THINK WE NEED TO DO BETTER. I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT INNOVATIVE PRACTICES TO SUPPORT OUR PARKS AND BE OPEN TO LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS. I WILL WORK WITH COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN AND THE COMMITTEE. I THINK WE HAVE TO THINK OUT OF THE BOX ON THIS ONE, PEOPLE, BECAUSE THIS IS -- WE WILL HEAR ABOUT IT AGAIN THIS YEAR AND CONTINUALLY HEAR ABOUT IT. AND GOING THROUGH THE BUDGET BOOKS AFTER NOT BEING ON EPC NOW, I REALIZE THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND OPERATING BUDGET BOOKS ARE CHALLENGING. THERE WERE 13 APPENDICES IN 16 AND SOME WERE BEAUTIFUL PICTURES OF US AS COUNCIL MEMBERS BUT IN 2016 APPENDIX 12, REALLY, REALLY WAS A GOOD APPENDICES TO SHOW HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT. AND CARRYING GAS TAX

FUNDING AND THERE WAS A ONE SENTENCE EXPLANATION. OF COURSE INTEREST WAS THE CONCERN ABOUT THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS THAT DIDN'T REALLY SAY WHERE THAT MONEY WENT. I REALLY THINK WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB ON CONVEYING THE BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM. I HAVE MENTIONED THIS MANY TIMES. AND DIALOGUE MEMBERS DID A SPECTACULAR JOB DEALING WITH CALGARY. NO RESIDENT WILL PICK UP THESE TWO BUDGET BOOKS AND GET WHAT THE BIG PICTURE IS. THEY RELY ON THE MEDIA AND WE HAVE TO DELIVER THAT MESSAGE IN A SIMPLER FORM FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND AGAIN THE BUDGET PROCESS. I AM STILL CHALLENGED ON IT. YES, WE ADDED MORE PEOPLE BUT I CAME DOWN TO CITY HALL -- OTHER THAN ADDING MORE PEOPLE ON TO THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP NOTHING MUCH HAS CHANGED. I HOPE COUNCILLOR FINANCE -- OR THE FINANCE CHAIR, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM WE CAN WORK TO IMPROVE THAT AND WE STILL OPERATE.

MADAM SPEAKER: MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: AND THE FINAL DECISION ON THE PROCESS, THE PUBLIC OUT REACH AND SHARING INFORMATION IS STILL THE MAYOR'S DECISION. I HOPE THAT THE MAYOR, WE HAVE HAD THREE BUDGETS NOW AND I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE ON IT MORE DRAMATICALLY IN THE COMING YEAR. AGAIN I SAID I WILL SUPPORT THIS BUDGET, THERE ARE MANY POSITIVE ASPECTS AND SOME CHALLENGES WE WILL ALL HEAR ABOUT COME SPRING. BUT AS THIS JOB IS A JOB OF COMPROMISE SO IS THIS BUDGET AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING IT THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR LUKES. COUNCILLOR GILROY WILL BE THE LAST SPEAKER AND THEN WE WILL BREAK FOR LUNCH. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU. I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET AND I WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION, THE WORKING GROUP, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM AND COUNCILLOR MORANTZ FOR ALL HIS WORK.
BUDGET 2017 IS BIN VESTING IN THE PRIORITY OF WINNIPEGERS TODAY AND ABOUT INVESTING IN THE CITY WE WANT IT TO BE. I LISTENED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE DANIEL MCINTYRE WARD AND RESIDENTS COME AND SPEAK

TO ME. THEY TELL ME ON WHAT KIND OF NEIGHBOURHOOD THEY WANT BUT THEY ALSO TELL ME ON WHAT KIND OF CITY THEY WANT TO LIVE IN. IF WINNIPEG IS TO BE A THRIVING, DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CITY, COMMITMENTS MUST BE MADE THAT ARE CRITICAL AS POPULATION NUMBERS INCREASE AND CLIMATE CHANGE BECOMES A DAILY REALITY FOR RESIDENTS. WE HAVE BEGUN THIS PATH BY MAKING RECORD INVESTMENTS AND THE LONG TERM TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY THAT INVESTS IN MULTIPLE OPTIONS. FIRST WE ARE INVESTING 13.5 MILLION INTO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SO WINNIPEGERS HAVE THE TOPPINGS USE ANY OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN CARS. THIS IS IMPORTANT AS WE CONTINUE TO FACE THE REALITIES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER FACTORS THAT WILL IMPACT OUR EVERY DAY LIVES. I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE AS I HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST BIKING AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES IN THE DANIEL MCINTYRE WARD AND I PLAN TO SUPPORT THESE INVESTMENTS. MORE PEOPLE ARE USING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION THAN BEFORE. THIS CREATES HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER CITIES AND LESS PEOPLE ON THE ROADS MEANS LESS ROAD REPAIRS. THAT'S A GREAT INVESTMENT FOR A CITY AND I'M GLAD WE ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THIS DIRECTION AND WE ARE BUILDING THE FIRST LEG OF OUR RAPID TRANSIT, A MAJOR COMMITMENT TO MOVE FROM THE DOWNTOWN UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA IN A TIMELY COMFORTABLE MANNER. THIS INVESTLES IN THE WINNIPEG WE WANT FOR THE FUTURE. AND WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN WHAT WAS A MAJOR COMMITMENT BY MANY MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL INCLUDING OUR MAYOR. WE HAVE MADE THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT EVER TO INVESTING IN BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE NAMELY, THE ROADS. 105.2 MILLION HAS BEEN INVESTED AND WINNIPEGERS ARE STARTING TO SEE THE RESULTS. THERE HAS BEEN DEBATE THAT THE FUNDING IS NOT ENOUGH OR THE ALLOCATIONS NOT BEING FUNNELED TO THE ROADS. BUT, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS COMMITMENT IS SUBSTANTIAL, SIGNIFICANT AND WILL TAKE DIVIDENDS. RESIDENTS HAVE ALSO TOLD ME THEY WANT RECREATION AND CITY SERVICES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND I AM LUCKY TO HAVE MANY OF THESE FACILITIES IN THE DANIEL MCINTYRE WARD INCLUDING CINDY KLASSEN CENTRE. VALOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE. AND ROBERT A STEEN COMMUNITY CENTRES. THESE FACILITIES ARE THE GLUE TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS. THERE WERE MANY LIFE LESSONS AND MY COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH MY COMMUNITY HAPPENED. I AM HAPPY WE ARE MAKING INVESTMENTS IN OTHER AREAS INCLUDING A NEW LIBRARY AND FUNDING TO SUPPORT A COMPLEX IN ST.

NORBERT AND UPGRADES TO THE SEVEN OAKS POOL. THESE COMMITMENTS ARE NOT BEING BUILT IN MY WARD BUT I BELIEVE THEY ARE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS AND I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THEM TODAY. THIS YEAR AS PART OF THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP, MANY OF US HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW OUR CITY IS RUN AND WHAT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SHOULD BE FUNDING FROM WORKING WITH THIS GROUP IT'S CLEAR THAT MANY OF US DO NOT SEE THINGS THROUGH THE SAME PERSPECTIVE. WE HAVE HAD FRANK DISCUSSIONS BUT THEY WERE ALWAYS CIVIL AND FOCUSED ON THE ISSUES AND NOT PERSONALITIES. AND BALANCES THE NEEDS OF WINNIPEGERS AND WE DON'T ALL AGREE ON HOW TO BALANCE THE BOOKS BUT WE WERE ABLE TO BRIDGE OUR DIFFERENCES AND FIND COMMON GROUND. WORKING TOGETHER IS NOT EASY AND BALANCING A BUDGET IS NOT EASY. AND IN GENERAL A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE TO HEAR THE CONFLICTS THAT CAUSELES. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WANT QUALITY, DEPENDABLE SERVICES. HOW DO WE BALANCE A BUDGET? THIS BUDGET HAS NO CUTS TO FRONT LINE SERVICES AND IT KEEPS A RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS INTACT AND PROVIDES IMPORTANT GRANTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS. WORKING WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND AS A COUNCILLOR THAT REPRESENTS THE INNER CITY WARD THE TRAFFIC FLOWING THROUGH OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON THE ROADS THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF OUR ROAD RENEWAL COMMITMENTS, WE ARE FIXING ELLICE AT A COST OF 8.6 MILLION AND A PORTION OF DONALD STREET AT 2.8 MILLION. SOMETHING THAT RESIDENTS IN MY WORD WILL APPRECIATE. AND WITHED DEDICATED FUNDING WE ARE GETTING TO OUR STREETS THAT NEED TO BE RENEWED. I KNOW, I WISH I COULD HAVE THEM ALL FIXED TODAY BUT I KNOW WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH THE BUDGET WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US HERE TODAY. THIS YEAR WE HAVE ALSO HAD THE GREAT HONOUR OF BEING ON THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. IT'S BEEN 18 YEARS SINCE A COUNCILLOR FROM THE DANIEL MCINTYRE WARD HAS BEEN ON EPC AND I HOPE TO BRING A PROGRESSIVE VOICE THAT SPEAKS TO THE ISSUES OF MY WARD INCLUDING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. RECONCILIATION WITH OUR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND INCLUSION IN ALL ASPECTS OF CITY HALL. THANK YOU MAYOR BOWMAN FOR BRINGING ME TO THE TABLE. I INTEND TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH MY OTHER COLLEAGUES AND INTEND TO SPEAK ON THE TOPICS I BELIEVE IN TO THE BENEFITS OF MY NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE INNER CITY AND AS CHAIR OF THE INNOVATION I AM HAPPY TO SEE THIS BUDGET HAS 1 MILLION FOR THE INNOVATION FUND WHICH ALLOWS PUBLIC SERVICE TO BRING FORWARD IDEAS FOR INNOVATION TO REDUCE

COSTS OR PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES AND SOME OF THE THINGS WE WERE ABLE TO FUNNELED WAS CHARGING STATIONS. AND THE AUTO PULSE RESUSCITATION AND MOBILE SPACE MAKER LABS THAT CAN BE USED IN ALL OUR LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. BUDGET 2017 IS ABOUT INVESTING IN PRIORITIES WINNIPEGERS TODAY AND INVESTING IN THE CITY WE WANT IT TO BE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR GILROY. COUNCIL WILL NOW ADJOURN AND RECONVENE AT 1:30. OUR SPEAKER FOLLOWING THE BREAK WILL BE COUNCILLOR MAYES. (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED).
(PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED).

MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2016, WE WERE DEBATING THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND OPERATING BUDGETS.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS. I WANT TO START ON A PERSONAL NOTE BY SAYING SOMETHING POSITIVE ABOUT COUNCILLOR LUKES WHO YOU HEARD SPEAK A LITTLE WHILE AGO. I'M SURE IT'S NOT EASY TO MOVE OFF EPC AND THEN HAVE TO COME DOWN HERE, BUT YOU KNOW, WAS HERE IN 2013 WHEN COUNCILLOR VANDAL AND COUNCILLOR FIELDING WERE ON THE BUDGET DRAFTING IT AND LEFT THE COMMITTEE AND VOTED AGAINST IT BUT THEY WERE PART OF DRAFT THAT WHOLE BUDGET SO I COMMEND COUNCILLOR LUKES FOR HER COMMENTS TODAY. THESE THINGS ARE ALWAYS A COMPROMISE. IT'S PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT PARTIES, DIFFERENT POINTS MUCH VIEWS, COUNCILLOR GILROY SAID, COMING TOGETHER. I KNOW I PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN REVENUE FROM THE BUSINESS TAX BE HIGHER AND MORE LIKE THE GLEN MURRAY ERA. ON THE OTHER HAND ONE OF THE OTHER COUNCILLORS REFERRED TO MY BELOVED YOUTH UNITED YOUTH PROGRAM AT SUMMER CAMP THAT'S OUTSIDE OF WHAT WE ARE HERE TO DO. GIVE STRONG DISAGREEMENTS BUT YOU WORK TOGETHER AND YOU TRY TO COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE PACKAGE AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE. IN TERMS OF THE ROADS, YOU KNOW, WE HEAR A LOT OF STRONG LANGUAGE. I THINK MR. REMILLARD HAD IT RIGHT. WE ARE PUTTING THE MONEY TO THE BASE. HERE IS THE TEST IF WE WEREN'T KEEPING TO THE PLAN OF PUTTING MONEY TOWARDS THE BASE OUR CITY CLERK WOULD STAND UP AND SAY YOU NEED TWO-THIRDS

MAJORITY TO CHANGE THE PLAN. WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM LEGAL OR THE CITY CLERKS BECAUSE WE AREN'T CHANGE BEING THE PLAN, WE ARE CONTINUING TO PUT THE MONEY INTO THE BASE. IN FACT, IF YOU -- YOU KNOW, WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IS MAYBE YOU SHOULD COMMUNICATE THIS BETTER AND THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE HEARING ACCUSATIONS OF SHELL GAME AND LYING. COUNCILLOR BROWATY ALMOST HAD ME CONVINCED BEFORE LUNCH WE SHOULD INCREASE TO 115 AND I WENT BACK AND SAW HIS NEWSPAPER AD SAYING WE SHOULD SPEND 100 THIS YEAR BECAUSE THAT'S THE OLD PLAN. IT'S CONFUSING WHEN PEOPLE TAKE TWO DIFFERENT POSITIONS WHAT EXACTLY IT IS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE THE BUDGET WANT. BUT, THE MATH IS SIMPLE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO INCREASE THE ROADS BUDGET. THE BASE CONTINUES TO INCREASE. WAS HERE BACK IN 2012, 2013 WHEN CHRIS OWE LORENC CAME TO TALK ABOUT DEDICATED FUNDING AND WE ADOPTED THAT UNDER COUNCILLOR WYATT. WHAT NO ONE SAID IS ASH -- AS THEY LEFT THE PODIUM IS IF THERE IS A ONE TILE INFUSION OF FUNDS YOU HAVE TO KEEP THAT IN THE BASE AND YOU HAVE TO FIND THAT WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE BEING TOLD NOW. IF IT WAS SIMPLE YOU KEEP MARCHING ALONG, THEN WHERE WERE PEOPLE IN 2013 AND 14 WHEN WE WENT FROM 30 MILLION TO 80 MILLION? WE WENT UP FROM 30 MILLION TO 80 MILLION. SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE SAYING YOU'RE IN THE KEEPING TO THE PLAN. YOU ARE OVERSPENDING. YOU ARE NOT KEEPING TO THE PLAN AND THE REAL ANSWER SITS' COMPLICATED. IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN YOU ARE AT 105, YOU SHOULD PUT 10 MILLION IN OR YOU ARE A LIAR, YOU'RE LYING OR YOU ARE PLAYING A SHELL GAME. NO, WE LESS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING GOING IN. WAS WE NEED TO DO IS COMMUNICATE THAT BETTER TO THE PUBLIC. THERE IS NO SHELL GAME, NO LYING, WE ARE INCREASING THE FUNDING ON ROADS AND THE BASE. THE CONTINUOUS TO GO TO THE ROADS AND IF PEOPLE SAY YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED TO THE OLD PLAN WE WOULD BE SPENDING LESS ON ROADS THIS YEAR WHICH IS WHAT THESE NEWSPAPER ADS SAY SO NO, WE AREN'T KEEPING TO THE PLAN. IT WAS SET BACK IN 13. WE ARE AHEAD OF IT BY GOING TO 105 MILLION THIS YEAR ON ROADS. AND A NUMBER OF OTHER POSITIVE THINGS IN OUR BUDGET. OUR COMMITMENT TO FIRE AND AMBULANCE IS UP TO 45 PERCENT OF THE OPERATING BUDGET AND WE MAIN THAN A THAT ABOVE 45 PERCENT THOSE ARE CORE ESSENTIAL SERVICE THAT IS WE ARE GLAD TO PROVIDE AND KEEP OUR COMMITMENT THAT. I KNOW COUNCILLOR BROWATY WAS INVOLVED IN DRAFTING THE BUDGET THAT THERE IS $6 MILLION GOING TO KIL-CONA PARK

FOR THE FIRST TIME. HAD IT BEEN ME I WOULD HAVE PUT IT ALL TO ST. VITAL PARK AS YOU KNOW BUT VARIOUS PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT PARTS AND VARIOUS DIFFERENT WARDS HAD A SAY IN THIS AND THERE IS A COMMITMENT THERE TO KIL-CONA PARK. THEY TOOK SOME CRITICISM ON CUTTING PARKS FUNDING, COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN WILL SPEAK TO THAT WE AREN'T AND THERE IS A LOT OF FIRST TIME COMMITMENTS TO THINGS LIKE KIL-CONA AND DOCKS IN PARKS AND A WHOLE NEW BUDGET SHEET ON THAT. SO, WE ARE STAYING THE COURSE AND CONTINUING TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR OUR PARKS SYSTEM. IT FALLS TO ME I THINK TO SPEAK A BIT ABOUT THE WATER AND WASTE AND THE DIVIDEND BECAUSE THAT'S ONE OF THE MOTIONS IN FRONT OF US. AND I HOPE COUNCILLOR WYATT CAN SEE HIS WAY TO SUPPORTING THE BUDGET AND I TALKED ABOUT THE AMENDMENT IN FRONT OF US. THE WATER PROGRAM, THE WASTE PROGRAM WE CONTINUE TO MAKE A MAJOR COMMITMENT, A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ON WATER MAIN RENEWAL, $146 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ON COMBINED SEWER REPAIRS, SEPARATING THOSE OUT AND DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY, SO, THERE WAS A SUGGESTION THAT WE ARE SOMEHOW SHORTING THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THE DIVIDEND. THERE WAS TALK ABOUT THE NORTH END SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. WE PASSED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS FOR THAT IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AND PEOPLE VOTED AGAINST LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WHO ARE NOW QUESTIONING THE COMMITMENT TO THESE PREGRAMS. WELL, THOSE OF US WHO VOTED FOR LAST YEAR'S BUDGET MADE THOSE LARGE CAPITAL COMMITMENTS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM AND THE WATER SYSTEM. THE DIVIDEND DATES BACK TO MARCH OF 2011. IT WAS INTRODUCED AT 8 PERCENT BY COUNCILLOR FIELDING IN ONE OF HIS BUDGETS. ONLY TWO REMAIN WHO VOTED FOR THAT AND COUNCILLOR BROWATY IS ONE OF THEM SO THAT WAS INTRODUCED AT 8 PERCENT. COUNCILLOR WYATT VOTED AGAINST THAT AND THEN IF YOU MOVE FORWARD, THE AMENDMENT SAYS RECENTLY IT WAS CHANGED TO 12. NO IT WAS IN MARCH OF 2015 A BUDGET THAT EVERYONE BUT COUNCILLOR SCHREYER AND DOBSON VOTED FOR. SO IN MARCH OF 2015, THE DIVIDEND WAS INCREASED AND COUNCILLOR BROWATY AND WYATT VOTED FOR THAT BUDGET. THERE WAS NO REVISION MADE TO THAT DIVIDEND POLICY BETWEEN 2011 AND 2015 WHEN THERE WAS THE OPPORTUNITY AND COUNCILLOR WYATT WAS FINANCE CHAIR BUT I AM NOT HERE TO TAKE SHOTS I AM HERE TO SAY I THINK THE TIME TO HAVE THE DEBATE ABOUT THE DIVIDEND FOR 2018 IS WITH THE 2018 BUDGET WHICH IS WHAT WE CAN CERTAINLY DO WHEN IT COMES TIME TO SET THAT BUDGET.

BUT, FOR TODAY, THE DIVIDEND AS I SAID BEFORE, IF YOU ELIMINATE THE DIVIDEND YOU CREATE A VERY LARGE PROPERTY TAX HOLE. I'M NOT SAYING THAT'S PREFERENTIAL I WAS MISQUOTED ON THAT BUT THE THING TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE DIVIDEND IT WAS INTRODUCED IN 2011 AT 8 PERCENT AND VOTED ON BY ALMOST EVERYONE HERE AT 12 PERCENT. THERE WAS NEVER ANY ATTEMPT MADE TO UNDO THE PERCENTAGES. SO PEOPLE HAVE ENDORSED THAT WAY OF PROCEEDING, IF THEY WANT TO CHANGE IT IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET THAT WILL BE PART OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND THEY WILL HAVE TO TELL US WHERE THE MONEY WILL COME FROM FOR THAT. A NUMBER OF POSITIVE THINGS FOR ST. VITAL. MONEY FOR THINGS IN MY WARD, THERE IS A JUT DOOR BASKETBALL COURT. MY WARD NOT GETTING ANY BENEFIT FROM THE CANADA GAMES VENUES BUT WE WILL GET AN OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT. THERE IS MONEY GOING INTO A MEMORIAL PARK. A COUPLE OF WORDS EN FRANCAISE IF I MAY, MADAM SPEAKER. (speaking French) SO A NUMBER OF BENEFITS FOR THE ST. VITAL AND ST. BONIFACE AREAS IN THIS BUDGET BUT TWO FINAL THINGS. I WILL NEED AN EXTENSION AND TWO FINAL THINGS THE BUDGET CONTAINS SOMETHING INNOVATIVE WHICH IS A MILLION DOLLARS WE REALLOCATED FOR THE CANOE CLUB GOLF COURSE, A REIMAGINING OF THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR, CONTRARY CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THE LEASE RUNS OUT IN APRIL OF 2019 AFTER THE CANOE CLUB GOLF COURSE AND ONE OF THE MAYOR'S STRENGTHS IS TO THINK INNOVATIVELY AND WE WILL SIT DOWN AND SAY DO WE WANT GOLF, SOCCER OR CRICKET OR WHAT DO WE WANT ON THAT PIECE OF LAND? THAT'S A CHALLENGE TO THINK INNOVATIVELY AND I THINK WE ARE TRYING TO DO MORE OF THAT. SECONDLY, THE CALLS I HAVE BEEN GETTING ON THE HOMELESS AND IT'S WORTH POINTING OUT THAT WE DID MAKE A COMMITMENT UNDER THE OLD COUNCIL, OF WHICH YOU WERE A MEMBER, TOO, SILO MISSION, A $4 MILLION GRANT OVER TIME. AND IN THE RECENT BUDGETS UNDER THE MAYOR'S LEADERSHIP WE PUT MONEY TOWARDS THE CHAT PROGRAM WHICH IS COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND I KNOW COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM HAS MET AND I HAVE MET WITH ASSESSMENT LOM. PERHAPS IT'S THE FRENCH OR THE ABSURDITY OF PEOPLE TAKING DIFFERENT APPROACHES ON THE SAME BUT I HAVE TO END WITH A QUOTE FROM HEBERT CANOE, BUT HE TALKED ABOUT THE TASK TO ROLL THE GIANT STONE UP THE HILL

REPEATEDLY AND SOMETIMES THIS JOB CAN FEEL THAT WAY: THAT YOU DON'T GET THANKS OR PRAISE, YOU ENDLESSLY KEEP DOING THE SAME THING. BUT PART OF WHAT CANOE HAD TO SAY WAS THAT THERE IS ALWAYS A MOMENT WHERE YOU START THE JOURNEY BACK DOWN TO GET THE STONE WHERE YOU CAN LOOK AROUND YOU AND APPRECIATE WHAT IT IS YOU ARE DOING AND I THINK WE ARE AT THAT MOMENT ON A BUDGET DAY. WE NEED TO LOOK AROUND AND AS COUNCILLOR WYATT SAID WHEN HE WAS SINGING THE PRAYER, THAT TRY TO ATTAIN A SENSE OF UNITY, A SENSE OF PEACE AND I THINK WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. I BELIEVE THIS BUDGET MASS BENEFITS FOR ALL THE WARDS, SO PERHAPS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS HERE, MADAM SPEAKER AND DAYS LIKE THIS WE CAN APPRECIATE THE PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING UNDER THE MAYOR AND AS A CITY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MAYES. COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO LOOK UP WHAT THAT LAST THING YOU SAID, COUNCILLOR MAYES, SO I RISE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS BUDGET. I THINK IT'S A GOOD SOLID BUDGET AND WE MADE SOME TOUGH CHOICES BUT I THINK WE HAVE A REALLY GOOD FINAL PRODUCT.
I AM REALLY HAPPY TO HAVE HAD A HAND DRAFTING IT AND THANK YOU MAYOR BOWMAN FOR THE INVITATION TO BE PART OF THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP. I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE JANICE LUKES FOR HER SUPPORT ON THE BUDGET. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WHEN YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE, WHETHER IT'S EPC OR A BUDGET WORKING GROUP, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE THOSE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, YOU HAVE SOME TOUGH DISCUSSIONS SOMETIMES BUT BEING ABLE TO COME OUT AND THEN SUPPORT A FINAL PRODUCT THAT WE ALL WORKED ON TOGETHER IS NOT ALWAYS EASY BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THAT COUNCILLOR LUKES. THOUGH I HAVE TO SAY THERE WAS A LOT IN THAT BUDGET FOR ST. NORBERT SO CONGRATULATIONS: THE BUDGET HOLDS THE LINE ON SPENDING, TAXES AND CONTINUES TO DEDICATE INVESTMENT OF 2.3 PERCENT ON ROADS AND TRANSIT. IT HAS -- IT HAS THE LOWEST INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES IN TEN YEARS. IT CONTINUES THE RECORD INVESTMENT FOR ROADS OF $155 MILLION, AND FOR ST. BONIFACE I ASKED FOR A BREAKDOWN FOR OUR ADMINISTRATION AND THAT MEANS $12.7 MILLION FOR ROADS IN ST. BONIFACE. AND ON THE ROADS BUDGET, I HAVE SHARED THESE THOUGHTS WITH SOME OF YOU, I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING FOR A FEW WEEKS ABOUT THE IRONIE THAT, IN PARTICULAR,

MAYOR AND EPC HAVE BEEN GETTING SLAMMED ABOUT THE ROADS BUDGET DESPITE MAINTAINING RECORD LEVELS OF INVESTMENTS IN OUR ROADS. SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES TOOK OUT AN ATTACK AD IRONICALLY CALLING ON US TO SPEND LESS ON ROADS FOR 2017. THE EXPRESSION THAT COMES TO MIND, NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED AND FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE PROVERB, THE PROVERB, HERE IS THE DEFINITION, SO, IT'S WHEN BENEFICIAL ACTIONS THAT OFTEN GO UNAPPRECIATED OR EVEN MET WITH OUTRIGHT HOSTILITY, IF THEY ARE APPRECIATED THEY OFTEN LEAD TO ADDITIONAL REQUESTS. SO, I THINK ESSENTIALLY, THE IRONIE FOR ME IS THAT THEY ARE GETTING, IN PARTICULAR, MAYOR AND EPC, IS GETTING SLAMMED BECAUSE THEY MADE THE CHOICES IN PAST BUDGETS AND THE MAYOR AND EPC BECAUSE I DIDN'T VOTE FOR LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BUT I AM HAPPY TO VOTE FOR THIS ONE. IN PALACE BUDGETS THEY USED THE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING -- SOME DISCREST NARY -- DISCRETIONARY SPENDING TO SPEND ON ROADS AND I THINK EPC IS DELIVERING WHAT WINNIPEGERS WANT WHICH IS MORE MONEY FOR ROADS AND WE ARE MAINTAINING THAT RECORD LEVEL OF SPENDING THIS YEAR. I DO -- I DO WANT TO ECHO, THINK, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, JUST THE CONCERN ON THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT FOR 18, READING THE BUDGET BOOK LOOKING AT A $88 MILLION OR AN $88.8 MILLION SHORTFALL NEXT YEAR AND SO MUCH SO IT WILL BE THAT MUCH MORE CHALLENGING TO BALANCE FOR ANYONE OR COUNCIL OR ANYONE ON THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP. SO SOME OF THE INVESTMENTS FOR ST. BONIFACE, WE HAVE GOT STABLIZATION PASS UPGRADES FOR GLENDALE DRIVE AND PART OF THAT VISION FOR A LINEAR PARK THAT WILL GO ACROSS THE RIVER FROM LYNNDALE DRIVE TO PROMENADE TACHE ALL THE WAY TO VOYAGEUR. (SPEAKING FRENCH). THERE WILL BE A NEWLY UPGRADED TURNING LANE AT SAGE CREEK. THERE IS PLANS TO STUDY AN EAST ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AND NEW TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SOUTHDALE. A STUDY TO REPAIR AND REPLACE THE BRIDGE AND SURROUNDING ROADS AND WE HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT AFTER OUR MEETING TODAY. THE SOUTHDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE 4:00 TO 8:00 p.m. AND WE HAVE THE LONG TERM PLANS TO REPLACE OR RENOVATE THE VITAL POOL AND PLANS TO CONSOLIDATE OUR FIRE HALLS IN ST. BONIFACE AND PERHAPS THE CHERRY ON THE CAKE FOR ST. BONIFACE AND WINNIPEG AND COUNCILLOR LUKES, YOU HAVE ALREADY READ THIS IN YOUR REMARKS BUT THE $5.1 MILLION DEDICATED TO PROMENADE TACHE WHICH I THINK WILL BE A BENEFIT AND I WANT IN PARTICULAR TO THANK MAYOR BOWMAN AND COUNCILLOR BRIAN

MAYES FOR THEIR HELP TO MOVE THIS FORWARD AND RECOGNIZE DAN VANDAL AND ALSO THE FOUNDATIONS, THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION WHO COMMITTED A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PROJECT AND READING COMMENTS FROM RICK FROST IN THE MEDIA RECENTLY, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE NEEDS TO BE A REAFFIRMATION OF THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION COMMITMENT, BUT THINGS ARE LOOKING POSITIVE ON THAT FRONT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BE REAFFIRMED. AND ALSO ANOTHER WHO HAS DRIVEN THE PROJECT FORWARD BEHIND THE SCENES. I'LL JUST REPEAT THAT EN FRANCAISE. (SPEAKING FRENCH). WITH THAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO MY REMARKS. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD SOLID BUDGET. IT HAS A LOT FOR ST. BONIFACE AND WINNIPEG, IN PARTICULAR, FOR ROADS. AND DO I WANT TO SAY, SOME -- I HAVE HEARD SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES SAY THAT YOU KNOW, ROADS WERE THE PRIORITY. WELL, I THINK ROADS ARE AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY, BUT THERE ARE OTHER PRIORITIES.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. **COUNCILLOR ALLARD:** THAT WE WERE ELECTED ON AND IN PARTICULAR ACCOUNTABILITY AND I KNOW THERE IS -- THAT'S PROBABLY MORE OF A POLICY DISCUSSION AS MUCH AS A BUDGET DISCUSSION BUT I DO THINK WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AS A COUNCIL AND I AM PLEASED TO BE SUPPORTING THIS BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR GERBASI FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR SCHREYER

COUNCILLOR GERBASI: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. A HUGE CHALLENGE OF THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN TO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET THAT INVESTS IN ROAD RENEWAL AND GIVEN HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO OUR CITIZENS. AND WE HAVE DONE THAT AND FOUND WAYS TO SPEND MORE ON THIS PRIORITY WITH GOOD FISCAL MANAGE THE AND DUE DILIGENCE AND OUR CITIZENS HAVE SEEN IT. JUST ASK HOW MUCH CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE HAD TO PUT UP WITH THIS SUMMER EVERY WHERE IN THE CITY. WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THAT. AND STARTING 2013, THE POLICY OF DEDICATING ONE AND THEN THE NEXT YEAR 2 PERCENT TAX INCREASES, PLUS ADDING IN DEBT FINANCING LED TO A BASE AMOUNT IN OUR BUDGETS FOR ROADS THAT WILL CONTINUE AS A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE. THAT IS THE POLICY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TODAY. THAT POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED. OTHER SOURCE OF

REVENUE INCLUDE PROVINCIAL REVENUE FUNDING WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE. WE DON'T KNOW. AND AS AN ASIDE, THE PROVINCE HAS GONE IN THE DIRECTION OF DECREASING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. THOUGH WE HAVE YET TO SEE RADIO ADS FROM THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TALKING ABOUT THAT BUT WE HAVE SEEN IT. A LOT OF THE REST OF THE FUNDING THAT'S GONE INTO OUR ROADS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS IS DISCRETIONARY REVENUE SUCH AS CASH TO CAPITAL OR CHOOSING TO TAKE EFFICIENCIES FROM DEPARTMENTS AND DEDICATE IT TO ROADS OR SURPLUSES OR WHATEVER WE HAVE COBBLED TOGETHER TO MAKE INVESTMENTS IN ROADS. AND ALL OF THESE CHOICES HAVE LED TO A RECORD INVESTMENTS IN ROAD RENEWAL. AND THIS POLICY OF HAVING A DEAD DATED -- DEDICATED RESERVE HAS IN THE BEEN TAMPERED WITH AND I'M SORRY IF I'M REPEATING BUT IT'S GOING INTO A VOID AND IT'S NOT BEING HEARD AND I'M NOT SURE WHY BECAUSE IT'S REALLY VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD. AND I HOPE THE PUBLIC WILL HEAR THAT TODAY. THE SPENDING IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, JUST TO BE SPECIFIC, WAS ACTUALLY SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE PROJECTIONS WE HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT IN THE ADS. IN 2016 THE PROJECTED AMOUNT WAS 94 MILLION. COUNCIL APPROVED 105 MILLION. IN 2017 THE BUDGET PROJECTION WAS A HUNDRED MILLION. THE PROPOSED AMOUNT IS 105 MILLION. I AM STILL TRYING TO GET MY HEAD AROUND WHAT PEOPLE ARE ANGRY AT US FOR. THESE NUMBERS ARE REAL AND REPRESENT ACTUAL SPENDING ON REAL ROAD PROJECTS, NOT IMAGINARY PROJECTIONS. THERE COULD WELL BE A BETTER WAY TO COMMUNICATE THE HUGE INVESTMENT COUNCIL HAS MADE IN FIXING ROADS. I WOULD REMIND YOU THOUGH THAT COMMUNICATION IS A TWO-WAY STREET. ATTACK ADS THAT EVOKE DISTRUST AND TRY TO CONTINUE TO INFLICT DAMAGE DOESN'T HELP. THE MEDIA TENDS TO WANT TO REPORT THE ANGRY VOICE AND THE ACCUSATORY VOICE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT'S REASONABLE IF YOU ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING. BUT I AM NOT QUITE SURE WHAT WAS BEING ACCOMPLISHED HERE. BUT AS COUNCIL GILROY POINTED OUT EARLIER, COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING TOGETHER IN A NEW WAY. WE HAVE ACTUALLY HAD A BIT OF A LOVE-IN GOING ON WITH MOST OF COUNCIL. COUNCILLORS OF ALL PARTY STRIPES, VIEW POINTS -- NOT EVERYBODY, BUT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN. OF ALL PARTY STRIPES -- THAT'S RIGHT. AND COUNCILLORS OF ALL PARTY STRIPES, VIEW POINTS AND AREAS OF THE CITY WORKING TOGETHER. THE MAYOR HAS EXPANDED THE BUDGET PROCESS TO FULLY INCLUDE A BROADER GROUP OF COUNCILLORS ON EPC AND THAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN IGNORED. IT'S NOT JUST EPC. COUNCILLOR GILROY,

COUNCILLOR ALLARD, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, WE HAVE ALL BEEN INVOLVED COMPLETELY, FULLY IN AN EXPANDED WAY WITH EPC MEMBERS. THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL STEP AND EVEN COUNCILLOR THAT IS WERE NO LONGER APPOINTED TO EPC WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AFTER. AND IT'S ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT BOTH CHAIRS OF FINANCE REACHED OUT MULTIPLE TIMES TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. AND I KNOW OUR CITY STAFF HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. VERY WILLING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND PROVIDED DETAILED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. AND THE PROCESSES ARE NOT IDEAL AND NO ONE IS PRETENDING THEY ARE. BUT THE TRUTH IS, YOU CAN'T FORCE 100 PERCENT OF PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER AND TRUST IS SOMETHING THAT IS EARNED OVER TIME AND REBUILT. AND PEOPLE COLLABORATING AND COMING TOGETHER AND WORKING TOGETHER FROM DIVERSE POINTS OF VIEW AND PUTTING TOGETHER A BALANCED BUDGET, I GUESS THAT'S NOT A REALLY GOOD NEWS STORY. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT ISN'T. I HOPE IT IS. I HOPE SOMEBODY MAKES NOTE OF THAT BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY REMARKABLE. AND I HOPE THAT THE CITIZENS WATCHING WILL SEE WE HAVE A MORE COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL AND WE HAVE TO GIVE THANKS TO OUR MAYOR AND MANY MEMBERS AROUND THIS TABLE WHO HAVE BEEN WILLING TO PUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ASIDE, WORK TOGETHER, AND I THINK WHEN YOU HAVE MORE COLLABORATION YOU HAVE BETTER RESULTS. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT WHILE ROADS ARE A PRIORITY WHEN YOU TAKE A SURVEY AND THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE, CITY BUILDING IS ALSO PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY. AND THIS BUDGET AND THIS COUNCIL AND THIS CITY ARE NOT ONLY ABOUT ROADS AND POTHOLES. THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN THIS BUDGET THAT COUNCIL OUGHT TO BE PROUD OF. TO NAME A FEW, RECORD INVESTMENT IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION. THE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING STRATEGY IS BEING ENACTED IN THESE PAGES BEFORE US TODAY. THERE ARE SOME VERY EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO OUR NETWORK AND TOMORROW AT COUNCIL, THE PROJECTS FOR THE 2017 WILL BE TALKED ABOUT AT THAT MEETING AND I'M EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT COUNCIL IS MOVING AHEAD WITH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS IN OUR CITY. AND KEY INVESTMENTS IN TRANSIT AND RAPID TRANSIT. OUR IMPORTANT INVESTMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN CHAT PROGRAM AND END HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE ARE CONTINUING AND ARE PARTICULARLY TIMELY. HERE WE ARE IN A WINTER CITY, ALL YEAR ROUND AND WE MUST BE PART OF HELPING OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS, AND WE ARE. ARTS FUNDING

CONTINUES TO BE STRONG INCLUDING OUR INVESTMENT IN THE INUIT ARTS CENTRE. THIS IS CITY BUILDING. IN BUDGET WAS NOT BALANCED ON THE BACKS OF GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PLACES LIKE ART CITY AND BROADWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT ARE SAVING OUR YOUTH FROM GIVING THEM HOPE. AND SO MANY GOOD THINGS THAT THIS COUNCIL IS ABLE TO SUPPORT FROM A NONPROFIT SECTOR AND OUR MUSEUMS AND PROTECTING THE HISTORY. THE ARTS AND NONPROFITS ARE A KEY PART OF WHAT MAKES WINNIPEG A UNIQUE AND ECCLECTIC CITY AND ADDS TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. SOME OF THE PRESSURES ON THIS BUDGET INCLUDES THE HUGE COSTS OF GROWTH. IN THIS BUDGET YOU SEE FUNDING FOR EXPANDED SUBURBAN BUS ROUTES AND MILLIONS FOR RECC FACILITIES IN GROWTH AREAS AND YOU SEE AND HEAR BEING TALKED ABOUT THE UNFUNDED PROBLEM OF EXPANDING PARK SPACE AND I'M NOT SURE HOW ANYONE CAN ARGUE AGAINST THE NEED FOR GROWTH FEES KNOWING THAT AND LOOKING AT OUR BUDGET DOCUMENTS. THE FUTURE HOLDS MANY CHALLENGES AND WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT GOING FORWARD AND WHILE WE BALANCE THIS YEAR, EACH YEAR GOING FORWARD WE START WITH A BIG HOLE, AND COUNCIL HAS TO DO A LOT OF WORK TO BALANCE FUTURE EXPECTATIONS IN MANY WAYS, AND WE DEFINITELY NEED SOME INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO MAKING OUR CITY -- MAKING IT SUSTAINABLE GOING FORWARD BUT WE CAN'T JUST SAY NO TO WHATEVER SOURCES OF REVENUE WE HAVE NOW. IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE ANYTHING, YOU HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE SOURCE BECAUSE WE HAVE CHALLENGES. I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THERE ARE SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO FISCAL MANAGEMENT IN THIS BUDGET THAT HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED

COUNCILLOR GERBASI: WE AREN'T SEEING PROJECTS OF CLASS FIVE ESTIMATES GOING OUT AND BEING BUILT AND COMMITTED TO WITH VAGUE COST ESTIMATES. THIS USED TO HAPPEN MORE. WE AREN'T SEEING PROJECTS WITH FUNDING SOURCES COUNTED ON THAT ARE FICTITIOUS OR IMAGINARY. AND COUNCIL IS LEFT HOLD BEING THE BAG LATER. THE BUDGET HOLDS THE LINE ON COST TO CITIZENS FOR THE SERVICES THEY WANT. THESE ARE IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD OF. SO I

WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF WHO WORK INCREDIBLY HARD AND A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE STAFF THIS YEAR IS THAT THIS BUDGET WILL BE DONE IN DECEMBER AND THEY WON'T HAVE TO TAKE YOUR CALLS ON DECEMBER 24. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. (Please stand by)

COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN: YOU'LL SEE THAT -- AND WHAT THAT IS. IT'S APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES, COST CONTROL, BUSINESS PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCE. THERE IS A NEW LEVEL OF RIGOUR WE HAVE HERE. AND THERE IS AN CHANGE IN THE TONE, CHANGE IN THE CULTURE AND THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS HERE TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE BUDGET SOMETHING, WE DO IT ON TIME. SO, VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THE INITIATIVE AND WE'RE BUILDING THAT INTO THAT KIND OF CULTURE, THAT KIND OF DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND MANAGEMENT PRACTISE. I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO COUNCILLOR MORANTZ. AND THANK THE MAYOR FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS. AND THE BUDGET OF THE WORKING GROUP. CHIEFADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. AND MEMBERS OF CORPORATE FINANCE, BETTY, HOWARD AND LEEZA FOR KEEPING US ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW. A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS, I WANTED TO THANK MADAME SPEAKER FOR THE WORK SHE DID ADVOCATING FOR THE SEVEN OAKS POOL. WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF RESIDENTS, THEY'RE GOING TO WELCOME IN PROBABLY SHORT ORDER IN A NEW POOL THAT WILL SEE MORE ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS. SPRAY PAD. THAT'S INCREDIBLE. IN TERMS OF SPRAY PADS, WE'RE GOING TO BE BUILDING A SPRAY PAD IN SOME OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT NEED IT MOST. IN THE FREIGHT HOUSE, THE CENTENNIAL. ONE OF THE POOREST NEIGHBORHOODS IN WINNIPEG, WE'RE PUTTING A MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD A NICE AQUATIC AMENITY THERE AND IN THE NORTH CENTENNIAL, WHERE THE WILL WHITE RESIDENTS IN COUNCILLOR'S AREA. WELCOME BACK, MADAME SPEAKER. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TRANSIT. NORTHWEST WINNIPEG IS EXPERIENCING INCREDIBLE AMOUNTS OF ROPE. WE'VE GOT WATERFORD GREEN, AMBER TRAILS, NORTH POINT VILLAGE. IT'S REALLY COOL TO SEE THAT DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING. LOTS OF NEW CANADIANS COMING IN MAKING WINNIPEG HOME, EMBRACING OUR CITY AND THEY LACK TRANSIT SERVICE. YOU FOUGHT LONG AND HARD IT MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE MAPLES 33 ROUTE IN HERE. AND THIS IS THE 7-DAY SERVICE, EVERYDAY SERVICE, 365 SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR THAT. IN TERMS OF THE URBAN FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME, I WANT TO SAY IN WINNIPEG WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE ELM CANOPY. YOU GO TO ANY NEIGHBOURHOOD, THE DANIEL

McINTYRE NEIGHBOURHOOD, FORT ROUGE, NORTH END, SCOTIA HEIGHTS, BEAUTIFUL ELM TREE CANOPY AND THE ELM TREES DEFINE OUR CITY. WE'RE PUTTING MORE MONEY THERE, MADAME SPEAKER, TO ENSURE WE HAVE SERVICE AND FUNDING FOR DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL. INVESTMENT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A HANDLE ON EMERALD ASH BORE AND MAKING SURE WE KNOW WHERE ALL THE ASH TREES ARE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. IN SOUTH WINNIPEG, IN MY PARENTS' NEIGHBOURHOOD THERE IS A BUNCH OF THOSE WITH THE BLACK KNOT AND WE'RE MAKING SURE WE HAVE FUNDING TO REMOVE THOSE CHOKE CHERRIES AFFECTED AND REPLANT TREES IN THEIR STEAD. I JUST WANT TO SAY, I WANTED TO END OFF –

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR?

COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN: THERE IS A LOT OF GREAT PROGRAMMES IF WE COULD SPEAK ENDLESSLY ON THESE, THE GREAT PROGRAMMES, MANY GREAT GRANTS. ONE OVER THE GRANTS I'M PROUD -- ONE OF THE GRANTS I'M PROUD OF IS THE YOUTH BOXING PROGRAMME. THERE IS A MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS, I STEPPED INTO RING AND MAGIC MARTY STEPPED INTO THE RING WITH ROSS, AND IT WAS A GREAT TIME ALL AROUND, GREAT PROGRAMME. WHAT IS REALLY COOL ABOUT THAT, I AM GOING TO SHARE A QUOTE FROM MOHAMMED CHAMPIONS ARE MADE FROM SOMETHING DEEP INSIDE THEM, THE DREAM, THE DESIRE AND THE THEY HAVE TO HAVE THE SKILL AND THE WILL, BUT THE WILL MUST BE STRONGER THAN THE SKILL. ON A REGULAR BASIS, THERE ANYWHERE FROM 13 TO 18 YOUTH IN THIS BOXING CLUB. THEY COME THERE AFTER SCHOOL. IT'S A NONCONTACT PROGRAMME AFTER SCHOOL WHERE THEY'RE GIVEN SNACKS AND THEY DO A HOMEWORK COMPONENT AND THEY GET INTO THE RING AND THEY LEARN ABOUT BOXING SKILLS AND FITNESS. THESE KIDS ARE INCREDIBLE. WHEN I FIRST WENT THERE, I LOOKED AT A COUPLE OF KIDS AND THOUGHT THEY WON'T MAKE IT. BUT THOSE TWO KIDS ARE STILL THE ONES THAT ARE THERE TODAY AND THAT PROVES THERE IS A HUGE DESIRE AND WILLINGNESS AND LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE YOUTH AND THE YOUTH ARE FINDING IT WITHIN THE PROGRAMME. KUDOS TO THE STAFF AND THE PANEL BOXING AND FOR ALL THE COLLEAGUES HERE, ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT CAME OUT TO SUPPORT US AND HELPED RAISE MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH END BOXING PROGRAMME. I WILL BE SUPPORTING BOTH THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET, THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR WYATT. YOU CAN CLOSE ON MOTION 2, OR FOLLOWING THAT MOTION 1.
COUNCILLOR WYATT: I'LL START WITH MOTION ONE. WHEN I WAS SPEAKING TO MOTION 2, NO ONE LIKES TO RECOMMEND HIGHER TAX INCREASE, HOWEVER I HAVE NOT HEARD ANY OTHER IDEAS IN THE DEBATE NOR ANY OTHER MOTIONS PERTAINING TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO SOLUTION TO KEEP THE LOCAL IN THE PROGRAMME, RESERVE, OR THE REGIONAL STREET. AS WE KNOW, NOT ONLY TODAY, BUT IN THE FORECAST OF THE NEW BUDGET BOOK, GOING FORWARD OVER THE ONE-YEAR BUDGET AND THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST AS PROJECTED, THE NUMBERS ARE DRAMATICALLY DOWN FROM WHAT WAS ENVISIONED, EVEN IF YOU TAKE THE PROVINCIAL MONEY OUT OF IT, IT IS STILL DRAMATICALLY DOWN BECAUSE OF THE CUTS BEING MADE BY THIS BUDGET TO THOSE STREET PROGRAMMES. I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING HERE TODAY, NOR HAVE I SEEN A MOTION PRESENTED TODAY THAT WOULD REVERSE THAT. THAT IS A REAL CONCERN. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THEREFORE, WITH THIS AMENDMENT IF PASSED, TO KEEP THE PROGRAMME WHOLE. IT'S NOT EASY TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A 3.3 PROPERTY TAX, BUT RATHER A 4.3 PROPERTY TAX, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THERE ARE TIMES WE HAVE TO LEAD. I WISH I HAD MORE INFORMATION. IT HAPPENED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, AND THAT WAS MY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INPUT IN THE BUDGET. AND KNOWING THE BUDGET WAS COMING DOWN ON NOVEMBER 22ND AND KNOWING WHAT THE BUDGET PROCESS IS AND REQUIRED BY THE STAFF, THEY NEED AT LEAST A MONTH FOR THE BUDGET BOOK TO GO TO PRINT FOR THEM TO PROOF IT, FOR THEM TO GO OVER IT WITH A FINE-TOOTHED COMB TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO ERRORS AND MISTAKES MADE BEFORE THEY GO TO PRINT. ONE MONTH. THE BUDGET BY OCTOBER 17TH WAS LITERALLY READY AND SENT TO PRINT AND THAT WAS MY OPPORTUNITY AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL REPRESENTING 40,000 PEOPLE TO HAVE INPUT INTO THIS BUDGET. I DON'T KNOW OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, NONMEMBERS, BUT WHAT I HEARD TODAY, TOO, IS THAT WE ALL LOSE AT THE MEETINGS THAT TOOK PLACE WITH THE EPC AND IEPC. WERE NOT IN THE CHARTER, ARE NOT COVERED BY THE CHARTER. ARE SOMEWHAT OUTSIDE OF THE LEGAL PARAMETERS STATED IN THE CHARTER. WHAT IS NEW, WHAT I HEARD TODAY WAS THE FACT THAT NINE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WERE POTENTIALLY AND FROM WHAT I HEAR MAKING DECISIONS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS PRIOR TO THIS COMING TO THIS FLOOR. THE BUDGET HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. THIS VOTE IS NOTHING BUT A VOTE FOR THE SAKE OF THE VOTE AS REQUIRED BY

LEGISLATION. THE CHARTER STATES CLEARLY EPC SHALL BE MADE UP OF LESS THAN 50% OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE REASON, THE SPIRIT AND THE INTENT OF THE CHARTER, AT VERY LEAST, THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN VIOLATED BY THE PROCESS PUT IN PLACE TODAY. DECISIONS WERE MADE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS ON THE BUDGET. NOW WE'RE PRESENTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI, WITH MINOR CHANGES AND MINOR AMENDMENTS TO SAY THE LEAST. I HOPE I AM WRONG. I HOPE I AM WRONG. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, WE KNOW BASED ON THE VERY AMENDMENTS WE HAVE HERE TODAY ON THIS BUDGET, HOW MINOR THEY ARE, THAT THE PROCESS WAS ALREADY WELL DECIDED WEEKS BEFORE. WHAT I HEARD TODAY IN TERMS OF DEBATE ABOUT WHO THOUGHT WHAT AND WHAT GOT WHERE AND HOW THAT WAS ALL DIVIDED UP, IN TERMS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS, CONFIRMS IT AGAIN, MADAME SPEAKER. PROVE ME WRONG. MOVE AN AMENDMENT THAT IS SUBSTANTIAL TO THIS BUDGET. BACK THIS AMENDMENT. BACK THIS AMENDMENT. KEEP OUR PROGRAMME WHOLE THIS YEAR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT YEAR. HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT YEAR TO THE PROGRAMME, BUT AT LEAST KEEP THE PROGRAMME WHOLE THIS YEAR, MADAME SPEAKER. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT. DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE ON MOTION ONE?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MOTION ONE IS REALLY SIMPLE. THIS SHOULD RECEIVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM ALL COUNCIL. IN THE 2018 BUDGET, WE SHOULD FREEZE THIS ENORMOUS TAX ON THE WATER AND WASTE DEPARTMENT, A TAX WHICH IS REALLY ON THE RATE PAYERS, THE WATER AND SEWER RATE PAYERS OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG WHO RIGHT NOW WENT FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS, $19 MILLION TAX DIVIDEND AS IT'S CALLED, TO NOW $35.6 MILLION. IN A SPACE OF FOUR SHORT YEARS. THIS IS A TAX THAT IS OUT OF CONTROL. FREEZE THE TAX TO THE DOLLAR LEVEL STATED IN THE 2017 BUDGET. $35.6 MILLION. LET IT GO FORWARD IN THE 18 BUDGET AT $35.6 MILLION AND LET'S PHASE THE PERCENTAGE DOWN. WE ONCE HAD A PERCENTAGE OF 8%, WE CAN GET TO THAT AGAIN IF WE DO THIS. WE CAN GO FURTHER IF THE FUTURE COUNCIL DESIRES, BUT FREEZE IT NOW. THIS IS A DIRECTION TO THE 2018 BUDGET, NOT THE 2017. THIS DOES NOT FINANCIALLY EFFECT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE 2017 BUDGET THAT IS BEFORE US TODAY. WE VOTE ON ONE BUDGET. WE VOTE ON ONE BUDGET. YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU

PROJECTIONS GOING OUT THREE YEARS. WE HAVE ONLY ONE BUDGET AND BUDGET NUMBERS THAT ARE PRESENTED TO US TODAY. VOTE FOR THIS. PROVE ME WRONG IN MY PREVIOUS STATEMENT. VOTE FOR THIS. THIS IS NOTHING IN TERMS OF THE EXACT BUDGET BEFORE YOU TODAY. THIS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT POTENTIALLY GOING IN 2018, BUT AT LEAST IT WILL SEND A MESSAGE THAT THE ACTUAL DIVIDEND, THE TAX ON THE WATER OF SEWER RATE PAYERS IS OUT OF CONTROL, WE RECOGNIZE THAT, WE'VE HEARD IT FROM CONSTITUENTS, THEY WOULD PREFER A MORE UP FRONT PROCESS WHERE YOU SAY WE NEED TO RAISE THE TAXES. WE NEED TO RAISE THE TAXES FURTHER RATHER THAN TO TAX THEM THROUGH THE BACK DOOR, WHICH IS WHAT THIS TAX REPRESENTS. AND IT HITS PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT WAYS. RIGHT NOW, TENANTS, IF YOU'RE A TENANT, YOU'RE PLAYING FOR THE WATER OR SEWER, YOU'RE HIT MORE SUBSTANTIALLY BY THIS THAN OTHERS. IT'S A FLAT TAX IN MANY WAYS ON YOUR WATER AND SEWER RATES. IT'S NOT FAIR. BETTER TO HAVE IT OPEN, TIED TO PROPERTY, IF WE'RE DOING A PROPERTY BUDGET. THAT'S THIS MOTION, I HOPE, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SUPPORT IT, THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME SPEAKER, AND THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THEIR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS ON A VERY IMPORTANT VOTE. THIS BUDGET BUILDS WINNIPEG OF THE FUTURE. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THE INPUT OF MANY WINNIPEGGERS TO COME UP WITH A BALANCED BUDGET. ONE THAT LIMITS THE TAX SUPPORTED EXPENDITURE GROWTH. THIS IS THE LOWEST RATE OF TAX SUPPORT EXPENDITURE GROWTH IN A DECADE. THERE IS NO NEW FEES OR CHARGES, NO INCREASES TO THE LEVY, NO INCREASES TO THE DIVIDEND. THE 2% EFFICIENCY SAVINGS THAT THIS COUNCIL BEGAN CONTINUES. FINDING 11% OF EFFICIENCY SAVINGS THAT GOES DIRECTLY INTO ROADS. THAT'S ONE OF THE FUNDING SOURCES TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE RECORD SPENDING AND RECORD INVESTMENTS IN REPAIRING OUR ROADS. I'M ALSO ADD THAT THE FACT THAT WE'RE HAVING THIS VOTE IN DECEMBER IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN CALLED FOR FROM MANY WITHIN DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS MANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR BETTER PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR, FOR ALL OF THOSE WINNIPEGGERS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR. SO THE VERY FACT THAT WE'RE HAVING THIS VOTE HERE

TODAY, IN DECEMBER, I THINK IS ONE OF MANY IMPORTANT POSITIVE STEPS THAT WE MADE AS A COUNCIL TO DATE. THIS REPRESENTS A DISCIPLINE AND A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. AND ONE THAT BUILDS A CITY THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD TO CALL HOME. I'M GOING TO DEFER THE REMAINING TIME I HAVE TO OUR CHAIR. COUNCILLOR SCOTT GILLINGHAM, OUR CHAIR OF FINANCE.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. GILLINGHAM

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: I DO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF FINANCE. SINCE COMING INTO THIS ROLE SIX WEEKS AGO, I WORKED NOT ONLY TO SEE THE 2017 BUDGET GET TO THIS POINT, BUT HAVE COMMITTED MYSELF TO START THE PROCESS OF THE 2018 BUDGET. I SAID AS EARLY AS JANUARY, BUT HAVE BEEN DOING WORK ON IT ALREADY, NOT TO GET AHEAD OF MYSELF, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO. I'VE BEEN LISTENING SINCE MY APPOINTMENT AS CHAIR OF FINANCE, AND ESPECIALLY TODAY, I'VE BEEN LISTENING. IT'S CLEAR THAT WE CAN IMPROVE UPON THE BUDGET PROCESS AND UPON COMMUNICATION. SINCE BECOMING CHAIR, I REACHED OUT TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TWICE INVITING THEM TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET TABLED ON NOVEMBER 22ND. I THANK COUNCILLOR SCHREYER FOR TAKING ME UP ON THE OFFER AND OUR MEETING. I'LL WORK TO BUILD ON THE CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH OTHER COUNCILLORS. I ASK FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PRODUCTIVELY WORK TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE MONTHS. I'LL WORK TO SEE OUR PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS INCREASE AS WELL FOR THE NEXT BUDGET. AND I'LL WORK TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATION AROUND THE BUDGET SO THAT A COMMON AND SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF MANY THINGS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE ROADS BUDGET, SO THAT THERE IS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING, THOUGH THERE MAY NOT BE AGREEMENT OF THE PRIORITIES, BUT THERE IS UNDERSTANDING OF THE BASIC, THE FORECAST, WHAT BASE FUNDING IS AND WHAT BASE FUNDING IS NOT. CLEARLY, AND WITHOUT RESERVATION, LET ME TAKE A MOMENT, COUNCILLOR MORANTZ, BUT TO COMMEND. IT'S A PRUDENT DECISION. WE BUILD UPON IT. IF YOU LOOK ON THE FUTURE FORECAST WE'RE VOTING UPON TODAY, YOU SEE IT CARRIES ON ALL THE WAY THROUGH 2022, ALL THE WAY THROUGH OUR FORECAST. A WORK IN MY ROLE, I'VE COMMITTED TO CONTROLLING EXPENSES. WINNIPEG WANTS US TO CONTROL EXPENDITURES. CITIZENS EXPECT US AROUND HERE, AROUND THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER, TO CONTROL OUR EXPENDITURES. I'M COMMITTED TO DOING THAT IN THE FUTURE

MONTHS IN PREPARATION FOR COMING BUDGETS. BUT THIS BUDGET THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US, MADAME SPEAKER, IS A SOLID BUDGET. IT'S A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS THE PRIORITIES OF WINNIPEGGERS. THIS BUDGET PROVIDES STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN AREAS OF OUR CITY THAT ARE GROWING. IT'S BEEN STATED BEFORE, BUT LET ME REITERATE. $4.1 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITY IN SOUTH WINNIPEG. AN AREA THAT HAS SEEN SIGNIFICANT POPULATION GROWTH IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. A NEEDED INVESTMENT. $2 MILLION FOR TWO NEW SPRAY PADS IN THE NORTH CENTENNIAL RECREATION LEISURE FACILITY. I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINKING ALL OF THE DEBATE WE HAVE TODAY IS IMPORTANT FOR DEMOCRACY AND IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THIS, I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK WHEN THESE TWO NEW SPRAY PADS THAT ARE BUILT, THE CHILDREN SPLASHING IN THE SPRAY PADS IN THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST WON'T CARE ABOUT SOME OF OUR DEBATE, BUT THESE ARE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS AND DECISIONS WE'RE MAKING TODAY. $2.4 MILLION TOWARD THE SEVEN OAKS POOL, ANOTHER GROWING OPPORTUNITY. $2.5 MILLION TOWARD THE NEW LIBRARY IN TRANSCONA. ANOTHER GROWING COMMUNITY. CITY-WIDEINVESTMENTS. $13.5 MILLION IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. $22.4 MILLION IN NEW TRANSIT BUSES. WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT THAT. $53.2 MILLION FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRANSIT VEHICLE AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES. A PROJECT MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE FUNDING OF THE PARTNERS, FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. I THINK IT WAS THE SUSTAINED GRANT FUNDING THAT DO GREAT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. THESE ORGANIZATIONS REALLY IN THE SCOPE OF A BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET GET NOMINAL AMOUNTS, BUT THEY DO IMPORTANT WORK TO BUILD OUR CITY AND MAKE CITY THE GREAT CITY IT IS. TAKE PRIDE IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, AND OTHERS, I KNOW THE SHOAL LAKE 40 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AND MANY OTHER GRANTS IMPORTANT TO BUILDING OUR CITY. A VOTE FOR THIS BUDGET IS A VOTE NOT ONLY FOR THE $105 MILLION WE'VE SPOKEN OF SO MUCH TODAY FOR ROAD INVESTMENT, BUT A VOTE FOR THIS BUDGET IS A VOTE TO SUPPORT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE WORK THEY DO TO BUILD THE CITY. THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE STAFFED SOMETIMES BY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES THAT ARE PAID, BUT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, DOZENS AND DOZENS OF VOLUNTEERS, GREAT MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CITY THAT GIVE COUNTLESS HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE IT STRONGER. BY US VOTING FOR THIS BUDGET AND ENABLING THESE GRANTS TO GO FORWARD, WE ENSURE THAT THIS GREAT

WORK CONTINUES AND THEY GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TODAY TO BE THE CHAIR OF FINANCE FOR THIS BUDGET AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL COLLEAGUES TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE BUDGET. THANK YOU, MADAME SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL NOW VOTE ON THE MOTIONS BEFORE US IN REVERSE ORDER. AND THEN VOTE ON THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET. ALL IN FAVOUR OF MOTION 2? RECORDED VOTE. THAT BEING ASKED FOR. PLEASE RISE. THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, BROWATY, DOBSON, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, SCHREYER. COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

CITY CLERK: THE VOTE, YEAS 2, NAYS 14.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW VOTE ON MOTION ONE? RECORDED VOTE. ALL IN FAVOUR OF MOTION ONE, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, SHREYER AND WYATT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, MADAME SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

CITY CLERK: YEAS 5, NAYS 11.

MADAM SPEAKER: MOTION ONE IS LOST. WE'LL NOW VOTE ON THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET. CALL FOR RECORDED VOTE. WE'LL BE VOTING ON THEM TOGETHER. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.
CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL OPPOSED

CLERK: COUNCILLORS BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, SCHREYER AND WYATT.

CITY CLERK: MADAME SPEAKER, YEAS 11, NAYS 5.

MADAM SPEAKER: CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET PASSES. WE WILL NOW MOVE ONTO BY-LAWS.

>> ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CITY CLERK: YEAS 11, NAYS 5.

MADAM SPEAKER: IT IS CARRIED. WE'LL MOVE ONTO BY-LAWS UNDER EPC FOR ALL THREE READINGS, MR. MAYOR?

MAYOR BOWMAN: I MOVE THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS BE READ FOR A FIRST TIME, 138, 139, 140-2016, RESPECTIVELY.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CARRIED? IS THERE TWO RECORDED OR MORE? THREE. OK. OK. CALL FOR RECORDED VOTE THEN. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED?

CLERK: COUNCILLORS BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, SCHREYER AND WYATT.

CITY CLERK: YEAS 11, NAYS 5.

MADAM SPEAKER: THE FIRST READING PASSES. MR. MAYOR ON THE SECOND READING.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I MOVE BY-LAW 138-2016 TO 140-2016 BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? OK, DOING A RECORDED VOTE. I'M TRYING. THOSE IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED?

CLERK: COUNCILLORS BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, SCHREYER AND WYATT.

CITY CLERK: YEAS 11, NAYS 5.

MADAM SPEAKER: 138 TO 140-2016. SECOND READING PASSES. MR. MAYOR, ON THE SUSPENSION? AND THE THIRD READING?

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAME SPEAKER,. I MOVE THAT THE RULE BE SUSPENDED AND BY-LAWS 138 BE READ A THIRD TIME AND THE SAME BE PASSED AND ORDERED TO BE SIGNED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR?

CLERK: MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED?

CLERK: BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, SCHREYER AND WYATT.

CITY CLERK: YEAS 11, NAYS 5.

MADAM SPEAKER: IT PASSES. I THINK WE ALREADY DID THAT. RIGHT. SORRY. MR. MAYOR ON THE THIRD READING? I'LL CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? FLUSH CARRIED. COUNCILLOR, WILL YOU MOVE THAT WE NOW ADJOURN? ALL IN FAVOUR, CONTRARY? CARRIED. ROLL CALL. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: MADAME SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA, HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN, SCHREYER AND WYATT.