COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Council met at 9:43 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Dobson.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: We have a first time page joining us today. Please welcome to the Chamber, Daija Chubb from Argyle Alternative School and she resides in the Point Douglas Ward. Thank you so much for serving Council today. I would like to acknowledge that we have with us here today in the gallery, James Turner and Joanne Kelly, they are instructors with the Creative Communications Program at Red River College, and we have a gallery full of students. Thank you so much for being here today. Mr. Mayor, I understand you have several announcements this morning.

Mayor Bowman: Yes. And thank you Madam Speaker. And good morning everyone that's here in person as well as viewing online or on television. And, I want to begin just by saying welcome to the first Council meeting of 2017. As we now welcome the Year of the Rooster which is marked by Chinese New Year later this month. I hope everyone was able to enjoy a safe and happy Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza and overall just have a wonderful time over the short break. 2017 looks to be a very busy year ahead of us. Of course while our Indigenous community has resided on these lands for thousands of years this marks the 150th anniversary, the sesquicentennial for our great nation this year. And we will be hosting the Canada Summer Games later this summer. And the remaining months of winter and our summer and will again be full of festivities and festivals from…everything from our Festival du Voyageur to the Fringe Festival to Folklorama. Madam Speaker, I was very pleased earlier this month to join members of Council and officially reopen the Kinsman Sherbrook Pool. This facility has been an integral component of our community for over 80 years and it's facilities like this that keep our community strong and have…it's great to finally have this resource available to our community again. I used to life guard and teach swimming lessons at that pool. It was in dire need of repairs and I'm very pleased that the Province of Manitoba, the Kinsman Club of Winnipeg, joined the City of Winnipeg in partnering with us on that important renovation project which is now completed. It's very exciting to see the facility back in action especially following Canada's great performance in the pool during the 2016 Olympics. It was also a pleasure, Madam Speaker, to participate and speak at the third annual She Day Conference. It was an honour to be part of a very important gathering and to be in the presence of so many accomplished women. This event has been a huge success with tickets this year selling out in just 31 hours with over 1,000 women and men attending. In Canada, we are grateful for our continued advancements in women's rights but we still have lots of work to do on the road to gender equity and we are lucky to live in a country where we can openly have this conversation. Madam Speaker, we need to, all of us, men and women alike, continue pushing the glass ceiling to break down barriers and encourage greater respect, tolerance and true equity. Madam Speaker, I was very pleased to announce together with Centreventure a comprehensive public engagement process that will seek the input from citizens and neighbourhood stakeholders into the redevelopment and revitalization of the land currently occupied by the Public Safety Building and Civic Parkade. Building and renewing Winnipeg's downtown continues to be a priority for me and this Council and I want to continue investing in a downtown where residents can live, work, play and enjoy many of the benefits that are enjoyed by our residents in other areas of the city. This area of our city represents a tremendous opportunity, Madam Speaker, for us to further refine and renew our Exchange District. To better reconnect the east and the west exchange districts and build a downtown Winnipeg that we can all be proud of. With input and with the engagement of the community, I believe we will be able to transform this site into something that makes our downtown an even better place. So I encourage all citizens, area residents as well as local businesses and organizations, to get involved in the engagement process and I look forward to Council being able to review an urban design framework for the site later this fall. I was very excited, Madam Speaker, to announce the launch yesterday of Winnipeg's first ever Transportation Management Centre. This is a game-changer. A $3.6 million capital investment by this Council and annual operating budget of $500,000 was approved by this Council for the TMC and this is something that will hugely benefit all Winnipeggers from every corner of our city. The leading edge facility monitors 650 signalized intersections across the city and it's capable of remotely responding in real time to signal malfunctions and unexpected traffic incidents. I had the opportunity to visit the facility

and I was absolutely blown away. There's 70 strategically located cameras that act as the TMC's eyes on the street. There is 100 percent connectivity achieving two-way communications between all traffic signals and the centralized hub using LTE cellular modem capability. There is remote signal timing changes that can now be made within minutes as opposed to hours or days. And, of course, we have partnered, thanks to the leadership of this Council, with WAZE. This is the world's largest crowd sourcing traffic and road navigation app. It provides free, real time two-way communication between drivers and the TMC. And these are just a few of the capabilities that Winnipeg's new TMC, the most integrated Traffic Management Centre in Canada to-date now offers. Improved traffic management is something that Winnipeggers, for as long as I can remember, have been asking for and I am absolutely thrilled that we now have our new TMC officially up and running. So if you haven't downloaded the WAZE app, I call on all members of Council, those in the gallery, download the app as soon as possible and start using it and sharing information with fellow Winnipeggers in an anonymous fashion. Madam Speaker, I would also like to pay respect today to Donald McDougald. He recently retired from the position as Regional Streets Inspector after 50 years of service for the City of Winnipeg. Donald just celebrated his 80th birthday in October and has been an invaluable member of the City of Winnipeg team beginning his career in 1967, four years before I was born Madam Speaker, in the Surveying Department. Donald is known for his positive attitude, his incredible work ethic and his dedication to his community, whether through the long and erratic hours he sometimes faced in his job as a Street Inspector or his volunteer work for his church and the Arthritis Society. I want to say, on behalf of this Council and all the citizens of Winnipeg, thank you to Donald for his immense dedication and wish him all the very best heading into retirement. I had an opportunity to speak with him on his final day and he had the energy that I know many of us have most days, and just is an incredibly good natured individual. I just want to wish him a sincere thank you. I also want to welcome James Turner, I know that Madam Speaker, you've already provided the formal greetings but I do want to thank James Turner for being here and of course welcome our Red River Creative Communication students here to city hall. There are a lot of lap tops that we see. I don't know if there's any tablets but a lot of lap tops. And I just want to say welcome to all of you for being here today. Today is Bell Let's Talk Day. Hopefully all of us know every year, Bell raises awareness and funds for mental health by encouraging everyone to get out there and talk about it. For every text, call, tweet, Instagram post, Facebook post and Snapchat geo filter, Bell will donate 5 cents towards mental health initiatives in Canada. This is such an important topic. Mental health is a critical part of our overall health and yet it's often overlooked or dismissed. There still is a stigma around mental health and we need to collectively as a community and as a nation, break it. I encourage everyone, show support for this important cause today by using the #Bellletstalk and together we can make a difference, Madam Speaker. For more information, visit Let'stalk.bell.ca. January 27th is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Madam Speaker. On January 27th, 1945, the advancing Red Army entered the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp complex liberating more than 7,000 remaining prisoners. Days earlier, the SS had forced nearly 60,000 prisoners to evacuate the camp and embark on the infamous death marches in which many thousands lost their lives. Earlier this year on January 27th the world...or sorry, every year on January 27th, the world marks and remembers the Holocaust and its victiMs 71 years on from liberation of Auschwitz, it is more important than ever to remind ourselves of the universal lessons of the Holocaust and to foster a shared culture of remembrance. Flags at city hall will be lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset on Friday, January 27th to acknowledge this day. Madam Speaker, I would now like to invite Councillor Morantz to say a few words on this topic and then we will hear from Belle Jarniewski from the Freeman Family Holocaust Education Centre of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada. Thank you Madam Speaker, merci and megwich.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you Madam Speaker. The late Elie Wiesel, the renowned Holocaust survivor and scholar said, "I swore never to be silent, whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must pick sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." International Holocaust Remembrance Day is an international memorial day which takes place annually on January 27th, commemorating the victims of the Holocaust. This date was chosen by the UN because on January 27th, 1945, Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp and death camp was liberated by Soviet troops. The theme for this year's commemoration is Holocaust Remembrance, Educating for a Better Future. The theme emphasizes the fact that Holocaust education is a universal dimension and can serve as an appropriate platform for building respect for human rights, increasing tolerance and defending our common humanity. I would like to thank the Mayor for allowing city hall flags to fly at half-mast on Friday. In commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day we heed the wise advice of Elie Wiesel. We will not be neutral and we will not be silent. We have with us today, Belle Jarniewski, the Director of the Freeman Family Holocaust Education Centre and the author of a book, 'Voices of Winnipeg Holocaust Survivors' to tell us more about the commemoration. Thank you.

Belle Jarniewski: Madam Speaker, Your Worship Mayor Bowman and members of City Council, thank you so very much for welcoming me here today and thank you especially to Councillor Morantz for bringing this idea forward to the Mayor and Council. It's now been 12 years since the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27th, the anniversary of the date of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp, as an annual international day of

commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The Soviet troops who arrived at Auschwitz found approximately 7,000 ill and mostly dying prisoners in this camp. A sight of infamy which has come to depict the singular horror and suffering of the Holocaust. Over 1 million human beings were murdered, most of them Jews. An international date of remembrance, commends us to honour with dignity the memory of the victims, the courage of both survivors, as well as the soldiers who liberated them, and to reaffirm that this unprecedented genocide must be remembered by all people everywhere as a warning of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice. Unfortunately, in recent months our world has witnessed a rise in manifestations of racism. And there are sadly, some who see the world in very different terms than those that are spelled out by the resolution. Today, some seven decades later, we are living in a time where vigilance is more important than ever. And this annual date of remembrance reminds us of the importance of remembrance, reflection and education. We remember that 6 million Jewish men, women and children were murdered, representing 67 percent of pre-war European Jewry. We also remember that between a quarter of a million and a half a million of Roma und Sinty, because we are unsure of the exact figures, were also singled out for genocide as well as countless other victims, which must forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice. The UN resolution asserts that member states are to develop educational programs that will implicate future generations with the lessons of the Holocaust in order to prevent future acts of genocide. And in this context, it commends the task force for International Co-Operation on Holocaust Education, remembrance and research. Well, the task force's name was changed just a few years ago to the IRA, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and I am proud to represent Canada in this important organization on behalf of the Holocaust Education Centre of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada joined by two other Winnipeggers; Doctors Clint Curle and Jeremy Maron, who represent the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, as well as six other Canadians. And this year, in Winnipeg, the Holocaust Education Centre joins with the University of Manitoba to launch the Canadian premier of a prestigious exhibit from Berlin at the Manitoba Heritage Centre Gallery. And the exhibit is called 'Synagogues in Germany a Virtual Reconstruction', which will be running until March the 4th. This exhibit will be accompanied by programming for all Manitoba high school and university students, as well as an academic symposium and six lectures to the public. And all of this will be completely free. The UN resolution rejects any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event either in full or in part. And condemns without reserve all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, wherever they occur. Mayor Bowman, members of Council, our city of Winnipeg offers refuge and new hope to immigrants, refugees and survivors, some of whom have escaped more recent genocides. And it is a place which fosters dialogue, reconciliation and understanding. And it is a place where people learn from each other and where we share our cultures. So, how significant it is, therefore, that we, in Winnipeg, will be commemorating this day and promote a better understanding of the tragedies that took place in World War II. Mayor Bowman, members of Council, for me, Auschwitz is not merely a place, a name in a history book, it's a place where my late mother spent months in the late summer and in the early autumn of 1944, after she lost her parents and her brother. My parents and other survivors made their way to Winnipeg to rebuild their lives, just as today we welcome those who are trying to rebuild their lives, after having experienced trauma that we can't even begin to imagine. And just a short while ago, an anti-Semitic incident occurred right here, in the heart of Winnipeg, where the perpetrators employed very ugly Holocaust imagery and rhetoric. But Winnipeggers joined together in an outpouring of support for the victims and utter condemnation of this kind of hate. So your meaningful gesture, Mayor Bowman, to acknowledge and mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day in our city, and also to visually note this by lowering the flag to half-mast, will be so very much appreciated by survivors, by their children, by their grandchildren, and by all those Winnipeggers who care about human rights. So thank you, from a proud citizen of Winnipeg, who is thankful each and every day that her parents found their way here, and to each other, and who found the courage to rebuild their lives in this wonderful city. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Jarniewski for your remarks today and for also sharing personal story, appreciate it. Thank you.

Belle Jarniewski: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk, could you please read the two leave of absence motions that we have on our desks here? Thank you.

Clerk: Moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Lukes that Councillor Browaty be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to his absence from the city on City business.

Madam Speaker: Call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: Moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Eadie that Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We do have a few other announcements this morning. Councillor Lukes you now have the floor, followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I just also want to extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to our tens of thousands of Chinese residents in Winnipeg and Manitoba. The Year of the Rooster will start from January 28th and last to February 15th but the celebrations have already started. People born in the Year of the Rooster, according to the Chinese zodiac, have many excellent characteristics such as being honest, bright, communicative and ambitious. Winnipeg is very fortunate to have a growing and vibrant Chinese community settling in Winnipeg bringing business, economic development and a strong cultural presence. As South Winnipeg is benefiting from so many new Canadians and yes, is turning our Pembina strip into a dining experience unlike no other. But there is more to the Chinese community than just dining, I can assure you. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming New Year celebrations. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. In July of last year we lost one of our great citizens of our city and our community, Paul E. Martin passed away. It was honoured though on last Friday, January the 20th and I want to thank of the Mayor…on behalf of the Mayor and members of Council, I was able to represent the Mayor and Council at the grand opening of Sir Paul Martin Estates. This is adjoined also by Councillor Orlikow who was there. This was a project started in 2010. It is a 92 unit affordable housing project with...the first of its kind in Manitoba where we combined...where you have affordable housing both for seniors and you have affordable housing both for families all in one complex; 45 units for families, 47 units for seniors. And it was with the assistance and the help of the Provincial and Federal Governments that this took place along with the Winnipeg Housing and Rehabilitation Corporation, the WHRC, one of our best kept secrets, an arms-length agency of the City of Winnipeg which does a terrific job with leadership with Menno Peters there. Menno emceed the event. Joining us at the event was the Minister Scott Fielding who spoke on behalf of the Provincial Government. Speaking on behalf of the Federal Government, Terry Duguid and staff and residents of the new complex were there for the momentous event. I want to thank...these things don't happen on their own, Madam Speaker so I want to put it on the record and I want to thank all the hard work of the board of the directors of the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation. I want to specifically thank the former Chair, Councillor Pagtakhan. He was a Chair for many years there and if it wasn't for Councillor Pagtakhan's support and leadership, this project would not have occurred. Thank you, Mike. And you know, it was amazing to bring it together and there is such a demand for affordable housing. This project partly came about when I was knocking on doors and I ran into a lady who was living…and I told this story, so I'm going to tell it again, who was living in…she was at her house and she was upset, she was raising an issue and she said, you know, I have my mother living with me and I said, well your mother must be ill or something to that effect and she said no. My mother was living in an apartment on Madeline and the apartment got converted into a condominium and she couldn't afford to stay there anymore. She couldn't buy…couldn't afford to buy a condo. She was pushed out and was living in the basement of her daughter. Her daughter was in her 60s, her mother was in her 80s and this is a problem with affordable housing of course around our city. So there's such a demand for that. So I want to thank the Mayor for allowing me to speak at that event and bring greetings on behalf of the City. It was a…and the Martin family was there which was tremendous as well. I want to…just to note, this year, 2017, is the 50th anniversary of the celebration of the creation of the Transcona Museum. Actually, created by a motion of Alderman Paul Martin in Transcona City Council in April of 1967. To celebrate the 50th year since the founding of the museum and Canada's 150th, the Transcona Museum is launching the Transcona Short Film Festival; a programming initiative by the Transcona Museum that offers a platform for encouraging and showcasing the works of emerging film makers in the Transcona community. We invite all high school students who live and attend public, private and home schools in River East Transcona School District catchment area to participate in this exciting opportunity. The theme of the 2017 festival is Celebrating Canada Through the Eye of Transcona, focusing on Transcona's community spirit while reflecting on Canada's rich history and heritage. Film makers are invited to create two minute max, short digital films that showcase their Transcona history and stories. The short listed films, which must relate back to our festival theme, will be screened at the Transcona centennial square in June of 2017 this year. A major prize, the People's Choice Award, will be given to the film with the highest rating as voted by the festival's audience followed by...following the festival all films will be entered into our archives for future generations. An exhibit will open also this year in April of 2017 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the museum. I would like to thank the museum's curator, Alanna Horejda, for all of her hard work and dedication. As well, I would like to thank the chairperson of the museum, Mr. Peter Martin, the son of Paul Martin, and all of the board of directors for all their dedication and work. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Allard for your morning announcement. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: Yes. So as I warned my colleagues, I would like to make a few comments in French. Before I do that, the comments pertain to le Festival du Voyageur 2017 edition, and I would like to challenge each and every one of you on Council, including you, Mayor Bowman to be a Hého hero this year, which is the theme of the festival. So, I've thrown down the gauntlet.

Translation of French Spoken:
So for my... I would like to take the time to announce the Festival du Voyageur, which will be held February 17th to 26th. This year the theme of the Festival is Hého Heroes – Hého Heroes Dress in Layers. The hashtag is #Heho2017, so it's an easy hashtag to remember. There are lots of new things at the Festival du Voyageur this year, including wood sculptures carved with – I don't know what they're called in French – chainsaws [said in English] as we say in proper Franco-Manitoban, so that's something new happening this year. So, lots of new things, lots of opportunities. In addition, the Festival is always looking for volunteers and the event would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. I'd also like to remind you that The Festival du Voyageur the largest winter festival in Western Canada. So, I just want to take a moment to highlight this event taking place in our city, in St. Boniface, and I am very proud that this festival is being held here.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Our last speaker for the announcement period, Councillor Gilroy

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you Madam Speaker. It was an honour for me to also take part in the Sherbrook Pool reopening. I was so happy to be there along with the mayor and Councillor Orlikow and Councillor Gerbasi opening up the Sherbrook Pool. It's one of the oldest pools in Winnipeg and it's a gem and as soon as we were done there was eager swimmers ready to jump in and make use of the facility, so I was happy to be there. I was also happy to take part in the Women's Day March that happened this past Saturday, and I have to say, it was overwhelmingly as a Winnipegger, to see how many people came out and support the women's march. It took place in Portage Place Mall and the doors were overflowing with people, all three levels. All you do is look up and there were just people everywhere and it's overwhelmingly Winnipeggers came out to support and make sure that we remember where we have come as women but where we need to go, and how much work is left to do and we were marking that day. And I know that was a global thing, but I was very, very proud of Winnipeggers and proud to be a Winnipegger that day, seeing how many people came out and showed that we still, you know, we still have to fight for women's rights today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Allard will you move that the minutes of the meetings held December 13th and the 14th, 2016, be taken as read and confirmed? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now hear from our delegations. We have one individual joining us today, Mr. Bram Neufeld if you are here today, if you could come down, please. Bram Neufeld is from Colliers International and he is in opposition to Items 1 and 3 of the report A of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated December 5th, 2016. And it's regarding the list of historical resources, the nomination of the Power Building at 428 Portage Avenue and also the Morse and Company Building at 317 McDermot Avenue. Welcome, Mr. Neufeld.

DELEGATIONS

Bram Neufeld: Good morning. For both properties we are actually just...well, we're requesting adjournments and for it to be referred back to Property Planning and Development. So that would be for both 428 Portage and 317 McDermot.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you very much. There was an opportunity, Mr. Neufeld for questions if you just wanted to wait on the floor. Are there any questions for Mr. Neufeld? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Mr. Neufeld, I realize that the reason for the request is that the applicant's main spokesperson is not here. Are you okay though if the matter...just, we're going to…I'll put it forward a bit. The matter gets referred to Council next month, not to PPD. It's not really appropriate in our by-law to do that. Is that acceptable? I just want to make sure.

Bram Neufeld: Yes, that would be acceptable.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your time.

Bram Neufeld: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: That concludes our delegations for today. We will now move on to committee reports. First we have the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 11th, 2017. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 11, 2017**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe is it not dated January 11th, just for the record?

Madam Speaker: Did I say a different date? My apologies.

Mayor Bowman: All good.

Madam Speaker: Good catch.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Just a moment. Okay. Pulling No. 5. All in favour of 1 through 4 and Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Frontage Levy – Impact on Religious and Not-For-Profit Cemeteries

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

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to first to hear from Council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, Item 5.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pardon me, I'm not feeling too hot today. But I just would like to start off by saying that I will be voting for this report but it's the first opportunity I have had to speak to it as I have been unable to attend EPC meetings due to other scheduled meetings. So, it's essential that we have cemeteries in the city that are quite old and they are run by not-for-profit entities or churches, religious organizations that struggle. And actually are exempt, really, of property taxes. But when it comes to the frontage levy, there is a great difficulty in that it is applied to it. And not only that, Madam Speaker, a number of these cemeteries are exposed to actually paying on two sides of the property. And as you know, Madam Speaker, these cemeteries are not really necessarily small. They are fairly large like the Elmwood Cemetery which is a nonreligious cemetery that is quite old. And we also have the Kildonan Presbyterian Cemetery on John Black Road which pays frontage levy not only on John Black Road but actually, on a piece of Scotia in your ward, Madam Speaker. And as I understand it, there is the St. James Anglican Church, there's the St. Johns Anglican. And so the problem is, is that in order for these cemeteries to continue to be able to maintain themselves, they can't afford to continually pay what...the fairly large increases that we made to the frontage levy and I acknowledge that in our budget for 2017 those frontage levies, Madam Speaker, were not increased, however, it is a substantial amount of money and they are having trouble making ends meet. And cemeteries are within the City of Winnipeg's portfolio, Madam Speaker. We do own and have a number of cemeteries in the city of Winnipeg and it's my understanding that the Brookside Cemetery, Madam Speaker, is not paying a frontage levy. I'm not totally sure about that, but I have been informed from people who are basically trying to run these cemeteries and make sure they stay viable into the future, that that is the case, Madam Speaker. And so it was amended at Executive Policy Committee and I can understand the way it was written, it sounded like it was saying we have already decided and that recommendations would come along. And I understand, Madam Speaker, that people would like to actually understand the issues a little more, Madam Speaker and I think that the people who are involved with these not-for-profit cemeteries and religiously run cemeteries will be able to explain to a great extent to our administration, what it really means and how it can really hurt the viability going into the future. And Madam Speaker, if these groups cannot continue to run these cemeteries because they can't make ends meet, Madam Speaker, what's going to happen is they will turn over the keys. Like, they are going to have to give up and I'm quite concerned about that, Madam Speaker, because these are cemeteries where our ancestors are buried. And if you had an opportunity to walk through a number of these cemeteries you would note a lot of significant names in the building of the City of Winnipeg and other cities like West Kildonan of the past and so on. So I think it's important that we do that. My only concern now is that...so we will get a report and then we are going to be having to move more motions in the end, Madam Speaker, to have our administration come up with the means to...if Council so decides, means to try to exempt these cemeteries from the frontage levy. I leave it at that. I'm glad that our administration is going to explore this and we are coming back with a

report, so that Councillors can understand what it means and I appreciate that it was amended and was recommended to move forward. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his motion. Let me just start with saying, I am certainly sympathetic to the financial constraints that not-for-profit organizations face. I spent over 20 years of my adult life in not-for-profit, specifically in religious not-for-profit agencies. However, the Executive Policy Committee meeting on January 11th, I moved an amendment to the original motion. The amendment was passed and we see it before us today. That amendment deleted the words that called for the removal of frontage levies on religious and not-for-profit cemeteries. And I have one of those cemeteries in my ward, the St. James Cemetery, with such a rich history. Ultimately, the removal frontage levies…perhaps that is what the finding of the administration report will be. Maybe that will be one of the recommendations but it's too soon to tell. We really need the administration to have the opportunity to do its due diligence to review this matter. And I would ask Council colleagues though, as I gave this some consideration, to really be cautious when it comes to recommending policy changes without including the financial impact of those changes. I have said it before. I am channeling my inner Councillor, Marty Morantz who served as Chair of Finance for two years but I do remind us that we passed a budget recently, the 2017 budget, a balanced budget according to the legislation that requires us to pass a balanced budget but the projection for 2018 as it stands right now is an $88 million deficit. So every little impact, that seems like a little impact has ripple effects and can in fact be a large…have a large impact. We really have a challenge before us through the coming months in the 2018 budget process to close that $88 million gap. And so the financial impact of removing frontage levies on religious and not-for-profit cemeteries really needs to be explored and understood and I know that this report in Councillor Eadie's initial motion calls for, as recommendation two says, "The Public Service to report back to Council on the financial impact on the city's budget". And so I believe that Council needs to see and to consider those numbers before deciding whether or not ultimately to remove the frontage levies on religious or non-for-profit cemeteries or find another way to deal with this. So I look forward to the report and again, I want to express appreciation to Councillor Eadie for his motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I just wanted to agree with Councillor Gillingham's revision and to…or amendment…and to make a point that was also made at EPC which is in terms of...we do have the three city cemeteries, Transcona, St. Vital and Brookside in Councillor Gillingham's ward. And there are certainly some religious sections in those cemeteries so I don't want to start getting calls from people saying well, why are you exempting some religious groups and not others? I know there is a whole Catholic section in St. Vital Cemetery and I know in Councillor Wyatt's ward he put some work in, I put some work in, Councillor Lukes put some work in, there is a recently open section devoted to Islamic burial that our staff put in years of work to try and make that possible so I don't want to get into some debate here where we are talking about religious burial and then say that somehow the city cemeteries are excluded from that. We'll get the report. It's a very…it's a worthwhile issue to discuss. Mr. Fraser has raised it here, couple of straight budgets and now we are following up. I just wanted to highlight that the City has been working, Jane Saxby and others, with our cemeteries group. Doing some very good work with groups like the Islamic community so I don't want to see any of that get complicated by what we might do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor? I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor on the Executive Policy Committee report dated January 18th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 18, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move...sorry, I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: Any others? Okay, I'll call the question on Items 1 through 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 6 – Louis Riel School Division Operating Grant – Dakota Alumni Field

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

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

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes. In light of a number of concerns raised by a number of colleagues about the miry clay of detail here I would like to move to simply remember back to EPC on this item for...I don't know if...obviously I'm not allowed to that but would get a.

Madam Speaker: Referring to EPC?

Councillor Mayes: Referring to EPC.

Madam Speaker: Okay, All in favour of the referral? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we'll now move on to by-laws for EPC, second and third reading, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 136/2016 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 136/2016.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 136/2016 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the EPC by-laws for all three readings.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker I move the following by-laws be read a first time; By-laws 148/2016, 1/2017 and 4/2017 to 7/2017, both inclusive, be read a second…sorry, be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 148/2016, By-law No. 1/2017, By-law No. 4/2017, By-law No. 5/2017, By-law No. 6/2017 and By-law No. 7/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that By-law Nos. 148/2016, 1/2017 and 4/2017 to 7/2017, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 148/2016, By-law No. 1/2017, By-law No. 4/2017, By-law No. 5/2017, By-law No. 6/2017, and By-law No. 7/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension and the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 148/2016, 1/2017 and 4/2017 to 7/2017, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Dobson.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do know that, I think most of us know that, recently the Mayor was in Ottawa with several other, mostly other big city Mayors from across Canada to meet with the Prime Minister and to have discussions with the Prime Minister and some of the Prime Minister's key Ministers. I'm just wondering if the Mayor would be willing to update us on those discussions and just kind of the highlights of the trip?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Through you, I thank my Council colleague for the question. Yes, Madam Speaker, I did have the opportunity to meet with the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' last Friday in Ottawa. We met for approximately an hour with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The purposes of the meeting was pre-budget in nature, the Big City Mayors' Caucus are advocating on behalf of Canada's big cities on three priority areas including affordable housing, public transportation, as well as green infrastructure investments. Another topic of discussion that the Big City Mayors' Caucus had received a presentation on and had discussion was on the fentanyl crisis that's affecting many Canadian cities including our residents here in the City of Winnipeg. There was also discussion that we had with the Prime Minister and with regards to the Big City Mayors' Caucus on how cities can be engaged in leveraging our contacts and our resources to ensure that the border with the United States remains open for trade. Winnipeg is a trading city, I've been vocal on the importance of ensuring that for our business community and for jobs that we have access to the U.S. market. Those discussions are ongoing with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and specifically the Big City Mayors' Caucus on the role that we'll be able to play. I've also been in touch with many key stakeholders in our local community to look to ways in which we can play a collaborative role with, in particular the Federal Government's efforts to ensure that the border remains open and I would invite all Members of Council to speak with me if they'd like additional information or have suggestions on how we, as a city, can do our share to make sure that our voice is being heard, especially with regards to U.S. lawmakers and decision makers, that it is in their interest to ensure that the Canadian market is open to them and vice-versa. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to start off this question by thanking the Mayor for doing what he was going to do and, in the first place, which is the now established Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy and I'd like to thank the Mayor for proving that he believes he is equivalent and accountable like us, not to say that he wasn't accountable in the way he does his stuff, Madam Speaker, but and I especially appreciate, as I read through the policy, that ensuring, Madam Speaker, that the people hired for the Mayor's Office should follow and accept all the rules that are under the Employee Code of Conduct. I think that's a very important step for that office. I don't know if we should have a similar, in our Councillor Policy, Expenditure Ward Allowance Policy, Madam Speaker. But Madam Speaker, my question is, and I did send an email thanking the Mayor and all the people that worked on it, the Clerk's Office, I know must have spent a fair amount of time as well as people in the Mayor's Office to develop this policy. But one of these circumstances that existed in the previous Council and not to say that this Mayor would ever be involved in something like this, I just want to ask the question if the Mayor would consider amending the Employee Code of Conduct or create some other piece of by-law or some sort that ensures, Madam Speaker, we don't situation in which the Head of the Administration or even Senior Management of the Administration is actually doing business and making deals together with the Head of the Political efforts of the Council? So, in other words, Madam Speaker, the question is will we ensure that as in the provincial rules for Deputy Ministers, that Deputy Ministers are not to be engaging in business deals or any kind of initiatives together because these people lead and direct our city administration? So would he consider moving ahead with that, maybe [inaudible]?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. We got your question. Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: Sorry I didn't explain it.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Through you, Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank my Council colleague for the question, also for the acknowledgement of the work that my office and the Clerk's undertook over the last year. I think it will help strengthen accountability and openness and transparency at City Hall, something I know we're all committed to. And with respect to his specific question, I think the first step would be perhaps for the Councillor and I to sit down to see how we could work together. I'd certainly be open to that discussion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I found that Councillors are still relying on the press and press releases to keep us informed on what's happening here at City Hall. I have brought this issue up with the CAO in the past, and I also put a motion forward to address this issue again in the past. And yet, here we are today, with Councillors still caught flat-footed when a media release goes out about an event or an issue here at City Hall. Frankly, that's embarrassing. Fifteen elected Councillors and a Mayor, and only the Mayor and only a few select Councillors are kept informed. To say the system is broken is an understatement. I want everyone here to ask themselves a few simple questions.

Madam Speaker: Do need to hear your question.

Councillor Dobson: The question's coming.

Madam Speaker: Okay.

Councillor Dobson: Why the secrecy? Why the withholding of information from Councillors until the last minute? Why is it so important to keep Councillors in the dark until a press release? Why are some Councillors okay with this status quo? We all want what is best for the residents in this city. Why can't all Councillors be kept informed at the same time? My question to you, Mayor Bowman is this, do you plan on changing and allowing all Councillors access to this information or are we going to keep the status quo for another two years?

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Councillor for his question. I think the question really is best directed to our CAO and ultimately Corporate Communications. That being said, I am very pleased to see some of the efforts that we've seen undertaken by our Corporate Communications Department, including providing communications materials to all Members of Council in full graphics as well as other efforts. And I would once again, urge my Council colleagues in the interest of openness and transparency and specifically the Councillor who's raising the question to follow my lead in terms of making one's meeting calendar publicly available in a proactive manner as well as declaring and publicly posting all gifts received, regardless of their dollar value. Those watching may not be aware that gifts under $250, we're not legally required to declare them. I don't agree with that. I think if you receive something that's more or less than $250 should be disclosed, so I post those publicly online. There's more that we can all do to improve openness and transparency as well as collaboration here at City Hall. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mayor Bowman, are you ever going to allow all Councillors to be part of the draft budget from the very start? Now I know that you keep saying that you're involving more Councillors in the draft budget process by having them assist with the Finance Chair, but that is by no means considered all of Council, and to limit their exposure to just Finance only lessens it.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Dobson, I'm sorry, no preamble before or after the question. Could you ask your question?

Councillor Dobson: No preamble? Okay, than fine.

Madam Speaker: You've asked your question, I believe. If you want to restate it?

Councillor Dobson: My question was, are you going to ever allow all Councillors to be part of the draft budget from the very start?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. All Members of Council ultimately do vote on the budget, is a budget that each year is balanced and is one that not only involves the ultimate decision by Members of Council and all Members of Council, but the input of Winnipeggers. I'm pleased that we've taken positive steps in our early budgets in this mandate under the leadership of Councillor Marty Morantz to have a more inclusive and collaborative budget process. That being said, I have no doubt that we can continue to make improvements and for those that have seen the mandate letters, which I proactively published online, the mandate letter for our new Finance Chair includes improving the budget process. I, and I know, Councillor Gillingham would welcome the input from Councillor Dobson or any Member of Council on how we continue to make improvements in the budget process. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Dobson: So, I'm going to take that as a no.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, what was the question?

Madam Speaker: Can you restate your question, Councillor Dobson?

Councillor Dobson: Well, my second question was, are you going to allow all Councillors to be part of the draft budget from the very start. All I'm hearing is that we all vote on the draft budget, but that's not quite the same.

Madam Speaker: Question, Councillor Dobson?

Councillor Dobson: My question, of course, is I never understood your answer. Sorry.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I'll be very clear. I would encourage the Councillor to meet, I understand, Councillor Gillingham has begun the process of meeting one-on-one with all members of Council. I would encourage the Councillor to be part of the budget process and be engaged and come to those meetings with tangible input on the budget. I'll certainly be doing so as well when we meet. And if they are specific ideas on how the budget process could continue to improve, I would welcome them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Federal Government's preparing to announce funding for trade corridors. Back in early 2015, this Council prioritized our Bill of Canada Fund Projects. Since then, significant changes have been made to some of the projects, changing the criteria ranking which will impact the priorities. Others have had further studies, such as the Arlington Bridge, being one. My question is, does the Mayor intend to engage the public service and Council in reviewing the road priorities in the near future to prepare for the Federal Government's trade corridor funding?

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

Mayor Bowman: The, I thank through you, Madam Speaker, I do thank Councillor Lukes for the question. I will meet with our CAO and undertake and get back to you to be able to answer that question on the timing and would welcome a discussion on that as well after Council. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Second question, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Through the P3 Process, the Southwest Transit Corridor came in under budget by a $120 million. Currently, we're still collecting taxes based on the initial estimate. My question to the Mayor is, when do you plan to discuss with Council how to adjust what we are charging citizens or reprioritize the savings found?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I am very pleased, Madam Speaker, that through the P3 Model, we were able through the proponent to identify $120 million in innovative savings. That is a tremendous benefit to all taxpayers, there is only one taxpayer after all, despite the fact that there are three funding sources for the completion of the second phase rapid transit. The 0.333% property tax increase that Council directed, go into a dedicated fund, is one that remains. We are continuing our discussions with other levels of government, and as soon as we have something that we're able to report on the results of those discussions, absolutely I do undertake to ensure that Council is, and all Council is apprised in due course. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, that will conclude our question period. We'll now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There is no report, no motions and no by-laws today. Any questions for our Chair, Councillor Gilroy? Seeing none we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on report dated December 5th, 2016.

**REPORT "A" OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED DECEMBER 5, 2016**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I would like to move Items 2 and 4 and then pull 1 and 3.

Madam Speaker: You'd like to pull 1 and 3? I'll call the question on 2 and 4, did you say? 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Power Building, 428 Portage Avenue

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm requesting that the matter be laid over until the next Council meeting as requested by the applicant who as we saw, his son was here but the applicant couldn't be here today so to allow Council the opportunity to hear the full comments, I think it's prudent and there is no time sensitivity on this so laying it over till next Council meeting for this item and for Item No. 3 is my request.

Madam Speaker: Request is made to lay over to the February Council meeting. All in favour of Item No. 1? Contrary? Carried. Madam Speaker, Item 3.

**Item 3 – List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Miller, Morse & Company Building,
317 McDermot Avenue**

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. Again, request a layover, same as…the reasons listed out in No. 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So the call for vote is on the layover to the February meeting for Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated January 17th, 2017.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED JANUARY 17, 2017**

Councillor Orlikow: Okay. I would like to move Items 1 and 2 and 4 through 14 please.

Madam Speaker: Which ones are we pulling?

Councillor Gilroy: I'm pulling…only one I have to pull out is No. 3.

Madam Speaker: No. 3 only? Okay. Call the question on 1 and 2, 4 through 14. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 150 Pandora Avenue West – DASZ 23/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. It's requested by the public service that this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to by-laws. Councillor Orlikow on the first reading.

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

Councillor: I'll get my little notes here. That I move that the following by-law be read a first time; By-law No. 3/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 3/2017.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Move that By-law No. 3/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.
Clerk: By-law No. 3/2017.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 3/2017 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow, on the addendum by-laws.

Councillor Orlikow: There is one addendum by-law that's more of a…I move that the rules be suspended and the following by-law be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 2/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll move that the By-law No. 2/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 2/2017.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Getting my little workout here. Thank you Madam Chair. I move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 2/2017 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Chair, Councillor Orlikow. Any questions for the Chair? Okay. Seeing none, we will now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report dated January 16th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED JANUARY 16, 2017

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker it's my pleasure to introduce the report of January 16th and move consent agenda Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There is no motions, no by-laws today. Any questions for our Chair, for Councillor Pagtakhan? Seeing none we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. There is no report, no motions and no by-laws. Any questions for our Chair for Councillor Morantz? Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. Again, no report, no motions, no by-laws. We will now have question period for our Chair, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the answer that our Mayor, who appointed our new Chair of Finance, Madam Speaker. And I just want to understand, when meeting with the each of the Councillors separately, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Chair of Finance could explain if he's consulting us only on how to resolve what is being called a structural deficit or will the meeting be open to ideas about how to improve the budget and services within the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Through you, Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for his question. Yes, I'm certainly open to discussing, I'm looking forward to discuss ideas that my colleagues may have to, just as the Councillor said, to improve the process, ideas for improving the budget itself. I'm looking forward to ideas to address the $88 million projected-deficit. I'm also looking forward to hearing from my colleagues, in regards to their priorities as well. So I can tell you that it's my intention over the next week or so, to be sending out early meeting requests to all of my Council colleagues to initiate this process and initiate it early. It's the 2018 budget process, people think 2018 is 11 months away, but the budget process really has already started. We're talking about it already, we've got a lot of work to do in the next 11 months and so I'll be looking forward to meeting with my colleagues and really, I'm willing to discuss anything that my colleagues would like to discuss and entertain any ideas that they may have. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Will the, Madam Speaker, will the Chair's memorandum to departments be sent out the same time as last year, which is around the beginning of June, I believe?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. I can look into that and just want to set up, obviously a calendar for 2018 that lays out the budget process and I can get back to my colleague on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none we will now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated January 9th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED JANUARY 9, 2017

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move Item 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period for our Chair, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Eadie.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, at our last Council meeting there was an amendment made to the bulky waste motion, which was to bring bulky waste collection in-house, Madam Speaker, and in the amendment, Madam Speaker, it talked about calling our administration to come back with what is the cost difference going to be in order for bringing that in-house versus going out to the private market sector, Madam Speaker. And so my question, Madam Speaker, is will the Chairperson demand of our administration the specific financial details as to how they came up with the numbers that they're going to come up with?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham, or pardon me, Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, that's the motion was passed at the last Council meeting and what we just voted on moments ago was an extension of time on that that request for financial report back. The details of what the costing is going to be, yeah I mean we'll get what we, the administration will come forward with a report. Not sure exactly what Councillor Eadie is asking, because in previous meetings he's talked about the potential savings that might be realized from other city staff like the Fire Department by having dedicated in-house bulky waste collection. So yeah, I'd like to see as much detail as possible in terms of the costing. I know they're issues as to which classification within the Collective Agreement to apply, I think there's still an old classification leftover from 15 years ago before the work was, before all of the garbage and recycling collection work was contracted out that was sometime, roughly 15 years ago. So, I guess, the short answer then, is yeah, I'd like to see as much detail as possible and then obviously the union may have their own view of what the correct numbers are. We're trying to do things a bit differently, I've tried to be more open and transparent in terms of the number. And obviously we took a pretty big step forward there a few months ago, in October, by passing a recommendation that said, like Ottawa we will be sitting down with the bargaining agent, with CUPE, to try and come up with and see if there's a way that we can make any bids on the future contracts for multi-family, cost-competitive, or more cost-competitive, which would allow us to potentially bring that work back in-house. Not all of the work is done in-house in Ottawa, 2 of the 5 zones are, and that's some of the work we've directed our administration to do. The bulky waste contract runs out later this year. I'm not sure how many exact, how many vehicles are needed on that. We'll be getting a report back so. Yeah, I would certainly like to see the detail on the costing that should be coming and we should be allowing the bargaining agent, CUPE, to provide it's comments as well on what we are saying the cost difference would be.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, does the Chairperson agree that in order to evaluate, as a Council Member, the detail in financial information is required so that we can evaluate and make decisions?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I'm not, yes.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Seeing none, we will ask for adjournment. Councillor Eadie will you move adjournment?

Councillor Eadie: Yes.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 10:53 a.m.