# COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
# Wednesday, February 22, 2017

**The Council met at 9:44 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 Eadie.

## ROLL CALL

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

## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Madam Speaker:** We have two pages with us today. Please join me in welcoming to the Chamber, Daija Chubb from Argyle Alternative School who resides in the Point Douglas Ward as well as Avi Mann from Garden City Collegiate who resides in the Old Kildonan Ward. Thank you so much for being here for your contributions today: Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few morning announcements to share

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning to you and all members of Council and all those that are joining us in the gallery or on television or via the Livestream, and welcome to our second Council meeting of 2017. I would like to thank all councillors for participating in Pink Day today. No child should have to suffer the emotional turmoil and pain that comes from being a victim of bullying and today, wearing pink and wearing a pink shirt is a good reminder for all of us to find ways to eliminate bullying in our community. Last month our country was shaken by the tragic Quebec City mosque shooting. Our thoughts and our prayers remain with those affected by this horrific and senseless act of violence. And as Canadians, we must stand together against those wanting to divide us. And we must continue fighting against all forms of hatred together. I was also deeply saddened as I know all of us were to learn of the fatal attack against a Winnipeg Transit driver earlier this month. Irvine Fraser was a valued member of the Winnipeg Transit team and our thoughts are with his loved ones during this most difficult time. This Council remains committed to working with the union to improve the safety of our transit drivers and passengers across our city. Madam Speaker, I was pleased to participate in another citizenship ceremony earlier this month with Premier Brian Pallister. It was an absolute joy to welcome new Canadians to our city and to be there in person to celebrate our strength in our diversity. Madam Speaker, I would also like to take a moment to share how impressed I was earlier this month by two Red River College Creative Communication students who organized the Runway to Change. It's a fashion show fundraiser in support of the Main Street Project and I was absolutely blown away by the amount of time and the effort and the meticulous planning that went into this event and touched by the desire of these young people to do something so positive for their community. Congratulations again to Madelaine Lapointe and Ashley Tokaruk on a fantastic event. I was also overwhelmed by the level of participation at this month's Walk for Human Rights at the Forks and I want to thank so many of my Council colleagues for their participation and their support for this effort as well as the efforts and support of the members of our public service and of course, our community. This event offered a positive way to come together as Winnipeggers and as Canadians to embrace our values of openness, of diversity to ensure fear doesn't triumph over hope and humanity. And despite very little notice, I think it was four days and chilly Winnipeg weather at the time, hundreds if not thousands of Winnipeggers gathered to march together for human rights. It was absolutely wonderful to see. I do want to thank the Forks for helping make this event possible and to everyone who came out to walk with us and thank you to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for opening your doors and providing free admission to all those that were participating. Madam Speaker, February 6th marked the Winnipeg Police Service Half Marathon kickoff. Registration is now open for the event which takes place on May 7th and raises money to support brain cancer research through the Canadian Cancer Society. This is a wonderful event for the city that demonstrates how police officers and members of the Winnipeg Police Service not only protect the streets but invest their personal time in making our city a better place for all of us to live. Last year, I participated…last year, I participated in the kickoff with a friend of mine and former colleague, Joanne Schweibe, who Winnipeggers will know has since passed away. Joanne was an absolutely incredible woman, a brain cancer patient and a Winnipeg Police Service Half Marathon participant who raised $70,000 over two years. This year's half marathon will honour her legacy and the legacy of all those who have been affected by this disease and I would encourage all members of Council to participate. I know Minister Rochelle Squire has challenged us to participate. I have accepted her challenge, I will be running in the 5K, not the half marathon and I would encourage all members of Council, everyone watching and listening to these remarks, to participate. It's a great event. It's a lot of fun and it's for an incredibly important cause. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to announce today that Winnipeg will be

joining the 3 Things for Canada initiative. This is a way in which Canadians can give a birthday gift to our country on this 150th anniversary celebration this year and I would encourage all Winnipeggers to do three things for Canada as part of the 3 Things for Canada initiative. The 3 Things for Canada Initiative, by way of background, is a national campaign created by the Mayor's Civic Engagement Committee of the City of Calgary after a challenge from Mayor Naheed Nenshi to get Canadians to become more involved in their communities. The success of the Calgary campaign has led to a wider spread of the 3 Things for Canada initiative across Canada and I would like to invite all Winnipeggers to join me in this journey by pledging to undertake three acts of service, large or small, to help our community. Winnipeggers are known for their giving spirits and this is a perfect opportunity to show that to the rest of the nation. If every Canadian did three things for their neighbourhood, their nation and their world this year, it would equate to more than 100 million acts of community building and kindness so I encourage all Winnipeggers to be creative. Whether it's hosting a neighbourhood barbecue, volunteering at a not-for-profit organization, bringing lunch to seniors in need or any act of community service, you really can help make a difference in your community, city and our country. I was delighted to travel to Edmonton last week and over the weekend at Winnipeg's voice to this year's Winter City Shake Up. Those of us living and working and thriving in winter cities must address the challenges other cities we know would find very difficult to fathom. The chance to come together to share our knowledge and to learn from other cities and to move forward together to make winter an economic and a recreational advantage was a wonderful opportunity. On the flip side, we have plenty of excitement to look forward to in the summer of this year as well. As you all know, Winnipeg will host the 2017 Canada Summer Games and I want to thank Councillor Brian Mayes for his involvement in the Canada Summer Games Organizing Committee. I was very pleased to announce yesterday that we will also host the Canadian soccer's women's national team in the first two matches against Costa Rica in June. Right on the heels of the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2015, we will once again be showing soccer fans from around the world that Winnipeg has so much to offer. February would also not be complete in Winnipeg without the Festival du Voyageur. This beloved winter celebration is a tremendous opportunity to step back in time and discover our proud Métis and Franco-Manitoban roots. And our voyageur history is something that all Winnipeggers can appreciate and take pride in. Despite uncharacteristically warm, slushy weather and melting sculptures everyone at this year's Festival was in high spirits over the weekend. I had a great time celebrating with my council colleague, Councillor Matt Allard, and fellow Winnipeggers with our families. And lastly, Madam Speaker, in partnership with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, I look forward to delivering my third state of the city address this Friday and outlining further opportunities to grow our city. Thank you very much Madam Speaker, merci and megwich.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gillingham, your morning remarks.

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise with two announcements. First, I would like to acknowledge the passing of J. Frank Johnston on February 7th, 2017. J. Frank was an Alderman and a Deputy Mayor in the City of St. James from 1964 to 1972. He was a provincial MLA from 1969 to 1988 and was a minister in the previous Sterling Lyon's cabinet. Mr. Johnston dedicated most of his adult life to serving the community of St. James and the greater province. He was engaged right up to the very end of his life. He was very active, very alert. He was an important figure in St. James politics and was a personal help to me as I launched my political career. The motion that we have before us in a moment expresses condolences to J. Frank's widow, Hazel. They were married for 66 years, a remarkable feat in itself. Also, want to express condolences to J. Frank and Hazel's children; Robin, Don and Eugene and current St. James MLA, Scott Johnston and his wife Karin. I want to thank Councillor Morantz for seconding that motion. Second announcement, Madam Speaker, is that Curl Manitoba is hosting the Strathcona Trust Senior Men's Provincial Championship and Senior Women's Provincial Championships at the Deer Lodge Curling Club in St. James. The bonspiel starts tomorrow, February 23rd, and runs until February 27th. And so, Madam Speaker, on behalf of all of my council colleagues, I want to welcome teams from around Manitoba to Winnipeg and specifically, as the area councillor, I want to welcome them to the great community of St. James. The next several days promise some exciting curling action from some of the best rinks in our province. The winners, respectively, of the men's and the women's championships will have the opportunity to represent Manitoba at the 2017 Canadian Senior Championships in Fredericton, New Brunswick from March 18th-25th. And so I invite all of my council colleagues and all Winnipeggers to hurry, hurry hard, to the Deer Lodge Curling Club and take in a game or two over the next few days. I wish all teams good sportsmanship, good performances and great success. Thank you

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Allard, I understand you have an announcement, hého.

**Councillor Allard:** Hého. Would you guys be up for that? All right, thank you Mayor Bowman for already mentioning Festival du Voyageur. So yes, it's warm, it's slushy but it's also beautiful outside so a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and I do want to mention that though the ice sculptures have met an untimely fate this year given the weather, there is a special event this year with wood chainsaw sculptures so there are sculptures though they are made of wood. So please come out and check that out and the Festival goes until the 26th of February, #Hého2017. It was my honour to greet the Mayor earlier this week and also a delegation from Finland who was joining us to learn about winter cities. Lots of great stuff going on.

***Translation of French Spoken:***
**Councillor Allard:** Please take a moment to join us in St. Boniface for the largest winter festival in Western Canada, being held until February 26th. So, thanks for your attention on that.

**Councillor Allard:** I would also like to recognize some sadder news. The Red Top Restaurant is an institution in St. Boniface and recently Peter Scouras tragically died on vacation in Costa Rica following his father, John Scouras, who died unexpectedly in 2007, so I wanted to take a moment to recognize the family's contribution to St. Boniface and express my heartfelt condolences to the family and it's really a tragic loss for all of St. Boniface so. With that, thank you for your attention Council colleagues and let's have a great meeting.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Allard. My son is one of many children that is at Festival today with his school so I am sure he is having a fabulous time. We have two...Councillor Mayes, do you wish to make an announcement?

**Councillor Mayes:** Very briefly, Madam…I just wanted to thank the Mayor for noting the passing of Mr. Fraser, our transit operator that's obviously on the minds of everyone I think around the table and in the city. And we've had many debates about that issue and I'm glad to see Councillor Morantz is going to be moving forward on that at his committee. So I wanted to just thank the Mayor for noting that and we do have a motion before us. And additionally on Festival, the timing of Festival, Louis Riel Day and Heritage Winnipeg having its annual awards on Louis Riel Day, I think I should note that I wanted to thank my colleagues, Councillor Lukes and Councillor Allard for backing a motion, we are restoring St. Vital's forgotten Louis Riel monument which is a very odd monument that's on the grounds of Riel Park right by St. Vital Arena that had fallen into disrepair and the only thing that anyone noticed was there was a little plaque at the bottom that signified, it was from the Manitoba Métis Federation and Union Nationale Métis. So I'm wearing their…this is about as extravagant as we get in St. Vital with our Festival outfits. This is from Councillor Vandal and the pin is from the Union Nationale Métis. This is a monument that we passed funding for at the last Riel Community Committee to restore and restore that statue to a place of some honour in Riel Park. So I'm glad on the confluence of Riel Day…Louis Riel Day and Festival that we are able to make that public announcement.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Mayes. I'll draw your attention to the two condolence motions before us today. Madam Clerk, will you read the motion for Winnipeg Transit driver, Irvine Jubal Fraser, please.

## MOTIONS

**Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,**
**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Councillor Gerbasi,**

*THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of Winnipeg Transit Driver Irvine Jubal Fraser, which occurred on February 14, 2017, while in the line of duty.*

*This Council extends to Mr. Fraser's family its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.*

**Madam Speaker:** Please rise for a moment of silence. Madam Clerk, will you read the motion for former Alderman John Franklin Johnston.

**Moved by Councillor Gillingham,**
**Seconded by Councillor Morantz,**

*THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Alderman John Franklin Johnston, which occurred on February 7, 2017.*

*Mr. Johnston attended his first Council meeting on January 5, 1965, was appointed Deputy Mayor for the year 1968, and completed his term as Alderman in The City of St. James and The City of St. James-Assiniboia in 1971.*

*This Council extends to his wife Hazel, children Robyn, Scott, Donna, and their families, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.*

**Madam Speaker:** Please rise for a moment of silence. Please be seated. Councillor Dobson, will you move the minutes of the meeting held on January 25th, 2017, be taken as read and confirmed?

## MINUTES

Councillor Dobson moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move into delegations. I would like to call each of the delegates down at this time; Mr. Rob Moquin, Ms. Amy Henderson and Ms. Carol Urias. We will first hear from Mr. Rob Moquin. He is the policy manager at Food Matters Manitoba. He is here in support of Item No. 4 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 8th, 2017. It's regarding the formation of Winnipeg's Food Council, stakeholder engagement report and recommendations. Good morning. You have ten minutes to make your presentation.

## DELEGATIONS

**Rob Moquin:** Thank you. Good morning Mayor Bowman and members of Council. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of the proposed Winnipeg Food Council. My name is Rob Moquin. I am the policy manager at Food Matters Manitoba and I am joined today by Kelsey Evans, our policy...I'm sorry, Kelsey Evans, our program manager and Amy Henderson, our new comer program coordinator. We would like to start out by saying that Food Matters Manitoba commends the City of Winnipeg for its publicly engaged multi-sector efforts to establish a Municipal Food Policy Council. The fact that we are here today demonstrates our collective understanding that whether intentional or not, municipal policies impact the availability of and access to safe, affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate foods as well as the opportunities for residents to learn how to produce, prepare and consume these foods. Through Food Policy Councils and Comprehensive Food Strategies, municipalities can facilitate and plan for food secure communities and develop enabling regulatory structures that strengthen food security, improve health and create economic opportunities for producers and processors in a strong, vibrant local food economy. Congratulations to Mayor Bowman for whom the proposed Winnipeg Policy Council was an election promise. Councillor Mayes, you have done a commendable job as a self-described, unlikely champion of this initiative. Thank you both for your commitment to informed and equitable food policy and leadership on multi-sector approaches to policy, development that seek to sustain the health and prosperity of people in Winnipeg and the land and people that feed them. Finally, we must say that the Planning, Property and Development Department did a truly extraordinary job at consulting multi-sector stakeholders and the public conducting comprehensive research and reporting and setting the tone for well-designed and inclusive approaches to food policy development in our city. Our many thanks go out to Chief Planner, Braden Smith, Senior Planner, James Platt and Planner Karen Cleaver for their exceptional work. Looking back at our records at Food Matters Manitoba, the first mention I found of broad sector support for a Winnipeg Food Council was back in May of 2008 at the second meeting of a Winnipeg food policy working group with representatives from the Manitoba Food Charter Inc. which is now Food Matters Manitoba, North End Food Security Network, Neechi Foods co-op, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Food Secure Canada and the City of Winnipeg. At that meeting and I quote, it was agreed that having a Winnipeg Food Policy Council established within the governance structure of the City of Winnipeg would be worthwhile. Even then we knew that food policy councils embedded in municipal governance structures are the most effective way to achieve positive and lasting food policy developments yet few municipalities in Canada have effectively achieved this. Today, nearly nine years later, we are finally on the verge of achieving this goal. As a city we should be proud of the step we are about to take. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Do you wish to address the group as well? Good morning to you, Ms. Chelsea Evans.

**Kelsey Evans:** Kelsey, thank you. As someone who manages the delivery of food-based programs in Winnipeg's inner-city, I believe that the proposed food council can work towards making food and food programming an established component of our community especially in our traditionally under-served and vulnerable communities like our city's North End. It can serve as a driver for change that creates and sustains spaces within our community where food programing that builds skills, confidence and community is readily available, promoted and offered to our city's youth, families, newcomers and seniors. And we have seen the success of food centres and community kitchens across our city already. Norwest Community Food Centre and Knox Community Kitchen and West End Commons all provide places…well equipped spaces that serve various community needs ranging from after school cooking classes to small and medium scale food production. Not only that, they are a hub of activity where sharing and preparing food is an essential component of a vibrant food system. A Winnipeg food council can promote community food hubs by bringing existing City-run kitchens up to code and developing new kitchens throughout the city that serve as gathering places for people in the community to connect around food and food preparation, promote universal access to food skills and knowledge by providing classes on how to provide healthy, low-cost meals, provide healthy eating information at community events held in the facilities, provide information and programing that demonstrates how to make most of emergency food provisions, incorporate traditional, indigenous and newcomer foods into food programming, provide the

opportunity for community members to obtain food handlers training and certification through partnership with other community organizations and offer space and opportunities for integral sharing of food skills and the opportunity to break bread with neighbours from diverse cultures.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Would you like to continue at this time? Great, welcome.

**Amy Henderson:** Good morning. As the newcomer program coordinator at Food Matters Manitoba, I also chair an organization called the Newcomer Food and Nutrition Network which is a coalition of organizations across the city working towards healthy food access for newcomers to Canada who are settling in our city. Our network is a strong advocate for the development of a food policy council. As I'm sure you know, Winnipeg has a rapidly growing newcomer population and for many of these newcomers, finding access to healthy, familiar foods can be quite a challenge and this often leads to poor health outcomes as well as loss of cultural traditions. A great solution for this for many families is to make use of their excellent farming and gardening skills and grow their own food for their families. However, finding land to grow on in this city can be quite a challenge. Although recent research has been conducted on the availability of suitable land for more community gardening in Winnipeg, the proposed Winnipeg Food Council could help to put this into action as well as ensure that gardeners have access to basic supplies like clean water and healthy soil. Community gardens in general provide space for gathering, knowledge sharing, development of food skills and connecting with neighbours. So for this reason and many others, we urge you to vote in favour of the creation of this Winnipeg Food Council and play an important role in improving the health of the entire Winnipeg community. Thank you very much.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. At this time we will ask Council if there's any questions for our delegations. Any questions? Councillor Mayes.

**Councillor Mayes:** I guess just more of a comment which is a thank you to Food Matters who really have taken the lead on this. Certainly when I got here a few years ago, this was in the mix of study done in St. Vital and I remember saying something about what is this flakey, offbeat…I've never heard of this. This and food security, what are they talking about? Five years later we've got a…after much consultation, we've got a really good document here. So thank you to Food Matters for really taking the lead on this and convincing doubters like myself that this was worth doing.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not sure exactly whom to address the question to. There's a few, I just I happened to be at Riverview Hospital last weekend to see a cousin of ours and I noticed the South Osborne Permaculture Commons and I wanted to know if you were involved with them. As well as, you know, Peak of the Market just had their annual event just a couple of months ago, a wonderful organization and I know that they give food around to different community centres including at Chalmers Community Centre in Elmwood and I just wanted to know if you have any comments about that?

**Rob Moquin:** I guess to say, we are not involved as an organization with the South Osborne Permaculture organization, unless we have any affiliation? No. As an organization, we do respect the work that they do and they are a great example of what urban agriculture can look like in the city. In terms of Peak of the Market, we haven't necessarily had direct relationship with them. But one thing to keep in mind as we look towards Winnipeg Food Council is the relationship between producers, even those on the periphery of our city and how they supply the food that we eat and making sure that they are accounted for in…as we plan for a food secure community in Winnipeg.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Second question, Councillor Schreyer.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's only in recent years I have heard of the term "food deserts" or where there is a lack of nutritional food available in neighbourhoods. Would you like to comment on that as well?

**Rob Moquin:** Yes, so there are definitely food deserts in our city. These are places where there is insufficient access to or availability of affordable, culturally appropriate food. What we are also finding now are things called "food mirages". And so there is recent research coming out of the University of Winnipeg Urban Institute…Institute of Urban Studies, Kyle Wiebe and Jino Distasio published research where they found that even in neighbourhoods where there is a grocery store it doesn't necessarily mean that people there can afford the grocery store and so they are still travelling long distances using transportation…public transportation or taxis to get their food. I can tell you, I am a resident of Spence Neighbourhood. We have a Safeway near my home. There's now a No Frills. Before the No Frills showed up, the only place really to shop in walkable distance was the Safeway. Most people couldn't afford it and they were still taking buses and cabs to Superstore on Sergeant. And so, this is a new phenomenon that we have to also look at when we think about food deserts, not just the availability of local food but how people move around to access their food and I must say that Winnipeg Transit has been really amenable to looking at different ways to reroute buses, to do new bus

design to accommodate shopping in the needs of people coming from different neighbourhoods to access food. That's something that also Winnipeg Food Council could take leadership on.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have had a relationship in the North End with a food security group and they have an effort for community development and so I just wanted you to reflect and you already sort of alluded to it, but often people...a bus is not the best place to carry five bags of groceries, hopefully cloth bags not plastic bags, but Madam Speaker, I would like them to reflect a bit about the real transportation needs when trying to source out the affordable good food.

**Rob Moquin:** Yes, this is a major issue and this is why Winnipeg Transit is open to looking at even new bus designs. So they are looking at things…models in Europe where there is much more cargo space. You think also shopping and strollers, you know, in some neighbourhoods, that, you know, that becomes an issue as well, so having more standing/seating/cargo options that reflect the needs of the people and communities. Another thing too that we notice is people that use Handi-Transit, you can only take two bags on Handi-Transit. How are you supposed to shop and get back on your Handi-Transit with two bags if you want to shop for a week? So these are definitely issues. Transportation is one that surprises people often and often we think of transportation separate from the food system and we really need to start merging those things when we talk about planning for the future.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Next question, Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** Madam Speaker, I am wondering if our delegations know that often Handi-Transit will not...they'll give a trip there but will not give a trip back. Are they aware of that?

**Rob Moquin:** Yes, yes, absolutely.

**Madam Speaker:** Any further questions? Thank you for appearing today, appreciate it. Our next delegation is Ms Carole Urias. Are you here today? Welcome. She is in opposition to Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 15th, 2017. It is regarding the award of contract, the Integrity Commissioner expression of interest 454-2016. Welcome.

**Carole Urias:** Good morning. My name is Carole Urias. I am here as a concerned citizen and a passport member of the Native Women's Transition Centre. Forgive me, I have a cold. I oppose the appointment of your candidate for Integrity Commissioner. I don't believe…

**Madam Speaker:** Ms. Urias, are you aware that according to our Procedure By-law, delegations comments on award of contracts, they need to be restricted to the tendered criteria only.

**Carole Urias:** 51(12) and 13, yes.

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, but you are getting into a specific candidate.

**Carol Urias:** Yes. I am under the understanding that there is basically one candidate that has been tabled for this position.

**Madam Speaker:** But those comments would not be allowed today. You need to speak to the tender criteria only.

**Carole Urias:** Tender criteria only?

**Madam Speaker:** Let me read the section.

**Carole Urias:** Please do.

**Madam Speaker:** In section 51(12) of our Procedure By-law, delegations appearing before council with regard to a recommendation for an award of contract shall only address Council on the basis of the criteria set out in the invitation to tender and not any other issue.

**Carol Urias:** Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** If you would like to speak to the expression of interest, perhaps? Do you have any comments around that?

**Carol Urias:** My comments were specific to the individual in terms of full disclosure of her application.

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, and I cannot allow that today in the Chamber.

**Carol Urias:** Yes, okay. So with that, thank you for your time. I am sorry that I don't have more to share with you today, but I do have more to say. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Rocky Neufeld, is he here today? Mr. Clerk, do you see our next delegation? Okay, great. Mr. Rocky Neufeld, he is from Colliers International. He is in opposition to Item 1 of Report A of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated December 5th, 2016, regarding the list of historical resources. It's the nomination of the building at 428 Portage Avenue. Good morning. Can we get that microphone going? Okay. Sure, if you would like to have a seat on the end here.

**Rocky Neufeld:** Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Good morning, you have ten minutes, sir to make your presentation.

**Rocky Neufeld:** Thank you. My name is Rocky Neufeld. I am an accredited appraiser with Colliers International in Winnipeg and I am here in opposition of the heritage designations for 428 Portage and 317 McDermot. My background is, as an accredited appraiser, I am qualified as an expert in valuation matters and the concept of value that...and all the facets that go with that. Now, many of you have probably run into me, Winnipeg is a small town. I have appeared several times before Assessment Review Boards and also expropriation matters. And in those cases, we were always looking at properties, and where the concept of value isn't the bricks, the mortar and the dirt, it's the concept of value is the rights that a person gets with their title. And it's the same thing with heritage matters, and I have very...these are my notes so it's not going to take a long time for me to go through. It's pretty short. But, our concern is these rights. Now, the right that any property owner has with his title is the right to sell, the right to lease, the right to mortgage, the right to give away, and the right to do nothing. That's their right. Now, these rights are impacted by four restrictions in our country. And those restrictions are escheat, so you die, you don't have an heir, it goes to the state. Taxation, pay your taxes or you lose your land. Expropriation, you can take your land away, you pay compensation. And the last which we are dealing with here today are what's called police powers, the right of the city, state, municipality to put property usage by-laws in place. And what traditionally has been the observed policy is when there has been a change in by-law, for example, a use that was…is not compliant with a new by-law, maintains that usage until such time as they want a change or something at their own request. And then the new by-law comes into effect. You can't zone somebody out of existence. I think the concern I have with heritage designations is that under the guise of protecting heritage for our future, we forget about the property rights of the individual in the present. And there should be a better ground for this. In many locales, compensation is required to be paid for an imposition of a heritage status. However, in many locales when you impose a heritage status, there is an upside and you are actually improving a building for people. And we have seen numerous examples of that in Canada and internationally. What comes to my mind is Gastown in Vancouver, a distillery district in Vancouver....distillery district in Toronto, pardon me. And I was recently in Southeast Asia and they have done some fascinating things with heritage in China and Vietnam. But, the bottom line is they improve the lives or the assets of these individuals by having a designation that encompassed an entire neighbourhood. What Winnipeg lacks and this is not City Council's fault, this is not anybody's...previous council's fault, this is history. Our development occurred mostly until about 1926. That's when our great growth occurred. Since then we have had 80 years of basically infill development. We no longer have large neighbourhoods that share a historical designation. We have them scattered throughout the city. And the concept of protecting some here, some there for maybe something will happen is not a direction that's probably going to lead anywhere. Buildings have a useful life to them. When they end that useful life they get replaced. People have a useful life as well. It's just a fact of life. And the heritage things that are deemed to be protected are certainly worthy of being protected but not to the extent where you ignore adaptive reuse and that is something that a commercial building...these buildings are in operation to make money. They are not there to be assets to the neighbourhood or something for us to all look at. That's their primary purpose. It was their primary purpose when they were built, it's their primary purpose today and it's a primary purpose which we feel could be affected by an imposition of additional restrictions. There are plans, of course, for compensation. One is the heritage tax credit and it's nice to have it. I would point out that one of our owners of 317 McDermot also owns the building on Adelaide and I think we all probably know the history of that, where the house was preserved at the cost of about 350,000 to the City and about 150,000 to the owner and he got a tax credit for it so his taxes went from $100 a month…a year, sorry, to about $11,000 a year. But the sad part of this story is even if he is going to get some compensation back on the tax increase the building is empty today because there is no reuse for it. It was a concept. It was a grand concept. It was a good idea but it ignored the realities and, unfortunately, without direction you can't expect people to hold on to their buildings

forever. Buildings are there to make money. If they don't make money, the owner moves on. Real estate isn't the largest part of any business operation. They'll find another business in another city, in another country and move their operations there. So, what we were looking for is basically to have this re-evaluated and sent back to heritage and come up with a proposal that we can have a voluntary acceptance on. Our owners are both very, very interested in having certain parts protected. They love the idea. But they can't have other parts protected because it doesn't back that. And I will just bring those items in detail; 317 McDermot, the windows. They are as old as the building. They are made with the steel frame and a single pane. They are craftsman made, can't be replaced. Upon any sort of renovation of the building, they won't pass code either. They will have to be replaced with buildings that conform to new building code. Fire door, safety protection, it should never be protected, 428 Portage; the stairwells, beautiful stairwells. As a 16-year-old, I was the janitor cleaning those stairwells. They are still beautiful. But, they don't...they won't meet a code review if the owner takes out a permit for renovation. So, we don't believe they should be protected. The back wall of 428 Portage, brick, it was built in an era when fuel was cheap and boilers heated things. Today fuel is expensive. We need to put an EIFS code on there to cover it, to provide thermal efficiency. To improve the operation of the building and to keep it doing its job which is to generate money. What I see here is these elements are, in my view, they are a conflict between planning and heritage. Planning wants to protect...sorry, Planning will make you...if you take out a permit, you have to do a code review which is a good thing even though it costs me lots of money, it's a good thing to have a code review. You get brought up to current code. But you can't protect elements that will be subject to code review and upgrades so heritage is in conflict with Property and Planning by trying to protect elements that will not be protected by code review. So, what we would like to see in both these cases is back for review just to...as I said, the owners would like to have certain elements would voluntarily agree. Going back to the concept of do you have the right to do it and I mentioned other cities pay compensation. Well, that's probably something that you'd have to consider in the long run if you want to continue on with the process of taking people's property rights and altering them. But, there is a second avenue and that's voluntary. And the owners are willing to consider voluntary applications. But the whole process from day one has been four phases of non-negotiation, non-discussion and that's all we really want is give us some input and I don't think we should be debating this in front of Council and negotiating in front of Council. I think we are quite prepared to debate this in private and come up with an agreement that is going to make everybody happy. But there has to be more flexibility on the side of heritage.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi, you have a question?

**Councillor Gerbasi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I mean, we have had the heritage building by-law for 30 years and I think it holds up in terms of being appropriate in terms of property rights. But I guess I am wondering...and we also have a national historic site which many of these buildings are located so there is a district that has standards and guidelines in it that we are trying to uphold to the value of the area to our city and our citizens. But my question is, I guess, I am sure you are aware because we…I think the City's working with you on this, but we do have a heritage permitting process so that designated building, owners with designated buildings can do adaptive reuse, like I am asking if you are aware that we have a very flexible and supportive process of adaptive reuse within these buildings with the intent to preserve our heritage assets within that.

**Rocky Neufeld:** Well, on the first comment of 30 years of it being in place, that doesn't make it right. And the honest truth is that most people who own buildings in our city, they are fairly decrepit. It doesn't pay for the money to take it to the Supreme Court to uphold their rights. I don't know what would happen if it were to but as an appraiser, I can only tell you that this is a right that they have and it's being impacted. As to your program, yeah there are programs in place. What we are trying to do though is just to change the nature of this issue. It shouldn't be an imposition of a standard and they come to us begging either a) for relief here today to not have it being done or b) for permission to do something. All those property rights that I mentioned are...should not be infringed unless there is a voluntary surrender of those rights. And not…takes the rights and maybe you can come and ask for it. That's what I'm getting at, it's a property right. Thank you. Sorry. My owners have said don't be your usual confrontational self. Don't be too belligerent. I'm slipping into my nature.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Are there any further questions on this item? Councillor Wyatt.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Thank you for your presentation. I didn't hear or maybe you mentioned this and if you did, I apologize. Did you…were you…did you have an opportunity to go to the standing committee and speak to the standing committee?

**Rocky Neufeld:** Sorry, I spoke to standing...no I appeared at standing and I spoke at Executive Policy.

**Councillor Wyatt:** So you didn't speak at the Property and Development Committee?

**Rocky Neufeld:** No, sorry, I spoke at both. I was thinking of Heritage. Heritage, they wouldn't let you speak. So I spoke at standing policy and I spoke at Executive Policy. And there is a submission I'm sure you have from the first committee.

**Councillor Wyatt:** So, I'm on neither committee so I just wanted clarification on this. So in terms of what you are looking for today, you have come here on behalf of the property owners?

**Rocky Neufeld:** Yes.

**Councillor Wyatt:** And you are indicating that you would prefer for this to be referred back so that you could actually have a dialogue and steps going forward in terms of what options are available for the renewal of the site in light of the fact that the City wishes to pursue the heritage designation.

**Rocky Neufeld:** Yes, that's correct. I think both owners are in position. The external elements are certainly worthwhile protecting. Of course, in our city, one wonders what that standard is. Is it the standard of Red River Community College across the street where they just kept the facade? They are willing to build to the protection of the outside elements. Certainly, 428 Portage is a great art deco style building with beautiful stone and 317 McDermot is a great looking building. They stopped making good buildings after the end of the art deco period if you ask me, but.

**Madam Speaker:** Are there any further questions? Councillor Wyatt, you did ask three.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Did I? I lost track.

**Madam Speaker:** Any further questions? And we will come back to you in a moment, Councillor Wyatt.

**Councillor Wyatt:** I guess the question I had was...thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So, one of them is in the...you are aware that one of them is in the historical buildings district as designated by Parks Canada, the McDermot one, one of them is not. The Mytec, 428 Portage, that's on the south side of Portage.

**Rocky Neufeld:** That's correct.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Okay, so one is and one isn't. So in terms of that...so you are…I just want to make it really clear, I don't hear you saying on behalf of the property owners that you are against…defacto against the designation, you just need some time to work with regards to this process. You just don't know what that designation potentially means.

**Rocky Neufeld:** There's certain elements we believe shouldn't be protected but there are certain elements we agree should be protected.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Right. So, okay. So...and that's something that you could have that discussion. Now in terms of the notification that went forward to the property owner, do they at that point not have an opportunity to meet with City staff with the notification?

**Rocky Neufeld:** I have been their representative all along and I have discussed this with the City Heritage staff and asked for reconsiderations. It just appeared that the process wasn't designed for it. It appeared that the process, as everyone tells me, my friends in the community tell me that the process is all here, that if you don't like it, you end up right here today and that's a bit unfortunate because everybody here wants to do the right thing and we certainly don't want to bring it to a public debate so we debate which one of us is doing the right thing the best way.

**Councillor Wyatt:** You've answered my questions. Thank you very much, sir.

**Madam Speaker:** Any further questions? Mr. Neufeld, do you still wish to address the next item as well?

**Rocky Neufeld:** I believe I have covered both with the same statement.

**Madam Speaker:** You've covered it all? I thought so. Okay, well thank you very much for appearing today. Next, we have Mr. Andre Silva. Are you here today? Yes. He is an architect, he is in support of the recommendation to layover Item 2 of report A of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated January 17th, 2017. It is regarding the list of historical resources, nomination of Reliable Service Station located at 98 Albert Street. Welcome.

**Andre Silva:** Thank you. Good morning. I am just here to reiterate our request at the Executive Policy Committee to give us time to have Property and Planning and Development review plans and our proposition so that Council and all

the appropriate committees can make a proper decision on the designation of the property. And I believe we requested a layover to March 8th, Executive Policy Committee.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Silva? Seeing none, you may return to the gallery. Thank you. We'll now move into committee reports. First is Executive Policy Committee dated January 18th, 2017, Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE**
**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
**DATED JANUARY 18, 2017**

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce Item 6 of the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Item No. 6.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor on the Executive Policy Committee report dated February 8th, 2017.

**REPORT OF THE**
**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
**DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

**Madam Speaker:** I will call the question on Item 1, 2 and 3. Pardon me, Councillor Mayes?

**Councillor Mayes:** Pull 4, but Councillor Morantz says 4 has been pulled.

**Madam Speaker:** Okay, so we are just pulling 4? Okay. Councillor Orlikow, did you....for Item 1…I think we need to pull Item 1. Yes, but I am just saying, I think we need to pull...I am already jumping ahead. Okay, thank you. Okay, got it. Okay, so I will call the question on 1 to 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I haven't had my morning coffee. I don't drink coffee. Madam Clerk.

**Item 4 – Formation of Winnipeg Food Council Stakeholder Engagement Report and Recommendations**

**Madam Speaker:** Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to acknowledge the efforts of our public service, of members of Council including Councillor Mayes. I do want to thank the members…or the individuals who presented today in delegation and very proud to support the formation of the Food Council.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Mayes. Does someone wish to speak to this? Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

**Councillor Eadie:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to thank the Mayor. I think this was one of his goals in his campaign and the administration has been thanked by the Mayor. I think that this is a great thing to have a food council for the City of Winnipeg to provide advice to our city as food security is so, so important, Madam Speaker. It's unbelievable sometimes, even, you know, the consideration of how we take care of our streets, because much of the food that we get is delivered into Winnipeg. And, Madam Speaker, it reminds me of the day there was a big ice storm in Winnipeg and hopefully we don't get one of those today and then it freezes up to -11° by Friday or Saturday, Madam Speaker. But when those roads get icy, you can't deliver the vegetables and I was talking to a number of people outside and they said, well, there was no vegetables in the grocery stores. And they couldn't believe it, like what's going on? They didn't understand. I said, well the roads were icy and they couldn't bring the food in. So that was a problem and so food security, Madam Speaker, is important. There is a whole bunch of issues around it of course, there's a very detailed report that our administration has put together on this, research and working with all the various groups, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to say, hopefully we can resolve some of the issues in our poorer neighbourhoods, Madam Speaker. The food desert was mentioned, Madam Speaker, but more and more the budget that I have in my ward allowance, I have utilized that for food security purposes in assisting people who really can't get out to those lower cost

options for groceries and they are buying substantial amounts of groceries, Madam Speaker, and it will take a long time to incorporate buses. So, in the meantime, Madam Speaker, I have been trying to give a grant to the food security effort of the North End Community Renewal Corporation and it's very minimal. They can definitely use more to try to assist people to get those lower cost foods, Madam Speaker. So I am looking forward to listening to and considering the deliberations of the food council as they move forward. It looks like the possibilities are great for the 2018 and a budget that is similar to our other advisory committees. And so...and you know, Madam Speaker, as is the way with all of our advisory committees, they are all interconnected in some way, Madam Speaker, these advisory committees. A senior citizen could be living in poverty, have a disability, have trouble getting to get their groceries and you know, could be a citizen's equity issue of dealing with helping people who are in poverty, maybe a senior who is in poverty maybe because they are new to the country and they are unable to financially take care of themselves. So ultimately they are all tied together and I think that this is a great thing and I would like to thank the Mayor for moving ahead this initiative that I believe he promised and committed to in his campaign. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gerbasi.

**Councillor Gerbasi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am really happy to see this here today. As others have done, I want to thank the Mayor for his leadership on it as well as Councillor Mayes and others. This was something we have been talking about for a long, long time in the city and I really want to thank especially the community because these organizations, Food Matters Manitoba, I represent the area of West Broadway where, you know, people have been talking about this and doing work in this area for so long as well as South Osborne. Sustainable South Osborne has been an incredible leader in our city and sharing their work with other neighbourhoods as well as Spence Neighbourhood and other areas that have worked so hard on this to get us to this day and I am just really pleased that the political will is here from our mayor to move this forward and put it in the budget, make it a real thing to have a food council. It's so important to the community. I have had so much…I have had an outpouring of communications from residents as many of you have as well. But, in my area, it's just so important. We have put...we have done some initiatives in the meantime, you know, before this day. The Downtown Bee changes to allow bee hives in the downtown. Creating a garden policy and the gardens we have are just incredible. The one in the Earl Grey area that was put in a few years ago on Grant Avenue is just bursting at the seams with people wanting to do that. Another aspect of this is markets. You know, having...we now have the Downtown BIZ has put on an incredible…over the last number of years, downtown market at the Hydro Building. And there is other markets and it's been difficult and over the years that I've been here it's been difficult. Policy has often stood in the way of just trying to do good things that activate our city, beautify our city and also create food security for our citizens in our neighbourhoods. So and health, it's also about health, having healthy food. I don't know if any of you have ever been to some of the events that they have at the Broadway Neighbourhood Centre, but they don't have hot dogs and chips. They have stew and soup and fresh fruit and a huge part of their programing in the inner-city is about healthy eating, teaching the kids how to cook, teaching people how to grow vegetables. And that's best practices. You know, you see them doing this in LA, you know, working with gang-involved youth in Los Angeles. I mean, these are the things that work. These are really important things. And you know, I have just been sitting back waiting while the administration has moved forward with a really good consultation process that was really inclusive. You know, we often hear about criticism of our processes here and this is a good example of doing things right. They went out, they talked to everyone, they had a booth out at Many Fest in the summer at our downtown…biggest downtown festival giving people a chance to give input. So I mean, let's celebrate when something good happens and this is definitely a very happy day. It's a very happy day for our city. Sustainable South Osborne folks have been…they have created an orchard in South Osborne. Just incredible things that people are quietly doing throughout the city and if we can develop policies that support that more...you know, another aspect of this as Councillor Eadie referred to, poverty. I mean, people need healthy food and a lot of times, they can't afford the food on the shelves or the stores they have near them are not providing the healthiest of options. There really is nothing like fresh produce and food and I know we are also looking at other issues like expanding potentially the bees in our city, beyond the downtown, we're looking at that as well. So it's a great day and let's celebrate the good things and I really think the people and the community should feel very proud that their efforts have come to fruition and I'm glad that Council is supportive of this. I'm assuming they will be today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just…I want to commend Councillor Gerbasi and her committee for the work that they have done. I note the formation of this food council includes a request that a budget...for a budget of $69,000 that be preferred to the 2018 budgeting process. I stated this at…when this report appeared before Executive Policy Committee. I also appreciate the fact that Councillor Gerbasi and others are working to identify funding sources for the $69,000. So I will take this opportunity to jump on to my soap box and just want to make a clear request to all of my council colleagues because this report kind of indicates a need for funding. So that for the 2018 budget process that any new program, project, service or increased service level that is proposed by anyone would also identify a funding source that would cover the cost and the expense of that proposal. I do note and recognize that in this report, it indicates

that there's a possibility of funding sources, those will be explored. Perhaps internal but perhaps external as well and I just want to highlight that fact of this proposal, where there is sometimes good policy and good proposals and new programs that may be a benefit to the city, all of them do come at a cost and so any help to identify funding sources to cover those expenses would certainly be appreciated.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Gilroy.

**Councillor Mayes:** This is that rare thing where we seem to have other levels of government or groups like WRHA coming down to EPC to praise us. Outside groups like Food Matters, the Food Policy Network, the diabetes folks were out at EPC all speaking in favour of the report. We haven't had anyone come out to speak in opposition. So it is a rare thing and it shows I think the efforts that were put in by our staff and the names were cited, Ms. Cleaver and Mr. Platt, really did go all out on this. There was a lot of consultation. I was out at a couple of those sessions. There were people from different groups from across the city, across the province involved in this so it has been a long run since the original motion in 2014 to get to this point but it's been time well spent. And as Councillor Eadie talked a bit about interconnectedness and you might say, well, why does this matter? How does this fit into what a council does? And take a slightly different tack on this; this will be our agency, our mechanism for consulting about Ag issues that's laid out in the report. So agricultural issues, it isn't just part of Winnipeg's past, it's part of our present, it's part of our future and if you look at the climate change video that Green Action Centre put out, Curtis Belton and Curtis Hull, the two Curts, they talk in there about what causes greenhouse gas emissions in the province of Manitoba and unlike many provinces, we don't have coal, we don't have that burden because we have hydro but if you look at the breakdown, it was 39 percent transportation, 31 percent agriculture then buildings and then only five percent waste. So we have had Councillor Gerbasi…Councillors Gerbasi, Gilroy and Allard come forward with a climate change report in recent weeks that we'll get a report back on. So it's important to see this as well through that lens that Ag is a very important part of the...the whole challenge with greenhouse gases, 31 percent in this province, not all from the City of Winnipeg, but that's part of how we tackle the whole climate change issue. If you watch those videos, near the end they talk about, well what are some solutions? What can we actually do in Manitoba? And they talk a lot about local food production, local food distribution and consumption. So while it's not…it isn't simply altruistic, it's also part of our health policy, it's part of our planning in terms of trying to reduce our carbon footprint is trying to work with the agricultural community in this province, not simply saying it's your fault there's problems in Lake Winnipeg and having the Ag community says no, no, no, it's the City's fault there's problems in Lake Winnipeg. That sort of item, we are dealing with the Ag community I think a bit better on our sewer issues, but on the carbon issues, that's part of this whole equation as well. So, very pleased to see this report. Some very good work done by our staff, done by Food Matters who have been championing this for years. I'm glad to have them, they have been very good at coming out and giving us their views in public both at the committee level and here today. So I wanted to express my appreciation for that and to the Mayor for being supportive of this initiative. It's been, as I say, a long…an interested path since bringing forward a motion in 14 about accommodating agricultural interests the way the staff wanted to proceed was with the food policy council. I think that's the right call. So glad to see we are moving forward. We'll get some members. We'll get some feedback from the Ag community, from local food groups and it's a good news item as Councillor Gerbasi said and we don't often get those so. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Next is Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Pagtakhan.

**Councillor Gilroy:** Yes, Madam Chair, I do too rise in support of this motion. I think it's very, very exciting. I want to thank all parties for getting this going. Food security in Winnipeg is vital as our city grows and we want to make sure that when we look at the different departments and different processes that we have that we have this lens to make sure that we have community gardens, to make sure our transit is making sure it's accessible to fresh produce. That's really a key thing, I think, for all Winnipeggers so I am really excited to see this move forward. And I just want to also thank all the amazing groups. I mean, we all at Council got many, many post cards so there's a lot of people out there that care about this issue and I am glad to see this moving forward today. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And as a self-proclaimed green thumb and gardener, I am really delighted to see this policy come forward. I want to thank the leadership of the Mayor as well as Councillor Mayes on this file. Just a real quick story, you know, it's just…just regarding the policy, how this helps support local food production, Madam Speaker. Last year I had an opportunity to head out over at the North Centennial Recreational Leisure Facility up in the North End and see the beauty of the work that's going on between Food Matters Manitoba and the Newcomer Garden Committee that worked very closely with the William White Residents' Association and the Dufferin Residents' Association and how they created an incredible community garden, Madam Speaker. There was literally…there was about probably 40 community garden raised beds that were like 4 feet by 16 feet with a huge community effort to put it together and as well it was a huge community effort to plant it, to maintain it, to cultivate it and

then we had a…there was a huge harvest that was planned by the organization, organizations and stakeholders and I have to tell you, it was incredible. There was food that was prepared by some of the Syrian refugees and newcomers from the Middle Eastern communities and it was just absolutely sumptuous, mouth-watering, I'm getting hungry already thinking about it and looking forward to that experience again and I will be definitely in there, you know, getting my hands dirty and everything else, you know gardening and stuff. I just really want to thank, like I said, the Mayor for this. It's great to see this happen. We are looking for more opportunities to make it happen and just would like to support it. Kudos around.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Allard.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very pleased and grateful to His Worship and other councillors and other City staff and other agencies and organizations in this city that have been involved in bringing forth this motion. It is part of something greater than ourselves. If you look at the, you know, the programs that are out there and the potentiality for optimizing these, just in my community alone at Chalmers Community Centre they have…they dispense fresh, affordable vegetables and there's a line up. And I don't find that disheartening, the fact that the people are aware of the program and people are utilizing it and that these fresh vegetables are being taken up, I just think it's fantastic. Community kitchens where people can have lessons and sustain over the generations, important knowledge on practical and affordable cooking for themselves and for their families is extremely important. Because of urbanization, Madam Speaker, we can lose the understanding of what it is to grow food. But there is nothing more important in a sense to life than being able to grow food. I don't have to explain why, Madam Speaker. It's the foundation of life and sustaining of life and the fact that this can help us assure access to affordable and nutritional food is a challenge that...well, it's more of a challenge now than it was ten years ago and 20 years ago and I'll explain a little why it's so important and why I think this program has so much potential. We also need to deal with accessibility, we talked about food deserts, making sure not just people have access to food, people have access to nutritional food and affordable nutritional food and they are aware of its importance. Madam Speaker, five percent of Canadians have diabetes. The estimated prevalent increase in diabetes for the next decade is to increase by 40 percent. Certain groups in our society are more prone to diabetes than others. But you know, just to give an indication of the severity of diabetes, just the number of people that will die due to diabetes, one-third of people that will have foot amputations, will be due to diabetes. The incidents of hospitalization is 12 times more likely for people who have diabetes. Madam Speaker, we are told that the majority of Canadian adults are overweight and a third of Canadian children are overweight. And now we think about the relationship between being overweight, lack of nutrition and diabetes, just as one indication, Madam Speaker. There's other things out there that are the result of a lack of nutrition. So, this is a societal challenge, Madam Speaker, but we know it's only getting worse. So it's our obligation to do something about it. And you can look at it in economic terms as well because they believe the increased cost to our health care system, just in terms of sheer, cold numbers, is to increase by 25 percent in the next decade. So these are things we cannot ignore, Madam Speaker. And in fact, I am glad to see that a program like this has the potential to really impact by coordinating and optimizing the resources to have nutritional, affordable food available and that people are aware of it and what to do about it. Of course we talked about interconnectivity, Councillor Eadie, Councillor Mayes, you know, we talked about agriculture and the greenhouse gases and 31 percent greenhouse gases come from agriculture. Bear in mind you need to breakdown the aspects of agriculture to really analyze where the greenhouse gases are coming from. I just want to mention that, very important. Nonetheless, I am very pleased to see this taking place and in terms of interconnectivity, a year and a half ago Councillor Orlikow and myself, we moved a motion on making Winnipeg a fair trade city. I know it's going to come to Council any moment or it can, I am not exactly sure of the hold-up at this time, but I know that in terms of Winnipeg being part of the world and that aspect of interconnectivity and agriculture and providing food fairly and safely, that I hope very soon Winnipeg is on the way to becoming a fair trade city as well. And Madam Speaker, on that basis, I don't want to bog us down in terms of, you know, the negative result of lack of nutrition, available and affordable nutrition, but Madam Speaker, the reason I mention diabetes is because diabetes is so solvable. Other things can be more complicated but with a change of eating habits, diabetes is so solvable and Madam Speaker, I will go out on a limb and say that the indications of diabetes can be dealt with within weeks of proper eating habits. And you can see people returning back to health from diabetic problems within weeks of proper nutrition and that is why this is so important. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

**Mayor Bowman:** No, I'm fine.

**Madam Speaker:** Okay. Call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 15th, 2017, Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Okay, we are pulling one? Okay, I'll call the question on Items 2 to 4. All in favour? Okay. Call the question on Item 2 and 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 1.

**Councillor Orlikow:** Madam Clerk, out of a super abundance amount of caution, I will declare myself in conflict.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Madam Speaker, I too would like to declare conflict on this item as well. Thank you.

**Councillor Eadie:** Madam Clerk, on the cautious side, I also recuse myself due to a potential, I don't know for sure, conflict.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Madam Speaker, in light of the conversations of the past few days, I myself may be in conflict on this issue and wish to recuse myself.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Madam Clerk.

**Item 1 – Award of Contract for an Integrity Commissioner – Expression of Interest 454-2016**

**Madam Speaker:** Mr. Mayor on Item 1.

**Mayor Bowman:** I will wait first to hear from Council colleagues.

**Madam Speaker:** Okay. Councillor Pagtakhan.

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to put a few comments on the record relative to Item No. 1. First of all, I had the opportunity to chair the selection committee for the Integrity Commissioner. Madam Speaker, and I want to thank the Mayor for that opportunity. Also want to thank you as well, Madam Speaker and Councillor Allard for your many hours of work on the selection process, as well as thank you to our Clerk, Ms. Destiny Watt, for the work that she has done in terms of keeping us straight and narrow on the process. Just really quickly, nine proposals, Madam Speaker, were received regarding this opportunity. And on the process I just wanted to say that as a selection committee we used the materials management standards scoring matrix spreadsheet here at the City of Winnipeg. As a panel, we agreed to the allocated points for each set of criteria prior to reviewing the proposals. And as well, Madam Speaker, each of us, of the members of the selection committee scored each proposal independently. With respect to the actual criteria we evaluated many criteria including our hourly fees for service, brief description of the applicant's background, the applicant's knowledge, experience, awareness of the applicable legislation and by-laws governing municipal conflict of interest and their ability to interpret their legislation or by-law. As well as a whole host of other things I'll just really quickly go through it; a description of any similar experience of history on the subject matter, a brief description highlighting communication skills and their ability to meet commitment, their ability and commitment to be neutral and impartial. With regards to any conflict or perceived conflict of interest, Madam Speaker between the Integrity Commissioner and any member of Council I did want to talk of that...or did want to say that the Integrity Commissioner will work with clerks in terms of retaining another independent investigator and there will be no additional cost in this regard. So with respect to a perceived or real conflict of interest, Madam Speaker, there is a process in place. And finally, with regards to the Integrity Commissioner, Madam Speaker, this opportunity provides transparent, accessible and open process for members of Council, members of the administration and members of the public to report or receive information on a perceived conflict by a member of Council and to be assured that an independent officer will have the powers to investigate issues and report their findings to Council. And just a few quick words regarding Ms. Walsh, she was appointed in 2011 to act as commissioner...

**Councillor Lukes:** Point of order. I thought we could not speak to the individual.

**Madam Speaker:** I was just going to ask the Clerk for clarification. That is just the delegations or members of Council? Is there not a section Mr. Clerk for that? Okay.

**Councillor Lukes:** Just delegations.

**Madam Speaker:** So clarified.

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to say that Ms. Walsh was appointed in 2011 to act as Commission Counsel for the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry and she was the first woman in Manitoba to hold such a position. She has sat as a member of various committees of the Law Society of Manitoba including the Complaints Investigation Committee, the President's Special Committee on the Independence of the Legal Profession and the President's Committee on Emerging Issues for the Legal Profession. Finally, she has been frequently recognized for her pro bono work and for her work on human rights issues. In 1999, she received the Manitoba Bar Association's award for pro bono work on a public interest project. In 2000, she received the inaugural Manitoba Human Rights Commitment Award sponsored by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Madam Speaker and the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and the Community Legal Education Association. So, Madam Speaker, with all that I just want to say, I would be happy to support this item.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

**Councillor Lukes:** I want to rise and thank the committee for their good work on selecting an Integrity Commissioner. This is a very good step forward. We have been making great progress at City Hall, but I just wanted also to note on the record that we still have a lot of work to do. We have yet to implement recommendations from the Winnipeg Police Service headquarters construction project audit. We have yet to implement high priority recommendations from the new Fire Paramedic stations review. We still govern ourselves under the same governance model that we have not reviewed in almost 20 years, the same governance model that facilitated the audits and now the criminal investigation's under way. We are making progress for sure, absolutely, but we still have volumes to do in cleaning up our own house. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

**Councillor Gerbasi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very pleased to see this here today and it's happening. It's been a long road to get here. And, you know, I also want to thank the work of the committee, Councillor Pagtakhan, Allard and Gilroy…or Sharma, I'm sorry. I'm sorry Madam Speaker, Councillor Sharma. I think what's…this is a really tough thing to tackle because one reason it's tough to tackle is that we don't have the powers we fully need, I believe, to really have the mechanisms we need of investigation powers as well as disciplinary powers. And having said that, the Mayor and Council are being proactive by putting this in place and having some mechanism and it's really difficult to deal with this issue because we aren't really talking about the real estate audit so much as some of these other things. We are talking about councillors and elected officials in a lot of this and that is where we don't…really don't have the mechanisms to address some of those concerns that could occur between councillors. Between the way councillors might treat staff, between the way…you know, there's issues out there that are real in any work place and because we are elected officials, it's kind of different because we don't get a little pink note or yellow note or whatever colour they use in an employee file. We are accountable to the people who elect us and they don't necessarily know what might go on here. So it's really important to have these mechanisms to protect ourselves, to protect women staff, to protect all our staff. You know, to have…it can…things can...this is needed and this isn't here for an accident, it's here for a reason. And it's tough to talk about. I think it's…you know, most councillors...most of the time people are doing things properly but we have to have mechanisms and organizations have to have mechanisms. For example, a sexual harassment policy and things like that. The commissioner could help us bring in some more state of the art or best practices in some of these areas as well. But, we do need the mechanisms to make sure that our staff are protected, that each other is protected, and that our work environment for our staff and the public or anyone else is protected and not toxic and bullying is not...you know, this is Pink Shirt Day and I don't want to see bullying happen in any way shape or form to our staff. And elected officials have to be held accountable in their behaviour. And there isn't a mechanism. It's not necessarily we have conflict of interest legislation for criminal things but we are talking about other things that have to do with integrity and there is a whole range of behaviours. And we need to have a mechanism to deal with those though. I am being frank about it, this is difficult to talk about but let's be honest about this and let's face it and I respect the fact that that's what we are doing. I mean, we are having a mechanism in place which there hasn't been and I have been here a long time and there has been many, many times where you know, there has been a need for a mechanism and you just sort of said, well, there is nothing that can be done. Councillors don't have to respond to anything. They don't have to be accountable fully for their actions and this is really important. So I appreciate the leadership on this and the courage to bring it forward and I hope that the Province will really consider the requests that we have repeatedly made starting in 2008, I believe it was, or 09, 07, I don't know, it's been a long time that we have been asking for a little more powers to

deal with some of these things. And that's part of a larger discussion today, too, as well that we don't always have the powers to deal with some of these ethical issues and we are doing whatever we can to deal with it and I think that's really important and that it's difficult but it's important. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion. I want to thank the Mayor and other members of Council for their leadership and their drive in this initiative. Like so many around this council Chamber, I campaigned on, as so many did, on increasing the openness and transparency at City Hall. The appointment of this Integrity Commissioner as well Madam Speaker in fact, as the adoption of the open government policy which we just voted on a moment ago, are steps in the right direction. This appointment, the policy we vote on is a commitment to establish a new way of business...doing business that is to become the default, the mottos operandi of the City of Winnipeg. It's a paradigm shift for some, it may in fact be a philosophical awakening, just a new way of viewing government, a civic government, a new way...a new default of the expectations of what it means to serve as elected officials or serve as public servants. The work and the presence of the Integrity Commissioner coupled with the open government principles of participation, transparency and collaboration and accountability are the characteristics of the kind of civic government Winnipegger taxpayers deserve. It may take some time for the desired outcomes to be fully realized before moving in the right direction, Madam Speaker. I don't want to go into too much the report that we just voted on in the open government policy but ultimately it talks about the goals of better outcomes. Transparency and accountability leading to better outcomes and I believe that with the adoption and approval of this Integrity Commissioner today and also the open government policy, that we are moving towards better outcomes. We need always to be striving to be a high performance civic government that's delivering better outcomes for its citizens. And this is moving us to a structure of accountability, transparency and will foster, I trust, citizen engagement, greater citizen participation and engagement in the work that we do here at City Hall. As we continue to strive to offer the citizens the best return for their investment and do the best we can for the people that have entrusted us to serve them as their elected officials. Thank you.

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

**Councillor Allard:** Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. And well, first off, thank you to Mayor Bowman for the opportunity to have been appointed part of the panel that brings...allows us to bring forth this recommendation to Council today. And I want to make a few comments on transparency and accountability. I believe this council has made great strides. We've brought in many…many new initiatives to better accountability and transparency at City Hall. Some of those initiatives include the implementation of the 52 recommendations from the three real estate audits, proactive disclosure of Freedom of Information Protection and Privacy Act requests which came out of the mayor's office, an online portal of giving live updates on capital projects. I was pleased to propose first annual evaluations of our CAO then annual evaluations of our four statutory officers and thank you very much to this council for endorsing a report that came out of that. We have livestreaming of committee meetings, we have a new expenditure policy out of the mayor's office among many other initiatives. I keep thinking what might City Hall have been had we had an Integrity Commissioner in the last council and I think the expression that comes to…the expression that comes to mind is sunshine is the best disinfectant. Had we had an accountability…an Integrity Commissioner, any member of the public could have put in a request to investigate any number of questionable things that happened in the last council. Yes, I just like to…I'd like to acknowledge what Councillor Gerbasi said in terms of legislative powers that we don't have. In practice, if anyone currently has an issue and suspects conflict of interest of anyone on Council, what they need do is they need to register a complaint with the Court of Queen's Bench, they need to pay $300 and then a judge needs to determine whether or not that particular councillor is guilty of conflict of interest and the only penalty now is for the seat to be vacated. That's understood to be not...in need of update. Currently, judges are reticent to vacate that seat because we do have a democratic process and the learnings across the country now where conflict of interest is an issue, municipalities across Canada not just Winnipeg, judges often choose to not use that sanction when that is the only sanction that's available. But I do want to say this conflict of interest...Integrity Commissioner is just such a huge step in the right direction because it's going to just give the public and anyone who is interested that assurance that if they do have…if they do have an inkling that something is going wrong, they can put in a request and if that request is deemed to be something that should be investigated, we now have a professional, a lawyer, somebody who is trained at doing these sorts of things and that person will be able to investigate those complaints so just a huge step in the right direction. And yeah, just going back to just my thought of had these things been in place, I believe many of the issues that we have seen that came out of last council could have been...well, perhaps even prevented but maybe we would have found out much, much sooner and thank you once again Mayor Bowman for your leadership on this. I, you know, I know the last council considered it and decided not to go in this direction because the conflict of interest or the Integrity Commissioner would be lacking certain powers but I think even without those powers, the fact that anybody can now ask these questions and that legitimate concerns will be investigated is just such a huge step in the right direction so. Thank you to my colleagues for your attention.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Allard. Councillor Gilroy.

**Councillor Gilroy:** One of my first times in front of Council was actually coming to Council. It was a different council then, different mayor and a different council, was coming and asking for an Ethics Commissioner. At the time that's what we in the public were calling it and the importance of it. And as people that are elected, we need to be held accountable and we need to make sure that we have the common good and the ethics that are needed to be in this job. And I think that that's very, very important. We don't have the same standards as normal people out there in the workforce and we should. We should be held to an account. So I really think that this is vital. I am really glad to see this happening. I think when I came to speak I think it was 2007, 2008, in around there, so that's how long it's taken for us to get as far as we have. I am looking forward to us moving forward on this. I think we need this as a city and thank everybody for all the work that they have done to get us this far. Thanks.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Mayes.

**Councillor Mayes:** I think when people talk about these matters details matter and so when I hear things like if only we had had an Integrity Commissioner, it would have solved so much of what the last council did. I really do feel I have to rise and say...and there has been some imprecise reporting on this matter, too. For example, the five year real estate review that you will remember, Madam Clerk, covered the year that...the five year period ended December of 2011. The five year period ended December 2011. In other words, that covered actually, the Council before you were elected and the Council before that in part. Similar to Councillor Eadie, I'm sure, would rise if he were here to make some of these same observations. So while I appreciate that some people who have been elected in the last election feel that all the bad stuff happened with the last council I feel some of us who were there can rise to say, well actually, there are issues that arose in the last council. The original vote on the police headquarters, for example, was in 2009 before you were elected, Madam Speaker, before Councillor Eadie was elected, before Councillor Havixbeck was elected, before Councillor Steen was elected, all of whom had a chance to rise here and speak on these matters. So, I just think it behooves us to maybe be a little bit more precise in our comments and to note that the five year review actually ended in 2011 and there was at least one media report that I remember reading in 14 that said that the real estate review covered 2011, 2012 and 2013. I guess I took that personally because the real estate review covered all of 18 days during which I was a councillor in the five year review and probably covered about a year of when you were in Council, Madam Speaker. So, some of these issues are long standing and go back well before the Council that was elected in 2010. In fact, some of them go back to issues that arose before Council was elected in 2006. I am not defending anyone. I am not defending anyone's transactions. I'm not saying things were…things were all acceptable or conducted with proper adherence to procedure, that's certainly not what the real estate audit said. That's not what the fire hall audit said. That's not what the police headquarters audit said. But I am right to point out, I think if we are going to talk about ethics and integrity those are some pretty serious accusations to throw at one group of people when in fact, the five year period predominately laid before not just I was elected but before you were elected, before Councillor Eadie was elected and before many others were elected. Thank you.

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

**Mayor Bowman:** I do. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very proud that this council is making a decision today about this important matter. I do want to acknowledge and thank the efforts of our committee, Councillor Pagtakhan, yourself, Madam Speaker and Councillor Allard for their…all of your hard work and for the recommendation that Executive Policy Committee has previously accepted and moved forward to this council for consideration. I also want to thank and acknowledge all of the members of Council, both current and previous, who supported moving in this direction. This has been something that's been talked about for many, many years and I am very proud of this council for being able to deliver results on this today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question. Item No. 1, Award of Contract for Integrity Commissioner. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I would like to allow the councillors to return to the Chamber at this time and then we'll move on to Item No. 4 in just a moment, Madam Clerk. We will let them come back. Item No. 4, Madam Clerk.

**Item 4 – Public Inquiry – Conflict of Interest and Disclosure**

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

**Mayor Bowman:** Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. In keeping with my comments from the last matter, there has been a lot of talk for many years about the need for answers to be provided to members of this council and the public on certain matters and this is a motion that proposes a path forward to be able to try to get some answers to questions which current tools available to the City of Winnipeg don't provide. And so this motion has…simply calls on the Province of

Manitoba to commit to call a public inquiry at a time and in a manner of their choosing. I look forward to hearing from Council colleagues. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Does anyone wish to speak to this item? Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

**Councillor Eadie:** Yes, Madam Speaker. I stood it down, but I just wanted to...Madam Speaker, I just became aware this morning in regards to this motion and I had some, I think, serious concerns about it. And I didn't get to read the article in regards to this but it did reflect, Madam Speaker that we don't have to wait for a public inquiry in order to move ahead on certain issues that we do as a city have the ability to address. And at that, I will just take it at that, Madam Speaker. My voice synthesizer died out so I couldn't quickly read the article so. I will just take it on good faith and I'll be supporting this motion. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes.

**Councillor Lukes:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to this motion. This is a motion motivated by RCMP allegations against a former mayor, elected members of Council and senior civic staff related to bribery, breach of trust, falsification of books and documents, fraudulent billing and kickback to civic officials. These are allegations that have rocked City Hall and have had an enormous negative impact on public trust and the work of elected officials. I can't think of anymore damming allegations. Madam Speaker, I have been elected by the citizens of South Winnipeg-St. Norbert to come to City Hall and make decisions on their behalf. My constituents expect me...they demand of me to ensure I make informed decisions when voting on an issue. My constituents expect me to do research, to ask questions, to consider all possible options when making a final decision. My constituents expect me to look at all of the facts, to look at all of the evidence before me and my constituents expect collaborative leadership at City Hall on all issues. And heightened analysis on issues that have significant financial implications because the taxpayers, there is only one taxpayer. I am being asked to vote on this motion today, a motion that has the potential to cost taxpayers millions of dollars and yet a motion that has been crafted without all the evidence in place. Madam Speaker, we have a criminal investigation under way. We are waiting for the RCMP as they conduct the investigation. We do not have results from that investigation. Madam Speaker, I want it on the record that I am absolutely not opposed to calling a public inquiry. I am not opposed at all. But I am not making a decision when I do not have all the facts and evidence. I am not making a decision when research is still ongoing. I am not making a decision when there is a risk that a public inquiry will occur concurrent with a criminal investigation and may impact the outcome. I realize today I may be the only one not voting to call an inquiry and I know I will take heed for that but I must adhere to my principles. I am not a sheep or a rubber stamp. I do not want to prejudice a criminal investigation for political reasons and that Madam Chair, is why this motion in front of us today is here for purely political reasons. There is absolutely no rush. There is absolutely no reason why we cannot wait for the facts from a criminal inquiry to be presented. I want to be strategic. I want to have focus and precision when the motion is crafted to call a public inquiry. I want the motion to be based on facts and evidence. And I, most importantly, also want to minimize the financial impact to taxpayers as much as I can. It is so politically easy to call for an inquiry when someone else is footing the bill. If the City were footing the bill, would we not want all the facts and evidence on the table? I think it's insulting to our provincial partners to make this request in light of the fact of the criminal investigation. There is no rush. We can wait another few months. We can wait until all the facts are in. For me, it's a matter of principle. I will not prescribe medicine till I know the illness. I do believe this motion is premature. I will not subject the taxpayers to unnecessary costs so I will not be supporting the motion today to support the inquiry.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. If I may, I would wish to yield to other speakers before I comment.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Wyatt.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't intending to speak to this this morning but I think I shall based on some of the last speech that I just heard. I appreciate the comments of the former speaker, however, I truly do believe that the time has come for this motion and it's needed, it's necessary. I mean, again, we are not supposed to reference media in this Chamber and we're not supposed to reference media reports nor information coming from that, it's not considered part of our rules. However, there is no doubt that...pardon me? Yeah. You know, however, it's of a concern to see what we've seen or heard what we've heard so I want to thank the Mayor for bringing this motion forward. I met with him a couple of weeks ago, we spoke about it, I had some suggestions that were incorporated, thank you. And I wish we could have had more of a dialogue on it but I know we are all very busy at times and it would be good if we could in the future on major initiatives like this though, I will add, if we could somehow go forward. And you know, I will leave it at that, go forward in terms of having some sort of process that would allow greater input because I think...this motion, it's worded well, it's fine but the challenge that I see with it, the way I read it was…the lay person reading it…reads it and may not fully get it or understand, it doesn't come across as a strong...let's call it a declaration of

independence if you'd like. I mean, we should be able to put this motion in a full page ad in the paper and call on the government and rally the public that there has to be a public inquiry. That was the challenge that I saw with it. I'm sure it meets all the legal requirements but really, we have to inspire to say look, it's not just a question of what has happened which we must get to the bottom of and we should find the answers but it's also a question going forward of what kind of government do we want. Not just today, but for the next generation. Not just in this Chamber as far as that goes, and this council, and this government, this level of government but as far as that goes, the other levels of government as well because it will definitely have an impact on them as well. So, I believe that it will bring out the information that hopefully we need to see. We do need to see, it will bring the results that I hope is there. We should have had the inquiry prior…the last government. I called on the last government two years ago to call the inquiry then, they did not. We have a new Provincial Government, hopefully they will act upon this because we do need to ensure that what occurred does not happen again. I will note though that I believe that a lot of the challenges that have occurred, you know that, I forget...I don't recall who made the quote, but you know, power corrupts total power totally corrupts, I forget who it was who stated that but I believe there is a centralization of power. I know we have a governance motion. Many of you saw the governance motion that was moved and it's coming back next month to this council Chamber. I do believe that there are some challenges in terms of the checks and balances. It doesn't matter who the mayor is or who occupies that office. I believe checks and balances in place are needed. There is a centralization of power that has occurred though over the last 20 years that I think ultimately will constantly cause eruptions like this to occur. Maybe some not as bad as this, but problems constant in terms of decision making and access to power and the ability to effect decisions without having other checks on those decisions, and that really is the heart of any government and…but I welcome the motion, I want to thank the Mayor for bringing it forward and I'll by supporting it wholeheartedly. I hear what my colleague from St. Norbert is saying. I appreciate her comments but, you know, we've waited long enough, we need to move forward now. And I understand she wanted...and I wholeheartedly agree with her in terms of being able to have had the input. I wish we had had it as well but…especially on something as important as this. But thank you very much, Madam Speaker and those are my comments.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

**Councillor Orlikow:** Yes, thank you very much Madam Speaker. I do recall that day that we actually...our first step was asking the Province to look into the police headquarters matter specifically, be a part of that motion and who knew. Who knew at that time? But the Province...we did the request, the Province took up the mantle and all of the sudden, we are now even going farther down into the rabbit hole. So, again, we can sit here and say, you know, I need more time, I wasn't too sure, I'm not sure what the information is. You know, the Mayor has offered to speak to anyone who wanted to, to have meetings about the issue so we could have everybody together on this one. And every motion has its ups and downs but this motion has been well crafted. It doesn't talk about just the police headquarters, Madam Speaker, it talks about all and anywhere this inquiry wants to go. I don't believe it's prudent upon city councillors or this council to limit the scope of the inquiry. We want the third person…the third party to do that themselves where they think they need to go…they need to go. So I actually wholeheartedly support the inquiry. I don't…I think it's going to be very difficult. We do know we have examples of other cities where...and again it's up to the Province to choose and we will support them. However, it's their choice to decide if they want to wait until the investigation is over or they want to start up and they're having models of both. So we're not…we're not again, we are just asking the Province. And you know, they are very smart people there. They're going to figure it out and how it works the best in their model. But you know, we talked about what the public demands from us. You know, we are elected officials. What they demand from us is just doing something. It's a step up and make some decisions, move forward and try to get to the bottom of this and to delay, delay, delay even to call the inquiry, personally, it gets harder and harder to find out the information as people's minds go a little bit more cloudy, people move away, it gets much more difficult. So I actually hope the inquiry starts sooner than later. And I agree with Councillor Wyatt. This should have happened a while back, probably in the last council. However, we are here today. It's a well drafted motion. It does allow the Province the opportunity who...and their Justice Department to look at what's the best model going forward. We're not trying to pin the Province in a corner, we're just saying, you know what, the citizens of Winnipeg deserve to have some more answers. We have enough red flags going up, not on just the police headquarters file, but other files in the past that we need to actually have that confidence restored in the public. Because again, it damages not only our, you know, ward politics, but it damages democracy in general. People have to have faith that their institutions are actually trying to fix problems, they're actually trying to make life better for us. So this motion does that. So again, while some people may find some of the lettering wrong or some of the content not to their liking, overall I find this motion very, very good, it's exactly what I was hoping to see. It wasn't limiting, it wasn't prescriptive, it was actually empowering just representing the City's belief that yes, we understand the public's concerns, we share those concerns. We want to get to the bottom of this so we are entrusted with your dollars and you will know that that trust is well served. So I again, I will be supporting this motion.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Mayor, Councillors, Councillor Eadie is asking for a point of privilege to continue with his eight minutes. He was having technical issues previously with his computer. So if it's the will of Council. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Eadie. Are you ready now? Yes, eight minutes on the clock, please.

**Councillor Eadie:** Thank you. And I thank my fellow councillors. For some reason when I walked out for that other thing, my computer locked up. Anyway, I just wanted to just restate, I will be voting for this motion. A public inquiry is going to be needed. There is a whole bunch of issues related as Councillor Orlikow mentioned, there's a whole bunch of issues not just the police headquarters and the way business has been going on in the City of Winnipeg for a long time maybe, who knows, I don't know, and a public inquiry can get to the bottom of it. And the Province is more than likely the best level at this point given that it's so far after the fact that, Madam Speaker, invoking...having our city auditor invoke the investigative powers that is at that office and at the City's disposal, I think that some of the trails may have vanished if there were any trails, I don't know Madam Speaker. But anyway, we can't say for sure, and yes, the Province, Madam Speaker, they're going to make a decision once they find out what's going on for real because right now alls we have, Madam Speaker, are allegations and the Province and investigators might find something outside of these things and as we heard in the news they did find something outside of the police headquarters construction issues as well. So, Madam Speaker, I just have one concern with this in this motion. My biggest concern...and I would love to have asked our legal adviser that was I think engaged by the Mayor's office through his funds or through, I don't know what funds we utilized to pay the firm for this advice. But, Madam Speaker, I am very concerned because I believe and there is a lot of work follow up to do on these things, but in this motion, it talks about possible employee code of conduct violations, it talks about council by conflict of interest violations and it talks about all those things, Madam Speaker, but you know, having had to try to deal with it and try to uncover and find out what was going wrong with all these different projects and these deals…real estate deals and so on and so forth, Madam Speaker, I felt that you know, it is a conflict, Madam Speaker, it is a conflict for senior civil servant decision makers to be doing business with any politician on Council, any member. And that has nothing...it can either connect it to what was going on or not. It is just a no brainer, Madam Speaker, that we move forward in trying to attempt to prevent those kind of relationships to happen when we have people in these decision making places. And what I'm not confident about, as I read this, do I have to, Madam Speaker, wait till the public inquiry is undertaken? Because I know the Province won't do it unless they find depending on what RCMP and other...wherever the trails lead them, Madam Speaker. So for me, Madam Speaker, I would also point out that there was a number of changes already made on the City side through our auditors and only our City side processes could be audited. And on the City side, it's pretty clear that senior civil servant decision makers shouldn't be in business with Council members because we are the governance side and they are the deliver the operation side, Madam Speaker. It's a no brainer and they are in charge. They are the ones who are deciding to do it, Madam Speaker. And I believe within the charter we have a right and can deal with it at least on one side. So I leave it at that. I hope in voting for this that I am not preven…presented or prevented nor is city council or the administration prevented because you know, a number of these issues, Madam Speaker, has nothing to do with our current senior decision making civil servants, Madam Speaker. So why they can't work on it, I don't know. I don't know. It doesn't make sense to me okay because these are not the people in question for the call for the public inquiry. They are not. And so, Madam Speaker, I will just conclude, I am voting for this but I have these concerns and I hope I don't hear after I voted for this, that somehow we can't proceed on the no brainer stuff that we need to get done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Next is Councillor Morantz followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

**Councillor Morantz:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well, I just...after hearing all of the comments of my colleagues, I was reminded that I don't want to presuppose that I can quote John F. Kennedy or speak the way he could but there was a famous quote, "If not us, who? If not now, when?" And I think that sums it up for me. We could talk about delaying or waiting but the reality is that the motion is before us today. And you know, I was reminded also when we were all knocking on doors in the 2014 election and for me, I expect the experience was probably the same for all of us, so many doors, every day on the doors, people saying what's going on at City Hall? And the public trust, it's very clear in the processes of City Hall, was in certainly a state of disarray. And many of the things we have done since we have been elected on the initiative of Mayor Bowman and others here have really been designed to destroy…sorry, to restore the public trust, with my apologies for the misstatement, restore the public trust. The reality is that in our system, inquiries play a very, very important role. They are fundamental to ensuring the integrity of our democratic processes and there are many, many instances of this, you know, I think about the…you know, the one that comes to mind is the Gomery inquiry on the sponsorship scandal which took place during criminal investigations. I mean, there is just no question. There was ample precedence for inquiries taking place during criminal investigations. The two are not in conflict with each other, there is just no evidence that that is the case. One of the things I was also thinking about was I could go back to a hundred years ago to the legislature scandal and at the time, the role that the Mathers inquiry played in resolving that matter. And in fact, the government of the day didn't want to call an inquiry and the opposition wanted an inquiry and actually went over the head of the premier of the day to the Lieutenant Governor. And the Lieutenant Governor, in a very rare display of viceregal authority called for an inquiry into the scandal of the legislature. And through that inquiry, many issues were resolved and many practices and procedures that are still in place today at the Manitoba Legislature come out of that situation. So, there is no question that this is the right time. I do hope and I want to just concur with the sentiments of my colleague from Transcona that we do need to implore the Provincial Government to listen to this motion that I am very happy to see we're all going to pass today. If not, I was hoping it would be unanimously but you know, most of us will likely forward this motion today. And I do hope that the Province

does take this under serious consideration and at least commit which is what the motion calls for. The motion doesn't say, we want an inquiry now. It doesn't even say when the inquiry should take place. It's very broad so the commissioner of the inquiry whoever that may ultimately be, can choose the scope of the inquiry and what questions they want to ask and who they want to call to testify. And calling to testify is really what this is all about. The reality is that the City of Winnipeg does not have the authority under its existing charter to do this. We may have some measures, and you know, I am willing to listening to of course, Councillor Eadie's arguments but the reality is the fundamental power that we need to get to the bottom of things. It's not by investigating ourselves but by having an outside entity that has the power to call witnesses and that is the fundamental aspect of the inquiry. The power to call witnesses to testify under oath as to...and to answer questions that the public needs answered. So, I don't want to go on much longer with this, Madam Speaker. Of course I will be supporting this motion. I think it's one of the reasons I was elected. To me, this is one of the most important votes I think I will ever make. And so I will just conclude again with those prescient words, in fact, in this situation of JFK, "If not us, who? If not now, when?" Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

**Councillor Gerbasi:** Thank you. And thanks to everybody for their comments. Some of what I was going to say has already been said. But I was just going to say this is really quite straightforward. The motion was well crafted as was mentioned earlier. The Mayor has stated that he ran it by legal counsel. He's reached out to all members of Council to tell us about the motion, to ask for input about the motion over. It was public over a week ago. We have many motions that are just walked on and we have to deal with immediately, very complex ones that come from all different members of Council. This was very thoughtfully discussed with...everybody had the opportunity and some may have chosen not to take it but the opportunity was provided and there was time to review this and we are here to make decisions, so to say you know, every… you know, you can always find a way to delay something but this is timely. As Councillor Morantz very eloquently stated, you know, this is the time, if not now, when? And I agree. And as Councillor Orlikow mentioned, it could have been done earlier, I suppose, but it's happening now and now is our opportunity to support it. So I hope people will reconsider that if they aren't already. The public wants accountability. We all have been hearing this, even before the last election those of us that were here through some of these difficult times that we had and some of these challenging issues that on things that happened unfortunately. We have been hearing from people that they want accountability and we haven't really been able to provide it. We've tried. We've provided as much accountability as we could within our powers. We had audits. We called for the Province under the last council. We called for this criminal investigation and the majority of Council did support that but again, it wasn't unanimous but the majority of Council supported calling for that criminal inquiry. And now, we are seeing, you know, the results of that that have brought forward even greater concerns and really, we need the Province to use their authority to get to the bottom of this, to get to the accountability that the public wants and has been asking us for. We have...this is really the ability to do it. It's the provincial role to hold inquiries. They have the mechanisms, they have the powers, they have the ability. It's happened throughout history in different times when the public's trust was suffering and damaged, you have to do things to restore that. It's your duty, to all of us, to work towards that. And that's what we have been trying to do. We have been trying to do what's within our power and this is within our power so let's do it today. And I commend the Mayor for his leadership. He has spent a huge amount of effort and thought going into this motion. It's not done lightly. It's done thoughtfully. He sought some advice, you know, we all have the ability to do that. He talked to all of us. That's good. That's called collaboration and I think he should be commended for that and I think all of Council should be commended for taking this stance today. And I agree as well that we need to speak to our colleagues at the Province and encourage them to take action on this as they did before in calling in for the other investigation and we need to continue to encourage that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion and I just, again, looking at the motion, the resolution, just to be clear again, it does not prescribe to the Province a time of which such an inquiry should begin but rather, it's a call...calling upon the Province to commit to conduct a formal commission of inquiry. And so, also it's come to my attention that…with a reminder recently that RCMP investigations do not always take place over a prescribed time line. Years later, as new information can emerge on something that they are investigating, new findings can be stated and if warranted, charges laid. So, so all that to say that this is as an appropriate time as any to call upon the Province to commit to an inquiry. I was doing a bit of...kind of looking at other inquiries and I came across this statement from the Honourable Associate Chief Justice, Dennis O'Connor, from the Ontario Court of Appeal, he stated this that, and I quote, "The crisis that leads to an inquiry often demands a response that is public is specific about the past and is comprehensive about the future." I support the Mayor's request and all who are supporting this request that the Province commit to a public inquiry not only to expose the facts of past actions that may not yet have been revealed but also to improve the future of City governance through any need of policy, process or systemic reform that a public inquiry could identify. The Associate Chief Justice O'Connor goes on to note, "That a public inquiry commissioner may combine a number of roles including that of fact finder and a proposer for policy reform." Ten years ago, Justice Bellamy

released a report on the inquiry the inquiry that examined certain dealings at Toronto City Hall. That report…there's a three volume report, one of the volumes contained 241 recommendations for Council, many of which have been implemented and reportedly, have transformed the processes, systems and policies of civic governance in Toronto. We don't know what the Province's response will be to this request but as other colleagues have stated I do believe it's a responsibility that we have to the citizens of Winnipeg that we do all that we can to discover the facts of the past, to make sure that any needed changes are made to improve civic governance in this city. I do want to acknowledge, you know, quite often Madam Speaker, or not quite often, but from time to time, previous council…sometimes in our comments, if I can use the phrase, get thrown under the bus but I do want to acknowledge today, those members of the previous council that are present, many of them that are present today, that have in the past called for a public inquiry or have called for improvements and I do want to acknowledge that in those times when it seemed that matters were murky, there were some voices that were trying to call for clarity and so I think that their efforts around this Chamber, and some of them are here today, do need to be acknowledged today. Madam Speaker, I want to just close with looking at this report...the public inquiry, the conflict of interest disclosure motion that's before us, I want to look at it in the light of...in fact, other motions that we just passed. We just passed a motion on open government policy, we just passed a motion on an Integrity Commissioner and all of which, Madam Speaker, really focus on efforts of transparency, moving toward accountability which leads to better governance, better outcomes and the journey has just really begun to that but I know that around this council Chamber that my colleagues and I and certainly with the Mayor are committed to making these improvements. And so again, I want to thank my colleagues who are supporting this motion today and are committed to continuing to improve the governance at the City of Winnipeg on behalf of the citizens that we are privileged to serve. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I truly appreciate comments being made today, but I do feel obliged for some clarification. There has been discussion over the past number of days as to the process of consultation but let's be clear, the process of consultation did not involve all councillors before the motion was brought to EPC. One could say that consultation was available by being a delegate, by delegation at EPC that morning. But in the end, Madam Speaker, let's be clear. We understand that we all have opportunity for involvement on the motion because we are right here, right now debating the motion and voting on it. And on that basis, we have to recognize that on this motion like all others, Council is supreme on this and we ultimately decide on what the motion is right here, right now. And that's the only reason we can say that all councillors are involved in the wording of the motion. Happens to be that I believe we need an inquiry. I happen to believe that the motion is adequate. Having said that, Madam Speaker, I also believe that Councillor Lukes' concerns should be well heeded. I would hope that the Provincial Government takes Councillor Lukes' comments into consideration, to see if one, the RCMP investigation would prejudice a provincial inquiry and vice versa. It's not obvious to me that that would be the case. But if it can be the case, I don't think we need to change the wording of the motion. What I believe is that the Provincial Government should take into consideration Councillor Lukes' concerns as she expressed here on the floor. Having said that, Madam Speaker, we are talking about something that's been ongoing for years. Manifestations of the will of certain councillors over the years has been expressed and we are finally...looks like we are coming to agreement on the fact that we need the Provincial Government's involvement. Having said that, Madam Speaker, in the days to come and in the years to come, the fact that we've asked and the Provincial Government may very well take up the responsibility for this inquiry, does not allow this government, the Government of the City of Winnipeg, and this city hall and this council, to forsake its duties as to due process for the sake of the citizens of Winnipeg. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Browaty.

**Councillor Browaty:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of the motion before us here today. With the shocking details in the media about the RCMP investigation, I think it's appropriate to be looking more broadly at the matters being discussed here. I do think perhaps with the ongoing RCMP investigation, this may be a little bit premature but again, it's ultimately up to the Province on the specific timing to move forward with this in terms of the call for it. I am disappointed, however, that only EPC plus two had the opportunity to discuss this amongst themselves. I mean, the Mayor, who was a practicing lawyer, felt he needed to pay external help. It would have been nice to have been extended the same privilege to all of to us to have an opportunity to understand the intricate details of what was before us. Regardless, this is the right thing and I will be supporting the motion.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Mayor, on to you to close.

**Mayor Bowman:** Sure, thank you, Madam Speaker. The issue of...some of the issues that are raised are dealt with in the motion and so I would encourage everyone to read the motion. And I just cite in particular, with regards to the ongoing RCMP investigation as well as the audits that have occurred in the past, that this motion requests that the Province consider that the following be included in the requirements of a commission and I will just read so that it is,

again, on record; that the commission be directed to perform its duties without expressing any conclusion or recommendation about the civil or criminal liability of any person or organization and without interfering in any ongoing police investigation or criminal proceeding related to the matter and without duplicating work undertaken in any police investigation or criminal proceeding. It further reads; that the commission consider the previous undertakings of the City of Winnipeg to review such matters through the City Auditor and external audits along with any additional prior studies to avoid duplication of processes and ensure economies of scale are built into the processes so the inquiry does not have to duplicate any costs or for efforts already undertaken. This was deliberate in the motion. Obviously, we want to benefit from the work that has occurred and the work that is ongoing. The motion, again, simply states that it is calling on the Province to commit to a commission of inquiry. Ultimately, it is a decision by the Province of Manitoba and this is simply requesting that they make that commitment. The timing, ultimately, the scope is a matter for the Provincial Government to decide and we will obviously, and I will work as collaboratively as possible with them to ensure it keeps taxpayers interests at hand as well as the citizens that we all serve. The question has been raised about whether it could be called and again, I will stress that the motion, if you read it, clearly states it's simply calling on the Province to commit to call an inquiry. And they may so choose to wait until the RCMP investigation is concluded for when it would actually begin. But, the ability does reside with the Province to call it earlier if they so choose. Again, the motion simply calls on them to make the commitment to call it. And I cite, again, just for the record, other examples of recent commissions of inquiry where there were potential criminal consequences at play. And as was mentioned by my council colleague, the Bellamy Commission, this was in Toronto in 2003, the Gomery Commission in 2004, the Gooch Commission which is in Ontario in 2007, the Oliphant Commission, this is back in 2008 and the Charbonneau Commission which is more recently in Quebec. The ability does exist for a public inquiry to be happening simultaneous to police investigations and again, the scope and the manner in which the Province would and could decide to proceed is ultimately at their discretion. I think it is important that this council, who is elected to make decisions, who is elected to lead, do everything within our powers to have many questions answered that have not been answered to date and we know, under our existing powers, we don't have the ability to have fully answered. And one example, I will just cite is a former employee of the City of Winnipeg. We do not have the powers, Councillor Morantz stated, we do not currently have the powers as a municipal government to require individuals to address questions that remain unanswered and that is one of the powers that are available to us with a public inquiry. Ultimately, the motion which is intended to have these questions better answered so that this council can make decisions on improvements going forward, is something that I think serves the public good and I would urge all members of Council to support the motion. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 4. Public Inquiry – Conflict of Interest and Disclosure. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Seeing the hour, we will now adjourn for the lunch recess and reconvene at 1:30.

**Reconvened meeting of**
**Winnipeg City Council of**
**February 22, 2017, at 1:34 p.m.**

**Madam Speaker:** Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of February 22nd, 2017. Before we move along with the agenda, the councillor from Transcona, Councillor Wyatt, had some good news he shared with me over the lunch hour, some hockey news. So I'll give you the floor.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Yeah, I just wanted to say that this coming weekend, specifically on Sunday, February the 26th, there will be a home game, I invite anybody here on Council to join us, a home game in Transcona at the East End Community Club and at 10:00 a.m. The Regents will be taking on the River East Royals and it's crucial to determining who's going to be in the playoffs. We look forward to the Regents kicking the butt of the Royals come this game in a fair hockey game on Sunday. Everybody is welcome to join. Of course, I have the Regents pin on here proudly wearing it and displaying it for the coming…for the good and honest game of hockey which we all love. Thank you very, Madam Speaker and the best to both teams, may the best team win of course.

**Madam Speaker:** I was just going to say, good luck to both teams. Thank you for that. We had just finished with the reports of the Executive Policy Committee. We now have Motion No. 1 in front of us that will be an automatic referral to EPC. It's moved by Councillor Dobson. Correction, it's a notice of motion so it will appear on the March 22nd Council agenda. It's a motion by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Schreyer regarding media releases.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
**MOTIONS**

**Motion No. 1**
**Moved by Councillor Dobson,**
**Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,**

*WHEREAS Councillors play an important role in helping to communicate and inform Winnipeg's citizens about issues, including new projects, initiatives and events that affect the City of Winnipeg;*

*AND WHEREAS Councillors are often on the front line and asked by media to comment on these issues;*

*AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service prepares media releases and public launches for many of these issues;*

*AND WHEREAS the media releases and public launches are planned for and prepared well in advance of the event itself taking place;*

*AND WHEREAS in recent months, there have been several high profile issues involving media releases and public launches, including the opening of Winnipeg's new Transportation Centre, where Councillors were notified only hours before the media release was put out;*

*AND WHEREAS same day notification does not offer Councillors sufficient time to attend or be prepared to comment on these issues;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to ensure the Winnipeg Public Service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least 1 week prior to the event, so that Councillors can arrange their calendars to attend any public launch and / or be prepared to comment and formulate opinion on these issues that are important to all Winnipeggers and their elected representatives.*

**Madam Speaker:** Moving along, we will now hear the by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
**CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 12/2017 be read a first time.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Clerk:** By-law No. 12/2017.

**Madam Speaker:** Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Bowman:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 12/2017 be read a second time.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Clerk:** By-law No. 12/2017.

**Mayor Bowman:** I move that the rule be suspended and By-law 12/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have Question Period for the Mayor. Councillor Wyatt.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**
**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Councillor Wyatt:** Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, last week, shortly after about Thursday, I emailed the CAO pertaining to what happened with regards to the tragic incident with our bus driver, and, because we've been getting emails from constituents. I've been hearing from drivers, I've been hearing from residents, some of them are concerned about drivers who are family members, some of them are concerned about family who use the bus, and so I reached out to the CAO on Thursday of last week asking how soon can we get a briefing on what steps can be taken in terms of going forward and what process. I know we won't have all the answers right away, but at least that we can know that there's a process in place to deal with the safety and the security today, at this very moment, with regards to transit users and transit riders and drivers on our transit system; what…the CAO did respond to me. He got back to me the same day indicating "We are currently working with the department on the subject of transit safety and will get back to you about your request as soon as possible." Unfortunately, our constituents and these emails…folks, you know, don't wait. I haven't gotten back because I want to hear from the staff first and I haven't heard anything back.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

**Mayor Bowman:** Firstly, I thank Councillor Wyatt and all members of Council for their concern with regards to a tragic outcome for one of our employees. Obviously, the police are investigating the matter and it's important that they obviously conclude their work before we reach conclusions about it. In the meantime, however, I know this council and previous councils have undertaken some positive efforts to ensure the safety can be best protected of our transit operators as well as passengers. I want to thank Councillor Morantz who, I know, has been in dialogue with John Callahan at the ATU as well as with our Director of Transit as well as senior staff, and perhaps the Councillor can more specifically speak to it in QP if members of Council have specific questions, but certainly my understanding is that the Councillor will be bringing forward a motion at the upcoming IRPW meeting to have an assessment and a public accounting of what safety measures are currently in place and I want to thank him for his leadership and his efforts in that regard.

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

**Councillor Wyatt:** Would we be able to get together as a Council even informally to have a dialogue with regards to this and to hear from our staff, just so that we can now, so we can respond as quickly as we can to the constituents and the emails and phone calls that we're getting?

**Madam Speaker:** Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Bowman:** I would certainly encourage the Councillor to speak with me or anyone else on Council about his thoughts and views on this. I know right now the Councillor who is responsible for IRPW, Councillor Marty Morantz, is leading this file, and so I trust that his ongoing dialogue with the union and our management will help move this forward.

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

**Councillor Dobson:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Now, I know it's not budget time, but I asked the question last Council, and Mayor Bowman, I would like to apologize. It appears that I haven't been explaining myself quite clear enough. When I said that I would like to be fully involved in the draft budget from the start, what I was referring to last Council as well as numerous other times, was that everyone, all of Council, should be at all the meetings, talk to all the departments, talk to all the administration, and collectively make all the decisions in the draft budget. And at that last Council meeting, you directed me to our Finance Chair. You sent me on a wild goose chase. The Finance Chair has indicated that you alone control who's on the Draft Budget Working Group, something that I'm sure everyone here is aware of. So while I suspected that talking to the Finance Chair would be pointless, I did so anyway so I could show everyone watching City Council online that I was doing my part to prove that you either didn't understand my question or you were sending me on a wild goose chase and giving those people watching online the impression that all Councillors are fully involved in the draft budget when, in fact, only the Budget Working Group who are fully involved, so I talked to our Finance Chair and while I enjoy talking to a fellow Councillor, it was basically a waste of my time. Do you really not understand what I've been trying to achieve by asking for full participation with all Council members in the making of the draft budget? Again, I have asked this numerous times in the past at Council and I think I have made it quite clear this time. But if it isn't clear enough for you, I am quite willing to draw you a picture showing you and your six member working group and how it compares to the 15 members of Council in this room so that you can fully understand what everybody else on Council already knows.

**Madam Speaker:** Your question.

**Councillor Dobson:** My question is, Mayor Bowman, are you going to allow all of Council to be fully involved in the making of the draft budget from the very start of the budget cycle? This means that all Councillors will be part of the working group. I don't know if I can make it any clearer, so at this point Mayor Bowman, a simple yes or no will suffice.

**Madam Speaker:** Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Bowman:** I don't believe that speaking with Councillor Gillingham is ever a waste of time for any member of this council or for a member of the public. He is an honourable person, a person who works very hard for the citizens of Winnipeg and is serving all members of Council with honour and distinction. My understanding is that he has begun reaching out to all members of Council for input. I don't know if you have accepted his offer to meet, to have input into how you would like the budget process to change in addition to your comments here today. And I would once again encourage you to speak with Councillor Gillingham or myself on substantive improvements that you feel could be made, and I do hear the comments you are making here today and I thank you for them.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Schreyer.

**Councillor Lukes:** Thank you. Madam Chair, last meeting I had asked this question and His Worship said he'd get back to me and his hasn't so I'll ask the question again. The Federal Government is preparing to announce funding for trade corridors. Back in early 2015, this Council prioritized our Build Canada Fund projects. Since then, significant changes have been made to some of the projects, thereby changing the criteria ranking which will impact the priorities. Others have had further studies done such as the Arlington Bridge and now Chief Peguis. My question is again, 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. Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Bowman:** Through you Madam Speaker, thank the Councillor for her question. I did follow up with our CAO after our last meeting. My understanding was that information was provided to the Councillor. If it wasn't, I'll undertake to ensure that she does get the answers that she's asked for. So, thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Second question.

**Councillor Lukes:** I have another question. Thank you. Madam Chair, we have accessed new federal funding for transit projects, but we have not accessed the full amount eligible to us. My question is, has the City of Winnipeg prioritized and submitted an intergovernmental funding application for construction of additional projects to the remaining funding we are eligible for in the federal transit fund, and if so, which projects, when were they submitted and who prioritized?

**Madam Speaker:** That's a few questions. Mr. Mayor.

**Mayor Bowman:** I can assure that I can best undertake to get back to the Councillor. I will inquire with our Public Service to see the status and undertake to ensure that follow up does occur. In the meantime, I would encourage her…I know she is familiar with these files in her previous capacity as Chair of IRPW, but I would encourage her to obviously also speak with our chair of IRPW as well as our Finance Chair, but I will also undertake to get back to her on that question. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Schreyer.

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Winnipeg Committee for Safety is being in communication with members of administration regarding numerous safety issues including on public transit, including our Coordinator, Crystal Van Den Bussche. It happens to be that His Worship is a member, ex-officio, of various committees. We happen to have discussed this very issue of the tragic incident regarding our bus driver last week at our last week's meeting of the Winnipeg Committee for Safety. You just have four new members of the committee, the largest change in the committee in years, and it occurs to me that it would be beneficial for the committee and its new incarnation to have a meeting with the Mayor who is an ex-officio member. I would like to know if His Worship would consider entertaining an invitation, an official invitation, to an upcoming Winnipeg Committee for Safety meeting to discuss such issues?

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

**Mayor Bowman:** The short answer is yes. Thank you for the question.

**Madam Speaker:** Any further questions for the Mayor? Okay, seeing none, we will move onto the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated January 30th, 2017.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON**
**WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
**DATED JANUARY 30, 2017**

**Councillor Mayes:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I will move the report Items 1 through 3, report dated January 30th, 2017.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There are no motions, no by-laws. We will now have Question Period for the chair for Councillor Mayes. Any questions? Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There is no report today, no motions and no by-laws. Any questions for our chair for Councillor Gilroy? Councillor Browaty.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION**
**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Councillor Browaty:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I apologize. I would normally give you a heads-up if I was asking a question. Report No. 5 at your last meeting was a referral from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee regarding Solar-Powered Garbage Cans. I had an opportunity over the last month, I've seen a lot of U.S. cities use them. You get a lot more garbage in a single bin in the same space and it reduces the cost of pick-ups potentially, so I thought it was a good idea for a potential innovation exploration. I understand that you're asking for a report back in October. It seems awfully long time for what should be a fairly simple report. Understanding what the explanation was for such a long time frame.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

**Councillor Gilroy:** Well, we, you know, just given the things that they need to get done, that was the time frame that the Public Administration has given us, so we want to make sure that we are respecting their time as well and make sure that they can get the reports turned around as fast as they can, but I hear what you're saying but that was the time frame that the Public Administration needed.

**Councillor Browaty:** I'll ask my comment as a question. Would the Chair be willing to accept the report earlier if it was ready by the department?

**Councillor Gilroy:** Absolutely, and that's what they did say I think at the meeting so.

**Madam Speaker:** Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, we will move onto the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow.

**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 1 and 3.

**Madam Speaker:** Of the report dated December 5th. All in favour? Contrary. Carried. Councillor Orlikow on the…

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

**Councillor Orlikow:** This is items...this is for the report of January 17th, 2017. I will move items...I need to make sure that the Albert one is referral back.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it report A?

**Councillor Orlikow:** Yes it is, 1 and 2.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow on the next report. That was report A and then we'll go to the next general report.

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

**Councillor Orlikow:** I would like to move the Item No. 3. Subdivision and Rezoning – 150 Pandora.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

**Councillor Orlikow:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move items...sorry. Stand up. Items 1 through 4, please.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
MOTIONS**

**Madam Speaker:** We have Motion 2. First we'll go to Motion 2.

**Councillor Orlikow:** It's an automatic referral?

**Madam Speaker:** Pardon me?

**Councillor Orlikow:** Is that it? It's a referral to move items number...is that what you asked me to do?

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, I will do that one. So it's Motion 2, moved by Councillor Pagtakhan, seconded by Councillor Orlikow. It is an automatic referral. This motion is regarding a 2012 decision on a Paulin Street property.

**Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,**

*WHEREAS on November 14, 2012, Council approved the sale of property South of Pacific Avenue and West of Paulin Street to Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (WHRC);*

*AND WHEREAS WHRC proposed to leverage funding to develop a medium to high density, mixed income housing project of approximately 100 units;*

*AND WHEREAS the property has remained vacant for a number of years;*

*AND WHEREAS WHRC has not received any favourable response from the Province of Manitoba to fund the development of the property;*

*AND WHEREAS there is a desire to keep the green space property located between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue, specifically Roll No. 13096115200 as a neighborhood park;*

*AND WHEREAS there is a desire to sell the surface parking lot located at Paulin Street between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue, specifically Roll No. 13096115300;*

*AND WHEREAS there is a desire by the community for a mixed use development at the surface parking lot;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:*

1. *That the November 14, 2012 Council Decision regarding the sale of property at South of Pacific Avenue and West of Paulin Street to Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation be rescinded.*

2. *That the vacant, informal green space property located between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue, specifically Roll No. 13096115200, be retained by the City and transferred to Parks jurisdiction for establishment as a neighbourhood park.*

3. *That the surface parking lot located at Paulin Street between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue, specifically Roll No. 13096115300, be added to the CentureVenture Asset Agreement to facilitate the highest and best use development, of the subject property within a 24 month period.*

**Madam Speaker:** Okay, now we will get into by-laws. Councillor Orlikow.

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

**Councillor Orlikow:** Madam Speaker, I guess I will move...well, I'm not sure if I am moving these by-laws at this point or...there was some discussion earlier on about a possible referring some by-laws back. That's right, totally under Public Works. My bad, sorry. Yeah, different...Councillor Morantz will take care of that one for us. Okay. All right, so I would like to move By-law No. 8, 9, 10, 11, 21, 22.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Clerk:** By-law No. 8/2017, By-law No. 9/2017, By-law No. 10/2017, By-law No. 11/2017, By-law No. 21/2017, and By-law No. 22/2017.

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

**Councillor Orlikow:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move By-laws, here we are…Nos. 8/2017 to 11/2017, both inclusive, and 21/2017 to 22/2017 be read a second time.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Clerk:** By-laws numbered 8/2017 to 11/2017, both inclusive, and 21/2017 and 22/2017.

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

**Councillor Orlikow:** Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 8/2017 to 11/2017, both inclusive, and 21/2017 and 22/2017 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 will now have Question Period for our chair for Councillor Orlikow. Seeing none, moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report dated February 6th, 2017.

**REPORT OF THE**
**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS**
**DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to move Item 1 of the February 6th agenda.

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, Madam Clerk, Item 1.

**Item 1 – Winnipeg Police Board – 2017 Strategic Plan Update**.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Eadie...or first we will hear from Councillor Pagtakhan if he wishes to introduce.

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** We will let Councillor Eadie, yeah.

**Madam Speaker:** Okay, thank you. Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** Yes, Madam Speaker. Thank you. I rise of course to support the...moving forward the strategic plan from the Winnipeg Police Board. It was amended very slightly in terms of its progression towards its five year completion but it is an ongoing document that is continually reviewed and considered in terms of the pillars and the directions that are taken within the strategic plan are essential and really, that direction doesn't change...hasn't changed really at this point. There have been some tweaks but Madam Speaker, actually, most recently at the Protection and Community Services Committee, Councillor Wyatt appropriately brought up a couple of...some issues about the...achieving the goals, Madam Speaker, that have been laid out within this strategic plan and so there are four main parts to providing a safe city for all and to make sure that there is an adequate police service and activities to make our citizens safe. But ultimately, there are some lofty goals in there and but they are all important. They are all just as important and so in terms of measuring them, we are trying to come up with…with more solid goals to achieve that we can report on in a more effective manner. And so, for example, Madam Speaker, Councillor Wyatt talked about in terms of the direction that we are taking proactive policing, Madam Speaker, and that involves a number of various initiatives within the Police Service, including...including and it's not…it sounds like it's not enough but this also includes the Police Service's effort to try to get out there and ensure people are safe on buses. They are trying to do what they can and I know there is always room for improvement, Madam Speaker. But, for example, proactive policing is related to...we had a goal of 33 percent proactive policing when we first had the strategic plan. That was a minimum number. But, when we look at those like the smart policing initiative, we didn't get numbers for the community support unit but these are proactive policing methods that actually allow the Police Service to actually initiate and get out there in the community to prevent crimes from happening. And we have actually achieved that 33 percent and if my colleagues want to check on our formal meetings website, every month we are given a dashboard that specifies various statistical information. It's not quantitative but it is...it is…I'm sorry, it's not qualitative, it is quantitative and you can see there that the number of police initiated calls if you want to call them, rather than the 911 calls and other calls that come in through the non-emergency police services line, you will see that we actually are achieving those 33 percent. But, there are some other measures in there that are difficult and we are continuing to work with various community partners, entities to try to determine how best to measure those efforts, Madam Speaker. So these are the things that we have identified when we were looking at moving forward the strategic plan and when we vote for this today, I just wanted to say that we need to continually be diligent on some goals, but we need to be diligent, Madam Speaker, on all the goals that are in this strategic plan because our Police Board...the citizens that serve on this board put in a lot of…a lot of time, a lot of effort, to try to ensure that the people of Winnipeg are safe and actually have respect for our police service and the work that they have to do. So when we adopt this and vote on this report, this is actually going to become…it is city council's strategic plan, that's why it's being moved forward and we should be all committed to achieving all the goals within there not just focusing on any one specific goal. We need to do all these things we've determined by going to the public that these are all the things we need to do in order to do things better. Now, one last thing I should point out, I'll give you an example where there is difficulty in balancing, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, originally when this strategic plan was put together, one of the goals was to establish a pilot regarding body worn cameras. The issue with that, Madam Speaker is in trying to balance all of the things we have had to...and Council did decide to move that program…that goal out of the strategic plan and that's changed to, we're going to monitor what's happening in the other Canadian cities who have piloted body worn cameras and our police service will just stay tuned to that. But ultimately, we're trying to balance

things and move them forward. So when we vote for this council, I hope you all agree that we need to achieve all the goals in here because I think we will have a much better city that recognizes as many of the Mayor's initiatives in terms of reconciliation, in terms of the Human Rights Walk and acknowledging that we have issues to deal with in those matters and all the different matters we have; protecting our workers which is essential, protecting our police service which is essential. That's a goal to have a healthy police organization. So thank you and I encourage you all to vote for it.

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

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this report and this update on the strategic plan of the Winnipeg Police Board. I do want to take an opportunity to acknowledge, to really echo Councillor Eadie's comments and acknowledge the good work of the Winnipeg Police Board on this strategic plan including Councillor Eadie's efforts. I also want to acknowledge with this plan the…what I believe is the very good work that the Winnipeg Police Service continues to do. And one aspect that I do want to highlight on pages six and seven of this report before us is basically the update, the update for the plan for 2017. And in there, it talks among other things about...about downtown safety strategy. Councillor Eadie highlighted the recent changes or kind of the monitoring work that the Police Board is doing when it comes to body worn cameras and the cost of that but this update also highlights the work that the Winnipeg Police Service is doing with partners in the downtown to ensure that Winnipeg's downtown is increasingly safer. We do know that there is a ways to go but I guess I wanted to bring this up because it wasn't that long ago I was listening to media that was indicating and complaining that boy, the downtown isn't safe was their view and no one is doing anything about it. I took it upon myself to send them…e-mail them a link to the Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan and I brought…drew their attention to goal number one; less crime and victimization, b) continue to focus resources towards a downtown safety. The report that we have before us indicates exactly what the Winnipeg Police Service is doing, recently launching Centreline, an initiative that redefines police response to crime and disorder in the downtown area through community engagement crime analysis problem-oriented policing and proactive policing principals. And so again, I just want to draw our attention to the fact that the Winnipeg Police Service is focusing on the downtown. It wasn't that long ago that reports came out about how because of the decisions the previous council has made to see the downtown invested in, the report came out to show how the downtown has grown, how there are more and more people living in the downtown, working in the downtown and so coupled with that we do have the agencies in the downtown, including the police service, collaborating together, working together to making our downtown a safer place to be. Again, yes, there is a ways to go. I think all of us would recognize that. There is always areas...you know, an opportunity to improve the safety in the area but those efforts are being made. Two final things I want to highlight in there because I think they are important and one is the work of the alliance. The alliance project brings together really government agencies, the local organizations and the police service to collaborate in ways and this is really the key to ensure that the right agencies are responding to the calls for service. We often hear, and I've been one that has talked about the rising cost of policing, there's a couple of ways to approach that and one way that we don't often talk about is to reduce the demand for service. If we can reduce the demand for service through ensuring the right agency is responding to the right call for service and then that can assist with resource allocation of the Winnipeg Police Service, it can assist with the cost of policing as well. There are some calls for which we don't need, probably don't need someone with a badge and a gun to respond to. It's about getting the proper agency to respond to that specific call for service and that's some of the work that the alliance group along with the police service and the Police Board are positioning to see happen. And it's about efficiency, a better use of resources at various levels of government and ensuring that the appropriate agency is doing the work. So again, I just want to commend the Police Board and the Police Service and the partner agencies as well for their work and I know that the goals that they have are to continue to fulfill the targets and the measures that are articulated here in this strategic plan. Thank you.

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

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't intend to speak on this but some issues were offered up and the merit due ponderance, and I just wanted to expand on a couple. Councillor Gillingham mentioned the importance of the proper agency being involved and we will recall over recent years especially that the point has been made that the Winnipeg Police Services has called to issues where they are not needed and it is inefficient and as Councillor Gillingham has said, where you don't need a badge and a gun but you do need someone most probably from an appropriate agency. I say this only because we have to deal with the fact that often those agencies are not within the City jurisdictions and we are often dealing with Provincial Government services. And so I don't know about the alliance that Councillor Gillingham is referring to. I need to know more about that and I guess I can ask him about that on another day after Council but that my hope is that for dealing with multi-government strategies here when it comes to optimizing the services of the Winnipeg Police Service as well as other agencies. When it comes to issues of crime, I just want to put it out there, just briefly, things that I think we are dealing with but we can't ignore. And if we are going to deal with crime we need to deal with poverty. We need to deal with empowerment. We need to deal with disparity and we need to deal issues of individually and collectively with issues of identity. One of these things I think that the Year of

Reconciliation is opening up. So I see avenues for progress here. But I just felt obliged to mention them as well in dealing with issues of crime. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, back to you for closing. I will call the question. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. On to by-laws, Councillor Pagtakhan. Yes?

**Councillor Eadie:** Just a point of privilege here, Madam Speaker, I don't recall any report requiring this by-law to come through. And I'm trying to read this and it's saying to replace something but there's nothing…like, I can't vote on this if I don't understand the by-law.

**Madam Speaker:** That's the Park's by-law. Mr. Clerk, could you clarify the question?

**Clerk:** We received this from Legal Services and they are just replacing some verbiage within the actual by-law. There is no report to accompany it. If you want, you can refer the matter back.

**Councillor Eadie:** Madam Speaker, point of privilege again. I just…I don't know. It says...it doesn't say...Madam Speaker, I can't read it. It doesn't make sense.

**Madam Speaker:** Okay. Mr. Clerk, is this an urgent, time sensitive by-law before us?

**Councillor Eadie:** I would like to refer it back to somewhere so I can…so I can understand. I don't understand.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to speak to it? Yes.

**Councillor Wyatt:** I did the research the by-law if it helps the Councillor, it looks pretty innocuous to me because all they're saying is under clause b(i) says that the park…the definition of park means real property other than a golf course that is b) either…there's an i, number 1 and roll number 2. 1) Zoned PR1, PR2 or PR3 in an area governed by the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 and zoned park or park use in the Downtown Zoning By-law No. 100/2004. It's the 'and' would be...instead of 'and', it's 'or'. I think it's just a house keeping item that the public service has caught. I have a look at it, it didn't look too radical or horrific or designed for something that we shouldn't be supportive of. But it looks pretty straightforward, but I could be wrong.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** On my point of privilege, I just wanted as my voice synthesizer went through this by-law change, it doesn't list out those sentences that Councillor Wyatt has specified, but I will vote for it if it's innocuous, it's fine.

**Madam Speaker:** That's fine, thank you. Mr. Clerk.

**Clerk:** For further clarification, when a by-law is sent to Council, it's always under the communications section. So I just go back to the communications and look at what the letter from Legal Services specifically said and that paragraph that Councillor Wyatt was in fact referring to was explained in the communications. Specifically, it talks about the 'and' being replaced for the 'or', rather than an 'and'. But…

**Councillor Eadie:** Usually when I see a by-law amending something, it actually gives me the text that's replaced like it's not in this by-law document.

**Clerk:** Fair enough.

**Madam Speaker:** Thanks for the clarification. Councillor Pagtakhan.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS**
**CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** Madam Speaker, thank you very much everyone for that clarification. I'll move that By-law No. 20/2017 be read a first time.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Clerk:** By-law No. 20/2017.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Pagtakhan.

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** Thank you. I'll move that By-law No. 20/2017 be read a second time.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Clerk:** By-law No. 20/2017.

**Councillor Pagtakhan:** And I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law 20/2017 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 will now have Question Period for Councillor Pagtakhan, chair of this committee. Any questions? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz on the report dated January 31st.

## REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED JANUARY 31, 2017

**Councillor Morantz:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Item No. 1.

**Madam Speaker:** All in favour? Contrary? Carried. So noted. We now have Motion No. 3 that was circulated just a few minutes ago. It is motioned by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It's an automatic referral to Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee. The topic is rider safety and driver safety for Winnipeg Transit. We will now move into by-laws Councillor Morantz.

## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS MOTIONS

**Motion No. 3**
**Moved by Councillor Wyatt,**
**Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,**

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:*

*In light of a recent tragic event in terms of Winnipeg Transit, we move to call on the Mayor to immediately hold a special meeting to brief members of Council on the immediate steps that can be / will be taken for rider and driver safety.*

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

**Councillor Morantz:** Of late there have been a number of questions around the four by-laws that are on the agenda in terms of…from various councillors that require some clarification I think before we can vote on them. What I would propose is that we lay over the vote on these by-laws to the March council meeting if we have the will of Council to do that and ask the public service to answer any questions that councillors may have with respect to them.

**Madam Speaker:** So, Councillor Morantz.

**Councillor Morantz:** So that is my motion that we lay the by-laws over to the March meeting.

**Madam Speaker:** Yes, okay, let's specify the by-laws.

**Councillor Morantz:** Oh, I'm sorry. So I am referring to By-law 16/2017, 17/2017, 18/2017 and 19/2017.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we'll now have Question Period for our chair, for Councillor Morantz. Councillor Allard.

## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS QUESTION PERIOD

**Councillor Allard:** Yes, Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair, I know there's been, some of my colleagues have already raised this issue but given the Chair of Public Works is the Chair responsible for transit, I wonder if the Chair could answer and give some clarity to Council in terms of what action is being taken to look at our safety practices on Winnipeg Transit buses and while doing that, I'd like to recognize the leadership of Councillor Brian Mayes whose efforts have led to transit security forces and also my own efforts which I believe have led us to having both plain clothed and uniformed officers on buses, but wanting to know what Councillor Morantz is planning in terms of looking at this issue given the tragic events that have transpired recently.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

**Councillor Morantz:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I'd like to thank Councillor Allard for his question. These have been very sorrowful days for employees, staff, drivers at Winnipeg Transit and, in fact, for all of Winnipeggers. No employee of City of Winnipeg, particularly any transit driver, goes to work in the morning, should have to fear for their safety or for their life, and I did have the opportunity to attend the ATU rally the other day and that was a very moving experience, and I just think all of us could agree that these tragic and horrible events are something that has just…we wish had never happened, but at the same time we have to find a way to, I think, make something good out of a tragic event, and if this event does anything, it spurs us on to look at what we're doing and possibly how we could do things better. What actions specifically have been taken at this point are essentially and broad strokes two, one is that I asked for a meeting with Mr. Calahan along with Mr. Greg Ewankiw and Mr. Wardrop, and we had that meeting on Monday morning and just to discuss the situation, and in that meeting, it was a very, very good meeting and I think we had a, you know, very good rapport and discussion going on with Mr. Callahan. What I proposed is that I bring forward a motion to the next IRPW meeting which is on Tuesday, February 28, and that motion, the wording of it is being still finalized, but essentially it is going to call for the Public Service to provide a comprehensive administrative report as to everything that we are currently doing. So not just a bullet point form we're doing training, or we have cameras or there are police officers. All these things are good but what we don't have is one single document where all of these practices are fully described and so that we can assess once we have that, what our strengths are and where things might also need to be improved, so that essentially will be the intent of the motion. I've spoken at length with Mr. Calahan about it. He was quite pleased that we are doing that and that we are bringing this motion, and I did invite him to speak at the IRPW meeting on Tuesday in delegation in regard to the motion. Once we have the motion back, it will give us an opportunity to review it and assess what the next steps might be, and there are many, many issues around transit security and you heard Councillor Allard mention a couple, one that he was involved with police and of course my colleague, Councillor Mayes, has been a champion of these ideas for many years now and so I'm looking forward to seeing the report come back and I think once we have that before us, and keep in mind also, the report will be a public document filed in our information systems for all the public to see and to comment on, and really basically go forward from there. I would also invite any Councillors who have any questions or ideas or suggestions as to improvements that we can make that will reduce the likelihood of something as horrible ever happening again, I am more than open to hearing them, to meet with them, or if they want to provide them in writing, however they want to communicate, and also of course, you know, the IRPW meeting on Tuesday is open to the public and all of Councillors as well as the public are welcome to attend to hear, you know, Mr. Wardrop or Mr. Ewankiw and Mr. Callahan give their comments, so with that, that is essentially where we are at this point and I look forward to understanding how horrible this event is but trying to make something good come out of it in the future . Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Mayes. Councillor Mayes. Yes.

**Councillor Mayes:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thanks to Councillor Allard for some kind words there and as well Councillor Morantz about my work on this, and I know Councillor Morantz is very quickly moved on this after the tragedy on last Monday. I guess my question is, could we also take steps to invite or involve in the talks…part of the complexity here over the years has been of course that the inspectors who have a safety rule, in fact, in 20…budget 2014 when Councillor Wyatt was the Finance Chair, we had six inspectors trying to deal with transit safety and they of course are in the WAPSO bargaining unit, adding to that the police we have going on, and Councillor Allard has pushed the plain clothed or uniformed police are yet another bargaining unit and have different bargaining agents, so we've got at least

three different unions involved here which has been part of the challenge in moving forward here, not that they've been obstructionists, but rather just sorting out who does what, who has the back on to, just the policing duties and who do they reside with, so I'd just like to ask if we could also get involved in these talks at some point, WAPSO and the Police Association since they'll certainly have a part to play.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Any further questions?

**Councillor Morantz:** Do I get to answer?

**Madam Speaker:** No, it was a question. That's right, Councillor Morantz.

**Councillor Morantz:** I don't need to respond, do I? Just kidding. I thank my colleague for the question. You know, of course, you know, we're open to talking to any individual or association, and really at the end of the day, it's about collecting the best ideas that can really help us reduce the likelihood of these tragic events ever occurring again. I think the first step in my mind is really to get the administrative report, because it will really form, in my mind, a base line for what we're doing and what things we're doing well, what things we could be doing better, and there may also be an opportunity after that, there will be an opportunity, not "may", there will be an opportunity after that to do critical analysis of the report, ask questions about the report, perhaps also look to other jurisdictions to see if we're consistent with other practices, so I view this as a starting point. I know there are some who would like us to, and I understand the emotion behind it, make or implement specific adjustments right away, but that's difficult to do without having a comprehensive and full report with all the information in front of us, so…so but to answer the question, of course, you know, we're open to talking with any individual or association regarding these issues.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Having worked through this stuff in the past myself in prior years Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker, there's a couple of things happening on the bus, so I just want to explain this before I ask my question or describe this. Essentially, there's a number of user policies that are on a bus that users are supposed to respect and follow. And what happens is, Madam Speaker, those policies, our policies...they're not…if not paying your fare, that's not a crime. It's a violation of user policy because there is a policy that says if a person doesn't have money and it's -30 outside, a woman, you know, has to get on and doesn't…by all means, ride, please. So there is a policy regarding that, so these are policies, Madam Speaker. What happens though is that policies, some users don't believe they need to follow policies, and then it leads to these violent crimes. It leads to assaults, and I would say spitting on a driver is an assault. It's an assault, Madam Speaker. And so, traditionally, when the Police Board was looking at promoting this and Councillor Mayes and Councillor Allard brought this to the Police Board, rightly so, we looked at how, within our strategic plan, and we asked the Police Service how they might be able to do some policing on a bus, and there was an administrative report because some of the intention of the new investigators that were transit investigators who were put on there, would be considered police work, Madam Speaker, but what's really needed is what I think, and I'm going to ask…well…anyway…those inspectors should be ensuring and educating the people on the bus what the rules are in regards to using the bus, and I think that would go a long way to prevention of these crimes because there's also crimes against the users on those buses too because they're arguing over who has the right to sit somewhere for example or where do you stand on a bus, Madam Speaker. So my question to the Chair of IRPW Madam Speaker is just simply, will this motion, and I hope this motion will request not only a report from the Administration but a report from the Administration that actually explains all these serious issues that these policy violations that happen on the bus, because really that's the tension that's built on there and that's the societal things that end up on a bus that are also happening out on the street, Madam Speaker. So I'd like to know if the motion and the call on our city administration to proceed to make things safer for bus drivers.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

**Councillor Morantz:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank my council colleague for the question and the sentiments in the question. I agree with him wholeheartedly. I think really the point of this motion is really to get the information in front of us first, like for example, the policies that he's referring to, although I know policies exist, he knows policies exist. We don't have a written formulation of them that we can actually look at and say, you know, what are they? And then once we have them we can then…this is in my view, this report, when we have it, which I'm hoping will be back by May, is just really the beginning of the conversation. There'll be many issues to discuss, you know, compliance of transit riders with proper policies in terms of behavior on buses. There will be discussions around, you know, the deployment of the supervisors and police on buses and shields I'm sure will be discussed, and really, everything is on the table around, you know, issues that we can discuss to try and really reduce the likelihood of anything like this ever occurring again, so I guess the long answer to the question is that the motion won't specifically…it's a no and yes answer. The motion won't specifically speak to that concern but what it will be is the first

step in addressing that concern, so that once we have the report in front of us, I'm sure there'll be all kinds of questions and some of the questions will be around what the rules are for the proper behavior of people who ride the buses, and how do we educate, which is the point that my council colleague raised and how do we enforce people in terms of complying with those rules. All those questions and many, many more I'm sure will be on the table and I'm more than happy to have those discussions. I think all of us here want to do whatever we can to minimize the likelihood of anything like this ever occurring in the future.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** Will there be an opportunity for the public to come and speak in something that's scheduled better for people that actually make it and come out rather than kind of a back and forth discussion, Madam Speaker?

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Morantz.

**Councillor Morantz:** Well, you know, maybe we could have a chat about that and I'll find out what the Councillor exactly has in mind. I'm certainly open to those discussions. I mean, initially of course the report is public, will be public. It will be tabled on the IRP agenda and anyone can come and speak to the report, but I'm not quite sure what kind of formulation the Councillor has in mind, but I'm happy to have those discussions with him and see if there's some way we can further communicate or disseminate the information in the report and by doing so, evoke conversation and ideas around the report.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Eadie, anything further? Councillor Wyatt.

**Councillor Wyatt:** This is more of a kind of a maybe the Councillor might want to take it as information and to get back to me later, but in terms of the IRP…

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Lukes moves extension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**Councillor Wyatt:** Thanks. I just…I want to thank the Councillor for his words and for taking this matter up and for bringing it forward to the IRP agenda. I plan on being at the meeting and there's many, as somebody who has many drivers who live in my ward as well as of course transit users like we all…there's a lot of interest around this table I can tell in the subject about what's happened. With the format that we have with our standing committees, and again, I preface it by saying the Councillor could take it under advisement, is there a way, whether it be suspending the rules at the Committees so as to allow non-members of the Committee to ask questions or to be able to submit questions to either the Chair or members of the Committee that could then be asked of the Public Service who will be in attendance at that meeting. So it's just basically a method because otherwise if we're not members of the Committee and we think of questions, they may be asked, they may not be asked, and so it's just a way of having that dialogue other than just simply coming and presenting in the morning.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Morantz.

**Councillor Morantz:** I'd like to thank my council colleague for the question through you, Madam Speaker. That's a…I will take it under advisement only because I would need to speak to the Clerk to see what the procedural rules are around that. I'm not quite sure what would be involved in doing something like that, so I'll take that under advisement, than question. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, our last committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report today, no motions and no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Okay, Councillor Schreyer.

## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
## QUESTION PERIOD

**Councillor Schreyer:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I see in my schedule for tomorrow afternoon that I have a meeting scheduled with Councillor Gillingham, I believe on his initiative to commence annual budget discussions. My assistant, Executive Assistant, Chris Hurley, the dean of executive assistants at City Hall and the de-facto EA to all City Councillors, sometimes has taken it upon himself to just take it for granted that we should have this meeting and there it is my agenda, Madam Speaker. I'm glad to have this. I consider it symbolic of the new year of budget consultations. In my case Madam Speaker, it is difficult for me to sort of justify…and I don't mean this negatively, in terms of fall time

budget discussions. For me, budget issues are what drive…drives my sort of daily modus operandi, modus vivendi as a matter of fact in terms of my time in politics and it's something that I take into consideration every hour of the day in terms of…in terms of City Hall and our obligations. So for me, as well as I assume for other city councillors, budgetary consultations for me take place anytime, anywhere, all year round. I intend, as symbolic by…

**Madam Speaker:** Do you have a question?

**Councillor Schreyer:** Yes, I do Madam Speaker. It looks like Councillor Gillingham and I are going to be just beginning our budgetary consultations tomorrow, but I take my budgetary consultations to the street, literally walking down the street. That's where I get most of my information by which I make my decisions on behalf of my constituents. I would like to know if Councillor Gillingham would consider an invitation to have a financial consultation event in my ward sometime in the spring.

**Madam Speaker:** Councillor Gillingham.

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank my councillor colleague for the question. I…this is…this…he…what he has stated is exactly the kind of consultation I'm looking for. I'm glad to speak with, you know, my council colleague from Elmwood-East Kildonan, but whether it's in one of our offices or in a coffee shop or a community hall in his ward with members of his community, I would be certainly glad to do that. My intention is to reach not only to my council colleagues and to hear from them in consultations, but to start the public consultations. The aim is to start them sooner and I appreciate the Mayor's support in that. The Mayor and I have been talking about that, trying to…looking forward to doing public consultations sooner, but I'm looking for informal, as it were, consultations as well with members of our community, stakeholders in that community, the good residents of our city and so I would gladly take my councillor up on his offer and look forward to him buying the coffee. Thank you.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

**Councillor Eadie:** Madam Speaker. I have great respect for the portfolio, the Chairperson of Finance has and the great difficulties it is. No doubt about it and I know the Chair of IRPW is very familiar with it. Madam Speaker, my question is all the departments have very detailed accounts of where money exists, Madam Speaker. When we get our budget, the budget is a big picture. It's all rolled up into, for example, services line. There's no detail provided to us, Madam Speaker, and Madam Speaker, it was pointed out that if there are new financial initiatives that need, you know, like putting together a food council, where is the money coming from, Madam Speaker. Now the problem with that Madam Speaker is that I am not able to go into the accounting system and get the detailed account information about what's going on in every department to try to find money, Madam Speaker, so my question is just simply, will the Chair of Finance empower me to get detailed account information from all the departments so I can try to find money for some really good initiatives?

**Councillor Gillingham:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I thank the Councillor for his question. I'm certainly willing, committed to meet with the Councillor on this for further discussions. I'll do what I can to get to my colleagues the information required to make decisions that are informed decisions as well but again, I would look forward to speaking with Councillor Eadie further on the details of exactly what he's looking for if it is something specific within certain departments, so I look forward to that discussion.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you. Anything further for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Gillingham, will you move adjournment for today's meeting? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.**