EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 197
In reference to the recent bus driver incident, Councillor Wyatt questioned when they would have a briefing on what steps can be taken to deal with the safety and security of transit riders and drivers.

His Worship Mayor Bowman thanked all Members of Council for their concern with regards to the tragic outcome for the transit employee. His Worship advised that the police are investigating the matter and it was important that they conclude their work first. In the meantime, he advised that City Councils, past and present, have undertaken positive efforts to ensure the safety of transit operators and passengers. He also thanked Councillor Morantz for the motion that would be brought forward and for his leadership and efforts on this issue.

Councillor Wyatt inquired if they would be able to get together as a Council, even informally, in order to respond to constituent inquiries; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman advised that Councillor Morantz was leading this file and suggested that his ongoing dialogue with the union and city management would move the matter forward.

Councillor Dobson questioned if all Members of Council would be fully involved in the making of the draft budget from the very start of the budget cycle and be part of the working group. His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance has been reaching out to all Members of Council for input.

Councillor Lukes questioned if the Mayor would 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; to which His Worship advised that he would follow up with the Chief Administrative Officer to provide the response.

Councillor Lukes inquired if The City of Winnipeg prioritized and submitted an intergovernmental funding application for construction of additional projects to the remaining eligible funding in the Federal Transit Fund and, if so, which projects were submitted and who prioritized; to which His Worship agreed to report back.

Councillor Schreyer inquired if His Worship would consider an invitation to attend an upcoming Winnipeg Committee for Safety meeting to discuss numerous safety issues, including on public transit; to which His Worship replied in the affirmative.