COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

The Council met at 9:36 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 Gerbasi.

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: Thank you. We have two pages with us here today. Please join me in welcoming to the Chamber, Quiana Kumar from River East Collegiate who resides in the North Kildonan Ward and Marianna Pozdirca from Miles Macdonell Collegiate, she resides in the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward. Thank you so much for joining us today. Mr. Mayor on to you now for your morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much Madam Speaker and good morning to you and to all members of Council and those that joined us in the gallery and are watching online and on television. I want to begin my remarks today by acknowledging the passing of former City of Winnipeg Councillor Harvey Smith. I was very saddened as I know all of us were last week to learn of his passing. Mr. Smith spent more than two decades serving the citizens of Winnipeg as City Councillor. Mr. Smith represented the Sargent Park Ward from 1980 to 1986 before a short sojourn as a NDP MLA for Ellice from 1986 to 1988. Mr. Smith returned to City Hall in 1998 representing the Daniel McIntyre Ward until 2014. He was an activist his entire life, a strong voice for the marginalized in our city and our province. He was well known for not shying away from standing up and defending the residents and issues he so strongly believed in including affordable housing, transit and many other issues important to the residents of the inner-city. On behalf of the City of Winnipeg and Council, I want to extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Smith. He was as many have already pointed out, a community champion and he will be missed by many. Madam Speaker, yesterday marked the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and I was pleased to be able to participate in an event with the Islamic Social Services Association celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Manitoba Multiculturalism Act which was introduced by a former premier, Gary Filmon and his government as well as marking Canada's 150th anniversary. And it's wonderful to participate with many different members of our community who work so hard daily to build social equity and address challenges of racism. And I would like to especially thank the Islamic Social Services for organizing the event and their ongoing and invaluable efforts on this issue. As Councillor Allard will know we celebrated another successful and slushy Festival du Voyageur last month. Festival is really such an iconic event in Winnipeg that allows us to take a step back in time to celebrate our proud Métis and Franco-Manitoban routes. Our voyageur history is something that I believe all Winnipeggers can appreciate and take pride in regardless of their own personal background. And it's also, normally, a perfect example of how Winnipeggers more than anyone else know how to embrace cold weather. But this year, it was more an example of how to embrace how Winnipeggers embraced the opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate our heritage no matter the conditions. And even when those conditions were melting ice sculptures and muddy feet that you never quite know what's going to happen when it comes to Winnipeg winters. It was an incredibly successful celebration this year and I want to applaud all those who made it possible of course at the Festival du Voyageur and many members of Council I know who supported the efforts as well as people, many in our public service. Last month was Black History Month and I had the privilege of attending Black History Month Awards Banquet at the Norwood Hotel. Whether we are comfortable acknowledging it or not, racism does exist everywhere the world over. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, of course, in his 'I have a Dream' speech, words that still ring today. His speech was 53 years ago this past August and we have come a long way in just over 50 years and we must continue to work at combating racism to ensure we are always progressing forward and it's essential that as a community, we continue to recognize and to celebrate the strength that is in our diversity and I continue to be inspired by the many strong and amazing black leaders we have here in Winnipeg and I was honoured to be part of this very special evening. Madam Speaker, I was excited to join the University of Manitoba last month for their 140th community celebration. As we build Winnipeg for the future, the University of Manitoba will continue to play an important role. I have many fond memories of my time at the U of M, in particular meeting my wife Tracy, as well as participating in Bison sports and of course, the academics. All of us here understand the power of education, its economic value and we

know that education also encourages imagination. For 140 years, the U of M has pushed us to imagine and to be creative and in doing so has helped make our community, our country and the world a better place to live. I had a great time at two Skate with the Mayor events held this month at the St. James Civic Centre and Billy Mosienko Arena. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new Winnipeggers and enjoy an hour of fun and exercise and probably some of the last skating of the season. I want to thank Councillors Gillingham and Pagtakhan for their participation and compliment them on their outstanding skating skills as well. Madam Speaker, I was pleased to receive a tour of the very impressive Red River College Skills, Trades and Technology Centre last week. Technology and innovation, fuel for growth and the new economy and innovation is what we do best here in Winnipeg. The STTC will play a key role in furthering Manitoba's innovation agenda through some of the most advanced training and research spaces that will support industrial sectors such as robotics, automation, hydraulics, pneumatics, materials, electronics and computer-aided design among others. I wanted to say congratulations to Red River College on this remarkable facility and I know Councillor Gillingham was also present to…to see a sneak peak of the facility and we just want to wish them all the very best until it's fully operational. In October of last year, we formally announced the municipal infrastructure chair at the University of Manitoba. A few months later, I participated in the first public event, paving in cold weather by chair Dr. Ahmed Shalaby. And I was pleased the City of Winnipeg is able to support the work of the municipal infrastructure chair with $50,000 in annual funding over five years totalling $250,000. I'm committed to building our city for the future to support a growing population and investing in new technologies, new processes and techniques is an investment in our future. And I want to thank Councillor Morantz who I know is dialoguing of course with the municipal infrastructure chair. We want to make sure that our record investments are being well spent as best we can for the benefit of taxpayers. I was also pleased to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Five Days for Homeless last Monday. It always brings me so much joy and hope for the future to see our young citizens working together to make our community a safer and stronger place. This is the 9th year the University of Manitoba has participated in the initiative and was also the first year the U of W participated. I was happy to have an opportunity to stop by both schools to offer my support and am very proud of all of their hard work. Any homelessness is a cause I feel very passionately about. This council should take great pride in its leadership during this council term at supporting the End Homeless Winnipeg Initiative and of course the United Way's plan to end homelessness, our support for the CHAT Program that is administered by the Downtown BIZ, and of course, we are taking steps to further the Winnipeg Promise and access to those younger citizens that can benefit from the Canada Learning Bond. Madam Speaker, it was a pleasure to participate in the kick-off of the 8th annual Winnipeg Firefighter Rooftop Campout for Muscular Dystrophy Canada last week. As if our firefighters aren't heroes enough already, their willingness and eagerness to participate in this fundraising effort for worthy charities on top of their regular jobs is truly admirable. After 72 hours camping on the rooftop of the Osborne Village fire hall facing wind, rain and snow, the campers presented a cheque for a hundred thousand dollars to Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Congratulations and thank you to our firefighters for all of your hard work and those that contributed and put some money in the boot that was lifted on top of the fire station. Madam Speaker, I was pleased to take part in the launch yesterday of the CAA Worst Roads Campaign aimed at drawing attention to some of the most damaged roads in our province. Fixing Winnipeg's roads remains our number one priority and I want to be sure that Winnipeggers know that this council is listening to them. We have invested more in three years than the previous six years and there are 150 road and sidewalk projects planned for the 2017 construction season representing over 130 kilometres of improvements which would take you to Falcon Lake if it was a straight line. I look forward to receiving the results of this campaign and I want to thank CAA for their advocacy efforts which we are listening to and trying to support. March is Endometriosis Awareness Month and I am very pleased to welcome Samantha Mosionier here today on behalf of the Winnipeg Endometriosis Warriors, apologies, to talk about this complex and often debilitating disease affecting more than 176 million women worldwide and in rare cases, men. Despite its prevalence, awareness of this disease is low and many myths and misunderstandings about it confound patients' path to receive diagnosis and effective treatment. Many families in Winnipeg are affected by this. I have close family and friends who are also affected by this so I want to just say on a personal note, thank you very much for your advocacy and I would like to thank Ms Mosionier for being here and ask her to please come forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Good morning and welcome.

Samantha Mosionier: Good morning. I just want to say thank you for allowing me to come speak. I'm going to be speaking on behalf of our group. It's a newly founded group in Winnipeg. It's called Winnipeg Endometriosis Warriors. Our main focus with the group is to try to get more awareness out regarding the impact that endometriosis does have on all the women. Currently, in the last ten years, according to Manitoba Health, we have had 26,000 women in Manitoba alone diagnosed with endometriosis. Just having a conversation over here, it's really not that well known especially as talking to a young female, that should be something that they are aware of. Me, personally, I have suffered with chronic pain from this disease for over ten years now. I was just recently diagnosed two years ago, so for eight years I was suffering in silence, having no answers, just getting passed from doctor to doctor just saying that it was PMS, just cramps, that it's just something we have to deal with at our age and that it's perfectly normal. So I'm here to say today that it's not normal. We shouldn't have to sit here in pain. We shouldn't have to put our lives on hold to cope, to just try and struggle to live day to day. Many of the women that have endometriosis do try to commit suicide, which I personally

feel is a big issue. No young female or any female of any age should be thinking that they need to end their life in order to end all of this pain. Along with some of the other social impacts that endometriosis has, lots of women do lose their jobs. Lots of employers aren't really sympathetic to having a chronic illness and because endometriosis isn't actually qualified as a disability right now, that we have to continue working through the pain for as long as an employer will keep us. I personally had two jobs in the last five years. At my two year mark, they both let me go saying that having so much time off, away from being ill as they put it, which was just pain that they couldn't keep me on any longer. So, I believe that that should be a focus that really needs to be addressed that it's…I don't know how to exactly say it, that there should be a standard that some employers have to follow with a chronic illness as endometriosis. I think it should be put in as a disability, that people are aware of that they have to kind of be aware of beforehand and kind of stick through it and work with us as an employee and an employer. Sorry. Last year alone, 3,008 women were diagnosed with endometriosis. There were 4,175 ER visits from Winnipeg...from women with endometriosis for their pain. The cost alone for endometriosis care last year was $176,000. In the last ten years the...Manitoba has spent $1.3 million with endometriosis care. Now, this is repeat visits that don't have to take place. Lots of women are going in getting ablations done. Ablation, basically, think of it as an iceberg, you're cutting the top off, you're leaving that root of the problem. So women are going in every one to three years to have a repeat surgery and in most cases like my own, it ended up making our problems a lot worse, our pain increased. We've spent more days in bed and I just think that endometriosis needs to kind of have more of an impact in Winnipeg and in Manitoba. It needs to be addressed. It needs to be addressed to younger women so they are aware of their symptoms so they are not being told that they are just being a wuss, that they are a baby, that they don't need to suck it up, they shouldn't be missing school, they shouldn't be missing dance classes, sports because they are in bed, crying in pain. Our biggest…our biggest goal right now is to try and correct the issues that we have to deal with. We want to make the younger generation not have to deal with the same stuff that we did. I personally have a ten-year-old daughter right now who is also starting to complain of stomach issues. So for me as a mother, sorry, I don't want to see my daughter go through the same issues that I had to. I think that there should be more awareness put out through schools, through health classes about these kinds of diseases. I think there needs to be more awareness at the doctor's office alone. I have three different doctors and not a single one of them has anything on their walls or in their pamphlet areas about endometriosis. Yeah. Sorry. Our goal...sorry…our goal is just to get more awareness out. We are holding an awareness rally May 13th at the Manitoba Legislative Building. We will be doing that from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. In hopes that we get more people aware, get more people to recognize the symptoms of the disease, the social impact of the disease and how it affects not only our physical well-being but also our emotional and mental well-being. So, that's pretty much all I have to say on this. I'm just hoping that we can work together in order to get more awareness out and just help the younger generation so they don't have to live in pain so they can continue going to their dance classes, their sporting events and just living a full, healthy, normal life like we didn't get to.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms. Mosionier for sharing your personal journey and for raising our awareness. You are a very brave young person. Thank you. Mr. Mayor, back to you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. March is recognized as Poetry Month and March 21st, yesterday, is recognized as UNESCO's World Poetry Day. The Poetry City Challenge is a national celebration of World Poetry Day and is a recognition of the role poetry plays in enriching the culture of our communities and country. Since 2012, Poetry City Challenge formerly called the Mayor's Poetry Challenge is an annual initiative through which municipal councils across Canada open their council meetings with a reading from a local poet. I'm pleased that we are able to participate again this year and I'm very pleased to have Ms Kelsey Tishinski with us today who is a grade 12 student from Vincent Massey Collegiate and will be sharing some of her award-winning poetry with us here today. Miss Tishinski, welcome to City Hall and I ask that you please come forward at this time.

Kelsey Tishinski: Thank you. The poem that I will be reading today is called 'Promise Breaker'. I'll start. When we first started dating you held my hand and saw my addiction up and down my arms. You made me promise that from that day forward I would never again hold a razor in my hand. A couple of months later you made a promise yourself. You said we would be together forever no matter what happens. We would talk everything out and stay together through thick and thin. But a year later, you broke your promise with five words saying, "This isn't going to work out". And I learned that you are a promise breaker and I have a bad habit of following in your footsteps. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for joining us for National Poetry Month. Now, we'll hear from Councillor Schreyer who would like to share some remarks about former Councillor Harvey Smith.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is an honour to follow His Worship in speaking in condolence of the passing of Harvey Smith. It is my pleasure as well to second the motion moved by Councillor Gilroy in condolence of our dear friend Harvey. I speak on this having known Harvey, I believe, more than…longer than anybody else here in the chamber. I knew Harvey for almost 40 years. There are people in this chamber who knew him better than I have and have stories to share as they have already over the years. I knew him as a child when he was first elected to City

Council. I didn't know him that well. I knew him mostly by his friends, the people that we shared in common. And to me he embodied what a social democrat was or could be. Striving in his own way for issues of universality, equality, dignity and not just talking about people's personal hardships but trying in a very concrete way to try to apply that to public policy. I knew him as well when he became an MLA, discussing issues with him at the legislature. And then during his hiatus in politics we would visit him at his roti shop in the West End. And political activism still was part of his spirit. In fact, he would then be re-elected to City Council in a new incarnation. And I recall speaking to him while he was a councillor, having no clue, no idea that I would be running for City Council one day asking him his advice on certain issues and sometimes I would be speaking with his executive assistant, Chris Hurley, who offered that great advice for...it is now my privilege to be working with Chris Hurley. As I said, I knew him as much from the people I knew as much as I knew from my interaction with Harvey and I would like to share words from someone who knew him for 35 years who says, “For me, Harvey was both an effective councillor and a friend. He had no immediate family and my wife and I were welcome to have him over for Thanksgiving, Boxing Day, and Easter dinners for the past 35 years. Our community lost a champion of the people on March 12th, 2017, with the passing of former City Councillor Harvey Smith. Harvey served a total of 22 years on City Council as well as a brief two year term as NDP MLA. He was a staunch defender of the interests of the inner-city believing that 50 years of suburban sprawl and the dominance of developer interests at City Hall came at the expense of declining levels of service and failing infrastructure in inner-city neighbourhoods. Harvey questioned why no money was being dedicated to repair back lanes and he did so by erecting street signs in some of the worst back lanes in the name of Mayor Sam Katz and his Executive Policy Committee. And a few years back, while recuperating from hip surgery, he led a campaign against the 25-cent hike in transit rates arguing successfully that for students and citizens on fixed income, this is both a large and unfair increase. Early in his council career, he acceded to a request that he comply with Council's policy that men wear suit jackets and ties when on the council floor. Harvey purchased dozens of ties at a nearly new shop at about 50 cents apiece and he became a colourful presence on the floor of City Council. I think Harvey felt that the dress code was a throwback to a previous era. He also felt that men in suits had run City Hall for too long. Our community is full of examples of Harvey’s advocacy and their representative...as a representative on Council for over two decades. The West End Library and indeed, the entire refurbished Cindy Klassen Recreation Centre are the product of his efforts. Earlier this year, my wife and I were able to take Harvey from his nursing home to the grand opening of the Sherbrook Pool which had been slated for permanent closure until Harvey and the community led by the friends of Sherbrook School convinced former Mayor Katz and Council to maintain this long standing and essential public amenity. On the day of the grand opening, Harvey was recognized by Mayor Brian Bowman. He was also greeted warmly by a seniors swim group present that day. They wanted to offer their personal thanks to Harvey for keeping the pool open for all citizens of our community. Harvey never sought power for the sake of power. He showed no interest in serving on City Hall’s Executive Policy Committee. He resisted this as he wanted to be free to speak on behalf of the citizens he represented and to push their issues. This was a consistent and effective voice for public transit, on housing issues and for the renewal of basic city infrastructure. During the over decade-long period of property tax freezes, Harvey regularly voted against such budgets. He believed that both the social and hard infrastructure of the inner-city suffered and that sooner or later these deficits would have to be dealt with and history has proven him correct. Politics for Harvey Smith was about people and their interests. He showed us that politics could be fun. He disagreed often with many of his council colleagues, but he was never disagreeable in his approach. He was liked and respected by all of his colleagues and the community at large. And we as citizens were well served by his efforts.” This is from the past president of Winnipeg’s CUPE Local 500, past president of the…national president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Paul Moist. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Eadie on to you for your opening remarks

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to say a few words as well about former Councillor Harvey Smith. Madam Speaker, as many in the chamber know, I spent a lot of time working closely with the man and learned to really appreciate him and found many connections, Madam Speaker, with Councillor Smith that one would never know. I first met him actually when I could still see. I was a custodian at Tech Voc School and he was working there as a teacher/librarian. And this shorter gentleman came in with this really loud tie around 82-83 and he is looking at me, I am eating my lunch and he is staring at me and as Harvey was known to do all the time, Madam Speaker, Harvey would always ask for something if he wanted something that he really appreciated. So, that was my first incursion in meeting Councillor Smith and then little did I know that one day I would be working with him as of 2010. I just wanted to speak a little more of...and actually kindred spirits we are as we were both born in the same city in the lower mainland of British Columbia. And the character of the man and the way he went about doing his work was very interesting, Madam Speaker, as we who had an opportunity to work with Councillor Smith know that he was...always had a great imagination and was a real out of the box kind of thinker. He was a socialist but he was also an entrepreneur. He was many different things, Madam Speaker, and I note today on our first report are the BIZ levies. One of the legacies of Harvey Smith, Madam Speaker, many of you probably don’t know is that he was integral in the founding of the West End BIZ, integral. He owned a business or partnership in a business out in the West End there and he knocked on many business’ doors in order to get the over 50 percent on ARV and so on, to establish the West End BIZ. So that's one of

his legacies that sits today and will continue on as that is one of the most vibrant and busiest business improvement zones that I know of outside of the downtown. Madam Speaker, Harvey Smith, you know, the out of the box, it was really a pleasure for me to allow my assistant, Mr. McDowell, to be Harvey's assistant at beck and call and that was who Harvey was. He was difficult to work with at times, but I recall distinctly and this is something that, you know, we should really consider these out of the box ideas. Harvey would always surf around on the web and look for ideas that we could bring to Winnipeg and one of the most interesting ones that I thought was crazy, I seconded the motion, Madam Speaker, but I thought it was kind of crazy, but if you really think it through, what a great idea to help stop climate change…stop…to help prevent climate change in that, in Spain, we wanted to propose the idea that people can turn in their old cars, like their Circa 1990 cars that burn fuel like crazy or not very good to the environment and you could give that car to the City of Winnipeg and in return, you would receive a lifetime pass to ride on the City of Winnipeg's Transit. It was a great idea. Maybe we should consider that in our environmental plans going forward. It's still an idea and there is still a lot of the older cars on the road, Madam Speaker. Other initiatives that I was proud to work with him on was that slow down the speed to 40 kph. We put a little sign we put together, we sort of…we put together a video, it wasn't the best production I would have to say, we would need Mr. Boyce's advice, but the idea was to actually, instead of have a 50 kph on residential streets, we would have a 40 kph and you wouldn't have to worry about 30 kph and there was studies, Madam Speaker, that demonstrated that at 40, people didn't get severely hurt when hit. So those were some other initiatives and I just want to end by saying this man who, in his earlier years, convinced his colleagues to take...to storm Lower Fort Garry because he felt that it wasn't being utilized appropriately and they were going to take it over and make things work better. And that was the kind of man who Harvey Smith was. He was the kind of man who thought, you know, these are…there are things here that we need to do to make it happen. And you know, all the way to one of the most concerning, but also one of the most moments that I was most proud, Madam Speaker, I'll end with this, it was mentioned in Paul Moist's mentions, but I want to say, I was out there trying to stop that bus fare hike and we were out giving out pamphlets on the buses trying to educate people that this was going to happen and we wanted people to let Council know that this was untenable to raise that so much at one time. And when he...he told me at Arlington and Portage, Ross, you take the next bus and he went forward and I'm really sad that I wasn't with him but here is a man who is in his 70s and he is out there and he was crossing Main Street over here and he slipped on the ice and if I was with him I would have been holding his arm, and it's really sad that I wasn't there but you know, it never stopped him, Madam Speaker, never stopped the man. In that age, he got knocked down, he was in bad shape, he healed, he came back and he worked on a number of other initiatives and continued...and even went out and campaigned in the 2014 election. That's the kind of energy, the kind of caring, the kind of service that we all seek to try do as we are all councillors, Madam Speaker. And I'm going to miss him.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Mayes, your remarks on community leader Dr. Joseph Du.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker, some very good comments there from Councillor Eadie and Councillor Schreyer. I don't think I can add anything to that about former Councillor Smith, but I did want to speak briefly about another community leader who passed away this week…that was Monday night and that was Dr. Joseph Du. And well, might you say, well why are you talking about him, Councillor Mayes? You're from St. Vital. Dr. Du is noted for his work with the Chinese community, a ton of work done in China Town which is half a block from here. Well, he was...he resided mostly in St. Vital and at the time of his passing lived in Dakota House, a very large seniors building in St. Vital. Lived for much of his life just down the street from another great St. Vitaler, Dr. Rey Pagtakhan who is Councillor Pagtakhan's uncle who became a pretty great community leader in the Filipino community. But I don't want to talk too much about Dr. Du's resume or his accomplishments, I think that's well known in the community and well known to everybody around this chamber. But before the meeting started today, I went over and stood by the sign that's about half a block from here by the Mandarin Building that says, "Honourary Dr. Joseph Du Way" and it has the Chinese characters below that just to sort of remind myself of his achievements. And I think it's…if you go to St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and Christopher Ren was the architect and there is in Latin, there's a statement, "If you seek his memorial, look around you", and well might you say that about Dr. Du if you look around at some of the buildings, the Mandarin Building, some of the housing that's in the China Town area, certainly Dr. Du, Philip Lee and others in that community and I'm sure if Dr. Du was here he would say, it was a community effort, there were a number of people involved. They made a lot of things happen with former Mayor Bill Norrie and a lot of others. So Dr. Du had a great gift in making things progress. I have heard Kerri Irvin-Ross, Brian Bowman and Terry Duguid all make the same comment which is, every time I sit down for lunch with this guy, I end up writing another cheque for a million dollars or some similar amount. I though, that's pretty good when you can unite people from different levels of government, different political parties and all telling that same anecdote. He was a very effective fundraiser and champion for his community. He will be missed. He was certainly l known to my wife before he was known to me. My wife sat on the board of the WCCC with him, the Chinese Cultural Centre. He was at my wife's book launch. He knew my son, so he meant a lot to a lot of families in and around Winnipeg. I will say, I think in concluding that we had an honourary street naming for Dr. Du in November of 2013, I know Councillor Pagtakhan was there, I know former Mayor Katz was there, I know Councillor Wyatt sent his regrets because he was locked into budget meetings because he was the Budget Chair at that time. So we had this honourary street naming and I was at this mic and suddenly there was this clattering behind me and it was while we

were making our speeches the City workers were actually out there fixing the sign saying, “Honouring Dr. Joseph Du Way”, and so I saying, they are like, hey look, they’re actually doing it right away, they are underway as we speak and former Mayor Katz said, “Brian, it's Dr. Du, we don't mess around when it's anything to do with Dr. Du. We're going to get it done right away.” And there was a lot of truth in that that he was a man who commanded your attention and commanded action and got a lot done for his community and for the city as a whole. So he will certainly be missed and sure glad to be able to say a few words in his tribute this morning. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Gilroy, your opening remarks.

Councillor Gilroy: I also want to give my condolence for Councillor Smith and I won't get too much into...Councillor Schreyer did a wonderful job and I know Councillor Eadie who knew him very well talked a little bit about him. But I would like to say that he was a truly community champion and it was really nice to see that he was able to attend the opening of the Sherbrook Pool which I think is one of his legacies as he worked really hard to keep that pool open and it was really nice that he was able to be there before he passed. I would like to also thank the Mayor for talking about the celebration of the UN Day for Elimination of Discrimination. And the celebration does continue on today, not many of you might know this, but 2017 marks the tenth anniversary of the City of Winnipeg become a signatory municipality with the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination. The Citizen Equity Committee has done a lot of work supporting community events and city-led projects that have helped educate and lead a way forward without racism and discrimination. Today we will be co-hosting a lunch and learn with the Diversity Branch to share City highlights from the Winnipeg Police Services, Indigenous Relations Division as well as Community Service Department. I’d like to thank the Citizen Equity’s sub-committee for all their work on CMARD, moving the city forward without racism and discrimination. So I just want to invite you all to the lunch and learn if you have time, I know today is Council but during the lunch hour, we will be having a lunch and learn at the committee rooms on King Street so you are all invited if you want to just pop in. Thanks.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. Just very briefly, so many wonderful things have been said about Harvey and I want to thank Councillor Schreyer and Eadie and the Mayor and Cindy for your comments. I won't repeat too much of what has been said. But I also just wanted to remind people that the memorial service is on Saturday at the West End Cultural Centre for Harvey at 1 o’clock I believe. So I just wanted to make sure that people knew that. I worked with Harvey on Council for 16 years so I probably served with him the longest. And I do have many fond memories. It was funny when my kids were little, they used to come down and they always would like to drop into Harvey’s office and have a chat with him and he did sometimes say some pretty funny things to them. And I do remember him giving the advice that today I remember this, he said to my kids when they were quite little, school-aged kids, “Always find someone to blame.” And I thought that was a really funny capturing of the childlike nature of Harvey because he really was, he always kept that sort of childlike joy in the work he did fighting for the causes that he truly cared about. So, just remembering Harvey and I just wanted to make a few brief remarks and thank everyone else for their wonderful remarks. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. We have a condolence motion before us. Mr. Clerk, will you read the motion into the record.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Harvey Smith, which occurred on March 12, 2017.

Mr. Smith served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Sargent Park Ward from 1980 – 1986 and the Daniel McIntyre Ward from 1998 - 2014.

This Council extends its deepest sympathy on the passing of former Councillor Smith.

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence. Councillor Eadie, will you move that the minutes of the meeting held on February 22nd, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed?

MINUTES

Councillor Eadie moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into delegations. Ms. Kimberley Puhach of the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle. She will speak in support of Item 6 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 15th, 2017 regarding Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. Following that, we will hear from Mr. Sandy Hopkins, if you could make your way down at this time. Good morning and welcome.

DELEGATIONS

Kimberley Puhach: Good morning. I would first like to acknowledge the elders in the gallery here today, megwich for being here. One of the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle elders whose not here unfortunately this morning often reminds us that as we think about the work that we do, that we need to come out of our minds and down into our hearts. And I think it's a very poignant way of starting. I think it's a good perspective. Your Worship, Madam Speaker, members of Council, colleagues and friends, good morning. I'm Kimberley Puhach. I'm a proud member of the Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation. I'm a wife, a mother and a daughter of Indian residential school survivors. I'm a volunteer and I'm a citizen of Winnipeg. And I'm also here as the chair of the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle. As you can imagine, this work is deeply personal and has a profound impact on not only me, but many of us within our community. I'm so honoured to be here with you today and I want to say, megwich and thank you not only for hearing more about the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord, but also for your consideration in approving this motion that really marks important steps in moving together in reconciliation. I wanted to also preface my address this morning by sharing a quote that I recently read in a news article and I thought it was very fitting for us today. Dr. Martin Brokenleg, who many of you may know, renowned psychologist, author, retired professor and expert on inter-generational trauma at a recent conference on recovering and reconciliation was quoted in reference to the future and how we might move forward beyond the TRC recommendations. Quote, "But now we are at a point where the work will become more interpersonal", he said, "it will be small groups of people here and there who just spend time together and to get to know each other and come to appreciate each other for who they are. I think the Canadian society will continue to move in that direction and make some strides as we have already, but there is a long way to go." End quote. I see this as an important call to action for us here this morning. When I consider the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord, I feel hopeful and why do I feel hopeful? The accord is a shared responsibility. It's up to us together. The accord was created with the spirit and intention that honours people and their voices by inviting diverse groups to provide feedback and input through consultation and then ultimate actions. Children provided the vision of their Winnipeg. Elders shared their wisdom. The accord invites all people to join and become signatories. The stories and successes will be shared. It will have collective impact. We have an opportunity to shift from our label as the most racist city to the most inclusive city. The accord creates positive impacts for all people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous. There is a place for everyone to engage. Nothing is too insignificant. It's multifaceted. We are poised to lead especially as the city with the highest and fastest growing Indigenous population, to a new place in responsiveness to the TRC recommendations where people do truly inspire Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to transform Canadian society so that our children and grandchildren can live together with dignity rather, peace and prosperity on these lands that we now share. So, to say in closing, I want to underscore the fact that the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord is not a static document. It's just a moment in time that's living and will continue to grow and develop as it gains momentum throughout all those that join as signatories. My colleagues within the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle have been very committed to the creation of the accord and have been instrumental in framing the document that is before you today. I also want to acknowledge my colleagues from the accord working group, Damon Johnston and Shawn McCormack for all their contributions supported by the Indigenous Relations team, megwich. The public service has been an invaluable and much appreciated resource in bringing to life this document and I know that the Indigenous Relations Division will take great care in gathering and sharing the successes by partnering signatories. I'm so excited about the upcoming accord promotion and the signing, hopefully, this summer. There is so much to be proud of and there's so much to learn from and there is so much work to do that is in front of us, but I feel the momentum. To Mayor Bowman, your leadership and relationship building throughout this process has been tireless and I recognize how meaningful this is to you in many, many ways. I want to thank you for your courage. Knowing that initially your response to the Macleans article had a profound impact on Winnipeg, the establishment of the Circle that Guides, and all of the activities and outcomes related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The accord and all of the activities and outcomes, this city will continue to be better and better. Thank you. Members of Council, thank you in advance for your support, your approval of the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord will have an impact on our community, a profound impact. We are making a commitment together and I want to acknowledge your courage. Megwich, thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms. Puhach for your remarks this morning. If you could just remain on the floor, we will hear from the next speaker and then there will be an opportunity for questions. Thank you. Mr. Damon Johnston, is he

here this morning as well? Damon Johnston? Mr. Damon Johnston? Not here? Okay. Ms Puhach if you could please come forward again, we will now take questions. If there are any questions for our delegation this morning. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm going to be speaking more formally and at greater length when we get to the report later today, but I want to stay thank you very much for your leadership, your words today. Perhaps...my question is…it's simple; could you just walk us through the process you mentioned. The children were involved, the working group and the advice of the Indigenous Advisory Circle as well as the extensive community engagement that occurred which I know you and I participated in as well. Perhaps you could just elaborate on that, but I do want to say thank you very much for your work and your words today.

Kimberley Puhach: It's been an absolute honour and a pleasure to do this work alongside the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle. We have really been at this for almost a year as I look back. And it started off with what we were advised from our elders and many members of the circle in a way that honours our tradition and that we needed to seek the advice of those that will be our future and that's our youth with the knowledge and wisdom of those that have been around a lot longer than us and have lived experience and that's our elders. So, there was a gathering at the Centennial Library where school divisions, many youth gathered and I think you may have seen some of the evidence of that work as you joined us in chamber today just outside. But, youth were asked to create a vision of their future and that's really what inspired the vision statement that is a part of the accord today. Once we had done that work, it was several meetings amongst the circle as well as in consultation with those stakeholders that we thought had an important voice in the document and its drafting. There were over 50 organizations that were spoken to, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, all sectors, public, private, non-for-profit and as I mentioned, Indigenous and non-Indigenous that really guided what is before you. And it was really important work to do that, to be able to take everything that we learned and incorporate it in the spirit in which we heard it, into the document. And it was also the public service that helped us so much in ensuring that what we heard was what we ultimately put to paper. And so here we are today, after having a unanimous approval at our recent meeting with Executive Policy Committee, with what is a historic moment for us as Winnipeggers. And I see it as something that will continue on and on. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Ms Puhach I see that Mr. Damon Johnston has arrived which is wonderful if we could just call him forward to the podium. He is also in support of Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. Mr. Johnston is representing the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg. Welcome.

Damon Johnston: Thank you, Speaker. Morning everyone, Mayor, members of Council. Pleased to be here today to speak in support of the accord. I was…helped out on the committee that drafted the document and those of you who don't know me, I have been active in Winnipeg since 1983 but I was born here in 1947. And I have been working here in the Indigenous communities since the early 60s. And in that period, I've just seen continuous improvement in the growing relationship between members of the Indigenous communities in Canada and other Canadians. And...but relationship, relationship is the most important thing in all of our lives. It's...you know, from just, who is our neighbour and how well we get along with them. Our friends, our family and it's always challenging. We have ups and downs, we know that. But we need inspiration, all of us, as human beings, things that encourage us to move to a better place. And in that case, that's what's so important about this accord. It makes a powerful statement about the kind of relationship we want to have with each other. And in the history of our country, you know, there has been challenges around...the real challenges in the relationship between Indigenous Canadians and other Canadians. And the primary...I think primarily it goes back to the fact that you know, many of us don't feel that Canada, you know, has truly been representative of us in our contribution. I was reminded of that the other day when I was engaging with a well-known business person in Manitoba, some of you may know him Mr. Charles Loewen, and he was relating to me how when members of his community first came to Canada, came here to Manitoba, that they wouldn't have survived without the support of local Indigenous communities. So that's how basic it gets. And then we look across Canada, the City of Edmonton was one of the first cities to adopt an Indigenous accord. And sometimes Alberta is you know, unfairly portrayed as being a little more conservative maybe than other parts of Canada but Edmonton, you know, is leading by example. The Mayor of Edmonton who I have met and his name escapes me for a minute, it will come. I'm getting old now, you know what, is again, is a leader and our own Mayor Bowman now, recognizing these things and bringing it forward to Council. So, I would hope that all of Council will support this accord today and that it will set the stage. You know, our community is huge here in Winnipeg, 90,000, that's the equivalent to two cities of Brandon. It's the youngest, fastest growing population. We are doing everything we can on our side to get our people educated, trained, employed but we can't do this by ourselves. We need your support, we need your encouragement. We need you to work with you to create those opportunities. And I think you know, again, Mayor Bowman has set the stage now for that to occur. So I want to thank you very much for hearing me out today and good luck with all your work in the future.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll now hear from our next delegation, Mr. Sandy Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer with Habitat for Humanity. He is in support of Item 3 of the report of the Executive Policy…or pardon me, on the report of the

Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated March 6th, 2017. This is regarding a community incentive grant for Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity Inc. Welcome.

Sandy Hopkins: Thank you and good morning, everyone. I am here this morning not to make a presentation to you as you've all listened to me patiently more times than perhaps you'd like to over the last while but rather, I'm here to say thank you for your support and to answer any questions that you have.

Madam Speaker: Are there any questions, comments? Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you for your work on this Sandy. I just wanted to…if you could just briefly explain where the project is going to be and the involvement of the Carters and also, I personally want to thank Michelle Perera from your office. You were away when we were starting to do some of the publicity around this with Councillor Gillingham and she certainly filled in very well and did a great job getting word out so if you can just...quick summary I guess of where the project's going to be and...

Sandy Hopkins: Councillor, it would be my pleasure to do that. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter are returning to Winnipeg. They were here 24 years ago. It's unusual for them to come back and so we're delighted to be hosting them and working with the Carters. We will be building 25 homes in total, 16 of those will be permanently in St. James on Lyle Street where we purchased the former St. James police station for the City of Winnipeg. That main...work is under way now, the main build will take place July 10-14th. In addition to the permanent homes that will be on Lyle Street, we will be building five moveable homes, we call them ready to move, RTMs, that will be on platforms and once they have been framed and closed in we will move those and place them on permanent foundations in other parts of the city. So, in total, we will be doing 25 homes in partnership with the Carters and that's the largest number of homes we have built in Winnipeg in a single season and we are also anticipating that we will be building several homes outside of Winnipeg in our chapter communities. So in total, it will be the largest year in Habitat for Humanity in Manitoba's history. And it's contributions like yours that allow that to happen.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you very much. Mr. Hopkins, recently I was invited to a key ceremony in my ward, over on Ross Street and it was a home actually, it was built...it was actually built on a parking lot in the St. Vital in Councillor Mayes' ward by an inter-faith group, remarkably, several different Christian denominations and a Muslim group as well were involved as well as many others. It was just remarkable. Can you just speak to the economic impact both for our community and for the individual new homeowners through these Habitat for Humanity works? We've got several councillors around this chamber today who are, you know, willing to and desire to you know, making…you know, giving a grant to Habitat for these projects. There is an economic return to this as well. This is not just a feel good story. But can you speak to that a little bit, please.

Sandy Hopkins: Councillor, I am happy to do that because impact is actually the most important thing that a charity does. It is the bottom line for a charity. Not what they do but what they do for the community. And of course purchasing a home is a sea chain for a family on low income. It's a dream that all of them have and few are able to realize. We have been fortunate to have two very significant studies done on our behalf on a national basis over the last number of years. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation interviewed a thousand Habitat families from coast to coast. Those families had owned their homes from between three years and 20 years and what CMHC wanted to find out was, what impact home ownership had on the family and what they learned was that consistently across the country and it matched what we have seen anecdotally here in Winnipeg, is that within a very short period of time after purchasing the home the children saw a marked improvement in school performance, the families became much more actively involved in the community and in the school. The children of Habitat families were far more likely to achieve some level of post-secondary education than children in the same economic bracket but not in the habitat program. The families were much healthier because they were in a new home so there were fewer visits to the doctor and the hospital, fewer days missed from school and from work. The families were much less likely to require social assistance and much less likely to require food banks. The number of other positive outcomes as well from that study, and while we were delighted to have that information and readily shared it with our sponsors in our communities it was qualitative information and so we went to the Boston Consulting Group which is a global consultancy with an outstanding reputation and asked them if they could quantify the value that we have been able to see from the CMHC study and put BCG on a pro bono basis, spent two years analysing Habitat records going very carefully through the CMHC study. They created a control group of like families...families with like incomes but not in the Habitat program again, on a national basis and they compared what happened with those families over a 25 year timeline. And what they were able to do was take all of those social benefits that I listed a moment ago from the CMHC study and attach a value to them and they determined that each Habitat family purchasing a home will produce $175,000 in community value over a 25 year period. About half of that is money into the system, new taxes in the form of...there is a house built where there wasn't before, so there's all of the

consumption taxes associated with building the home and the ongoing property taxes from the property. And again, the children are more likely to get a better education and therefore better jobs and children are the control group and they would contribute more tax. Very often we saw one or both of the parents of the Habitat families go back to school and improve their skills and get a better job but the other half of that $175,000 is in social service costs avoided. They don't require social assistance and they are using health care system less and so those costs are avoided so all of us as taxpayers are able to direct those funds to others who are in need. So there is a very considerable benefit to it. This project this year will generate a 10 percent annual return for the community when you combine actual return on investment, financial return on investment, social return on investment. We will be investing $6.5 million in this project in its entirety to build the 25 homes. Those 25 homes will make mortgage payments to Habitat which then go back into the building of more homes and over a 50 year period the mortgage payments will generate enough income, an additional $15 million to build 58 more homes. That means 83 homes will be built with this initial $6.5 million investment, not just the 25 this year. At the end of that 50 years, 15 of those homes will still be new and will still have full mortgage value. And the families…the 83 families helped at $175,000 per family yields another $14 million so the 6.5 million we're investing this year will be worth over $40 million in the constant dollar model to this community. Thank you for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's been my pleasure since I think my very first week as a city councillor to join in on key ceremonies in my ward. I believe since the last election it's been my pleasure to I think, attend more key ceremonies than any other councillor. We have had quite a few projects in the last three years in East Elmwood and it's been my pleasure over 20 years to have been working on Habitat projects across Canada and primarily here in Winnipeg. And when it comes to the projects we see as an example, maybe the North End or in East Elmwood, people often wonder how it is that Habitat ends up with these houses. And I thank Mr. Hopkins for his explanation thus far and I was hoping that he could clarify on how it is that Habitat works within the system to purchase these lots.

Sandy Hopkins: Sure. Perhaps the best way to answer that, Councillor, is to give you a quick snapshot of where our money comes from. We have three sources of cash. The first of those is our social enterprise called the Restore which has recently been joined by a new social enterprise called Habitat Handyman. And the internal purpose of those businesses is to create enough income to cover our overhead admin costs so my salary, the light bill and so forth is paid for in that manner. The second source of income is the money we raise in the communities such as the community incentive grants that we are requesting and that money is used to cover the out of pocket costs to build the houses. Our out of pocket cost this year is going to be close to $190,000 per unit. So, despite having volunteer labour, which we are delighted to have as that reduces our costs significantly, we still have a lot of material and professional labour we have to pay for so about $190,000 a unit. That does not include the land on which the house is built and we are buying that land typically one, two, three years in advance. We're going to our bank and borrowing the money to pay for the land and the development fees so, for example, where we are building in St. James, we'll have a 1.2 million spent before we dig our first…before we dug our first foundation, we spent a 1.2 million. So we borrow that money from the bank and we repay that with the first 15 years of mortgage payments from the houses on the property we build and then the remainder of those mortgage payments go directly into the project. So, in simple terms, the Restore covers our overhead, money raised in the community gets the houses built and the mortgage payments ensure that there is always a land bank to build more homes.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Hopkins mentioned $190,000 per unit independent of the cost of the lot. I noticed, as an example, right on Nairn Avenue in East Elmwood, the generous size…side-by-sides. When Mr. Hopkins mentions the 190,000 per unit, does he talk about each unit within the building or is that the cost of the entire building?

Sandy Hopkins: That's the cost for...if it for side-by-side units, slightly less than that. That is the cost per side on a single family home, that's the cost for the home itself. Yes. Two of the councillors have mentioned key ceremonies and we always invite the councillor to attend the key ceremony in their ward. And so many of you have attended, some have not had the opportunity to do so and I would invite you to attend some key ceremonies in the future if we haven't been able to build in your ward as yet. They are a wonderful experience and obviously is the point at which we turn the house over to the family.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further, Councillor Schreyer? Okay, Councillor Dobson.
Councillor Dobson: I was just wondering, how many Habitat homes have been built in Winnipeg in the past including the 25 that are going to happen this year?

Sandy Hopkins: When we add the 25 this year, we will be close to 375 in the City of Winnipeg and a little over 400 in total including the ones we built outside of Winnipeg. So the ongoing property taxes from those homes is probably approaching is three quarters of a million dollars now and of course at a split but it does provide a reasonable return to the city each year.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Yeah, second question; do we anticipate building 20 or 25 houses each year for the coming years or just…?

Sandy Hopkins: It's purely cash driven. Each fall, we go through a sophisticated business planning exercise to determine what we think our cash availability is going to be the next year, to determine how many homes we can build based on the cost to build. And we have been successful over the last number of years in building 20 plus each year since 2010. Other than 2016, we were just under 2016, but where...and next year is going to be a struggle to get to 20, Councillor. There is going to be some donor fatigue from the Carter project.

Councillor Dobson: That's good, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, thank you very much for your presence here today at Council, Mr. Hopkins. We will now move into committee reports. First up is the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 8th, 2017, Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 8, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move...sorry I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 to 3.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Item 2 has been stood down. I'll call the question on Item 1 and 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Canada 150 Funding Agreements with the Government of Canada

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor. Okay, Councillor Schreyer if you wish to make your remarks.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I wish to speak on this because there are two funding agreements with the Government of Canada that relate directly to community centres in my ward of Elmwood-East Kildonan; both the Valley Garden Community Centre as well as the East Elmwood Community Centre. In my…I think in my second month as a city councillor, having a meeting with Councillor Wyatt with the community centre board of directors for Valley Gardens and dealing with the very serious issue of multi-thousand dollars splash pad project which had been previously established with the previous executive and previous Councillor Thomas Steen. And as they went about looking at the project more seriously as a board, looking at sort of the challenges that they would face as in the longer term, in terms of how the community centre relates to other areas of this great block in Valley Gardens which includes Kildonan East High School with the football field with the Elmwood Kildonan Swimming Pool as well as with the Slaw Rebchuk Arena as well as the school right beside it and the civic park landfill, which was right in the middle of it all and including the baseball fields, the soccer fields, et cetera and how we cope with this in terms of a longer term strategy. It was requested of me to accept taking $150,000 of that previously committed $300,000 that was dedicated from the ward allowance from Thomas Steen to put towards a master plan, which I thought was, while necessary given the way they had discussed it with Councillor Wyatt and myself, because there was some very reasonable concerns, options to consider in terms of a long-term plan, just alone in terms of the placement of the splash pad, which in fact it changed place from the Kildonan...Elmwood Kildonan Pool to…to in front of Antrim…in front of the community centre. So there is a lot to think about as well as doing some…some field enhancements. So I did agree to that. I was told at that time...I didn't have much to go on except working in good faith and good will with the board of directors of Valley Gardens Community Centre, but I was told that there would be a chance to get that money back to continue to honour the commitment of Thomas Steen and his previous commitment with the previous board and on that basis, having spoken after that with Clive Wightman about East Elmwood as well because there were concerns as well in terms of delays which...and also cost overruns regarding the building of the new centre. And so I do recall having a conversation

with Mr. Wightman in terms of his offering that the City put in for a Canada 150 Grant. And on that basis, I thought that was a great idea to solve these problems. And I didn't know it would take so long. I didn't know that in fact, it was coming forth. But in fact it did and I was very relieved that, in dealing with the Valley Gardens Community Centre and all the concerns that we have in terms of maintaining the intent of the splash pad and going forth with a long-term plan, and also, just the balance between where the money goes to maintain the commitment and other things. We've arrived at what I believed to be a great moment. Bear in mind it's been over three years since the initial plan of the splash pad and we have to take into consideration construction inflation which in this case could be well, approaching $150,000 depending on how you look at it and when this is going to be complete. And on that basis, the amount for the splash pad is greater. It's going to be a slightly bigger and better splash pad. The resources are there. But given the amount of time, I believe that we have consensus on this amongst the three councillors that share the catchment for Valley Gardens; Councillors Browaty, Councillor Wyatt and myself, as well as with the administration and the board of the Valley Gardens Community Centre. I've said publicly and on the front page of the Herald two years ago after I made this agreement with Valley Gardens and it was passed here at Council, ratifying funds taken from the previous...a commitment to the splash pad to be used for other things that in the end I would be relying on consultation with the community and at least with the community that I represent which is about 62 percent of the catchment. Councillor Wyatt and the board said there should be more than one consultation and in fact, Valley Gardens Community Centre did have their consultation last summer. I…they may be doing more and I stand as well to maintain my commitment to doing so very soon because we want to get the ball rolling as Councillor Wyatt has said. We have to spend this money by the end of the year. So with that, I better stop talking, let's get to it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: That was a very defensive speech, but a very good news announcement that you have been doing a lot of good work on, Councillor Schreyer. Very briefly, there is one of these provisions that applies to the St. Vital Ward and that is a public art project at the Portage and Main of St. Vital, namely St. Anne's and St. Mary's, that intersection, some good work done here by Colleen Mayer before she was MLA. I'll confound people to say I never say anything good about the members of the Provincial Government, but I'm saying something good about Colleen Mayer who's a St. Vital provincial representative, did some good work on the board of the BIZ to get federal grant money. It was one of Shelley Glover's final actions before the 2015 election. This was announced just before that election so it didn't really get any publicity. So the City is putting in 250 grand to revitalize…through the BIZ, through the BIZ to revitalize that St. Mary's Road area and now we have an additional 50,000 from the Feds which is going to make for pay great project. The competition has been run with BIZ' involvement. Winnipeg Art Council was here yesterday as you know, Madam Speaker, the Manitoban…Manitobans for the Arts were here for Arts and Culture Day yesterday. They were talking to me about this project. It's slated to be unveiled in August. And I think it's worth pointing out, just the good work being done by the Arts Council in terms of the public art in this city isn't just downtown, it isn't just Assiniboine Park. They are getting out. They have opened this project in St. Vital, there was one in, I think, Councillor Browaty's ward last year on Reenders, Denise Prefontaine piece. And you know, it was a Monday night, Kurdish New Year was being celebrated at the St. Vital Park Pavilion and there was a lot of fire involved and they were using the very functional public art piece called Écobuage, which is right next to the new pavilion which is like an art piece that's also a barbecue site. And so it was this great new-comers to Winnipeg using an old park with a new building and with this new public art piece all coming together. So the Arts Council is I think without a lot of fanfare doing some very good public arts projects not just in the downtown, but also out into the suburbs like my ward. So, this would be a great addition to that fleet of projects that they are doing and again I wanted to thank Shelley Glover and Colleen Mayer for their work in making this grant happen. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers on the item? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now, on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 15th, 2017. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 15, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6. I would like to pull Item 6, please.

Madam Speaker: Two, four and six have been stood down. Okay, I'll call the question on Item 1, 3 and 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Civic Governance and Operational Review and Performance Assessment

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

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you. As members of Council and the public that have been watching will know, recommendation from Executive Policy Committee on the civic governance and operational review and performance assessment is to move this matter forward for consideration as part of Council's deliberation for the budget. This is a matter that I think and I hope transcends the politics of the day as this is about good governance and, of course, providing an improved framework or the potential for an improved framework for the future for Winnipeg's City Council. As such, I would simply ask that all members of Council, myself included, of course, try to do our best not to politicize this discussion and simply focus on what's in the best interests of Winnipeggers long-term. And that's why I'm proud that EPC is supportive of moving this matter forward for the budget for consideration so that we can earmark appropriate funds to do an independent job as was called for in the original motion by Councillor Wyatt. And I'm proud to support that effort moving forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I just wanted to speak to this. And I had much to say at EPC when I was there the other day. So I just wanted to, Madam Speaker, just focus in on that I think EPC did acknowledge that waiting for 20 years is a long time and probably best practice to review this kind of stuff every ten years, Madam Speaker. And my only concern that we did refer getting this independent review done early enough is that the last independent review that was done and recommendations followed through, through the Council led by Susan A. Thompson at the time, it was prepared and was ready to go prior to the 1998 election. So that as that new council came in, there would be new structure, an improved structure over what existed at the time, but it's proven that there is more...there is more improvements, Madam Speaker, required in helping us as Council work better together and actually to work better with the City's administration who is charged with undertaking the budgets we pass and as well as undertaking all the policies that we may lay out, Madam Speaker, and to make sure that there's checks and balances and appropriate procedures and so on to follow. So that is important. And so, the only thing I wanted to mention is I am disappointed that we are putting this off. We are looking for the money in the 2018 budget. I will take it at face value that EPC is...and that is the power of the current structure, that it will be considered to have this study undertaken. But by moving it to the 2018 budget to find the money, what we are doing is basically saying, we're not going to improve it so that we as colleagues and whoever gets re-elected or whatever is able to work better together, we're not going to be able to do that. So, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to reflect on that, that I am somewhat disappointed that we couldn't do it that way, and I guess I'll leave it for others to speak to the governance. But you know, I will make a final comment. It is not a political thing. The reality is, it is frustrating working under the current model as it is, Madam Speaker, thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to...as the mover of this, I want to thank Councillor Eadie who is the seconder of this. This was brought to Council in the fall. It was brought forward in the…October the 26th, 2016. And it was laid over in November. The reality is, Madam Speaker, is we already went through an entire budget cycle. This matter could have gone to the budget last year and we could have found the funds for it. Finding the funds is an excuse to do nothing, which is exactly what's happening here. If I would be somewhat political on this, which this is, the last time I checked, a political chamber, that this is being delayed purposely and it's being delayed purposely and one could argue cynically, to get it past the next civic election cycle because by the time this gets to the civic budget which would probably be in the fall or December, by the time funds are found, by the time somebody is actually hired, the report itself will be issued well beyond the next civic election. I think that's a lost opportunity. I think it's a lost opportunity, Madam Speaker, because I believe that this council was elected on change. I believe we were brought here for change. People got tired of what happened in the last term. We have heard this over and over again from many members of Council including the Mayor, including members of EPC that said, we were elected for change. We want to have change. We want to have openness. We want to have accountability. Well, Madam Speaker, one of the greatest ways to ensure that we have that process and system in place is to ensure that the system we have today here at City Hall changes because it is broken. There is no doubt in my mind. When you have a mayor...whoever the mayor is, it doesn't matter who the mayor is, have the kind of powers that he or she is bestowed on through the office and through the system of government we have today. There is very few checks, very few checks on that power. And we saw what happened, Madam Speaker, in the last term. And we see it unfolding now. And one can only imagine what could happen in the future if we do not do what we know is right. Every ten years previously there was a review, a comprehensive review undertaken of the governance structure of this chamber and of Council. In 1976, the Taraska report, in 1986, the Cherniak report, in 1997, the Cuff report. Major initiatives, Madam Speaker, major initiatives that led to significant changes in the governance structure of this council. It's been now exactly 20 years. Twenty years since we have

undertaken a review, that's what this report is calling for; a comprehensive, independent, operational review and performance assessment of the public...senior public service. This was inspired, Madam Speaker out of many things such as what happened in the last term, but it's also been inspired in the fact that we seem to be kind of going back to the future. We're going back to the old ways, the old ways where we're staffing up at the most senior level where out of the blue, EPC earmarks hundreds of thousands of dollars of new funding for senior management positions that never existed before. Why? To support the office of the CAO, basically, for all intents and purposes, recreating the old board of commissioners. Now, Madam Speaker, I don't know about you, but the old board of commissioners was a great place to ensure that nothing got done. It was a source of red tape, a source of bureaucratic inertia. It was the resistance of public policy and public policy development at that time. And once again, we are not creating the nimble municipal corporation that we could be creating to create public policy to initiate new ideas, but instead we're creating a large bureaucracy supported by a large CAO's office that is growing, growing every year with new funding being earmarked at a time, Madam Speaker, at a time when we are being told that we have to find cuts, that we have to save, that we have to slow down other projects, that we have to cut in other areas. But the CAO's office and all the bureaucrats, that, hands off. Not only hands off, but we'll add more money and we'll create new positions. Now, the argument was that it was, you know, no new funding was going to be required, but Madam Speaker, we know over time, once those positions are created, the funding is in the budget and the budget lines go up. That's...that's…there is no doubt about that, Madam Speaker. So I come back to the argument of why this was delayed. Why was this delayed? We can find money for these new positions. We can find money for creating new positions. But when it comes to the tough challenge and this is not an easy initiative, I agree a hundred percent. I agree with the Mayor's promise in the last election, that EPC should be elected. A promise which I think many Winnipeggers took at face value that they really wanted to see. One of the reasons why I think many Winnipeggers voted for the Mayor was because he promised major changes in terms of our governance structure and in terms of how business is being done here at City Hall. Major changes that Winnipeggers wanted that are not happening. Instead, we get delays. Instead, we have delay tactics. Instead of action, we have inaction, Madam Speaker. And we have excuses. I took the budget chair's word last fall that he was behind this, that he liked this idea, Councillor Gillingham. That he supported this a hundred percent. But then he became Chair of Finance and now it's getting referred off to budget to be buried. Madam Speaker, that's not the way to do business. Let's make this happen now. We have another report coming up in this council meeting…this very meeting, we found $200,000 to analyze and study organics and how to build a system for organics. We have $200,000 for that, but we don't have some money here? I'm prepared to throw in some money from my ward allowance if that's what it takes. I'll throw some money…you know, we can find money to hire consultants, 26,000 to do a bicycle report on bicycle helmets. We can find $68,000 to sole source another report, Madam Speaker, to hire a consultant to study sidewalks and new housing developments? We can find tens of thousands of dollars, Madam Speaker. The public sector seems to pull the money where they want to and find it where they need it, but when we actually need something like this, as important as this and we are told don't politicize this with all due respect, Mr. Mayor, you have politicized this by deferring this to the budget. You have politicized this. I chose not to. I chose to support a layover past the last budget for the very reason of not politicizing it. Unfortunately, sir, you have chosen to politicize this and that's why I'm not going to vote for this and that's why I'm not going to vote for a delay. I want this to happen now. I want to see this happen now. Winnipeggers want change now. They are tired of the fact that Council is constantly making excuses not to do the tough lifting now. Let's do it now and get on with the job. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I spoke to this at EPC and I'm just going to say a few words to it today. I came here to make change, to make positive change. Making change is very difficult, it's not easy. I have never worked in such a dysfunctional environment ever and I see the waste, I see taxpayers' dollars being wasted. I see what the future holds for my kids under this type of environment. I see how fast things can occur and studies can be done when it's, you know, wanted to. But this is the governance model that we work under. I take offence to the fact that I may be seen to be politicizing it. It's not. Every time I've said a statement on this, other than now, but I will now, I have said it's not personal. It's about the governance system we operate under. It is just unbelievable that we have so many people here that we sit around the circle with and we can't, because of the governance model, work together and come together. We are getting e-mails at all times of the night just recently, yesterday, e-mails this long. Why can't we sit down and talk? It's because of the governance model and it is extremely disappointing to me and to many people that I speak to, many residents that I speak to, that they are not seeing this kind of change because that's what they voted for. That's what they voted me in for and it's beyond disappointing. So, I will not be supporting this either.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is quite an interesting discussion. Having been here for a while, I have served under three mayors, so I have...and I've sat on EPC, I've sat in opposition for ten years. I've sat in this council where I am not on EPC but I am working in a much more collaborative way, the way this mayor has set things up. So, to speak to the issue of government, I've heard it said that this is about governance, but openness and

accountability is one thing and governance is another thing. Governance is the structure we use. Do we have a strong mayor model? Do we have a weak mayor model? When you look at those issues, those are the issues and whatever governance model we have has advantages and disadvantages. When you are on the out...you know, what was I going to say? Sorry. So, to me it's not a hundred percent clear that one governance model is better than another and we do need to study that and we will study that. And I find it interesting that some of the councillors who used to be on the inside, Councillor Wyatt was Finance Chair and he served on EPC, you know, now he doesn't like this model. He is frustrated. He is not in the inner circle, I suppose the inner circle. But this mayor has broadened that inner circle and I think what this has to do also is we say people aren't working together, it's dysfunctional. Okay, but again, is that the governance model that's dysfunctional or is it the people around this table over the years? Like…and actually, I have been here. So I think it's the personalities around this table that make it dysfunctional and I don't think it's fair to put that on Mayor Bowman. This is all of us together and how we work together. And the reality is that some members of Council find it easier to be in opposition. I was in opposition and I hated it. I mean, I want to be part of a team. I want to get stuff done. That's why I'm here. That's why all of us are here. We want to get stuff done, but sometimes, if you don't agree with the agenda and it is political, you don't agree with the person who is in power, you want to be more powerful yourself or you don't agree with what they are doing, whichever it is, it's political. We are in a political environment. Well, you are going to not necessarily want to work together and guess what, it takes two people to work together. It takes two people to collaborate. So if you sit back and say, I'm not going to take on, you know, responsibilities and work and stuff that the Mayor offers you, I'm not going to come to those meetings when you are reached out to, to be part of something and then you know, of course, nobody knows that part because that's private. Then you say, you know, I'm left out and I'm excluded and I'm not part of this. So there is another part of this that the public doesn't see and I just think, let's be honest, like, we can all take on work without being on EPC. Like, you know, you can work really hard. There's all kinds of files to work on and there's all kinds of ways that we can all contribute. This has to do with us and how we choose to work together. And yes, it's a political system but we have the advantage at the municipal level of not being a partisan system which is really enjoyable, which is one of the reasons I've stuck around this long. It's nice to put aside our party differences and work towards common goals and that's what we have the opportunity to do here. So, you know, I have no problem with looking at the governance model. We can look at it but what it comes back with might even surprise you. There are advantages to a strong mayor model or weak mayor model. I didn't enjoy some of the way, the personalities of some of our leadership in the ten years under the previous council. I found it really frustrating but changing the governance model may not have changed it all that much. You know, it's who was there and the way they chose to treat people. And frankly, in fairness to Mayor Bowman, if you look at the efforts he's made to reach out, some of which have been rejected, and that's your choice, but that's you. That's on you, friends. So, those who have wanted to work together have been given plenty of opportunities to do so and I think the Mayor, who is getting beaten up on this, which is fine, it's a political thing that we do, needs a little bit of defence here to put this all in a broader perspective because governance structure is one thing, openness and accountability is another thing. Has there been anything done on openness and accountability since the days of the police headquarters project and the former CAO and some of the stuff that happened? Yeah, I think they have seen change and I hope that the message going out to our constituents, the message I am telling mine when I am in a community meeting or I'm with my residents I'm saying yeah, things are better because we have done all these audits, we've introduced an Ethics Commissioner, we've implemented the audit changes. You know, I am not on EPC, but I have the opportunity to be part of more discussions. I've been given roles to play and I have been doing the work and many of you have been working really hard in the roles you have been given. And you work really hard as the councillors in your area, but it's a choice really of how you're looking at this. I tend to look at it in a positive way. I think we have a really…we have a mayor who has made some really strong commitments on racism, on reconciliation. He has done some brave things that I really support. I mean, we don't come from the same political background, but we are here to get stuff done I'll say politely. We are here to get stuff done and there's lots of ways to get stuff done and we can sit here and, oh it's us and them and it's this and that and I have been on both sides and I've taken out the radio ads, I've worked with Councillor Wyatt on stuff when I was really mad and I fought with Harvey Smith with the 25-cent fare increase when I didn't agree what was happening and that's great. That's what we are here to do. We're here to fight for what we believe but can we talk about something that we believe? I believe a lot of the things this council is doing in the last couple of years. It's been a huge improvement. So let's say that. Let's be positive about our work and what we are doing and the legacy that this council is leaving on things like reconciliation, things like rapid transit, things like an active transportation strategy. Like, there's been some really exciting things that I was crawling up a mountain alone talking about. Growth fees, for years, would somebody bring in growth fees? Will somebody talk about sprawl, one of Harvey Smith's big issues? We are doing all these things. So let's be happy about it. Let's celebrate what we are doing and let's…yeah, let's have a governance review when we get to that but that's not going to really change it…things. It will be one form of governance or another. It's the people that the citizens of Winnipeg elect who sit here and who they are and what their values are and what they fight for that really matters. And right now, I'm feeling pretty good about what this council is doing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi…Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am extremely disappointed that this is being delayed. I believe our governance model right now doesn't work and I thank Councillor Gerbasi for pointing out that it may be the people in this room that is part of the problem. But regardless, let's just clear the air. Let's do the study. Let's do it quickly. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. I welcome after 20 years the possibility of a review. I appreciate that it was pointed out by our councillor from Transcona that every ten years for many decades in a row, at the ten year mark there was a review. I don't know why in the last term of Council which was long past ten years, the motion wasn't brought forward or wasn't at least passed to conduct a review. I don't know the answer to that. Perhaps I'll have to ask some that were here prior to me. However, the cost of the review is not known. The length of time it would take to conduct a fulsome review is not known as well so it makes the most sense to refer this to the 2018 budget process. In referring it to the 2018 budget process, members of EPC, certainly myself included, have not said that we are not or I am not in favour of…of a review. I...from time to time, I reach out to those that served in this chair before…before I got here, so I have conversations with former Councillor Scott Fielding, now Minister Fielding and I have conversations as well with former Councillor Jae Eadie who served as the City Councillor for the St. James area for 25 plus years. And in discussing this with him, he said yes, it may be time for the review and it makes sense. I said in the fall as the Councillor from Transcona pointed out that perhaps it's time and I would support that and I still will but…but let's put it to the 2018 budget process to determine a clear understanding of what it will cost the taxpayers of Winnipeg and how much time would be needed to conduct a review that is needed that can be fulsome and give us insight into the operations and the best path forward as well. So thank you, I will be supporting this motion to move it to the 2018 budget process.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just rise…I wanted to make what I think is an important point which hasn't really been spoken about yet, but...and I think this would be good for the edification of the public as well who may be listening to this debate. We don't have the unilateral authority to alter our governance model. The governance model that we have is established under the Winnipeg Charter Act which is provincial legislation. The last time this was done EPC was established, the Executive Policy Committee. Executive committees are historically a very stable form of governance. They really started back hundreds and hundreds of years ago in the UK when for the fledgling parliament rose from the ashes to really push back against the powers of the Crown and create balance in government and even in those days, there was an executive committee or cabinet. And in the Manitoba government, of course everybody is familiar with the Premier's cabinet. And our EPC, to be clear, is based on that exact same model and if you crack open a copy of the Winnipeg Charter Act, you will find the sections, I don't have them off the top of my head that describe word by word what our governance model is and how it's to be established. So I really do think that…like, I am certainly not averse to the idea of having a review of our governance model although I have to say, like, I think the current model is a very tried, true and established stable model that allows governance to proceed in an orderly fashion. But the other thing I would caution is that I think it would be premature in budget deliberations to say okay, we're going to go ahead, find out how much it costs, which we should, and allocate money to it without knowing that the Provincial Government is going to take the results of that study seriously because otherwise, we are just wasting our time and money. So I mean, to me, that would be something that I think we would need to know is you know, if we are going to have this study done, whatever it's going to cost, whether it's a few hundred thousand dollars of taxpayers' money, is going to just collect dust on a shelf at the legislature or is the government of the day going to actually amend our legislation to implement whatever the recommendations of Council are. So I'm a little bit concerned that we might be putting the cart before the horse here and I think it's another good reason to refer it off to the 18 budget but I think before we really make any serious deliberations as to allocation of funds to a study that we don't have the legislative power to implement its recommendations, would be premature. I just wanted to add those comments to the record.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gilroy: Madam Chair, it's been 20 years since our last civic governance and operational review and performance assessment and I rise in support of doing a proper review. We need to make sure that we have the funding to do an external and independent comprehensive review. Each and every one of us here today comes to the table with a different perspective on how we manage our city. Each of us has a political agenda and a very different way on how we move this agenda forward. After all, this is politics. The people of Winnipeg that we represent need to know that we are not doing this review ourselves and that their interest is being represented. That this review is going to look at best practices and review of our own current and former structures and what works within other jurisdictions. We all know that there are pros and cons to the different governance structures and we need one that fits into the Winnipeg concept. We need a structure that allows for co-operation with councillors without gridlocking the work that needs to be done. We need a process that puts the interests of citizens of Winnipeg above the political agenda of the councillors and mayors of

the day. This is why we need a comprehensive and independent review and this is why I will be supporting this motion today. And I just also wanted to thank Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Eadie who originally put this motion forward and made sure that this happened today. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before last election, during the campaign of the last municipal election...and again I addressed this when this issue was on the agenda for the Executive Policy Committee and I attended in delegation. And I did mention that in my one pamphlet I put out, I had very few campaign commitments set out on there, it was pretty simple to me that the priorities, the consensus priorities for my ward were the same across the city and I felt I was completely in sync as I was going door to door, as I was getting motivated realizing that I actually would be running for City Council, I hadn't thought of it the day before I made my decision, incredibly, but I realized this is the place to be because this is where we needed a change. One of the four campaign commitments I had on my one pamphlet was to restore confidence in City governance and there's a few things that went along with that including open greater openness accountability in private contracts and things like that. Very little. That just meant to me how important these commitments were. Not just to me, but I felt to the people that had to make a judgment in the last election. And I felt so confident in that, not only going door to door in my ward, in Elmwood and East Kildonan, but because of what I saw in the greater campaign around the city. And, so, I just felt we were going to have a new city council, and we do. And we were going to have a better city council, and I think we do. But I have to admit that my commitment and what I thought the commitment was, the consensus of commitment of the new council was to deal to the best of our ability with improving governance to the extent that it would be visible and up front by the next election, so we could say so. This offers that opportunity, black and white, straight up. Now I have to admit, Madam Speaker, you can only use the term, you know, it's your first year, your first term for so long, but I must admit in my naivety maybe I was relying on my council colleagues in taking leadership on this issue for which I would support as I have done so when I see that I should be giving support. This item comes up, I don't think it's too late. This item comes up and I support it with its intent to do this as soon as possible. That it has been prevailed upon me and not just me, Madam Speaker, that the funds are there to do what I think is very important because it was a consensus issue from the very beginning of this council to do this now, that it doesn't have to be part of a specific budget because we have the money for it. Madam Speaker, it costs $50,000 to do a study in terms of how we should utilize the fields and resources in a square block of a community centre and a park and an arena and a pool, $50,000 for resources that are already there, $50,000 for that. So, we're talking about over a $1 billion budget every year over ten years, that's $10 billion. What does it take, Madam Speaker? At the time when we had a salient election which people expected to understand why it would be better besides the baggage of personalities and stuff like this, why and how. This is an opportunity do it now. Now Madam Speaker, I didn't make this political...well okay, I did. I made it political before the last election. I don't think I have done anything inconsistent with this on this issue, including supporting us to take this motion and move it now. And Madam Speaker, I would like to explain why I believe it could be considered more political if we move it and delay it to budget. One, I don't have the confidence at this time that we would be able to show what it is that we are resolving in terms of governance model at least being able to show to the Provincial Government before the next election and where we all stand on it. And I think that is very important. Madam Speaker, I don't consider myself an oppositional city councillor. I have never said that about myself. I'm sure I could campaign effectively on it, but I never said that. Madam Speaker, if I were to remind you what I said earlier this morning about Harvey Smith, Harvey Smith never sought power for the sake of power. He showed no interest on serving on City Hall's Executive Policy Committee, he resisted this as he wanted to be free to speak on behalf of the citizens he represented and to push their issues. Madam Speaker, that is why I am here. That's why I ran. I believe it's part of why I got elected and why I can stand free in the next election and explain why I said what I said and why I did what I did, and why I voted how I voted to give credit where credit is due. Madam Speaker, I have voted against every single member of this council and I voted with every single member of this council. May I remind us that on the very first council meeting, very first budget, I voted against Councillors Wyatt and Eadie and it wouldn't be the last time, just as an example. Councillors Eadie and Wyatt voted with the majority of Council when I have not. That's the facts of my involvement in terms of voting. Madam Speaker. I made a commitment and I made it public that I would work with whoever got elected because that's my job and I continue to do so. Madam Speaker, I don't believe…I don't believe it. I don't believe I have over politicized anything. We deal with politics here because we deal with policy. And on that basis, Madam Speaker, I believe I have done my job. I continue every single day to work with every councillor in good faith. I believe we can do that better. And I believe an analysis of our governance could enhance that. I believe that Madam Speaker. I believe we can improve our system. The idea that I am considered an opposition councillor...it's a...why would that be the case? What have I done? I vote against and I vote for, I always explain myself. It's not my job to vote with the majority. It's not my job to vote with the minority. It's my job to vote as I see fit and to explain it. That's my job, that's what I do and I will do that every day to the benefit of the city, to my ward and this council working with everybody constructively. Will we have criticisms? Yes. Will it get political? Yes. Madam Speaker, my concern is that if we move this to the next budget and I vote against the next budget, it could be said I voted against the item to bring forth a governance analysis. Well, Madam Speaker, it's been said about me before, I think that's political but these things happen, Madam Speaker. I'm trying to get a governance analysis out of politics and the best way to do that is to deal

with it separately because then we can all know where we stand and we don't have to play politics in terms of who voted for what, it's just out there and I think that's really important. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thank you, Madam Speaker and I want to acknowledge and just thank each member of Council for their views on this. This council should be very proud of the results we are delivering for Winnipeggers and I think each member of Council should take pride in the work that we have undertaken to date. This is something I am proud to move forward and to support. I chuckled when Councillor Gerbasi reminded those watching that we are not from the same political party. That is very true. But I like the fact that...one of the things I like about this level of government is the fact that we have members of political parties working collaboratively together and I'm proud that we have balanced three budgets since I have been elected here, that has had the support of New Democrats, Liberals, Conservatives and some people I don't even know what your political views are. Some of them change quite often. So, I like the fact that we can work collaboratively together and I think it was…it was accurate to point out as has been pointed out by several of my colleagues that the governance structure is only as good as those who have the privilege of participating in this chamber and it's up to all of us to demonstrate on a daily basis that collaboration and I think we have made great strides. And I am proud of the work that…that certainly I've had the opportunity to do with each member of Council and I will continue to look for those opportunities throughout this year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question on Item 2 – Civic Governance and Operational Review and Performance Assessment. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. That's four. So it will have to be a recorded vote. There is more than three in opposition that would like to be recorded. All in favour of Item 2, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer and Councillor Wyatt

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 11, Nays 5.

Madam Speaker: Item 2 passes. Mr. Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 - SHED Phase 2 Public Investments – True North Square Plaza Construction Grant

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

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

Madam Speaker: Item No. 4, any speakers? Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just felt that I should take the time to speak to this report. The True North Square and these projects that are happening in the SHED District are very important to the growth and vibrancy of downtown Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, there is no doubt about it. And I appreciate that the private sector is investing as well as the City is foregoing receiving tax payments to cover off the building of some public amenities and so on, in regards to this development downtown, Madam Speaker. So, I understand the whole concept behind it. It really is that structures that get built that are technically paying for what's there although it does mean that revenue that would otherwise be coming in as tax dollars to the City of Winnipeg for general operations and goods, will be foregone for a number of years, I can't remember the exact years, I think it's 20 years in here depending on which project and so on, Madam Speaker. So, I mean, I support that. True North is a committed organization to the City. But, Madam Speaker, I can't vote for it today. Not consciously. I cannot with my conscience do this. The MTS Centre is also an asset held by the same, very same company. It is doing very well, Madam Speaker and you know, we really appreciate the work that went into getting that off the ground, bringing the Jets, we've got the Moose, we've got...everything is happening there, Madam Speaker, it's great. It's a successful business story, Madam Speaker. But, in the face of what's needing more

revenue to cover off $9.5 million of snow because we didn't handle the snow reserve properly, we didn't have one, we got rid of it, Madam Speaker. So…but what we are doing is, we're building this new structure downtown by providing this incremental financing, Madam Speaker. In the meantime, we have funds like the accessibility fund that's going into supposedly fix buildings that we own that are not accessible, old buildings. So, we are deciding that no, we can forego that. We can forego that, Madam Speaker, this is what I'm hearing. This is what we have asked our departments, Madam Speaker. We have asked them to, you know, put off $425,000 worth of really needed investment for people with disabilities to be able to use the facilities that we have all around Winnipeg including maybe even some downtown. I didn't look at the list, Madam Speaker. So in good conscience, when I see this going forward and I don't see us moving a motion going forward to have True North give up their entertainment tax rebate back of what amounts to 6 to $8 million, Madam Speaker, that can be used instead of cutting back on making facilities accessible. So while I appreciate the work that True North does, I can't, with good conscience, vote for this when we are not demanding of them, who are prospering, who are rich, wealthy. They are proceeding in a manner that I don't think is fair to us who are being left out of society. And I don't think it's proper, Madam Speaker. So with good conscience, I can't do it. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this and I appreciate Councillor Eadie talked about the importance of this in the downtown. It's a $400 million private investment. That is unprecedented. It's huge and it's going to have a really big impact on the overall redevelopment of the downtown. It's not any one thing ever, but it's a big part of it and we have all seen the difference when we saw things like the MTS Centre happening and other big investments. This is massively bigger than that investment in terms of private sector dollars which was I think was $80 million from the private sector. This is massive. The tax increment financing that's being used, the public dollars are only going to public amenities, and those public amenities would not be happening without using the tax increment financing and we are talking about walkway...extending the walkway system significantly. That probably would not be happening…it would not be happening. The public plaza that if you've seen the plans for this is, it's absolutely incredible. We don't have that kind of public space in our downtown. This is taking it to a new level. And most of the money we are talking about was already approved by a previous council. I think it was in 2011 or 12 where we approved a tax increment grant for the SHED District for new development that some of those taxes would go towards sprucing up the downtown street scape and amenities like this so this is exactly what the majority...most of the money was already approved by Council to go towards this. This is just putting it towards this specific project. So it's a not really that much of a stretch from what Council…the last council and I don't recall the vote at the time but I don't know if anybody here opposed that. But that was something that was already approved, I think, most of us voted for it, I can't recall, yeah. But so most of the money over 17 million has already approved for this purpose, it's really just being adapted a bit to fit with this project. And I would also like to point out that the public plaza…the administration I would like to thank them because they have done a really good job in making sure there is public access use agreements and everything. This is going to be really amazing public space downtown and frankly, you know, not just as the councillor for the downtown but…that part of the downtown, but as a Winnipegger, I think this is something really exciting for our city. It's really good. It's a massive investment of confidence in our downtown from the private sector and it's mostly reallocating some existing funds that Council already approved out of new taxes that wouldn't be here if this project wasn't happening. So I think there was probably some assumption that we...that from the private sector that they knew that funding was there and they could use it so they decided to make a $400 million investment in our downtown. So we've done our job by creating that environment to attract investment which is what TIFs do and it's going to make us a lot of money in the future in the long term, in the big picture once we pay off the TIF. That money is going to continue to flow to our tax base in the future. So that's also really important. And I believe there is some additional funds to enable the public plaza that we're voting on today as well that weren't planned before and but it's in the amount of, I think, 3 million. But that public space is really important. I sit on the Downtown BIZ Board and the downtown advocates are super excited about this. They are happy to see the leadership from Council, from the Mayor and from us. So this is a totally good news story, frankly, it's totally good news. And I just wanted to reassure Councillor Eadie because I thought I heard him refer to the accessibility fund and I'm assuming he read in the paper there was a list of capital projects. That was a reporter who pulled out a bunch of potential things that we could cut and I don't believe any decisions like that have been made. I personally would be very upset if we were reducing our accessibility program. It's something that Councillor Eadie has fought for for years. Before that I spoke for years and we increased it recently. I don't see that happening so I just wanted to reassure Councillor Eadie. And I mean, it's difficult when you are comparing...you know, it sounds like we are giving all this money but this was money that was already approved for downtown investment and it's attracted a $400 million investment in our downtown which is going to improve our economy. It's going to improve our environment downtown and it's going to create incredible public space. This is a hundred percent of a good news story and I hope you all support it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers on the item? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor to close.
Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thanks to my council colleague for their comments. You know, I have been reflecting recently on some of the discussions I had with certain individuals prior to being elected and one of…you

know, today we're paying tribute earlier today to former council colleague who this community recently lost. I had the opportunity years before I even began thinking about running for office, to meet with former Mayor Bill Norrie and I remember talking to him about his leadership and the Council of the day's leadership and the Forks and North Portage Partnership and some of their efforts to really focus on downtown. And his words have been kind of ringing in my ears in recent months and weeks, notably with relating to this development here in our downtown. We know this year we have over a billion dollars in private sector driven investments in downtown. The confidence that the private sector is demonstrating with real dollars and real risks that they are incurring is significant and it is a real game changer to what we have seen in previous years in our city, certainly in previous decades. There has been some good work by previous councils and there's been good work by this council to support downtown. I spent a significant portion of the campaign when I was running to serve in this office, talking about the support for downtown. My vision of a better connected downtown and more accessible downtown. And there are various projects and initiatives throughout the downtown that are going to assist with my overall vision of the downtown and I believe Council's vision of the downtown and one reflected in our planning documents like OurWinnipeg. This project is…is a game changer. It is certainly an incredible historic private sector driven investment in our downtown and one that is going to help with more vibrancy in our downtown. I want to thank members of Council, I want to thank our Property and Planning Chair, Councillor Orlikow, I want to thank our public service in our Property and Planning Department as well as our senior administrators for their work on this report. I believe that they have really done a good job of looking after and presenting to this council for consideration a report that has the best interests of taxpayers at heart. I also want to acknowledge, of course, the private sector investors, True North Square and the leadership there, Mark Chipman, Jim Ludlow has been doing excellent work. We also know that there are investors including the Richardsons who are making sizeable investments in this particular project. We want to send a very clear signal to those that are already investing in our downtown and are considering investing in our downtown that this council's commitment to building a downtown we can all be proud of is unwavering. And so, I will be supporting this report. I think the long term financial bottom line of this report is, it's compelling. I'm comforted by the fact that there is a phased-in approach to this SHED funding as well as there is a public accessibility agreement that's envisioned. That is very important. The fact that the private sector will own and operate and maintain a publicly accessible square is something that is welcome news for all Winnipeggers. And so I would urge all members of Council to support this. Let's send a very strong signal of support for continued downtown development and growth and a better connected and a more accessible downtown for all Winnipeggers. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Call for a recorded vote. All in favour of Item 4, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Eadie and Councillor Wyatt

City clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Item 4 passes. Item 6, Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord

Madam Speaker: Okay. Before we start this discussion that could take time, just seeing the hour, shall we break for lunch now and reconvene at 1:20 or 1:30...I think there is something going on during lunch, right Councillor Gilroy? Okay,1:30? We will reconvene at 1:30, our usual time. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
March 22, 2017, at 1:35 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene the Council meeting of March 22nd, 2017. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I trust members of Council have had an opportunity to see the news in the United Kingdom earlier today. I would just ask that we take a moment of silence, given the terrorist attack in the United Kingdom.

Madam Speaker: Vote for suspension of the rules. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you for that, Mr. Mayor. We will now move on to Item No. 6 – the Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I do want to thank the elders that were able to join us earlier today, Damon Johnston who is in the gallery with us here today as well as thanking Kimberly Puhach for her incredible words of support earlier today and for all those that were in attendance and are in attendance and watching. I also want to thank Dr. Sherry Peden from…for the copies of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's pocket Calls to Action book that were left on each member of councillor and my desks earlier today. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to recommend and speak about the introduction of Winnipeg's first indigenous accord. Our goal for this accord is to have it serve as a catalyst for organizations and individuals across Winnipeg to set meaningful goals they themselves identify to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to actions. Here is how the accord process will begin: the City will encourage individuals, groups and organizations in the public sector, the private sector and the non-for-profit sector to commit to the accord as partners. The City's Indigenous Relations Division will develop an annual process for organizations to set goals and share successes. The Indigenous Relations Division will also co-ordinate the process of tracking signatories goals and successes in an annual report. The accord will create no new bureaucracy. The City's work to assist signatories and to record their progress each year will utilize existing resources. The accord will not prescribe outcomes. The goals will be chosen by the participants themselves, Madam Speaker, in harmony with the reconciliation principles set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. That's why the accord has been developed, purposely developed. Not as legislation but as an invitation to the citizens of Winnipeg. An invitation I hope that many, many individuals and organizations in the public sector, the private sector and the non-for-profit sector will fully embrace. What the accord will do is help Winnipeg keep moving forward by strengthening our relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit, governments and organizations and individuals. 2016, as the Year of Reconciliation, Madam Speaker, was an important year for us as a city and as a community. And it marked moments of significant self-realization, the beginning of new conversations about the future and resolution to work together to make our community more inclusive as it was always meant to be. My hope is that the Year of Reconciliation will one day be seen as a milestone on a journey to a better Winnipeg. But it will only prove to be a milestone if we continue our journey and continue the work we have begun with partnership from leadership from Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens alike. The Indigenous Accord recognizes the role Indigenous peoples played in Canadian history and continue to play today in our shared future. It will encourage Indigenous and non-Indigenous Winnipeggers to work together in partnership and mutual respect as the treaties first envisioned. An accord which will strengthen relationships with Indigenous governments, peoples and communities both now and as our city develops and as our city grows. I am very thankful to the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle for their leadership and tireless work to develop an accord that is right for Winnipeg. And I am very thankful to the many individuals and organizations, more than 38 community organizations, who met with me to share their ideas and their wisdom and their passion for this accord. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission posed many critical questions for Canadians to answer. Questions about justice, questions about human rights, questions about how to move forward when so much has been so wrong for so many for so long. Just a few days ago, Trina Qaqqaq from Nunavut brought these questions into sharp focus once again. She is a young woman who with young women from every federal constituency in Canada was attending Daughters of the Vote, an international women's day conference in the Canadian Parliament. She spoke about problems and injustices faced by Indigenous peoples in Nunavut but also in many places across the country, problems of youth suicide, poverty, housing and mental health care. She said and I quote, "All we are asking for is our basic human rights. We need support and allies to assist us, work with us and most importantly, to listen to us. Where are our non-Indigenous allies?" She questioned. The Winnipeg Indigenous Accord is a way to help answer Trina's question so that non-Indigenous organizations and individuals who want to be allies and partners have a place to say, "Here we are." And so, Indigenous organizations and individuals, too, can say here we are and offer leadership and guidance and partnership as we work towards reconciliation together. So we can work at solving problems together but also to seek opportunities together. Absolutely I want young Indigenous people and all

Indigenous people in Winnipeg to know they have allies and partners who will work with them and will listen to them. Absolutely, I want young Indigenous people and all Indigenous people in Winnipeg to feel confident and assured as full partners in this community that we share. And to feel confident and assured that their knowledge and wisdom and leadership and priorities will be respected by the City of Winnipeg and all signatories to the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord. 2016, Madam Speaker, as a Year of Reconciliation gave me great hope. Winnipeggers from every age, from every background and every walk of life told me in moving, emotional terms of their commitment to restoring and renewing our relationship with Indigenous peoples. And I learned of so many people working around our city to do...that are doing just that. The Winnipeg Indigenous Accord will help bring together partners in goal setting process. It will make the signatories goals visible and accessible for the whole community and as time passes, it will give us all a tangible sense of progress that's been made by many different people in many different areas of endeavour. But the members of the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle, I have a strong conviction that establishing this accord is the right step for Winnipeg to take right now. The accord's historical foundations, the reasons for adopting it are compelling; to honour the constitutional rights of Indigenous peoples including those expressed in Canada's Constitution Act of 1982. To honour the treaties and the treaty relationship which is the foundation of this city and our whole shared society. And to heed the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which is one of the most consequential and shattering documents in Canadian history. It is our duty to respond, to seek reconciliation and to work for hope. The 54 young people from 9 Winnipeg schools in 5 different school divisions who composed the vision for the Winnipeg accord…Indigenous Accord said it well. They wrote as their vision, "The City of Winnipeg is a place where everyone has a voice, a place where people and the environment come first, where everyone has fair access. Everyone should be treated with respect and acceptance and kindness. Everyone should treat everyone kindly and equally and accept them for who they are because when you feel like you belong, you achieve freedom. United as one and hopeful we can work towards a peaceful and safe city, be a leader who thinks of yourself and speaks up for change." This is the voice of our young people. This is the voice of hope. This is the voice that animates the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord. In fact, the posters they created when they developed this vision statement are on display in the lobby upstairs right now. And once again, I would like to say a heartfelt megwich and merci to the Indigenous Advisory Circle and to all those ideas, inspiration and good council contributed to the preparation of this accord. Now, I would like to encourage Council to adopt this motion before us. Let this be another milestone as we take one more step in our city's journey towards healing, hope and reconciliation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. And that was the voice of somebody showing leadership on something that's not easy to do and hasn't been done in my time on Council. I have not seen this kind of...we have not seen this kind of leadership on an issue as challenging as this and so I think we should be recognizing that today. So I would like to thank the Mayor for that. Earlier this morning, I was…I had a really nice conversation with one of the elders who was here and she didn't come up and speak but she did talk about how she felt that this accord was one step in helping honouring our past and that that's what it was about for her, was honouring our past. And that's something we need to do. And I also agree with some of the comments that the chair of the Mayor's Indigenous Circle made were really great. This is a historic moment in time. This is an opportunity for us to create an opportunity for…other people in this city to work towards truth and reconciliation and this is a really good mechanism for doing it is an accord like this. I just want to harken back and many of you, most of you were there that day when the...the day the Maclean's article came out and it was a really pivotal moment for me. I remember it was 9:30 in the morning or something and I got a message from the Mayor, "I'm having a press…did you see the article? I'm having a press conference. Come...you are welcome to come." And I remember going, do I want to go to this? There is a Maclean's article saying we are racist. Do I want to show up to this? What am I going to be part of if I show up to this? I don't want to be denying that we are a racist city, like, what is this going to be? And then I looked a little closer and I saw the long list of amazing Indigenous community leaders and grassroots community people that were attending the press conference and I thought, wow, I'm going to go then, it can't be bad. And I went, and sure enough, the response from the Mayor and from the people there was incredible and it was probably one of my favourite days in my years being on City Council because I really felt like there…there…this was a place where we could do the right thing and we could stand up for what was right and we could be part of something. We could be part of healing something that has happened in our…since the formation of Canada and before, when colonization occurred. And here we are, facing our challenges and facing racism and not running from it and not denying it but standing up and saying what can we do? We are going to commit to do something. We are going to commit to work towards this. And that was a moment of really strong leadership that I hope Winnipeggers appreciate about their mayor, that he had the courage to do that. Because you don't do this for political points because most people, the talk is about you know, the tax rate and this and that and other things like that. This isn't on the forefront of necessarily every voter's mind. It's not a simple campaign slogan but it's the right thing to do and it's really, really important and it's just really great that we are doing this. So, I hope that this council will be unanimous in supporting the continuation of this work. Since that day, there has been a lot of work done, the creation of the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle which Councillor Gilroy is a big part of as well, and it's a really great group, and I have been honoured to be able to attend some of their meetings too and you sit there and there's…the elders are talking, the young

people are talking from their point of view and it's just an amazing conversation. And I think Damon, when he spoke…talked about...it's…he said it's about relationships. And that's what it is about because if you don't have a relationship, it does become us and them because we don't understand the other and we see it as the other. And when you are in a right relationship with people and you are having conversations honestly about who you are and you are in the same room and you're in the same space, that's how you understand each other and that's how racism and difference and us and them washes away. And that's what this is about is having those conversations throughout the community and taking action and dealing with some of the injustices and the imbalances that are still out there. But one of the worst ones is racism. And to face it every day, you know, I can't imagine what it's like and has been like for people in this community that have had to deal with the level of racism that Indigenous people have had to deal with and others in our community. And I just...I love that the accord went to the young people and started with them and listened to their wisdom. We are listening here to the wisdom of the young people and of the elders in this. So, it's really important. And looking over just quickly to mention some of the work that's been done over the last...since we started this, since the day of the Maclean's article, there has also been the training of staff and many of you, if not all of you, took the residential school awareness training and just a half a day, I know it was incredibly moving for people that have not been exposed to the story about it. And my understanding from talking more in recent years with Indigenous people is it's the way they tell their...telling stories is an important way to communicate and understand and we don't always have our discussions the same way where people are heard and you are having that way of communicating and being in a relationship and telling your story. You can't really understand unless you are telling it in stories and that's what's happening. So I won't…I just want to say, I think this is wonderful, it's been…and I know the Mayor has met with countless Indigenous leaders and groups. He has worked so hard on this and I don't know if people realize that. I think the citizens of Winnipeg should know that how hard he has worked in building those relationships because this is something he truly cares about. This isn't for politics or election victories. This is for doing the right thing for our community and building a stronger, happier, healthier, inclusive community and I'm really proud of our council today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to commend the Mayor and the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle members and the elders, members of our Indigenous Relations Division including Rhonda Forgues and her team, who have all worked so hard to bring this initiative to us today. It's hard to believe but we are well into…well into the third year of our four year council term. Many of the by-laws and policies that we put in place, as important as they may be, may be overturned, they can be amended, they may be repealed by future councils. In fact, there may be only one, perhaps two initiatives that we enact in a council term that will endure long after we have vacated these privileged chamber seats. I believe that each one of us on this council floor desire to be part of making the decisions that will stand the test of time and make this city a stronger, healthier, more vibrant community for future generations. I truly believe that Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord has that kind of potential. I think we need to be careful to not underestimate what's happening here today. The potential to endure and to make our community stronger and healthier through future generations when perhaps other acts of this council are long forgotten, the potential to mobilize citizens in this great city to shape the future, the potential to rebuild relationships between communities and establish new relationships between communities. It falls to each iteration of Council to make the most of the opportunities to improve our city. So now is the time for us to act. Earlier today in her presentation, Ms. Puhach declared this to be, and I quote, "A historic moment for us as Winnipeggers." I agree. We are keenly aware of Winnipeg's history. We meet today on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe peoples and the homeland of the Métis nation. Winnipeg was established at the crossroads of the Anishinaabe, Métis, Cree, Dakota, Dene and Oji Cree nations and of course, eventually, immigrants from Europe and other nations from around the world found their way to this region and continued to find their way into our community. In 1907, 100 years ago, my father's own family sailed from England to make a new home in Winnipeg. According to the family account passed through the generations, apparently they were on their way to Minnesota but ran out of money in Winnipeg and so here we are a century later. History records the relationship between the first peoples and immigrants to this region has been, at times, perhaps even too often, unhealthy, rife with conflict, marked by inequity, mistrust and mistreatment. In this chamber this morning, Damon Johnston captured the essence of what this motion seeks to achieve and Councillor Gerbasi just alluded to it. When he stated, and I quote, "Relationship is the most important thing in all of our lives. This accord makes a powerful statement about the kind of relationships we want with one another." Before us today, Madam Speaker, lays an opportunity, in fact a responsibility, for us to play a role in facilitating the kind of relationships that we want with one another. The Winnipeg Indigenous Accord invites citizens to be active and to be intentional about their reconciliation for the health and the strength of our city. Reconciliation that aims to break down barriers of ignorance and mistrust, reconciliation that fosters the full potential of this great community, reconciliation that ensures our present and future generations don't repeat the dark hours of our communities' past. Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord is...inserts a stent into the vein of our local history through which healing efforts of reconciliation can flow. Those works of reconciliation will give life to the body that is Winnipeg. I close with a sentence from the report that I believe sums it up so well, "As a city we can convene individuals and organizations in a mutual process of goal setting to establish what role we can each play in, as the TRC recommends, inspiring aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples to transform Canadian society so that our children and grandchildren can live

together in dignity, peace and prosperity on these lands that we now share." So Madam Speaker, I am proud to support this motion, committed to doing my part as I know my council colleagues will be committed to doing their part as well in the ongoing challenge with the vital work of reconciliation.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I rise to speak on this most excellent accord that's being moved ahead, Madam Speaker. I haven't any prepared notes but, Madam Speaker, I spent a lot of time as an elected person and prior to being elected, trying to see things move forward for the Indigenous people, Métis people of Winnipeg. And as I have always recognized as a student of history for the last quite a few years, in that even prior to the treaties, this area where we stand was Indigenous people's land in which many different nations shared the space and met and discussed and so as this accord moves ahead, Madam Speaker, I just want people to understand that I have always sort of looked at evaluating our policies and spending of budgets, as a matter of fact too Madam Speaker, to ensure that our relationship with our Indigenous peoples, Métis people, continues to be a good one and to help...we need to take steps, Madam Speaker, that actually move us forward and to do that, we have to think about how we can do things slightly differently to give a hand up to the Indigenous Métis people who struggle. Many do well but many struggle, Madam Speaker, and so with this accord moving ahead, I appreciate that we are moving the City of Winnipeg forward much further from where we have been. And I must say, Madam Speaker, this is a first, this accord, for the City of Winnipeg, very understandable. But being involved in the 90s when...around the city, Madam Speaker, there was a move from the Indigenous and Métis people to endeavour to work with City Council to move forward things that they believed that we could do to further along the lives of Indigenous and Métis people. For example, Madam Speaker, APTN came to us when they first got started up here in Winnipeg with some of their founders and with Glen Murray at the helm, we made sure that there was a way for them to have a facility to do production and start and they have grown and done well. So it's not, you know, only the responsibility of just us new council, it has been the responsibility of councils in the past and I like that we are moving forward with an accord. It means something to sign on to something like this. And so, when we consider things...I don't want to make it political but there are a number of issues coming up for the City of Winnipeg this year, that we need to realize, to establish good rapport under this accord, we must always consider, Madam Speaker, some essential things and that we need to ensure that we can all live together and progress forward as Mr. Johnston has said, as his predecessors such as Wayne Helgason and Glen Cochrane and many of the others who lobbied the City to recognize and deal with Indigenous and Métis issues in the city, Mr. Chartrand from the Métis Federation and so on. I stand in strong support of this and I understand the significance of the responsibility that we take, Madam Speaker, when we vote to pass this accord. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, Madam Chair. I rise in support of the Indigenous Accord and the motion that's in front of you today. Today, Councillor Schreyer and I attended a lunch and learn with over 50 of our working staff who took their time over their own lunch hour to come and learn about what we are doing in terms of racism and discrimination here in the city and they learned from the Indigenous Relations Division, Community Services and Winnipeg Police Services. And so often than not, we only hear of all the bad things especially here at Council, we tend to focus on the negative stuff and we don't get to talk about the really good stuff. And today is a day that we are talking about something that is so vital and so important and something that is really, really great and I want to congratulate the Mayor for the work that he has done on this, and MIAC for the important role that they have played along with our Indigenous Advisory Division. Rhonda, I know that you're up there and Tracey, they have done a lot of work with this too. And I just…you know, one time I talked with an elder and I asked, you know, how can I be supportive as a white woman that's come from privilege, and they said you have to know when to lead but you also have to know when to follow. And today is a moment that I have to take a step back and that our first Indigenous mayor in Canada take the lead along with our MIAC, our Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Council, take the lead on this very important initiative and I am honoured to support them as they take that lead. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe that we are in a historical era, a historic era which I look forward to. We have to think optimistically with our best foot forward in good faith, I believe that's basically there. Since being elected, since being sort of further involved in issues of reconciliation sort of in a new era in my own life, this isn't new to me, but it's a new era for me and one thing that I sort of always have known but I have become sort of more conscious, more aware of, it's awareness of our greater social reality, it's awareness...it's a self-awareness as well as we all share our humanity. We can't escape from being part of each other and one thing is the issue of identity; individual identity and greater social identity. Who am I? What am I part of? Who are we? That's become even more clear to me while dealing with the End Homelessness Group and the various organizations involved in the discussions that we do have at these meetings. There's a lot of things on our agenda when we have these discussions and we don't

have much time but every once in a while, there is just some great points made that really make you think and maybe it's different for all of us. Every once in a while, I just have to make my point about why I think something is important or what I have just learned and what it means to me or how it applies to something I already know that I can contribute. I think we all can have our struggles with identity. I know in my life, I have, in terms of my own sense of identity being overshadowed by an environment greater than myself. I think that's something that many people in society deal with in different ways. I have travelled a lot around the world. I have travelled a lot around this country. I have visited First Nations and Inuit communities across the country over years. And the issue of identity, I think, is central to what we are doing today. The challenges that emanate from days like today, those are going to be great challenges and I hope we take them on. His Worship mentioned that there was a woman that asked the question, where are our non-Indigenous allies? Madam Speaker, I feel like I believe His Worship does, that the allies are already here. His Worship couldn't have called that emergency meeting without people showing up like that, including myself and other councillors here, if the allies weren't here. I mentioned in this chamber before that, when I was there, I got hugged by two chiefs. I got hugged by former National Chief Ovide Mercredi and I got hugged by Chief Devon Clunis. We all showed up on a whim, uncertain but knowing it was the right thing to do. Not certain of the politics of it but leaving that aside. Chief Mercredi and myself, we share sort of a history, a family history that goes back an extra generation. He recalls my father driving up to Grand Rapids to meet his mother and talk about important issues to the community there, as an example. Chief Devon Clunis and I, we share a history. We all share these histories and what are we going to do about it? How do we make this work? I don't have all the answers, Madam Speaker, but I know that this is part of a continuum of initiatives. This is a great initiative. And I do want to say, already, since...and these are all interrelated and I have to admit, sitting here it's sort of confusing because a lot's going on, the Mayor is talking about, you know, the Indigenous Circle, the advisory…homelessness strategies, poverty issues, different initiatives taking place. To be honest, I have to make a list to keep track of all the initiatives taking place right now. And a portion of which I am trying to keep up with as an active city councillor and trying to do my part. But I do know that these things are already taking effect and excuse me while I bring an important issue of homelessness into this. I have already seen the homelessness office. Right before my eyes, I have a meeting of different food banks and places where people can find lodging over the winter nights on an emergency basis. And right there, I was witnessed to Louie Sorenson who runs the End Homelessness Office chairing a meeting where all these great organizations got together and further optimized the logistics of their resources to make sure people had a place to stay overnight because sometimes they are full. What time of day they are open, what time of the week and when they are full where do we find out what time of the day or night that these people have excess capacity, these things are really important to the people looking for a place to stay when it's -30°. It's just an example, Madam Speaker, and I do wish to explain that you know, I come from a background where politically and philosophically, the economics goes hand-in-hand with the politics of it and I am very proud for citizens in the past who have listened to elders, listened to First Nations and acted on their wishes, kept their political promises and sacrificed political careers in defending those political and economic priorities. And as Councillor Gerbasi says, there will be, you know, some backlash from what we are doing. But I believe this is done in the best intentions and we have to make sure that we go about that every step of the way regardless of all of the disagreements because it's going to get more complex. The asks have started Madam Speaker, and I do know that from the initiatives started last year and two years ago, that the plans are starting. What do we do now?

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

Councillor Schreyer: Next term is going to be a big term based on what we are doing now. And I just want you to know that as it is, the day we showed up for the hastily called press conference to get people together, it's just one indication of support. One indication of the commitment that is here, and I look forward to seeing us continue on and dealing with some serious issues in the years to come. Thank you.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Of course I'm rising in support of this accord and I want to commend the Mayor on his leadership. It's not easy to bring these things forward at times and I think it did all start with the Maclean's Magazine and through the Mayor's leadership, being proactive and really recognizing that there were and are serious issues that the city needs to deal with in terms of reconciling with our Indigenous peoples. So I'm just going to speak…just briefly to say I'm rising in support of the accord and I want to thank the Mayor for bringing this forward and I think it's a very positive step in the right direction. So thank you for that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Mr. Mayor to close...oh, Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Pagtakhan followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Bonjour, today is a great day, Madam Speaker, and I just wanted to say that in Ojibway. This document, Winnipeg's first Indigenous Accord is a historic document, Madam Speaker. It's the first of its kind. It's a powerful starting point. I think it's so transformative, Madam Speaker, it's going

enable our citizens to continue to build relationships to greater understand a greater awareness of the residential schools and the need for reconciliation, Madam Speaker, and as well, to facilitate healing and hope within our city. I'm going to keep my remarks really short but I remember back Councillor Schreyer was talking about terms of office and it reminded me back to the time in our inauguration, back in November of 2014 and we were downstairs, we were in this building downstairs in the emergency operations room, Madam Speaker and we were in a circle and the Mayor proceeded to hand out pouches to everybody. You know, at that point I knew that we were part of a transformative council and today we have done many good things over the last couple of years, Madam Speaker, but this is a hugely transformative period, a hugely transformative policy and an incredible accord, the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord and it really is a huge honour for me to support this. And you know, just above you, Madam Speaker, is our motto on your chair and it says, "Unum Cum Virtute Multorum; one city with the strength and blessings of many" and if there is any city that can do this, it's going to be the City of Winnipeg. So to the Mayor, thank you, megwich.

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

Councillor Allard: I wanted to add a few comments en Français to this in support of the report that's before us today.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: So, I would like to recognize the leadership of Mayor Bowman on this important issue and recognize that what we are about to, I hope, support unanimously represents an important moment in the history of the City of Winnipeg. I know that today the City is going forward with the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada recommendations with regards to the City's responsibilities. I am pleased to be a member of a Council that is moving forward on these issues. I know that one of the little things that I have incorporated into my habits, and it is a small thing, but when I give a speech on behalf of Council or the City, at the beginning of each speech, I say: "I recognize that we are on Treaty 1 territory and the homeland of the Métis nation." And I think that it's through actions such as those that we have already implemented and those that we will approve here today, by saying words like these at the beginning of official speeches... So, I wanted to recognize Mayor Bowman's leadership on this issue, and I think we're moving forward in the right direction. I would also like to recognize that we still have a lot of work to do. But I think that approving reports like the one we have before us today is a step in the right direction, and I think that we're moving toward the reconciliation that we need to be united as a people. And so on that note, many thanks to Mayor Bowman, and I hope that we can approve this report unanimously today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you, my council colleagues who have supported this effort and notably those who spoke today. Very powerful words expressed by my council colleagues, very emotional as well. The...I spoke at greater length in my introductory comments so I'll just say a few quick words. The accord is intended to act as that ongoing facilitator of bridge building in our community, and so I believe it's important that the support of this council be loud and clear for the accord as it has been during our term of office to date has been loud and clear in support of reconciliation efforts. And I think all members of Council should take tremendous pride in their work as a council and our work as a community to move the ball forward in the right direction in reconciliation efforts. This accord is for our Indigenous community, it is for our non-Indigenous community and it is for all Winnipeggers for the work that we know we need to continue. So, I would ask that my council colleagues to please support it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question on Item 6 – Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. Call for recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

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

Madam Speaker: The vote on Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord is unanimous. Thank you. Moving on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 22nd, 2017. It's a walk-on report so I'll draw your attention to the paper copies before you. It's Item No. 1. Mr. Mayor, if you could suspend the rules to consider this walk-on report. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 22, 2017**

Item 1 – 2017 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: I'll just say briefly, this is a provincially required step that we typically take during part of the budget process. As members of Council will know, the budget was fortunately approved in December of last year and so we are, as I say, again, required to move this forward in relation to the education support levy and special funding. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to this. My good colleague across the way I'm sure will speak in opposition but I usually rise to speak to this, Madam Speaker. The reality is yes, that the City of Winnipeg is the one who implements a property tax on the properties within the City of Winnipeg. And therefore, from the provincial level it makes sense that if you are going to apply a mill rate to...for property tax purposes, that we do that on behalf of the school division. It actually saves administrative costs and so on. There's a number of issues around it, Madam Speaker, but as I rise to speak to it, we as Council understand the difficulties in raising the revenues that we need to to deliver the services that the citizens of Winnipeg expect and to actually repair roads and so on and so forth. And the school divisions, they also struggle for sources of revenue to ensure that all the kids in our city have a chance for an education. And that includes Indigenous students as well although they have a circumstance that is somewhat worse in terms of having to come to the big city in order to get an appropriate education and need their proper supports. But I digress a bit. But ultimately, the schools are our future and so when I hear some people saying, well the City of Winnipeg shouldn't be involved with this, this is a school, it's another level of government. Well, you know, the reality is there are synergies and when we build schools Madam Speaker, the reality is neighbourhoods, they are built in neighbourhoods and there is a cost associated with a neighbourhood. The…in Fort Garry St. Norbert area, there is huge expansions, there's requirement to build schools in those new neighbourhoods. The new neighbourhoods, families expect their kids to be able to go to an educational institution. So there is a direct connection, Madam Speaker, between the properties that get built and the need for schools in that area. And so, I am going to simply move this forward. We had no decision making in regards to what the requested levy is, that was up to the school divisions and their school boards to determine what kind of money they needed to deliver the best service that they can to our kids and that's our kids all around the table, our families and if you don't have kids, it is our families, we educate them, and that's just the way it is and so I will be supporting this report wholeheartedly. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't speak to the previous item partly because I thought I'd probably speak at some length on this one. And there are some things I want to say about our relationships with the school boards. In late 2014, there was a write-up in the newspaper saying Mayes hasn't been there long enough at City Council to understand the animosity councillors feel toward school boards. And after some lobbying by me for the Mayor to create position of School Board Liaison, which to his credit he did, I got up and said, well I've now been here long enough to do something about this supposed animosity that we all feel towards school boards and we have been having a good relationship and a lot of dialogue, that School Board Liaison position was created to do three things; infrastructure, safety and civic engagement. So in brief comments, we have been...we have worked out a protocol that school boards were complaining about how long it takes to move portables around and we worked with our permits folks to get that expedited. A number of recreation projects that you've heard about, Kelvin, obviously Councillor Orlikow put some money towards that. The Dakota Project that we've talked about at some length here. And also, we have a very good relationship with the City and the school boards in terms of joint use agreements and we'll have another announcement on that coming in the next six weeks or so. But things like Queenston in Councillor Orlikow's ward where there has been a lot of creativity of the school board's working together with the community centres to try and build facilities that have joint use. So we are I think doing something on the infrastructure stuff. On the safety front, we got a letter from the school of trustee's organization saying that there had never been as good a relationship with the police as there is now. Since I have become the liaison, we have got these community officers into a couple of more school divisions including the one largely in my ward, Louis Riel School Division, so six of the eight school divisions in the city now have, excluding Interlake, which is a tiny slice, so eight if you exclude Interlake…six of the eight now have school-based resource officers, Winnipeg police officers who are out there doing some good work for safety. We also hope to have an announcement soon, I know Councillor Gilroy has been working on this in terms of traffic and parking near schools but I won't pre-empt that, I'll leave that for a while because we are doing some good work there on safety. And

on civic engagement, we are continuing to work with the school boards. We're hoping to have an announcement soon on a new award that will focus on efforts in the schools around mental health challenges, mental health issues, something you would never have talked about when I finished high school in 1980, that would have just been completely unacceptable to even have that discussion. So I think the schools have come a long way in that regard and so we should be marking that. And lastly an initiative that I know I was interested in when I was a school trustee and I think four of us used to be school trustees, but an initiative that I want to talk to St. James School Division about more is right now they have a requirement for 40 hours of volunteer work to get your diploma if you…over the four years, so not 40 per year but an average of ten hours per year, of volunteer community service in order to get a St. James School Division diploma. That's certainly, I think the very commendable initiative and something I'm hoping to follow-up on more with that division and with the trustees. I can always remember it's the number 40 because of the U2 song '40' which of course, based on Psalm 40 which talks about coming out of the miry clay and singing a new song is the U2 song. So I think we are singing a new song in terms of our relationship with the school boards and I think we have come part way and we're going to keep up that work. So this is usually a fairly...I think I called it a bit of theatre last year when we approved the mill rates. It's obligation to do that. It would be better, I think if we had a separate funding source in the school divisions...this is the provincial model that we have but I do think it's important to say, look, we're not going to get up here and denounce the school divisions. We are trying to do a lot of good work with them and then see them as partners rather than adversaries. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I obviously, as I mentioned in my preamble, we are required by provincial legislation to move this forward. I do want to thank Councillor Mayes for his leadership and efforts in building positive relationships with the school divisions and ask that obviously we move this forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. We will now get into by-laws, Mr. Mayor. Pardon me? Just one moment, Mr. Mayor. Yeah, I see that after. We'll do the by-laws after, Mr. Clerk? I'll draw your attention now to the notice of motion moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It will be on the DMIS system. It's a notice of motion from the February 22nd Council meeting regarding media issues. It's on the electronic agenda as I mentioned. Councillor Dobson, your opportunity to introduce the motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION

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 (CAO) be directed to ensure the Winnipeg Public Service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least one (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.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This motion is about media releases and public launches. We as councillors need sufficient time to attend or be prepared to comment on these media releases or public launches. We need time to arrange our calendars so that we are available. So with this motion I am asking for a minimum of one week notice so that we can be there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am pleased to have seconded this motion and the reason is, you know, over the last couple of years you do hear frustration about lack of notice. You know when the Mayor called his press conference on reconciliation, yep, those that could make it made it I suppose. I can't always act as quickly as that. Our record for giving notice to councillors can be spotty and on that basis, you know we've got busy schedules. We've got our obligations and to fulfil those obligations, time is very helpful to us. And on that basis, doing something constructive to try and help us with our scheduling for what I believe are important invitations and notices, would be very helpful for my schedule and I'm certain for other councillors, if not all councillors, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers?

Councillor Allard: Councillor, I would like to speak to this motion. Just having had some experience in government prior to my election as City Councillor I know how fast things can happen and I do realize the intent of the Councillor in wanting to have information ahead of time but sometimes the reality is the...you know, you have the Federal Government on one phone and the City Government on the other and you need to remain somewhat nimble to be able to move certain things forward in government, in particular when…in certain circumstances where funds are coming to a close and deadlines are coming. So I do appreciate where you are coming from, Councillor Dobson in talking about the flow of information, however, if we were to support this motion today, I do think that we would be in some cases tying our hands and perhaps missing out on some valuable opportunities. So I do understand where you are coming from, but I will…unfortunately, I will not be able to support this motion because I do think that we would be probably missing out on some important opportunities in the future if we were to make this our council policy.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Yes?

Councillor Schreyer: It does not say "all". Of course there was discretion implied in the motion. It meant when possible.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'm going to go with what Councillor Allard had said. As I'm sitting here, I am e-mailing back and forth with our communications staff about a community centre event that we wanted to do on Monday with the Province. It's been delayed a couple of times. We have different...the minister is coming and trying to get this thing scheduled has been a real challenge so the idea that knowing we would have to cancel again because we've missed the one week threshold, I mean, I appreciate what Councillor Allard's trying to say. Sometimes that just isn't possible. I've missed events because I didn't get notice. I think we have all felt frustration but I think it's more of a good reminder that we have to make good faith efforts and things like the 4R depot, the second one that opened we had a misunderstanding about exactly which ward that was in at some point. These mistakes do happen but I appreciate the intent of it, I'm not going to vote for it though because the idea of one week, I think we would end up in the same problems that Councillor Allard just highlighted.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, you know, I'm going to vote in favour of the motion. I know the gist of it. I know where Councillor Dobson is coming from. I realize as well that, as been pointed out there are many times when, you know, we have to have a press conference…there's quite often times where you can't disclose the information that's coming forward because of the other levels of government, that's something that's commonplace. But you know, I think the intent behind Councillor Dobson's motion is one of inclusion. I think he is simply saying, I want to be included. I want to be included in announcements. And there are some that are clearly that come forward that you can tell, you know, are timed in the schedule for whatever reason. But you can tell that these are not earth shattering announcements. They are important announcements, of course, to municipal government but they are announcements that could easily ensure that we are accommodating all members of Council in advance. I don't know if a week is needed, maybe less but quite often we're getting announcements in 24 hours and by the way, here you go. And we're hearing it via...and I think where Councillor Dobson is coming from, we're hearing via the notice that goes out to the press. The same notice that goes out to the press, notifying the press we get, I think, just prior to that. We get a little bit of an announcement from the communications…Corporate Communications folks that notice that this is coming out and this is…and we get a copy of the communications strategy with that. But typically, we get it the day before and I think Councillor Dobson is saying

look, you know, if these things are that important and if you want us to attend especially, I think maybe a little bit of extra could be done in terms of councillors sitting on certain standing committees. You know, if you are a councillor sitting on a standing commitment and this is an announcement that is pertinent to your standing committee especially something that you have voted on, especially something you may have worked on in terms of the budget or in terms of public policy, he is saying look, include members of Council not just EPC plus two but all members of Council and I think that's what he is saying and I think it's a reasonable request. And you know, it doesn't say, I would point out to everybody here if they're concerned about this tying the hands of the public service, it doesn't say all media releases. You know, I think there is a little bit of discretion that can be applied here and if somebody feels that there is not enough discretion, then refer the motion, refer it, and somebody who hasn't spoken; a member of EPC or some other member of Council can rise before we vote on this. Refer it to whatever committee this would go to and sort out the details and then bring it back. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty followed by Councillor Gerbasi...oh, pardon me. Councillor Orlikow, you were next. After you, go ahead.

Councillor Browaty: Yeah, I think it's a little prescriptive the motion before us today but I'm going to support it as well. Council getting press releases and media strategies five minutes before it goes out public is kind of defeating the point. It seems like, if anything, they are doing a lot of work for very minimal additional benefit. There are going to be lots of announcements where the times change and stuff and they really can't give us a lot of heads up and that's completely fine and understandable. Working with other levels of government and even working with things that are just developing and changing I mean if, you know, there is a crisis in the city and we get bad tests from a water plant or something, I mean, those things, you can't give a week's notice obviously. So I think that's why it's a little too prescriptive but there does seem to be an increased level of secrecy and events that do need to be…events that don't need to be as wrapped up and held as tightly, they seem to need help holding them a lot longer. I agree with Councillor Wyatt's comments that it does seem to be an increased level of secrecy on things that don't need to be.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Well again, I just find it strange that some councillors saying, well, it's very prescriptive but we can just ignore what the actual motion says and we're just going to go with the intent. Well that's not what motions are about. They're not about ignoring what the motion says. The motion is…we have got in trouble in the past for doing that. The motion is quite clear, to ensure that the public service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council, to the Mayor and Councillors, at least one week prior to the event. It doesn't say "some" or "if you could" or "with all due diligence". Again...but it is saying what it says right here. Again, so the idea that we don't have to, you know, the intent is there which again, I support Councillor Dobson on and we have talked about this prior, so again that's not the problem. But it is prescriptive and we all know that this is...every media release has to be provided to Council one week prior to the event, that's what it says. Well, that can't happen. That's just…it's a nice idea, we wish we knew what the future was, sometimes we don't even know what tomorrow is in this place because it's so reactive. But again, we know that the intent here is, please give me some more time so I can get ready to be at the event and we have to strive for that and we have to keep working on that. But there's also been some disparaging comments about the fact that we do get more information than we ever have. You do and it may be only a day ahead of time, but you…or a couple of hours, but I never got that stuff before. Maybe, you know, the past EPC members got that stuff behind closed doors but I never got it before. Now it's for all councillors. I get it the same time as everybody else. Again, it tells you what the media release is about, what's going on, it gives you communication stuff. It's even like our daily media list that they give us, never had that before. It's very helpful. So, there is a lot of communication that the department is trying to feed to us going forward. They are maybe hamstrung a bit about the timing with federal announcements and other announcements but again, the intent would be to of course to make it better, make it so we can and I know we have our Corporate Communications Department that are, I think, taking us from a very, very little bit of information getting to all councillors to the leaps and bounds forward than we have ever had before. So I don't want to lose that today. I know councillors that weren't here prior maybe don't know that but again I don't recall ever getting these...I sometimes wouldn't even get a press release. I find out things are happening in my ward and there was no press release even sent to me before and I'd find out that the Mayor is on Kenaston doing a memorial drive for Mr. Alcock…I found that out in the hallway. I got no notice of that. Again, Reg was a friend of mine, so I wanted to be there. Again, why…and I ask why? They said, well we didn't think it was that relevant. Well again, this council now, we all get it, we'll decide what's relevant. It's not up for any one group to decide what information is relevant to whom. So again, I think that the motion could be modified. I don't want to do that on the fly. I think how we do that is a little more complicated and I would be more than happy to work with Councillor Dobson and Councillor Schreyer to see how we can work with Corporate Communications to see how we can improve maybe some things going forward a little bit earlier but we always want to strive to give Council as much time as they possibly can. But this motion is quite prescriptive. I don't want to sit here today and you know, do motions on the fly. I think that's...that's gotten us more

trouble in the past than its good. So again, the intent is here, I understand the intent, but I can't support this prescriptive motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gerbasi: I'll be brief because many of the comments I was going to make have already been said. But yeah, I mean, we have to follow the motion that's in front of us and it's pretty clear (inaudible) every speaker, even those in support are saying, we can't really do this. So, the wording is problematic. I hope that people understand if I were to vote against it that I wouldn't be dismissing the concern or the intent of the people that brought the motion forward. So I just really wanted to make that comment. I mean I think this is probably more suited to rather than a motion, a conversation, a dialogue about how we do these things as a council and I'm sure the Mayor or anyone else, whoever the appropriate person is…would on Council, would be happy to talk about how we can do these things a little bit better to try to be a little bit more inclusive when you can. But it is true, a lot of times it's the day before the event especially with other levels of government and you don't you. And John is totally right. I was here before, we used to get nothing. We now get like tweets, speaking notes, everything to prepare us for any media things that are happening. It's much easier than it used to be for those of you that are new on Council in terms of the amount of communication going out it's quite good. So I think that I think bringing the idea forward is good. I don't think a motion is necessary. I think there can be a conversation and a dialogue about how to improve this and I think it's…the point has been made by the motion but I'm not going to be supporting the specifics because it's not very practical. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Given my situation, Madam Speaker, I'm trying to…I want to move an amendment to this notice of motion. I have sent some texts to our clerk and I think I've got a seconder to amend the motion to read "seven days' notice wherever...adding the words "whenever possible."

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk, is that coming out of the printer momentarily? Okay, we are having...the other clerk is just up in the gallery so Councillor Eadie, you had just e-mailed that over, did you?

Councillor Eadie: Yes? Pardon me, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: You had just e-mailed that over?

Councillor Eadie: I e-mailed where I wanted the text change to be made in the…

Madam Speaker: Just give us a moment here.

Councillor Eadie: In the "therefore be it resolved" and...it's just the…okay. Let me read...it's therefore…it says, seven days…

Madam Speaker: If it's okay, I just want to take a five minute recess. Our other clerk was up in the gallery. We just need a few minutes to put this together because Councillor Eadie obviously isn't formatting it himself.

Councillor Eadie: I'd write it on paper, Madam Speaker if I could.

Madam Speaker: We'll take a five minute recess. Thank you. I would like to reconvene our meeting of March 22nd, 2017. Mr. Clerk, the motion in front of us, it's been circulated, yes? Councillor Eadie, would you introduce your motion?

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

THAT the Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Dobson and Schreyer be amended by adding the words "whenever possible" after the words "…one (1) week prior to the event", as shown below:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be directed to ensure the Winnipeg Public Service provides media releases that are relevant to City Council to the Mayor and Councillors at least one (1) week prior to the event, whenever possible, 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.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm not going to spend much time on this. We have more critical issues to deal with today. So simply, alls I have done is…I do understand completely, Madam Speaker, the difficulties in getting things out seven days. A lot of times, the general content of what is going to be presented doesn't change a lot. But what does change, of course, is dates and times and all that kind of stuff can change in order to get whoever needs to be there, out at those places. But, Madam Speaker, I don't think it's a problem if we add in that we should get these one week, seven days, before the event when we say whenever possible. And that's what I'm adding in there is, "whenever possible" to send out information to Council...councillors, Madam Speaker, ahead of time so that if we do want to attend, we are able to attend. And it is very difficult, especially given, Madam Speaker, my circumstances when you get an announcement that morning and I got to figure out what buses I'm going to take to get out to an announcement if it's something that I feel is important I should attend, Madam Speaker. But so I understand the administration's difficulty and the difficulty in creating these things Madam Speaker, so if we add "whenever possible," the intent is there and I know that our administration and the rest of Council, I don't see if we amend this motion, I think...I think we can all agree that it is good to get…whenever possible to get at least a one week advance notice. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. To me, it seems pretty simple especially with the addition of the amendment, which is a specific directive of the intent. So now it's written there, prescriptively, whenever possible because I have to ask myself this question to answer this now that it's written out prescriptively, whenever possible. And that is, are we receiving, whenever possible, these notices within a week or due time? Are we receiving whenever possible, as soon as we can? From my...the information I received from my colleagues, we're not whenever possible. Therefore, we should. That's it. Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: Just a little bit about the elephant in the room on this motion, I think that...I understand where Councillor Dobson is coming from on this. I think that, because of the model that we operate under, because of the governance model that we operate under, releasing information too soon may cause other councillors to go out and make other statements regarding the announcement may derail the validity or may derail the intent or take away from the actual announcement. And I think that because we operate under this model where there is no trust, where there is…is no functioning, working together as a team, releasing information too soon is not desirable. So, you know, we can vote all we want on this but the model that we work under…it's just the...it's just not conducive to releasing information far ahead because of other factors that come into play. So I just wanted to bring that to light.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Okay. Councillor Dobson, this is your opportunity to speak to the amendment.

Councillor Dobson: I believe the amendment is a good thing. It will solve a lot of the problems that people have brought up here. The intent of course is that we get more notice. A week would be preferable in order to schedule…schedule the ability to get there, but sometimes, as I said, you can't do a week. And even if we have got as much time as possible, it will work. It's better than what we have right now. And as for the information that one person...one member of Council here brought up, that we have to start trusting the rest of C ouncil. We can't assume that they are going to release stuff earlier and confuse the system. We have to actually work together on this. So I will support this amendment, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Just really quickly. There was a couple of comments made about the governance structure being the problem, that we have to start trusting everyone and again, I kind of harken back to my earlier comments that trust goes two ways. The fact is information is leaked a lot of the time. The fact is, the problem with this motion is the practical nature of nobody is ready for press conferences a week ahead. That's just not how things actually work in the real world. So it would be pretty rare that seven days ahead you'd want to send information out ahead of an announcement, it's very rare. I appreciate the idea of wanting councillors to be more...and we have been more included in terms of like...hugely having media communication plans shared with every member of Council, not EPC plus two or whatever being said. Every member of Council gets the same communication plan as soon as it's ready which is usually a day or two before. So with that, I think we have spent a lot of time on this and I don't think...the amendment is still makes…is somewhat impractical. We're going to be breaking it all the time and it's going to look bad and be thrown back in people's faces. So I don't think I can still support it but I appreciate the effort. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I just want to say I do appreciate the intent that Councillor Dobson's motion is trying to get at. I do want to thank Corporate Communications for their efforts today to provide more information to all members of Council. And while I appreciate and support the intent of the motion, I won't be supporting it. I would however, encourage the Councillor and any member of Council to sit down with Corporate Communications or our CAO to talk about any of these concerns and any areas for improvement. I don't necessarily believe we have needed motions in the past to see the changes that we have seen to date and I would just encourage members of Council to, you know, sit down collaboratively and share the views that are being expressed here.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Motion 1, the amended motion. All in favour? We are voting on the amendment and then we'll vote on the main notice of motion. So we're voting on the amendment that Councillor Eadie put forward. It's on…paper copy on your desks here. All in favour of the amendment? Sure, we can call for a recorded vote. All in favour of Motion 1, the amending motion, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 5, Nays 11.

Madam Speaker: Motion 1 is lost. Now, we will vote on the main notice of motion. All in favour of the notice of motion, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 5, Nays 11.

Madam Speaker: Notice of motion is lost. We will now move into by-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 13/2017, By-law 14/2017, By-law 31/2017, By-law 32/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 13/2017, 14/2017, 31/2017 and 32/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that the By-law Nos. 13/2017, 14/2017, 31/2017 and 32/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 13/2017, 14/2017, 31/2017, 32/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 13/2017, 14/2017, 31/2017 and 32/2017 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. There is by-laws related to this walk-on report from this morning's meeting, the Executive Policy Committee, they are on your desk. Mr. Mayor, to move suspension of the rules.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 33/2017 and By-law 34/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law 33/2017 and By-law 34/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws numbered 33/2017 and 34/2017 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 33/2017 and By-law 34/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 33/2017 and 34/2017 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 move into Question Period for the Mayor. There's only five minutes today seeing as it's 3:00 o'clock. Thirty minutes on the clock, please. Councillor Browaty followed by Councillor Lukes.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. One year ago today, the City awarded a $116,000 contract to study the traffic impacts and determine certain costs associated with the multiple scenarios for opening the intersection of Portage and Main to pedestrian traffic. The City has reportedly had the results of that work since the fall. The CAO confirmed to me that he had the information in mid-January but he would not share a copy with me. In the interests of openness and transparency, will the Mayor ask the Administration to release the full traffic study immediately and not just specifically…specially selected facts in the form of an administrative report?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I note Councillor Browaty voted against the traffic study in 2015 that he is now asking for. You know, I believe his lack of vision and his opposition to increasing both the accessibility and the connectivity of the intersection is well known and his desire to, in this case, treat property owners as second class citizens is disappointing. As the Councillor will know, my State of the City address, I acknowledged that letters of support had been received from property owners. I think making Portage and Main as an intersection more accessible to pedestrians and more connected to other parts of our downtown including True North Square, including our waterfront, Parcel 4 which will soon be developed at the Forks, as well as the east and the west exchanges, is vital, and one of the connectivity points,

of course, is Portage and Main. Through Portage and Main, we connect to many of these other…these other areas of our downtown. Presently, Artis has over $200 million in property improvements under way or scheduled in the near term at Portage and Main as other property owners are also planning future investments as well at that iconic intersection, and the expressions of support puts the City and the property owners on the same page at the same table and it underscores a strong commitment for the public and private sectors to work together in a similar way that enables the $400 million square at True North Square to be better leveraged and realized. An administrative report is being prepared and will be coming forward to Council for review and consideration outlining a combined holistic vision so the City can ensure the greatest public and private benefit possible from an investment into this intersection, and this report will include the traffic study.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty, second question.

Councillor Browaty: It's been suggested by the Mayor that by keeping Portage and Main closed to pedestrians, we're treating the business owners, based in Toronto, Regina, some in Winnipeg or East St. Paul, as second class citizens. How many letters of support has the Mayor received on this specific matter? Not votes in the last election, but letters on this particular matter from people in vehicles that travel through that intersection 77,000 times a day?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: When I was running, I'm glad he brought up the campaign because this was something that was a major pillar of my campaign. It was something that I ran on, and it was controversial and back then, as is now, the Councillor demonstrated his lack of vision in moving things forward. I know he opposes a better connected downtown. We know he opposes active transportation. We know he opposes rapid transit. You know, that's fine, and this chamber is where we have these difference of opinions on policy. His position has been crystal clear. He opposes any changes at that intersection, and so I'm going to continue to work collaboratively with the property owners and yes, some are in Winnipeg, some reside elsewhere, and they're investing millions of dollars in our City. I want them to know our downtown is a good place for them to invest. I think this council believes that downtown continues to be a good place for the private sector to invest and I'm going to work to support those millions of dollars investments at that intersection and other areas of our downtown to be better leveraged and realized for the benefit of businesses that are putting their money into Winnipeg. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Browaty: The Mayor's obviously very much committed to listening to the business owners and the dollars that are being invested at Portage and Main. Is he willing to put that same amount of commitment, that same amount of time and energy, to actually listen to residents of Winnipeg on this particular matter?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. All members of Council will have the opportunity to vote on this in due course. The Councillor voted against the very traffic study that he is now demanding access to. In any event, the other thing, of course, is this was a, not only a clear election commitment, this is something that we've been developing in concert and in collaboration with the property owners, and so that is very important. Of course, the whole purpose of the traffic study was to best manage traffic flows. The Transportation Management Centre, I believe, will be something that will assist in terms of traffic flows, not just at that intersection but also in the Councillor's ward, and that's something that we should all be very proud of. Building a better connected and more accessible downtown to support the continued growth in our downtown is something that I am committed to, and I'll continue to support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. On September 2, 2016, the CAO sent an e-mail to all Council members indicating our application to the Province for additional projects. It was called the "B" list for the public transit infrastructure fund. At that point in time, last September, the CAO stated that the Public Service was now working on determining the funding sources for the projects and would report to Council fall 2016, seeking approval of the projects and funding sources. So now we are in, what is this, March, end of March, 2017? My question is, can you provide Council with an update on what projects have been approved from the "B" list by the Feds and the Province and when these projects will be coming forward to Council for approval? And if he doesn't have that level of detail, Madam Speaker, maybe the CAO could speak to it as he is here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I believe the Councillor should direct her question to the CAO on e-mail correspondence from the CAO, and if there's any information that can be made available by the Public Service through the appropriate committee, obviously I would support that.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: In the last two Council meetings, I asked if the Mayor planned 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. This past month, the CAO did respond saying Mr. Chartier is working on major capital projects listings and at some point will be brought to Council but sorry, we don't have a time frame. Madam Chair, the Federal Government has committed $10.1 billion in trade and transportation projects. They're bringing forward a budget today, right now, which may contain a program for trade and transportation projects. I'm concerned about the fact that the Public Service has no time frame for presenting a list of capital projects for Council to consider and that this Council, we have seen limited public consultation on key policy initiatives and significant land purchases. My question to Mr. Mayor is, can you please provide Council with a time frame as to when we should expect a list of trade and transportation corridor projects for Council to review.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Again, I think this is a question that certainly the Councillor could also take up with the CAO. I'm certainly happy to look into it as well to see what sort of time frame that Council can expect.

Madam Speaker: Third question, no preamble.

Councillor Lukes: All right. We've invested heavily in the asset management plan. We've added staff, we've added positions to the senior management team. In light of the significant investment Council is making in the program and the fact that it's directly involved in prioritization and Council decision making processes related to….

Madam Speaker: Your question. Your question Councillor Lukes

Councillor Lukes: …infrastructure, I'm asking that the Mayor…if the Mayor will facilitate...can I finish my question?

Councillor Orlikow: Point of order. No preamble?

Madam Speaker: Yes, can you get to the question, Councillor?

Councillor Lukes: I'm asking if the Mayor will facilitate an asset management plan presentation to Council before the summer break.

Mayor Bowman: Umm…

Madam Speaker: Can you clarify the question?

Councillor Lukes: …preamble, so I mean…

Madam Speaker: We'll come back to you for the second round. Councillor Wyatt, on to you.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, in the last approximate nine months, we've had three major fiascos that we've had to deal with as a Council you aren't dealing with. First of all, we had the fiasco of $22 million where we had to spend huge amounts of money, far beyond what worthless land was worth paying Manitoba Hydro for a right-of-way. We just recently have learnt in the last couple of…number of weeks that…that over the course of last year or so, while an investigation was going on with regards to our auditors and our Legal Department, that two, not one, but two sole-sourced contracts were made to a contractor who was being investigated at the same time the issue of a potential and serious conflict, the fact that this contractor is married to the very individual who manages the very department that was issuing the contracts that have the funds, and finally now to learn and to read and to see that we have spent or have given $500,000 to acquire land which was worth approximately the value now of being set at $1.7 million an acre for useless land because again, the Public Service somehow lost track of the land when we knew we needed this land or we should have known we needed this land for the purpose of the Waverley underpass. My question is this, Mr. Mayor. A lot of this has occurred and I know you yourself have said you did not get access to information in a timely manner on all three of these items and EPC didn't. Fair enough. In the last term, in the previous four years, it was extremely frustrating when we did not have accountability and when I say accountability, I mean accountability of our

public servants. We can only hold our CAO accountable, who can hold the managers accountable. What accountability are we going to start to demand to see actual accountability of the Public Service, because this is literally costing us millions and millions of dollars?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I appreciate the Councillor's question and the intent behind it. With regards to the...there were three matters; two that are more recently so I'll speak to them. With regards to the sole-sourcing queries, I agree and I believe we need to refresh, renew and have greater accountability and checks and balances in our sole-sourcing processes at the City of Winnipeg. That's why I introduced a motion at EPC and thank my EPC colleagues for the support of a motion to have the Public Service conduct a review on the sole-sourcing practices and processes in other Canadian cities so that we can find areas for improvement. I know I spoke with the Councillor about this motion at a high level in advance. I was hoping that he was going to have an opportunity to come speak to it because I know this is something that he is very passionate about, and I do thank him for that, and I'm looking forward to seeing that report come back so that Council can find areas for improvement in terms of the checks and balances in the Public Service for sole-sourcing. With regards to the latter matter, I share the concerns about whether all due diligence was done in an appropriate way by the Public Service. I had raised my concerns with our CAO and I understand and appreciate the fact that he is treating this matter very seriously. I also want to thank members of the committee, including Councillor Schreyer and Dobson and Councillor Orlikow for their important work on land transaction matters.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I appreciate your response and you know, it's wonderful that...and we got an e-mail at the end of the day yesterday.

Madam Speaker: Your question.

Councillor Wyatt: The CAO is investigating and investigating and investigating. When are we going to actually see results in terms of consequences because decision after decision is being brought to this council, forced upon us to actually make decisions based on lack of information and due diligence by the Public Service. When is the accountability going to start?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I believe the accountability checks and balances that this council has been building are going in the right direction. I do believe there is more work that we need to do to clean up the mess that we inherited. The Councillor and many others have been on Council, have been here for some time, know what we inherited. They were part of a system that they are now part of helping fix, and I appreciate every member of Council's efforts in that regard. One of the very reasons that we have a new Council Liaison for project management is so that this council can have a greater say and greater dialogue with the Public Service on our expectations in terms of greater accountability and management of projects. The reason why I'm very proud that this Council has supported the effort to have our capital expenditures, every capital dollar that is spent by this city council and by the City of Winnipeg, is proactively posted on the City website, something that has never been done before. These are...and many other steps are being taken by our new CAO in order to have greater accountability for the taxpayers that we serve as well as all members of Council to get better and more timely information, and I certainly would welcome ideas from member of Council, all members of Council, on how we can continue to make positive steps to increase the accountability here at City Hall. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Third question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Would the Mayor be prepared to request and receive for this council, information pertaining to that recent report at Property and Development, namely, was the Legal Department consulted prior to recommending to the Property Committee that we should purchase land of that order in light of the fact that we were also negotiating...in negotiations and through the process that is laid out for that, to acquire lands for the Rapid Transit terminal...Rapid Transit right-of-way. Could he inquire whether or not that legal opinion was sought to protect the City's interest since the same party is involved and we just settled with them at a value of 1.7 million per acre.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I would encourage the member of Council to consult with Legal Services as well as our CAO, but I will say in addition to that, that I appreciate the leadership of our committee chair. I know, I have spoken with Councillor Orlikow and I know he is open to looking at making changes to the process that is required of the committee members.

They were certainly acting in accordance with common practices regarding land transactions in matters that affect the purchase price and taxpayers' bottom line on a go-forward basis on other transactions, but I think...obviously, anything we can do to increase the accountability for members of Council and the openness and transparency, I know that that's something that Councillor Orlikow is committed to and I appreciate his leadership to try and see what we can do to improve the process going forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes thank you, Madam Speaker. As it was in the news over the last few weeks, the Provincial Government now has decided that they're going to download the responsibility of the taxicab, what they're calling a commission now, on the City, and given that the new act, the Vehicles for Hire Act, allows for software-based dispatch, vehicle for hire companies, Madam Speaker, which create two-tier systems as those kinds of systems utilize credit cards which, if you don't own a credit card you're not going to be able to call up that vehicle for hire, creating a two-tier system within the City of Winnipeg, and my question really is, if the Mayor, in moving forward, trying to bring these software-based transportation network companies into Winnipeg, if he actually understands how many indigenous and how many persons with disabilities do not own credit cards.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I don't think there are many people on this council floor that appreciate the inner workings of the Taxicab Board better than the former member of the Taxicab Board, Councillor Eadie. I would welcome an opportunity for him to better educate me on some of the questions that he is raising right now. I do, however, believe that the Bill that was proposed by the Provincial Government this week does provide an opportunity for Winnipeggers, regardless of the mode of transportation that they choose, whether it's a traditional taxicab or potentially new ride-sharing options, to have an improved level of service. Obviously, we want to be mindful of the existing market structures and market players, but innovation is something that this council should be embracing and trying to support and not quash. Competition and choice for customers is also something that I think will help provide better service going forward for riders and so, that being said, I would welcome an opportunity to learn more from the Councillor. I know he was on the Taxicab Board and recently resigned, but I have no doubt has lots to…lots of knowledge that he can impart on me and others on the matter that he is raising today.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. These are not ride-share, just to be clear. Let's not use that language. That's a promotional thing created by a bunch of rich people in California. Madam Speaker, my second question is, what are we going to do if we are allowing these software-based network companies who are based outside of our city, our province, our country, what are we going to do to replace the 25 percent of the rides that happen to the families who are paying...making money and paying property taxes in the City of Winnipeg? So how are we going to adjust when they take 25 percent of every trip done in the City of Winnipeg and move it down to California? What are we going to do, Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, the first thing I'm going to do is I'm going to read the Bill that was proposed this week in greater detail and then I'm going to try to have as many conversations with stakeholders, members of Council, including the Councillor, to get my head around what sort of options might be available to this council moving forward, and that is going to be my first step, is just reading the proposed bill, having some conversations with our partners on Broadway, to see how they envision things moving forward, and we'll go from there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: On another matter that was raised by Councillor Wyatt, I would like to know if we have settled with Gem Equities expropriation around the Rapid Transit system which was unserviced land that we expropriated, and I would like to know if we've settled that and what is the cost? Is it going to be the same price we paid for that piece of land from CN?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I think the question should be best directed to our CAO. I'm certainly not aware of the information that he is requesting off the top of my head.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions of the Mayor? Councillor Lukes, back to you.

Councillor Lukes: No preamble, here it is. Will the Mayor…

Madam Speaker: You can. You can have a preamble on the first question. Go ahead.

Councillor Lukes: Okay. Madam Chair, the City faces upwards of a $7 billion infrastructure deficit. Since the election of this new council, many Public Service staff have been hired to focus on developing a comprehensive asset management plan. We've created a Council Infrastructure Liaison that Mr. Pagtakhan fills. We've created a new position, Chief Asset and Project Management Chair who is on the senior management team. Madam Chair, asset management is directly related to identifying project prioritization. Asset management is a complex process. I and Councillor Morantz received a one-and-a-half-hour general overview review about two years ago, and about a year ago, I received a one-hour review related to a special project. I also asked and have been provided asset management 101 documents. Madam Chair, it's been two-and-a-half years that this council has been heavily investing in the asset management development plan. My question is; will the Mayor facilitate an asset management plan presentation to Council before the summer break?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm not sure if the Councillor has spoken with our Council Liaison on this matter or not, but the first step I'll do is have a conversation with the Council Liaison as well as our public service to see what options might be available for the Public Service to provide information to us. I would be inclined, of course, to have it flow through the appropriate committee so that it's done in an open and transparent way for everyone to see at the time if and when such a presentation is available.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Just on the previous question that Councillor Eadie asked again, the report is pretty damming that was brought forward because it basically alludes in the report that we have now set the value as if it were to go to expropriation. So the implication in terms of Councillor Eadie's question is with Gem Equities and if we have not made a settlement. We have now potentially set a rate of 1.7 million…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, Councillor Wyatt, are you referring to an item that was In Camera?

Councillor Wyatt: I don't know.

Madam Speaker: I believe you are.

Councillor Wyatt: It was on the front page of the newspaper today.

Madam Speaker: Yes, and we can't site newspaper articles. The In Camera By-law prohibits…

Councillor Wyatt: I'm referring to the article I saw in the CBC and the article that I saw being reported in the Metro. So I'm referring to those two articles that they seem to have.

Madam Speaker: I'll ask you to come up with a different question if you like.

Councillor Wyatt: Sure. Will the Mayor look into the potential implications with an In Camera report with regards to a third party which we are now before the expropriation hearing and the potential negative implication to…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, the Mayor cannot answer a question related to In Camera. Any other topic?

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah. I will ask another topic. Will the Mayor be prepared to hold this public service accountable in the event that an expropriation settlement is made and it is found out at a later date that a decision by a Standing Committee directly impacted by a report by the Public Service directly impacted that hearing?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, I'm just trying to clarify the question. I think what I heard was…if you could.

Councillor Wyatt: Sure, basically what I'm saying is we are in negotiations, we're in expropriation with Mr…with Gem Equities. We haven't settled it apparently. So if we end up settling at an exorbitant rate, and there's a potential that the decision that was made this month has an impact there, will there be public servants held accountable, specifically our CAO with regards to the fact that this…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt. This is along the same lines. Can I go to someone else at this time? Are there any other questions for the Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: I'm happy to answer the question.

Madam Speaker: Okay, any other questions for the Mayor? Councillor Wyatt, different topic if you like. There's four minutes on the clock.

Councillor Wyatt: Absolutely. Can the Mayor tell us how many pothole crews are out for servicing the City come this spring? In February, we were told specifically, and this is a preamble because all the other ones were disallowed. We're told that we had a total of six pothole crews and when I asked is that the east district? They said that's the entire city. Six pothole crews serving the entire city. Mr. Mayor, when the thaw starts again which is shortly, can we ensure that we have all the crews out there fixing potholes because I can tell you literally, literally, this is not an exaggeration, folks are literally blowing tires and losing their front ends hitting these potholes. In one location specifically I know of in the ward of St. Boniface, in the course of one hour, four cars blew their front end tires driving and hitting the same pothole and having to pull into the Franco Cultural Centre to fix their tires. Four. Can we ensure all the crews are out, and how many crews will be out because it's extremely important for the welfare of the City? The Mayor campaigned that he was going to fix potholes and we have more potholes than ever before.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well, I thank the Councillor for the question. This is why I'm very proud that we have delivered in terms of road repairs, more resources to fixing the roads in the first three years of our mandate than the previous six councils. This council and our track record on providing the dollars to repair our streets has been unwavering and has been record-setting. We do have crews that are currently fixing potholes 24/7. We of course are fixing an infrastructure deficit that we inherited that is over $7 billion as was noted by Councillor Lukes a few moments ago, and it's something that, quite frankly, I wish that we had had greater vision and greater foresight as a city by previous councils. I think 14 years of property tax cuts and freezes have left our roads in disrepair, and as much as some might want to blame each and every pothole on members of this council or myself, let's take responsibility as a council for fixing things and that's why I want to thank all members of Council who supported the budget that actually provided the dollars to repair the potholes and fix the streets. We're getting it done in a way that it hasn't occurred in previous councils, and it's something that this council should be very, very proud of. I had the opportunity, Madam Speaker, to attend a press conference yesterday with the president of CAA, and this was the Worst Roads Campaign, and what was said at that press conference is noteworthy. There was an acknowledgement that there was a new focus, a renewed focus on road repair that CAA has not seen before by this mayor, by this council, and something all members of Council should be very proud of. The pothole repairs was noted, the record investments in road repairs was noted, as well as the municipal infrastructure research chair that was a campaign commitment of mine and I'm very pleased that we're delivering on. It's one thing to provide the resources, the second thing you need to do is you need to make sure that that money is being well spent effectively, and I want to thank our chair of Public Works, Councillor Marty Morantz, for his leadership right now. I know he's doing great work on this area whether it comes to pothole repairs, when it comes to road repairs, he's doing incredibly difficult work right now on the number one priority for Winnipeggers and the short answer, of course, in terms of how many pothole crews there are, there's not enough. We need more and we need to keep the focus on road repairs, and that's why we'll continue to do so in next year's budget.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: In advance of the pothole season again, since we had a bit of one previously, could the Mayor inquire on our behalf, and in light of how important this is for all the citizens of Winnipeg, to ensure how many crews will be out there and how extensive their period of time will be committed to the pothole work.

Madam Speaker: That ends our question period for today. We are moving on now to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Eadie.

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Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, currently the Mayor's office knows and the CAO's office knows Madam Speaker, at this point the Access Advisory Committee is applying...is putting together an

application to become...this is part of a national initiative where cities get to apply to the Rick Hanson Foundation, to become considered the most accessible city in Canada, and we are preparing an application for that, Madam Speaker, as you may be aware of our notes from our committee meetings and I think was there, Madam Speaker, you are on our committee. And we are quite proud of the City of Winnipeg and how we progressed since the Access Advisory Committee was created back in '94-95, and so, Madam Speaker, there's a number of initiatives that the City has that are cash to capital in our budgets, very good budgets, and yes I didn't vote for the budget, but you know what, there are some really good things in our budget, Madam Speaker. They're related to cash to capital and they are capital programs that actually promote and build accessibility into our streets, into the buildings, into community centres and swimming pools and existing structures and so on, and Madam Speaker, my question to the Chair of Finance who did request from all departments cash to capital projects and stuff that could be deferred till next year or just, you know, not done because these are ongoing programs that are cash to capital, Madam Speaker. I'm asking the question if the Chairperson would be willing to send to all departments not to cut any of those accessibility programs that are in our capital budget.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank the Councillor for his question. A report did come to Finance Committee that outlined the cost mitigation strategies initiatives and efforts being made. That included Appendix A which does list the reduction targets by department. This was issued by the CAO under the CAO's authority. To my knowledge, the directors are working on those targets and have not brought those forward yet to CAO. That's something that I would encourage the Councillor to speak to the CAO about or I'd be glad to assist with that. Just a reminder though, when it comes to anything regards to cash to capital, if there's to be any changes to the capital budget, that is really under the authority of Council. So anything that would affect capital projects that were previously passed in the adopted 2017 budget, if there's to be any changes, Council has to approve those changes through a vote so that report will come to Council for Council's decision.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Would the Chair of Finance not acknowledge that if some of these programs end up on a list to achieve certain savings, that that in itself will cause great stress and strain on our application and on persons with disabilities who are very upset when they read the Winnipeg Free Press article?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Again, I thank the Councillor for his question. In regards to articles or reports that individuals or press or others may put forward, just a reminder, that's a…I think Councillor Gerbasi said it earlier today, that article cited just a moment ago by Councillor Eadie, to my knowledge, was a list made up by the reporter. It certainly didn't come from anyone within administration nor anyone on Council. Again, anything, any decision, any changes that need…that are proposed when it comes to cash to capital, if it would affect capital programming or capital projects, need to be decided ultimately by Council, so there will be an opportunity for Councillors to make those decisions before anything could take effect.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Eadie, last question.

Councillor Eadie: Final question, Madam Speaker. In…I'm just wondering if the Chair of Finance is aware that when our snow budget went over, the budget went over working on streets and that the sidewalks on regional and collector streets were impossible to navigate by persons with disabilities, and I'm wondering if he thinks that it's fair to go after capital projects, cash to capital projects that are related to accessibility when it was those very same people who received the poorest service this winter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I thank the Councillor for his question. Just to be clear, again, as I stated in answering the first question, the cost mitigation measures that have been called for or implemented I should say by the CAO with, that include the targets per department, we're still waiting on a report back. The CAO, to my knowledge, doesn't have response yet, to my knowledge, from the Directors of each department, so I don't have any indication of any specific projects, including the ones that the Councillor is referencing. I don't have any indication of any particular projects or programs that have been offered up, so I'm not sure where the Councillor is getting his information from specific to those programs or projects that he's mentioning, but I don't have the same information. Again, as my understanding, the CAO is awaiting response from the Directors as per his request to identify potential ways to save and to meet those targets.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Okay, seeing none. Councillor Eadie. Okay.

Councillor Eadie: One more question. Yes, Madam Speaker. Given the snow issues that we had this year, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering through the 2018 budget process, if we will re-establish a snow reserve so that if we do have years, we could put some money into it so when we experience winters like the one that just went by, we'll have funds to deal with this instead of looking at various things to remove from cash to capital projects and hiring freezes and so on and so forth, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did indicate to all members of Council and reached out...in fact, all members of Council inviting consultation and discussion with all members of Council on the 2018 budget and I'm part way into round one in discussions with those who are willing to, at this point, meet with me. And I don't...I intend to have further discussions with members of Council so if there are any ideas for the 2018 budget that, and items that Councillors would like to see included as part of the budget 2018 process and discussion, then I certainly would be willing to have those discussions. So I know Councillor Eadie and I met once already. I appreciated that meeting and certainly I'm open to any discussion, ideas, matters that he may have that he would like to see as part of the 2018 budget process.

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

Councillor Eadie: I'm just wondering if the Chair of Finance is aware that I really did appreciate the meeting and was encouraged by his listening skills. Hopefully, we see some of that stuff implemented. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I appreciate the opportunity to meet and look forward to meeting with other councillors as well.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the chair? Seeing none, Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated February 27th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move the report dated February 27th, Items 1 through 4 inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Call the question on Item 1, 3 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Garbage, Recycling and Organic Waste

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce the item.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, this is the step of proceeding with the five year review. This is to be distinguished from the separate initiative that we've got going through Councillor Gerbasi's committee on climate change. This is a review that will be through a consultant not public engagement exercise. This is more of a hiring outside experts to review how we have done over the past five years. The climate change initiative which is currently with staff for their report back which we are hoping to have by September. That envisages using some FCM money that we have in-hand to hire a consultant to talk about a number of climate change issues including organics. That would be more of a public engagement exercise. So we have been around the mulberry bush a bit on this one and taken an extra month to make sure we were all on the same page. My thanks to the CAO for coming to the committee to make sure that we were all on the same page in terms of how those two different processes are going forward. We are getting the five year review done under this initiative and separately there will be a broader discussion about climate change and as part of that public engagement on organics.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I did want to speak to this and put some comments on the record. And so first, I would like to say that I will be supporting the review of the Waste Management Plan which is

overdue. The City…the plan was approved in 2011 and was to be reviewed every five years. But I do want to put on the record some disappointment with what happened in recent…in the last few years and how we've ended up where we are today on the curb side composting issue. I believe…I wish we had been able to get further along on this issue and I just feel it's important to make some comments about that. I don't think we are in a very good place right now in the public dialogue on curb side composting. Council has not reached a consensus on a path forward and the public is somewhat cynical and untrusting of this issue...on this issue. And the first thing I think that went wrong with this was the failure under the previous council to implement the pilot project that was to have taken place in 2014. It was identified in the 2011 Waste Strategy to take place in 2014. I don't know why it didn't. I wasn't on EPC. It was a decision made behind closed doors under the previous EPC. So perhaps the previous Finance Chair might be able to tell us why that never happened, but it never happened. And then when the department rolled out its potential model of curb side composting to...for consultation it was brought to a council seminar and to put it gently, some councillors didn't like the model or the idea. And I'm not going to get into the whole thing that happened there but I think the public mind… the public's mind was essentially poisoned, I believe, on the idea of curb side composting as citizens were encouraged to frame this as a tax and as paying for an individual service that they didn't want. And the reality in my view is that properly processing our collective organic waste is a basic City responsibility that the vast majority of cities do, unlike Winnipeg and without curb side composting we will continue to produce larger and preventable amounts of greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, we will not reach our target of 50 percent waste. And because of what happened at that time, the public and political enthusiasm to move forward on this has diminished or gone. So I do think...I just think it needs to be said that we...curb side composting is done in pretty much every other major city. Cities have better waste diversion rates than us, most places. And that we will not achieve the goals that was set out in the original 2011 plan. So…but in the meantime, I'm trying to remain optimistic that we will get our act together on this file and the future going forward and this report will hopefully lead us in that direction. It will be looking at potential funding sources and so on that might support the infrastructure we need to do this. I would also like to clarify the role of the Climate Change Working Group. That report as Councillor Mayes mentioned is in the hands of the Public Service to bring forward an implementation plan and there will be a public consultation process. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy and Allard for working on that with me. I think it's an excellent report that presents a path forward for us. But where do organics fit into that? Organics are part of community-wide emissions and the Climate Change Report recommends that this community-wide plan be developed. So there will be some discussion about curb side composting in that process. So I encourage citizens who care about this issue and who…whatever you think about it, that citizens participate. But I do want to be clear that for the City to roll out a consultation on curb side composting that needs to be led by the department with rolling out an actual model of curb side composting. It's not going to be accomplished through the community-wide plan that's created by...and I just want to clarify that so that the public is clear and understands that. Like, it's really important to have a community-wide plan. But the composting issue is something that would be part of the department bringing forward a third stream of waste. It is a part of this overall plan to look at what makes sense and I am hoping that this review will come back and identify the importance of doing this because I don't think the facts are going to change. They are going to still show that we can't get to our diversion targets without doing a curb side program. And I think it's great that we are looking at the broad picture of climate change and that taking some action on that and I really hope that the recommendations are supported by this council in the future when they come back. But there is a disappointment. I think that some people feel that we haven't been able to move quicker on this. So I just…I did want to put that on the record. You know, backyard composting is great, I do it myself. My bin is completely full. I managed to still doing it over the winter, but there's really a small number of people who do it. It has been used, I think, as a bit of a red herring in this argument to make it sound like we don't need to do curb side composting because some people backyard compost already. The Green Action Centre has…offering a service to some citizens; that's 200 people out of 700,000 people that are going to be able to do that and it's going to cost them $25 a month. That's $300 a year to take part in the Green Action Centre's program. While we were rolling out a potential program or a consultation on a program as low as $60 a year, $5 a month, and that overall collectively would have had a huge impact on our diversion rates and our greenhouse gas emissions. So I guess you can't win every debate at Council and this one didn't go, certainly over the years, the way I hoped it would go and we are not as far ahead as some of us would like to be. But...and I think we just have to accept that for now. But I think that the City of Winnipeg needs a plant. The city this size needs a plant to process the quantity of material that would be produced and that would take a number of years to plan and build that. So the good news is that we have funding opportunities on the horizon for funding green initiatives such as carbon pricing and the potential from the Province and the federal green infrastructure funding so there may be a chance to even reduce the costs of a future model which I think would be really good. So we have to wait till we have those numbers to see about those opportunities. But...and I would really hate to see us leaving money on the table for other municipalities to scoop up or other provinces to get while we sit here waiting for the right moment. But having said that, I'm hopeful that this process that we are approving today will do that work to some extent and identify the benefit of this and hopefully even more if money becomes available that they will look at that money…opportunity to do this faster and that we will get some advice as how we can potentially move faster on this. So I just think...I know...you know, I agree with the process we are setting out. I am voting in favour of the clause but I think we have had many, many successes and I have been lollipops and sunshine about everything this council's been doing. I'm really supportive of almost everything this council is doing but I think it's

fair to say that there is some disappointment that we are taking so long to do curb side composting. And I just…I have to say it and I appreciate people allowing me the chance to express myself. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Wyatt followed by Councillor Gilroy and then Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Wyatt: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I rise…I won't be voting for another $200,000 for another study. I think we have studied this matter to death. But I did vote for the Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Strategy when it did come to this council. It was actually quite a controversial debate at the time but…you know, and it was definitely not unanimous. But I voted for it because I felt it was heading the city in the right direction. And one of the parts of the report that seems to have been kind of forgotten...and maybe actually I'll take a step back, I'll take a step back for a second here. I'm going to go back to last February, a year ago February when we were called to a council seminar and we were told at council seminar, we were rolling out a consultation program with regards to organics and by the way, at the very minimum, if we implement what's coming after the consultation, which clearly was the intent at the consultation...at the meeting, the council seminar, you would see the cost of collecting...or the cost related to collecting organics, you would see the rate that homeowners are now paying double, basically double. And you know, it was…I know some folks don't mind adding a new tax to the City, but you know I think a lot of us do. And we questioned that, out of that council seminar and you know, I realized that some folks saw that this was not exactly how history was supposed to unfold in their minds and they were a little upset that we questioned that and then the general public started to question that fact that it was going to be potentially doubling of the tax that everybody now pays for the existing recycling program. But, you know what? I think it was great to have that discussion and open discussion and have that information in the hands of the public. Now, one of the things that was raised in that council seminar and there has been really no follow-up by the department on which is really disappointing, but this is a great chance to be able to speak to that and it is kind of referred to in this report and that is that the opportunities that exists, if we really care about the environment and if we care about reducing the amount of waste going into our landfill, which I think we all do, and I think…then the idea that we can actually divert waste out of our landfill and into recycling or reuse was the whole area of contractor waste and industrial waste and commercial waste which is an area, by the way Madam Speaker, that we are not in the business in. We are in the business in the residential waste business. We're not in the business of the commercial and industrial waste other than the fact that we collect some of it. We collect it at Brady and a lot of it goes off to the private landfill. But nevertheless Madam Speaker, the only end of it we're in is the garbage dump end. We are not in the collection end. So there's really no way…there's no easy way for us to go and start to tax or apply that cost or get into that business. So our public…we just throw our hands up and say, well, the easiest next step is the organics because you know…well, we can tax the homeowner. We can hit to homeowner but Madam Speaker, when it comes to figuring out how to divert industrial waste, commercial waste, contractor waste, well that's just too hard to do. We can't work on that one right now. That's not easily taxable because we are not in the business. Well, that's not an excuse. This is…this is waste...some of the waste, by the way, is not exactly the kind of waste you want to be burning. You know, it's far more toxic than what anybody in their households would be throwing out so but yet we are putting it off in debris or sending it up into Rosser. And you know, there's got to be a better way. Why aren't we concentrating on that? But once again if we're going to spend $200,000 to study how to do organics, we're going to figure out the organics side of potentially developing a system for removing the organic waste from the industrial, commercial and institutional side but why aren't we doing…why aren't we taking…why aren't we going right after that and say, you know what, let's start diverting that waste. Because if we can do that, that's a huge amount of garbage that's now going to the landfill that can be diverted. Broaden the report, expand upon it, apply that. You know, it's not too late to do that. Have a follow-up report if you can't amend this one, have a follow-up report to expand this 200,000 so we can have a better bang for our buck because frankly, just talking about organics here and not talking about the amount of waste that can be diverted and by the way, this is an area which is extremely profitable, extremely profitable to the private sector, that waste. But you know, it's frustrating because you know, everybody here, you know, you…if you go to a…you know, these fast food places or you go to you know, I won't say the name of the restaurant because you might get…but anyway, you go and you throw your garbage in, it's quite funny, there's a sign, you know the sign say that there's the hole for the throw your recyclables in and then there's one for the garbage and then you actually look down and it's the same bin, but it's two different sides. You know, so they're giving the public the warm and fuzzy but the garbage is going into a garbage container that's going into the landfill. And why? Because, there's no system in place and there are private sector systems for recycling, for industrial, house…industrial and commercial and institutional and contractors but that's a voluntary system and it tends to be more expensive than the traditional waste system which is much easier, just haul it off to the landfill. So, you know, I can't support this again because once again…and it's frustrating because these concerns, by the way, you know, were raised, Madam Speaker, they were raised in the council seminar with the Public Service and during that whole debate many of us spoke about that and I know I've spoken about this before in this term on the Council floor. But the Public Service, you know, they just…they don't want to listen. They've already…they've got their plan, this is where they're going. You know, let's not figure out a way…other cities have. Other cities have figured out a way. You go to other cities and those signs I told you about, you see in the…they are separate, they are collecting separate, why? Because their municipalities have come forward with programs requiring commercial waste to be recycled, requiring industrial waste to have recycling requirements, requiring contractors to recycle their waste. We choose not to. We choose not to and that's

unfortunate, Madam Speaker. Once again, this is a lost opportunity and to spend this kind of money just to talk about organics is disappointing. You know, but again…and ironically it could actually be a way to finance the organics. You could actually use the collection of and the waste and getting into that side of the waste business with regards to the industrial and commercial, it could be a way to actually finance your organic program and expand an organic program for collection on the doorstep to all the homes. So those are my comments, Madam Speaker. And because of that, I won't supporting this and I won't be supporting another tax on the citizens of Winnipeg because some of us believe that, you know what, we've got other priorities, we've got to find money to fix the infrastructure that's crumbling in this city and we can't afford to put another tax when we have many households, many households that are doing organic diversion on their own in their own backyards and what not. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gilroy: Oh, Madam Chair, if kids ruled the world, we would be in a much better place than we are today. I do stand up here supporting this, but I support this reluctantly because I think we are really behind the times, one of the last cities to have an organics program. And I got to meet with the…I got to take part in the Mayor's Indigenous...the accord that he did with the many kids that we brought from across the city and one of the things that they talked about is what are we going to do about the environment. That came up in our conversation. I love to read. What came up in the conversation is what are we going to do about our environment when I've got letters from Laura Secord kids. They're talking to me, what are you doing about the environment. One of the biggest thing that we can do about our environment, Madam Chair, is we can have an organics program because that is the single largest contributor to our greenhouse gases in Manitoba. So we are behind the times when all other cities, including Brandon, is having an organics program. I hope that the Federal Government is going to bring down some funding for us because you know what that will be able to do, we are here, we're talking about this because we are scared because it's going to cost the taxpayer money. Why I tell you, Madam Chair, that it might not because if we get some funding from them for a building, we can actually maybe have an organics program that is like Toronto where the people that are recycling, where the people that are putting…having an organics program are paying less because they are not contributing to the greenhouse gases that we are having. And in fact, it's people that are in Toronto that are diverting not just their potato peels and their egg shells, they are diverting diapers, they are diverting dog waste, cat waste. They are doing chicken bones. They are doing meat products, they are doing dairy products. This isn't just the backyard compost that we see that some of us do partake in but it's just not enough because what is really creating that…that greenhouse gas emission is those organics. You know, unfortunately, it's not the mattresses that are sitting there which I think we should still deal with it, but when one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gasses is our organics, we need to do something about it. I'm…I'm, you know, I'm sad to see that we are not moving forward fast enough. I do support this because maybe it will allow for some extra funding to come down the pipe. Maybe it will get other councillors to really take on and champion this issue as they learn more about it. So I'm hoping that moving forward, you know, we will eventually get there and we'll be able to be proud when we…I see the two young girls here that are going to be having to deal with this when we decide to leave our offices, they will have this job of taking care of our environment and the stewardship that comes with that. So thank you very much for allowing me to speak today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Browaty

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise…I'm actually going to be voting for this report to go ahead because my original motion that started this was…there was in the master plan, the Integrated Waste Management Plan, there was supposed to be a five year...there was supposed to be a review. That's what this is. This is the review that our policy called, Madam Speaker, on us to do. I can't help that the pilot program for organic curb side pick-up never happened. That was it. I don't know, Madam Speaker, about the momentum and the enthusiasm of all the citizens of Winnipeg. There was a lot of enthusiasm from our important environmentally considerate people but the general population that we speak to, Madam Speaker, in my ward…I can speak quite well on my ward, they were even unaware of any of that integrated waste management consultation. It was a good consultation process, Madam Speaker, I'm sure you attended one or two of these sessions. It was a huge thing to come up with this Integrated Waste Management Plan and…and, you know, there was a lot of concerns raised by people. But there was hardly, you know, even...I'd be…you know, you would be lucky if there was 70,000 actual different people involved in that integrated waste management program consultations before it was created. And so, Madam Speaker, when I speak about it...and you know, I hear from Indigenous people all the time, kids. Kids in general, they want to do something for our environment. They want to prevent this climate change or slow it down as much as they can. They do, they do. But if you, Madam Speaker, talk to their parents, talk to their parents what they will tell you is they are concerned about how they are paying their day-to-day bills. That's what they'll talk to you about, Madam Speaker. It's a wonderful thing, however, there are a lot of people struggling just to make ends meet, Madam Speaker. So really, what it's about is, if you're going to do organic waste curb side collection or any kind of method, you have to really look at the methodology of one's ability to pay, Madam Speaker. And frankly, you know, some people say people who…there are senior citizens who are expert composters in their own yards, they're not just doing potato peels or whatever, they do actually more because they know how to do it, Madam

Speaker. They might not be doing the dog poop, but anyway. I'm just saying, Madam Speaker, the $60 plan is not, as mentioned by Councillor Gerbasi, is not the plan that brings in all this stuff that everybody would be proud to be similar to Toronto. That is a much higher cost, Madam Speaker. And yes, I agree, if there is money to be leveraged from the Federal Government in order to move ahead with different programs so that those people I talked about, those parents, who are having trouble paying bills everyday have an opportunity to have reduced costs What I don't see also, Madam Speaker, I am voting for this review to happen, but what I don't see is a review of our data bases that we have, the big data, to say, hey, the most progressive data base we have in this city of Winnipeg is the market value of your home, your assessed value of the house or property that you live in. And Madam Speaker, if we could apply that against a flat fee, because a flat fee works for the rich, again, am I saying that word again, Madam Speaker? The rich, wealthy people, people who are doing quite well in this society of Winnipeg. So we need to ensure that we are able to make sure that people can afford this to the best of their ability before its implemented and review of our data bases to see how we can make it more progressive, easier and also Madam Speaker, you know, I wanted this review to be done because while we can say recycling has gone way up in neighbourhoods like William White and St. Johns and all these places, what I can tell you Madam Speaker, is there is a lot of waste on the back lanes, in the back yards, it's garbage everywhere. We need to do a review and find out what's the matter with that system as it works now before we even consider going ahead with a curb side organic waste pick up because you know what, that will be even more condensed. Where's that going to end up? You know, I'm really concerned about this. So we need to review how we implement it and how we went ahead with what we have before and look at the problems and say, here is how we can resolve these as we move forward, Madam Speaker. And so that's why I am voting for this report. You know, I am not necessarily all for just everybody has to buy into a program. I have to say, there are so many people in my ward although maybe they are getting…anyway, but there are, Madam Speaker, I would point out a lot of people in my ward who can afford to and would be quite willing to pay to have curb side pick-up. Alls it is, is somebody just needs to go out and knock on their door and offer them the service because they do want to help their environment but there are people who can't afford it and don't want that option. But there are a whole bunch of people in the Mynarski Ward who are willing to pay for that. So you know, when we look at moving ahead, it's not one model. You know, I heard that in order to do a consultation, you need to bring a model ahead and that's the way it is and you can solve. So if 50 or 40 percent say this…yeah, we're okay with it, we're just going to go ahead with it, Madam Speaker. I don't understand that kind of logic, I don't. I want to protect the climate. And you know what, people should support the idea, Madam Speaker, we are talking about climate change, Harvey Smith's idea; let people turn in their gas guzzling cars, give them some…well, maybe a ten year free pass on transit. Don't use the car, use transit. Thanks.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. While I'm happy the report before us today pushes out the eventual implementation of…or possible future implementation of organics programs, the point of the matter is, it's still investing 200 grand of taxpayer dollars towards something I simply don't think the residents of Winnipeg want. A couple of summers ago, we heard loud and clear, I believe, from the residents that the idea of having to spend an extra 55 to $100 per household for a new service simply isn't warranted or wanted. No mater, I know my colleague from Mynarski would like to see it rolled into property taxes somehow so. But regardless, middle-class families are struggling. So if you are a working-class family in North Kildonan living in a $350,000 house, they're going to be paying a lot more than 55 to $100. And again, it's a service that they don't want and they don't need. Many people are composting on their own at home. Winnipeg is blessed, we're not southern Ontario, we have a huge landfill, we have a ton of space, we've got good clay base. We've got somewhere in the neighbourhood of a hundred years of capacity at a City owned landfill. Why are we spending so much money when we don't have the problems that southern Ontario has? Yes, we all need clean air and clean water. We need to make sure that our landfills are done in a responsible way. But again, we don't need to be spending this kind of money on a study. Yes, I voted against the study on opening Portage and Main because I am against opening Portage and Main. So to be consistent, I will be voting against this motion here before us today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: I would hope that were I to vote against the study and we'd have a study, that Council would hope that if I wished for the results that I have access to it, it would be in the people's interest for me to deal with the information that other people are dealing with. I do want to contribute to this on some statistics. There's certain things you can't get away from in terms of greenhouse gases being emitted from Manitoba and from Winnipeg basically we are dealing with carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. Those are the three…almost exclusively the three; carbon dioxide being the most common, the least potent and then methane which is more so and then nitrous oxide which is even notably more so in terms of its impact on the atmosphere per unit weight or volume. Just so you know where we are come from, Madam Speaker, in terms of what causes what, greenhouse gas damage, 61 percent in 2014, this is for all of Manitoba, it applies very much here in Winnipeg. Sixty one percent was caused by fossil fuel burning for the following purposes: transportation; moving people and goods, stationary combustion and commercial heating, it's

basically it. Two percent from flaring, it's called fugitive sources, release of greenhouse gases from the production of processing and transmission of storage and use of fossil fuels. Twenty nine percent from Manitoba comes from agriculture, mostly methane from livestock, Madam Speaker. And nitrous oxide as well in the way we actively use our soils in agriculture. Waste disposal for the province is at five percent and four percent is industrial processes. Those are the...that basically sums up how we create greenhouse gas emissions in this province. Of course, when I talk about agriculture, that takes place basically outside of the City of Winnipeg. But the reality is, it is an expression of demand and we are part and parcel as consumers for agricultural production, in fact, the vast majority of it because the vast majority of us live in urban centres. And on that basis, you see where waste disposal comes into play. We should take some solace, I mean, celebrate the fact that since the City has implemented the stations in the city where you can bring in your organics that that has had a notable effect on reduction of organics in landfill. That's a good thing. The City did this and it's had its effect. We do...are looking at increasing our organics out of landfill to about 50 percent. So right now we are at five percent, I think, this is 2014, we may have gone down to four percent, we could, based on the use of our existing organics services in the city. I think we could do more in terms of, as Councillor Eadie said, getting the message out for those that wish to do it voluntarily and we could get it down to what, 4 - 3.5? I don't know Madam Speaker. But in terms of also four percent for industrial process as Councillor Wyatt pointed out, we are not dealing with industrial processes. We haven't…we haven't harnessed that in terms of its contribution to either reduction of greenhouse gases or in terms of being able to have that part of the system in terms of financing for the infrastructure or, for basically a fair and equitable fee for industrial waste which we haven't been able to calculate or work on. So when it comes to the point of the amount of impact that we would have from bringing in a city-wide recycling...composting program, what would be the net benefit? And I'm thinking...I don't know I'm looking at these calculations…yeah, it could be over one percent, maybe two. I don't know. We would have so check that out maybe I think there's some…there's some...already there would be some expert advice on what it could be, one or two percent. But Madam Speaker, I want to get back to agriculture and the 29 percent. I want to get back to the 61 percent from fossil fuel burning. It is true that Manitoba has the highest percent from agriculture and the reason is we have got this great benefit in this province called hydro and that's...that changes everything for this province. And we really should take advantage of it. We can more in terms of commercial heating and heating for our houses, we can encourage more use of hydro instead of natural gas and that would reduce gashouse emissions as well and it would save people money in the long term at the same time. Manitoba Hydro is great at offering subsidies in fact for that effect. Agriculture, 29 percent from agriculture province-wide but I do want to say that we as urban dwellers have a big impact because we eat the food. We are told in this day and age in terms of how we have to deal with our diets and think again in terms of the nutritional challenges for the future for our children, reducing certain things that are most doable and I think last Council meeting, I talked about diabetes. Well, the reality is, Madam Speaker, in changing eating habits and if we listen to our doctors considering the fact that we have doubled our meat consumption in so many years to what extent? What's the point? We are told not to do it. Madam Speaker, I think if we were to deal with our food consumption to a degree, we would have the same impact on fossil fuels, on greenhouse emissions and it would save us money, Madam Speaker. These are things that are very important especially when they deal with health issues. These are things that are very practical and we should consider as well. I think they are part and parcel of the whole discussion on greenhouse gases that I think this council has been missing but we can't. These are the things we have to talk about and on that basis I am glad to have brought this forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I would just like to acknowledge and thank all members of Council who've spoken on this topic. It is important to keep in mind that…it's important for us to ensure that the existing programs and services are working effectively for our residents and that the operational and financial parameters of any proposed new initiatives are properly planned to ensure sustainability or sustainable progress in the City's garbage, recycling as well as organics programs. The Public Service in this report is recommending and...I am saying this for the benefit of those that may be watching this and may be a little bit confused about what this report actually does. So I do want to clarify for those that are watching, that it is…that the Public Service is recommending a review and potential refinement of the current programs and services before implementing further changes to waste diversion services. The 2017, as members of Council will know, the 2017 Council approved operating budget includes $200,000 for consulting services to undertake this review and the review will help validate whether the City's diversion targets, programs, services and time lines are appropriate and sustainable given the City's experience over the past five years and its future needs. The review will include recommended plans to address the remainder of the 2000, sorry, the April 27th, 2016 Council motion and the review will also include an evaluation of the federal and provincial approach to carbon pricing, climate change and its impact on the City garbage and waste diversion services as well as the availability of funding from other levels of government to undertake a green initiative. I do want to thank our committee chair as well as the committee members for their work moving this forward. And I do want to acknowledge that on the issue of curb side organics, there are very many different views on this and I am pleased to see this moving forward at this time, subject to the will of Council in a few moments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Mayes to close.

Councillor Mayes: Maybe we don't need a study since everyone but Bowman and I seem to have their minds made up already on the organics issue. I do think we need this study and it is a mandated thing that we are doing pursuant to the five year…pursuant to the plan of this past back in 2011 prior to my election, prior to the election of most of the people here. So we'll have the review done. But a number of statements there and indeed I guess I'm not getting the butterflies and flowers segment I'm getting the, you are poisoning people's minds segment of the agenda. But and for once, I wanted Schreyer to keep going because I actually was agreeing with everything he said and he was under the time limit. So look, what the Mayor has said is right; there is $200,000 for the study. It's in the 2017 budget as Councillor Gillingham has pointed out. The pilot project was not deleted behind closed doors by Councillor Wyatt in a fit of closed door machinations in 2014, it's phase 3 250 of the 2013 capital budget. No one moved or included back in the 2014 budget. People who were here at the time had the chance. So we had an open debate on the floor of Council, I voted for the 2014 budget, so did a number of other people who were here. It wasn't included in the 14 budget. It was clearly in the 13 budget, nothing was done behind closed doors. Secondly, Councillor Schreyer is dead on in his statements about greenhouse gases. He was reading data that's easily obtainable so we are hearing the single biggest contributor is organic waste not as I do the research, not as Councillor Schreyer does the research. So I welcome further debate on this, but certainly the research I have been doing is that in fact, transportation, ag, buildings are all more important contributors to greenhouse gasses. I thank Councillor Schreyer for his remarks. We certainly could be doing more in the area of building code and green buildings. We are doing more in terms of the transportation sector. We're funding the single biggest…single biggest capital outlay in support of transit in the history of the city with building Phase 2 of BRT. And some agree with it, some don't but it's certainly attempting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles. People can talk about, you know, well we should be doing what Toronto is doing. Well, we could do just about anything if we admit there is a cost to it. If we want to scrap the existing fleet of $400,000…or 400,000 blue and black bins, we could do that and move to different sized bins, but let's be honest, there'd be a cost to it. It is important to note that the average property tax increase is $40 per house under the Mayor's plan that he has stuck to of 2.33 percent property tax increase a year. It's about $40 a house. Now, the media have said, well, the cost of organics for us would be tiny which means we should be getting media coverage saying our property tax increases are very tiny or infinitesimal lower, extremely small, but we don't get that. But if...certainly the amount to do have curb side organics program would certainly exceed what we're doing for an annual property tax increase, it would arguably be at least double. We heard that people's minds have been poisoned against us, I certainly don't see any evidence of that, I would welcome that evidence. The survey done by staff indicated 80 percent support for the concept, what they didn't ask…what they didn't ask was the cost figure and that would have had quite an impact on the support. We don't know how much, that part of why we need to go out and keep talking to the public. Unfortunately, that aspect wasn't reported by our staff to the media, that 80 percent report was without any dollar figure attached to it. So we haven't got that survey. We will be going about, we'll be having some discussions with the public about organics and where we want to go. I think I'm on the same page as the Mayor here that we do need to do something, but we haven't made any decisions either pro or con about what it is we want to do. You know, I was at JH Bruns Collegiate in Councillor Allard's ward the other day. There's…the greenlearning.ca has two classrooms in the City of Winnipeg, one in West K, one at Bruns. So I talked to the students there, certainly there is a generation coming and Councillor…Councillor Gilroy talked about that. There's a generation coming with probably a lot more awareness of the environment than my generation, but I also have to say that these things do come with a cost and a lot of the feedback we've been getting is people concerned about cost. Councillor Browaty referred to that. We are going to have to have this discussion and we're going to have to be clear with the public about the cost because when the survey question went out about the previous fee that was introduced, certainly it came in at the high end of the survey. I think it was, would you support something between 30 and 50 and the Council of the day introduced at 50, so if we're going out now and saying this will be somewhere between 60 and 100, you can probably bet that it would be at the high end of that range. So I mean, a number of concerns have been raised here about organics, not necessarily the program, but I think it's important to note that we can praise any city's model but if you're going to say that we're going to do Ottawa or Toronto, we're going to have to go to the public and say, remember in 2012 when we said we're now going to have weekly collection and you're going to be paying more…you're going to be paying more, but we're going to have weekly collection, well then we would have to say to people, and maybe two weeks…maybe once every two weeks because that's what they do in Ottawa. Now, so let's be honest about what other cities do and let's be honest with the public. I want to commend the Mayor for saying, look, we're going to have this discussion, we haven't made any decisions but we can advocate for just about anything, but let's be honest that there's a cost to these options. Now, some would say there's a cost for not taking action and that's true, but Councillor Schreyer's pointed out that there are some other areas of greenhouse gasses that also need to be looked at. We have just passed…we have just passed a food policy council that's going to look at ag issues in the city. Very pleased that we've had the staff work on that. That will be, maybe giving us some impact on local food production as Councillor Schreyer's talked about. So, a lot of passion in the room, a lot of different views on this, that's democracy, I guess. Had I known about some of these concerns in advance, I could have pulled out the debates from 2014 budget but certainly as I look at it, 2013 budget did provide for the pilot. It was dropped, it wasn't raised in any of the materials I've seen in the 2014 budget. So things weren't done behind closed doors. We are now moving into an open public matter. We're going

to have this this report. Additionally, we're going to have the climate change report come back from the staff in September to go forward with. Looking at some of those issues, hopefully that Councillor Schreyer has touched upon and that that do matter in a great deal about greenhouse gases. It isn't just an organics problem. It's broader than that, Madam Speaker. So I think it's important as we go forward, the easy thing to do is just to say, well I opposed this and we have lots of room in the landfill or I am in favour of this because I care about the children and the environment and people who don't vote for this don't care. But I think on this the Mayor has struck the right balance, quite frankly. I think the Mayor has said, look, we're going to go down. We're going to get input. We've had a lot of feedback from the public on this item so we're going to go forward. We're going to go forward with this study. Additionally, we have the report coming down from the Climate Change Group. If the administration gets that back to us by September we'll go out and we'll talk to the public, we'll have…but I want to be clear that nothing has been decided either pro or against and we really have to have an honest discussion with the public. The last comment is that I want to commend Councillor Eadie who has taken, to me, a very consistent line throughout this which is, he is not opposed to organics collection but he has been very clear on saying this should not be done on a flat tax basis as was the $50 that was introduced before I got here, introduced by the Council of the day. So Councillor Eadie I think has taken a very consistent approach saying, if you're going to do this, it shouldn't be on a flat tax basis. That's another part of the debate, and I tend to agree with him on that actually, another part of the debate we'll have to have. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 2 – Garbage, Recycling and Organic Waste. Call for recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Browaty, Dobson and Councillor Wyatt

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 3.

Madam Speaker: Item 2 passes. We will now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Eadie.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Today, if people don't know, is World Water Day which focuses attention on the importance on the universal access to clean water. I'm hoping the Chair can provide an update on the million-dollar contract we have awarded in 2014 to a firm to study the impact and conduct a risk assessment of the impact Energy East Pipeline may have on the City's water source. I haven't heard anything recently on that, and if he doesn't have a detailed update, maybe we can have that at a committee.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you for the question. That is a fair question. Councillor Lukes has been very diligent on this file. That pipeline would cross my ward for about that much and cross a great deal of Councillor Lukes' ward. I don't have any update at this time, but I'll undertake to try and get that from our staff and have it for either the next council or the committee meeting.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, at our last…I think it was our last Standing Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, Madam Speaker, we had a discussion, we had various department personnel come to our committee who were not really reporting to us but we were investigating, Madam Speaker, the bulky waste motion and trying to gather in information, Madam Speaker, about how

many other departments are picking up bulky waste like Firefighters and Parks and Open Spaces and Streets, and Madam Speaker, this is kind of a "did you know" but question, but Madam Speaker, I discovered in our conversations for the Chairperson, we were told from the Streets perspective, that's streets clean up, street beautification, the manager of that said there's no way they could determine how much bulky waste they picked up during the year, and Madam Speaker, through total accident it seems there is a place to collect that data in…it's not under abandoned, bulky waste category. It's under street beautification, and you can actually look at each of the records where you can see what bulky waste was picked up off the streets, and so, did the Chairperson of Water and Waste, Riverbank Management know that there is a way for Streets to calculate how much bulky waste they are picking up every year?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: We've got about three different bulky waste reports going at once, so sometimes it's a little hard to keep things straight, but we can certainly ask them if the Councillor would like to come back to the Committee on…he's a member of the Committee. We can have them come back on April 10 and follow up on their earlier report. We are getting, on April 10, the report from Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service which the Councillor had also asked for in terms of their role in pick-up of bulky waste. There's no savings there, it's not like we have firefighters or paramedics that we can down-staff because now they're no longer picking up bulky waste, but we'll certainly have that report and we'll all have…we can have Public Works come back and revisit this issue on the…I'm not sure about the facts in terms of the City beautification budget. It's the first I've heard of it, so we can certainly have them come back and we certainly will have thoroughly canvassed the bulky waste file by the time we're done and we'll get some more information on that.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, does the Chairperson remember that the reason we wanted to collect this data is we want to calculate what the real cost is to bring bulky waste in-house and if there are places we can move staff over instead of hiring a whole new crew?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, certainly. That was the intent of Councillor Eadie's asking for those reports, which is a fair report. It's certainly a big issue, I think, in at least in four wards. It's a city-wide problem but it's particularly big in four wards. Councillor Eadie's is one of them; Councillor Pagtakhan, Councillor Gilroy's as well, I think Councillor Schreyer's as well. The data shows that. My point was merely in saying we won't free up any staff out of Fire and Paramedic by bringing the work in-house. We may, however, get some legitimate savings. I think we would get some savings on the Public Works side. How much, we can have the staff come back and talk further on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair, any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on Report "A" dated January 17th.

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

Councillor Orlikow: I would like to…thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee to lay the Item No. 2 to the April 12th, 2017 meeting of EPC.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow, on the next report.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to introduce report and move adoptions of council agenda Items 1 to 12 and also to advise that Item 13 is being laid over to the April 12th, 2017 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws, Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move the following by-laws be read a first time: By-laws No. 23/2017, 24/2017, 25/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 23/2017, By-law No. 24/2017 and By-law No. 25/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move that By-laws No. 23/2017 to 25/2017 both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 23/2017 to By-law No. 25/2017 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 23/2017 to 25/2017 both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair, for Councillor Orlikow. Councillor Gillingham.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Earlier today, feels like just sometime after breakfast I think, we passed Item No. 4 of EPC, one of the EPC reports, SHED Phase 2 Public Investments – True North Square Plaza Construction Grant. I'm wondering if Councillor Orlikow could just speak to the City's strategic investment in the public elements of this project, and really the City's return on investment for taxpayers. It's just an opportunity really for the Councillor maybe to explain the way in which this returns to the taxpayers through this type of grant.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. It's my pleasure. The tax incremental financing model, it is a little difficult, but again it's generated from new taxes that are derived from new developments, but we see that in some areas, sometimes, that providing a tax incremental financing provides a little bit of relief for the developer to actually enhance their projects which is happening here. This is a $400 million private investment into our downtown and I will get it...let's talk first about the direct impact and then some of the impacts that are happening around the area. So the direct impact is to have a vibrant downtown and to have it become a true neighbourhood with people living and people congregating and people sharing. We need to activate the streetscape. That's very important. That's going to deal with safety issues we have. That's going to animate the area, it's going to bring excitement into the area, and again that's where people will be living because remember True North also has apartments, commercial and apartments, and there's

many other apartments and condos going up in the area. So what we really do need, I know I…the…some people may not approve of it but I really support the idea of a dog park. Again, it's a place where people can go. They don't have to travel outside of downtown. They can have a little dog park, but again, this True North Square, it's a place where not just before hockey games that some people have alluded to. This is going to be used by businesses. We met with the arts communities yesterday. They'll also have access to this public space. This public space will be very animated for people to use, all public people. We have the ability...we have rights of use. We've worked with True North on that. So this will be a real incredible spot for people to celebrate Winnipeg in general. I think it's going to be very, very transformative. We also have the sky walks, and I also want to mention the Public Service has done an incredible job of making sure that the money goes out in corresponding levels to the actual development. So again, it's…we're not going to give out the money and hope they'll be able to build it later. They have to actually meet these benchmarks along the way. We also have the sky walk that eventually will have and will connect hopefully to the Convention Centre. Again, that's…I believe it's quite important and again, it will be really transforming that area. So again, it's $400 million investment to our downtown, it's not just even for this site itself. We're seeing a lot of activity right now around the Graham Mall area, the bus mall that's happening along the area. We also see some activity I've noticed from developers I've met with recently. There's activity going on in a lot of buildings around the True North Square and there's actually more activity going on downtown than, again, I can recall in my days. It's a very exciting place right now. It's actually getting me a little tired because there's so much going on downtown. There's so many. Sky City…we wish them all the best. We hope it will happen. We have D Condo, which again, Price Waterhouse Cooper is going to carry on with. We have the Artis building that's going up, the largest skyscraper in Winnipeg coming up. This is all incredible stuff, and again, True North though, for me, was that initial. It was that private investor who came downtown and said we believe in Winnipeg, we believe in downtown. That is actually an incredible impact I've seen that's spreading throughout downtown. So again, not only do we get an incredible public space. We're going to also get the sky walks. We're going to have a true private partner to make this happen, but it's having an incredibly positive effect throughout the whole downtown.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair, a few months ago, the Riel Community Committee passed a motion asking for us to review our processes for land development applications, in particular to look at if there might be ways to renew, refresh our processes, to take advantage of things like social media. I know that other cities do things differently. For example, tweeting a proposed land…lands…changes to land rights based on that specific application, so through you to the Chair, I'm wondering and I want to thank the Chair for his work on this because I know that he is working on it. But I wanted to know where he might be at and how discussions or how things are going with the administration.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: My pleasure and I think many of you...I've met with many of you already who've been able…I've reached out to and who wish to meet with me to talk about some of the concept about how we do our land development in the City of Winnipeg. It seems it's time to refresh that, so we talked a little bit about the advertising. We've talked a little bit about plain language I think we call it, using social media. But now, it's actually gone a little bit farther, so that report is still the Council motion and that will come forward, but there will a part of that, will be a request that I will be bringing forward in the near future talking about actually our land development strategy and how we do the public hearing process. We are looking at something called the pre-application stage right now where we kind of do a mini version to allow the process actually to speed up a bit more and to engage all sectors of both the developer, the community, the Councillor and the Administration in a much more level playing field in this pre-app stage before it goes forward. Again, I think I've talked to many of you about that idea already. That's not part of the motion that's before us today. And then we're also looking at the processes that I think Councillor Wyatt's brought up in the past. You know, where do some of the Board of Adjustment's issues lie? Should they be on Council side or should be bundled in with rezonings? Again, we have some Charter issues to deal with. So I am really hoping for...I think we've all experienced it now. Is there a better way to do rezonings and land development in the City of Winnipeg that better engages all stakeholders equally? I believe there is and I've had some great comments and inputs from my fellow councillors on some different ideas. Some of them are pretty wild. Some of them are very conservative and we're going to try to find the middle ground in there somewhere. But again, the idea is to make sure and to instil not only to the public, but into the development community and to the Councillors and to everyone, that it's a fair process for all. I think there's a little bit of sentiment out there. Obviously, it depends what side of the coin, if you're on the winning or losing side, but even if you're on the winning you may not say this is the fairest process. So we're trying to find a way that we can go and engage back to the community and back to the larger stakeholders and say what ideas do you have that can improve the public hearing process as well?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker through you to the Chair, a few years ago Winnipeg was witness to a big fire at Speedway International and one of the outcomes of that in terms of the City administration was inspections which we are now doing for different industrial sites but also...that's preamble.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Wondering where the Mission Industrial Secondary Plan might be at as part of that, as part of that.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you for that question. I'll have to get back to you on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't trying to cut off my colleague.

Madam Speaker: But you did.

Councillor Browaty: I'll start with a new topic entirely. It's great to see large scale development happening in our City, and I was happy to...you know, you want it to happen on its own but I was supportive this morning of the application at True North Square. Private investors though in other parts of the City are facing new regulations and in one particular case, there's a new rule that I just don't think is, is quite fair. Investors and owners of multi-tenanted buildings are being hurt by a new regulation whereby they require every unit in the multi-tenanted building to be fully serviced and fully up to code prior to getting a full occupancy permit. I've got a multi-tenanted strip mall in my ward that was initially a single unit in there. It was completely, you know, acceptable to be inhabited. It met all Building Code and Manitoba Building Code principles for that unit, and it received an interim occupancy permit which is fine, however, new regulations and new fees and penalties by the City escalated whereby they were paying additional penalties for not having the entire building completed. They don't want...if they could rent out the entire building tomorrow, they'd be thrilled, but they took the risk and the investment to add this additional commercial space in my ward, on (inaudible) Road in this case. They did lower the fee and they increased length of time on it, but it still doesn't make sense. The alternative to get a full occupancy permit on the entire structure would require pouring concrete floors in all the uninhabited units, but that's not exactly the most sustainable practice because without knowing who the eventual tenant would be, it would require ripping out of concrete to run sewer lines and water lines. So if you had a dentist or a hairdresser or a restaurant or something in any of these units, the concrete would have to be chiselled out (inaudible) and re-poured, so it's certainly not the most sustainable way of doing these things. You know, this is affecting some large commercial tenants…

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Will the Chair commit to looking into this making sure common sense rules the day?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Well (inaudible), but again absolutely. I think in the amount of industrial and retail and we are doing our (inaudible) land study right now, Winnipeg is experiencing incredible growth in our commercial sector right now. It's one of the highlights in Canada's real estate market, so again, we want to keep that ball rolling so again if there is some way that we can work with the industry to…and again as we know building codes are not necessarily ours, but again if we can work with the industry to address that issue, I definitely will be looking into it.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Mayor...or for Councillor Orlikow? Councillor Allard, back to you.

Councillor Allard: So further to my failed attempt at asking a question, thank you Councillor Browaty for reminding me of the rules of order, but so recently Winnipeg saw a big explosion at Speedway International. As part of that, City of Winnipeg now does inspections for industrial sites, however, another one of the recommendations was a Secondary Plan for the Mission Industrial area. I know that I've asked this question before, but could you remind Council how we are priorizing Secondary Plans because I know that there is…that one is close to the heart of many in my ward, and how does a ward Councillor advocate for getting a Secondary Plan like that done, one that I think is very much necessary in St. Boniface ward.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much for the question. Just to remind all Councillors, there is…first of all you should advocate that to our Chief Planner to say that what your reasons why, then the Department, once a year, will bring forward a list what they believe, based upon all that they've heard, and priorize that list. We have limited resources

so I know I have a couple, at least Secondary Plans or Plan Development Overlays, Area Plans, so again, we make the recommendation to our administration. They see, based upon what they have on the go, they bring their recommendation to Council and then we as Council will vote on it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes thank you. I want to rise and speak to the same question that Councillor Browaty raised because it actually involves a businessman who has done a lot for our city, Mr. Apee Panchhi, who has…did a lot…has done a lot and continues to do a lot in terms of charities, in terms of his church, in terms of Concordia Hospital Foundation. The mall in question is 11 units. He has rented out 4, there are 7 outstanding, and what doesn't make any common sense, and the Chair speaks of common sense, is the fact that the issue is the concern about the floor not having it poured so that other tenants can come in and potentially say this is where the pipes need to go, and they're raising concerns but they're prepared to collect an interim occupancy permit, and the issues of structure and the issues of radon gas and dust disappear as long as they pay the interim occupancy fee, and what's frustrating Mr. Chairman, of course, this is all new to you and I know you're not aware of this, so you have the benefit of the doubt and I appreciate you need time to take this back, but just in an email sent on March 20th on Monday by Mr. Stan Dueck to Mr. Panchhi, the arrogance in the last line where it says the matter to this point where"…on the matter to the point where I will now advise my staff to simply move forward with actively charging of the fees and possible enforcement not to provide and not to provide additional discussion on this matter" period, from Mr. Dueck. You know, I don't think this is a way to treat a businessperson who is trying to make something happen, trying to make development happen in our city. Is there…you know, and there's no common sense here, because if there was, then we would actually have some solutions to this matter. Could the Chair look into this? I appreciate the fact that he's just getting this information now, but you know, Councillor Browaty and I have been forwarding this information to the staff, trying to get resolution and it doesn't seem that there's common sense right now coming out of this division. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much for the question, and as I said before, I will be looking into this. I do believe my role is to serve the needs of Council, and my fellow colleagues. You have special connections with different people. If they haven't called me directly, which, and they're going through you first, I think that is the way that is appropriate. If you're not getting the satisfaction and you wish to have another set of eyes on it, I'll be more than happy to help. However, I don't believe the email I just heard right now is appropriate. We do need to be working with our development community. So again, I was following this before. After hearing that, I'll be following up sooner than later.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Orlikow. That concludes our question period. On to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to move the report of March 6th. I'd like to stand down Item 1 and 3 and move 2 and 4 as Consent.

Madam Speaker: Call the question on Item 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: Item 1?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Item 1 – Funding Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam speaker. Just few quick words for the public record, I just wanted to recognize the work of the Winnipeg Public…Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services with respect to the epic program, the Emergency Paramedics in the Community. They made application to the Baycrest Centre which is basically operating as the Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation. A great story here, Madam Speaker,

about innovation, how the para-medicine folks, the epic paramedics, they work in the community, Madam Speaker, and they frequent the most…the folks that use 911 the most to sort of keep them out of the emergency department. And try and provide them the best care they can within their homes. And so what this program does, Madam Speaker, it allows the department to purchase, through a grant of $48,200, some of the assessment tools that the paramedics can utilize and to provide better service for our citizens and to keep them away from...give them the best care out of the emergency departments within our system. So just a great program. I want to congratulate Chief Lane and his staff for this program.

Madam Speaker: Are there any further speakers on the item? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close or I can call the question? Call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 3, Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Community Incentive Grant – Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity Inc.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, I just wanted to stand this down. I figure there might be a few folks that might have wanted to say something but just essentially I wanted to thank my council colleagues for their participation in this Habitat for Humanity cause. With the Carters coming here in July, we just recently got a memo from…or an email from Mr. Sandy Hopkins from Habitat for Humanity. It was good to see him here telling us about the benefits of the program. And he also is inviting us to be part of the build when the Carters come on July 13th and 14th. And just want to thank my colleagues, Councillor Mayes, Gillingham and Wyatt and others, who have really stepped up to make this a possibility here at Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief given the hour. Just I want to take up the opportunity to, kind of as Councillor Pagtakhan has already said, I want to thank the councillors around this chamber who have stepped up and participated in this project through assisting with the grant. I also want to thank Councillor Mayes and Councillor Wyatt for their leadership with this, as well. So I want to thank both of those colleagues of mine. Mr. Hopkins when he was here, he did talk about, I asked a specific question about return on investment. And this will be a good return on investment specifically for the taxpayer dollars that we are contributing or looking to contribute to this project. There are 25 homes being built this year in this construction season. Sixteen of them will stay in the St. James Ward. It's a great infill project, really an underutilized piece of property right now. And so this will really transform that community. It's one block over from Linwood School. St. James School Division has been struggling with declining enrolment for the last several years. All of these new families, 16 new families moving into the community, will be a great…it certainly will be welcome news for the St. James School Division. It's right adjacent to one of our own assets, the Deer Lodge Community Centre. It would be great to see children, you know, accessing those programs for that community centre, as well. So this is really good news project. And again, I want to thank my colleagues for participating. And I look forward to the summer when I think a lot of us have been invited to go swing a hammer. So I hope everyone can be there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, we do actually sometimes both vote for infill and even put money toward it. So this is a good project in Councillor Gillingham's ward, very good. Hard to get 13 of us to agree on anything and yet we've done it here so I'm very pleased with that. And thanks Councillor Wyatt for kind of helping to quarterback this thing with me. And you know, it's a great project. On a technical matter, why are we needing to waive the rules? The woman who runs this program for the city, very good civil servant, has pointed out that the…to fit the criteria of the program, the benefit has to be public and this technically is a private one, individuals will own their own homes. So some of us discussed that and agreed that in this case, I think it's the right thing to do to waive those criteria and to move forward and to say look, the benefit to the community as a whole, if you define the community as the city or St. James Ward or the people…this little community that's going to be created on the old police station? Fire station? Police station lands, there really is a building of community here. So very pleased to support this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise to mention that, you know, Habitat for Humanity does great work here and around the world. What they do is an indication of what we need as a society, Madam Speaker. They can only do so much. But nonetheless, this is an expression of something that's bigger than them. Habitat for Humanity can't even really keep up with what we have to do. They do their part. But I just want you to know that it's an indication of a greater need and that it's for affordable housing. And Madam Speaker, it is an indication about the issue of homelessness and how we address it. And I just want to mention those few words. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any other speakers on the item? Seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan, I will call the question. All in favour of Item 3? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We'll now have Question Period for Councillor Pagtakhan? Councillor Mayes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On March 31st, veteran public servant here, Clive Wightman, is going to be retiring as head of Community Services. He's indicated he wanted no retirement service or event, so first of all that forces me to bring this up on the floor of Council, and I've worked with him, Councillor Pagtakhan I'm going to ask to make some comments, who has worked with him longer. I will just say this by way of preamble. Recently Councillor Gilroy and I had a meeting with somebody who's an advocate for the inner city and this person said, you know, that Clive Wightman, all they do is they care about…all he does is he cares about the suburbs and not the inner city, and I stopped this guy and said, I've been accusing him of the exact opposite for the past five years, that he doesn't care about my area, and this person said no, no. And we got into this…and it occurred to me that it was an epiphany. Perhaps I've misread this all along and Clive Wightman's job is somewhat like ours. You end up, frankly, upsetting both sides quite often in trying to find the middle. So I related that to Clive who I think got a good laugh out of it, so I think it was a nice moment to realize. Mr. Wightman, in fact, has had to balance a lot of different ward issues and concerns to try and find the balance, and maybe he's done a good job of that because he's managed to occasionally piss off people in both the suburbs and inner city, so I suspect he's actually probably done a pretty good job balancing it. But in any event, Councillor Pagtakhan is Chair of the Committee. I think wanted to…I would ask him if he wanted to make any comments as Mr. Wightman heads to retirement.

Madam Speaker: Good question. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much. I thank Councillor Mayes for that, for the question, and you know, Mr. Wightman, great public servant. He cares about the entire City of Winnipeg. He started with the City of Winnipeg in March 1992, and in March 2007 he became the Director of Community Services, and now it's March 2017 and he's retiring. So I really want to wish him well. He's done great work I think for the City of Winnipeg. He is a true champion. Recently in the last couple years he was a championing to see spray pads at both the Freight House and at the North Centennial Old Exhibition Grounds up in the inner city north end area, and has been a countless advocate for many projects, libraries across the city, community centres, splash pads, you name it, he's been there. Also recently, I attended the regional conference of the Saskatchewan/Manitoba. He's the Chairperson for the regional areas of Manitoba/Saskatchewan with the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention, Madam Speaker, and it's a network of municipalities that share best practices on the prevention of crime and on programs and initiatives that get to the root cause of crime. So on that vein over the last couple years, Mr. Wightman has been involved really heavily with the Aboriginal Youth Strategy, the Block by Block program, helping with the Chat program with the Downtown BIZ, obviously a huge champion as well with the Mayor's Program on End Homelessness, supporting Council on that as well as the North End Boxing Club, helped establish that, Madam Speaker, as well. A huge advocate. He wanted to see that the Millennium Library had the maker space. That was one of his big things that he helped ensure that gets developed here at the City, so just a few quick words and just to say that great guy to work with. You could never stress him out for him to lose any hair. But you know, a great guy all around and we wish him well on his future endeavours.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I'd like to introduce the report of February 28th and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, some may recall during the last Council meeting, some councillors, rightfully so, raised concerns over introduction of some by-laws dealing with local area improvement. And there were questions and

those by-laws were laid over to this meeting so that we could get some clarity from our public service around those by-laws. So we do have that now. So just to be clear, we don't have deal with these by-laws in two separate ways. The ones that were pertaining to the Transcona award which were Items 16 and 17/2017, those are going to be…the motion will be to simply have those filed. So I think that's a simple motion, I'd just make that now. So I move that those two be filed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary?

Councillor Orlikow: Wait, can I…I'm sorry, I need clarification on that.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Orlikow: We're not voting on it?

Madam Speaker: They're not appropriate to be here at this time. The City Assessor is suggesting that we file them.

Councillor Orlikow: File them or lay them over?

Madam Speaker: File, yes.

Councillor Morantz: There is an opinion from Kelly Shields from Assessment.

Madam Speaker: In the communications section, yes. Councillor...Councillor Morantz, would you like to proceed with the first reading of the ones we will deal with then?

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Morantz: Sure. But there is a communication from Assessment that explains that.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much.

Councillor Morantz: So those two will be filed. So then with respect to...I'd like to move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 15/2017, 18/2017 and 19/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 15/2017, 18/2017 and 19/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I'll move that By-laws numbered 15/2017, 18/2017 and 19/2017 both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 15/2017, By-law No. 18/2017 and By-law No. 19/2017.

Councillor Morantz: I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 15/2017, 18/2017 and 19/2017 both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for Councillor Morantz. Any questions for our chair? Okay. Seeing none, just before we adjourn the meeting, I would just like to, on behalf of Council, thank the Mayor for this Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action booklet that he left on each of our desks today. It's a very useful and meaningful guide. Thank you. And I want to congratulate you on the unanimous vote today on bringing in Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. Congratulations. Councillor Gillingham, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call.

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 Councillor Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 5:12 p.m.