COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The Council met at 9:40 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 Gillingham.

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. Our clerk is still photocopying the motions but I thought it was important to begin the meeting so we may have to take a break later on just to get those all in order. Mr. Mayor, now on to you for your morning announcements

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning to my council colleagues and to all those that are with us today in the Council Chamber as well as those viewing, whether online or on television. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, I had the pleasure of walking the streets of Winnipeg together with the Bear Clan Patrol and Winnipeg Police Chief Danny Smyth. It was a very good experience and I recommend if councillors have time, if they haven't done so to date that they experience...they consider experiencing an evening walking and patrolling with the Bear Clan Patrol. They can, like me, become a member of the Bear Clan. I'm very proud to now be a member amongst some outstanding community leaders and individuals. The experience demonstrated not only the challenges many of our citizens face every single day, Madam Speaker, but also the hope, the friendship and the community spirit that exists within our city. As announced at my State of the City address in February, and in keeping with the tradition of the Mayor's charity of choice, I was pleased to present partial proceeds from the ticket sales from the State of the City event to the Bear Clan Patrol together with Loren Remillard, President and CEO of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. And again this year, Mr. Albert El Tasse also very generously contributed his own personal donation to the Bear Clan Patrol. I want to say thank you to the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Albert El Tasse and a huge thanks to the Bear Clan Patrol for all that you do. Madam Speaker, I was also pleased to recognize and honour the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge together with many Winnipeggers including members of Council. I know at the event...at the…on Memorial Boulevard, we…I was joined by Councillor Gillingham, Councillor Allard and joined with members of the Cadet League of Canada. The Battle of Vimy Ridge may forever be remembered as one of the most important battles in which Canadians took part in. It's a battle where Canadians displayed tremendous bravery, courage and the ultimate sacrifice. After Canada's contribution at Vimy Ridge and the rest of World War One, Canada emerged as a nation confident in itself. But none of this could have been possible without the sacrifices made by our women and men in uniform and we will forever be grateful to them for putting their lives on the line to fight for what was right. On Monday, Madam Speaker, together with members of our Jewish community, I participated in this year's annual Holocaust Commemoration service. Madam Speaker, we will always remember…we must always remember the victims whose lives were needlessly taken in the name of an evil we will never fully be able to understand and we must always remember the survivors who were subjected to a life of unthinkable pain and suffering. Despite the lessons learned through the Holocaust, intolerance still exists and we cannot let its elements fester. I know more needs to be done because racism continues to exist in Winnipeg as well as in Manitoba and in every province and territory across Canada and in every country around the world. In the past year, we have seen some public cases of hate being directed towards members of our Jewish community right here in Winnipeg. And I'm proud of the response from our community in the face of these disgusting acts. As a community, we have chosen to acknowledge that racism does exist and we are doing our utmost to move forward instilling positive change in our community. It's been heart-warming to see the people and the organizations in our community, including members of Council, who are moving forward towards that positive change. And we must continue to be vigilant in continuing the public dialogue on inclusion, locally, nationally and internationally. Earlier this week, I was very excited to launch together with Councillor Brian Mayes the Youth United at Winnipeg program. I want to commend him for his leadership and advocacy for this important program. Youth United at Winnipeg brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous students to work and learn in Winnipeg's inner-city and North End communities. This program will help dispel misperceptions some have about the inner-city and the North End that continue to create an unhealthy divide in our city, a divide that contributes to perceptions of racism. This program also demonstrates an important commitment to continuing our collective journey towards reconciliation and it responds directly to the calls to

action contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I wish all participants all the best when the program formally begins in the first week of May. Last week together with representatives from the RCMP and End Homelessness Winnipeg, we welcomed Joe Roberts from the Push for Change initiative to Winnipeg. It was empowering to meet and see someone pushing a positive message by personally pounding the pavement to deliver it, no pun intended. Joe Roberts is an inspiration to all of us and the goal of ending homelessness is a goal we are excited to be working towards as a council as well. The week of April 9th was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. I was pleased during this week to tour, to meet and to thank our 911 operators for their important contributions to public safety. Our Winnipeg Police Service and Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service telecommunicators provide an incredibly important public service in connecting first responders to those in need 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In 2016, our 193 employees working as 911 operators handled over 300,000 calls. To all of you, thank you for being there and thank you for your commitment and your professionalism. Congratulations to Mr. Kevin Dokken, recipient of Winnipeg Transit's Operator of the Year. Kevin has accumulated over 29 years of safe driving, an outstanding feat considering that he's logged over 868,000 kilometres of city driving through...as we have seen this week, all kinds of weather and conditions. Congratulations Kevin, you are an outstanding asset to Winnipeg Transit and to the citizens of Winnipeg. Madam Speaker, yesterday evening, I was pleased to participate in the 34th annual Volunteer Manitoba Awards Dinner. I was joined by Councillor Marty Morantz, Councillor Jeff Browaty. For four decades, Volunteer Manitoba has shown how much we can do when we work collaboratively and shown us that volunteer efforts, no matter how big or small, do have a profound and a lasting impact. Winnipeggers have a reputation as incredibly generous, optimistic and hard-working people and in my time as mayor, I have met so many incredible people who have proven this to be so true. Volunteers are the roots of strong communities. Through their generous efforts and kindness, they help transform our community for the better and they help make Winnipeg a more vibrant place we are all proud to call home. Thank you to all our volunteers and to all Winnipeggers who have put their hands up to volunteer for the Canada Summer Games here in Winnipeg this summer. It's going to be an incredible and memorable event here in Winnipeg welcoming over 4,000 athletes and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors. It's this country's largest multi-sporting event for young athletes and it wouldn't be possible without volunteers so I want to say thank you very much for all those that have stepped up and of course, encouraged others to step up in the coming days. Madam Speaker, I want to encourage those watching our proceedings today to find time to participate in the City of Winnipeg's budget engagement process. This is an important part of preparing the 2018 budget and I want to commend and thank Councillor Scott Gillingham for leading the earliest and one of the most robust public engagement efforts the City has undertaken for a budget. Today at almost 1,000 citizens at over 16 public engagement events have provided their input on priorities and preferences for the 2018 budget. There is one more public event planned this Friday at the Elmwood-East Kildonan Active Living Centre. Please visit the City of Winnipeg website at winnipeg.ca by April 30th to provide input online. Madam Speaker, this Friday, April 28th is the Annual Day of Mourning. It is when we remember workers who have been lost, injured or suffered illnesses as a result of their work. Each year, the City of Winnipeg partners with our civic unions and associations to commemorate this important day. It's a time when we are all able to come together to show support for our co-workers and their families, it's also an important reminder, Madam Speaker, of our responsibility to work together for safe and healthy work places. I want to encourage my council colleagues to join together with employees and families in this common act of remembrance this coming Friday. Madam Speaker, April 29th is International Dance Day and it's a day celebrated throughout the world. This celebration has become a tradition since being introduced by International Dance Committee of UNESCO International Theatre Institute in 1982. We have with us here today the Director of the Winnipeg Dance Preservation Initiative, Miss Stephanie Ballard. Miss Ballard is a long time dance veteran as I know many of you know, and I would like to invite her to come forward to share with us the importance International Dance Day has to our city, our province and our country.

Madam Speaker: Welcome.

Stephanie Ballard: Thank you, Mayor Bowman. It's an honour to be here today. The Winnipeg Dance Preservation Initiative mandate is to utilize our rich dance legacy to advance the development of dance and its allied arts in Winnipeg. We work through Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada. We are dedicated to organizing, supporting and participating in activities that bring more awareness to dance as an art form and a means of health and education. We have created and implemented landscape dancing as an artistic practice that has been enhancing city spaces and landmarks since 2003. By example, Mayor Bowman saw our landscape dancing this summer at the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden when we were a part of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy fundraiser. And this fall, we received considerable press when we danced at the St. Boniface cathedral ruins to celebrate Mother Teresa becoming a saint. We danced across the Provencher Bridge during the national opening ceremonies here in Winnipeg of Culture Days. And a cherished experience was being asked to be the human red carpet for the opening donors' gala at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. On April 29th, 2009, we initiated an annual celebration of International Dance Day Manitoba with the Manitoba government joining hands with UNESCO and the international dance community. We have received six proclamations from the Manitoba government recognizing our dance milieu. Last year, we were recognized by City Councilwoman, Jenny Gerbasi, and had the pleasure of dancing with Councillor Jason Schreyer outside of City Hall. This year, we are honoured to be recognized today. We invite all of you to dance with us at Old Market Square on April

29th, this Saturday, at 11:00 o'clock. The Winnipeg dance community is vibrant, unique and diverse. We are recognized nationally and internationally for our artistic excellence and our cultural diversity. Winnipeg reaps the economic benefits of a strong dance industry which allows the possibility to pursue your passion, develop your talent and enjoy a substantial career in dance with the support of many partners in the artistic community. Winnipeg is home to the first professional ballet and modern dance companies in this country, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers continue to shine. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the School of Contemporary Dancers are at the forefront of dance education on a national and international level. Our province has numerous smaller but nevertheless, successful dance troops and schools. The list is long but I will name a few; Solo dance artist, Freya Olafson is in San Francisco right now representing Canada at an international dance and digital conference. Peter Quanz, Artistic Director of Q Dance has just returned from China where he continues his successful efforts to inspire and initiate culture exchange through his internationally acclaimed choreographic talents and his abilities as a human being to genuinely connect. Jolene Bailie's company, Gear Shifting, just presented exquisite contemporary dance performances at our Gas Station Theatre with guest choreographer, Marie-Josée Chartier and an exciting mixture of students, professional, modern and ballet dancers as well as two actors from our community. Lise McMillan is at a conference right now in Bucharest representing Canada addressing art as a driver of social change. Rainbow Stage, the Manitoba Opera, the Little Opera and the Royal Manitoba Theatre are amongst many companies in Winnipeg that hire dancers seasonally. This year our provincial dance festival is celebrating its 37th anniversary here in Winnipeg right across the street at the Play House Theatre. It runs for 19 days and features performances by more than 1,600 performers from numerous dance schools across the province. Manitoba is known for its Métis and aboriginal traditional dances. Among these is the Red River Jig, a combination of aboriginal powwows and European reels that was popular amongst our early settlers. Perhaps the most unique and outstanding aspect of dance in this community is at the all-embracing festival of dance, music and food and yes, I am referring to Folklorama, the largest cultural celebration of diversity in the world. International Dance Day is promoted by the International Dance Council, SID. The International Dance Council was founded in 1973 within the UNESCO headquarters and has its head office in Paris, France. SID advises the UNESCO national and local government agencies, international organizations and institutions. Currently, it is represented in over 120 countries. Last week, the Winnipeg Dance Preservation Initiative was invited to be a member of the International Dance Council. We are honoured and have accepted. Dance in all its forms has an integral part of human culture throughout history and a unifying and expressive force that gives creative expression to a range of emotions and impulses inherent in the human experience. Our dance community practices respect for our elders and salutes all of our predecessors. We honour the ground that we dance on, the air that we breathe and the water that gives us life. Thank you very much for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Miss Ballard for your presence today and your remarks. Mayor Bowman, back to you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As members of Council will know, April is Daffodil Month and April 27th is Daffodil Day. This is a time to support the fight against cancer and show support for the Canadian Cancer Society. We have with us today, Miss Laurie Wolfe. Miss Wolfe is a cancer survivor. She also lost her husband to cancer. Miss Wolfe currently volunteers at the Canadian Cancer Society and I'd like to invite her to please come forward and speak to us about the Canadian Cancer Society and the significance of the daffodil that we are all wearing today and the importance of supporting cancer patients and their families. Thank you.

Laurie Wolfe: Thank you, Mayor Bowman. Good morning. I have the honour of being this year's survivor chair. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to talk about Daffodil Month and what it represents to me and why it's important Manitobans wear their pins. Firstly, I would like to share a little bit about my story and why I wear mine. Cancer has impacted my life many times. I experienced it on an intimate level when my husband, Ward Abbott, was diagnosed with stage four bowel cancer at the age of 41. Sadly, after a valiant fight, he succumbed to the disease and passed away at 43 leaving me a widow at 40. It was through his journey that I first became involved with the Canadian Cancer Society and Relay for Life. After many years of raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society through Relay, in 2012 I made the difficult decision to leave. Finding myself in a relationship and recently engaged, I needed to focus on new beginnings by breaking up with cancer for a while. I didn't kid myself that cancer wouldn't touch my life again, I just couldn't have imagined that in two years I would be on the receiving end of those words, "you have cancer". It was devastating. After everything I had been through and tried to regain after Ward's death, I couldn't believe this was happening. I had done everything right. I exercised, I ate healthy, I didn't lay in the sun and didn't smoke yet here I was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. I successfully got through four surgeries, six rounds of chemo and 25 rounds of radiation. 2015 ended with me being told I was in remission. Despite the increase in new cases, I am testament that treatments and trials are working. I wear my pin because it represents hope. In fact, I wear my daffodil every day having had one tattooed in the middle of my back after Ward was diagnosed. I did it to demonstrate support and solidarity which is one of the reasons the Canadian Cancer Society asked Manitobans to wear their daffodil also, to remember those who have lost loved ones to the disease like myself. For me, it is also a daily reminder to continue fighting. When you wear a daffodil, you are telling Manitobans with cancer or who have been touched by cancer that they are not alone and that we join in their fight. As we near the end of April, we ask Manitobans to take a moment to reflect on the impact cancer has

had on their families, communities and country. Cancer is the leading cause of death in Manitoba taking eight moms, dads, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, grandparents and children from friends and family every day. By wearing your daffodil pin, you show everyone that you are standing up to cancer, that you're supporting those still on their journey and remembering those who sadly succumbed to their disease. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this morning.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Miss Wolfe for sharing your personal journey. We appreciate your remarks. Councillor Gillingham, on to you for your morning remarks.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be brief. I just have one announcement. I would like to invite all of my council colleagues and everyone in the chamber and those watching online to Sunny St. James for May 21st to May 27th. That week, the Assiniboine Golf Club located at 2045 Ness Avenue is marking its 100th anniversary. And this friendly little course in the heart of St. James continues to offer golf to all who enjoy playing the 9 hole course that plays like a 18 hole course. They've got some great events planned for the week of May 21st to 27th, most notably will be the 100 cent green fees, 100 cents for a green fee, you can do the math quickly on that. So that's $1 for a green fee on Wednesday, May 24th and Madam Speaker, I'm saying it here and now, I would be glad to pay for any council colleague who comes out on that day, I will spring for the green fee on that day of May 24th. That night also, it's the official anniversary day and at 7:00 p.m., there will be a cake cutting and special presentation at that time. Every day from the 21st to the 27th there are special events, there are golf course specials like two for one green fees on the Monday…or on Sunday the 21st, there's beverage specials and food specials as well. So, I want to invite you…everyone down to the Assiniboine Golf Course, 2045 Ness, for May 21st to the 27th to celebrate the 100th anniversary. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. We'll now hear from Councillor Mayes who wishes to speak on Youth United.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just, the Mayor already touched on it. I just wanted to, given the number of years we have talked about that initiative here, I wanted to briefly highlight the work we have done with U of W to get that up and running. You of course, Madam Speaker, were there. You are a U of Winnipeg alumni, I thank you for attending. I want to thank the Mayor for being there as well. It was a…it was a great…great event. I think that...I know the Mayor talked on his platform about doing more work with the universities. Obviously, we are doing that at U of M through the Infrastructure Chair. We are doing that at U of Winnipeg through this very different initiative on the operating side with this program for suburban youth, inner-city youth, they'll be working together and one day a week they'll be studying together on the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I've said here before that I have written about this and campaigned on this for 26 years and it was about a year into the Mayor's term of office that we were able to announce something and that is not a coincidence. So I think the Mayor has taken interest in this and been supportive so I want to personally thank him for that and thank Jason Fuith from his staff. When I first met with them after the 2014 election, they asked me, "Is there any one thing you would like to see accomplished?", and I know I spoke about getting a youth…an urban peace corps idea started, a youth works group and so I want to thank Jason from the Mayor's staff and the Mayor for their support and the rest of Council for their support. The other person I wanted to just mention, I know the previous council was called in the media the 'worst council in the history of the City of Winnipeg', but as Councillor Eadie has said on this floor, we did do some good things and one of the things we did was start this debate in 2014 about a youth corps and Bonnie Staples-Lyon, who was Jason's predecessor in that role in the Mayor's office, Bonnie Staples-Lyon was a great supporter of this and actually came up with the idea of saying, why don't we make it a summer program, it will be more innovative and it will reduce the cost and by so doing, it kind of broke a log jam and we were able to get going. So I did want to just personally thank her on the floor for her role in making this happen. But again, the Mayor's leadership on this has been much appreciated and as you said, they start working at places like Ma Mawi, the Ranch, Graffiti Gallery, I think 20 so…89 Spence Neighbourhood Association, I think about 20 different inner-city groups are going to get the benefit of having an extremely keen U of W student working there. A young woman who said she is a trained dancer and she's going to be at Graffiti Gallery teaching dancing to Indigenous youth. So that's the kind of thing that our money is going to make happen so really do appreciate the support for this initiative. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Allard, your morning remarks.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Brief announcement today, always good times in St. Boniface but in particular, starting on April 28th, Mon Ami Louis, a French restaurant on the bridge is opening and I thought that's something everybody might like to know. I know it's somewhere in between Jenny Gerbasi's ward and my ward but I thought it would be something that would be of general interest to everyone on Council. Unfortunately, I can't make a similar promise to Councillor Gillingham, there is no dollar lunch there. We haven't invented the free lunch, but we…this beautiful French restaurant is opening as of April 28th and is housed in one of our City of Winnipeg facilities on the bridge. So, I'll leave you with that, merci.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge and recognize National Volunteer Week, April the 23rd to the 29th. I would just like to read a blog that was…a short blog that was put out by the Executive Director of Canadian Crossroads International, an organization that actually sends young people as volunteers overseas, around the world in third-world countries to assist and to help. In a world where fewer than 10 people own 50 percent of the global wealth, what can we, as citizens, do to affect change? What do we have to offer that cannot be bought by a wealthy elite? How do we stand up to the rich and powerful in the face of such inequity? Martin Luther King Jr. offered a useful perspective, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is; what are you doing for others?" All of us have this capacity for service whether it is helping on a project to improve your local neighbourhood or volunteering to advance women's rights on the other side of the world. Volunteerism is both an expression of shared humanity and a commitment to civic responsibility. Of course volunteerism is the heart of Crossroads International. Volunteers generous commitment of time and expertise is our lifeblood. Canadians from all walks of life, all background and all regions of the country are dedicating themselves to making the world a more equitable, a little bit more just. This week, we are celebrating not only Canadians but also the many volunteers in our partner organizations who are passionate and skilled collaborators. National Volunteer Week, April the 23rd to the 29th, is also an appropriate time to reflect on the wider societal impacts of volunteerism. Engaging with the world through service builds empathy, fosters dialogue and cross-cultural understanding and sparks curiosity, all traits that too often appear in short supply when we observe political context around the world. Crossroaders are, through our model of international cooperation, building bridges with their fellow global citizens that remain strong and drive change long after the immediate impact of their project contributions is realized. By decoupling service from monetary or other personal rewards, we are building a true coalition of the willing and preparing an effective counter weight to the forces of ignorance, greed and division. In the past 50 years more than 10,000 people, I having the honour of being one of them who served in Swaziland many years ago as a volunteer when I had a far fuller head of hair, but have served as volunteers with Crossroads International through their dedication of time, experience and expertise they have created a legacy of hope and change. I salute all of you and thank you for your global citizenship. As we usher in National Volunteer Week, I encourage you to recommit to service and reengage. Research an organization or cause, speak with a neighbour or colleague and get involved. Your energy, ideas, passion and skill are needed. And together, we can build a better world. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Schreyer, our last speaker for opening remarks.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Merely on the inspiration of those who have just spoken on the different events taking place and consistent…sort of inspired by Councillor Wyatt's remarks on the spirit of volunteerism I would just simply like to mention that as I have applied to, you know, our local environment and garbage that the northeast Pioneer greenway along Gateway, we are having our annual spring clean-up this weekend at 11 a.m. And that's at the corner of Gateway and McLeod just north at 1105 Gateway and the Integra Credit Union. So technically, this spans two council wards, North Kildonan, Councillor Browaty's ward as well. And for those paying attention online, the more the merrier. It is considered to be just the way, I guess, the winter goes and the winds go, the trenches along...of Gateway tend to collect a lot of garbage over the season and it's considered to be one of the worst garbage collectors in the city. So we will be working that again, I look forward to other volunteering. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Madam Clerk, will you now read the condolence motion before us?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former City Clerk, Robert (Bob) Fergusson, which occurred on March 15, 2017.

Mr. Fergusson began working for The City of Winnipeg in 1945 and served as City Clerk from 1979 until his retirement in 1986.

This Council extends its deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of Mr. Fergusson.

Madam Speaker: All rise for a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Councillor Gerbasi moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on March 22nd, 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now move into delegations. First up, we have Miss Christina Maes-Nino, community animator with the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. She is in opposition to Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 19th, 2017 regarding the lobbyist registry. Yes, Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: I would like to move suspension of the rules to hear Mr. Alex Forrest, President of the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg. He's here with his executive today. I'd just like to move suspension of the rules to hear him in delegation today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And the item would be the negotiated agreement between UFFW?

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I am going to read out all the delegations and then we will begin. We are hearing from Andre Silva, following that is Mr. John Knowles, Mr. Walter Kleinschmit and that is all I have listed. So if you would like to add anything more. Okay, welcome Miss Maes-Nino. Thank you.

Christina Maes-Nino: Thanks. Thank you for the opportunity to present today. So I am here representing the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg which I believe many of you are familiar with. But I am also sharing concerns expressed to our organization from other charitable not-for-profit organizations regarding the proposed lobbyist registry. So these include the North End Community Renewal Corporation, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba, Resource Assistance for Youth and West Central Women's Resource Centre, organizations that are strong partners of the City of Winnipeg towards achieving our common goals which are an inclusive city where all residents of all neighbourhoods have opportunities and are not held back by poverty. So I want to be clear that we do support the creation of a lobbyist registry and we know that the intention is to bring transparency to our political policy and funding processes. So this intention, we won't disagree on but we are concerned that the intention will not be met through the proposal as we understand it and that the potential impact on the charitable not-for-profit sector could reduce our ability to provide information and to work with our partners at the City of Winnipeg. We also think these concerns can be easily addressed, so let me tell you what they are. First, the definition of a lobbyist and when lobbying occurs is too broad and could create barriers to democratic engagement within the charitable sector. So the flow chart in Appendix E in the attachment seems inconsistent with the definition in the administrative report. The administrative report requires a financial benefit to the not-for-profit whereas the flow chart does not, simply a paid staff. So that's a huge difference and would have a substantial impact on our sector. Second, the broad definition especially if we're going with Appendix E is it will require additional work for organizations. First to understand if we are lobbyists, second to decide if we are lobbying and then third to track and record all of these activities. And the report recommends that lobbyists self-report which of course makes sense, but will require additional supports for organizations that we work with to really know consistently and reasonably when we should be tracking this activity especially when it becomes a required registry rather than voluntary. So, as a staff of an organization that recently underwent a charitable audit from the Canada Revenue Agency, I can speak from personal experience that vague rules create stress. They create fear across the sector and we are diligent about our requirements as a charitable not-for-profit, we track political activity that we engage in as an organization, we have an office manager who every staff meeting reminds us to fill in our political tracking and it is not insignificant. So the unclear areas could create some confusion for groups that we're often involved in. So for example, the Right to Housing Coalition has sought to persuade the City to develop a comprehensive affordable housing strategy. We hope that this would lead to more funding for our not-for-profit housing providers who are a part of this coalition. To be able to develop more affordable housing, Make Poverty History Manitoba is working with the City to create a city poverty reduction strategy to encourage the creation of a poverty reduction strategy. Again, we hope that this will lead to funding for some of those members of Make Poverty History so they can improve their services to people experiencing poverty. And these goals that we have as organizations, as coalitions, they are not covert but they are often made up of donated staff time from not-for-profit organizations and from volunteers so while it's sort of unclear if they have paid staff or not. So we need clarity in the registry otherwise we fear that they might choose to engage less with officials to provide less information to you and to maybe stop some of their activity out of fear of contravening the requirements. Frontline service organizations like Resource Assistance for Youth, West Central Women's Resource

Centre, they are dealing with constant crisis, they are playing essential roles often with the most vulnerable residents of the city, they work with police, they work with the paramedics, they work with community services and they provide…and often they work with you providing insights into what's happening on a daily basis for Winnipeggers experiencing poverty. In this partnership, the staff would be remiss of their ethical obligations if they weren't constantly recommending changes to policy or programming that will improve the lives of their participants. This might include things like more community partnerships with the police, increased recreation programming in a neighbourhood, city participation in community events and resource fairs. They suggest these things in formal and informal settings so outside of the sort of standard processes. It's unclear if that would be considered direct or indirect financial benefit and so...but yet they are working in their role, in their partnership with the City of Winnipeg. So, tracking this on top of their existing frontline work could be very difficult and make these organizations into oppositional forces rather than the partners that they would like to be. So in conclusion, we are asking for an amendment for the proposed motion so that charitable not-for-profits are explicitly excluded for the lobbyist registry. We think it's inappropriate to combine charitable not-for-profits with for-profit lobbying. Charities act on behalf of the greater good. We are governed by elected boards of directors. We are monitored and report on our charitable activities to Canada Revenue Agency already. And if not, if that's not an amendment that you would like to make, we hope that you could at least wait on a decision until there is consistency developed within the documentation showing some clarity between the flow chart in Appendix E and the definition and ideally some consultation with the charitable not-for-profit sector who consider the City of Winnipeg strong partners and would like to continue that so that we…this registry won't have a negative impact on the sector.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Miss Nino-Maes. Are there any questions for our delegation? Mr. Mayor followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much for coming here today and thanks very much for the work that your organization does every day of the year. The work that you do and your advocacy I think is appreciated by every member of Council, myself included. With regards to the creation of a volunteer lobbyist registry, you do speak about democratic engagement. I trust that you are aware that the…what is being considered by Council today doesn't regulate whom you can speak with and how. Those engagements are very important for us as it is for you and your membership. And I guess my question is how do you feel that the democratic engagement may be somehow harmed by simply advising the public of the good work that you do?

Christina Maes-Nino: I think it's the sort of administrative tracking these types of things for not-for-profits create this chill across the sector of…particularly if it's unclear. So, they have to go through the work of thinking through if they are lobbying or not. So we need that to be clear so that we can follow the rules properly. And then we know that Winnipeg is a small city and we work in partnership with decision makers. We see Council members at events all the time and we may be saying you know, I am sure if I ran into any of you on the street I would be saying hey, did you know that we are working on a poverty reduction strategy for the city and we would like to know, you know, we'd like to work with you on it. That may eventually lead to some direct or indirect financial benefit for members of the coalition I'm working with. So that's where the grey area comes in that we are concerned about. It's not in the formal engagement. We feel comfortable with reporting that, that's important to us. So it's more that clarity.

Mayor Bowman: I trust that one of the benefits of having an Integrity Commissioner now, which is something I am very proud of this council for moving forward with an Integrity Commissioner, something that I think has been lacking for many years. Certainly, the Integrity Commissioner, you know, subject to today's decision will be available to assist with clarity and questions I'm sure many of us may have going forward. My advice will likely be, err on the side of caution and simply report. That's been the advice when I was formally advising clients about other lobbyist registries that exist across Canada at a provincial level. I guess what I'm specifically asking is, why do you feel that engagements, that I think we all agree are valued and are important for the dialogue, why that should be kept from public view? What harm is caused by simply letting people know the good work that you do? I was wondering if you could answer that question, please.

Christina Maes-Nino: So I think we are proud of the work that we do and it's not a concern about sharing it publicly. It's the...as an organization with five staff that are out at meetings all day, it's thinking through the administrative burden that this could potentially create for charities. So, as we are working with the City, if we are at a meeting with a decision maker and raising an issue, our staff remembering to track that, are they writing it down, how are we doing that? So those things tend to create this fear in the not-for-profit sector that are already have a lot of accountability processes in place. So we are already reporting on our activities, broadly our mandate, our goals. So we feel that the lobbyist registry, reporting that in detail each time could create fear amongst organizations and they would simply...many of them especially the smaller ones may just stop doing that engagement.

Madam Speaker: Third question.

Mayor Bowman: Third question, yeah, and so I appreciate what you are saying about the administration and so I hear you loud and clear on that but you did mention concerns about democratic engagement and fear about having to report publicly. So I'm just wondering why...I guess what you are telling me is you don't have a concern about being open and transparent?

Christina Maes-Nino: No. It's the fear of doing it wrong. Sorry.

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, no, no. I think you clarified so I really do appreciate it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: We may sit while we ask the questions, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Yes, question of the delegation on this topic only.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In this case, regarding comments from Ms. Maes-Nino, I might as well say up front, when it comes to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, I am a fan. I think it's one of the greatest think tanks in the country. And I'm going to put…get that out of the way, just when it comes to lobbying and things like that. I go to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives to get insight. That's where I am coming from, Madam Speaker. And so there, I am putting that on the record. Having said that, I have to try and find my way around this issue, too because I find there is ambiguity in this. It's voluntary at this point. I don't quite understand the point of it when we have an Integrity Commissioner. So I am trying to make my way around this because there's already provisions for this to be done in a voluntary way. I don't see anything in this that can't be done otherwise at this point. So I'm not getting this. But nonetheless, Ms. Nino-Maes is here…excuse me, Maes-Nino or Nino-Maes?

Christina Maes-Nino: Maes-Nino.

Councillor Schreyer: Maes-Nino. And so I would like to...if she would be willing to provide any further comment on the issue of the fact that it's self-reporting. I still have not made up my decision on this one yet. I am just looking for some further insight and you certainly have some. You talked about self-reporting, if you wish to expand on that.

Christina Maes-Nino: I would say, I mean, reading the research that was done on lobbyist registries that self-reporting makes good sense. One of the things that we ask among our partners was when we are deciding if we should self-report. So as Mayor Bowman was saying, you know, do you have a fear about reporting? It's not that. It's more that, that question, do we report this or that and when and how? The question that arose was, who do we talk to at the City and are we going to get the same answer regardless of who we talk to? So that's important in the implementation. And then the vagueness around the...so, in the definition it says when you are looking for...if you are communicating with a member of Council or city staff to influence a decision in your financial or business interest. So if you are looking...so as the Social Planning Council, if I am saying I want a grant for this, we have no problem reporting that, that makes sense. That's clear to me. Whereas in the flow chart it says if we are asking for a program policy or procedure change and then it has the financial interest as a second point. So, we often ask for policy procedure changes that don't have that direct or indirect financial benefit. So those are the things that when we are trying to report, we need clarity on. So it's not the concern about...I mean, the voluntary nature of it I'm assuming will change over time it's the…the question for us is if we are doing that voluntary reporting, we need to be really clear when to do it. And ideally, it would be only for areas where there is a clear financial benefit. So those are the main issues that we have.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Would it make sense for there to be a separate distinction between for-profit, not-for-profit agencies or industries as they communicate with the…with the City?

Christina Maes-Nino: Yes. Not-for-profits have a different role and different accountability. Different legislation governs us. Our interests are...have to be for the public good. That's how we're…that's why we exist. It makes sense to me that we would be treated differently from for-profit business.

Madam Speaker: Are there any further questions for our delegation this morning? Seeing none, thank you for your presence today. Next, we'll be hearing from Mr. Andre Silva and if all the delegates could…if you haven't already, if you could please come up and sit on the bench here. Welcome, Mr. Andre Silva. He is from Number 2 Architecture Inc. He's in support of Item 2 of the report "A" of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated January 17th, 2017 and it's regarding the listing of 98 Albert Street. Welcome.

Andre Silva: Thank you. Good morning. We are here in support of the EPC's decision based on the revised report that was submitted in April. The current report recommends commemorating the property at 98 Albert to facilitate an adaptive reuse on 90 Albert's site. Just to go over the addition that we are planning on 90 Albert…on 98 Albert, it includes a set of stairs to bring the buildings up to compliance, an elevator and an additional commercial and residential space beside it to not only increase the viability of the site but to encourage the barrier free and urban design principles that are laid out in OurWinnipeg and complete communities. We have consulted with Property and Planning Development specifically UDAC and Heritage and believe that this...supporting this report and this decision will help us facilitate a successful project on the site. I also, sorry…the presentation that was made at the EPC, Council has been submitted for public records so I would be happy to answer any questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any questions for our delegation? Okay, seeing none, thank you for your presence. Next, we will hear from Mr. John Knowles. He is in support of the same report regarding the listing of 98 Albert Street. You have five minutes on the clock. Thank you.

John Knowles: Thank you. I don't think I will need the full five minutes I just thought it would be useful to appear and give you just a little bit more background. My wife and I purchased this property approximately a year ago. It's two properties, it's 90 Albert and 98 Albert. The 90 Albert property is on the list of historic buildings that is protected and our project that we envision is designed to really reactivate that property which has been empty for several years and make it viable. We have a personal interest in this because unlike most developers, we actually intend to live in the building but we also intend that there would be additional residences in it, continuation of restaurant space and office space. So, we believe it would be bringing the property to…back to life really. We have said right from the start that we wanted to do this in a way that was sensitive to the community so we worked pretty extensively with various committees and the Planning Department, Heritage and UDAC and we were very pleased that eventually, after modifying and re-modifying designs, we came to a point where the City planners were in support of the project and we are pleased to support the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any questions? Councillor Orlikow. If Mr. Silva, could come forward at this time as well.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I just want to clarify a comment you made, make sure we are all on the same page. What City Council...just make sure that your understanding is correct as the motion read. You have up to about a year to come forward with a plan that works not only for the redevelopment of the Albert Street location but also, meets the guidelines of UDAC and the other historical buildings. So you mentioned the presentation you provided with an idea but I just want to clarify, you do know that that idea may be amended by these different groups. I just want to clarify that.

John Knowles: Yes. In fact, the plans that I think the EPC saw were not quite what the planning group had really directed us to do so. But they had also said don't bother redoing your plans until we get through the approval process. So, we understand that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for attending today. Next, Mr. Walter Kleinschmit, Chairman of Old St. Boniface Residents Association. He is in support of Item 10 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. It's the report dated April 11th, 2017 regarding North St. Boniface Secondary Plan. Welcome sir, we'll put 10 minutes on the clock.

Walter Kleinschmit: Thank you, Madam Speaker, members of the Council. I am here to speak on Item 10 as you had mentioned. The Old St. Boniface Residents Association asked to be a delegate at today's meeting to address the secondary plan of north St. Boniface which is being submitted today for first reading. Our association of residents has had over 40 years of active participation in the initiation, development and evolution of the north St. Boniface secondary plan. It first saw the light as By-law 965/75 over 40 years ago. Seven years before even our own councillor saw the light of day but that secondary plan allowed his family to live in a harmonious environment which was managed by the secondary plan at that time in which we believe should continue. Its existence helped promote the conversion of a neighbourhood which at that time reflected a heavy mixed use and industrial origin into a more resident friendly environment. It's a process we believe in having extensively participated in the past, are committed to and wish to ensure continues to reflect the community's aspiration for Old St. Boniface and north St. Boniface. OurWinnipeg complete communities designates north St. Boniface as a maturity community within the vision of this city. This current status reflects the success of its residents in the face of inevitable changes over time and also guides the general nature of changes deemed appropriate in the future. Last year, changes to the secondary plan were discussed at an open house with a following introduction; objective of June 7th, 2016, I'm reading from the documentation given, to obtain comments and feedback on proposed amendments and to identify critical issues. Many residents did provide feedback. At last week's EPC meeting, responding to questions from councillors about the process, Mr. Kiernan, the Director of Planning, characterized the plan as changes amendments not a new plan. In fact, it is a new plan, brand new plan. And

it's intended that with this first reading you will also begin the process of repealing plan 965/75. That is why we are here today to confirm our support for the development of a new updated secondary plan following a process, level of disclosure and participation that the City has championed and has most recently with the passage of four plans in 2014 including Corydon Osborne which I submit to you as a model. The development of the current north St. Boniface secondary plan did not reflect the process outlined for such activity on the Winnipeg City website which is this long and defines very thoroughly and very…more than adequately what should have happened. Did not involve citizens as is provided and desirable for such a potentially significant document which would affect directly and indirectly all the residents of that community. The administrative report, page four, which you have in front of you as part of your material notes under implications of the recommendations and I quote, "A full analysis of the proposed plan including a recommendation from the Planning, Property and Development Department along with any supporting background information will be provided in a subsequent report and submitted for the public hearing." This is four days before the hearing would take place at any one time, an impossible window to respond intelligently and constructively at a public hearing of the Riel Community Committee which would be the next step. The real implication of the recommendation of the administrative report is that residents are effectively locked out of the process as it's currently laid out. Furthermore, the secondary plan is significantly short of details, definitions, lack of demographic evaluation, all elements you will find in various 2014 plan. To put this in perspective, Corydon-Osborne secondary plan appendix is a full colour submission of 162 pages. The north St. Boniface secondary plan is 17 pages plus one coloured appendix for a map. The colour coded map of the area, the nature and level of details of the map which follows the map of the current secondary plan is impossible to read accurately and has caused a major public debate in a recent application for development. No such ambiguity appears on the other area plans promulgated in 2014. For instance, this one page in the Corydon plan indicates the height of buildings, the density of buildings, the number of houses allowed per acre or per hectare, all these details are lacking in the plan as has been submitted for consideration today. Consequently, the Old St. Boniface Residents Association requests that the City Council ensure that the process to complete the secondary plan be more transparent and includes more appropriate level of public participation to ensure that we as a community will continue to be in favour of the existence of a north St. Boniface secondary plan consistent with the best models developed for other parts of Winnipeg. Our suggestions, in layman term, I'm not the lawyer writing motions, delay the first reading of the secondary plan and ask Winnipeg services to organize more meaningful consultations with the community and enhance the plan to the level of details and standards set out in other districts secondary plan mainly those approved in 2014, there's 4 of them, or amend the motion for first reading to direct Winnipeg services to make public their report 30 days before the scheduled hearing to give the residents a chance to read it and digest it and direct the Riel Community Committee to ask and allow a minimum two months between the start of the initial hearing, I think currently anticipating June the 12th and the closing of the hearings to allow Winnipeg services, in consultation with our association and our residents, to enter into additional meaningful consultation for the completion of a secondary plan before the hearings are concluded and a decision is made. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Association serving the community for more than 50 years…for almost 50 years. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, sir. Are there any questions for our delegation? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I would just like to thank Walter for his submission as the area councillor. Merci.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you for your presence today, sir. Okay, we will now move on and we'll be hearing from Mr. Alex Forrest. He is representing the United Firefighters of Winnipeg and the topic is the negotiated agreement that Executive Policy Committee dealt with this morning. Welcome, Mr. Forrest. We will have five minutes on the clock and no questions.

Alex Forrest: Okay, thank you. Of course I know all of you here today, but for the record, my name is Alex Forrest. I am a captain in the Winnipeg Fire Department. I am President of the United Firefighters of Winnipeg representing over 1500 active and retired firefighters and fire paramedics. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for allowing me to be a delegate here today concerning the tentative contract settlement between the City of Winnipeg and your firefighters. This settlement is the result of hundreds of hours of hard work on both sides. The settlement is good for the City of Winnipeg, it's good for its firefighters and fire paramedics and most importantly, it's good for the citizens of this great city. The agreement results in the ability of the City to have a sustainable and predictable budget for the long term. This contract settlement is for four years with wage increases that are aligned what we predict will be the cost of living for these years. We understand what the position of the City is financially and the challenges that you have in particular budgets especially in 2017. We have deferred our wage increases for each year of the contract until the end of each year. We also believe that this contract sends a strong message of support for our firefighter paramedics as the City will be making a financial commitment to paying the provincially imposed paramedic self-regulation fees scheduled to be implemented in the near future. Disagreement avoids costly arbitration. If this agreement is not ratified today, it could easily result in numerous arbitrations within the next four years. Each arbitration can cost anywhere from 200 to $300,000 to the taxpayers of this city. This is money that we can better use to put into the system to help the City run. And we all know that arbitration usually results in awards that neither side is happy with. Yesterday, we had a ratification

meeting and we had a record number of members attending. The discussion was lively but the agreement was ratified. They understand what we are trying to accomplish. We are sending a message that we want to be a part of the financial solution of this city. Today, on behalf of the firefighters and fire paramedics in the City of Winnipeg, we are asking Council to ratify this agreement today. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presence and your remarks. Okay, we will now move on to committee reports starting with the Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor on the report dated April 12th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED APRIL 12, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 19th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED APRIL 19, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker I move…sorry, I introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 12.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie. I'll call the question on 2 and 3, 6 through 9, 11 and 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Voluntary Lobbyist Registry

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. Very proud to proceed and move this matter forward today. I want to thank my council colleagues for their support to date and their input on this. This is a very important positive step in creating greater openness and transparency at City Hall. Obviously, the implementation is within our existing legislative ability under provincial legislation and it is a first step to ensuring that the business that's conducted at City Hall with regards to those that are lobbying on behalf of their causes and interests are made more open and more transparent for the public to see. So I am very proud to move this matter forward and look forward to hearing from my council colleagues now. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have changed my mind in regards to a lobbyist registry especially at this point in time, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, you may recall back in our previous council of 2010/14, there was a motion moved and the auditor in preparing a report did consult with councillors about a lobbyist registry and presented the various ways of undertaking a lobbyist registry. And at the time, we had a number of issues we were dealing with, Madam Speaker but also at the time, Madam Speaker, we had not had an Integrity Commissioner which I think is a great thing that Mayor Bowman has brought to the City of Winnipeg with the rest of us and Council in having this Integrity Commissioner. This Integrity Commissioner, Madam Speaker, is undertaking a number of initiatives related to what she has already been hired to do and Madam Speaker, many of the issues that may arise that people want to see and have a lobbyist registry, I believe are going to be covered off in various aspects such as our Council Code of Conduct, related to conflicts of interest and so on, Madam Speaker. On the other side, we have the employee code of conduct which is ultimately overseen by our city administration but our senior administration is covered by EPC as a different committee that reviews employee code of conduct issues, Madam Speaker. So, Madam Speaker, there are provisions that are dealing with a whole host of items that people say we should have a lobbyist registry because people are accused of, you know, whatever, various things. We also have, Madam Speaker, in our whole election process, Madam Speaker, really, we have pretty solid legislation that we have to follow, and by-laws and so on, Madam

Speaker, that we have to follow in terms of reporting political gifts. We have seen in the hiring of our Integrity Commissioner, Madam Speaker, we have seen, you know, how well that financial contributions to campaigns is registered and when you say the word, 'lobbyist', it has somewhat of a bad connotation as well but this is all covered off in many pieces of legislation which can now ready be dealt with through an Integrity Commissioner. So in hindsight and looking at this…and a voluntary…the other thing is, you know, we are asking a number of councillors on here who are newly elected, never consulted, there was no public engagement with people who have been identified as potential lobbyists. And a volunteer...you know, it will take up billable hours, I think, for the Integrity Commissioner and a cost to deal with what amounts to a voluntary registry which is maintained by the City Clerks and while it says there is no financial implication, there are human resource implications in getting some of the work done and I know how busy our Clerks Department already is with the amount of staff that they have. But anyway I digress, Madam Speaker. So today I can't stand in support of this. It seems to be too expedient. We should have really had public engagement with the people we are saying...are so-called defining here as lobbyists, Madam Speaker. So I will be voting against it which is...I voted to have the report done which was finally tabled in May of 2015 by the Auditor, but really, I think that while it's a laudable effort, our public service has put this together but I'm not going to vote for this because I think our Integrity Commissioner can deal with a lot of the other problems that already arise. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gerbasi, following that Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak in support of this. And I just wanted to make a few comments. This really is about transparency. People have a right to know who we are meeting with and whether they are developers or whether they are community groups, I don't see the downside in the public having that information about what we are doing. And just to put it in context, it's been a long time getting to this point. This isn't something that just came out of nowhere. And when we first started working towards getting an Ethics Commissioner as a council, the first vote was back in 2008, I believe and what happened in Ontario was kind of interesting, in Toronto. They brought in an Ethics Commissioner without the legislation, just like we did, to say we need to have this authority to do this and then a couple of years later, the Province brought in the legislation they needed in response to the city taking the lead. So I guess what I'm trying to say is that we are taking the lead on this and in Ontario when they brought in the legislation on Ethics Commissioners giving that authority to the municipalities they also brought in the lobby registry powers as well at the same time. So this is related to us bringing in the ethics commissioner. We took the lead on that, we have done that even though we know don't have the full authority we would like to get in the legislation. Now that we have the Ethics Commissioner in place they can help craft, you know, the exact legislative tools we need to strengthen the role of the Ethics Commissioner as well as the lobby registry and to give us the authority we need to make both of these even more effective. So, this is, I think, a good explanation of why we are doing this even though we don't have the full legislative authority that we would like to have that's something we can't…haven't been able to control or achieve but we have the guidance of this Ethics Commissioner and having the Ethics Commissioner in place is also going to help with questions like those that arose today from the Social Planning Council and other groups who are wondering, you know, how are they going to get their questions answered? Well, we now have that office. We now have that ability as councillors and as the public to ask those questions and that's why we have the Ethics Commissioner to help us with those kind of things. So I understand it's a newer concept even for some of us who have been on council a long time. You know, more transparency is good and it might make you uncomfortable in some way, I think it's the right thing to do and I think it's…I'm quite comfortable letting people know if I'm meeting with, you know, the East Energy Coalition or the Social Justice or the Housing people, you know, I talk to the Housing people, that's fine. I don't think it's bad for the public to know who we are talking to. And it's a bit like when legislation was brought in on campaign donations and they included the unions and the corporations in those rules because even though you know...it's about...it may be a different kind of interest. It's not making a profit but it's still an interest that these different groups have and everybody should be treated the same. And I'd also point out, this is a very minimal impact right now. It's voluntary, so if somebody doesn't want to, they don't have to. And also, just so it's clear to everyone, especially the public, anyone can come forward to any council process and they are not…this is nothing to do with that. So any open house, any public meeting, any council committee, that's not lobbying, that's just participating in our normal processes. And those are all recorded and public and accountable and on the public record which is a good thing. And you know, the last election, transparency…you know, after some of the stuff we went through and why there was all these reasons to call for things like an Ethics Commissioner and a lobby registry, it's because of some of those things and this is working towards addressing what we were elected to do. This council was elected to be as transparent as possible and address some of those frustrations and concerns that we know our constituents felt after the previous…some of the experiences we went through. So I feel really good about this. I don't…I understand it's difficult to run a non-profit group but I don't think it's going to be onerous, you just put your name in that you met with someone. You know, it's not that difficult, I mean, and it's going to provide a level of comfort that people are being transparent about who they are talking with and anyone can come forward to any council process and participate fully and advocate all they want at a public hearing and they're not even considered lobbying, it's just part of our processes. So I think it's actually a gentle way to get this thing moving. We have the Ethics Commissioner to help us deal with any of the possible things that need clarification. And you know, as Councillor Eadie said, we voted on this in 2010 or something. We've been talking about it forever. We've supported the idea of it so let's

get it started and we can see how it works. It's voluntary. If there's problems, things can be changed. And the Clerk's Department and the Legal Department came up with something that they put a lot of work into and I think we have to have some trust in our…the people who work in those areas and we have this brand new Ethics Commissioner that can help us with any issues that arise. So frankly, I'm glad to see these things being done. We are getting stuff done here in terms of being more transparent and accountable which is what we were all elected to do and it is a bit different, like, you know, especially if you have been on council a long time. You can meet with anyone, you don't have to let anyone know but really, what's the harm in people knowing who we are talking to? And it's not to criticize the work that any of…any lobbyist do. Lobbying is a legitimate thing to do. I am very involved in FCM lobbying. We're advocating and lobbying all the time, every day, to the Federal Government to get money for housing and transit and all those things. Lobbying is not a bad thing but it should have the light of day shone on it and be done in the public. And that's all this is and it's voluntary and it's just a first step and we can…if any problems arise they can be dealt with. So I'm very comfortable and very happy to see this here today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Mayes: Well, as Councillor Gerbasi said, more transparency is a good thing. This isn't something I ran on, but I certainly ran on having a more open city hall. I think this is part of that program. I want to thank the Mayor for pushing it forward. You know, I knocked on about 600 doors during our spring break…600 doors in my ward and I had a letter that talked about a number of things and one of them was talking about the lobbyist registry being a process and the Integrity Commissioner being in place. And people talked to me about a lot of issues and they called me back on a lot of issues; curbs, yards, trees, all manner of things. What nobody did was call back and say, hey, you should take more time on this lobbyist registry. You should slow down, we don't want that. We don't want a more open city hall. Take your time, delay it further. I think people admire the effort of it, admire the principles of it. Is it perfect, maybe not. We certainly have gone forward in the past when provincial legislation might have been of assistance. I remember debating on this floor about five years ago a gas tax motion. Here we can move ahead. We maybe don't have the exact model we would like from the Province, but we can move ahead and do something progressive, something for a more open city hall. So I commend the Mayor for taking the lead on this issue and look forward to seeing this up and running.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just rise to support this motion as well and I will be brief. But just to reiterate what some of my colleagues have already said is that many of us around this chamber did campaign on a commitment to try to improve the transparency, the openness, the access to City Hall and I just want to highlight the fact that I think this registry is yet another initiative towards that goal. And I think back to years ago, we instituted publishing online the capital expenditures monthly reporting, people can see clearly on a month-to-month basis what's happening in our capital projects. Where the money is going, how it's being spent, what percentage has been spent. We of course have the Integrity Commissioner we just voted on recently and it's just been brought on and she has already met with several councillors to my knowledge, myself included, just to get as far as introduction goes. And now we have the lobbyist registry, which other jurisdictions have put in place and are using successfully. And I do note also that the report indicates at the very last page of the report that the implementation of a lobbyist registry described in this report is a simplified version of the registry from other jurisdictions. In other words, it's a starting point and can be modified as the months and the years go on to truly to meet the needs of our citizens and to meet the needs of this council. So I want to echo others, what others have said and commend the Mayor, in fact, commend many of the councillors around this chamber that were here prior to this term and prior to my term in office here. This has been talked about and kind of been worked on in previous terms. So I want to recognize the efforts of other councillors as well that have called for this to ensure that there is openness and there's transparency for the sake of the people that have elected us. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, I wish to move a…what I would consider to be a friendly amendment before I speak.

Madam Speaker: It really should be in writing, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Unless it's, you know, a few words or something that we are changing.

Councillor Schreyer: One word.

Madam Speaker: Okay, well, Mr. Clerk, we can hear it then, can we not?

Councillor Schreyer: May I say it orally, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Just a minute.

Councillor Schreyer: Do you wish it in writing?

Madam Speaker: I am just having an issue with my computer, sorry. Okay, shall we go on to the next speaker, Councillor Schreyer or would you like to address the chamber at this time?

Councillor Schreyer: Will I have to send it in an e-mail or just put it on a piece of paper?

Madam Speaker: We can come back to you if you would like. There are other speakers. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do rise in support of the lobbyist registry of course and just that this whole discussion reminds me really of what was going on on the doorstep during the 2014 campaign and it really comes down, in my mind to accountability. The end of the day, when different groups or organizations, whether it's a business or not-for-profit come here to ask for something, they are asking us to in some way, shape or form, allocate taxpayer's dollars to whatever it is that their particular cause or interest is. And at the end of the day, we are accountable to the taxpayers of the city. So, I think that this is a tremendous step forward in terms of trying to essentially satisfy the concerns of the residents. I know Charleswood-Tuxedo-Whyte Ridge Ward pretty much on every doorstep this question came up about accountability. And so this is, you know, among the other things that we have discussed, the Integrity Commissioner and the open…the initiatives taken around openness and transparency at City Hall since Mayor Bowman and this council was elected is a very, very important step. And I think that the taxpayers of this city deserve to know when we are being approached by…whether it's a business or a not-for-profit, you know, that they are meeting with us and that that is public information so that they have the opportunity if they want to ask questions about it. So that's really all I wanted to say, Madam Speaker. I certainly am supporting...I think it's a historic vote in many ways, a lobbyist registry for the City of Winnipeg. I want to thank Mayor Bowman for bringing it forward and that's about it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. We will now hear from Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I would like to make most of my comments in French on this item. But generally...generally, I would like to say that I am supportive of this. I believe it's a step in the right direction.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: So I wanted to speak in favour of this motion to create a lobbyist registry in Winnipeg. I think that it's a step in the right direction. Yes, it's true that there will not be any consequences for lobbyists who chose not to register, but I think that now, with our new Integrity Commissioner, we have the necessary infrastructure at the City of Winnipeg, so anyone who has questions about whether or not they're lobbyists can ask our new Integrity Commissioner at the City of Winnipeg. And it's a service that is offered to anyone, and it's a free service for residents and organizations all over Winnipeg. So yes, it's true that it could potentially change how we interact with different organizations and individuals, but I think that if we recall certain events that occurred with the previous Council... and I dare say...I'm repeating myself, but I'll repeat myself anyway: we put up buildings...the previous Council put buildings on lands that didn't belong to us. I think that accountability was the number one or number two most important issue for Winnipeggers. So I think that it is our duty today to support this motion, in light of the importance given to accountability by voters in the last election. I think that it was...I think that it was number one...Anyway, it was fixing the roads and improving accountability at City Hall. Knocking on doors, I probably spoke to thousands of residents, and after a time, I knew that they were going to tell me that it was one of the most important issues for them. So I think that a very large majority of Winnipeggers will support us in this initiative to improve accountability at City Hall. And I would like to recognize the efforts, especially those of my colleague Jenny Gerbasi, who worked hard on this issue prior to the election of many of us here, and I would also like to recognize the leadership of Mayor Brian Bowman on this issue. I think that we're moving in the right direction. This is one tool among many that have been created by this Council to improve accountability at City Hall. And so on that, I thank you for your attention.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too support this motion. Initially, it's going to be voluntary, which will help the transition from when legislation is in place. I consider it to be positive so long as we keep it simple to register and not onerous for all those involved.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Dobson. Any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, Madam Speaker. I do stand in support of the lobby registry. I mean, when I was going door knocking, this was a huge issue in my community. And making sure that we have an open and transparent government, making sure we deal with some of the issues that we have faced in the past and I think this is one piece of the puzzle. We have done the Integrity Commissioner, we have called for a public inquiry. A lobby registry is really just a piece of the puzzle. We are not reinventing the wheel. Other cities are doing this. The Province, the Federal Government is doing this and you know what, sometimes the good outweighs the bad, right. There might be some scary things with some of…you know what, when we are looking at change, sometimes that scares us and there might be some things that we're looking at that maybe scares us but we can't…we have to move forward as a city and we have to make sure that we are trying to make a community feel safe that we are open and transparent. Our people elected us because they wanted us to be able to restore trust and I'm hoping that this piece of the puzzle will help us do that. For me, you know what, the grants that come through us that's not my grants, that's the City grants, that's the taxpayer's grants. And also our policies and procedures, those are our taxpayers'. They do have a right to see who is coming to meet with us and I think this is a really good first step in moving us forward in being an open and transparent government. It is a piece of the puzzle I think that we were all elected on and I am happy to support the motion here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Schreyer, are you ready to speak now? Coming back to you.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, in three seconds. I have the motion seconded.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Are we still copying it or…? Okay, Madam Clerk, would you read it into the record?

Motion No. 8
Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

THAT the title of Report 1 of the Executive Policy Committee report dated April 19, 2017 be retitled from "Lobbyist Registry" to "Voluntary Lobbyist Registry".

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, this is your opportunity to speak to the…your amending motion.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Based on what I understand this document to be which is consistent with what everybody here has said, I see no inconsistency with what I've heard today, whatever people's concerns are, whatever…for whatever reason that people are in favour of this registry, there is no contradiction between that and adding the word 'voluntary' including the reasons why people are in favour of it. People are in favour of openness, accountability, clarity, Madam Speaker. People will actually have the impression because of how things go. People have a lot of things to deal with. They want progress at City Hall. If this motion is called the 'lobbyist registry', many people will logically assume like I would, Madam Speaker, like I would Madam Speaker, assume that we brought in a lobbyist registry that is compulsory but this is not and therefore it's a very important piece to how we communicate this to the citizens of Winnipeg and in fact how we communicate it to me. I have a big concern...I mean, I'm glad this is part of progress and Councillors Gerbasi and Councillor Gillingham as an example, have both mentioned, you know, that this is...as Councillor Gillingham said, a simplified version which can be modified because part of that...this is our first draft and it's voluntary. We are talking about transparency. It has been raised in this chamber in the last ten minutes, the issue of transparency. Well, let's call this what it is for transparency. As well as for plain English, simple English.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Schreyer: Also, I'd like to add that when we speak of language – and I'd like to begin translation now, Madam Speaker – that when we speak of Plain English, that we should speak of Plain French as well. And so, because of this, I'd like to say, in other words, Madam Speaker, I don't want to go into the next election in a year and a half and say, "Oh, yes. We passed this motion to, um... " – How do you say lobbyist registry in French? – Anyway, just to say that we passed it. And then for all of Winnipeg to think that we passed something mandatory. Because personally, I would assume that it's mandatory. But that isn't the case! It's very important, in the spirit of clarity, straightforwardness, transparency, simplicity, communication, that we use the word voluntary here. So everyone can understand what we've done here today and also understand all the arguments made by all the other councillors. Transparency. Minimal impact. And since we used the word gentle – I think that Councillor Gerbasi used the word gentle – Yes, it is, since it's voluntary, it's not mandatory. We also heard, I think, from at least one other councillor here, that this will continue to evolve. And so, Madam Speaker, I think that we should require that in the title. It's easy to do; it's much more understandable, much more, well... simple, clear, that it's the beginning of something. In other words, Madam Speaker, I don't want to vote for something entitled "Lobbyist Registry", and then in the next elections in a year and a half, have to say and explain that it isn't really a lobbyist registry. So why didn't the councillors explain all these meetings with all of these agencies, organizations, and industries within the city? Then I have to explain that, well, it's not really a lobbyist

registry because it's voluntary. Personally, I would like to, with the help of my colleagues here at the City of Winnipeg and the Administration, to begin to explain, now, to the citizens of Winnipeg that at this point, it's voluntary. And if there are changes as part of an evolution, as the other councillors said and explained, that we can do that too, when it's no longer voluntary. But right now, it's very important, and the citizens of Winnipeg have the right, Madam Speaker, to know and to simply understand, that right now, it's voluntary, and because of this, in the spirit of all the concerns brought forth in the last fifteen minutes by the councillors here in the chamber, this is the condition upon which my support of this motion rests. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, this is your opportunity to speak to the main item and the amending motion if you like.

Councillor Lukes: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do believe there is value in a lobbyist registry and I am very supportive. I would be very supportive of having an assessment done on the different lobbyist models being used in Canadian cities, reviewing best practices related to setting up and implementing a lobbyist registry and ensuring a thorough assessment of cost implications related to managing a lobbyist registry and of course, reviewing how our current accountability regulations, code of conduct…code of conduct as we heard prior, that we have in place, relate to a lobbyist registry. But I have not been privy to any information on the creation of this registry. Maybe this work has occurred, I have no idea. But I do know the creation of a lobbyist registry is something that will have a direct impact on how business is done at City Hall. I believe if implemented correctly that a lobbyist registry will impact the decision-making process in a positive manner. What I am sure of, though, is that anything that fundamentally changes the way we do business at City Hall, requires more than an eight hour window for discussion for public consultation and input and education before it ends up at the Executive Policy Committee. And again, probably on this file I find myself speaking more to process. I just want to recap Thursday afternoon that the press release went out stating a report is coming forward recommending an implementation of a lobbyist registry, recommending it. Thursday afternoon, before a four day long weekend, leaving only eight hours on Tuesday for councillors to speak to any administrators with questions for clarification to bring forward any recommendations to be considered by the Executive Policy Committee. I had many plans and events on the four day long weekend, the Easter long weekend and had meetings booked in the eight hour window on Tuesday before EPC. So let me share with you, Madam Speaker, what conversations I experienced over my four day long weekend regarding the registry. Madam Speaker I am very involved in my ward and community events. I attend events and speak to many leaders, many community builders. Not-for-profit organizations, city planners, consultants, contractors, heavy construction companies, land developers, home builders, religious leaders in our community and immigration leaders in our community, all people who are partners in building our city. All people who care about what we are doing at city hall and people who are involved in making our community stronger, safer and prosperous and really, Madam Speaker, all who could be impacted by the implementation of a lobbyist registry. So many, many of these leaders I spoke to asked me about the lobbyist registry, what it means and specifically, what it means to them. Now, I understand Councillor Mayes, you know, door knocking, the average person it doesn't impact them directly, but I am speaking to people who it does impact directly who are asking me over the four day long weekend and I said to them, honestly at this point, I know as much as you. The report was released Thursday afternoon, I had no time to read it over the weekend, I never received a briefing and assumed all elected members of Council that are not on the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee did not receive a briefing either. I did not receive any phone call from the Mayor's office on this very significant movement to improve how we do business at City Hall with our partners and I have to say, Madam Speaker, these leaders were astounded. They couldn't believe that a member of Council would not have even received a briefing on such a very significant recommendation coming forward on how we would be changing business at City Hall. But more importantly, Madam Speaker, besides being surprised by the extremely short notice, eight hours, for them to have the opportunity to review and possibly make recommendations before being discussed at EPC, I think that many of them were disappointed that they were not consulted on or briefed on or explained how this would change how they do business at City Hall. And again, you know, this really doesn't directly impact the average person when you are door knocking but I am talking about people that help build our city and our partners. You know, we funded a $600,000 public engagement office and I just don't understand why we couldn't have leveraged the office to communicate a little more. I don't understand what the rush is. You know, what's another three weeks, another month, to help these partners understand the process? But you know what was...what I found was disappointing and the reality of it was, many of them said, it really doesn't matter. It's not mandatory to register. It's a voluntary registry, there are no repercussions. What really is the point of all this they asked me? And Madam Speaker, some of them laughed. And they laughed and they asked me, what is going on at City Hall? And I tell you, Madam Speaker, I was embarrassed. I was embarrassed at how this information was being shared with our city building partners. I was embarrassed because really, the current form of this volunteer lobbyist registry holds no weight. It's something that I really believe in and I was embarrassed because we did no outreach on this extremely important issue. And I tell you, you know, I'm really disappointed at this ongoing repeat behaviour that we are seeing specifically related to no public consultations and engagement on fundamental changes of how we are doing business at City Hall. Madam Speaker, I voted for change. I spoke at countless Standing Policy Committee meetings prior to being elected. I understood what happened. I saw what happened. I guess I didn't understand everything but I saw what was going on and it was this statement in the 2014

election that made me vote for change, “We have a city hall where it seems as if decisions are being made and presented to Council as done deals. There is little opportunity for the Council let alone the public to voice their concerns or participate in debate. This has to change.” That was a statement from now Mayor Bowman. Well Madam Speaker, from what I experienced and continue to experience in relation to process and process on this file, nothing has changed. The process related to bringing it forward, it remains, in my opinion, the style of old school politics. And to close, I want to reiterate I do believe if implemented correctly that a lobbyist registry will make a positive impact on the decision making process. But the process in bringing this forward is not the process people voted for and our city building partners recognize that. I will be supporting Councillor Schreyer's motion to…the amendment to make it a volunteer registry because that's exactly what it is but again I am disappointed and I’m embarrassed about the process that this really significant, and important change has come forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Eadie is our next speaker.

Councillor Eadie: Speaking to the amending motion.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: I already spoke to the main report.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I am in support of this motion to change the name of the report and I would like...I really appreciate the integrity of the movers of this motion to make sure that publicly we understand exactly what we are voting on here, and because I think that's very important, Madam Speaker, because I did hear from electors as well. As a matter of fact, I heard from residents during the 2010-2014 Council in which, you know, they wanted a…they wanted lobbyists to deal with this, Madam Speaker. But let's be clear, they wanted something that's mandatory and that they can trust is actually what it is, is, Madam Speaker. And so, when we are voting on this report, the amendment, talking about…it is a voluntary lobbyist registry and frankly, Madam Speaker, the people, the lobbyists we might be most concerned about are not going to be volunteering to register as a lobbyist, okay Madam Speaker. So anyway I’m in support of this amendment and basically I won't be in support of the report at all anyway because of the political expediency and old school politics that is happening around it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to put some comments on the record on this very important initiative. I’ll be voting for it. But I do have some concerns that I want to put on the record. I want to reflect and reiterate the concerns that we have heard thus far from some members of Council with regards to the fact that this is being dropped from up on high and I don't mean from God but from the office of the Mayor, that's sometimes masquerading as a bit of a dictatorship without any consultation, without any kind of council seminars, without any involvement of members of Council but…and never mind the greater community out there, Madam Speaker. I want to say that this whole issue is a very important issue and it deserved a better form than what it's receiving today. And there are a number of legitimate concerns that I have heard raised that are clearly going unaddressed. I think the not-for-profit community raises an extremely legitimate concern. You know, I have seen...we have all seen in this term what has occurred to volunteers and our not-for-profit groups being the subject to new rules coming down from this council. All rules that I think were based with the best of intentions. But being mandated for our City staff without any more resources...there is no financial report here, Madam Speaker, saying what the cost of this is to implement this so that implies that the public service is being told, do this as you can do it now within your existing budgets. That, Madam Speaker, is problematic. And I’ll tell you why it’s problematic, because we have experienced this now on a number of occasions. We have experienced it with the sponsorship policies, which have undermined community group after community group, volunteer group after volunteer group attempting to raise money in their community, stopped, thwarted by the sponsorship rules of the City, discouraged, not being able to raise money, not being able to figure out the maze of how to deal with this. The other example, Madam Speaker, I can give you that is facing community groups was the decision by this council in March of 2015, to require in terms of grant agreements to not-for-profit groups that there has to be forms and everything else signed, again, no support to the community groups. Very good intention, good idea but you know, community groups getting from our lawyers a ten page document saying you want this grant for your community club, well sign it. Who are their lawyers? Who do they get to consult with? The lobbyist registry Madam Speaker, says in this report, and I quote, I’m going right to the report itself, the last page of the report says, "Other considerations." Lobbyist registries can be very complex and detailed and further considerations for the registry should be investigated in the future for the Integrity Commissioner. Very complex. You know, I’m not thinking of the developers here, absolutely they should register. I’m thinking of all the community groups. The way you read the definition of a lobbyist, it could almost be anybody. Any community group out there will have to now register. They’re lobbying for

funds, for grants. They are making phone calls to Council outside of the regular meetings. They now have to register…now, you know, what's going to happen...I mean, really what's going to happen here folks is that in time, we're going to create a new business class. And this new class will rise, no different than when we created…you know, Federal Government creates the income tax act, you've got all these lawyers and everything that are making money off of…advising people how to avoid the income taxes. You know, I mean, it's the same class that's created all the time through legislation gone awry. But this is now going to create a lobbyist class that will require people out there who just really don't want to have the headache, who can afford them and don't want the headache and don't want to have the risk of doing something wrong. They will hire the hired guns to be able to talk to elected officials so now elected officials in the future will be talking to lobbyists rather than the actual entities in the future outside of these public forums, I guess. That may be the future and that's the world we are going to be dealing with. But the reality is we still have all these other groups and organizations who may not be able to hire those lobbyists, those hired guns. I'd like to also comment on the fact, Madam Speaker, it was only last December in this very council chamber when the Mayor used the word "lobbyist" as if it were a dirty word. And I'll give you an example how he did it, he used it by slamming a former member of this council, Chris Lorenc, calling him "Lobbyist Lorenc." Now, you know, that was completely inappropriate, Madam Speaker, completely inappropriate. This gentleman, all he did was come forward...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, I would like to suggest that you move on.

Councillor Wyatt: Well, I'm talking about what happened. He came forward and said that the facts of the budget had undermined the roads budget and we had cut funding into the roads. He pointed out a fact. He pointed out what became a truth and the Mayor didn't like that so he accused him of being a lobbyist as if it was a dirty word. Well, you know Madam Speaker, I think Mr. Lorenc has done a lot of service for our city over the years and why would the Mayor then propose a lobbyist registry when he was making the accusation of how terrible lobbyists are, you know. I don't get that. It doesn't make any sense. So, you know what, I understand that maybe that's a Donald Trump style of doing business, you know, but it shouldn't be the business and the style of our mayor. So, you know, I come back to the fact, Madam Speaker, that this was dropped, you know, from up on high on us and say hear you guys go but don't worry about the consequences, don't worry about your community groups, don't worry about your volunteers, you know…but you know what, they may have to sign this now. And who's going to explain that to them? Who's going to help them? You know, ultimately, we aren't the Federal Government. I have heard about the City of Toronto, the City of…the Federal Government, the provinces…different provinces, well you know, it's…I hate to tell you this but we are a municipality and we have very practical issues. Practical issues that involve practical challenges and the one thing that I have to say is that it seems we have these initiatives and they are being rolled out as huge initiatives but the real issues that are facing the citizens of Winnipeg day in and day out are not getting addressed in this term. The issues that people are concerned about, the state of the roads, the state of their infrastructure, the fact that they have to sit on 311 for 30 minutes to report their garbage not picked up. The fact that they can't get a hold of simple administrators to get something fixed or…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, speak to the item please, for the second time.

Councillor Wyatt: I am speaking to the item, Madam Speaker. And I am saying that this item is being used as a distraction to make it look like something is happening when things aren't really happening. We're really not addressing the big core issues facing the city today and the challenges. The new strategic infrastructure we have to build. Where have been the transportation master plan reports that should have been updated that we have requested over and over again that aren't coming forward? These are the things that people are…these are the things that I hear out there on the doorstep on a regular basis. Let's start getting down to that business…let's make that just as important as this, which is important and I'm voting for it but those are my comments, Madam Speaker, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Are there any further speakers on this item? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: You're summing up on your amending motion.

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, Madam Speaker. To close on the motion of amendment, to use the word "voluntary" in the title of the lobbyist registry, because that's what it is, Madam Speaker, it's a voluntary lobbyist registry and it's so obvious that it should just simply be expressed that way. In fact, come to think of it, now that it's out there, it would be really weird, I would say, for us not to call it the voluntary lobbyist registry given everything everybody has said today. The one consistency despite what side one is on or what priorities one has made in their speeches on this issue, the one consistency amongst it all, Madam Speaker, is that we all recognize in this chamber right now since we are debating it, discussing it, is that it's voluntary. At least we know that, because that's what we're discussing. So Winnipeggers should know that. Again, Madam Speaker, I consider this a friendly amendment. It's a consensus issue because I based it on what everybody has said in the chamber. I don't think there is a single person who said anything contradictory to this

being a voluntary lobbyist registry. In fact, Madam Speaker, if they did, it would be misinformation. They would maybe wish to correct themselves. But I don't think it's happened. I think everyone spoke to the issue of this being voluntary and it's important. Madam Speaker, again, just listening to the issues raised by councillors here, it was said, people have a right to know. That's right. People have a right to know who is lobbying, who is meeting with what lobbyist. Well this doesn't do that. At least people have a right to know that this is voluntary so it may or may not be happening. So when they see that it's a voluntary lobbyist registry, if they care to understand it, at least they can understand by the title what that might imply and they can find out what that means so that they don't…they will know that they will not necessarily find out who is lobbying. Can you imagine, Madam Speaker, if we called this a lobbyist registry and then people look at the registry and then they believe when they look at the registry that's all the lobbying that's happened. Well, Madam Speaker, come to think of it now, that would be deceitful. So we don't have to do that, Madam Speaker. We can just call it the voluntary lobbyist registry, people can understand what they are looking at when they see it, it's voluntary. Therefore, it's clear and people can understand. Having said that, Madam Speaker you know, I am looking at this optimistically like other councillors, as they said, you know, minimal impact. Well, obviously minimal impact Madam Speaker, it's voluntary, but as long as we call it voluntary. The impact of this could be huge, Madam Speaker, if we don't let people know from the outset that it's voluntary. If people are misled to believe this is the real registry, a real lobbyist registry that's obligatory, that could have impact. There is no downside to this. Well, there is a downside to it, Madam Speaker, if people don't understand that it's voluntary. Then there's obviously…every person in this chamber can see a downside, potentially, to people believing this isn't a voluntary lobbyist registry. This is a long time coming. All right, so it's a very slow process. So let's explain Madam Speaker, that at least in this first phase of bringing in a lobbyist registry that it's voluntary for the sake of clarity. Will provide a level of cover...Madam Speaker, I'm taking quotes from this chamber as we've debated the issue, "Will provide a level of comfort." Well, it only provides a level of comfort if people are comfortable in understanding what they are looking at. There is no level of comfort, Madam Speaker, if they don't understand…it's not understood implicitly from the beginning. It can create confusion if they don't understand it's voluntary. So explaining that it's voluntary creates a level of comfort because then we are all on the same. We've begun a process. Now Madam Speaker, I understand that as we go forth, creating a lobbyist registry, this is the first phase so we can all understand what's going on. I have heard that from councillors in this chamber, perhaps the Mayor. I don't single out the Mayor because I don't want to put words in his mouth, but when there's councillors have been spoken…I don't want to single out the Mayor but I believe he is talking about the optimism of progress, of creating something, well this is in the spirit of it where we all figure out where we're coming from here including the Ethics Commissioner. And so, this is a learning process for all of us. And on that basis, let's call it what it is, the first phase where we're…this is in the era of discovery, if you will, of what the issues are. Councillors have brought some very serious considerations. Where do we fit non-profits into this? Where do we fit community clubs and fundraisers into this? At least if we understand from the very beginning what we are getting into that this is voluntary, that is the first phase…in fact, let's face it, we might have a lobbyist registry by virtue of how this is written in which there is no registry because it's voluntary so let's start, let's explain in plain English, français simple, what we are getting into here and with no contradiction to comments made by any councillor or I believe His Worship as well here today. But I would say, Madam Speaker, that the majority of Winnipeggers would consider it a contradiction if we call this a lobbyist registry and we don't call it voluntary when it is. I believe Winnipeggers would consider that a contradiction. Given all that's involved, all that's at stake, Madam Speaker, why are we doing this in the first place, rhetorical question, Madam Speaker? But it's a question we all have to answer, why are we doing this in the first place? Because it's a big, important issue. So because it's so big, because it's so important, let's explain from the beginning where we are starting. We're starting with a volunteer registry. If we don't do that, we're not really dealing with where we are at the beginning here and we start off with the confusion and we don't need that so let's all start off on the same page. It minimizes...geeze, two words, it expedites expediency...I don't even want to say that...I retract those words, Madam Speaker…it minimizes...just considering what Councillor Lukes has said in terms of the speed with which this has been brought forth. You know, these things happen. So, you don't hear me complaining about that all the time, that doesn't mean that there…these concerns aren't real to people and to councillors and the different councillors will see different things. But at least it's understood that this isn't the full lobbyist registry. This isn't the final product. And on that basis, let's just speak plain English et le français simple. Merci Madam Présidente de la chambre.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Mr. Mayor, this is your opportunity to close.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank my council colleagues for their comments on this important report we are considering today. The comments about greater clarity in the title I would support. I think the…certainly I, as well as the authors of the administrative report have been pretty clear that it's a voluntary register. That is what is written in the report and I cite the report which reads, "The implementation of a lobby registry will provide a transparent and open process by which lobbyists can voluntarily register." So if changing the title allows Councillor Schreyer greater comfort that we are being more open and transparent, I fully support his efforts to do so and I thank him for that amendment. We heard comments about the administrative costs to implement a lobby registry and I believe that the cost to not moving forward with our ongoing efforts to create a more open and transparent city hall are even greater. We have seen the costs. Taxpayers are paying the bill for the cost of less openness and

transparency under previous councils' watch and those members of Council, Councillor Wyatt included, and many members of Council, certainly know and have been part of councils that I think we can agree we have certainly room to continue to make improvements towards greater openness and transparency. This matter of a lobbyist registry has been discussed for years, and so this is a long time coming. Certainly a recommendation was made during our term in 2015. I indicated last year that a registered lobbyist was lobbying and that certainly...there was a reason to have a lobbyist registry here at the City of Winnipeg. The administrative report was considered last week by EPC. It has been a matter of public record since then during which time certainly, any member of Council or the public had the ability to speak with me or anyone else that they so choose to discuss the matter. I know Councillor Lukes and I have seen each other at least on one or two occasions since then and certainly didn't indicate to me that she had concerns about the report. But I welcome her comments and I welcome all members of Council's comments. I think the…you know, this term, "old school politics" has been raised by Councillor Lukes. When I think of old school politics, what I think of and I spoke about this during the campaign, was when I view...what I see as old school politics, it's feeling that the only way you can get ahead politically is by tearing someone else down. I don't believe that is a collaborative style of politics that this council is attempting to practice. I am certainly making ongoing efforts to collaborate with council colleagues as much as each member of Council is willing to do so and I believe by working together, we can accomplish a lot more for the citizens that we serve. I certainly get asked who lobbies me and what I have done to date is I have voluntarily created a meeting calendar online where we post who I have meetings with. This is my effort without you know, being required to do to better inform the citizens that I serve who is in fact meeting with me and advocating on behalf of causes that they believe in. It does in some cases generate questions for me in terms of what was the nature of the meeting and I do my best to address those concerns. Councillor Wyatt, certainly, when we talk about meetings, you know, certainly the business meeting expenses that he has are certainly more than all councillors combined last year. I think citizens would like to know who he and who we all meet with and those types of greater openness and transparency measures are going to go a long way. It holds us all more accountable. And for that reason, I would urge my council colleagues to not just talk about cleaning things up at City Hall but right now, you can vote for it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on the amending Motion No. 8. Call for recorded vote. All in favour of the amending motion moved by Councillor Schreyer, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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 is unanimous, Motion 8 passes. Now we will go on to the main item. All in favour? Call for a recorded vote again. All in favour, 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, Wyatt and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillor Eadie.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 15, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Item No. 1, the voluntary lobbyist registry passes. Okay moving on, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Strategic Economic Incentive Grant – 245 Graham Avenue (SkyCity)

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor. Okay, are there any speakers? Councillor Eadie, I believe you stood this down. You have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I did ask to have this stood down. I wanted to speak to this report. Madam Speaker, I have to say I am in support of providing some sort of grants for growth in the downtown area. However, I

have a real problem with this particular incentive or whatever you want to call it, Madam Speaker because it doesn't do what cities like Edmonton do. It doesn't require them...and we have a housing problem, acknowledged by this council, past councils, we have a problem with affordable housing in downtown, all over this city we have that problem, Madam Speaker. And nowhere in here do I see them, this SkyCity thing, committed to providing a number...a percentage of the suites or family living spaces that will be built to be affordable housing, rent geared to income. None. For $500,000 a year, you can subsidize 500 on a rental for a hundred suites for 500,000. They're going to be getting 600 and something thousand dollars a year, Madam Speaker. I actually…you know, I have to agree with Councillor Mayes. I think he made a good decision as well. I don't fully believe that the cost for infill is quite the same as green fill but you know, I applaud him for taking a stance on something that isn't right, Madam Speaker. I will not be voting for this today because it does nothing to resolve the problem with housing that we have in this city. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, will be voting in support of this motion before us today. I would like to see this council...I would challenge my colleagues and the Chair of Property and Development and the Mayor to develop a more cohesive strategy for making sure our downtown subsidies are predictable and decline. We can't be doing this perpetually. I don't like the one-off deals. I would rather know that there would be a structure in place so that any time there is something in downtown, it's structured, it's declining in nature. Again, I do congratulate the administration and the Chair for the way this was set up. Again, not a dollar disclosed unless it's actually built. Not a single dollar of this is built and it's important for the public understand that this is only a reduction in the taxes going forward…the equivalent of the reduction of taxes going forward if this is actually built. I think some of the coverage and some of the commentary at the water coolers misses that very important nuance that's in my mind, the most important. So anyways, I will be supporting this today but I would like to see a greater strategy going forward. And there could be different parts, like not all downtown is created equal. There may be a strategy in the Exchange District that doesn't…you know, that's not the same as West Broadway or you know, going up towards the CP Weston yards. There could be different parts of downtown with different strategies and different incentives on decline balance in all cases, but something that's fair and understandable so that people who want to participate don't buy the property first and then you know, come to Council and you know try to get their deal, they could have it as part of an open, a fair process that everyone can participate in. That's not necessarily what we have at the moment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you to, well, everybody who spoke on this matter. It is time to have a review. I just want to point out first of all, this...I use the word TIF instead of grant because we are not handing them money. They have to build first, they have to occupy first for years, service parking lots, so we won't get into that. But it is time for Council and I talked to Councillor Gillingham, Councillor Mayes and a few others to kind of review our TIF policy. But it's also important to recognize this is not a new TIF. So some people say we should change the rules now from the downtown residential grant program, this is actually not a new grant. The problem with the old downtown residential...and we've done it before, is these larger buildings, the grant...the TIF wasn't really expecting to have really large buildings so the large buildings take a long time to get the financing and the sales. So the downtown residential grant is only a limited window period so we found both for this and there's one in Assiniboia as well where they are just running out of time. So again…but it's not new money, it's already been allocated to the downtown residential grant program service through Centreventure. So…but we're just helping to find a way to get through this deadline problem. We don't really all want to believe…I don't think anybody around the council believes that we should abandon this project at this point. You know, we're getting rid of the service parking lot, we're looking at about 388 units, it's on the Graham mall. And the taxes aren't…the taxes that are being generated are…it's going to pay for this…this subsidy or whatever you want to do to offset the cost of the parking lot purchase because let's face it, the surface parking lot makes lots of money if you want to buy that out, you've got to pay extra money for the land and the business, it's another program downtown. So I just want to clarify, first of all, point one is this is not a new…this is not new. This is just a repackaging of the old. There are some people downtown that wish we wouldn't do the SkyCity because they want to get...we don't have a new grant yet…a TIF grant downtown. And again, Councillor Gillingham's concerns and some of Councillor Mayes' concerns as well and some others…before we go forward with a new program, we have to first evaluate the other program and then figure out how we go forward with the new. The concern that we all have I think around Council is…and other cities have done it, we have seen the peril, is hey, it's not really going to bother me. It's taxes that are coming down the line so you know, it's not going to have really an impact on my political career in the next couple of years, but it will have an impact on the future years as those taxes aren't coming in as they are offsetting. But then we also have to reflect that in the fact that, would those taxes ever come otherwise? So that's again…and it's not an A or B answer that one. It's not as easy as we would like it to be…say, oh yes definitely without or with. But this proponent has stated that it is quite crucial for them and their investors to have this money and the amount of taxes that we will generate from this plus all the ancillary kind of benefits we get plus it's already a grant we have approved just repackaged now, I hope we will have you know, support for this. It's exciting, we have got the Portage and Main

skyscraper going up, that's well in the works. We've got True North Complex happening. We've got the building thank goodness…we have the Colony...the building on Assiniboia…both of them are still going. So we have a lot of really exciting time in downtown, lots of new residents coming down. I personally love the Sterling Building, I took a tour of that one. It's a really exciting concept. Again, he would like this grant too. But again, this is just a part of our growth downtown but I think it is an appropriate time because we are seeing this incredible growth downtown before we do any new TIF grants or TIF programs we have to decide when, where and how. So again, we are into that process now. There will be...we're really at the declaring stages right now so I don't have really much to report on but I have heard what people have said and I think due diligence requires that it is time to take a little look at it.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting the motion. I think it's fair in the short-term. We have done the same for True North...and having said that, you know, no surprise to anybody that the words of Councillor Eadie weigh heavily. And...however, we are doing this at a time to give benefit of the doubt to the process. We haven't developed an effective plan or changed it as Councillor Orlikow has said in terms of review regarding the TIF. But also, no clarity in my mind in terms of what I believe have been Councillor Eadie's big concern in terms of affordable housing. Really important and it's going to become more important every single year. We didn't deal with that here. That's an important point. Having said that, I will give benefit of the doubt to the process today that as we continue on in these types of projects, that it is absolutely irresponsible of us to continue without the application of affordable housing plan that is our obligation. I believe we are moving in that direction and optimistically, in the spirit of optimism and in good will because I believe we are moving in that direction, I will move for this. Plus, in terms of the TIF, I don't like changing rules in the middle of the game, it's not fair to business unless you know, the changes are taking place within the construct of the market itself and that's fair. There can be all sorts of changes that take place in the market that are fair even when it comes to government involvement, but rules, that's a tough one, Madam Speaker, everyone gets a fair warning of change of rules, I believe that. I believe that it is fair for me to take criticism for my constituents on this. Especially, if I run again, if I campaign again, this is a very important issue to me. And if I do run again in a year and a half, I think it's inescapable for me to deal with how we go about downtown developments of this magnitude, this incredible magnitude. Madam Speaker, this is supposed to be, what the tallest building in the city and we are doing this without an affordable housing program? Well, I don't think we can afford to do that again. So this is the end for me. So I'm letting it be known because I believe, Madam Speaker, optimistically and in good will that we are moving towards an effective, affordable housing program where various councillors involved. Councillor Gerbasi…I understand Councillor Gilroy and others and I…you know, you start this process, how many people are involved in the issue. Well, certainly Councillor Eadie is because he actually mentioned it and he is willing to vote on it today in this chamber. He is not the only one concerned, I'm not going to say that but he's brought forth the concern in a way that he is willing to go to the next election voting against this which is a pretty big project and I think important to the city. But from now on Madam Speaker, we have to get a move on and I suspect…I suspect we will have something in place by the next election so that as a council in the next term, we have got some plans to work with in terms of, if we ever when we...because we will be, when we do these things again, how does affordable housing apply. And I'm just giving warning, Madam Speaker, this is I think an important issue to many Winnipeggers. It's an important issue to Winnipeggers whether we like it or not, it just is. Affordable housing affects our society in general and we didn't deal with it in this one. Heed Councillor Eadie's remarks, Madam Speaker, and all the good work being done by councillors in this chamber and His Worship in terms of coming forth with an affordable housing strategy. And bear in mind Madam Speaker, just for information because I do have three and a half minutes left, what a luxury, that we can't do this alone, the City of Winnipeg. We do this in conjunction with the Provincial Government and the Federal Government and I do believe we are fulfilling our role on these issues of affordable housing and issues related, homelessness issues. I believe…I believe we are going there. And...but it's a big issue because we can't do it ourselves. This is very much a tripartite and more than that, we work with the private sector and not-profit organizations to deal with this. The fact that we are moving this today I think it's sort of a weak link. This was an opportunity but we weren't there yet. I'm willing to give the benefit on that but I don't believe, Madam Speaker that we will get away with that in the next term. But having said that, there is progress on this one and I am willing to live with that. And I will leave it at that, Madam Speaker but let the words of Councillor Eadie be heeded. This happens again in a couple of years, I will be doing and saying the exact same thing unless I can be shown specifically where we are in our affordable housing strategy. We are leading it but we can't do it ourselves. But we do have the resources right now with the Federal Government and the Provincial Government still in the game. And why am I using up the full eight minutes on this? Because it's really important, Madam Speaker. It's really important to the City of Winnipeg. It's really important to City Hall, to this council, to His Worship and to the administration. We're putting a lot into it. We're putting so much into the issue of affordable housing and homelessness and yet it didn't apply to this, one of the biggest developments in the history of the city. So let's think about that for a second, let's juxtapose those two things. I'm not going to blame City Hall, I'm not going to blame us but it just means that we have to move forward just as the last one Madam Speaker, in terms of the lobbyist registry. It is a step in the right direction. We are moving forward but we have to continue to show that process and I believe we can. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. There's a few more speakers I think for this item. Seeing the hour, are we recessing for lunch now? Okay, Councillor Gerbasi, you have the floor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I would just wanted to put a few comments on the record. This project is in the downtown where I represent and sit on the Downtown BIZ Board and other things so I know that there is a sense of excitement in the downtown that this is happening. It's something that is important to have a project on this scale happening. And I think Councillor Orlikow explained quite well that it was part of an existing, already developed program. The timeframe for a project of this magnitude which wasn't even anticipated that we would be seeing a project of this magnitude wasn't considered at the time of the development of the program, it's now…we have found a way creatively and I think that our staff should be commended on the way they went about this and made this possible. Particularly, not paying upfront, you know, waiting until the tax dollars are flowing to us to enable this project. There is a big difference between a grant and a TIF and you know, we've seen those words used and I just think it's really important. Tax Increment Financing is incremental taxes and it should apply only to projects where this is not going to happen without that grant. And that was the argument that was made and that our administration accepted. That is a very…I just, for people who think it's surprising that a project of this size would need Tax Increment Financing, look around the world at other cities because that's a very common model to enable these types of infill developments are more challenging to build. So this is going to have…I also just wanted to remind people that aside from the…if you look at it from a longer term view, in ten years we will see this massive influx of tax revenue in ten years. There's nothing wrong with thinking ten years ahead at our financial sustainability because that is what this is about. It's a longer term view. And I also wanted to point out that this kind of massive scale development on the downtown has a big impact economically on our city in terms of the health of our downtown, the vibrancy, the sense of…the investment environment that other investors will see and the optimism which will bring more investment to our city. So from a business point of view, I think it's something that our more business oriented councillors, I'm happy you're on board with this on and I think you should be considering in the future that, you know, Tax Increment Finance, it is only one tool that we…but it's one that can be very effective. I just wanted to briefly…as the Chair of the Housing Committee, I want to thank Councillor Eadie and Councillor Schreyer for their comments and I do agree very much that affordability…affordable housing strategy's really important and especially at this sort of crucial time where the Federal Government is going to be bringing forward a National Housing Strategy in detail soon. They have committed to $11.2 billion in the budget which is unheard of in recent years and it is an opportunity for the Federal Government to get back in the housing business where they have moved away especially from social housing over the last 20 and 30 years. So this is a really great opportunity for our country and for every place, places like Winnipeg to partner and for the municipal sector to partner on that with our city and our province because we aren't going to be the major player, we have to do these things in partnership. So…and I do appreciate the understanding, Councillor Schreyer in particular pointed out you know that we are working on this. We have a Housing Steering Committee that has been working really hard on coming up with some approaches we can use. We want to be ready to partner when this federal money flows and work with the Province. So these are things we are working on in the early stages and appreciating the support of these other members...all members of Council and thank you. And I hope everyone supports this because it's good for our downtown.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am going to be voting for this as well but I also would like to put some comments on the record on this matter as well. The Downtown Residential Development Grant Program was developed previously in the context, Madam Speaker, of a city-wide tax increment financing program which not only targeted the downtown but we actually targeted older neighbourhoods in other parts of Winnipeg as well. And as a matter of fact, after the last general election when the Mayor contacted me to say I would like to have a tour of Transcona, I was more than happy to show him around. One of the key places that I showed him was some housing projects that happened in old downtown Transcona, Brownfield lands, old industrial lands. You would never think a multiple family housing project to go up on it, but it did, because why? Because we as a city stepped in and targeted through neighbourhoods in the city with the Business Improvement Zones using a model to target those neighbourhoods, those neighbourhoods that we felt housing and infill housing, density in other words…creating density in neighbourhoods that already have the services would not have occurred if it wasn't for a tax increment finance program. And I know that as a fact because we have now been without the program for a number of years. And it really is a shame because since that time, housing in those neighbourhoods has not occurred. And it clearly is a…sometimes a necessary condition needed to assemble land, to be able to make a project work in an existing neighbourhood where you have to do land assembly, you have to deal with sometimes environmental issues that are in the soil, you have to deal with sometimes demolitions that you would not have to deal with, with greenfield development. And so that was the context of this program. It was not just the downtown which we know also needs housing. I mean, the housing...the successful downtown has at least, ideally, most folks who study this and write about this across the country, a downtown ideally, of any large city, should have a minimum of 10 percent of its population living in the downtown. Winnipeg is far short of that, we're at 15 to 20,000 roughly living in our downtown area…as we call it downtown which by the way, is extremely large for a central metropolitan downtown area, very large. And so, I mean, if you were to even contract that to make it even tighter it

would be even less so you know, we have a long way to go. So this program…this project is very good, I think it's great. We need to have those bodies…I agree with the comments about affordable housing. Ironically, when the studies have been done in the past about downtown, the greatest challenge in downtown is not so much…if you're looking at the demographic, we have actually a lot of lower-income housing in the downtown as it presently stands. It's actually the other levels of incomes that are missing in parts of the downtown. So there is an argument to be made for this type of tax increment financing, but I am saying it in the context, again Madam Speaker, of why we have not done anything. Why has nothing been initiated? At the time when I took the Mayor on this tour he seemed very interested in it. But I know also in the last year this council wiped out the Housing Co-ordinator position. Just gone, we don't have a Housing Co-ordinator at a time, Madam Speaker, when the Federal Government, as Councillor Gerbasi points out, is rolling forward millions of dollars for housing, we don't have anybody to co-ordinate that. We have a Housing Committee that meets periodically but we don't see anything coming out of the Housing Committee. Nothing's coming forward. There's no actions, there's no results, there's no neighbourhoods being targeted for all to see. I'm assuming it's all going to roll out right before the next general election next year in attempt to get everyone re-elected in this chamber who is running again. So let me tell you something, Madam Speaker, it will be a breath of fresh air if we are not just reconfirming grants from the past evil council, which clearly was doing something maybe a little bit right sometimes, but we would actually start programs that are missing in other parts of the city that deserve to see urban renewal happen especially, Madam Speaker, when we decided to tax the heck out of some of the so-called greenfield developments, targeting certain individuals wards and missing others. It would be nice to see the tax increment financing…I know Corporate Finance, I know Corporate Finance, Councillor Gillingham has my greatest sympathy because Corporate Finance I notice…you know, they think this is money taken out of the Treasury, you know. They see it as a loss to revenue. You know, you can talk till you are red in the face with those good folks. You know, that's their job, I get that. They are the protectors of the purse. But you know, to try to make the argument that this is funding that would have not occurred…taxes would have not have been coming into the City had the grant not been provided in the first place. And that is truly the key test of Tax Increment Financing. And you know, it is one of the few tools, ironically and sadly, that we as a city have to make progressive development happen to allow for urban renewal and I can tell you, there has never been a greater need to bring back…and we don't have to reinvent the wheel here folks, we already have the policy, it was written, it's just expired, we just have to renew it then to look at the statistics coming out of the last census. And to look at the neighbourhoods that are seeing anywhere from 20 percent to…I think Waverley West, high as 150 percent population increases and then to look at the neighbourhoods that are in decline in our city and that causes me great concern and I think there is a need to balance that and we have used tax increment financing to be able to do that. And it's interesting, what I found really fascinating was the neighbourhood in my ward that we targeted for the program before, actually that neighbourhood saw an increase in population. Both neighbourhoods on both sides, a decrease in population in older Transcona, but the neighbourhood that was targeted in the central business district of Old Downtown Transcona…Transcona downtown, saw an actual increase and so they broke the trend. And that, to me, creates hope for opportunity to do more of this around the city. We should be doing this…where is the Housing Committee? Where is the policies? Once again Madam Speaker, we are not seeing any new initiatives coming that are really going to affect real change, affect people's lives, make the city better, make it stronger. All I'm hearing is words and words, Madam Speaker, don't count for much if it's not backed up with real policy and real actions. Thanks very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham, you have the floor. No? Okay I thought I saw another hand up. Seeing none, Mr. Mayor back to you for closing. I'll call the question. All in favour of Item 4? Contrary? Carried. I think we all need lunch now. We will break and reconvene at 1:45

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
April 26, 2017, at 1:48 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon, I would like to reconvene our council meeting of April 26, 2017. We are on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 19th, 2017. Item No. 5. Madam Clerk.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, point of order.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: May I rise?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I would like to make a point of order. I believe that Clause 3 of this particular report requires a change to By-law 148/2012 before it can go ahead. Specifically in that by-law, which is compliant with the provincial legislation from the Police Services Act, specifically says three citizens. And the proper procedure or process would have been to amend this by-law before putting four citizens on the Winnipeg Police Board. That is just one of the items I am concerned about. It also calls for two members of Council but we can debate that. But specifically, three is not four, Madam Speaker, and I think that before we can vote on Clause 3, we need to change By-law 148/2012.

Madam Speaker: I think there has been much discussion in the last few days. I'm going to refer to the Clerk who can give his explanation why this is in fact in order.

City Clerk: For the members of Council's benefit, the City Clerk's Department and the Legal Services Department have met on this matter and note that the composition of the Police Board is prescribed in the Winnipeg Police Board By-law No. 148/2012 as follows in Section 5. Section 5 specifically reads. "Five members of the board including the Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed by Council as follows: a) the Mayor or his or her nominee, subject to ratification by council and will also be appointed as a Chair of the Board, b) one councillor, and c) three citizens." Both the City Clerk's Department and the Legal Services are of the opinion that the appointment being made to the Winnipeg Police Board does meet all requirements of the above cited by-law.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I'd just like to rise. It is a regulatory by-law created as a result of provincial legislation, Madam Speaker. And I would point out that in other regulatory by-laws like the Responsible Pet Owner's, it says, "Six animals in the house." Are the people of Winnipeg to interpret that that means seven animals in the house is legal? It specifically says three citizens, specifically. It's not four citizens, it's three citizens.

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

Councillor Schreyer: I would need to know, Madam Speaker, therefore, who the two citizens are if there are not three at this point.

Madam Speaker: Okay, that is not the item before us, Councillor Schreyer. We are dealing with...is it not in the report, the information that he is looking for? Okay. I don't think it's relevant either to the discussion at this point. Sure. The Clerk will get that information to you offline. Now proceeding with this item, Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Citizen Member Appointments – Committees, Boards and Commissions

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am proud to move this report forward. Received unanimous consent from Executive Policy Committee last week and I want to thank all the individuals who have agreed to have their names put forward for various organizations, including the Board of Revision, the Winnipeg Police Board, Historical Buildings and Resource Committee among others. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I am not quite sure when I need to mention this but it would be my...I want to speak to the report but I would like us to vote on each clause because I want to keep my integrity and not vote to break the law…By-law 148/2012. So if that could be accommodated, that would be a pleasure. Anyway…

Madam Speaker: We can certainly do that at the request of any member of Council. So we will vote on the three…resolve separately. Councillor Eadie, this is your opportunity to speak.

Councillor Eadie: Anyway, yes, I'm going to speak to this report. And…and I note that all the appointments that...within here, I'm not critical of the people and I would like the public and everybody here in the Council Chamber to know that it's not about who is being appointed at this point, Madam Speaker, because I voted to put on the space that opened up from a citizen, I voted to put that person on the Winnipeg Police Board to ratify the decision of EPC in the process, Madam Speaker. So, given that, I have to say, I am very disappointed. This is about political expediency. The proper thing to do in 148/2012, it was created Madam Speaker, and I will remind you, Madam Speaker, I believe you were the Chair...or no, I'm sorry, you were not. But you were a member of this council and when we voted on that by-law, Madam Speaker, it was clear and we applied it the way it was intended to be with two members of Council. It was to reflect, Madam Speaker, it was to reflect the same kind of power the Mayor has in selecting a standing committee Chair.

However, the Police Services Act says that Council is the one who puts the people on the Winnipeg Police Board, all five that we do, and two are done by the Province through the Lieutenant Governor process and the legislature. So in pointing that out, this by-law was created...and I have to say, we have administration here today, watching this meeting, Madam Speaker, who put this thing together and knew what the intention of the by-law was. This is not a governing by-law, it is a regulatory by-law to interpret a clause as a separate thing. A nominee was a nominee of the Mayor from Council. There was two. It's in the report, we voted on it. I want to be clear, Madam Speaker. So given that, Mayor Katz proceeded and Council proceeded according to the by-law, regulatory By-law 148/2012. And it would be simple, forget about the political expediency, old style politics I would call it because you know what, there was no corroboration. Nobody called to ask me, read the by-law, it's pretty simple. Read the report, it's pretty simple. Somebody says they want to interpret it differently especially somebody who was responsible for putting it together and knows darn well what it's supposed to mean. There is no integrity there, Madam Speaker, no integrity at all. And yeah, I sound angry but you know what, I'm being reasonable here. It's a by-law. We cannot vote to do something that we expect our citizens to do. Again, I'll refer to the Responsible Pet Owner Act. Within that act Madam Speaker, it's very clear that you can have up to six animals in your home without having to go through any process or anything. Then within that by-law, there is a process set out where you can have a hearing, you can file a permit and come and have a hearing and get more. But this particular by-law, Madam Speaker, doesn't have that kind of process. It is subject to the process of creating by-laws of the City of Winnipeg of which our Clerk and everybody is quite clear, you vote on the report, if it's defeated you don't vote on the by-law, it's clear. The intention of the by-law is clear. So, given that, the process then is there. It should have been amended. I don't know why people don't want to talk. You know, I explained this to the Executive Director. I said, I don't think you can just interpret clause…Sub-clause 8, Madam Speaker. You have to consider the whole section. So I'll leave that part there. Now, for the life of me, I don't see any corroboration here. I want to hold my integrity. I'm not going to vote for something...you are basically setting precedence, Council. You are saying three means four. You are saying three means four. There are currently two appointed citizens on the Police Board at this moment, from the City of Winnipeg. There is also two appointed by the Province. Adding two more names under a, creates four positions. So Council members, remember this, I don't care what our City Solicitor says, she prepared it, she knows it. Okay? So, I ask you, I implore you, it's not about the individuals here. I think these two probably have lots to offer, according to how the Mayor sees the Winnipeg Police Board running and it is the Mayor who decides who the Chairperson is, absolutely and ratified by us. But, it's not about the individuals in there, okay? So I'm not going to be voting for three. I am keeping my integrity. I am not breaking a by-law, a regulatory by-law no matter who interprets it. And if I have to go to court, Madam Speaker, I will go to court because it's breaking a by-law. Who is responsible for this? The intent of the by-law is clear. Alls you had to do…and Madam Speaker, the Mayor has the power to have the by-law reviewed and changed before he makes his decision or makes…provides a nominee. It can happen but it's a debate that needs to happen because this totally changes how the Winnipeg Police Board interacts with the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Police Service, Madam Speaker. These things need to be considered. When this by-law was created, Madam Speaker, it was created in consideration of EPC and the Mayor and how that structure works, and that's why it had two Council members on it and that was the purpose of it, that's why they said three, in c, they said three citizens, Madam Speaker. If you want to change it, maybe I'm okay with it, but let's have that debate. Let's go to the public, let's really analyze what is this going to do with the relationship of the Police Board, Council and the Police Service. Because I think there are some implications. As a matter of fact, Madam Speaker, an unelected chairperson on the Winnipeg Police Board will have more rights within Council than the Council member on it, Madam Speaker. Yes, Madam Speaker, that's it. But let's have that debate. Maybe it's a good thing, Madam Speaker. I don't know. Or maybe it's time to have an elected Chairperson of the Winnipeg Police Board by the citizens of Winnipeg so they can choose who they think can best oversee the governance of the Police Service on behalf of the City of Winnipeg. So I leave it at that. I implore you all. This is a violation of By-law 148/2012, Clause 3. The other Clause 1, I'm good with. Clause 2, I am good with, it's fine. It's fine. And I would note, just for the public's sake, I noticed a lot of the appointees for the Board of Revisions, these aren't party affiliated people and stuff, I've got no problem with it. They are qualified do the job, it's okay. And actually, the two who are selected here on three, they are more than likely qualified to do such a thing. I am not saying that Madam Speaker. You know, anyway, thank you very much. I will...hopefully, we'll have this severed because I am not voting to break 148/2012. By-laws…Regulatory By-law, City of Winnipeg.

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

Councillor Dobson: Yes. I, too, have a slight problem with the nominating a non-Council member for the Chair of the Board. We had a Council member before and now we are switching to a citizen and no one has explained why we are doing that. They just throw in front of us. I'm not sure if that's the right way to go. No one's really explained to me so I can't support this at this time.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe the by-law is very clear. We have received advice and we certainly double and triple checked over the last few weeks, given Councillor Eadie's concerns. The advice that we have

received is it's very clear that as it states the Chair of the Police Board is the Mayor or his or her appointee. David Asper is someone who has provided incredible leadership for our community for many years. He is an accomplished volunteer who has led and chaired organizations including serving as the first Chair of Centreventure. He has been the Board Chair of the Winnipeg Folk Festival. He has been the board Chair of the Winnipeg Football Club. His university education is as a lawyer, he has a Masters in Law. He teaches Law and has been responsible in his work as a criminal defense lawyer for successfully defending David Milgaard. He is someone who understands the legal…the legal process very, very well. He is someone who has demonstrated a commitment and competence for board governance and he is certainly someone who is very well connected to our community. And so, I think he will serve very well as Chair. Obviously, it was a decision that took some time and I do want to thank members of Council as well as members of the public who reached out and had conversations with me about the appointment. And, of course, I am very hopeful that Council will support his appointment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question. We will deal with each clause separately. So call the question on Clause 1, dealing with the Board of Revision appointment. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Clause 2, the appointment for the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Clause 3, the appointment of David Asper and Brian Scharfstein to the Winnipeg Police Board. All in favour? All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Dobson, Eadie and Wyatt

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

Madam Speaker: Clause 4 passes. Madam Clerk on to Item No. 10.

Item 10 – Winnipeg Police Board Effectiveness Evaluation

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor? Okay, Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thanks Madam Speaker. Actually, it's a pleasure to speak to this report, Madam Speaker, which I took part. And I have to say, you know, we are only here, Madam Speaker, about some of the hiccups and problems that have happened and occurred along with the Winnipeg Police Board. But I have to say, Madam Speaker, this report describes and shows that the performance is quite good. The actual people on the board and I'd like to, Madam Speaker, thank those existing board members right now for all the work, the serious contemplation they have given to appropriate policies to what is an appropriate budget to deliver good, adequate, safe policing, safe city, Madam Speaker. And so, in undertaking this report, we had to answer and we went through a very lengthy survey and some hiccups were pointed out, but you know, in general, because it is a new Police Board, it had a lot of work to do, Madam Speaker, from 2012...well, basically it wasn't in place until 2013. And there is so much that had to be done. And the members of this board work hard. They are not compensated appropriately for it. But Madam Speaker, they work hard and so does the executive. We have a small administrative staffing for our Police Board for the size of the city we have, Madam Speaker, and the amount of work we got out of them is amazing. But you know, you burn out after a while, Madam Speaker, so some of the performance things that we wanted to see as members of the Police Board requires more administrative support within the Winnipeg Police Board office. And that's because right now, a lot of the members are having to do work that we as city councillors don't have to do. We have got administration that goes and does this stuff. We do and we have built trust, Madam Speaker, with the Winnipeg Police Service. Building that trust took a long time. Took a long time, Madam Speaker, but it's there but it could be lost, could be lost, Madam Speaker. But this performance report demonstrates the excellent work that we are getting out of the...well, I'll call it, they're putting in a lot of volunteer hours as well, Madam Speaker. It's not just about…they get paid for these structurally set meetings but there's a lot of meetings and reading as we all know as councillors, you know, if we were to be paid by the hour, at the hour…if you are assuming our $92,000 a year gross is related to working eight hours a day, if we took those hours times all the reading that we do, all the…like, we spend a lot of time reading which we are compensated in an overall salary and I appreciate that, Madam Speaker. But you know, these people...and look at the calibre of the people on the Police

Board, there is high calibre people. I may have political and philosophical differences but it's really important when you are governing and we acknowledge that, that you understand how governance works and how to, as our Mayor Bowman has said, how to corroborate. Corroboration, Madam Speaker, requires constant dialogue and communication. Not going ahead and doing…having something done without communicating and having a lengthy dialogue, Madam Speaker. That's how collaboration happens through communication. So anyway, I just want to, you know, commend this report. It's good and I commend the people and the service that we get from the citizens that are on this board. I hope nobody takes my past debate wrong because no matter who you are and you are on there, this is serious, very serious work that is being done on the Winnipeg Police Board and it's very important that everybody who plays a part in our citizens' safety and police, it is very essential that everybody is good and competent that that is happening. And it builds...and you have to build trust and communicate with all players including the Winnipeg Police Association which is not part of their mandate of the Winnipeg Police Board. People need to remember that and I hope our new members who are coming on as a result of Council's vote today, no matter what happens in the past, I hope that they understand what the actual relationship is because it's not the same as many police commissions across the country. It's very different and it requires sensitivity and it requires skill which I think everybody has. And this report actually demonstrates that the people have the skill. They are a little overtaxed but anyway…overtaxed in terms of energy put in. I didn't say tax…anyway thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm totally supporting this report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Yes I do. Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, I want to thank Councillor Eadie and every member of the Police Board for their important work, as well as acknowledge and thank our new Police Chief, Danny Smyth who is doing excellent work with his team. And, of course, just take this opportunity to once again thank the men and women of the Winnipeg Police Service for their important efforts and work to keep us and our families safe. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We now have the walk-on report. It's a paper copy on your desks. It was dealt with at the Executive Policy Committee meeting this morning. Mr. Mayor, do you suspend the rules to consider the report today?

Mayor Bowman: Yes. I move the rule be suspended and the report dated April 26th, 2017 be considered.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 26, 2017

Item 1 – Negotiations between the City of Winnipeg and the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg, Union Local 867 of the International Association of Fire Fighters

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Pleased to introduce this, I'll first wait to hear from council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just certainly be supporting this motion and first and foremost, I want to state that I believe it's a very good collective agreement for the citizens of Winnipeg. We have to carefully manage our labour costs in order to balance future budgets. Wage increases must be sustainable for our taxpayers and the four year agreement that is before us includes wage increases in line with the annual rate of inflation. In fact the 1.8 percent increase in year one comes in the final pay period of 2017 which is effectively 0 percent increase this year and then all other wage increases come in December of the respective years. I do want to acknowledge to the United Firefighters of Winnipeg Local 867, President Alex Forrest who is here today with his executive team. I want to acknowledge them for bargaining in good faith and frankly, for recognizing that the City is facing financial challenges. These challenges must be met in part by controlling our labour expenses and I appreciate that Mr. Forrest indicated in his delegation today that it's certainly their intention to be part of the solution and I just acknowledge that today. Also today, I do want to take this opportunity to thank the women and the men of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service who day after day, serve our citizens with professionalism, with skill and with care. I want to recognize the efforts of the City's new Manager of Labour Relations, Mr. Robert Kirby, and his team for their work in these negotiations. Mr. Kirby was hired in December when at least four collective agreements had to be negotiated and he is still working on others so he

certainly hit the ground running in his new role. And, Madam Speaker, I also want to recognize our Mayor and commend him for his commitment…his public commitment to achieving sustainability for taxpayers on the City's labour cost. And so I believe that in this fiscal climate, the agreement that is before us strikes a balance that provides for our employees while protecting the taxpayers of Winnipeg. And so I am pleased to support the adoption of this report today.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank my council colleague and our Finance Chair as well as our Council Liaison for Labour Relations. He has taken the role very, very seriously. Invested considerable amount of time and energy into making sure that role is fully utilized for the benefit of this council as well as Winnipeggers so I want to thank Councillor Gillingham for his efforts. I echo his comments regarding our Chief Negotiator as well as our public service and I want to thank the leadership of the United Firefighters led by Alex Forrest who is here today with his senior team. I want to acknowledge and I want to thank him. The work that our firefighters do day in and day out is incredible and I have to say, over the last two years, I know for myself, I come to appreciate the work they do even more than I did before. And you know, when Winnipeggers are often running away from danger, they are running towards the danger to keep us safe. And so, negotiating a collective agreement such as we have done is heart-warming on a number of levels. One, I believe it's a settlement that recognizes and respects the incredibly important efforts of our firefighters. But it also, in this case, brings the projected cost increases more in line with projected cost of living increases over the term of this agreement. And that is very important in terms of the sustainability of our finances and sustainability of our labour costs. And that could not have done without...that could not have been accomplished without the efforts and the work and the support of many people around this table in our administration and, of course, with the Firefighters Union. And so, I want to thank everybody involved, and I am very proud to support this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that I will call the question on Item 1, Negotiations between the City of Winnipeg and the United Firefighters of Winnipeg. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now get into our motions. Motion No. 3 is before you. It was moved by Councillor Lukes, seconded by Councillor Wyatt. It is regarding change to the procedural by-law, it's quite a lot there. It's a notice of motion so it is being referred to the May meeting of Council. Okay, moving on.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Clause 10(3) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, states the agenda of each regular meeting of a committee and all supporting material shall be provided to the members of the Committee and the public at least 96 hours preceding the committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS often an agenda item can be very complex in nature and can include not just one but multiple appendices that may raise questions and potential concerns;

AND WHEREAS on April 6, 2017 Mr. Doug McNeil, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Winnipeg, advised Councillor Janice Lukes that he would not allow any meetings with senior Directors or senior Management of the Public Service to address any questions or concerns on reports being published in the 96 hours proceeding a committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS unless an individual Councillor is member of a Standing Policy Committee, or a member of the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee, he or she will not have an opportunity to have a dialogue and ask questions of the Public Service pertaining to an agenda item on that specific Standing Policy Committee or Executive Policy Committee agenda item;

AND WHEREAS the fundamental basis of decision making for Councillors in the City of Winnipeg is based on the report system and administrative recommendations made in the reports;

AND WHEREAS the decision made by Mr. Doug McNeil to deny Councillor Lukes and any member of Council access to a senior Director or senior Management of the Public Service restricts the fundamental ability of an elected official to make informed decisions on behalf of their constituents and of all Winnipeggers;

AND WHEREAS this Council is attempting to increase the openness and transparency, and access to information within the City of Winnipeg to enable better governance, decision making procedures and use of tax dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council immediately direct the Chief Administrative Officer and all senior Directors and senior Management of the Public Service to always accommodate and meet with a member or members of Council, cooperatively providing all necessary information to the elected official(s) in said meeting, and answering all questions within the 96 hours proceeding a committee meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Council immediately direct the Chief Administrative Officer and all senior Directors and senior Management of the Public Service to always accommodate and meet with a member or members of Council, whether or not the concern is on any agenda and facilitate in a timely manner.

Madam Speaker: Motion No. 4, moved by Councillor Dobson and seconded by Councillor Wyatt. This is regarding a change to how briefings are conducted. This is also a notice of motion so it will appear on our May meeting Council agenda.

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS all Councillors play an important role in the decision making process, helping to develop policy and procedures that guide the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS briefings by the administration often take place with chairs of committees to help them to understand reports coming forward to their committees in the future;

AND WHEREAS similar briefings are done for the Mayor for reports coming forward to the Executive Policy Committee (EPC), with the briefings including not only the Mayor, but all members of EPC;

AND WHEREAS these briefings have now been expanded to include other non-EPC members;

AND WHEREAS the majority of these reports do not stop at EPC, but rather proceed to Council for final decision;

AND WHEREAS this created a non-level playing field with the majority of Council receiving insights and greater information on important issues than the minority remainder of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to ensure that all Members of Council be included in any briefing provided to EPC at its informal information meetings, to ensure that all relevant information is provided to all decision makers.

Councillor Allard: Point of order.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: Motion 3 indicates a reference to EPC. I believe you stated otherwise. Could you please clarify?

Madam Speaker: I think that…yeah, it's in order the way it's written, Councillor. Yeah, it's in order the way it's written. It is a notice of motion but it falls under Executive Policy Committee in our proceedings.

Councillor Eadie: Point of order.

Madam Speaker: Yes, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Is the by-law not part of your domain, Madam Speaker, Governance?

Madam Speaker: Could be. I think there is items that fall under many different committees, so.

Councillor Eadie: Sounds like a Governance issue. Procedure By-law's Governance, right?

Madam Speaker: I am being told by the Clerk that it needs to go to a standing committee. Okay? Now, we will have Question Period for the Mayor. Councillor Browaty.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, whether it's setting Building Canada Fund priorities, working and determining new nutrient standards for our sewage treatment plants or reducing or eliminating combined sewer over flows, ensuring the new government lives up to the previous government's commitment for $1.7 million in new transit funding to eliminate the five cent transit increase, it's working on…working collaboratively on Bill 30, the new law to deal with the Rides for Hire. There's all sorts of issues. In fact, working on your own priorities, Mr. Mayor, the Lobbyist Registry, Integrity Commissioner and trying to enact new legislation. Would you not acknowledge that the level of government that we have the most close ties to be a Provincial Government?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well considering our (inaudible) statute on the Provincial Legislation, I would say yes. We also enjoy strong working relationships with our Federal partners as well as many other stakeholders including the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. In terms of levels of government, both other levels of government are ones in which we are working very hard to have a strong and collaborative partnership with. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. Will you acknowledge then, it's incredibly worrisome that based on your very own voluntary disclosure of meetings on your website that you spoke of this morning, that the last meeting you had with our Premier, Brian Pallister, who is now the Premier of Manitoba, was in January of 2015, before he was Premier, and that your last meeting with Indigenous and Local Government Minister, Eileen Clarke, was over 11 months ago?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Actually I had the opportunity to meet with Minister Clarke, I believe it was last week. This was following the budget. I've certainly had conversations with the Premier. The last time that we met in my office, I believe was before his election to Premier, and if perhaps the Councillor can…if he has a follow-up question he can clarify the question.

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

Councillor Browaty: I'm guessing I'm asking the Mayor, is voluntary disclosure something you're asking all of Council for or is this something that you're actually going to do yourself or is it just talk?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well, speaking of talk, I actually have, I believe I'm the only member of Council who posts pro-actively my meeting calendar and I'll continue to look for ways to improve that process as well as any other openness and transparency measure and I would encourage Councillor Browaty to follow my lead and start posting who he's meeting with pro-actively.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Dobson, you have the floor.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to bring up that Portage and Main article. Last Council meeting, one other Councillor brought this up and he was heavily berated for it. My understanding was that we would see by April 19th, 90 days after the FIPPA was done, we would see the report. I still haven't seen it. I supported the motion to have the study done, so I don't think I can be berated for not supporting the study. My question is, why haven't all councillors in this room been given access to it? I personally would like to see the report as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for the question. Opening up Portage and Main is not only about taking down barriers and allowing pedestrians to cross it. We need to look at the big picture of our downtown Madam Speaker, and opening up the four quadrants of our city and connecting them to each other through an intersection at the epicenter and crossroads of it all. The future of Portage and Main looks very different than it looks today Madam Speaker, even without any action on our part. Artis Reit as has been noted on this floor today, recently announced a 40-storey second residential office retail tower at 300 Main Street and a massive makeover to the envelope at the existing 360 Main Street is occurring right before our eyes. 360 Main Street suite residents…sorry 360 suite of residence will very soon become part of the future of Portage and Main. We know the private investment into the concourse below ground level is also notable in the millions, Madam Speaker. All of this is situated in exact proximity to the Graham Transit Mall, one of the City's best examples of transit-oriented development Madam Speaker. Residents, now as well as employees of businesses in Winnipeg's most prominent and iconic intersection, want options Madam Speaker. Businesses want options, visitors to our city's newest massive private investment into downtown, True North Square, will want to visit the iconic and historic intersection of Portage and Main, they want to walk down to the Forks, they want to visit the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, they want to walk back to their hotel just across the street. I was elected to this council with a vision for Portage and Main to live up to its name, Madam Speaker, and discussion with property owners on all four corners continues and it is very positive. I am pleased to advise members of Council we have now secured written support from all of the property owners including the Bank of Montreal. The progress and the momentum has been very, very positive. We want to ensure all of our investment aligns with the hundreds of millions in private investment ongoing in our downtown right now and work with them to get it right for business, for visitors, for residents, for all Winnipeggers. Opening up the intersection to pedestrians is one small aspect of a much larger vision involving all City departments, but not without a plan. We're not taking down barricades for now. All we're knocking down is a stigma, a stigma that Portage and Main can't be more. It can, and Winnipeg will be proud. As members of Council will know, nothing is budgeted Madam Speaker because no plan to budget for opening up Portage and Main has been brought forward to Council. We're doing this right rather than right now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Dobson, second question.

Councillor Dobson: Okay, you're kind of all over the board there and that was all positive and I appreciate that, but you never really answered, are we going to see the report anytime soon?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: At this point in time, we're working collaboratively with the property owners Madam Speaker, and when…obviously…I've made no secret about the fact that I would like to proceed as quickly as possible and ultimately have an administrative report prepared and provided to Council for consideration. That is not happening in the near future. Those discussions with the property owners are ongoing and when a report does come forward for Council consideration, obviously traffic will have to be one factor that's considered and reported to this council and so I look forward to seeing that in due course.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question, Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Okay if I understand this correctly, the report is not actually finished and that's the reason why we're not getting it yet. Is that true?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The dialogue with property owners is ongoing and as that concludes, I anticipate that a report will be provided to Council for Council consideration. Yes

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Mr. Mayor I rise to speak through the Speaker, a question of the Mayor. On April the 12th, I sent an email to Brad Neirinck of the Public Works Department, asking him questions about the 2016 and 2017 Local Street and Regional Street program, and to my amazement I was hearing from industry that a lot of our tenders, even though we keep hearing that local roads and regional roads and renewal of our infrastructure is a top priority of the Council, and this council, that in fact the tendering had yet to be issued. As a matter of fact, he confirmed that construction contracts right now, only on one local street contract, and he responded by the way on April the 21st, Friday. One local street contract, two TVO contracts, two sidewalk contracts and one regional street contract being Pembina have closed and are in the award process. That is all. And here we are now at the end of April, and I have a list of even more that are outstanding that aren't going to be closing, never mind awarding…not going to be closing until the beginning of July on dozens…we've got dozens of projects here that are being held up, meanwhile the Provincial

Government has already done most of their tendering, meanwhile you have industries out there that are…companies that are full, are getting full in terms of work, of their price, of their actual work that they can do. Why wasn't the tenders issued earlier, Mr. Mayor? We called on the floor of Council last fall for first calls to be done on the budget to get this work out early. This continues to be a problem with Public Works. What do you…if truly the roads program, the local streets program is the top priority of our city, why is this not getting addressed?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: If the Councillor could share the correspondence with me, I'd be happy to review it and take whatever action is necessary at that time to work collaboratively with the Committee Chair, Councillor Marty Morantz, as well as the Department to see that we can look into this matter, but I haven't had the opportunity to see what Councillor Wyatt is referring to, so if he'd be so kind as to forward it to me, I'd be more than happy to review it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: These projects are not small, so for example, the cost potential implication of the City is great. Kenaston Boulevard southbound…

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: McGillivray Boulevard to Bishop Grandin, June 22nd.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Mr. Mayor, clearly this information is not…I got it very easily, could the Mayor not act upon this immediately and give a commitment to get back to this council to find out and to the public why this is not being made a first priority?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I believe I've answered that question if the Councillor could forward me the information he is referencing. I know this council has taken significant steps to speed up the construction process including some of the efforts that he referenced in his preamble. In addition to passing the 2017 budget last year, we are engaging in a much earlier process for the 2018 budget. We've passed a report accelerating the 2018 RFP's which I know has the support of industry and I know Councillor Moratnz is doing great work along with our new Council Liaison Project Management to accelerate things even more. I do believe this council is making significant efforts to not only get our budgeting done early, but also get our RFP's out as early as possible and I certainly support those efforts.

Councillor Wyatt: Final question, Madam Speaker. Why does the Mayor keep…why does he stating that the roads program and fixing our existing infrastructure is our number one priority when clearly, clearly, the actions of what's taking place in terms of the tendering and the awards does not reflect those statements that he keeps making publicly. Why does he keep saying that?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I look at the facts, Madam Speaker. I look at the facts of the previous council and…

Councillor Wyatt: (inaudible speaking)

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thank you. I look at the facts. You know, if you look at the last three budgets of the previous council and then you look at the first three budgets of this council, the numbers demonstrate a doubling of the funds for road infrastructure renewal and so, it is a number one priority of this council. The budget that the Councillor is referencing, he didn't support increased funding for roads. Funding $105 million is something that this council should be very proud of. What that means in the last two construction seasons has been 380 kilometres of road renewal and of course this coming construction season, we're anticipating 150 road projects which will be roughly 130 kilometres of road renewal. We have a long way to go to dig out of the infrastructure deficit that we inherited. Not only did we inherit a structural operating deficit, but we also, after 14 years of property tax cuts and freezes, the roads are in disrepair, and Councillor Wyatt should know that better than anybody else because he was integral to the previous administration. This

council is getting the job done and is delivering results for Winnipeggers that the previous council made some positive steps towards, but I think we've done a better job so far.

Councillor Wyatt: Point of order.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Wyatt: Just to factually correct the record. The last term, Council's roads and local streets budget, regional streets budget, went from $30 million to $80 million. In this term, it went from 80 to 105. That is not a doubling…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt:…that is not a doubling of the budget (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt. That is not a point of order, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Eadie, yes you're next, followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, we're all hearing in the news quite a bit about the whole legalization of Cannabis and there's going to be…we're hearing lots of dialogue in the media about all the different problems Madam Speaker that may arise in the moving forward with this plan that's going to be in place in July of 2018 I believe it is. So Madam Speaker, and there's all kinds of issues in which the City and the Province will be responsible for distribution and collection of money and so on and so forth with taxes of whatever it may be. Not sure, we don't know Madam Speaker if it's going to be Liquor and Lotteries that will be selling it out of their facilities or whether or not we're going to have a private beer store, Cannabis stores and so and so forth Madam Speaker, and right now we have medical marijuana shops opening up in places, Madam Speaker, and so my first question Madam Speaker is the Intergovernmental Affairs part. Has the Mayor been having a dialogue with the Minister of Justice and Minister of Municipal Affairs about the concept of the City receiving part of that revenue stream that will be coming to the Province in order to undertake policing and so on and other responsibilities that we're going to have, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'd like to thank the Councillor for the question and for raising the issue. We have not had those discussions to date. I do anticipate we will be having those discussions. We've obviously recently learned of the Federal Government's plans to implement their campaign commitment and I understand and expect that the Province is reviewing it, given that their responsibilities. One of the issues certainly that I'm mindful of are potential anticipated increasing costs of policing as a result, especially with regards to road safety, and that's something that I think all members of Council should be aware of, but there will, I would expect, be other issues that this council and councils across Canada will have to consider in terms of potential zoning and by-law issues, so I think it's something that we should all be, obviously, monitoring. We are awaiting hearing more from other levels of government, but it is something that I'm also hoping that there will be to the greatest extent possible, as much coordination of municipalities across Canada. I think FCM as well as AMM may be able to play a vital role. I know Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Browaty are very active with both of those two respective organizations and with something that is national in scope, what I would hate to see is a siloed approach in Canada that we're seeing in other countries right now, so we'll obviously watch the process evolve in parliament while they debate the bill, and we'll proceed accordingly, but I do want to thank the Councillor for the question and for raising the issue.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes Madam Speaker, and as the (inaudible), we have to be very careful Madam Speaker that the Mayor should make sure that we're at the peak point. I would also point out Madam Speaker, and this question is towards, well, I've spoken to Councillor Orlikow Madam Speaker on this, but Madam Speaker, there is a number of zoning issues as the City of Vancouver has determined and have set aside, they have by-laws and stuff that Cannabis shops have to register, pay their fees, and a substantial fee Madam Speaker, in order to be approved to open up wherever they do and now, we don't know how it will be distributed here in Winnipeg at this point Madam Speaker, but would the Mayor like to get our administration started and be ready just in case because things are going to roll out fast, to actually have our administration…would he engage our administration to get a copy of Vancouver's zoning regulation related stuff towards Cannabis shops so that we can be prepared in the case, because it's going to come fast, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Through you Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for the question. I would like to see greater clarity from the Federal Government. The Bill has simply been introduced at this point, and I'd like to see that process run its course in parliament so we can have greater clarity. My understanding is the Provincial Governments across Canada are watching that as well and reviewing their options, and I think it would be premature for us to be taking actions without having greater clarity from the two levels of government. Certainly if the Councillor is more aware of Vancouver or any other jurisdiction that he sees merit that we have a review of, I would certainly welcome any information he might have so I can review it in due course.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. They did the work, moved the motion some time ago, Madam Speaker. Supposedly, our administration is watching this thing, but I don't think they're being prepared, I don't know. Madam Speaker, my final question is just simply, when I'm walking down Selkirk Avenue and an individual from a sports group walks up to me and asks me if I can get them a Per Capita Grant, is that person a lobbyist, Madam Speaker? Can the Mayor answer that for me?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm glad he's interested in the Lobbyist Registry now. I would suggest he speak with our Integrity Commissioner to get clarity.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Moving on to Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. If the Mayor of Manitoba's largest city hasn't had a single meeting with Premier Pallister since he's been in office, what steps has the Mayor actually made to get the government on side in determining new nutrient standards for sewage treatment plants and setting boundaries for reducing or eliminating combined sewer over flows? What has he done to ensure the new government lives up to the previous government's commitment to fund additional $1.7 million annually to eliminate the need for additional five cent transit fare increase on Phase 2 of Southwest Rapid Transit? What work has been done to ensure the City and Province work collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition to Bill 30, the Local Vehicle for Hire Act? What work has been done in setting Building Canada priorities going forward? What work, as Councillor Eadie has just raised, has been set about Canada's legislation and has the Mayor even asked the Premier about establishing both the Council Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registry in Provincial legislation? Where did that question ever take place? Did it?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: The…much of the dialogue that we've been having recently, I had an excellent and a very productive meeting with Counsel Eileen Clarke, and would be more than happy to provide the Councillor with a detail of the items in which we discussed. Many of the items that he just mentioned were discussed in that meeting. I am anticipating having a meeting with the Premier very soon as a follow up meeting. We do have regular dialogue certainly at public events, but I am anticipating having a meeting with him very soon. I think in terms of the results that we're all seeking, that, you know, when you take a look at the provincial budget, one of the single greatest threats to our continued growth in the City of Winnipeg would be if we didn't have a strong Provincial partner. As the Councillor knows, I was quite public in my advocacy for the City of Winnipeg. I did state, not only in my State of the City, but in other forms that we would simply not stand idly by if the budgets of other governments were balanced on the backs of Winnipeg taxpayers. The Premier and the Provincial Government listened, they responded, and I was very pleased to be at the legislature when the budget was passed. We still do have questions relating to that budget. I can say that we were certainly advised that the operating and the capital support for the City of Winnipeg is being maintained at 2016 levels. I have concerns about the fact that the Building Manitoba fund was not referenced in the budget. The meeting I had with Minister Clarke confirmed that there would be dialogue on that as well as the Fair Say initiative that they committed to in the provincial campaign as a result of the lobbying efforts which I led and AMM led to ensure that municipalities obtain their fair say, and that's something that I do want to thank Councillor…the Councillor and many members of Council for their advocacy in respect of our Provincial partners.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Did the Mayor have any meetings with Minister Clarke or Premier Pallister between May 20th of 2016 and your calendar is current to the end of March of 2017, so I'm guessing (inaudible) Minister Clarke in the last month. Have you had any meetings with Minister Clarke and Premier Pallister between May 20th, 2016 and at the end of March?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I've had ongoing dialogue. In terms of formal meetings, I can review my calendar and get back to the Councillor. In terms of…I see he is very focused on the Provincial Government. I understand he is a member of the provincial party. He's very tight with a number of individuals in the government as are other members of this council. You know, if the concern that the Councillor has is the relationship with the Provincial Government, I would look forward to a collaborative spirit from him to assist in continuing to build a strong relationship with our provincial partners, given his relationship with ministers and staff alike at the Provincial Legislature.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Third question?

Councillor Browaty: Does the Mayor recognize that perhaps voluntary or non-legislated disclosure of reports such as your current office calendar have their shortcomings?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm very proud that I have a calendar that I post. A glaring omission of course is the Councillor's lack of openness and transparency with regards to his meetings. I'm not aware of any public registry or pro-active disclosure that the Councillor is making and I would encourage him to follow my lead and post his meeting calendars. I would encourage all members of Council to do the same. It certainly is a step in the right direction and if there's more that I can do to continue to make improvements to my own disclosures, I would welcome that, but I would also encourage those that have those recommendations to demonstrate that they're willing to do exactly the same thing with regards to their openness and transparency, so it is a bit rich to hear a question from someone who is not practicing what they're currently preaching.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In recent weeks, I, not just myself but many Winnipeggers have heard talk of the City's position currently in relations in a position of a thirty percent wage cut and cutting of pensions and benefits for seasonal, part-time workers, and for the vast majority of my understanding of seasonal and part-time workers and who are amongst the City's lowest paid workers, lowest wage earners, about half, if not most, are women, Madam Speaker, and I wanted to note where we're at if His Worship would care to content…or to comment on this, what could be, well rather drastic, drastic position.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, could I ask for clarity regarding the question and specifically with respect to the Councillor's reference to a thirty percent cut. I'm not sure where that's coming from.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer if you could re-state your question.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. In terms of where I've heard it from, happens to be…I'm not asking for the context. The context was requested of me, so just as an example.

Madam Speaker: If you could re-state it.

Councillor Schreyer: Well, he's asking for a source.

Madam Speaker: I am as well.

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Re-state the question.

Councillor Schreyer: So to answer that, as an example, last week, I'm on Concordia Avenue because of ER cuts so people are walking around talking about elimination of the emergency room at Concordia, as an example. So the conversation comes to cuts and the conversation arises and what can I tell people. My concern is the Mayor is asking me for the source and I'm being asked for the source. Where is this coming from Madam Speaker, that there's a position out there, talk of thirty percent cuts for our part-time and seasonal workers. I'll say again Madam Speaker and the question. Some of the lowest wage earners of the City and many who really need these jobs. This includes their benefits as well and their pensions.

Madam Speaker: The question is about the cuts? What is your question?

Councillor Schreyer: If His Worship could comment on that, so that I could answer these questions to people. In terms of sources, His Worship was asking about sources, I'm not putting words in his mouth or requesting specifics. I'm asking him what he can say that I can convey to these people that are asking me these questions on what I've just said.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, if the question relates to Provincial and WRHA decisions of the emergency rooms, that's not something that is within the purview of this council so I'm not able to speak to that. If his question is relating to on-going negotiations with CUPE, those negotiations are ongoing. I want to recognize Mr. Gord Delbridge who's in the gallery today. We're obviously working diligently to effect a negotiated settlement if possible. I'm not really clear about the Councillor's question so I hope I've answered it.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: May offer clarity on the first one, Madam Speaker. I know sometimes I sound a little vague. Certainly not my intention. I wasn't referring to…I was given…asked for context. I was at Concordia Hospital because we're talking about cuts at the emergency room there. While in there, we were discussing cuts at the City of Winnipeg. That is what I was referring to. I hope that was specific.

Madam Speaker: You have a second question?

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, sure. We've got unprecedented amount of grievances at the City being referred to arbitration. We're in…in my experience…

Madam Speaker: Sixteen seconds left.

Councillor Schreyer: …unprecedented state of grievances being referred to arbitration. Is this meant to be a permanent state in labour relations at the City of Winnipeg?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, well, with respect to our ongoing collective bargaining process, respect the, you know, obviously I respect the collective bargaining process and we want to see that unfold. The Councillor may wish to have some discussions with our Council Liaison for Labour Relations, Councillor Scott Gillingham, who I know is working diligently on this file, but in respect of his question, we're respecting the collective bargaining process with respect to CUPE as well as other bargaining units. I'm very pleased this council ratified the negotiated collective agreement with the United Firefighters a short while ago.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We'll now deal with the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz, on the report dated April 13th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED APRIL 13, 2017

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am delighted to introduce the report and move adoption of Item 1 on the Consent Agenda.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

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

Madam Speaker: Okay. There are some motions here. There is Motion No. 5 before us, moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Schreyer regarding utility cuts. This is an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS every year, due to water main breaks that occur in both cold and hot seasons, numerous utility cuts and repairs are required on residential streets and on residential boulevards;

AND WHEREAS these utility cuts are disruptive to the neighbourhood both in terms of public property and in some cases private property;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service has yet to provide Council with a clear standard for the level of service delivery in terms of utility cut restoration work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to Council within 60 days on the level of service with regards to utility cut restorations, specifically:

1. *Time frames and/or deadlines for the restoration work to be performed following a utility cut made due to a water main break.*

2. *Quality control guidelines and requirements for the delivery of these restoration works so as to ensure proper workmanship.*

3. *A reporting process which will ensure the Winnipeg Public Service follows up with both the contractor performing the work and the client, namely the private property owners affected by the repairs.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that similar to the reporting provided to Council for missed recycling and garbage pickups, as mandated by Council, that Councillors be provided weekly reports that contain the following:

1. *Addresses of all water main breaks that occur within their ward and length of time to repair, and;*
   a. *the timeframes and schedules for full restoration.*
   b. *Confirmation that full repair and restoration has been done with quality control standards in place for proper completion.*

Madam Speaker: We have Motion No. 6, moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie regarding electric cars. This will be an automatic referral to the same standing policy committee.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the electric car is a growing and positive development in terms of reducing the carbon footprint and hopefully concerns over climate change;

AND WHEREAS the commercial viability of the electric car has now become more affordable and accessible to a larger community and the future looks positive;

AND WHEREAS the greatest practical challenge facing the electric car is the lack of recharging stations, namely the quick charging stations that can charge back up an electric car in 30 minutes or less;

AND WHEREAS in all of Winnipeg, only one location of a quick charge exists, and presently the average distance on a charge of an electric car is 180km, therefore more charging stations are required in Winnipeg and in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is now investing tens of millions installing recharging stations across the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is now offering external seed funding for establishing electric car charging stations for making the electric car dream a true reality in cities across the Country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Winnipeg Public Service to immediately develop and implement a city wide program to, as soon as possible, install quick recharging stations in our city for electric cars and to apply for federal funding to help finance this project and that the public service report back to Council within 60 days.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service develop the above said initiative, in cooperation with the Manitoba Electric Car Association.

Madam Speaker: Motion No. 7, moved by Councillor Schreyer, seconded by Councillor Wyatt regarding Rail Safety Awareness Week.

Motion No. 7
Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council recognize national Rail Safety Week, from April 24 to April 30, 2017.

Councillor Schreyer: Suspension of rules to allow that to be dealt with today in a timely matter.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of dealing with Motion No. 7 today? All in Favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, Mr…or Councillor Schreyer, your opportunity to introduce Motion 7.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you very much. This has been brought forth by Councillor's Executive Assistant, Chris Hurley, who has been with us for a generation here at City Hall. And Chris Hurley's father was in the rail industry as well and this was.

Madam Speaker: Motion 7.

Councillor Gerbasi: Rail Safety Week?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Gerbasi: Okay.

Madam Speaker: And that's what I had stated. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. I see why there may have been a misunderstanding. Fair enough. All right, so basically…if I may read the motion, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Sure. It's your opportunity to introduce it, so do that as you wish.

Councillor Schreyer: Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens; And Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness; And Whereas Operation Lifesaver has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries; Therefore Be It Resolved that Council recognize national Rail Safety Week, from April 24 to April 30, 2017. And this was

done in conjunction as well in communication with Mike LoVecchio of CP Rail who is involved with the Direct of Government Affairs for this region of the country and someone who does spend a notable amount of time in Winnipeg despite the fact that he is not based here. And it's a pleasure to be working with him as well on this issue. And he has said that when people use railway property or tracks as walking paths, they are risking their lives. And says Laird Pitz, CP's Vice-President and Chief Risk Officer, "Rail safety requires vigilance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We are asking everyone to consider their own safety around railway property. The impact of an incident can have tragic consequences for all concerned including family, friends and community. And CP happens to be proud to be the safest railway in North America with the fewest reportable train accidents per million train miles among all Class 1 railroads for 11 years straight." Happens to be, Madam Speaker, that I've got a number of railways that are going through our ward, as many of us do, and I do know that I do see students crossing the railways on the way to and from school. I do know that the schools have mentioned this in their concerns as well. It is a concern for us as citizens, as parents and as principals and teachers and thus, I'd like to raise this issue regarding National Rail Safety Week. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm wondering in his close if Councillor Schreyer could just maybe...just out of an abundance of caution, just define what it means that the Council recognize the National Safety Week just to…I do note in the "Whereas", it talks about public private partnerships are those...I guess, what are the implications…what are the obligations of the City of Winnipeg? Is there any financial impact, not surprising that question would come from me, but is there any financial impact to this? In his close, if he doesn't mind just defining what…really what this means to recognize. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And in closing, the mover of the motion can let me know, but Madam Speaker, recognizing railway safety I think is an important thing. I don't know how…all the details of how it's accomplished but what I do know is this acknowledgment of a day that's reserved to consider rail safety, Madam Speaker, I think is very, very important because look at all the railways that run through the City of Winnipeg. As a matter of fact Madam Speaker, I think a lot of us would be happy if some of them didn't run through Winnipeg in many circumstances however, there does need to be safety and we need to acknowledge it so I'll be supporting this motion recognizing a day...I have heard others recognize it. It's interesting in that we are doing it in a motion in this fashion, Madam Speaker, and not as an announcement. However, I don't see how this is going to obligate the City anything other to acknowledge that…and recognize the day. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, I mean, I have questions about what it means to recognize a National Safety Rail Week. If...sorry, National Rail Safety Week. If it is in fact simply a recognition then I am pleased to support it. It would have been appreciated to receive this certainly through the committee. If this is an annual event and there was ample warning it would have been perhaps more appropriate to bring it through the committee so that any of our public service who we could work with collaboratively on actually better supporting this would have been more ideal but certainly that may be something for consideration for next year. If it is simply a recognition of National Rail Safety Week, I know a number of our national railways including CN do incredibly positive work in terms of supporting and educating Canadians about the importance of rail safety. If that is simply what we are voting for today, then I am pleased to support it. But I will just comment, ideally it would be better to come through a committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none…Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: I was just going to make one point. Historically, I think it was before my time, but proclamations were eliminated from our processes by the former Mayor Susan Thompson. So, like, what we currently do is something like Pride, for example, we recognize with a flag raising. We tend to do single days and…so this is a bit different. I'm just…I agree that if it's simply recognizing the week and noting it at this council meeting, I think I would be okay to support that but I think we do want to...there's a lot of…it's not really clear what we are saying we are doing. If we are just simply recognizing it then I'm comfortable with that as well but proclaiming a whole week involves a lot of more than…you know, if that's what it means, something more, if it was a proclamation, if it's simply a recognition, I am fine with that too. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer to close.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I actually…I absolutely agree with all comments of concern and questions raised by His Worship, Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Gillingham and appreciate the support on this as we all do from Councillor Eadie. Just so you know, Madam Speaker, we should understand that this is an annual…annual week. It's been taking place with various private and public members of the program for years, and it's not new. Absolutely, Madam Speaker, given the process, how this has come about today and the limitation that creates, on that basis, I am offering this as a recognition only and…and I do believe, as His Worship has stated that you know, next year the City could potentially if it were the will of Council and or the Administration, to…to be further involved on this important issue, important to so many of us. Certainly willing to speak with anyone about that how we could perhaps further be involved next year. And to answer specifically Councillor Gillingham's concern, it is merely recognition, costs nothing to us now other than, you know, just time, just a few minutes of recognition. As a matter of fact, to be up front about it, Madam Speaker, just given the time involved I would have preferred having brought this to His Worship because he is in a position to actually make a proclamation, the Council may not as my understanding so I already went through that in terms of trying to understand how we could go about recognizing this to the best of our ability. Given how it happened and sort of the logistics involved, this is where we're at, our ability at this point to recognize what is a rather well-established annual week of recognition. Having said that, Madam Speaker, I do look forward to working with His Worship next year and perhaps ask His Worship to make an official proclamation. Of course, subject to answering all his questions and all the information and I believe Mike LoVecchio and CN Rail as well as other partners would be…

Councillor Morantz: Question. This strikes me as a matter for protocol, Lisa Blake and I'm wondering if it would be more appropriate perhaps to have this motion reviewed by protocol first before we entertain it.

Madam Speaker: Are you asking to refer the motion to committee?

Councillor Morantz: Yeah. I am not sure where but...it is a matter of protocol clearly when we're recognizing events. And I recognize it's a very good initiative and I am not opposed to it. I just thought this strikes me as a matter for protocol.

Madam Speaker: If you wanted more time councillor, it would be to refer the motion. If you needed more time, it would be to refer the motion. It's not a point of order, I guess to...not a protocol, no. Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: Point of order? I was closing debate, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes, go ahead.

Councillor Schreyer: I understand where he's coming from. I think it's…I think I answered all the questions.

Madam Speaker: Okay, you're done?

Councillor Schreyer: I am not finished closing.

Madam Speaker: Well, you can continue the clock is still going.

Councillor Schreyer: Pardon me?

Madam Speaker: You may continue in your close now.

Councillor Schreyer: Based on the concerns and terms of what was brought up including by His Worship in terms of what I consider protocol issues that's why we brought it forward as a recommendation. And so I certainly appreciate, you know, the concerns of Council. Far be it for me to say...I am not a stickler for procedure and so I do respect that but having said that, Madam Speaker, that's why we have decided to go about in this year as a vote of simple recognition of no cost, absolutely and no ambiguity in that and for something that has been ongoing for many years if not decades.

Madam Speaker: Okay. With that I will call the question on Motion 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no by-laws. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Morantz? Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Lukes.

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QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Eadie: Are you asking something? Same question? Are you asking something? No?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, there' s a lot of discussion about monies being left on the table regarding Infrastructure dollars and we've been talking about it at several Council meetings now, but there's millions of dollars that could be still coming to Winnipeg, and my concerns are, we haven't really looked at some of the priorities in quite some time and apparently our administration supposedly is considering…considering recommendations, priorities for infrastructure investment dollars, but what I was wanting to get a handle on Madam Speaker, in the past I heard that the Kenaston widening along with the bridge requirements was not at a Class 3 estimate, Madam Speaker. I'm not sure what class estimate we have on the Chief Peguis Trail extension yet at this point Madam Speaker, but I know that the Arlington Bridge, the CP Rail mainline crossing thing will be at a Class 3 apparently by January of 2018 I think was the estimated time, not for sure. So my question Madam Speaker really is the two most serious, most important trade commerce investments that the City of Winnipeg will make…well, I shouldn't say that, we also have the East Rapid Transit corridor which I got an email, looks like we're moving into some public consultations Madam Speaker, but I would like to know what is the estimated time that the Kenaston widening along with the bridge requirements that have to be done and as well as the Chief Peguis extension from Main to Brookside, when those Class 3 estimates will be in place.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Councillor through Speaker. I will have to take that question under advisement and get him that information. Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: So Madam Speaker, would he undertake to let me know within ten business days, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I will take the question with me and I'll take it up with Public Service and get the Councillor his responses as soon as I have that information. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through Madam Speaker to the Chair of IRPW, I see today that we've announced or just put some good news out that the Waverley underpass construction remains on track. I asked this question in Finance but they said they were going to give a full answer at the last Public Works meeting. The project is for $155 million. We see that Maple Leaf Construction has $44.7 million for the actual contract itself, so that leaves about $110 million. We know that there's been sewer and water land acquisition. We know we're saving funds or saving that we've got them on hold for the expropriations or whatever is taking place there, but that's like a, you know, $100 million maybe just slightly less than $100 million. Do you have…you received the full update on this project in Public Works. Could you give us an idea of where we're at with the spending the cost of this project? Are we going to reach the $155 million or is there a big gap? I'm…from anything I've seen and following the numbers on this, there's a huge potential savings here so I'm just wondering what…I didn't get to listen to the audio. The audio was scratchy. I have to try it again but I didn't hear the update in Public Works that you received.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councillor for her question through you. The Waverley underpass is…it's really a great example of good planning. We had excellent estimates and everything is…it's actually going quite well. The verbal updates…we receive monthly verbal updates from Public Works at each meeting, and I really think it's a very good example of how underpass projects should be conducted unlike how some have gone in the past, but in fact, it…from a financial perspective, the project is moving along extremely well. As the Councillor may remember, we did settle with the railway and I think that was a very good arrangement for the City. In addition, Maple Leaf's bid came in significantly lower than our initial estimates and so I expect that there will be cost savings there as well. I think the differential between the estimate and the bid was about $12 million which is really great news for the City of Winnipeg. Of course, our contribution, our funding source for that project is entirely debt, so that's excellent news for the citizens of Winnipeg because it will reduce our loan payments in the long run. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I just maybe need to be clearer here. So the project is $155 million. We're spending anywhere between 44 for the construction plus we're setting aside funds for acquisition and such. There's a big difference it

appears to be, of, you know, just under $100 million. Is that…do you have any idea of what percentage will be surplus. Like, you must…there must be some range and I'm just questioning the estimation on this. Its $155 million dollar project, the actual construction is 44. There is land acquisition and such. I'm having a hard time thinking that land acquisition and such is going to be $100 million.

Madam Speaker: Is there a question, Councillor?

Councillor Lukes: Can you give us a better financial breakdown? You had it in Public Works. I didn't get to hear it in Finance. Could you give us more detailed breakdown on the funding?

Councillor Morantz: I could take up the reports but they are available on DMIS. There are many reports about the Waverley underpass that give detailed breakdowns and financial analysis. They're very easy to access. If the Councillor would like, I will dig them up and email them to her but they're readily available in DMIS and in fact they're also in the Capital Budget so there's lots of financial information in the public realm about the Waverley underpass. There are no…you know, all the numbers are completely out in the open. The only really good news is that we're…it looks like we're going to come in, likely significantly under budget based on the tenders we're getting and the settlement with the Railway, which I think is excellent news for the taxpayers of Winnipeg and the drivers.

Councillor Lukes: I think that's the question Madam Chair, significantly under budget. Does the Chair have an idea of how much significantly under budget? What does that mean? If he could give us an idea of what that means.

Councillor Morantz: Well, I really, in terms of the cost savings, I really only have two pieces of information. The Public Service may have more, but my information really relates to the settlement with the Railway, which I think is around 8 or 9 million dollars. I have to get that number exactly, but that's also public information and then of course, the Maple Leaf Tender came in, I think it was $12.8 million under our original estimates. I believe that was the number but, you know, I'm just going off the top of my head but it was something in that range, so, and of course as I said, you know, it's all…our share is all debt so that's really very good news for our taxpayers of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Next speaker is Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I'm wondering if the Chair could give us a brief update. There's a motion that went forward that looked at doing evening and weekends construction. I'm wondering if you could give us a brief overview of that motion and maybe let us know if you know when it might be coming back.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you. I would like to thank the Councillor for her question through you Madam Speaker. You know, since really before I was elected, I remember back on the campaign trail, a very, very common refrain was why aren't we doing construction in the evenings. Why aren't we doing construction on the weekends? Our construction season is so short. Traffic tie ups have been a big issue, especially given now the historic size of our roads budget compared to past councils; in fact, you know, $313 million since the 2015 budget, $103 million, 105 and 105, excellent news for Winnipeggers. So…one of the things though kept asking is why can't we have accelerated construction hours, and I've had a number of conversations with the Public Service about this and the answers tend to be, well, you know, in cities that do that, other cities do do it, it tends to be more on freeways away from residential developments. Winnipeg doesn't have freeways and we have to, of course, be concerned about noise attenuation when it comes to construction projects. However, the City did look at this. There was an April 2013 report that studied off-peak construction opportunities where appropriate for specific major projects and there's never been a report back to IRPW in the last four years as to an update on what fruits that report may have born. So last week at IRPW, I brought a motion basically asking for a status update on projects completed since 2013 where appropriate accelerated construction opportunities were available, and any impact that as a result of early completions or savings so the Public Service will be looking at that, and also updated opportunities to implement accelerated construction hours on weekends and evenings and we've asked the Public Service to report back in 90 days, so I look forward to the results of that discussion and my hope is that we can find a way to accelerate some of our construction hours.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Gilroy? Any other questions from other members? Okay, then we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report today and no by-laws, no motions. Any questions for the Chair, for Councillor Gillingham? We'll move on Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED APRIL 10, 2017**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am pleased to move the report dated April 10th Items 1 and 2 inclusive.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have a notice of motion.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF MOTION**

Madam Speaker: You will see that on the system. That was coming forward from last month regarding public hearings on water rates. The motion was brought forward by Councillor Schreyer and seconded by Councillor Dobson. It was from the October 2016 meeting of last year. It was laid over by Council until this meeting before us today. Councillor Schreyer, will you introduce your motion?

**Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,**

WHEREAS the City's sewage treatment system has allowed millions of litres of raw sewage to enter into Winnipeg's rivers in recent years;

AND WHEREAS the City acknowledges that the Province has ordered the City to upgrade the North End Water Control Centre, along with other city wide upgrades to the water and waste systems;

AND WHEREAS the increase in water rates has been justified by City officials due to the necessity of the City to upgrade its North End sewage plant and to implement its entire Capital Program;

AND WHEREAS the City's water utility is proposing a substantial increase its water rates over the next three years;

AND WHEREAS the percentage rebate/dividend that is paid to the City of Winnipeg general revenue stream by the Water and Waste Utility of the City was increased from 8 percent to 12 percent in 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is projected that $32 million, a historic high amount, will be paid to the City of Winnipeg by the City's Water and Waste Utility and their customers;

AND WHEREAS even Manitoba Hydro has been subject to public hearings in recent years, implemented by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board, over Manitoba Hydro's request to raise hydro rates.

AND WHEREAS Councillors' concerns raised on the idea of the Manitoba Public Utilities Board conducting the such hearings was that it undermined the independence of the City Administration to conduct its own business;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Administration to call public hearings on the proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases of 2017 and 2018.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. Madam Speaker, basically, the motion is related to what we brought forth about a year ago and that was based on the previous budget's increase of water rates to an unprecedented level and then the increase of the percentage dividend to be taken out to be used as part of the general budget. I had concerns among with others within and without this council, about that. Of course, you know it's a question of opinion, Madam Speaker, as to the legitimacy of it but I will be up front, Madam Speaker, the reason I brought forth the issue of hearings is because I felt that it would become clear that Winnipeggers don't want their water rates used as a flat tax rate for general revenue used within the City general budget. And that's why I raised this last year and the way the motion was presented last year was for the Public Utilities Board to run the hearings. So during the debate on that motion a year ago, it was…the issue was raised as a priority issue it seemed to me by some councillors that the reason why they couldn't support it is because we were giving the power to another level of government. That would be the Public Utilities Board...or to another…I guess level of government, the Public Utilities Board which I guess one could argue is the Provincial Government. Having said that, Madam Speaker, call it part of…an arm of the Provincial Government but it is an arm to which all provincial utilities are subject, including Manitoba Hydro and every other municipality in the province. So I just

felt not just myself, it just seemed obvious and that it would be an excellent mechanism by which to hold the public hearings. It wouldn't be the first time that the Public Utilities Board actually weighed in, excuse the pun, on the issue of the City's water rates and its obligation to its infrastructure, for which it's specifically responsible, Madam Speaker, that is our water and sewage system. So in listening to Council, in listening to citizens, neighbours, whoever I speak with, you know, the issue of using water rates doesn't go away, the way in which we use water rates. And again, it's not even Manitoba Hydro, Madam Speaker, in which we have export profits by which we can offset costs of administration as the Province can do. Manitoba Hydro is in a position to export to the United States depending on the phase that we are in at profits approaching almost a million dollars a day in hydro rates and exports. And they are in a position to use that export profit…export margin and offset costs of the government, of the government's budget, Provincial Government. Well, we know we can't…we can't be the middleman if you will, we can't sell water. We can't profit from that and all we would be…that's obviously not what takes place here, Madam Speaker. It's not the same thing and yet we are using water rates. We are increasing our water rates. We're increasing the percentage dividend to be used for general revenue and I just believe that goes against the people's expectation or people's wishes. I don't believe I'm exaggerating in any way here, Madam Speaker. No need for hyperbole in this, either. And therefore, it's just a serious question. It's not the only one, but it's a major one. Madam Speaker, Winnipeggers have reduced their water consumption and I think part of that…we do that in terms of perhaps cognizance of resource efficiencies, it's promoted to do so and we do so but I think for a lot of people too it's about economic necessity. So people reduce their water consumption to save money and then to get that money back, our utility is obliged to increase their rates to get that money back because people have reduced their consumption. Well, I can understand that Madam Speaker and I back that. But when people are reducing their water consumption to save money and then they're…so thus, to sort of keep up the income, our utilities forced to increase rates. But then they increase it beyond that and then they increase the percentage dividend they can take away to put into general coffers. Madam Speaker, that's worse than a flat tax in a way. People are being punished for trying to conserve. Just as they are using less, they are charged more and disproportionately more to use for…for general revenue for the City. And, it doesn't matter...I've never...you know, a lot of what I deal with is anecdotal because I go door to door and I don't always pile up my statistics, I just talk to people. And I have never heard anybody say, give me a sort of clear, specific argument even in a few words or even hint that it's okay. They might explain why it happens but I have never heard approval of it. My understand…you know, they are talking with me and I have got my arguments or whatever, my questioning, they know where I am coming from so they don't want an argument and maybe Madam Speaker, that might be the case. But more often than that Madam Speaker where it might be the case that people just didn't tell me their honest opinion and they believed we should do that. Maybe there is someone that I talked with that believes we should raise our water rates and then increase them even more and then take the percentage dividend to use for general revenue. Maybe someone did believe that but I don't know. No one has ever told me that. But I do know for a fact Madam Speaker, time and time again, is that people think it's wrong. Bu, how do I convey that to City Hall? How do I convey that to Council? How do we…how do people that believe that it's wrong, convey that? And that's why I felt we should have public hearings. However, you know, this is a process of communication and last…last time, the first leg, if you will, of this motion didn't pass as some mentioned, don't give the power to the Public Utilities Board. Well, okay. I mentioned at the end that and my closing comments after I heard, had I known that, if I had known that was the argument I would have said let the City do it but I thought we should do it most effectively by letting the Public Utilities Board do it, that's what they do. However, that's what people said. Don't give the power to the Public Utilities Board, so I'm not, Madam Speaker. The City of Winnipeg can do this. So in this motion, the City of Winnipeg can run the public hearings. There is more to say and I will see what I have to say, you know, at the end of this after I hear any more comments. I am here to listen, Madam Speaker. This motion was brought up because I am listening. It was brought up in the first place because I am listening to people. The second one I bring up because I am listening to my fellow councillors. But there is more to say and I am listening. So, to be honest, Madam Speaker, I don't have any great expectation that this motion's going to pass today but I am listening. The issue of public involvement in a formalized way that is respectful over this issue which is pretty big, the issue of flat taxes bringing more and more flat taxes and fees and rate hikes is something that I think comes to the crux of what we do here at City Hall and what Winnipeggers expect us to deal with. So I believe I am dealing with that on this issue of water, people's water that we need, people's water that we're…of which people are reducing their consumption of. And yet, to what end? For what purpose? I continue to listen Madam Speaker, this motion is a product of communication and I continue to listen. I look forward to the comments on this motion before I speak again.

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

Councillor Mayes: Just for clarity on the process part here, we are fully debating the motion before a vote rather than referring it rather than debating referral? I see nodding heads. So I am not in favour of the motion with all due respect. A number of serious environmental issues raised here. I must admit not all of them interconnect to the final point of referring it to the Public Utilities Board. The issue of sewage going to the rivers is a serious environmental issue and we are dealing with the Province awaiting their response as we have been for some time on our combined sewer overflow program. We are continuing to put millions of dollars into that every year. As you'll know, Madam Speaker, from the capital budget, there is $18 million this year on such initiatives as the Cockburn-Calrossie which I believe is largely or I

believe perhaps entirely in Councillor Gerbasi's ward, the Cockburn-Calrossie combined sewer relief work that's going on there. So we are taking some steps, but we await the Province's direction on that. Not really much the Utilities Board could tell us to do on that one way or the other. We are engaged in a very important environmental initiative, the largest capital project in the history of the City of Winnipeg, and that is the North End Water Pollution Control Centre project. It is both an upgrade to deal with provincial environmental standards and those yet may be dialled back, we don't know. I know the Mayor and the CAO are talking with the Provincial Government about this. That may yet be dialled back, the standards and there's a debate about phosphorous and nitrogen that Councillor Browaty loves to engage in, but I will skip over if I may here today, to say simply, it's a very important environmental project inter-related with that project, 800 million plus is $200 million worth of bio solids work, I have been…I've been…I think, taking a lead on that and talking about the bio solids work we're doing and the land application they may had come out of that. We are catching up to places like Tacoma, Washington to Seattle. We are moving forward on the whole bio solids file. So that's an important part of that massive North End plant, but in addition to the North End and if you look at the Hemson report, you will see this in addition to the North End plant expansion is partly due to the good news problem that we are growing as a city. It doesn't matter if you are growing in the suburbs or downtown, you still flush the toilet, you still use the water system, you still need the North End plant to have an expanded capacity. So there's a bit of…a bit of both there, we can't simply blame the Province. We have to admit that some of that is a growth cause both whether it's downtown or suburban. As to the dividend, we have spent some time on this and I suspect we will spend more. The problem is of course, people don't like it. The problem is it is the equivalent of 6 percent property tax increase blown hole. If you take it out of our budget, Councillor Gillingham can agree, you've got about a 6 percent...that number is probably five-point something because we're getting up to about a $600 million base on property taxes but they'll create a very large hole in the budget if you simply took out the dividend. So none of this can be viewed independently but perhaps the most vexatious issue that needs to be addressed is this…the water rate is not a flat tax. If someone has a…if the house next to me had a pool and they used a million more litres of water than me, they would pay more. It's not like the frontage levy where if my house is worth 300,000 and the neighbour's is worth 500,000 but we are on the same width, that's the same amount, Councillor Eadie has talked at length about that. This is not a flat tax, this is a rate charge. If you use more of the product, you pay more. If you and I both go driving and you use more gas than me, you pay more. It's not because it's a flat tax, it's because you are using more of the product. Last time I checked, people with pools tended to be not at the lower end of the socioeconomic spectrum so my view on this has always been, I'll have to have somebody prove to me that this isn't someway a flat tax or in some way is deliberately punitive to the lower socioeconomic groups. It arguably rewards the people in my ward south of the perimeter who aren't on City water and sewer like many of the people in Councillor Morantz's west end but I guess all these things have different incidents as they are applied. So, I appreciate the raising some of these issues but I'm going to vote against the motion. I think we have dealt with this before. I think it is certainly, however, fair for Councillor Schreyer to raise these issues as part of the budget, I think that's absolutely fair and I look forward to him doing that again. But I just…in conclusion I sometimes think we forget some of the things we are doing on the environmental front as it relates to some of what's touched on here, the North End plant, the South End plant, the combined sewer issue, the bio solids issues. As I said, largest single capital project in the history of City of Winnipeg is ongoing. It's an environmental project, it pertains to what's raised here but I don't think the…if one thinks there is a disease, I don't think this is the cure. This is something different so I would encourage councillors to defeat this and some very serious issues that should be raised in the budget.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Speaker, I would like to move a motion to refer.

Madam Speaker: To which? To the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management? Okay, we will vote on the referral. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, so we have no motions, no by-laws. Any question for the Chair for Councillor Mayes? We will now deal with the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There is no report today, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for our Chair, Councillor Gilroy? Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Okay, Councillor Wyatt. The clock, please.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Is it possible, you know, we…there's been a lot of talk about this council, last council. I want to know, in terms of the recycling program and our waste management systems that we have now, could the Councillor take us through how that got established when, and where we are right now in terms of recycling and the automatic pickup.

Madam Speaker: Okay, is that an appropriate question for Innovation or would that more be…

Councillor Wyatt: No, no. I'm asking it for Mayes.

Madam Speaker: Oh, you're going back to Councillor Mayes. You're going back awhile now Councillor Wyatt. We were onto Innovation. Okay, Councillor Mayes has risen to answer, so let's go forth.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I think this arises out of No. 2 which is on the agenda here, which talks about renewing the contract for recyclables and thank you for the question. It gives me a chance to say something about a matter I didn't vote on. It was before I got elected. I guess it was in October of 2011 that the previous council passed the five-year master plan that talked about basically doing a much better job on our diversion rate. We were at 18%. We've gone to 32% in terms of diversion, so a number of positive steps on recycling. We just did a whole initiative on yard waste composting that we highlighted a few days ago at the Pacific 4R Depot. It's one of the new depots that's opened as a result of that 2011 project, so yeah, I think the question is about No. 2 and that's single source, yes, but it is dealing with renewing an existing plan and there were some reasons given in the report for that, why we decided to defer a bit on looking at different collection, but the recyclables, we have done some important things. The 4R Depot is the yard waste compost. We have got a higher diversion rate. We are going to have a climate change consultation .We are going to have the five-year review. So yeah, several hours ago now, I did speak about the youth item and some good work that the previous council have done and Councillor Wyatt mentioned some good work done by the previous council on, we went from 30 million on roads in 2012 to 84 in 2014 and some of that work's been well. It's certainly been continued as we've continued to grow and the staff was given over 300 million on roads in the three budgets under Mayor Bowman. So we're proud of that work. So yeah, I mean I think sometimes we can get into sort of pitting different…well, Councillor Eadie's talked about this I think in saying, you know, look, some good work was done by the previous council and I think it was on roads and on the youth program, and here, I am able to say some good work was done, it was before my time on the previous council, so there was some good work done in terms of the five-year…well, in terms of the whole master plan to increase…to increase the diversion rate. It has been a success. Where we go from here is, of course, up to us, and we'll be part of that whole five-year review. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, a follow up question. And this pertains to the roads because it ties into the water and sewer works that are going on right now and the fact that just recently, I experienced in my community where we are now, because, as was pointed out, we went from…

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, we went from 30 million in 2012 to 84 million in 2014 in terms of the roads program, more than doubling it. We went from 84 million 2014 to 105 million now, not more than doubling it. So but now what's happening is a lot of the work that's taking place is not necessarily being coordinated.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, your question.

Councillor Wyatt: Could we have better coordination in terms of the water and waste program and the sewer work with the roads program because we are literally going in now and ripping up streets and having to repair streets that we just did because they came in later than the sewer work, with water and sewer work. Is it possible to get that better coordinated?

Councillor Mayes: I don't know about that. I mean, I think from what I see in my ward, I actually think there's pretty good coordination. I mean, I think…I remember saying to Brad Sacher when he was telling me about this, I think we do a better job, frankly, now than a decade ago perhaps or longer though in terms of trying to coordinate that work. You do have anomalies. You finish the lovely new repaving on Vivian Street. They leave, then a new house goes in and there's a square the size of my desk here that you have to create in the street in order to do work there. The Vivian bump. I get all these calls about the Vivian bump. So yeah, I mean there's some stuff you can't anticipate that, that someone's going to do an infill project and need to drill down into the street. I mean, I can talk to the long time Acting Director about this. Personally, I think we do a better job of coordinating some of this work. I know in Crofton in my ward, people, they came in, they put pipes went in in about August. People were upset because now the pavement was going to be done once the school year started. It's a street right by a school, but most people sort of said, okay I get it, this is for a good reason. The pipes guys couldn't get there till August so the roads guys didn't go first. So I appreciate the question and the frustration. I've had some of it myself but I'll take it under advisement I guess and see what sort of information I can get from the Acting Director.

Madam Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Wyatt: When you talk to the Acting Director, are you aware question I've got for you now. Are you aware, when you're talking with the Acting Director, are you aware that one of the streets or one of the examples of this where there was actually a $7 million sewer and water program, well planned in advance, went ahead just after the local street, which was Bond Street in Transcona, had to get ripped up again after it just got fully repaired last summer, got ripped up again this winter because there was zero coordination, two departments not talking to each other, and (inaudible) program was well known in advance with Water and Waste. Are you aware of that?

Councillor Mayes: I was not aware of that, and I suspect I'll get some emails now of some other examples, but I mean, I think some of this is, we did, we have, we have sharply increased the roads budget and continue to do so. That's required a lot more coordination. I know when I got elected first in late 2011, you got three streets on your list, now you get like, 8 or 11 streets, depending on the ward, depending on the length of the street, so there's much more movement, there are more balls in the air so to speak, more projects on going, so it's that much harder to coordinate, but I'll ask, but again my sense from the Public Service is there's a better awareness now of, if we're going to do Pulberry, let's go and do the sewer work before we do the repaving. This will get perhaps even more challenging as we move forward on the combined sewer separation but with the increase in the roads budget, with the combined sewer, yes, we're going to have to be much more aware of this.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report A.

Councillor Orlikow: Oh, back to me now? Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move Consent Agenda Item No. 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated March 7th.

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 move items for report and move adoption of Consent Item No. 13.

Madam Speaker: Actually, that one has an amending motion.

Councillor Orlikow: That's right.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so we will have you introduce that since you are the mover.

Councillor Orlikow: Right, thank you very much Madam Chair. There is a…

Madam Speaker: Motion No. 1.

Item 13 – Use of City-Owned Property Located at Paulin Street between Pacific Avenue and Ross Avenue

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 13 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated March 7, 2017, be amended by deleting recommendations 3 and 4 and renumbering recommendation 5 accordingly.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair for pointing that out. We are asking for an amendment to this motion just to remove Items 3 and 4, pretty basic. The asset agreement that we are planning to put this with, with Centreventure has expired and we are presently negotiating a new one. So we have a lasting agreement to send it to, so it's the intent later on, if everything works out to do that. But at this point, we just want to move forward with the property and just delete items…recommendations 3 and 4.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on this item? Go back to the Chair, Councillor Orlikow to close if you wish.

Councillor Orlikow: Nope, that's it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Motion 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Call the question on the main item, No. 13, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We have motion...okay on to the next report, Councillor Orlikow.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED APRIL 11, 2017

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 13.

Madam Speaker: Okay, and we will pull 9 as it has an amending motion. Anything else? Councillor Mayes, 2. 13, but you only had four fingers up. Okay, 13, anything else? No. Okay, we will call the question on 1, 3 through 8, 11 and 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 888 John Bruce Road East – DASZ 46/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, this is the one with the amending Motion 2, is it? Okay, that's with No. 9, sorry. So you go ahead and introduce No. 2.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm proud to introduce No. 2 and I will wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Mayes you stood this down.

Councillor Mayes: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good infill project in Councillor Allard's ward. I've pulled this not to tear down Councillor Allard, but rather to praise him for his work on this difficult file. Also, I don't think we've ever had three speeches in French in the same so you'll notice a notable drop off in quality after Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Allard's but…

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Mayes: I would like to thank Councillor Allard for his efforts insofar as this building is concerned. It was a difficult project; lots of citizens involved, lots of concerns... but Councillor Allard found a compromise for the citizens and their concerns... so it's an important development and a compromise for the citizens.

Councillor Mayes: It was some very good work I think by Councillor Allard, who was quite direct with people saying, I could give you what you want but it might be get bounced at a higher community…or a higher committee level so let's try and work this out together. So it was, I think, approved without amendment at PP&D and EPC so I'm pleased to see it here. I will be voting for it as I did at the original level. It was a long hearing as they often are from Councillor Allard's ward but I think some very good work done to try to balance the different sides and try and find an infill project that worked both…well, for all of the people in the community. They didn't get everything they wanted, but I think they understood that this was a compromise and so my thanks to my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to read off some of the comments I made in my decision, some of which is not captured in the report, but thank you to Councillor Mayes for the kudos and this was certainly one of the more controversial land planning applications to come forward in St. Boniface Ward. And pleased that the community came forward and believed that we found a compromise that was almost unanimous in the same night of public hearing. So in terms of some of the text in my decision, and I've removed some of it for...to try to be more expedient with time. So I believe…and this is the text that I read that night so some of it is in the present tense but should be in the past tense but I will leave it as it is. I believe we have achieved a compromise in consultation with community that achieves an increase in density, an overall policy goal and direction for the City of Winnipeg across all of our neighbourhoods for the area while respecting the neighbourhood character while this compromise has achieved overwhelming support from the community. I appreciate the efforts of our City Planning staff who've offered a practical report which adheres to the City of Winnipeg's planning guidelines and supports our growth and development objectives. I have also taken pains to emphasize that land development decisions are not made in accordance with a neighbourhood referendum and plebiscite. There are property rights and existing zoning rights on properties in the City of Winnipeg. In the past, I have approved certain developments in the face of opposition believing that it was in the best interest of the neighbourhood and the city. I understand and respect that many residents of the community have moved there with the expectation that it be a neighbourhood of exclusively single-detached houses. While that is a legitimate desire, it is not in keeping with the City of Winnipeg's growth strategy and our overall efforts to increase our urban density to provide a more sustainable and economic urban forum. I thank the proponent for coming forward as well with their plan. In spite of some criticism, I recognize they have conducted two open houses in the community and did not...and did modify their plan in part to respond to Planning staff and residents. I understand and respect their desire not only to, as business people, maximize their profits within the zoning by-law but also pursue a more urban form for our community which is widely understood to promote greater environmental and economic sustainability. I believe in a collaborative process which engages residents as much as possible in the growth and future of their neighbourhood. This willingness to keep an open mind, compromise and discuss is one that I wish to encourage. I hope my council colleagues will see the work that was done here and approve this compromised position that came out of extensive discussions tonight, tonight being the night of the rezoning application public hearing. So with that, thank you council colleague for your consideration.

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

Councillor Eadie: Actually, no thanks, Madam Speaker. Sorry.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close? I'll call the question then on Item No. 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move on to Item 9 which has an amending motion.

Item 9 – Addition to the List of Historical Resources – 90 Annabella Street – J.R. Watkins Company Factory & Warehouse

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the main item and the amending motion.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 9 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated April 11, 2017, be amended as follows:

1. *Delete "Detailing of the east side staircase" from the fifth bullet under Recommendation 1, and replace it with "Detailing of the southeast staircase".*

Councillor Orlikow: Yes, thank you very much. The amending motion is really because we missed the word "south". There is actually an open staircase. So in the report of the property...representative of the property owner came forward and as such, the committee listened to some of their concerns about some of the details and concurred with the fact that the stairwell in the back…or in the southeast staircase could be removed from the list so that's all this motion is doing is reflecting that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close or I can call the question? Call the question on Motion 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Call the question on the main Item 9, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 10.

Item 10 – North St. Boniface Secondary Plan

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce?

Councillor Orlikow: No, this…again, I will allow my colleagues to speak first and close if need be.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by yourself, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you council colleagues. I want to...well, I thank the representative from the Residents Association earlier today and I want to address some of the concerns that were raised. I believe that many of the concerns that are raised in the letter will be...can be addressed within the public hearing process and I look forward to...with Council's blessing likely a very vigorous and important discussion about the future of north St. Boniface, and I believe that through that public hearing process that we will be able to achieve a decision with the eventually proposed plan through collaboration with the community, any organization that's interested in coming forward to speak to it and my council colleagues at the Riel Community Committee. So I wanted to respond to some of the concerns that were raised earlier. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: And I just wanted to add a quick comment to that, that the Riel Community Committee made a motion to look in to how we could do better communication of rezonings and get public information out there and I think this is a concern when the gentleman spoke, that this system here and getting information and getting it in a timely manner is challenging but the Riel Community Committee did make a motion to look at that at PP&D and that is in process and expect it to be back in the near future. So we are trying to improve ways to communicate with the public.

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

Councillor Allard: Point of order.

Madam Speaker: Yes?

Councillor Allard: I'd like to second what Councillor Lukes said. I realize I am probably out of order but I wanted to say.

Madam Speaker: You are, you are. Thank you. Councillor Orlikow, back to you to close if you wish. No. We'll call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 13 – Opening and Closing of the Public Lane between Kensington and Madison Streets, North of Silver Avenue – DAOC 2/2017

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce?

Councillor Orlikow: No, I will listen to colleagues first before I respond. I believe it was Councillor Gillingham who probably set it down. And I've heard before, so.

Madam Speaker: Yes, thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stood this item down simply to highlight the very positive and visionary development that is occurring in the St. James portion of my ward. The project that this report refers to is being led by Chief Dennis Meeches and the people of Long Plain First Nation. It's an expansion of their development that began in 2010 that members of this previous council or previous councils certainly supported and I applaud them for that. Back in January of 2016, I called for a report from the administration that investigated best practices for the establishment of and development within aboriginal economic development zones as identified in Section 10 of complete communities including a look at best practices amongst other jurisdictions. That report was completed and it was presented to Planning, Property and Development Committee in July of 2016. The report highlights the fact that this...and I quote, "Support for aboriginal economic development zones can be found in OurWinnipeg as well as the Complete Community's direction strategy by-law. The need for tools and processes to address issues of by-law compatibility, provision of services and other areas of mutual concern such as land-use planning is identified as a

requirement to achieve," and this is what I want to highlight for all of us today, "The goal of enabling mutual economic development interest between the City and the First Nations." I believe the development by Long Plain in St. James since 2010 has already achieved a great measure of mutual success that is a benefit both to that First Nation in particular and to our entire city. Madam Speaker, the item before us today, that of an opening and a closing of a public lane is at first glance fairly straightforward, seems a fairly benign report. But I remind this chamber that in fact this matter of process enables the city to continue to fulfill its goals of advancing aboriginal economic development zones in Winnipeg. And it enables the Long Plain First Nation to pursue the future growth plans and build upon the success they have already enjoyed on their property. So, Madam Speaker, I like to believe that the mutual successes in St. James can be a model for the establishment of aboriginal economic development zones in other areas of the city. There is speculation about the eventual future development on and around the old Kapyong Barracks on Kenaston. There's already been discussion about the potential of development at the Assiniboine Downs through a partnership between the Manitoba Jockey Club and Peguis First Nation. I can tell you that the area near St. Matthews and Madison in St. James has been enhanced by the development already established by Long Plain. Yellow Quill College, the gas station, which has to be one of the busiest gas stations in all of Winnipeg, and the commercial spaces that have been leased represent valuable investments in the region. In fact, they are some of the nicest buildings around in the area as they really invested in that block. This type of a successful economic development can be replicated in future aboriginal economic development zones and so as the area councillor, I welcome the development, the ongoing and future development of this site and I am glad to support this report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? I'll call the question on Item 13. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we'll now move on to the by-laws. Councillor Orlikow for first reading.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – FIRST READING ONLY

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-law No. 30/2017 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the by-laws for all three readings.

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

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-laws No. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 36/2017 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 26/2017, By-law No. 27/2017, By-law No. 28/2017, By-law No. 29/2017 and By-law No. 36/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-laws No. 26/2017 and 29/2017 both inclusive and 36/2017 be ready a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 26/2017, By-law No. 27/2017, By-law No. 28/2017, By-law No. 29/2017 and By-law No. 36/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that rules be suspended and By-laws No. 26/2017 to 29/2017 both inclusive and 36/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, please.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have Question Period for our chair. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Wyatt.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Chair. To you…to you to…how do we say that? From you to the…through you to the Chair. As many of us know, on City Council, the permitting process can be challenging and at times, there are delays where we receive phone calls and people asking for our help in facilitating this. This is a topic that was raised by the Mayor in his State of the City. He's proposing some innovative solutions to some of those…some of those issues, so to my question through you to the Chair, what can the Chair tell us he's been doing in terms of permits and where are we at in terms of the City of Winnipeg and how do we compare to other cities?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you for the question, and yeah, permits are a specific focus of the Mayor's and ourselves, trying to make the process work in a more friendly, I guess we'll say, way. Not friendly means that anybody can do what they want and ask for a permit whenever. We're trying to figure out a process to stream through, so just a little bit of reflection. Last year, we had a 70 percent jump in home renovations. This is nothing that the department has been working right through. They've indicated there's a few left, they'll be a little more complicated, but they've got through that backlog. Permit applications have increased, which is really good news because remember permits give money. This is how we're generating our revenues going forward. Permits have increased over 50 percent in the last five years ending 2016, and this year 2017, we're running substantially higher again than last year. A little of that will be due to the upcoming impact fee, but again, the good news is that the department is holding their own on this. We have an advisory group that they meet with to look at the targets that the advisory group industry players have and the department have agreed to. Currently residential permit turnaround times are the best they have been in four years. So we are making some very strong headway in that, so we're very happy about that. We're also looking at, they are actually, the department is moving to extended hours into the evenings. Again this will help, especially the smaller builders who really are at the job site all day, so giving them more flexible time to get there. And what else are we up to? There are now actually…I know…actually one of the concerns that were raised by a number of the groups during actually my impact fee meetings was being able to book appointments for residential and commercial. That is now being done so people can actually book an appointment. It gives a little more assurance when the permit person will be there, and they can do that on-line too, so that's very helpful. They can also review their permit status instead of calling and hoping to get hold of someone and being put on hold. It's all on-line now so you can see where the permit status is at. Again, it will allow them to do it on their time when they can do it. And the commercial permits are now being reviewed for the universal design accessibility standards on the Provincial Building Code, which is kind of delayed. So good news. Permits are up which is great, but also on the other side, we're hitting our targets and actually exceeding our targets and getting them turned around and out the door fast. But again, our work isn't done. We know that for the development community, time is money, so we're going to continue to work. We have the pilot project going through the Downtown BIZ right now, sorry not the Downtown BIZ, the Winnipeg Chamber, to look at kind of a…it's a front end, to make sure companies are part of…understand that you have to fill these forms in. Napkins don't work. We need certain information from you, and this will hopefully speed that process up because when these permits have been hitting the table, it takes maybe a day, a week or two weeks to get to it, and then we realize they haven't filled it in properly. Again, we want to get to that point so they're putting the right information in for us, and then we can also on our side speed the process up for them. So right now, the Permit Department is stressed. They're working as fast as they can, but they…to make those targets and they're very dedicated to doing so, so I do want to thank the Permit Department for all the work they are doing and all the work they still have to do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions, Councillor Allard? No? Moving on. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is pertaining to the fact that when we do capital projects, a lot of things are involved with those capital projects, and we know about Class 3 estimates, and it involves the whole idea of what the scope of a capital project is, the size of the capital project, the materials, and of course the key part of this is the land, and the land assembly. Would the Councillor agree that the land assembly and the scope of the project is absolutely crucial to determining a Class 3 estimate of a capital project?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt…or Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I think just to clarify so I answer the right question. Is land assembly or land acquisition part of required for Class 3 estimate? My understanding, yes it is.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Knowing that then, and the fact that at the last Council meeting, we lost track, the Administration lost track of a crucial piece of land that was needed to build a shoe-fly for the Waverley underpass, that indeed the Waverley underpass is recognized and then was not a ready Class 3 estimate as has been the contention from the beginning of that project.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you for raising the question. Just brings up a good point about the problem we're having about In Camera confidential matters. Some Councillors are using pieces of information that I can't disclose publically that would answer that question, so again I believe the question is a little bit inappropriate. We do look at Class 3 estimates including land, and in this case, there's a circumstance that happened, but it was the…I really can't answer it properly because then I'd be divulging the confidential information from the In Camera that would jeopardize…it has been jeopardized…our other negotiations in the area, so I can't answer that properly at this point but I do agree that the City of Winnipeg needs to make sure that the lands are there, that we have acquired it, and the Real Estate Department understands this and is working diligently to make sure that this is acquired. This is for the case that Councillor Wyatt is inadvertently…well, I think should not be (inaudible) because some of the information be leaked. This was a unique situation, but I can't get into more of that.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Wyatt: So then make…I appreciate the response and so then as a follow up to the Councillor's response, would he agree then that when it comes to building of underpasses, the detour for the trains, which is often referred to as a shoe-fly, is absolutely a crucial component of the underpass construction project, that that is absolutely necessary for the actual project to proceed. Would the Councillor recognize that?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: We work with many partners when we're doing these projects, and it's very important to understand that we can only work with the information our partners are providing us, and at times there are some time delays where our partners don't provide us the information that we need, but that's about all I can say at this point.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Given the last round of questions, I'm not sure if this could be answered, but has all the land actually been assembled and acquired related to the Waverley underpass which was a discussion about is it above or under budget and so on? Has all that land been assembled and acquired?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Again, I'll get back to the exact details of where…some of the land is still in the expropriation process.

Councillor Eadie: So not all acquired.

Councillor Orlikow: It hasn't been acquired per se, but we do have the right to expropriate it, for example, the Refit lands. You know, we just need the right to get onto it, so we had to expropriate with every intent to shift it back to Refit after. We don't really need it, so there are some of those lands. My understanding, there are no land issues regarding the Waverley underpass that are remaining.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker, in terms of again, the issue of the settlement of the Waverley underpass with CN and the negotiation that went on with that pertaining to (inaudible) land.

Councillor Orlikow: See again, even this I think we're getting…I'll leave it to you, Madam Chair.

Councillor Wyatt: My question was this. In the report that came to Council referred to the 1929/1930 agreement that CN had agreed to pay for a grade separation. Could the Councillor ascertain when the Administration…that was the first time it appeared in December in the report to this Council. Can the Councillor find out from the Public Service when they first learned of that deal that went back to 1930 and a by-law that actually came to Council agreeing to pay for the full grade separation at Waverley, that being CN, the Railway?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Again, I'm not sure if that's a real estate matter. It sounds more like a Public Works matter. But we can look into that. My understanding was not full payment, the portion of, which we have received 9 plus million dollars. Councillor Wyatt's interpretation appears to be full cost, but that's not our interpretation I've heard. Of course I would love if CN paid for the whole thing, but that's not my understanding.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, the next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report dated April 10th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS DATED APRIL 10, 2017

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce the report of April the 10th and move Consent Agenda Items 1, 2 and 3.

Madam Speaker: We will pull 3 as there is a referral motion that was circulated. Okay, so all of them are being pulled. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Agreements with Winnipeg BIZs and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. for participation in the WFPS Community Fire Prevention Partnership Program

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much Madam Speaker. This is an initiative of the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services regarding the community fire prevention partnerships with various BIZ organizations within the City of Winnipeg as well as Take Pride for sort of, looking for arson and preventing arson within the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, I believe you stood this down.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I stood it down. I just want to thank the councillor for speaking to it. And I stood it down because we did have a discussion at the standing committee and it was confirmed in the standing committee that this was going to be a voluntary initiative by…with the Business Improvement Zones. The reason why that's really important is because of the fact that Legal Services has stepped in in terms of these agreements. And you know, a lot of our BIZ zones do not have the capacity or the ability to start going out hiring new lawyers to sign agreements with the City of Winnipeg. So therefore this is a way that they assured us they would do it cooperatively with the BIZ zones and not be something that would be onerous on them in terms of red tape and legal documents and so on and so forth. So I just want to recognize that and I want to thank the Public Service for confirming that in the standing committee. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next speaker is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, Councillor Wyatt reflected a discussion we had Madam Speaker, and I think it's a great initiative in that we have our firefighters working with and teaching how to help spot potential serious fire hazards in the neighbourhoods of these various Business Improvement Zones, Madam Speaker. I think it's a great program and it's the kind of training that many residents, associations, Green Team workers and many other workers could really benefit from, Madam Speaker, in terms of helping ensure that our neighbourhoods are safe and safe for the people who live in them and that sort of thing and I think that's important, Madam Speaker. So, but you know, I was opposed to this, like, legal agreement…it's my understanding, Madam Speaker, that the legal agreement is in relation to the usage of a logo. That's my understanding. But I think that our Fire Paramedic Service should be engaging in teaching as many people as possible without you know...I don't know why we have to use a logo when we are going out there and looking at things. If I can have Green Team people or anybody volunteering for a residents association be able to identify that…well, for example, Madam Speaker, Mayor Bowman was out with the Bear Clan. The Bear Clan does spend a lot

of time and ends up sending in issues to 311 and things that they identify as problems and that's great. And then you know, while they are out there if they spot a fire, it would be great, you know, if their volunteers would be trained to spot and call in potential fire hazards, Madam Speaker. So this is good. But this whole legal agreement and you know, the ability of signing off on this and signing off on that and for me, it's just a concern because I don't think when...I don't know if all the BIZs were informed that they would be entering into legal agreements but Madam Speaker, I sit on…appointed by Council, I sit on the North End Business Improvement Zone. And they are named in this report, named in this report, Madam Speaker, as potentially entering into an agreement. I don't even know why they were named because Take Pride's green way provides their Green Team type service. The North End BIZ doesn't hire green through Manitoba young...whatever, they don't hire, Madam Speaker, but they are listed here in the report. So when I was asking, I said, well, are these Business Improvement Zones, do they know they are signing in a legal agreement even? Well, the North End BIZ did not know, Madam Speaker and they are not going to of course but you know, Madam Speaker like I just...for me, the life of me, protect the City's interest which is the logo, well, that's fine but, you know, it is our responsibility I believe to try to prevent fires and actually to educate people on what fire hazards are so they can actually tell somebody or call it into the By-law Enforcement to go and have a look at those fire hazards, all those kinds of things. I think it's really important, Madam Speaker, but I just…and I'm not going to vote for this report again because inappropriately points out that the North End BIZ is going to be signing an agreement or potentially, they are not. Like, geez, anyway, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Gerbasi followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just really briefly, I sit on five Business Improvement Zones. I am not sure if all of them have agreed to this or not or had a discussion, but this is just simply an opportunity that they have the ability to participate in and it's great. I really don't see a downside here. If a particular BIZ does not want to participate, nobody's going to make them. It's…

Councillor Eadie: They don't want to use the logo.

Councillor Gerbasi: And this is an opportunity to help our neighbourhoods be safer and to enhance our ability to deal with...so this is a huge issue in my neighbourhoods. I have five of these zones and they haven't complained to me about this and I think it's a positive step and it's actually fairly innovative and trying to find a way to spread our resources in the city better to make our city safer. So I would just like to congratulate people on this. I'm not…I guess I just…maybe I'm missing something but I don't understand the problem here. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Next speaker, Councillor Schreyer. Okay, no problem, any further speakers on this item, Item No. 1? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan to close.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to appreciate…I appreciate the comments from my council colleagues and I just really want to thank Assistant Chief Mark Reshaur for this initiative. This initiative doesn't cost the City a dime Madam Speaker, and it is a really good example of community collaboration with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services towards the community fire prevention program. Basically, it is in the report, Madam Speaker, it does say quite clearly that the BIZs and Take Pride Winnipeg agree to comply with the terms and agreements, the training and reporting protocol and use of any CFPP, Community Fire Prevention Program Brand. And so you know, this is just...the agreement, Madam Speaker, is about standardizing the program, making sure that everyone's on the same page and a really…a really good initiative. I hope to see all these folks out in the summer time, really wanted to congratulate all the BIZs for stepping up and Take Pride on this really great initiative.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Community Incentive Grant – Elmwood Community Resource Centre

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. This was a coming out originally...coming out of East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee from March 20th of 2017. It looks like there was a surplus of dollars that were originally allocated to Elmwood Community Centre, they made a motion for it to come back to be re-allocated and that's what we are dealing with today.

Madam Speaker: Okay, any speakers on this matter? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the diligence of Chair Pagtakhan of the standing committee and the committee as well on this and the…sort of had to explain to the Elmwood Community Resource

Centre how we are going about this. Years ago, 15 years ago $7,000 was allocated and I believe through some sort of suspension of the rules, given the budget that it was going through…past council, but they didn't spend it. So they are re-requesting the funds, however, to do so, we are…it was recommended by Clerks that this is the process we take. It's a legitimate process. It looks cumbersome and to the ECRC looks scary. It looked like we are taking their money way. And thus, the wording of the process was...caused them some concern. Nonetheless, we agreed with the recommendation of Clerks at the community committee level that we rescinded this and then we would reallocate. Of course, Madam Speaker, I have to deal with the issue of inflation. This will be coming out of the budget from the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward and so from 7,000, you know, geez, at least my intention would be to replenish with at least 10,000, something like that, and when we get to the next phase, try and figure that out then and hopefully again with the understanding of the standing committee and council because I believe as it did 15 years ago, it takes some suspension of the rules for this to be reapproved. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, and I want to thank Councillor Schreyer for his comments and I guess he wanted to put some comments on the record for the folks at the…to give them comfort at the Elmwood Community Resource Centre that he's going to be providing a future grant to them. That's good to hear that. And with Council's approval, of course, so be for you to call the question.

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

Item 3 – Amendment to the Funding Sources of the 2015 East Elmwood Leisure Centre Amenities and Equipment Capital Project Budget

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Okay, yeah. There's…I see that there is a motion here. So basically what this is, Madam Speaker, is it's a good news. We've got the…the City has been awarded a grant from the Canada 150 and what that does, it provides a savings to our budget this year of I believe $127,200 and it doesn't change the amount, it doesn't change the project. The project's going to go ahead. I believe that the dollars have to be sent by December of this year.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer, on to you so you can introduce item…Motion 9 here that goes with this item.

Motion No. 9
Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

THAT Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, dated April 10, 2017, be referred back to the Standing Committee with instruction to:

1. Review the budgetary allocations made to the East Elmwood Community Centre in the creation of the new facility and subsequent budgetary allocations, with special reference to the increased cost of the resinous beams.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, I am moving that this be referred back to standing committee with instruction. And that is so that there is an understanding of the budgetary allocations that have been taking place at East Elmwood since…including its creation of the new community centre and sort of things we have had to deal with since before this term but including what has transpired…during this term, including near the beginning of this term. Madam Speaker, it's a lovely community centre. It's not the largest of community centres, but it's a lovely community centre. And the original one, East Elmwood Community Centre, on Kent Road burnt down and this is why we had to build a new one. The City came through its part to put in funds for this. Now, not faulting the previous term of City Council on this but to be clear, because it was itemized very specifically, the City certainly did its part in conjunction with the insurance funds that came through. Yes, the City matched the Province. But if you consider the insurance money is being separate so I'm not sure if we are in a position to sort of, allocate the insurance money in another way. I think the intention was always for it to go towards a community centre. If we can set it at a separate sort of entity of source, then it was the Province that put in the most…my...the point I am making, Madam Speaker, is the City did…did good again by making East Elmwood whole. But you know, the creation of a new community club is expensive. What made it all the more expensive Madam Speaker in terms of cost overrun delays which create cost under themselves is if you'd look at the motion to review budgetary allocations with special reference to the increased cost of the residents being. Madam Speaker, in my first year and it wasn't meant to be my first year, it was meant to have been completed but we had a

notable delay which created its own costs because of the…what was put into question was the structural integrity of the building because of this new type of resin, this beam that was being used throughout much of the building. The producer of this product was not taking responsibility…did not wish to take responsibility for the fact that the beams were cracking and which delayed everything. And the contractor which…who bought the beams and was storing the beams was saying it was not their fault that the beams were cracking which created all sorts of...not only delays, which onto itself creates cost overruns, but that they had to bring in a structural engineering specialist from British Columbia, I think either from Simon Fraser or UBC to take a look at this. That unto itself was cost to the City. Now, in the end, my understanding is that neither company, the producer…neither the producer nor the contractor ultimately took any financial responsibility for the costs incurred from the cracks in the beams. The delays or the bringing in the structural engineer who, in the final analysis and we are talking a long time, finally said that it was stable. These beams are very large, Madam Speaker, and they were built larger than they had to. So despite the cracks…consistent cracks throughout the beams, they were able to go ahead nonetheless. (Inaudible) sort of, started off from behind and I don't…it's not obvious to me, Madam Speaker at all that all these things that I was made privy to, oh privy only because I went there and I took my tours and I dealt with…dealt…you know, I had my briefings from the construction company from people that were working at the community centre as well as from the previous Director of Community Services, Clive Wightman, and he told me, and you know, part of the problems and how the City was going to have to absorb these costs and on that basis, Madam Speaker, it seems to me that the City's sort of absorbed costs that we didn't have to but that was the administration's decision I wasn't asked to vote on this, it wasn't something that came to me as a member of the community committee nor as a member of the Standing Committee for Parks and Community Services when I was on the standing committee for two years. And on that basis Madam Speaker, I wish to hold off on this because there are issues which I think the members of the standing committee should consider. And I'm going to say reconsider because I don't think they brought it to consideration, Madam Speaker, should consider before a claw back from East Elmwood. This motion would take money away from East Elmwood merely replacing it with the Canada 150 grant. That's all very well that this money is there and it's good for the City that we received this money but to take money out given what we have had to go through and the cost overruns we've had at East Elmwood, I don't think this is prudent. Madam Speaker, I will do what I have to do, Madam Speaker, to explain my position, Madam Speaker, but I think my motion could help avoid any unnecessary further communication on cost overruns and the problems we've had at East Elmwood and I would like to deal with that the best way I can with the standing committee and with Council before it goes any further. And I do appreciate Councillor Pagtakhan's involvement in this and with his enthusiasm for with which we have this Canada 150 grant that we have to spend by the end of the year. I am not trying to you know make this a court case although it could have gone to court because of the issue of the responsibility for the residents beings. It didn't. The City ate that money is my understanding, so be it Madam Speaker. But I am not sure to what extent the residents of East Elmwood should be eating that directly when it really was the responsibility of the contractor and the producer to deal with this basically independently of the City and that's why I wish to bring these to light with the administration and we can review in fact what's going on in East Elmwood regarding taking money out of what was just put in last month. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the referral motion? Councillor Pagtakhan. I think we need to vote on the referral then, is that right? So no other speakers on the referral? You can speak to the referral, yes. Go ahead.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate where Councillor Schreyer is coming from and I didn't quite understand the motion but now I understand what he is talking about. He mentioned words like deficiencies and you know, there was an issue with the residence beams cracking. This is probably more of a materials management issue, Madam Speaker, in terms of maybe there's warranties or deficiencies that could be taken up by the City of Winnipeg on this. With respect to this referral, Madam Speaker, I believe this…this shouldn't have to stop the work that's already happening with respect to the work that's anticipated to be completed before the end of the year on this project. It specifically states, and the residence beams aren't part of this scope of work but the project's identified for approval, Madam Speaker, as part of the Canada 150 include the installation of a security and camera system, an outdoor rink asphalting and lighting, sports flooring, dividing curtain and four basketball back stops in the gym and the addition of a storage garage for equipment. So the residence beams, Madam Speaker, isn't really a part of this work but what I could do is I could undertake to talk to the department in terms of Councillor Schreyer's concerns. So at the end of the day, I'm not really in support of the referral Madam Speaker, because the work's occurring and I'm sure that's being tendered, we don't want to stop that work from happening. We do have a deadline with respect to the Canada 150 grants. This is helping us in terms of the City's financial bottom line. I don't want to jeopardize that funding. At the end of the day I could probably get this information for Councillor Schreyer within the next 30 days.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question now on the referral Motion No. 9. All in favour? Contrary? Okay, it's hard to tell so we'll have a recorded vote. All in favour of the referral motion, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 4, Nays 12.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so Motion 9 is defeated. On to the main item now, do we go back to the speaker's list Mr. Clerk or call the question now I think? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I would like to speak to the report.

Madam Speaker: Right.

Councillor Eadie: Of course I voted to move this along actually at our Protection, Community Services and Parks meeting, Madam Speaker. One of the interesting things I have...and I understand there is a need to change this…the budget provisions within here in order to move ahead and get the tendering done and I can understand that all these things need to get done Madam Speaker, but what wasn't clear to me and maybe in closing Councillor Pagtakhan can explain on the report, but for me, this is receiving Canada 150 money and so it's bringing in some capital dollars to do a number of things around an excellent facility that needs this additional work done Madam Speaker, but what I am interested in and concerned about is the concept of…so we have federal capital dollars coming in, are we taking cash to capital dollars out of the City of Winnipeg that the City of Winnipeg would have spent otherwise and is that then becoming part of the capital that we are looking for of the three whatever million we are going to be voting on, I hear, next month? So to me, it's not clear as to whether or not there is cash to capital money that we are saving now because the feds are in on this or are we going to…are we adding more money to make sure that whatever we're building for this community centre will be the top of the line, best product and installation that we can get, Madam Speaker? That's what I'd like to know so I am supportive of this especially…but if we're taking money away that we would have otherwise spent on this facility which Council over the years has supported the replacement and continual improvement. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I tried to go about this another way which would have involved, you know, better communication with the Administration in terms of what's gone on at East Elmwood Community Centre in the last well, almost half a dozen years since the fire that morning when I was driving down Nairn on my way to work. So there is a lot involved. I know we can say this is just about a certain project but where else in this city are we taking money out of a program and replacing it with Canada 150? I wouldn't do that at Valley Gardens, we're not doing that at Valley Gardens, thank goodness. In this case, that's what this moves and I…now that I've brought this forward, I bring this to light, I ask that Council not vote in favour of a replacement with the Canada 150 grant unless someone can show me that's what we are doing across the city when we get Canada 150 grants we replace that money with previously allocated money. So I ask the question, Madam Speaker, which we will answer with our vote. Where are we replacing previously allocated funding with Canada 150 money? I would be sensitive to that, whoever brings it up. In this case, given East Elmwood, given what happened here, given that it burnt down, we have to build a new one, the problems with that, the cost overruns, the time delays and given what happened with the residence…the residence beams, I'm just trying to make this easy on the process here at Council. I don't have a problem personally with sort of you know, showing how I am standing up for East Elmwood because you know, Council voted to take money out because there's Canada 150 money anyway. I mean, it's not a very strong argument for Council because I don't know where else that's happening. I don't mind doing that. I don't mind fighting City Hall. In pamphlets in East Elmwood…why are they doing this to us when they're not doing it anywhere else? I am just trying to make it easy on the process so at least we all understand it by having sent this back to standing committee, so there'd be a better understanding of what's going on. Without that, I can't support substituting a Canada 150 grant with previously allocated money. It's called cost savings. Okay, where else is it happening? And if I have to show this is the only place it's happening or it's happening in another place, well, what am I supposed to do? Let's face it, Madam Speaker, that's the logical chronology of things. It's inevitable. So that's where we are at. East Elmwood is given a specific consideration here whereby the Canada 150 grant money replaces previously allocated money. Well, Madam Speaker, there are places where that could happen including in my ward. I would justify had the Valley Gardens board of directors not voted in favour of putting the $100,000 back towards the splash pad after we received the

$250,000 for the Canada 150, I would have backed them if they did not want to put the $100,000 back into the splash pad. Absolutely would have backed them. I would not have done that without the support of the board. But they didn't because of time delays there is construction inflation and things cost more. So when you are talking about a $700,000 splash pad, well, if you've got a three year delay, guess what, the same splash pad now costs 80,000, five percent construction inflation, that's $35,00 a year, $105,000 Madam Speaker, so you are in the realm of 5 percent plus or minus, there you go. Well, Madam Speaker, we didn't do it at Valley Gardens, I don't know where else we did it, I'm not sure if anyone can mention where else. All I can mention is a place that I'm aware of that we didn't do that with our Canada 150 money so it's really...I don't know what to say at this point. Of course in fairness to the explanation, as to why we might move this and make East Elmwood an exception after it burnt down five years ago, with the delays involved and the residence beams and the fact that the City didn't want...chose not to force the private companies involved to take financial responsibility for the mistake made, well, I'm not sure why the East Elmwood Community Centre specifically is the one that should financially suffer for that. We got this $127,000 for…from Canada 150. I think it's great for a new community club that we had to build. We didn't really have much of a choice because the other one burnt down and I don't think this is in keeping with what the City is doing or the intent of Canada 150 grants. And also, given what's happened at East Elmwood over the last number of years, including what I have been privy to since I got elected. But Madam Speaker, I mean, we've got to make our decisions. I understand it was done with the spirit of cost savings, that's great. I always feel...you know, I am not very pushy as a city councillor and I have been criticized for that because East Elmwood sort of…if the City is being treated well, if we're doing…if the City is being treated fairly so are the residents of Elmwood and East Kildonan. Councillor Mayes said that my speech last month when we got the 150…when we got the Canada 150 grant, he said I made a rather defensive speech because I didn't go rah-rah rah…I don't because I just feel we can justify it because we are being treated fairly. And that's all I ask for, is a process that's accountable and fair. And I don't think I ask for more than that, I really don't. And I don't think the people of Elmwood and East Kildonan expect more than that, but they expect to be treated fairly, Madam Speaker. And I think in this case for East Elmwood Community Centre to be made an exception whereby the Canada 150 money when it comes in, we take money out, I think that's an exception Madam Speaker. Again, given what East Elmwood had to go through over the last number of years I don't think this is in the spirit of the intent of the Federal Government or given what the City's decided to do in recent years regarding the costs...cost overruns because of the residence beam…the residence beams. So I would like to leave it at that and whatever decision we make, I will continue to show due diligence on this issue. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: I am still not sure I am getting this. All I will say is this, if Councillor Schreyer's point is we put aside some money, then some federal money came in and then now instead of the money staying in my ward, it's reverting back to the centre. I mean, I know if Vandal were to…MP Vandal were to now say, I've got some money for Dakota field project, and now the money that you fought for will revert to the centre, then you'd hear a defensive speech and it would be from me saying, well wait a minute, I got all that…I fought for all this money for my ward. I have to be honest, I'm still not sure I am getting all of this. All I can say is, I am happy to vote today, I'm happy to sit down with Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Pagtakhan afterwards. I see if that's your point, I certainly have some sympathy. I don't know the complexities of it, it's getting later in the meeting here but I don't think anyone's trying to...certainly I am not trying to finesse money that you fought for, for your ward and then to have it revert to the centre somehow. And maybe I am misreading this, but anyway, I am happy to vote today if that means coming back to this at some point. I don't want to prolong this but I think...I think I see Councillor Schreyer's point.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the comments on this. Nearly two years ago the Community Services Department, Madam Speaker, in looking at the history within the report applied on behalf of the East Elmwood Community Centre to the Canada 150 and wanted to see great things happen there and was advocating on behalf of the centre and at the same time it seems to me that, Madam Speaker, that, you know, a budget allocation was also allocated towards this project. And now we have some good news from the Canada 150, it's in the financial impact statement, Madam Speaker, which I will read, it just says here, "The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will provide $127,200.00 funding to the East Elmwood Leisure Centre Amenities and Equipment Project." Basically what that does, it provides a resulting corresponding operating budget savings within 2017. It's pretty clear. It's a good project. At the end of the day, some great initiatives and great capital works are going to happen at this centre which suffered a fire and I'm sure Councillor Schreyer will be there on the opening day.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. With that, I will call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Pagtakhan on the next report dated April 18th, 2017.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED APRIL 18, 2017**

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to move the…introduce the report of April 18th and move Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Oh sorry, 1 and 2. I'm sorry.

Item 1 – New Fire Prevention By-law

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan, if you would like to introduce just Item 1, they've both been pulled.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. This is an initiative of the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services. I want to thank our Fire Prevention Director, Ms. Janet Bier, for the work that she has done in terms of championing this. The Fire Prevention By-law has not seen improvements over the last number of years and so in order to keep up with the changing times within our society and our city, a comprehensive set of changes were made, Madam Speaker, and this is the result of that. I think there's some really good things in terms of creating public safety, awareness, and with regards to rooming houses, with food trucks and safety and a reaction to, you know, an accident that happened in Philadelphia in 2014 that caused some public harm. So this is really a response to the changing needs of society and to make sure that we have a safe and effective Fire Prevention By-law.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This was stood down by…was it yourself, Councillor Eadie? Councillor Eadie, Item 1 or 2 for you? Councillor Wyatt? Okay, okay…who would like to speak first? Councillor Eadie, Item 1.

Councillor Orlikow: No one stood it down, I don't think.

Councillor Wyatt: I stood it down.

Councillor Orlikow: Oh, you did. I'm sorry.

Madam Speaker: Then go ahead, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: No, I don't want to…I don't want to…I just wanted to stand it down.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, so I would like to speak to the new Fire Prevention By-law. Primarily what I want to do is, I just really want to acknowledge the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services Chief Lane, who has been so helpful, Inspector Janet Bier and her team, I want to thank Councillor Eadie and Mr. Sel Burrows who I participated in on our motion with. I really want to thank the residents of Fort Richmond and University Heights who have been working diligently to help improve the safety in their community for students living in an unfortunate situation of rooming houses that we have out there. And I really want to thank the Manitoba Chinese Community Centre and the Manitoba Chinese Tribune. They've been amazing helping communicate fire safety to a lot of the new Canadians and students who attend the University of Manitoba and I would really...this is just a really good motion. It's a really good change to the by-law. It puts more teeth in it. I am hosting a landlord information night coming up. I'm not sure who will show up, but we will be talking about the fire by-laws at it. And I also want to thank the University of Manitoba Student Union, Tanjit, and the Graduate Student Union who has also been helping work on this and communicate the message out. I know the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service is going to be working with them closely to help communicate fire safety. It's just a very positive step forward and a lot of people have put a lot of work into this and I'm very grateful. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I, of course, am in support and I acknowledge along with Councillor Lukes that this is going to be a good by-law. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to, you know, when you make changes to by-laws and things happen…and I know that we're going to be educating people, Madam Speaker. And you know, we have now made it once we pass this by-law, these floating lanterns that are basically a real serious fire hazard and you have no control how far they're going to drift away and whether they're going to cause a fire or any of that kind of problem, Madam Speaker. So it's really important that the public…and we have a number of people who are watching this

meeting, but it's really…we really need to be clear though so that people understand that these things carry fire and can cause fires. So we are actually banning them from being used anywhere within the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. And I noted that on Facebook there was a ceremony, I think it happened actually this week or over the weekend and we just want to make sure…and I think the ceremony was a very important one, and one that we have, but we now need to ensure that people understand that these floating lanterns that will float and have fire in order to make them bright and they float away, that they're not legal anymore in the city, Madam Speaker. So I just wanted to stand up and just make sure that that's clear and hopefully the message goes across to everybody that it is about people's safety when it comes to fire. And the overall by-law change is good for everybody to make sure people are safe. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan to close, Item 1.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to just cite from the report and put some remarks on the record. Basically with regards to this new Fire Prevention By-law, Madam Speaker, the additions of the new by-law are intended to increase public and community safety through additional required inspections by ensuring that service personnel contracted by building owners have the qualifications necessary to complete the work on fire protection systems and by increasing the regulatory impact for homeowners who choose to convert their houses into illegal rooming houses. Also the new by-law is also intended to increase public safety, Madam Speaker, by ensuring that mobile food service units maintain their fuel systems and fire suppression systems in conformance with fire protection standards and propane storage and handling requirements. And finally, it is also intended that the new by-law will improve public safety by imposing permit requirements for flame effects and by prohibiting the use of sky lanterns within the City of Winnipeg. I want to thank my council colleagues for their comments and you could call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item No. 1? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Grant Agreement with the City of Winnipeg, CN, Communities in Bloom and Tree Canada for CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up Program 2017

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, I would be happy to introduce it. This is a great program, Madam Speaker, a grant to the City of Winnipeg for up to $25,000.00. And basically what this is, it's a grant from CN. So CN has a heavy presence within the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, and they're providing these dollars to help plant native trees that are native to Manitoba and to Canada within the City of Winnipeg. So a really good program and we're going to be, you know, putting trees across our city that are…sort of have native genus to the City and to Manitoba.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, do you wish to speak? No. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, now move into by-laws, Councillor Pagtakhan on the first reading.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that By-law No. 35/2017 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 35/2017.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that No. 35…By-law No. 35/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 35/2017.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 35/2017 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for this committee. Any questions for our Chair, Councillor Pagtakhan? Councillor Wyatt.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. Madam Speaker I rise, unfortunately, about two weeks ago or so, there was a fire. The play structure, the main large play structure in one of our regional parks, Kilcona Park, burnt down. I've heard from residents who are concerned about the fact that this took place, and they lost, you know, basically the entire play structure because of the fire. It's been estimated so far, we don't know an estimate of the cost of replacement and we should be replacing with like kind of quality. The department has estimated, so far, risk management confirmed that they're willing to pay up to $250,000 for a new play structure but the actual costs of replacement of the play structure will not be known until the estimates are complete, and there's no…at this point, we don't have any idea of when that will happen or when a construction timeline will be established for the play structure to be replaced. Would the Chair be prepared that, until we know these answers, that the item be placed on his standing committee agenda and that the Standing Committee be briefed on this monthly until we sort out these issues in terms of this play structure, given that this is one of our…this is not just a play structure but it's the main play structure in all of Northeast Winnipeg's main regional park, being Kilcona Park.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Really sorry to hear about the play structure at Kilcona Park, and absolutely, I'd be happy to meet with Councillor Wyatt to…on this and meet with staff to get more information. Certainly, we could always ask staff at the Standing Committee.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do appreciate the fact that Councillor…oh, I'm not allowed a preamble, am I. Am I? Councillor Pagtakhan does want to get the show on the road in getting things done at East Elmwood Community Centre including regarding the use of the Canada 150 grant which does have a date limit to it, and I do appreciate that. Having said that, there are issues that I believe are pertinent to how the budgeting has been taking place at East Elmwood, including…especially since I was elected, so I do ask the Chair, Councillor Pagtakhan, if he is willing to work with me to get a comprehensive…I mean it shouldn't be that difficult, just a line by line, the costs associated with East Elmwood Community Centre, the costs associated with the cost-overruns regarding the resinous beams including the hiring of the engineer and the issue regarding responsibility for the cracks in the resinous beams, if he'd be willing to work with me on getting a report on that. I'm not sure how many departments end up being involved, but sort of in the spirit I'd have to show due diligence, so that I have something to work with to explain this to the residents of East Elmwood.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and yes, I think I previously agreed to look into that matter for Councillor Schreyer and would be happy to work with him to do that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Okay, next is Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair, just following up on what Councillor Wyatt was asking, some comments. Obviously, the residents of Northeast Winnipeg and North Kildonan Ward are terribly disappointed and upset with the loss of the most major play structure in the whole quadrant of the city. I appreciate Councillor Wyatt and staff that have taken the initiative to remove the unsafe charred structure as well as start planning to get this up in an expedient fashion. I believe they will do so. My question though, and one that I'm getting from residents is, right now there are three twelve-year olds and one thirteen-year old that has been charged with starting the fire. If they are found to be guilty, will the City pursue restoration or getting restitution from the residents, or the parents of the children that are charged if they are found guilty?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'll take the question under advisement and certainly look into the matter.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. After a long one-and-a-half year wait, the Standing Committee finally received a report on the status of playgrounds and parks per ward throughout the city, however, what the Committee requested was not followed by the Public Service, namely, we requested the name, location and size of the park, we then secondly asked for the amenities in the parks, broken down by parks, by ward. We then asked for the condition of the park, each park themselves rated by poor, fair, good and excellent, and finally Class 5 estimate, high level estimate of each cost to renew each park. The Administration in the Committee actually admitted that they only fulfilled Item 1 out of the 4 very clear requests made by the Standing Committee a year-and-a-half ago. Could the Councillor commit, that the Public Service will start to follow the direction given by the Standing Committee, by the Committee, democratically elected and on that committee. The very reason the Committee was created I thought was to start to address the issue of parks and playgrounds rather than to evade the fact that they don't want unnecessarily say on paper that this park or this playground is poor or that one is poor, so that people can go out and see how poor they are.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, yes, we received the report on the park assets at our last Standing Policy Committee meeting of April 18th, and Madam Speaker, it included the park, the park name, the location, the amenities, it talked about the trees, it talked about, you know, the type of equipment that were there and even rated those equipments, Madam Speaker, so, it was pretty comprehensive. Could the report include more information? That's always the case, Madam Speaker, but we're going to be undertaking a fairly comprehensive review of our park amenities and our parks, our regional parks and recreation amenities within the City of Winnipeg. That review is going to be taking place this year, and you know, more information will come out as a result of that review.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Wyatt: The report ironically actually stated overall per ward…a percentage of each of the percentage of parks in good condition, fair condition, poor condition. Therefore, the Administration knew…

Madam Speaker: Your question.

Councillor Wyatt: …which ones were in poor and fair. Why did they refuse to give that breakdown when they knew the overall breakdown per park and playground, because they can give you the totals per ward, but not the breakdown, and the only way you can get the breakdown of the total is to know the breakdown? Why did they refuse to supply that, Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Looking at the report, Madam Speaker and, you know, they are quite specific. They talk…I'm just going to cite the number of trees by species. They talk about the Trembling Aspen, they talk about the Burrow, the Green Ash, Colorado Blue Spruce. It's pretty succinct. It talks about the number of trees, Madam Speaker. I'm just…so in a nutshell Madam Speaker, the report was very robust, it was very comprehensive, and it was a good starting point, and we can certainly endeavor, we can certainly endeavor to provide more information to Councillors. At the end of the day Madam Speaker, what's important to note here is that every Councillor has an opportunity to work with the staff anytime, on a yearly basis. I know I've been doing that for the last number of years meeting with Parks Planning staff and looking at the rating conditions of the parks within the Point Douglas neighbourhood. I know many of my colleagues do that as well, Madam Speaker, and we each get a handle in terms of, sort of the condition index of each of our parks and the amenities and staff are very forthright in saying, well, here's what we can do. Here's the money you have from the Park Recreation Enhancement Program, and where would you like to spend it. So that takes place as a matter of course here, Madam Speaker, and that, coupled with this, I think provides a good amount of information.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Is the Councillor aware that the reason why that's so crucial to know which ones are poor and which ones are not poor is for the very fact that we have a limited amount of funds to spend every year on renewal of parks, and therefore the indication of which ones are poor and which ones are not poor was absolutely crucial, rather than have the report go through the CAO's office, the Mayor's Office, and get completely politically cut, so is he aware that that information is absolutely crucial for us to be making decisions on which parks should be renewed and which ones shouldn't be with the limited funds that we actually have.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Well, Madam Speaker, this report does indicate that overall we have a number of our parks that are fairly good condition, good or fair condition, and there's a number of parks as well that need a lot of help, so we can see a trend analysis from the information, the histographics and the pictographics that are presented in the Park Assets report Madam Speaker, and we can certainly have those discussions in terms of where our investments are going to take place in the coming years.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie. You have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just along the same line. Of course I was a part of the discussion or the debate about the report, and a huge report. Technically, we should have let us examine it, but Madam Speaker, my question really is, our Administration presented and did admit that some of the stuff wasn't there. They explained that it was hard to fit a huge database information and maybe it's all the appendices report is laid out. The summaries were there, but Madam Speaker, that was a report on the status of our assets supposedly at the end of 2015, and we're into 2016 and this is hoped to be an annual report Madam Speaker, similar to the annual report, condition report we get of streets and street assets which are less complex. I would agree with the Administration on that Madam Speaker, however, so my question really is, will the Chairperson ensure that improvements that were discussed at the Committee are made to this report when we receive our 2016 status report, whenever that is going to be, but hopefully it's timely enough that we'll be able to utilize it to look at making decisions, and yes we do have those…utilize in time to make decisions in the spending of the 2018 funds that may be at the discretion of Councillors in terms of investment and improving parks.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Yes, I'll take it under advisement.

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

Councillor Mayes: Just looking through the report. I don't see it. It may have been included but I don't think it is. Could we get perhaps a supplementary report or in the future? There are of course the five parks that are not in anyone's ward. They are the gang of five. There's La Barrière, there's Little Mountain North Perimeter, I want to say Headingly, Bloomberg and…not Bloomberg golf but Bloomberg the park I believe, and La Salle riverbank. I don't think those are included. Could we get some information on those? I know, we'll say something positive about you, Madam Speaker. You haven't said anything in eight hours, so did some very good work getting some funding for Little Mountain Park for the building there. I know Councillor Lukes and I went back to La Barrière and got some money for the park building there, but those may have deficiencies. They probably do because there's never been a councillor looking out for them frankly, so if we can get some sort of update on the gang of five that aren't in anyone's ward.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much to Councillor Mayes for the question. I think that information is very crucial information. It's a good question. I believe that a lot of those answers to those questions will be born out I believe through the review of the regional parks plan.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Okay, any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, Councillor Gilroy, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

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 5:04 p.m.