COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, May 24, 2017

The Council met at 9:39 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 Gilroy.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: We have two pages with us that have been serving throughout the year. Please join me in again welcoming to the Chamber, Quiana Kumar from River East Collegiate who resides in the North Kildonan Ward and Marianna Pozdirca from Miles Macdonell Collegiate. She resides in the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward. Thank you for joining us today and for your services this year. Mr. Mayor, you now have the floor for your morning announcements

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker and good morning to everybody that's here on the floor of Council, those that are in the gallery and watching online. Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity over the last month to tour three of Winnipeg's great organizations who exemplify our city's leading innovation, technology and manufacturing environment. These organizations included Exchange Income Corporation, Magellan Aerospace and the Composites Innovation Centre. These companies, Madam Speaker, together with many, many others are helping showcase the depth and the strength of Winnipeg's business community. It was a pleasure to meet employees, staff and members of the senior leadership teams at those respective organizations to hear and to learn more about their businesses as well as their opportunities and challenges. I was also pleased earlier this month, Madam Speaker, to be joined by Premier Brian Pallister and to speak at the conference organized by the Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships. The City of Winnipeg, as members of Council will know, has proven itself as a national leader in getting value for money with P3 partnerships. We all know every good thing that happens in our city is a result of partnerships, every good thing. And infrastructure is the number one issue for citizens and it's the number one issue facing our city. The Southwest Rapid Transitway Project, as well all know, is a great example of P3 partnerships that saved over $120 million from the project estimate and has reduced the anticipated annual maintenance costs. And I'll continue working with the Province and the private sector to continue to build partnerships and find ways to deliver even greater value to taxpayers. Speaking of partnerships, I was pleased to once again meet with Premier Brian Pallister last week. I want to let Council know it was a very productive and a very positive meeting. I feel we continue to have a committed provincial partner willing to collaborate to find ways to be more efficient while also improving service for taxpayers. In this regard, we discussed the various ways to reduce red tape. At the City, we are trying to find innovative ways to improve procurement and it's important we also look at what opportunities might exist for the City and the Province to collaborate in a similar way so that the City is working to improve its procurement processes. And I look forward to sharing with the Province the results of my challenge, the business community, to find ways to reduce red tape here at the City to see if there are additional ways that the City and the Province can work together to reduce red tape together. We discussed the 2017 provincial budget and its implications for the City of Winnipeg. There are still some unanswered questions with respect to what impact the new basket funding model will have on the City's 2017 and 2018 budgets, what is positive, however, is the Premier committed to continuing working through these important details. We discussed economic development and the positive changes under way at Economic Development Winnipeg. As the province's economic engine, the City needs to work closely with the Province to support immigration, training and job creation. And finally, we discussed the federal cannabis legislation and anticipated increased costs to public safety investments. It was great to speak again, Madam Speaker, at the YMCA/YWCA Women of Distinction Awards. Winnipeg, as all members of this council will know, is home to an exceptional number of strong and intelligent leading women whose projects and accomplishments have made a positive difference in Winnipeg and have impacted our community for the better. I want to thank the YM/YWCA. for recognizing the amazing women in our community and for all the opportunities and support that the Y provides right here in our city of Winnipeg. Madam Speaker, I was very pleased earlier this month to present Ms Evelyn Hart, a strong and successful woman, with the key to the City. Ms Hart is a very special performer and without a doubt one of Canada's most treasured artists. Her pride, her dedication to her craft, and her love of dance have contributed significantly to Winnipeg's pride and Winnipeg's identity. As well, a big thank you to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, they rightfully hold the distinction of being Canada's premier ballet company and I'm thrilled to have here in Winnipeg, the

longest continuously operating ballet company in North America, Madam Speaker. Lastly, Winnipeg's first Neighbour Day is scheduled for this Saturday, May 27th. And I want to thank the many capital region mayors and reeves from our neighbouring captain region, municipalities who took time to help us launch Neighbour Day here in Winnipeg. As well, thank you to the councillors who were able to participate in that launch. As Winnipeg's municipal neighbours, I was pleased to see capital region mayors and reeves accept a very simple invitation to join us here in Winnipeg. It was a great demonstration of partnership and collaboration and by putting aside our politics, putting aside our differences, we were able to demonstrate how little measures like these can help us be better neighbours. As I said earlier, Winnipeg's first Neighbour Day will be on Saturday May 27th, this Saturday. It's my hope that the day will become an annual event that Winnipeggers can use to get together with...as neighbours and as friends and as a day we can get together as a city. Small neighbourly gestures like a barbecue, a block party, a neighbourhood clean-up or a picnic in the park can help strengthen relationships and help build a better, stronger city. So I encourage all Winnipeggers to use Neighbour Day as a day to show your neighbours, your community and your city some neighbourly love. Madam Speaker, May is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month and I would like to recognize Ms Barb Van Walleghem, Multiple Sclerosis Ambassador who is with us here today. MS is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 3,500 Manitobans. It's an unpredictable and costly disease directly and indirectly impacting the lives of thousands of Canadians and their families and there is no known cause or cure for multiple sclerosis. The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, founded in 1948, is the only voluntary organization in Canada that supports both research and services for people with multiple sclerosis and their families and at this time, I would like to invite Barb to please come forward. Thank you, merci and megwich

Madam Speaker: Good morning, Ms Van Welleghem. Welcome.

Barb Van Welleghem: Good morning. It's certainly a pleasure to be here today speaking to all of you. My name is Barb Van Walleghem. I am a wife, a mother, a teacher, a daughter, a sister, a friend and a person living with MS. My journey with MS has been one that too many Canadians experience. It is filled with so many emotions. MS is difficult to diagnosis because it presents itself in so many ways and my diagnosis came after multiple trips to the doctor, several hospital visits and two fairly severe relapses, although at the time I did not know that they were relapses. I was frustrated with my situation and finally, in the summer of 2011, I continued to make trips to the doctor because I just wasn't feeling right. I was losing my balance for no reason. I couldn't think straight. My eyesight was blurry and I was tired all the time. My doctor decided to schedule an MRI and it was the MRI that led to the diagnosis: multiple sclerosis. I have relapse remitting MS, which means that I experience times where the disease is active and my life can be severely affected to the point where I can't get out of bed or in a more minor way. One of the things that I find most difficult about this disease is that for me, MS is invisible. I'm sure that if I didn't tell you that I had MS that you would not know. However, being invisible doesn't mean that I don't experience some very difficult symptoms. Fatigue is a devastating symptom for me. It invades all areas of my life. In fact, I never feel well rested. I am always living under a cloud of exhaustion. Fatigue causes me to change my plans frequently or cancel commitments at the last time…at the last minute. And this can cause a ripple effect when the person on the other end doesn't understand why I may have to cancel. I feel I am constantly explaining my actions. My most recent loss because of fatigue came in my work place. I am a grade four teacher and I absolutely love teaching. Recently, I started working four days a week and I know that many people would love to work four days a week but for me, it was a loss. MS forced me to give up something that I truly love. My eyesight is another symptom which bothers me. For some days, it is great but other days, it is very blurry and I see spots and this causes me a great deal of worry. Numbness and tingling in my hands and burning in my lower legs and feet are a constant reminder that MS lives in me. My hands are weak and I drop things often and my legs bother me at night when I'm trying to get the sleep that I so desperately need. The constant burning and tingling reminds me that MS is real. MS has affected my family as well. When a person lives with a chronic disease like MS, it doesn't just affect the person who has it, it affects the whole family. My husband and daughter are very supportive but I do feel for them in so many ways. My husband is constantly picking up the slack for me and my daughter, who is 16, frequently has to miss activities or arrange rides because I am unable to attend. Canada has the highest rate of MS in the world with an estimated hundred thousand Canadians living with this disease. While it is most often diagnosed in young adults between the age of 15 and 40, younger children and older adults are also diagnosed. No one needs to face MS alone. The MS Society has been a huge support to me. The people working there are so caring and supportive. They are wonderful people who truly want to help those affected by MS. I have come to know that this isn't just a job for these people. They are passionate about providing services for people living with MS and in the search for a cure. I have met so many other people who have MS and together, we support each other and find comfort in knowing that our fight is not...in our fight we are not alone. The MS Society provides services to people and their families and also important research to find the cause and cure for this disease. These programs and services help people affected by multiple sclerosis to cope and manage with the disease. The following programs are available through the MS Society: information and referral, support and self-help groups, recreation and wellness, conferences, workshops and educational programs and financial assistance for those in need of equipment. I have participated in the MS Walk since my diagnosis and I have spent a great deal of time fundraising and promoting the walk. I believe that research is the key to finding a cure and research will make this happen soon. I will continue to participate in the MS Walk every year and hopefully the day will not come when I am too disabled not to

do so. A couple of weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending question period at the Manitoba legislature. All MLAs wore red carnations in support of those of us living with MS and a proclamation was signed to declare May 2017, MS Awareness Month. My name along with others from the MS Society was read out loud. We stood up in the gallery and to my surprise the MLAs all stood up and clapped for us. I was so humbled by this experience. After question period was over, we me with the honourable Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors, what an amazing afternoon. Being involved with the MS Society is very important to me because I feel like I'm doing my part to find a cure. None of us knows what the future holds for us, but I hope that in my future a cure will be found and one day I can say, I used to have MS, and now I am cured. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to raise awareness about MS and thank you for all that you do for this great city.

Madam Speaker: Ms Van Walleghem, thank you for your presence at Council today and for sharing your personal story

Barb Van Welleghem: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt on to you now for your morning announcement.

Councillor Wyatt: Good morning. It was just a quick couple of announcements. It was an honour yesterday on behalf of His Worship Mayor Bowman and all members of Council to…in the Transcona Centennial Square, along with his...with Tracy Bowman, to be there. She is a heck of a cheerleader and a speaker and a great ambassador for our city in terms of the work that she is doing and the entire organization for the Canada Summer Games. The announcement was to reach out to Winnipeggers to get involved with the Canada Summer Games. You know, we often say, well, you know, they should have done this or they should have done that. Well, you know what, we are the 'they'. And so the whole idea is we as Winnipeggers should get involved and let's not say 'they' this or 'they' that. It's on us to make the Canada Summer Games a great success and I encourage all Winnipeggers who can and have the ability to do so to volunteer, to get involved even in the smallest way which is to clean your yard, to prepare your community, to help out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. And that was yesterday. I would also like to make a note that many of us on Council here supported the upcoming build for the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter work project which is taking place this July, July 9th to July 14th. Here actually, in good Councillor Gillingham's ward of St. James. And it's the rare occasion where we have, actually, the former president himself, of the United States, Jimmy Carter and his wife, coming and participating on this build. It's really a remarkable thing because he was here in 1991, Madam Speaker and he spearheaded the build just north of here, just off of Dufferin which I participated back in 1991, had the honour of doing so, and now we have an opportunity to do it once again with him and it really is a blessing because just over a year ago he was diagnosed with brain cancer. He actually overcame the brain cancer and now he is actually participating in this build, you know, well over 90 years old. A remarkable individual who has done so much over the years since he has been president and I just got an e-mail this morning from Sandy Hopkins who said, you know, is there a way to kind of diplomatically…you know, give a kind of a quiet reminder to your fellow colleagues on Council that you are the only person, Councillor Wyatt, who has registered to do the build. So I thought this is my way of kind of quietly informing and encouraging all you fellow colleagues to get involved with the build, register…even if you can come for half a day, a day, register. It's a remarkable experience. It's something that, you know in 91, I still recall it. And it's a remarkable experience to be able to participate and to volunteer and to be in a project like that. So, please, if you can set aside some time, I know we are still busy July 9th-14th as a council. I know we are still very busy at that time but even a day or half a day would be great. And…and I want to thank all members of Council who supported this really worthy project with their community incentive grants. You know, we raised over a hundred thousand dollars which is tremendous towards a house to be constructed there so. And if anybody has had the opportunity, go to a dedication ceremony when you see a family take possession of their new home, it's something that you will never forget. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, just very briefly, Madam Speaker. Building on what Councillor Wyatt's saying about people getting involved in their community, in my capacity as Liaison for Youth Opportunities, outside of meetings, the Prime Minister's Youth Council has one Manitoba representative. A remarkable young guy named Joseph Darcel who has been organizing these meetings with various youth groups. I was invited. I got to go and speak about the Youth United of Winnipeg Program that we launched on April 24th which is the ten kids from the suburbs, ten from the inner-city working together in the inner-city and studying the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. But when I was there, there was a young woman who was kind of running the show and it turned out to be Marianna Pozdirca, one of our clerks. So I just thought that was great to see her out involved in the community. I think her age combined with Darcel's is still less than mine. So I thought that was actually pretty remarkable, these two young people out there, being involved in their community, doing something for youth in the community. So I wanted to thank…I'm not sure if our page will be back with us at future council meetings, but I just wanted to highlight that our pages are out there active in the community as well. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

MINUTES

Councillor Gillingham moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on April 26th, 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now move into delegations. First, we'll be hearing from Mr. Garth Steek in support of the notice of motion regarding agenda postings. Following that, Ms Donna Dagg, if I could ask you to come down as well at this time. Ms Kristen Lamontagne, if you could come down and Ms Karen and Lance Kihn. Good morning.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, good morning.

Madam Speaker: Yes. There are ten minutes on the clock. You can begin your presentation.

Garth Steek: Mr. Mayor, Madam Speaker, members of Council, Mr. McNeil, I have always had great respect for people that in the face of exceptional adversity and overwhelming odds have the courage of their convictions to take a stand. I am here to say that I support the motion from Councillor Lukes and Councillor Wyatt without reservation. I think it is troubling, though, as to why we are at this particular juncture that a motion of this nature has to even be coming forward. I think the answer is twofold and I am going to be direct and unambiguous. I believe there is overwhelming evidence to support the fact that over the term of this council, the administration has been at best, condescending and arrogant, at worst, incompetent. I would also suggest that the current governance model has effectively strangled the opportunity for other members of Council to get pertinent information. Throughout the course of the last campaign, Mr. Mayor, we heard repetitively about openness, transparency and accountability, OTA. You know, in view of what's transpired here over the better part of three years that sounds like a defunct southern railway.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek, I want to remind you that any comments will come through the Chair.

Garth Steek: I apologise Madam Speaker, and certainly will direct them through you. 1955, there was a Seminal Moment in the American civil rights movement. Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to give her seat to a white man, which was the accepted custom in the southern states at that time. There is a strange analogy here because if you take a look at City Council today, Madam Speaker, it's a small bus with 16 seats and one driver. And depending on the day or depending on the event, the bus is either driven by Mr. McNeil or by Mr. Bowman. Rosa Parks was in a desperate situation and I think the fascinating analogy here is that frankly, so are those members of Council who are not members of Executive Policy Committee. You see, one of the things I can tell you with certainty is on those 16 seats, the front eight seats go to the Executive Policy Committee and they have the security of reports and the opportunity to meet with the administration on a regular basis. The rest of Council rides in the back of the bus. And if they get lucky, they get some air and some vision but they don't get information. That's profoundly wrong. Because that means that better than half the representatives of this city don't have the opportunity to fully represent their constituents. It's wrong, profoundly wrong. Now, the fascinating thing is that with Rosa Parks, there is a distinction. Ms Parks did not have real freedom. She drank from a coloured water fountain. She watched movies from a coloured balcony but I can tell you with total certainty that there was a time when the members of this council had access to information freely. During the period of time I was on Council between 95 and 03, I was removed from Executive Policy Committee on at least ten occasions. But you know the amazing thing about it was? We had moved from the Board of Commissioner's model to the CAO model and as a result, the CAO was Gail Stevens and the Chief Financial Officer was Bob Gannon and I can tell you with certainty that whether I was on EPC or not, when I phoned the CAO, the conversation was standard. It was good morning, Garth, how can we help you and we heard the information the same day. With Bob Gannon, it was a little more terse, he usually said something like, how did I screw up but what can we do to fix it. But we had no problem in getting information. Today, that's simply not the case. I think that the notice of motion here today is a searing indictment of what is wrong in this city council. Now I am not advocating civil disobedience, but Mr. Mayor, what would happen here if the citizens of Winnipeg, people like me, there are not just hundreds, there are thousands of us that are fed up with what is transpiring. What if we said, you know what, we are not paying our taxes, we're going to hold it back. Councillor Morantz is going to say you know what, we know it would take three to four years to regain possession of your homes and I'll bet you after one year, without the appropriate cash flow, surprisingly enough, these members of Council would suddenly

start to get the information they want or maybe there is a more direct route. Council has a quorum of nine. Maybe six councillors plus you Madam Speaker, plus what other person will stand up and say until we start getting appropriate information, we won't have a quorum. I said that there was overwhelming evidence to support what I had stated about the administration. When the police station went off the tracks by $80 million and the media requested that there be information, guess what happened? The administration said no dice. It only came forward because of an application of the ombudsman. How about the $20 million that we paid for the Hydro right-of-way and the administration seemed to have problems in remembering that there was a deal for $20 million and it was a real deal for us. How about the fact that recently we incurred an additional half million dollar cost on the purchase of the land relative to Waverley? That just seemed to have been forgotten. I noticed the media comments that both the CAO and the Mayor said, you know, they were deeply concerned by what transpired there. There is a lack of information, not just there. Last June, the buses didn't run and everybody said you know what we didn't know. How can the administration not be giving you this kind of information? You are in court over the new home tax but nobody here read the legal opinion. Nobody here saw the historic data. It's that deficiency in information that leaves you naked. Don't you have a responsibility to be well informed not just on EPC but through Council as a whole? The Mayor talked about partnerships and innovation in his opening commentary. Well, surely the other members of Council should be as part and parcel of this partnership. How about Councillor Lukes, she gets a statement of claim dropped on her desk and is told to sign it. Now, I'm sure the law firm of Bowman, Morantz and Mayes wouldn't advocate signing a statement of claim that you don't know anything about. It seems to me that that statement of claim was quashed in court for want of action. Councillor Dobson asked for information so that he can stand up and advocate on behalf of our own civil servants, was told no dice. Since when did the CAO start making decisions about who gets information when? When you read this incredible notice of motion, the fact that you are not to have any contact with the directors. You create policy. The administration is supposed to implement it. How can you possibly have that happen when you don't have access to information? Now, when I look around here, Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Pagtakhan, you've all had the pleasure of not being on EPC and you know how difficult. In conclusion, let me say this, Madam Speaker. You are in a situation here where this is going to be a critical election issue. And I am not overstating that. It's time, quite simply, to push back against the condescension, the arrogance and the incompetence of the administration. It's time to start embracing the bright opportunity of hope that comes with clear, visionary, responsible thinking.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Steek. We will take any questions of the delegation through the Chair at this time. Are there any questions? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. You know, I heard a lot of your comments, I agree with many of your comments. One thing I would point out, I guess, or note would be that…and this is in the form of a question, Madam Speaker, that I think the vast majority of the public servants in the City of Winnipeg day in, day out work hard to do their job and respond as well as they can to the public and members of Council. But in terms of the issue that we have before us today, which is specifically the fact that a member of Council has been denied the ability to have a request for a meeting or meetings if and when she requires it prior to a regular standing committee meeting, that direction clearly from the CAO to her, that edict, if you like, was not done in a vacuum. Would you agree with that? That clearly he was acting under direction, that based on our system of governance, where the CAO is really the Mayor and the CAO is really the COO, that, this is really what's taking...that this CAO is acting either with direction or with implicit agreement, coming from the Mayor, on such an action.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Wyatt, it's reprehensible to think that the CAO would take an initiative like this on his own. I'll be interested in hearing it. There must be direction coming from somewhere. The question is, why would you want to preclude meetings on critical issues? Issues that are legacy issues. You know, it's the kind of situation you hear Councillor Browaty has been asking to get information on Portage and Main. It's a great idea to open it if you like that but why would we preclude him from getting that information or citizenry as a whole? Councillor Wyatt, here is the fascinating thing. If you take a look at the model that we currently employ…you know the Mayor regularly talks about Calgary. It's openness, transparency and accountability and he is absolutely right. It's recognized as being the benchmark of civic administration. In Calgary the Executive Policy Committee is elected by...elected by Council, not the Mayor. And they have a manager model and the manager reports to Council, not to the Mayor. That's the deficiency you have here. This governance model is flawed and this governance model is simply closing down half of this council.

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

Councillor Wyatt: You are aware that we have moved a motion for governance and governance review without specifying what the model would be but to call for a governance review that has not occurred in over 20 years yet that motion was referred off to the budget process so that it could be moved upon potentially prior to an election so to stymie

potentially the issue that you are saying. Do you believe that even if this acted upon then, without results before the next election will it still be an election issue here or will it not?

Garth Steek: Councillor Wyatt, I would be willing to put money on the fact that the Mayor and Executive Policy will do everything they can to stymie this as an initiative. You won't see it happen before the next election. So it's incumbent on you and your colleagues to turn this into an election issue. You know, I think that there is a misunderstanding out there, Mr. Mayor, or Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor, that the vast majority of citizens are a) indifferent or we are not bright enough to figure out what's going on here. Do I look like a guy who is indifferent?

Madam Speaker: Yes, third question.

Councillor Wyatt: Could you just remark…comment on the fact that a lot of the issues that you know we...I sense this is kind of a lost term because we are not dealing with real issues affecting Winnipeggers that are of concern...

Madam Speaker: Your question Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: My question is this; how much of that is tied to the fact that of a governance system where we are disenfranchised roughly 50 percent of council in decision making? The fact that we are not addressing the issues of the day that Winnipeggers want us to address.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker through you to Councillor Wyatt let me tell you how important the governance model is. I noticed that Councillor Orlikow is examining probably through a royal commission as to whether or not we are going to get rid of patio smoking. In the eight years that I was on this city council, the most important by-law that ever came through this place was the smoking by-law. It wasn't orchestrated by EPC. It was orchestrated by Councillor Lubosch. It took three years to grind that through because the Mayor and the Executive Policy Committee did everything humanly possible to stop it. That's why this thing is so critical. Let me give you one other small example that I think is important. You know that the Red River College is downtown, but what you may not remember is that in 1995, the Chair of the Property Committee moved a motion so there would be an RFP. He was thrown off of EPC because of the fact the Mayor said what's your authority? Well, the authority was clear-cut. But the bottom line was he said you will never ever get an RFP on it. You'll never get a response and he was right. Except that five minutes to close, there was one response and the response was the Province of Manitoba. And that $5 million investment in that campus came because of that initiative in questioning the mayor's authority. There is nothing wrong with having your authority questioned. The truth of the matter is, there is a brain trust here. You've got a myriad of intelligent people. You've got a myriad of people who have had previous experience on Executive Policy Committee but you are shoving them to the back of the bus. That's wrong, profoundly wrong.

Madam Speaker: Next speaker, Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. One of the great things about democracy of course is you can come and speak your mind and we can speak our minds in response. And I would just like to say, as preamble to my question, how offensive it is to hear a procedural squabble at the City of Winnipeg likened to the foundation of the human rights struggle in the United States, the civil rights movement, that Rosa Parks being invoked to draw an analogy to a squabble here at City Hall over some procedural issues. I really have to say I question the judgment that would go behind making that analogy at least. So just my question is, would you be prepared to withdraw those portions of your remarks?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek.

Garth Steek: Absolutely not. You must be kidding. You are taking away a freedom of access to information. You know what, Rosa Parks didn't have freedom to access to information but she got it and she has it today. If you think this is a withering denunciation of what's happening here, you are absolutely right. I didn't draw that analogy out of thin air. I believe it. You may disagree and you are absolutely right. That's one of the wonderful things about a democracy but at least you and I can have a conversation.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Steek…Mr. Steek, again, your comments will come through the Chair.

Mr. Steek: Appreciate that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll move on to our next speaker, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Councillor Steek, thank you very much for coming down. You have obviously observed and been part of City Hall for many years. Have you ever seen a situation like this prior in any council where, in the 96 hour

window when reports are released, that councillors who aren't on the Executive Policy Committee cannot meet with directors to ask questions and clarify and gather more information? Have you ever seen this happen before? Under any other mayor?

Garth Steek: Through you, Madam Speaker, of course not. The essence of this place is there are 16 seats on the bus. You are all elected to represent 75,000 constituents. This is not a party system. This is government by consensus. And so as a result, everybody should have the opportunity to speak on these critical issues. Doesn't mean I have to agree with you, but I will defend your right to be heard. The fact that you are not given information on these hugely concerning issues, you know what's going to happen, you spend $116,000 on the report that Councillor Browaty talks about, and you're going to see it the night before and they will ram and jam it through. Just the way they have on other things.

Madam Speaker: Are there any other speakers? I think you have answered the question, thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is my first term. I wasn't here last time. I know there is always squabbles here at City Hall, that's what we deal with. It's one term to use. But I feel sort of caught in the middle. One, because I don't have the context, the insightful context of what it was before this term but again, caught in the middle in the sense that as an example, two of the most senior members of this council, Councillor Gerbasi, the dean of this council, whom I respect and I believe I have expressed that in my two and a half years here. Councillor Wyatt whom I respect, whom I think it's obvious, whose insights I respect as well. Having said that, Madam Speaker, we see these squabbles take place here.

Madam Speaker: Do you have a question, Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker…

Madam Speaker: And the time is up for Question Period.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. Well, the issue is Councillor Gerbasi said that it wasn't the structure that matters, it was the personalities.

Madam Speaker: That concludes Question Period, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: That's the end of Question Period?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: So be it.

Councillor Wyatt: Move an extension.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of extension? Contrary? Carried. Your question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Councillor Gerbasi said it was not the structure or the system that was the problem, it was sort of the people or the personalities. Two Council meetings ago, she talked about this. So I ask Mr. Steek, does this need to be resolved with a systemic change? If it's not a systemic problem, can it be dealt with amongst the personalities to hash out this dilemma?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek?

Garth Steek: Through you, Madam Speaker. The Mayor was elected on a platform of openness, transparency and accountability. Leadership would be to bring everybody on this table to the fore. As I had noted earlier, Madam Speaker in the Calgary model, council elects the members of Executive Policy Committee and the manager reports to Council. That's the deficiency that's here. The whole place doesn't have to be torn apart. That's not the issue. But what there is, is a sad deficiency in information. I mean really, when you look at the magnitude of the decisions you're making and you are asked to make decisions in many instances where you're getting these reports literally a day before when you consider weekends and holidays, simply wrong. You know, didn't we have a situation here recently, Madam Speaker, where the Mayor supported a motion, relative to going in-camera and then had to reverse it? Well, we all make mistakes but the bottom line is I think it must happen for one reason; there probably wasn't enough time to prep. The workload is onerous for everyone. But I go back to one other thing, Madam Speaker, and you cannot underestimate this. There is a brain trust here. How wonderful to be able to take advantages of the different ideas and the different people around this

table. Every one of them wants to make a contribution. And you know what, I look over here at Councillor Schreyer who brought this message comes from without question the most highly recognized political lineage at this table. He is a bright guy. Councillor Dobson ran three or four times before he was elected. Councillor Eadie, who is visually impaired… council…went out twice and won. What does that tell you? These are people with extraordinary determination to do what is right for this council. Take advantage of that brain trust. Why would you close it down?

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for our delegation today? Seeing none, Councillor Wyatt, second round.

Councillor Wyatt: Second round, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So, if we are left with the situation today where a member of Council cannot get access to information, if this motion today is denied and defeated, for example, that is being moved by Councillor Lukes and Councillor…seconded by myself, what other choices at the end of the day do elected officials have on behalf of the residents. The residents are calling them, asking them to deal with issues and challenges and problems that they have, and a councillor typically is interested in issues to respond to…not interested in every issue, but interested in certain issues, wants to respond, wants to get access to information but now cannot, is refused meetings with directors by the CAO. What other alternatives are available to elected officials who are being disenfranchised so blatantly by this EPC and Mayor?

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker through you to Councillor Wyatt. I think there are a myriad of options. None of them are particularly easy. As I said, I am not advocating civil disobedience but stranger things have happened. I think it's incumbent on people like you, Councillor Wyatt, to write editorials. I think it's incumbent on you not to let this issue die. You know, anything that's worth fighting for is worth going to the wall for. You've heard the old adage, for every person there is a prize, for every prize there's price, the greater the prize the greater the price.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek, your comments will come to the Chair.

Garth Steek: I apologise again, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Final time, I will mention that.

Garth Steek: Yes. And I respect that. The truth of the matter is, you don't let this issue die. There is a myriad of ways of bringing it to the fore. You bring it up on this council floor at every opportunity and when you are denied information, get it. You know what, I have to add this, Madam Speaker, you think that all the things that I have cited here in the problems are peculiar? You know what, I had a meeting with the CAO about a year ago and it was a case of...it was to do with the renewal of a tenant. And one of the things that I brought up in that meeting and it's certainly not in the media, how many of you are aware of the fact that your Property and Development Committee forgot about a tenant in that building and you paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to relocate him.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek, that concludes Question Period today. Thank you for your presence at City Council.

Garth Steek: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Our next delegation is Ms Donna Dagg. Is she here today? She is representing Fair Trade Winnipeg. She is in support of Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 17th, 2017. It's regarding the feasibility of Winnipeg being designated as a fair trade town. Welcome and you have ten minutes on the clock.

Donna Dagg: Thank you. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of a council decision to make Winnipeg a fair trade city. My name is Donna and I work in the field of sustainable development for Liquor and Lotteries but more importantly today I am speaking to you as a Steering Committee member supporting the campaign to make Winnipeg a fair trade city. Fair trade is about ensuring better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers, mostly small holder farmers and workers located in the global south producing our coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar cane and bananas, etc. It is a market-based system that uses consumer support to influence international trade practices towards greater social and environmental sustainability. Under the fair trade system, farmers within a region get together, kind of like a co-op and they join Fair Trade International. And by having strength in numbers and the amount that they produce they command better access to markets. And through the fair trade system they are guaranteed a floor-level minimum price and fair trade premiums for their commodities. The fair trade premium can be used by the co-op to help make community improvements like building schools or water wells or to enhance their production or to buy new harvesting equipment. The fair trade system is an important system. According to the UN, the people who provide us with our coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar and tropical fruits are the poorest people in the world and are at the bottom of the human development index. But we can use our purchasing power in the global north to influence the world around us. Fair trade certified offers us as consumers a powerful way to reduce poverty through our everyday purchases. Nationally Manitoba is seen as a leader in the fair trade movement and in Winnipeg, support for fair trade is

very, very strong. There are numerous schools in our community, working towards their fair trade school designation. As a matter of fact this morning, during an assembly, St. James Collegiate will announce that they have been designated Canada's 17th fair trade school and the third one in Manitoba. Amber Trails, Sisler and West Kildonan Collegiate are working towards this goal as well. Winnipeg also has a number of designated fair trade work places. As a matter of fact, the first three designated work places in Canada were all here in Winnipeg; the Winnipeg Airport Authority, MCIC and the Fresh Carrot. Other designated work places include a Floor Supply Winnipeg, Fort Whyte Alive and Era Bistro. We could also boast numerous retail and restaurant locations offering fair trade certified products. Every main line store, grocery store, drugstore, health food store, gas station and many restaurants and cafés have fair trade products not only because they want to do the right thing but because there is a market for it. Finally, community support for fair trade is high. Entities such as the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, the World Trade Centre Winnipeg, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and of course, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights all support Winnipeg becoming a fair trade city. We really are punching above our weight in comparison to the rest of the country and for this reason, it would be nice to achieve and maintain Fair Trade Town's designation for Winnipeg. In Canada, Fair Trade Town City Designation Award Program is offered through Fair Trade Canada and the Canadian Fair Trade Network. The designation recognizes municipalities that can demonstrate a strong commitment to fair trade from its community stakeholders. In order to achieve a fair trade town or city status the following five requirements must be met and maintained. Just briefly they are; a fair trade city steering committee must be developed and maintained to support fair trade in the city. We must demonstrate the availability of fair trade certified products in proportion to the size of our population. We must demonstrate and support public awareness and education for fair trade in proportion to the size of our population. Demonstrate an advanced community support for fair trade in our city. And finally, obtain political support. As a city, we currently meet or exceed the first four requirements. We are here today to show our support for a motion to endorse an application and obtain the last of our requirements, political support. In closing, the Fair Trade Town Program in Canada is part of a global movement that, as of 2015 recognizes more than 1,500 communities in 32 countries. Twenty-three towns have received the designation in Canada, cities such as Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Ottawa to name a few. In this province, Gimli, Selkirk and Brandon have received Fair Trade Town Designations. With all the support from our community, we would like to see Winnipeg be designated the next fair trade town in Canada. Myself, along with all the members of our Steering Committee appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today and hope that we can obtain the political support needed to designate Winnipeg a fair trade city. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Dagg. We will now take questions for our delegation. Any questions? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Very pleased that Donna Dagg here is as well as other members of the delegation from Winnipeg's Fair Trade Steering Committee as well as the MCIC. And just had a question, just to clarify things for people, when we are talking about fair trade and we're talking about farmers, the people that…the agricultural workers, for the people affected here that we are trying to work with and to help, could you give us...I know we are talking about many countries, dozens of countries, in this case we are dealing with 72 countries at this time. What is the daily wage of these workers if you can give us some average on that?

Donna Dagg: I don't know that I could provide you with a daily wage but in…I had the opportunity to go to Peru last year and see firsthand the benefits of fair trade in communities and the difference is day and night. It's a matter of people deciding whether or not their kids will be fed or go to school. And for those that weren't under the fair trade system, those were the difficult decisions that they were making. Under a fair trade system where they are guaranteed a minimum floor pricing, which for coffee was $1.42 a pound, that gave them the opportunity to have their kids go to school, to feed their kids and to look forward to a future. So I'm not sure that I would know what the average wage was for the farming community, but I certainly could recognize the huge difference the fair trade model works for the small holder farmers in Peru where I was.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just think I will start off by saying buy your coffee at Black Pearl. Fair trade and very good coffee, it is a little more expensive but you don't have to use quite as much to create your cup of coffee. But what I wanted to ask our presenter is, is the aspiration of fair trade really about...and towns becoming that, is to help people around the world realize what Canadians expect from their work which is to be paid appropriately and to be able to raise a family in an appropriate manner. Is that not the whole concept behind fair trade?

Donna Dagg: I think it's part of it. Fair trade has a number of different criteria. Part of it is the recognition of small holder farmers being part of that community that they want to be helping economically their countries. They want to be part of the tax base in their country. They need access to the markets. So there is that whole sort of...it's difficult for them to access markets on the commodity market and get a fair price for their products so there is that whole side of it. There's a lot of environmental criteria. There is a poverty reduction. There is quality of life. There is humility. There is...there is a

number of different aspects of the fair trade model that support the communities in the global south. I'm not sure if I'm answering your question.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no further questions I thank you for your presence here today.

Donna Dagg: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to Ms Kristen Lamontagne. She is here in opposition to Item No. 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 2nd, 2017 regarding Utility Cut Restorations. Welcome.

Kristen Lamontagne: Thank you very much. Good morning, members of City Council and Mayor Brian Bowman and Madam Speaker. My name is Kristen Lee Lamontagne and as Madam Speaker just stated, I am here speaking in opposition of Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 2nd, 2017 regarding Utility Cut Restorations. I live with my husband, Matthew at 83 Millwood Meadow in Transcona. We bought our home in August, 2012 and in the winter of 2013 a pipe froze and burst in our front yard. It turned out to be a pipe on the city side so we were not…we were thankfully not held financially responsible for the repairs. The original work was done November, 2013 and the pipe was repaired. As a result of this work, our front yard was understandably torn up and driven on by heavy machinery which left us without half of our sidewalk cement blocks, a 12 by 15-foot plot of sod removed along with tractor ruts throughout our front lawn. I was told in the spring of 2014 that the City of Winnipeg was extremely backed up when it came to restoring properties due to the amount of issues the frigid winter weather of 2013/14 left them. I was told there was more serious issues at hand as some residents did not have running water at the time. I completely understood that the aesthetics of the lawn would...of my lawn would have to wait until the next spring and I was fine with that. I then called a few times in the spring of 2015 and inquired about my lawn and if there was any progress on the restoration. I was told not much information except that I was on the list to get repaired and basically to wait. We waited through the year of 2015 without any sign of City trucks coming to my house to complete repairs or assess the situation. I then called again a few times in the spring of 2016 and was told that the matter was passed on to the Public Works Department and that the City did not have anything to do with these restorations. The City representative on the phone could not understand why I was calling the City about this and gave me the number of the Public Works Department and told me that I should have been calling them all along. When I placed a call to the Public Works Department, I was connected with a very unpleasant woman on the phone who was rude to me and short with her tone of voice. I was being quite polite in despite of calling regarding a very frustrating situation that we were in and she treated me like I was the problem. She told me that the Public Works could not help me in this situation. It was completely out of her hands and in the hands of a private contractor. When I asked for the information regarding the contractor or any suggestions on where to go from here she again repeated to me that she could not help me and told me that you, citizens of Winnipeg voted to have private contractors complete restoration work, so this is the way it is. As I am a 30 year old who did not pay attention to city politics in my teenage years, I obviously was unaware of this. I find it interesting that I have discovered that the City of Winnipeg has no accountability towards Public Works and the Public Works Department has no accountability towards the private contractors. I know as a resident of Winnipeg, I am held accountable for paying my forever rising property taxes yet the City isn't responsible for providing the services that we pay for. As a home owner, taxpayer and contributing member of society, I believe we deserve more from this city. After having a very unpleasant and unproductive phone call with the Public Works Department I decided to write my city councillor, Russ Wyatt, on May 14th, 2016. I sent him multiple pictures of my lawn and explained our issue. A staff member from his office got back to me a month or so later and explained to me that I should have the work done that year and did not...and which did not end up happening. I spoke with him at the end of the summer season and although very apologetic and he…very helpful, he did not seem to be able to help me solve the problem. He assured me that I should be first on the list for 2017. I again phoned in March of 2017 and was again met with a rude answer of there is no way to expedite this work as we start doing restorations in the middle of June so call back then. I am feeling as if my complaints are not being taken seriously, not to mention the lack of accountability towards the timeline of the work being completed. It was this year that Russ Wyatt forwarded my e-mail to the appropriate people including Scott Emerson of the Winnipeg Free Press and it finally got some attention. My story was featured in the Free Press in April of this year. The City commented that they attempted restoration in 2015 and 16 but it could not be completed due to excessively wet conditions. They stated, and I quote, "Due to the uniqueness of the situation and the difficulty accessing the cut location with heavy equipment under wet conditions, the City will take a specialized approach to restore cuts in 2017 once sod and soil becomes available later this year." All I hear in these statements are excuses. Being a corner lot with multiple access points this makes no sense to me. Why not mention these attempts during my multiple calls to the City? When I called quite frustrated many times per year, and rightfully so, I was never informed that the work has been attempted. I have a feeling these statements have something do with the media giving attention to this issue once again. With the arrival of our first child coming in July, my husband and I wanted to sell and upsize this spring. As a hard working young couple, we have put thousands of dollars into the inside and outside of our home. As you can imagine the curb appeal is severely affected by the way our front yard now looks. I

do not believe it should have gone this far. It is not a difficult restoration and if this motion is pushed back to October of 2017 that will be another season which will equal five years of waiting for not only us but I imagine other citizens of the City of Winnipeg. Thank you very much for your time and inviting me to have the opportunity to speak here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Lamontagne. I will just ask you to stand down and we will call you back in a few minutes for questions.

Kristen Lamontagne: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. If I could now call forward the next delegates, Ms Karen and Lance Kihn. Are they here today? No? Okay, Ms Lamontange, if you could please come back to the podium. Are there any questions? Councillor Wyatt, I saw your hand up. If I can just remind everyone that the questions and answers come through the Chair. Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you for that reminder, Madam Speaker. Ms Lamontagne, just briefly I just want to thank you. I know it's short notice, I reached out to you yesterday to come today, I appreciate you coming and speaking your mind and I just want to thank you for raising the profile of this issue so that hopefully Council can deal with it today. So thank you very much for coming and thank you for your patience and hopefully we can get it addressed. So, thanks. Thanks Ms Lamontagne.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions? Okay, seeing none, we appreciate your attendance. Thank you.

Kristen Lamontagne: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Next is Mr. Robert Elms. He is representing the Manitoba Association of Auto Clubs and the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association. He is in support of Item No. 2 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 2nd, 2017. It is regarding the electric car recharging stations. We will have 10 minutes on the clock and that will be our last delegation for today. Welcome, Mr. Elms.

Robert Elms: Thank you, Madam Speaker, much appreciated. I'm not sure if I'm going to get this to work properly but we will give it a shot.

Madam Speaker: Do you need a charging station?

Robert Elms: No, I just think I need room to get it in here. Modern technology, isn't it great? Thanks, Madam Speaker. I first wanted to, through you, thank councillors for giving us this opportunity today. We obviously are very passionate about this issue. According to the Province of Manitoba, 39 percent of the greenhouse gases created in our province come from vehicles which are powered by internal combustion engines. For several years, scores of Manitobans have enjoyed driving electric vehicles proving that electric motors are excellent replacements for internal combustion engines. The direct savings to vehicle owners are significant. One of the most energy efficient battery electric vehicles available in Manitoba is a sub-compact Mitsubishi i-MiEV. One of the most luxurious BEVs available here is the Tesla Model S, a full-size family sedan. In Manitoba, to drive 10,000 kilometres, the i-MiEV uses only $80 worth of electricity. And the Model S uses less than $250 worth of electricity. Obviously those costs are much, much lower than the cost to fuel similar sized gas laden powered vehicles. Also, it costs less to maintain a battery electric vehicle and it's easier. A battery electric vehicle has no oil, no transmission fluid, no filters to change, nothing to tune up and has 1/10 the number of parts to wear out and break down. Consequently, after switching to a battery electric vehicle, it's not unusual for a Manitoban to discover that he or she is saving over a thousand dollars per year on fuel and maintenance costs. And unlike their gas powered counterparts, electric motors deliver 100 percent torque, sorry, 100 torque to their wheels. That's full power instantly. As a consequence, drivers love the superior responsiveness of battery electric vehicles. While enthusiastically expressing their desire to drive the new generation of mid-priced, longer range, fully electric vehicles, many Manitobans complain that there is a major roadblock stopping them; in this big province we want to drive long distances. Folks who live in Brandon, Winkler, Cypress River, Dauphin, Holland, Manitoba and all other Manitoba communities want to be able to drive to Winnipeg to visit their grandma or go to a Jets game but to be able to do that, drivers of battery powered automobiles need a network of direct current charging stations especially in Winnipeg. Just how significant is the lack of direct current electric charging stations? Over 5,000 vehicles registered in Manitoba have an electric motor but most of those vehicles have hybrid gas propulsion systems. It's in fact…sorry, in fact, for every Manitoban who drives battery electric vehicles there are more than 50 who need a hybrid gas electric vehicle to enable them to drive long distances. Presently, there is only one DC quick charge station in Manitoba...sorry, in Winnipeg. It's at the Red River College Electric Vehicle Technology and Education Centre. Another is being installed at the newest University of Winnipeg residence for the Peg City Car Co-op select a vehicle. So how many more direct current electric

vehicle quick charging stations does Winnipeg need? One of the many advantages of battery electric vehicles is their ability to be fully recharged while plugged in at home over night. Consequently, unlike gas powered vehicles, battery electric vehicles usually need to be refuelled at a station only when they are on a long trip. Therefore, they don't require as many stations as petrol powered vehicles. Just 5 DC quick charging stations strategically located around the perimeter of Winnipeg and 15 more strategically located across the rest of the province would provide access to fast chargers for almost 90 percent of Manitobans. In British Columbia, as of June 16th…2016 sorry, there were 27 DC quick charge locations. The Federal Government is helping to finance the installation of 30. There are several dozen level 2 ED slower chargers in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In fact, the world's first transcontinental network of level 2 ED charging stations started in Saskatchewan. Therefore, it's reasonable to expect that it won't be long before those provinces have DC quick chargers too. In Nova Scotia, there are 3 DC quick charging stations; one in Halifax and two more on the road to New Brunswick. At the beginning of April, the Government of Canada announced that it will contribute $335,000 towards the installation of 10 DC quick chargers across New Brunswick. Quebec has over five dozen DC quick chargers. Dozens more are in the process of being set up with federal assistance. Ontario has over two dozen DC quick charging stations with private sector partners over 100 more are being added this year. That will extend Ontario's DC quick charging network to Kenora. The Government of Canada is offering to help connect Manitoba's capital city to that network of EV fast chargers extending all the way to Halifax. That eastern Canadian network would connect Winnipeg to a rapidly expanding transcontinental web of DC quick chargers which already links most...the most populated areas of the United States. From 2010 through 2016, the number of charging stations in most parts of the United States increased by 125 percent or more every year. Attracting the growing number of Americans who drive EVs is another good reason for our city to get connected. More than 100 cities in the US have formed clean city coalitions, public and private partnerships which have been talked about here already this morning, to install more chargers. In Canada, some DC quick chargers have been installed for less than $40,000 each. To install five of the most expensive, the best quality DC quick charging stations in Winnipeg may cost as little as $400,000. The members of the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association with backing from the Manitoba Association of Automobile Clubs proposed that the City of Winnipeg support the creation of a private-public partnership to install EV quick charging stations while there is still some significant funding available from the Federal Government. In Manitoba, the average motor vehicle is less than a dozen years old. Therefore, we can reasonably assume that within 12 years approximately 50 percent of Manitoba drivers will acquire new vehicles. Having access to quick chargers around our city would enable tens of thousands of those drivers to switch to electric vehicles instead of vehicles powered by internal combustion engines. That would dramatically reduce our single largest source of greenhouse gases. Some other environmental protection projects cost the City of Winnipeg hundreds of millions of dollars. How many of those projects are yielding such significant results as quickly and for as relatively small an expenditure as the installation of quick chargers could do? Undoubtedly, the City of Winnipeg could use its resources and considerable influence to help promote this initiative in a number of ways. If in addition to endorsing this initiative, the City were to participate in a federally supported public private partnership that would directly help the City of Winnipeg offset its own carbon emissions. There is something else which all levels of government in Manitoba can do to encourage more citizens to switch to electric vehicles; lead by example. Many cities in locations with such wildly divergent weather and topography as California, Norway and China have successfully operated huge fleets of battery electric vehicles for years and I have got the pictures. It's absolutely astounding. If Manitobans see our government agencies operating vehicles which are clearly identified as battery electric vehicles, more individuals and private companies will consider the benefits of switching to EVs. The experience of Manitobans who have owned battery electric vehicles for several years proves that while setting a good example, the City of Winnipeg would be saving enormous sums of money on fuel and maintenance costs too. MEVA is already getting inquiries from smaller Manitoban municipalities so we know that Winnipeg's example would spur more EV DC quick charger installations in our province. I think the majority of Winnipeggers recognize that there is an urgent need for every level of government to find ways to reduce all sources of air pollution. By helping to facilitate the switch to electric vehicles, the City of Winnipeg could lead Manitoba in effecting the most significant reduction in our greenhouse gases in the shortest period of time for the least amount of money. In summation, environmentally friendly battery electric vehicles are convenient, inexpensive to operate and fun to drive. So we are asking you to help make it possible for more people to drive them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Elms. Are there any questions for our delegation? Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: These charging stations, how many vehicles can park or to charge at one time?

Robert Elms: It depends on the charging station itself. It's much like a gas station. You know, in the old days, we would pull into a gas station and there was one pump there and that was it, you had to line up and wait. One of the advantages with electric vehicles, I guess we've learned a little from the past is you can have one station with multiple charge points. So it depends on what we end up getting but our suggestion would be we get them with multiple charge points. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Dobson: Yes, the second question, what kind of charge would we be charging the consumers to use this facility?

Robert Elms: Well, our members would be quite willing to pay $5, $10 every time they charge up and the amount of electricity they would be taking out of the port would be somewhere around maybe 25 cents worth if they were really filling up from basically empty to a full charge as you can see by the figures I gave earlier. So, yeah, there is some money to be made there.

Madam Speaker: Third question.

Councillor Dobson: Yes. My third question is, you mentioned that there's charging stations elsewhere. Are they profitable?

Robert Elms: Depends on how many electric vehicles there are in the neighbourhood. And those places where the electric vehicles, the adoption rate has been very, very good, yes, they are starting to turn a profit. In most cases, what it really is now, at this point in time, they'll check into the egg, it's an investment for what's going to be there for us for the future. But the proof is there that once the adaption rate starts to catch on in places like California or Europe where they have had charging stations where people have been paying to use them for some time, there are locations where now the number of people using them has got to the point where yes, they are making money.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you.

Robert Elms: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: There's more questions here, Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Very pleased to see Mr. Elms here. I was present last year when the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association presented their film at the Met, just excellent information on what Winnipeggers do on their own by their own free will, own volition in terms of pushing the agenda on this. Having said that, Madam Speaker, you know, even the grid they are creating in the United States, in California, bear in mind, their electrical grid, the power generated for the electrical grid in many cases, the majority of it is produced by natural gas, by fossil fuel. It's a bizarre irony, Madam Speaker, that that is the case. Having said that, Madam Speaker, we come from a province, one of the few places in the world where progressive governments have put us in a position where we actually export hydroelectricity, clean, eternally renewable hydroelectricity. And yet, at this point, we still need this leadership brought by the motion by Councillor Wyatt and pushed by the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association. My question for Mr. Elms is, in doing all the analysis, and I know they do a lot, different…kind of different…lots of different people involved with the Electric Vehicle Association but does he not find the frustration that the place in the world which exports clean hydroelectricity, is sort of behind on this issue?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Elms.

Robert Elms: Through you, Madam Speaker, the answer of course for our members is yes, no question about it, it is, it's very frustrating. Having said that, I think we understand why successive governments here in Manitoba have been reluctant. In the past the fear has been, I think, although it was never said publicly, but quietly alluded to and in some cases quietly admitted to that the real concern was that the oil and gas industry basically saved south western Manitoba. You know, 25 years ago it was basically in a depression. A reality…I was down that way doing business and it was sad to see people were having to walk away from their store fronts, from their homes because they simply…the big consolidation of farms was taking away the number of people in those communities and as a consequence businesses were going out of business. And then along comes the petroleum industry and they reinvigorated the economy down there. So governments have been really, very careful in the past not to look like they were stepping on the toes, the truth is now, we know that that doesn't have to be the case. This doesn't have to be an either or situation. The people down in south western Manitoba, they are not looking to be wedded to oil, they just need a good way of making a living and that's understandable. The technology that we are talking about is now a multibillion, hundreds of billions of dollars are being invested into it every year and that number is growing exponentially. There is no reason why we can't be doing that kind of economic development and innovation here in Manitoba. Madam Speaker, I am not sure how much time I have got to answer these questions, but I will simply say that one of the things that several of you here on Council know is that I wear another cap. I was also the original chairman of the members council over at what used to be called AssentWorks, now the North Forge Technology Exchange Fabrication Lab, innovation is something that is key to my very being and I have seen, given the successes that have come out of that shop, worldwide successes…I will give one fine example; the most…the world's most reliable hand held emergency communication device is the Solara Field Tracker. It was invented by Tom Tessier right here in Manitoba, and several of us up here know him. When SpaceX,

who we all know of, decided to fire their first rocket into space, they had to of course, land it in the ocean in the hopes that it wouldn't get terribly damaged…we cover it. They had a humungous flotilla of vehicles, ships, boats out on the sea covering tens of thousands of miles to track this thing and hopefully to rescue it when it came down. Well, one of SpaceX's biggest challenges as that day loomed closer was they needed a really good way to not only have the ships out there track the incoming spacecraft but also all those ships had to be able to track each other and communicate to each other very, very quickly and to base station. Well, how were they going to do that? Whose product was capable of that? Tom Tessier's Solara Field Tracker was on board every one of those boats for that reason. Now, that's just one of many of them. There is another one that in-camera, I'm happy to talk about that I won't talk about it out here because it's a phenomenal opportunity that's there for electric vehicle development and I've already talked with a couple of our potential product developers about it and their eyes just went wide as saucers when they found out nobody was yet doing it. So I see that extra advantage as being one that's there for us right across the province. It's one that doesn't have to push out the income for people in any part of the province, it's one that's there to be have…in fact, to help develop that income and replace that income. And Norway's doing it now, I think most of us know that. They're doing an amazing job of investing the money they are making with their un-renewable resource…

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll move on to a few more questions. Councillor Eadie, followed by Councillor Orlikow. Do you have another question? Okay, can I come back to you?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you. Oh, sorry.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, you have the floor. I had already called you.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I…you know, electric cars are great. It's part of what I would call a clean air policy where as a city we are quite concerned about people's health and cigarette smoke and the health of people in regards to the fossil fuels being burnt in the air. I think the electric car is an excellent way to reduce air quality and we should take our responsibility in this area as well, Madam Speaker. But I just, as the Chairperson of the Access Advisory Committee, and as a person who has known that electric cars are the future and have been coming for years, Madam Speaker, I just want to clarify, we have an expert here that I could just get a little more information, Madam Speaker. As people know, quiet cars are always how this…electric cars are sold and I like the quietness of actually, our electric…our battery powered bus, number 20. But Madam Speaker, my question is, is there a move and will it be required in all countries at some point that electric cars at least exude some noise so that when pedestrians who happen to be...have vision impairments will be able to know whether or not a car is there to be safe?

Robert Elms: Thanks very much councillor. Again, through the Chair, the answer is yes, it's already there. The Mitsubishi i-MiEV has a speaker literally built right into the front grill for exactly that purpose and other manufacturers are looking that way too. Thank you very much Councillor Eadie and thank you very much for seconding the motion.

Councillor Eadie: Just a follow-up question, Madam Speaker. So the Mitsubishi, does it sound like a Ferrari?

Robert Elms: Well, I have told a couple of our members who happen to have a little expertise in coding that maybe they can set up a code.

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

Robert Elms: That perhaps they could make it sound like a couple of bars from 'Born to be Wild', a good Canadian tune that many of us know about.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you Councillor Eadie, anything further? No? Back to you, Councillor Schreyer for your second question.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is…well, I'll just cut to the chase. Question is; in terms of feasibility, we talk about the complications and why it wasn't done here yet. In California as an example, a state which tends to be a leader in certain industries, I just wanted to know if Mr. Elms was aware that in the City of Palm Springs, California alone, that at the Starbucks restaurants in Palm Springs, that there's at least a dozen charging stations just at the Starbucks.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Elms.

Robert Elms: And they make money. They do.

Madam Speaker: On to our next speaker, Councillor Orlikow followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, very enlightening. Thank you very much. I look forward to having the conversation a little bit more and carrying it on. The time has come. The question is, whose time is it to come to? But what I just want to get some more information from you is the partnerships. You know, we are City of Winnipeg. We very much enjoy our capital region partners and partners all around Manitoba, not really in our mandate though. So have you had any discussions or you know, we will probably do this later but I just wanted…for what I know of right now, have you had any discussions with either the Province or Manitoba Hydro to look at that Manitoba network?

Robert Elms: We…Manitoba Hydro is a member of the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association. We haven't approached the Province specifically about this issue. We were trying to give them a little time to get up to speed. We did play a significant role. We were invited to do that back in the end of November in helping them to develop some of their policy with regard to greenhouse gas control, that sort of thing. At that particular meeting, I will say it was not only encouraging, it was really heartening to discover that after we put forth the information that we did, the other 22 organizations that were gathering around that table, every one of them stood up and said we should do this. That was great, 22 organizations, literally.

Councillor Orlikow: And I just need one more question because I am actually just curious. You mentioned...what's your comments regarding charging stations within the city? You mentioned outside…the periphery issue and then you mentioned they have enough charge within the city, so…like I know on Academy, Edmund Financial has two stations set up. You know, I'm not sure how much they are used but what's your thoughts about, you know, stations within the city proper? I understand your position on the outskirts and I like that too, but I just wanted to maybe question on that one.

Robert Elms: Thanks again and through you Madam Chairman. I appreciate that opportunity to clear this up. Really, within the city itself, within most of the city, we don't need level 3 fast chargers. We predominantly need level 3 fast...and when I say we, I am talking now about the city. We need them at the periphery just as somebody is trying to enter the city or trying to exit the city, that's when he or she needs to fill up their vehicle so they can get back to Brandon, so they can get back to Holland, Manitoba, get back to Pine Falls because most of us in the city are doing our charge up at home over night. So it's the visitors from outside the city we're really trying to accommodate for the most part. And the ones you are talking about that we have now around the city, and by the way, we've got over 30 of them, you go on PlugShare and you can see them, those are primarily level 2 chargers and that was done all through private development, literally.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final speaker, Councillor Gillingham, 54 seconds.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, very interesting. I will be quick then. My first question is; to your knowledge does Manitoba Hydro Act currently prohibit the City from selling electricity or do you know that?

Robert Elms: Well, I do know that the law does still give Manitoba Hydro exclusive rights to sell electricity. However, what has been done in many locations is rather than selling the electricity because it's so very little that what the charge is for is for renting the equipment basically. So you are renting to pay the time that you are using the equipment, a $5 or a $10 charge.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. And the other…you may have said this but can you just speak to, to your knowledge, what is the cost to construct, install and operate each station?

Robert Elms: As I mentioned, here in Canada, there have been stations installed in many cases, many cases for under $40,000. What we are suggesting is that we install stations.

Madam Speaker: If you could just wrap up, thank you.

Robert Elms: That we install the stations that are more expensive. Still it's going to cost roughly $400,000 price tag. Those stations will be there that will work for the foreseeable future. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: That wraps up Question Period. Thank you for your presence here today. Yes?

Councillor Browaty: A number of my colleagues have raised concerns about an HR matter here on Council. I would like to have a discussion with the CAO. I'd like to move that we move into committee of the whole to discuss with the CAO.

Madam Speaker: I will have to confer with the Clerk on that. We can go into committee as a whole. It requires a two-third's vote but it's not to discuss an HR matter. It would have to be to discuss a matter an item on the agenda.

Councillor Browaty: The procedure by-law is pretty clear the committee of the whole is not to be discussing an item on the agenda.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk, would you pull out the appropriate section and let's answer the question. Mr. Clerk, you may reply.

City Clerk: The utilization of committee of the whole is only regarding of process and it's dispensing the normal procedural rules that Council follows. It doesn't allow you to introduce any new items. It doesn't allow you to break any of the pertaining rules. It just loosens the process wherein councillors get to speak to matters but it only is used for things that are on the agenda.

Madam Speaker: Given that response, I would like to move forward with the meeting.

Councillor Browaty: How do you read that?

Councillor Wyatt: My learned friend if I may assist. I think we would like to move to go...motion to go in-camera to discuss a Human Resource matter that is pertaining to this council which we can do if we move a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules.

City Clerk: In accordance with the in-camera by-law, Council can only go in-camera to discuss HR matters pertaining to the performance review of the City Auditor. That's a by-law. You can't suspend a by-law. You can suspend your procedural rules but that's a by-law that you passed. To change the by-law, you would have to move a motion to change the by-law, Council would have to move an amendment to the by-law.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes?

Councillor Eadie: Point of order. We actually violated a by-law without two-thirds extension last Council meeting on the Police Board By-law. So why can't we do that today, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Yeah, Councillor Eadie, we can talk about that offline. I really don't know what specifically you are referring to at this time.

Councillor Eadie: Three equals four, Madam Speaker. You remember the thing from last council meeting? That was a by-law. It said three citizens…

Madam Speaker: Yeah, and I am getting the Clerk shaking his head. We will look into that in a bit. I would really like to continue with the meeting at this time. We will move into committee reports, so the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 10th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 10, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of 1 through 3 and 5? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Request to Establish a Housing Roundtable

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 4 if you wish.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank my council colleagues for bringing this forward and I will wait to hear from council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, you have the floor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Merci, Madam Speaker.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Gerbasi: First time in French, if I can... Thank you to Councillor Mayes for inviting me to speak in French at this meeting. Unfortunately, I haven't prepared anything today for my speech. Perhaps I'll say more at the next meeting.

Councillor Gerbasi: So that's all I am doing today but it's a good start. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to share with Council a little bit of background on this motion. It came originally from the housing…Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee and I want to thank my colleagues Councillors Orlikow and Councillor Gilroy who have been working very hard with me on this committee over the last period of time. And essentially, it's very simple we are asking the Province through the CAO, through the administration to contact the Province to set up a housing roundtable that would include representatives of the public service, the non-profit sector, the for-profit housing developers, representatives of affordable housing advocates and the purpose really is just to share information and ideas and opportunities related to the provision of affordable housing in Winnipeg. Now, there's a number of reasons why this is important right now. As you know in the 2017 budget, the Federal Government has announced a significant pot of money, $11.2 billion for Canada for an affordable housing program and that's…and in addition to that, there is homelessness and other initiatives that Winnipeg is part of. And, we don't yet know exactly what the promised housing strategy, the national housing strategy is going to hold for us but it's coming, over the coming months and year. And so I think it's really good…important for us to be working with our partners to be ready for that announcement and for the programs as they roll out and work out amongst ourselves what kind of opportunities there are for us to work with the Province and other partners in addressing the affordable housing issue in Manitoba and Winnipeg, of course. Now, just in the motion, it refers to OurWinnipeg where it does talk about establishing partnerships with the private, not-for-profit and government sectors to provide affordable housing. We have always done our housing programs in partnership with the other levels of government. They are the leaders in this. They have the more significant funds. But we need to have those conversations. We need to have that communication. I myself have had those conversations with Councillor May…I still call him Councillor Fielding, the Minister Fielding and others have, I know, talked with him about that partnership and I know they understand the importance of that. A lot…some of the money would be flowing directly through them down the line and we need to be ready to work together and figure out the best way to move forward. So really, that's basically all it is, is asking for that to be established and to keep those lines of communication. There has been…some of you may be aware, we used to have a triple window partnership with all three levels of government in the same office even and that was a really good way to do things. I mean, now there is this new opportunity and money coming from the Federal Government to flow into affordable housing that we have not seen in decades. So it's a really significant thing. I also want to note that this was one of FCM's top two advocacy positions with housing and infrastructure. And so, we…at the municipal sector, we have done a lot to say that this is an important issue of affordable housing. And that we have a role to play in it. It's not the largest role. The Province and the Feds have a larger role financially but we need to be partners in this. We need to have a chance to move some of our strategies forward. And the housing...Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee has been working on some ideas. You know, we have done some really innovative things. For your information, I also attended the largest housing conference, the Canadian Housing Renewal Association Conference a few weeks ago on behalf of FCM. But you really got a sense of the excitement that there is this opportunity right now to work on this and that also, people are impressed with some of the things that we have done in Winnipeg with our programs in the downtown and other areas. So it's just a positive thing. It's a way to work closer with the Province and I just wanted to make everyone aware of it. So thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. I just want to stand up and thank Councillor Gerbasi for moving this…bringing this matter forward to us today. I think this is a very welcome initiative. You know, we spend a lot of our time and effort as individual councillors…as councillors through our community committees approving housing, right…approving housing developments. They tend to be, of course, driven by the market. But as we know and we have seen recent reports being put out by statistics Canada, you know, there is a concern that the housing dream, the idea that you can own a house and live in a house and be able to raise your family and have equity and that private property ownership is clearly something of great concern is becoming less attainable with the price of housing. We as a city have done more to put…try to put more housing available, freeing up land, freeing up resources, freeing up the ability to build homes to try to keep market prices in check, having said that, it's clear that you still need a strong public sector affordable housing program. And that in itself acts as a check on the market, if you can have that in place. And it's something which is absolutely crucial. It's…you know, the Federal Government now with their initiative to come forward with housing is absolutely historic. We as a city, we can't miss this opportunity. We have to take advantage of it. We have to make sure that we are there for funding. I can tell you, Madam Speaker, that I have been involved with housing initiatives in my community and there is nothing more remarkable than to see families, individuals, seniors, new Canadians being able to

have dignified housing. Housing is not, in my view, a privilege, it's a right. And that is something which I know we've…you know, not just in Canada but around the world struggle with to achieve. But the idea that we have now a Federal Government that recognizes the need for the national housing strategy. Recognizes a need for national housing funding, affordable funding for…funding for affordable housing is historic. And we in Winnipeg know we have a huge demand. We have a huge demand not just in the inner-city which is great, but throughout the city we have a demand. And we know the impacts of not having affordable housing, Madam Speaker. As a former Chair of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee I can tell you we've heard the stories come in about what…not having affordable housing...we have heard the stories when a family has to move five or six or seven times in a given year to find somewhere to live and how destructive that is to the school…to children who are in school who often have to then be moved out of schools and put in other schools because they are moving into a different district and how that actually affects their lives profoundly. And this is tied directly to the whole concept, the whole vision of affordable housing. And Madam Speaker, that in and of itself should give us enough reason to act, to call on the Province and ourselves to join forces if you like, to join together and to make this a top priority. We have also, I would want to note, I have the honour and I've had the chance to work with Councillor Pagtakhan on the committee and Councillor Browaty previously, now Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Gilroy on the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, WHRC…and Councillor Schreyer, I apologize Councillor Schreyer. You know, it's one of Winnipeg's best kept secrets the WHRC. Established in the 1970s, it has spearheaded over the years housing...it's an arm's length entity of this…this corporation. And it has through its own initiatives, spearheaded and built which we now have well over a thousand units city-wide, we have over $45 million in assets. We have provided affordable housing, dignified housing, well maintained across our city. Not just in the inner-city, but the first project we opened earlier this year, Councillor Orlikow was there, Councillor…I know the Mayor couldn't make it and sent me…I appreciate that Mr. Mayor, to open up Sir Paul Martin Estates. This was a historic opportunity. We've now spent…and there is a need for housing across the city of…they did the study, actually in affordable housing, they couldn't believe the levels in Transcona. Affordable housing for seniors, affordable housing for families, they couldn't believe the demand that was pent up. The demand is huge. And you know, those of us who can afford a home, it's a blessing thing but those in our society who cannot, you know, if they do not have a secure place to raise their families, a safe place to raise their families, a stable place, it affects all of us. It affects all of our services, services that we directly perform. There has been a debate in this chamber over the years, off and on, that raises its ugly head I'll call it, that says that no, affordable housing is not a municipal responsibility, it's not a municipal issue. Well, I beg to differ. I believe that it is partially a municipal...it is also responsibility of the Federal Government and Provincial Government. It's the responsibility of all levels of government. We are in the business and whether we like it or not of housing. We are approving housing developments, we are approving subdivisions, we are approving servicing on the land, we are opening land up and we are taxing those lands. And, Madam Speaker, we need to ensure that we are at the table here. I want to encourage also…use this opportunity to encourage Councillor Gerbasi, the Chair of the Housing Committee, to reinvigorate the Tax Increment Finance Program that we previously had to fund housing not just in the downtown but across the city in targeted neighbourhoods allowing for affordable housing units be built by offering incentives, not just sticks, but incentives to the private sector to make doors open and revitalize older neighbourhoods. Older neighbourhoods which sometimes...which need revitalizing and where the services, not all the time are there. Sometimes there is capacity issues in the older neighbourhoods, we know about that, but often the services are available and it makes sense. So I hope we can see this matter go forward and get unanimous support, I'm sure it will from all of Council. And I want to thank, again, the councillor for bringing this forward and I encourage our colleagues and friends in the new government of the Province of Manitoba, Premier Pallister, who I know shares the same concerns. I have had discussions with the new minister, or newer minister I suppose at this point, who is a former colleague of this chamber, Councillor Fielding, Minister of Family Services and Housing. And he, too, shares the same concerns and passion, I'm happy to say from the discussions I have had and is committed to seeing affordable housing being a priority. So I want to thank Councillor Gerbasi for bringing this forward.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to ditto Councillor Wyatt. But Madam Speaker, I wanted to speak on this issue in terms of the City of Winnipeg taking leadership and Winnipeg Housing Rehab, they do a great job and often they also have to take over facilities and operate them because the former management groups of the buildings, for example, there is a Polish manor on Selkirk Avenue that had to be taken over. The German Society had a…has a facility…managed a facility that Winnipeg Housing Rehab has taken over and that's added some units. And they've added some new ones. So I think that's really important and that arm's length corporation is doing good work, Madam Speaker. I think that this motion is great. It's the City saying to the Province that we want to be ready. We want to make sure that when the Federal Government starts announcing money that the City of Winnipeg is in a roundtable discussing the issues to create affordability, Madam Speaker. And our current Chairperson of the Housing Steering Committee has been the Chair now for a number of years and I think it's really important. It's interesting that, I think much dialogue between the levels of government haven't gone on, Madam Speaker for as much as it should have, I think in over…at least since I have been a city councillor and prior to that, Madam Speaker. What I did want to say though, Madam Speaker, is that you know, if we are going to be leaders in

affordable housing and we are in the affordable housing, Madam Speaker. I expressed it last month and I will express it again, we had an opportunity offering six-and-a-half million dollars to a huge building that's going to go up with residential spaces to live for people. In Edmonton, when they create those kind of things Madam Speaker, did you know that they ask, demand, that a percentage of those residential units that are being built are rent geared to income. Why are we not leaders? So when we go to this roundtable, and hopefully the Province is in, I hope that we can be able to say that we as the City of Winnipeg want to be leaders in the housing and actually do things that are important, Madam Speaker, to making sure that there is affordable housing everywhere across the whole city. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Dobson followed by Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Dobson: Okay well, first off, I normally don't stand up supporting items like this after everyone else has talked but this is a really good…really, really good motion and I have to thank Councillor Gerbasi for doing…for bringing this forward. Right now, our aging population within the city and affordable housing is more important now than it ever was. Let's do this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am delighted to get up today and, of course, support Councillor Gerbasi and all the work that she and the committee are doing. It's actually a lot that's going on right now, a lot of decision flow. But I just want to rise and say how happy I am to hear the support from my colleagues for housing. It wasn't always so on Council. There were times on Council when housing was as mentioned before, not an obligation of the city. And there probably will be a few votes around the table that may still have that view. But again, I am hearing a lot more support today. I am hearing that the recognition that the City does have a role. We're not the sole role, but we do have a role in working with our partners. We have a great opportunities coming forward right now and thank the present government…Federal Government, who made this a priority as well. Again, we will say it's because of Councillor Gerbasi's FCM efforts, but you know, maybe a little bit more than that. But again, we have this opportunity that's not only there today but it was also there a little while ago that we need to make sure that we are able to access and we're collaborating with our partners on going forward. I have had some chats with Minister Fielding about this file including TIFF, the potential tool box options that we may be able to use in the future. You know we could…again, do we do it area specific? Do we do it down regional corridor streets? Do we just lay it out open and say markets go ahead? I think we're going to need a little bit more form to it than that. But again, going forward with our partners in a working group will enable us all to be able to talk about our stakeholder issues that we may have regarding, you know, I know the school divisions are a little concerned about expanding TIFF…the TIFF model. They are concerned about their funding, fair enough. We tried to explain to them, as I met with a couple of trustees last week, that this will actually provide stability for those, as Councillor Wyatt mentioned, will provide stability for those students. So therefore it will be easier for schools to be able to retain those students and be able to track them and provide them with a nurturing environment that will help them learn. When you do move so often, this is a huge, systemic problem in many neighbourhoods for schools where kids are moving around too much so they can't ever get that sense of community and that programming they need and the educational level as well. So there's many more exciting things coming forward. We are very focused on the next...how the Federal Government will roll out the program and how we work together with that. And then I look very forward to bringing some more concrete ideas with a little more clarity, once we figure out what our partners are at, for Council's consideration. Because...and that's why I want to rise today. It gives me more hope that those considerations and those ideas will actually be supported by Council. As I say, I don't believe in the last term I was here that was ever going to happen. So again, this new council, we understand that we all work as part of a big family in Winnipeg. Housing is important, that's what I have heard today from most of my colleagues. We have to be cognizant of a few things, for example, what is affordable housing and how do you measure it. There is…it gets, of course, like most programs, once you actually get into the more details it gets a little more difficult. But again, I know as Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Gilroy and I have been on those meetings as well and our team…our team…administration team, we are tackling those questions and we're trying to bring something forward for Council's consideration on how we can not only access the federal funds, but that's kind of almost secondary, how can we provide housing to the people of Winnipeg. Because as Councillor Wyatt did say, to me, housing is a right. How do we make it a right, it's a little more difficult. But again, one of the silver bullets that are going to address a lot of our social issues in the city of Winnipeg will be by finding stable housing for people throughout Winnipeg. I also agree with Councillor Wyatt. It should not be the old model of let's put up a big tower and put them all into one little area. We want to see housing spread out, in my opinion, throughout the whole of Winnipeg. It needs to be not just downtown, which I think is a great asset, but it also…I would support it being throughout the downtown, I mean, through Winnipeg, in recognition of the fact that we need services. They need to be able to...we want to be able to provide services. We need them to be able to have bus access, the shops access, and then it gets really interesting when you start talking about families. Because when you start talking about how to get families into the housing and what they want, is they want to have a sense of neighbourhood which makes it very interesting. So how do you orientate the building towards that and focus on that? I have had some wonderful conversations with many developers who are…I think the market is interested in helping out here. So again,

with working with the Provincial Government, the Federal Government and collaborating with our development community, I hope to bring something forward or Councillor Gerbasi will bring it forward through P and D that we can have something that has some good teeth on it, some good goals on it and we can increase the number of affordable housing units throughout Winnipeg. Thank you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this motion before us here today. I would be remiss though if I didn't make comments about how housing is becoming less affordable. Last fall this council voted for a new home tax. One of the things that's great about Winnipeg, one of the great things that's about Manitoba is housing affordability. When I have gone to FCM conferences I have heard about the crisis that there are in many other cities. You look at every dense city that has super high rapid transit, housing is less affordable and that's the road Winnipeg is going on and that's unfortunate. Up until recently, I know one of the stats was Manitobans had the second…had the highest rate of second home ownership. The number of people with, you know, modest means that could afford to have a beach house, a place out in the country to enjoy, that's becoming less and less reachable for more and more people because of actions of this council. I'm proud that I voted against the new home tax and we need to do everything in my mind to keep housing affordable. And one of the ways of doing that is not taxing to death our residents. So again, it's unfortunate that we need to start addressing some of these housing affordability issues. As a council, we haven't needed to up until this point but again, I do see the problem and I think we have created some of it.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's often the case that I don't intend to speak but I'm inspired by other people's words or they bring forth certain thoughts. In this case, I am inspired by Jenny…by Councillor Gerbasi both by the initiative and the fact that she has christened herself today in speaking French in the week before she becomes the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and it's great to see. And on that basis…

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Schreyer: If we could get ready for translation, Madam Speaker. I think it's very, very important that the City play its role in housing affordability. All kinds of comments have been made here, and I'd like to address a few of them. I must admit, it was said, it was said that there was a time here at City Hall when affordable housing was not a priority. But we must admit at the same time, Madam Speaker, as it was already mentioned by another councillor, that we must – as local government, we don't have a choice; our only option is to work with other levels of government. I must say that of course it's true that generally, it's up to other levels of government to find initiatives to combat housing unaffordability. But we have to do our part as the City of Winnipeg. So it's good that we're doing this. But we must also admit, Madam Speaker, that now's the time – as it was said ten minutes ago – now is a special time, and again, I would say that governments have decided that housing affordability is once again a priority. There was a time, in the past, that our governments found, decided, realized that housing, affordable housing, is a priority. And, Madam Speaker, as it was noted, we admitted that poverty is also an issue here. We are now coming to a time, and at least this time there have been promises of major federal funding – billions of dollars, if I can say that – to address the challenge of housing, housing affordability... so it's really the time for us to do it. So we created these committees. It's a good thing. We said that housing is a right. It's an important issue. It's a universal issue. And every government around the world must address this issue. Here, in our country, we have decided – many Canadians decided – that it was in the spirit, in the nature of our country, that housing should be a right. And so we come to a point once again when we will try to face this issue, this reality, this challenge. And I'm pleased to hear in the speeches today in the Chamber that we have to make sure it is properly planned. For example, one thing that was mentioned, and I'll wrap up shortly, Madam Speaker, is that of course, it's a challenge, especially in the downtown area and in the North End of Winnipeg. And this area of our city is an urban area of our country. One of the poorest – we could say that it is perhaps the poorest urban area of Canada's major cities. We must always be mindful of that, Madam Speaker. And so when we noted here that it is important that we not just have a mass grouping of affordable housing when we create our strategy, that we try to address the problem not only downtown, but across the city, in all neighbourhoods – that's also a good thing. And so I'll leave it there, Madam Speaker, and I thank Councillor Gerbasi for this initiative. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Next speaker, Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise…I will be supporting this motion and do want to commend the committee that's worked on it. I do want to just raise one caution, not to sound like a wet blanket, but raise one caution in regards to the potential of scope creep. The City, yes, has a responsibility when it comes to housing and ensuring affordable housing for citizens but as noted in this motion there are other partners involved and in fact other levels of government that have more of a responsibility if you look at legislation than the City does. And so, my only

concern…major concern that I would have is if we are working with a roundtable, I would not want to see, and would caution against seeing other levels of government download or offload their responsibilities onto the City of Winnipeg. Because whenever there is an increase in scope, whenever there is an increase in programming or a service provided by the City of Winnipeg to its citizens, it comes with the cost associated. And so again, while I'll reiterate, we as the City have a responsibility, we do play a role in ensuring housing to our citizens, we need to make sure that we are not being asked to take on more than our share. Specifically, take on that which belongs under the purview right now of the responsibility of other levels of government. So I would just raise that and really call upon the members, the future members of this roundtable that represent the City of Winnipeg to be very…very resolute and alert and aware to ensure that other levels of government don't download onto us, that which shouldn't be ours and make sure that anything that would come our way would also come with funds available to allow the City to provide any future service.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I want to thank and recognize the excellent comments by my council colleagues. I do want to commend the leadership of our chair of Property and Development for his leadership and his comments and, of course, the incoming president of FCM, Councillor Gerbasi I know has been a strong advocate on this issue for many, many years certainly predating my time as a member of Council. And the work and the advocacy of FCM that Councillor Gerbasi has championed and supported by all members of this council and by our colleagues across Canada have delivered results from municipalities across Canada. So we made...the Big City Mayor's Caucus made housing one of our key priorities and key advocacy positions in the lead up to the last federal budget. The Federal Government responded and did increase its support and we want to commend and of course, thank our federal partners for their commitment to working with the municipalities. But I just want to recognize and appreciate the comments made by all members of Council and of course, I would encourage all of us to support this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now moving on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 17th. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 17, 2017

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Madam Clerk, they have both been pulled. Item 1.

Item 1 – Feasibility of Winnipeg being designated a Fair Trade Town

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

Mayor Bowman: No thanks, I will wait to hear from Council.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, I believe you stood this down. You have the floor, it's the fair trade item.

Councillor Schreyer: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. No, I'm just…just pleased to see this finally hit the floor. I think in its full format for us to finally vote on it. It's been...well, it's been over a year. I think it's been almost two years, Madam Speaker, that this has been floating around City Hall and it's great to see. Ever since we saw Zac Gross, I believe, in the spring of 2015 at our restaurant here, the Grace Café with some members of the fair trade group and the Manitoba Council for International Co-operation put on a little exhibit here. I believe that was two years ago. And then, of course, they have been in contact with Councillor Orlikow on this issue and Councillor Orlikow I guess being busy on EPC and I was not, he decided well, Jason's got some time to carry this so he gave it over. But nonetheless, I mean, quite frankly, this was in work with Councillor Orlikow's office and we have brought up a motion that was worked on with members of the fair trade group in Winnipeg, in fact, a representative from Vancouver, from the fair trade organization in Vancouver that was sort of overseeing the national initiative came out and met here at City Hall with members of the administration. And we all worked that out and then Councillor Orlikow's office being Georgina Sabesky, did work out a…basically the motion that I would bring forth through the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee. This was…it was just fascinating for me in my first term, Madam Speaker, just to see…just the combinations and permutations of what takes place for something to get through. And in this case, it was a matter because it was asking something of the City of Winnipeg, asking something from our administration and that is for City services to be part of the fair trade

agreement…fair trade initiative and so that the City of Winnipeg itself was in a position to be allowed to offer fair trade choices and at city venues. And bear in mind I don't want to spend too much time on this, but just little permutations we will be dealing more and more with this in the years to come on all levels of government as we deal with trade agreements amongst different nations and how even what we call the free trade agreement, affects a municipality's ability to work on fair trade resolutions such as this, in terms of whatever restrictions are put on any level of government in terms of what a government can and cannot do. What a government can and cannot sell for itself. So, in this case, the people organizing this across Canada and across North America are rather cognizant of this and this is done in a way that the...this initiative can be done feasibly and work within the structure of our trade agreements. And on that basis, it did get to EPC and Councillor Orlikow did...what the feasibility studies, the original motion and Councillor Orlikow then did pass this...raise it as a motion to pass through EPC that we do enact what we can as a city government to be part of the...to make Winnipeg part of the fair trade connection across Canada and North America and the world. And on that basis, after two years of watching this and actually times not knowing where it was and seeing it resurface this year, I am pleased to see. And great, this is another indication of I guess, members of Council working together with the administration, working with non-profits, community groups, with commercial businesses, commercial enterprises in the city and across the country and around the world for something that is very important, I believe, to humanity in general and that is fair trade and equitability for work and human dignity. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Next is Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to thank Councillor Schreyer for all the work he has done on this file and also, Councillor Orlikow. I think that, you know, it's important that we take this one step. I mean, what our actions here will help people in other countries and it's a small little change in our day-to-day lives and I support that but I also wanted to thank Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Orlikow for the work on this. Thanks.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to speak to this. It is on our agenda, I noticed that it has a condition on it that it's cost neutral, Madam Speaker, in its recommendation, Madam Speaker. So, I am just rising to speak, you know, Madam Speaker, it isn't just about farming products and so on that fair trade is about, Madam Speaker. We have heard over the years how our clothing has been made in boxes where there's hundreds of people sweating it out, creating clothing, for example. We have…how many uniforms do we purchase as a City of Winnipeg? Fair trade, Madam Speaker, would be that we are purchasing goods where labour standards are kept, where people can make a decent living, all these conditions that we heard from our delegation that came here, Madam Speaker. As a matter of fact, I know it's highly mechanized now, but you know, the City buys a whole bunch of electronic equipment, constantly. Fair trade would be that when we are securing equipment, that the people who are manufacturing are doing that work, are not being abused, are able to make a fair living. So it goes beyond, beyond the farmers. Farming is very difficult, that's where the biggest problem lies around the world, Madam Speaker. But I have to say, there are a lot of totally unfair practices around the world where all the goods we purchase and so I am concerned when I see that it says cost neutral. Because you know what, Madam Speaker, if we have to pay a little bit extra because some people around the world or even in, you know, North American countries, you never know, Madam Speaker, I believe that this cost neutral idea is wrong. As long as we can ensure that when we buy goods, people are okay, that's fair trade, Madam Speaker. And so actually, I'm going to have to vote against this actually. It's a good motion but when I see the words "cost neutral"…so are we to ignore unfair labour practices from where we get this stuff? I don't think so. I don't think so, Madam Speaker. So I can't agree with this particular recommendation from EPC. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank the councillors involved with working on this. I know…I know that Councillor Gilroy and Orlikow and Schreyer all have been working on this and I appreciate your advocacy because this…I think one way to look at this is that this is an important first step. It's, you know, just because you can't do everything right away doesn't mean you should just not do anything. This is a step forward that's really important. It's with our certain aspect of the procurement we have and what we are doing. And so I think it's a very, very positive initiative. It's part of a much broader thing that many other cities are involved in. It's designating us as a fair trade city. In fact, it's kind of a reputational thing. I mean, in part, as a reputation of a place that is focused on issues like injustice and fairness. So having the designation I think is an important first step is how I would put it. And I think as more opportunities come forward to make further changes, you know, I think this is a good step to do it and I think there could be more done in the future. I do notice some people in the gallery that I know have worked on this and it's been talked about for many, many years and I think this council should take some credit in the fact that we're doing something. I mean, it's been talked about for a long time and we haven't done anything overtly. You know, and so this is action that we are taking today on these products and these…and I think that's something to be really proud of. I am proud of it. You know, we just also had a really good discussion on housing. I mean, we are seeing

collaboration, we are seeing Council do positive things. There's many other positive things that we are doing, but this is one more and I think that shows, you know, we are working in a non-partisan kind of manner on this sort of thing. It's not put being politicized it's simply, let's do the right thing and let's take this important step. So I think it's just a really good news. I'm really happy to see it here and I want to thank the councillors that worked hard on it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 4…Item 1, pardon me, Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Seeing the hour now, Council will now adjourn and reconvene at 1:30. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
May 24, 2017, at 1:36 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon, I would like to reconvene the meeting…the Council meeting of May 24th, 2017. We are on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 17th, 2017. Madam Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Rezoning – 1860 Logan Avenue – DAZ 200/2017

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce the item? Councillor Gillingham, you have the floor.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just pulled this item to highlight the fact that while we have just recently been speaking about the importance of housing in our city and housing that is affordable to residents, this matter before us is a matter where there will be rezoning approved if everyone agrees to it here that will allow an infill development and kind of intensification and densification along this avenue or Logan Avenue, which will really revitalize and enhance the community. And I just, I raise it to just say that one of the mechanisms that we have here that we often don't think about as City Council, to promote housing and affordable housing is the mechanism of rezoning and variances. This is another work that is done...or set to be done by Habitat for Humanity and it was spoken of earlier, the good work that they do and we were invited to participate in a build in the St. James-Brooklands-Weston Ward in sunny St. James. And what this…this before us...the matter before us, what it really entails is the opportunity for families to experience the joy and the privilege of home ownership and to improve, ultimately, their economic status in life. And I remind us as a council that many time, it's families of new Canadians who are beneficiaries of the opportunity to own a home through Habitat or another group like Habitat. They come to our great nation because our nation holds hope of opportunity that may not be present in the nation they have left. And so, while this seems again, like a simple rezoning that is before us and a matter that we might look over, read the report and not think twice of, I just raise it to our attention to remind us of what's really behind this and that really is the further opportunity of housing, housing that's affordable and the opportunity for individuals to improve their economic status in life, and on top of that, an opportunity for our communities to be revitalized and the goals of OurWinnipeg and complete communities to be accomplished through a motion such as this. So I certainly will be supporting this and ask my council colleagues to support this motion as well

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question. All in favour of Item 2? Contrary? Carried. I would like to now draw your attention to the notice of motions. They're on the computer in front of you. They're from last month's meeting. The first one is a notice of motion that was moved by Councillor Lukes, seconded by Councillor Wyatt. It's regarding agenda postings. Councillor Lukes, you have the floor to introduce your motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION

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.

THERFORE 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.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Madam Speaker, 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. Often a report can be very complex in nature and can include not just one but multiple appendices that may raise questions and potential concerns. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I have to in this era of openness and transparency, that I have to find myself bringing forward a motion asking that elected representatives be able to have meetings with directors to discuss information contained in reports which in turn enables councillors to make better informed decisions on behalf of the citizens who elect them. Currently, we have what I call a two-tiered information sharing system for elect officials. If you are tier one, if you are on the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee, and I say this with two years of experience, EPC members receive reports privately and in confidence to read and review. Often these reports are sent to EPC members, one, two, three, five weeks before they are published, sometimes even months before they are publicly published. Every Wednesday morning, the departments directors meet in person with the Mayor and EPC members to brief them on the report's content and answer any questions the Mayor and EPC members may have. The Mayor and EPC Councillors are able ask directors questions for clarification, discuss the reports' recommendations amongst each other and if an EPC member wishes, can book another meeting with the Director for additional clarification and discussion. The report briefings and discussions with directors and each other enable a more thorough understanding of complex reports and enable the Mayor and EPC members to make informed decisions. The tier two level is if you are not a member of the Mayor's EPC committee and I say this now with almost six months of experience, reports are released to the public and Councillors who are not on EPC and all at the same time. The public and Councillors have 96 hours to read, review and prepare to appear in delegation and speak to the report. And I want to clarify, the 96 hour time frame is not business hours, it's 96 hours from the time the report is released till it's debated. For the majority of situations the 96 hours

includes weekends so the reality is often the public and Councillors who are not members of the EPC committee have two or three day at the most to read, review, form a decision on the report, then bring forward comments and statements to the Standing Policy Committee to be debated and discussed. Not being a member of the EPC Committee and not being provided any report briefings or meetings with directors to discuss and ask questions to has created some challenges for me on some of these complicated reports. So this past March, I set up a series of meetings to meet with directors to discuss complex reports that may appear on agendas. When I was not receiving meeting responses from directors to my requests, I contacted the Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Jack, for assistance in securing meetings with directors. Mr. Jack referred my request to the CAO, Mr. McNeil. On March 31st, through an e-mail Mr. McNeil directed me to ask any questions I had on reports to the chairs of the committees to an elected official. On April 1st, I sent Mr. McNeil an e-mail clarifying two points. I did not want a political answer to any questions I may have on the report but instead, I wanted factual answers from either the Director or author of the report. For complex reports, I wanted to meet and have a conversation with a director who would be able to answer any technical questions I may have. I also clarified with Mr. McNeil that the Procedural By-law does not allow questions at committees as I had confirmed this fact with the Clerk's Office. So I could not legally ask questions of the committees, the Procedural By-law does not allow that. Many years ago, Mr. Clement and I had a very vigorous discussion and he also pointed that out to me at the time. I was not to ask questions. On April 6th, Mr. McNeil suggested we would meet in person to discuss further so we met. At the meeting Mr. Wardrop and Mr. Jack were in attendance and Mr. McNeil told me that within the 96 hours that reports are released a non-EPC Council member could not schedule a meeting with a director to discuss, ask questions, seek clarification on complex reports. He told me a non-EPC Council member could not schedule a phone call to meet with the director. He said I could call a director in hopes that the director would answer the phone. Mr. McNeil clearly told me directors are very busy people and could not be expected to have meetings with members of Council who are not on the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee in the 96 hour timeframe from reports being released to standing policy committee. You know, I have to say I feel like I am in grade ten here. And he was ill-informed again and told me that non-EPC members should bring questions forward to the appropriate standing committee, which again I told him for the second time that the Procedural By-law does not allow questions at standing policy committees. So I followed-up from our in person meeting with an e-mail confirming what we had discussed and again Mr. McNeil told me that I should bring questions to the standing policy committee. And I have to say it's extremely concerning to me and it should be to all members of Council that Mr. McNeil continues to direct me to defy the Procedural By-law by bringing questions forward to committees. Now Madam Speaker, I represent 60,000 citizens plus in the South Winnipeg - St. Norbert Ward who expect me to make informed decisions here at City Hall. Decisions that affect lives, jobs, income and most importantly, how citizens' tax dollars are spent. Here's this for an example, sometime this Friday, the Public Works agenda will be published. On that agenda, we expect to see the transit safety report, a very significant report. There will be two eight-hour days to read the report before it appears at the standing policy committee on Tuesday morning, not 96 business hours, but 16 business hours, two days. And in those two days some councillors have committee meetings they must attend, councillors are very busy people. Many will have to read the report on the weekend and if they have questions that they want further clarified on Monday, they will have to pick up the phone and hope they'll get a busy director on the other end. And that's just for one report. Often on committee agendas, we all know there's 15, 20, 30, 35 sometimes. There's nine council members who are not on the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee representing probably, I didn't do the adding up, but probably 400,000 plus citizens. All of these citizens expect their councillors to make informed decisions but this isn't happening, Madam Speaker, because the CAO is denying these councillors the ability to meet with directors to discuss reports in that 96 hour window. I met with Mayor Bowman to see if he understood what was going on. He did. I explained it to him multiple times. He repeated, I'm sure at least eight times, Doug is in charge of the public service. If you have issues, speak to Doug. Madam Speaker, we have councillors clearly stating the CAO is denying access of meetings with directors. We have Mr. Mayor professing openness and transparency, yet he is the leader of our city, the leader of Council but he is not encouraging the CAO to deny meetings…he is allowing the CAO to deny meetings. But what's even worse is I don't really…I don't think the Mayor is...he is not acknowledging the denial of meetings. He's really pushing all responsibilities on this issue to the CAO. So here I am, I started this in March, April, May, I am standing here on the floor of Council bringing forward a motion literally begging to have…to be able to have meetings with directors to have access to information if I have questions on complex reports so that I and other councillors can make well-informed decisions on behalf of the citizens of our ward and for our city. Section 97A of the City of Winnipeg Charter states Council can assign duties to the Chief Administrative Officer. Clearly it appears from my discussions with the Mayor that he does not want to encourage the CAO to facilitate meetings with directors and councillors or to enable it. So my motion today is asking Council to do that. To…the City of Winnipeg Charter states Council can assign duties to the Chief Administrative Officers. My motion to Council members is, in the whereas, therefore be it resolved to direct the Chief Administrative Officer and all senior directors and management of the public service to accommodate and meet with a member or members of Council co-operatively providing all necessary information to elected officials within the 96 hours preceding a committee meeting and at any point in time if a councillor wants to meet with a director to enable that. I see no good reason why councillors should be denied meetings with directors to seek clarification on reports that we have to make decisions on or develop policy on. By not supporting this motion, people will be denying citizens their right to have their councillor best represent them at City Hall and that's really disappointing. And I…you know, I know this is a long-standing issue, I know this has happened before, but something is wrong. Like, this is not right. Every councillor

brings value and can add value to a conversation and to information and I really...it's extremely disappointing that I and others are being denied access to the directors when these reports come out. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to this motion Councillor Lukes has moved forward and I would imagine it's, Madam Speaker, always interesting to be on EPC and get all these…understand what reports are coming and getting briefings and so on, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to rise and speak to this one. Now, this is specifically talking about discussion with directors and so on, Madam Speaker. Now, the real problem here...and the CAO is trying to say, well we don't have enough time to brief if every councillor wants to meet about reports before a council meeting, 96 hours, Madam Speaker. Now, what's interesting is, is that I have not...and the model has been expressed to our new mayor who wanted things to be more open, accountable, collaborative and so on, Madam Speaker, and one of the things that you should note, all of you Councillors, there are appointed citizens on the Winnipeg Police Board who get briefed on everything before it comes to a Winnipeg Police Board formal meeting. They understand all the reports as they come through. Did you know that, Councillors? Our standing committees don't, Madam Speaker. They don't. And so there has to be a way for the people who are not on EPC or EPC plus two, but I have a feeling that the plus two are not necessarily getting briefed on everything either, Madam Speaker. Now, there are models of doing it and we could do it without even a change in the charter, Madam Speaker in regards to these things. And actually, we have done it. Councillor Wyatt is a wise person. And we...what we did was on PCSP, we seen that there was a report coming up, there was a report coming up and we established this theory…an ad hoc steering committee, an ad hoc steering committee. Every standing committee can do this, however, I'd imagine that the EPC people would try to prevent having extra meetings with their fellow colleagues on those standing committees as we are with the Park's plans. Like the dog park plan, the recreation leisure plan. We have an ad hoc committee and we know what's moving forward and we are also demanding, Madam Speaker, when those reports are ready to go and come through, it comes back to that steering...that committee which is made up of the whole standing committee, Madam Speaker. It's a great idea. We could operate all our standing committees in this manner. So but what we are doing here is no, we are not allowed to do that. So what we are saying here is, EPC and the Mayor, the leader, is saying no, you know what, we don't want you to have information, Madam Speaker, that's what they are telling us. So then what do we do? We dump it on the CAO. We dump it on the CAO and then the CAO says, well, we don't have time. Well then, you are cutting out democracy. It's not working, Madam Speaker. It's totally wrong. Somebody has got to do something here. It's either the leader of the governance part, Madam Speaker, or the leader of the administration. One of them's got to move. One of them has to. It's not right. We have new councillors around the table who have not had the advantage of being on EPC. They don't know what it's like to be able to be informed as they move along. I am lucky enough to be on the Winnipeg Police Board so I know what's going on, Madam Speaker. That is empowerment. That is democracy. That's how things can move forward. That is governance, Madam Speaker. So what has happened is we have talked about this already in the past, Madam Speaker and it basically gets shut down. So Councillor Lukes here, Madam Speaker, has a motion here that should be simple, but no. Now, the CAO's going to throw it back to us. Ask your standing committee chairperson. Standing committee chairperson took a pay cut. They don't want to talk to us. How many extra meetings are they going to have, Madam Speaker? We could do it. It is a model. We could ask a standing committee chair. We could do that when we talk about the reports prior to the formal standing committee meeting so that we understand what's going on. But that report process, Madam Speaker it's controlled through the Mayor's office, Madam Speaker. That's what everybody on EPC understands and knows. So, Madam Speaker, we have to vote for this motion because the alternative is not being presented by the Mayor of Winnipeg who said he wanted to improve co-operation, working with Council. Yes, we may agree or disagree but at least everybody should be informed so that we can have a constructive debate, Madam Speaker. And so I support this motion wholeheartedly. Councillor Lukes, a new councillor, has taken it upon herself to try to make things work better and I support that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I think this is important that we speak to this. And I think we also have to focus on what is the clause we are voting on today and what are we asking our CAO to do. And frankly, in my opinion, the operative clause of this motion is inoperable and it just isn't practical and it doesn't work. That's one problem. But aside from that I wanted to talk about some other things. You know, we have heard about collaboration. I am not a member of EPC. I have been on, I have been off, I have been in different roles and with three different mayors and three different administrations and I have heard a lot of strong statements about what it's like now and how terrible it is and whatever. Well, I can tell you it's much, massively improved from the last ten years that I was on Council and even before that, there has been significant improvements in the information we get as a non-EPC councillor and I am speaking as a non-EPC councillor. And one of the things that we've heard about and I think what makes this conversation difficult is that there is a voice in this room that doesn't have a voice in this debate here because this is a space for Councillors to have a debate. But the CAO, we are hearing the CAO this, the CAO that, we are hearing one side of the story. We are hearing the version from the councillors who say they have been denied this and denied that.

We aren't hearing the whole story because collaboration takes two sides. It takes two people collaborating with each other. If you have an unwilling partner, collaboration is not going to happen and I think we do have some of that going on. And it's difficult to talk about, I don't want to point fingers at anyone but you know, there is confidential information that gets leaked that we've even heard this morning from one of the delegations that must have come from a member of Council. So I mean...and there is many examples of this in the media we read prior to things being ready to be shared that aren't completed, we hear stuff in the media. So, you know, that's just one example. I also think that you know, you can filibuster in here, you can also filibuster our administration's time and you cannot have a clause that says that all of the senior directors or whoever will be available at the beck and call of Council or for a 96 hour period. You know, I think that's impractical and it's kind of irresponsible to use up that much of their time. I'd also like to point out this…it's actually a false notion that you can't get information about a report especially once it's public and available to everybody. And then you can't get that period of time which is what we are talking about which is after the report is public, you can't get access to that. Well, I'm on Finance Committee and every month I see an e-mail from Councillor Lukes with a long list of questions to Mike Ruta and I see the answers to those questions within 24 hours pretty much, before we have the meeting. And they are long, detailed questions every single month on Finance Committee and I see those answers. So I think we need to be fair to the administration when we say, you know, their questions aren't being answered. If you have legitimate questions, they will be answered. But I mean these are human beings that only have so much time. And to put in writing that administrators are at the beck and call of Councillors is a very dangerous precedent in terms of their time. And I also think we need to understand the role of the administration and the role of Councillors. Yes, they are there to provide information and they do. But they also have a job to do to present those reports to us and at that time, we can deal with it. I also am concerned about administrators being...you know, if you have ten different meetings with ten different people in the department and their time is being called in…those administrators don't know who their boss is, they don't know who they are answering to…some councillor is calling the. Like, our administration has to manage their staff and their staff has to be allowed time to do their work and they have to be treated respectfully. And so there is another side to this whole story that none of those in the public that are watching are going to be aware of. They are just going to hear, you know, Rosa Parks which is terrible, by the way, to compare this situation to that, I am so embarrassed for that, that that comparison was made because you know what, I am no different than these other councillors. I am a non-EPC member of Council and you know what, I like to get stuff done. That's why I am here. I like to collaborate and I know all of you want to get things done as well, but you know what, it's not that difficult to collaborate and work with whoever is there. We have the governance system we have and I have found in my time here even under the previous mayor, we were able to get a lot of stuff done under that model. I mean, you have to try to work together. And I can tell you the previous administration was not very co-operative with non-EPC councillors. Some of us and I know Councillor Orlikow remembers well, I mean, I don't know how many…long we went without speaking to the CAO, maybe a year or two without even speaking to the CAO because they didn't even bother to speak with us. That's how it was before. So if you think it's so difficult that you are on the back of a bus right now, try the last ten years that we lived under because it's nothing. There is no comparison. And then I also think you need to take a look…you know, this is kind of part of a group of...there is an unhappy group here who feel left out and I understand that feeling. But you know, you are forgetting the positive things that are happening on this council and that's not the message that's going out because there is so much negativity pouring out about, you know, poor us, we have to work on the weekend and read a report. I have been here for almost 20 years. I have read a lot of reports and I don't usually get them...I never get them until they are published and I have been here for almost two decades. You work hard at this job. It's not an easy job. You know, I hear Donald Trump complaining about how hard it is too, but you know what, it is hard being in public life and you end up reading reports on the weekend. That's just the way it is. You know, I am sorry, I don't feel victimized by that. It's just part of the process. The information is transparent to the public and it's been more...and to us and it's been more transparent than it's ever been. If you look through the list of things that have happened in the last year and a half and I keep hearing people beating up on Mayor Bowman about transparency because he talks about it a lot because it's his passion because he has brought forward initiative after initiative after initiative on transparency and they are real. We are talking about...some of the things that many of you tried to get for a long time with me, some of you here. Lobby registry, Ethics Commissioner, he publishes all his meetings online, he opened data. It's like insane how much has been done in the last year and a half or two years and many of you voted for those things but now it's suddenly we are in, you know, a dictatorship. I mean, it's ridiculous. And I think it's not fair to a lot of people in this room including our administration. You know, I just think…you know, everybody stands up and says, oh I have great respect for our administration and then you throw them under the bus in a manner like this implying that they…this and that. I mean, the fact is there is another side to each of these stories. When you hear a councillor say that I am not allowed to have a meeting with the administration, well, maybe you should wonder why. There might be a reason. Maybe too much was being demanded that was not possible to deliver in a reasonable way from the administration. That's possible that there's another story and you're not going to hear that story, Madam Speaker. Do I have an extension?

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

Councillor Gerbasi: You're not going to hear, you know, our CAO and the paper talking about a councillor's behaviour or a councillor's demands that are unreasonable, you'll never hear that. But I am telling you there are two sides to every

story and there are two sides to collaboration and it doesn't happen with one person willing to collaborate, it takes the other person. And there is another mission that is out here and sometimes I think, you know, some of the media likes…you know, it's a lot more exciting to talk about negative things and it's very political and exciting to talk about how terrible everything is and what not. But the reality is this situation we are in right now is a huge improvement on what it's been in my…over the time of my career. We have had huge measures for transparency that are real, that are happening, that all of this council including the Mayor deserve credit for. And I'm really…one of the reasons I am speaking like this, honestly, like, I'm not on EPC, I'm not…anything to gain by this personally. I just feel sad that our administration has to sit here and listen to some of the comments and they don't get a voice. I mean, they are not supposed to have a voice in here, this is politics but somebody needs to speak up for the job they do. And somebody needs to say that there is another side to this story. And I hope that when the public is listening, they recognize that, that politics is going to be played here, that people are going to make them sound like they are being very ill-treated by the administration. I know what it's like to be truly ill-treated by an administration that won't even meet with you for several years at all, regardless of a report they just don't even bother talking to you. That's what we had before with the previous CAO, we just didn't communicate. So you know, I still think that there is a real opportunity for each and every one of you and the onus is on each and every one of us to work collaboratively together. And that's here. You can do that. You can get the information you need from the administration in an appropriate way without hijacking them or tying them down to a 96 hour meeting in your office. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Council is supreme. Council expresses that supremacy primarily at Council meetings with the tool of openness and accountability. If councillors believe that they need further insights before they make the ultimate decisions at Council...they feel they need further insights to make those decisions, then that's their job to be that self-aware, and to let their fellow councillors and the administration know that. Councillor Eadie mentioned that members of the Winnipeg Police Board are fully briefed before meetings. And I am not trivializing that, that's important. It's important work and we are no less important. I understand that in the administration that Council is involved with, we are involved with administration. We spend…we make the decisions based on that administrative process. And in the end ultimately, we are not that separated from it. We might be at the end of…at the result of it we might be a certain part of the 'we'…we initiate and we decide at the end. In the end, it's all about policy and policies decided here and that's where administration…dealing with administration and we, dealing with politics, this is where we relate on the issue of policy. What are the issues that affect our ability to make the best policy and to account for that when it comes to accounting to our fellow citizens to whom we are responsible, to whom we are accountable. But Councillor Gerbasi made the point. It's two sides of the story and that's true. It's a complicated issue. But again, I wasn't here last term. I see what I see this term. I believe it's better but I do see certain dysfunctions in communication and I haven't raised this at the council chamber yet because I don't wish to be sensationalist in the chamber but I'm going to mention this now. It has happened to me, on record, it would happen at a standing committee, that for four months, I wished for...and it's standard procedure, I wasn't asking for anything that wasn't standard procedure. But regarding information from the administration, what they would present to standing committee and we would discuss it at standing committee, information regarding Valley Gardens Community Centre. And it was on the agenda for the next month, they didn't show up. So we put it on the agenda for the month after. They didn't show up. They put it on the agenda for the month after. I hope you don't mind the repetition, Madam Speaker, this is nothing compared to waiting for five months for information which my understanding was, and all members of Standing Committee for Protection, Community Services and Parks, felt as well it was merely standard procedure. And then again, they didn't show up. Finally, one of our standing committees, it was a 17 hour standing committee, started at 9:00 a.m., ended at 2:30 in the morning. And at 2 o'clock in the morning, well, we didn't get the proper representation from the administration and that was rather unfortunate and that was the extent to which we had representation from the administration on the issue regarding Valley Gardens, for which I was waiting half a year…for which, I'm responsible to account. And that happened, I guess a year and a half ago…over a span of many months. So, you know, I've mentioned that before, but that's what's happening here. I guess, you know, we all have a job to do and I have a job to do. And other councillors, if they feel they're not getting enough…if they feel, Madam Speaker, when it comes down to it, if they feel they're getting enough information to make the ultimate decisions here, well, given what I have just said, Madam Speaker, how can I blame them? So it happened to me. And while I can say technically it's still happening to me because I have been waiting months for responses and communication on certain issues and that's the case. So, I will take some of that responsibility on myself for not being, perhaps as aggressive as maybe I should be. Waiting to see how the system works. It's my first term. Well, this is what happens…this is currently, Madam Speaker, what's happening. So I hope my fellow councillors and the members of the administration don't take umbrage with what I just said. It's the truth. It's all on record. And, well, it has to improve, Madam Speaker. That's the point. This is where we are at right now with the resolution such as this, a motion such as this to try and deal with these problems, well, I am not surprised. This is where we are at right now. And on that basis, I have to say this makes sense to me. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Gillingham

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise just to note that I will not be supporting this motion. Respectfully to the authors of this motion, I was not on Executive Policy Committee for the first two years of my term yet I still believed that I had access to all the information necessary to do my job effectively as a councillor and to do my job effectively on behalf of my ward and on behalf of the citizens of this city. I realize and appreciate that perhaps each one of us approaches things a little differently. But in my view and my experience, I had what I needed to do my job. As I listen to this debate go back and forth and frankly go back and forth for several weeks now, to me, it comes down to a matter of fact. Either our CAO is willing to meet with any and every member of Council or he is not. And so I asked him directly just recently, I just asked him if he is willing to meet with any and every member of Council to discuss reports, to provide information from the departments within reason and in accordance with the current governance framework that we have and his answer was simply yes, clearly yes. So my experience has been, and I will speak for myself, my experience has been that when I needed the information it's been granted to me. Councillor Gerbasi noted in her own committee that Councillor Gerbasi, Councillor Lukes and I are on, I do see the e-mails as well that when we reach out to our CFO, our Chief Financial Officer, he does respond to grant us the information that we request. Now, some councillors, I think specifically Councillor Lukes has asked that there be a review of the governance model. I am open to that. That review has been referred to the 2018 budget. It will be discussed in due course. And what I hear is a lot of what is being raised as concerns about the process is within, frankly, the governance model. No doubt there is room for improvement in our model and any model. But that...those improvements if identified can be highlighted and brought forward if indeed, we find funding in 2018…the 2018 budget for this review that's been called for. I do want to, just in closing, just highlight something that's frankly troubling to me that earlier today, one of the delegates insinuated that the Mayor has instructed...that the Mayor had taken an active role, was the insinuation, in instructing the public service, specifically the CAO to withhold information from certain members of Council. Now, that to me is offensive. It's offensive as a member of Council for that insinuation to be levelled in this chamber. The delegate, to my knowledge, had no first-hand experience with anything like that that would give him reason to believe that. That was a careless accusation hurled without any thought, any fear of any recourse whatsoever, just tossed in the middle of this chamber and I find it offensive and I think other members of Council should also find it offensive as well. To my colleagues I would ask the question, has the Mayor asked or invited each one of us to meet with him from time to time to collaborate and to work together? I think whether an individual is on EPC or not on EPC, I think every one of us would say yes, the Mayor has offered to meet with us, to take our phone calls, to sit down with us to collaborate to see how the process is and how matters here can be improved and to collaborate. Has the Mayor offered to work with and collaborate with each one? I believe the answer is yes, that's certainly been my experience. So I will not be supporting this motion and again, I think a lot of what has been brought forward in this motion, in fact, could be referred to the process of the governance model review which has already been referred to the 2018 budget.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I will try to be brief and not repeat some of what has been said before. I...when I first got here, was not on EPC for…under the former administration probably for a period of 18 months or so, perhaps a bit less than that. Actually, my experience was I was able to get pretty good information. I can remember being here about a month, there was the issue of the expanding the services to West St. Paul. I remember meeting with Deepak Joshi up in his office, he was showing me various maps, where the pipes would go. I remember him quite demonstrative about the Province wanting us to do this and having a good debate with him about that. So I think there was…you know, I think different people have experienced different levels of access. All I can say is, my impression is, the current mayor has made a lot of efforts to try and improve consultation around the budget, around openness, around transparency with schedules, with the lobbyist registry, with the initiative Councillor Pagtakhan is leading on the capital budget process. So I think there have been some good faith efforts made. Is it perfect? No. Do we all sometimes feel like…we would like more time, but we're feeling jammed. Sometimes the administration gives us stuff with a tighter timeframe than I would like, certainly, and I think I speak for everyone in saying that. That said, if you look at our agenda, I mean, it's right there in front of you, the Water and Waste Committee were considering a couple of items that came to committee but we're not considering one that was laid over because Councillor Eadie who is…invariably has questions, had a number of questions about a particular item on a policy change that pertained to subsidies to recovery if you have a very large water bill. He asked a number of questions. As I understand it, the admin has met with him. It's coming back to committee on May 29th. I am sure if he has other issues he will raise them then. But I think it would be unfair to say, we, you know, you never can lay anything over. And that's an instance where somebody had some questions, they were legit questions, we agreed to lay the matter over a month, hopefully that will address Councillor Eadie's questions. If not, you know, I don't think there is anything hugely urgent about that one, maybe we have to lay it over again. So I think there are ways of saying, look, if you have unanswered questions you can certainly try to raise them at committee and if necessary try and lay a matter over. It's not ideal, but certainly it's something I have done and that others have done within the past couple of weeks. So I do think the Mayor is making some good faith efforts to try and increase the transparency here and increase the access to information. Is it perfect? No, but it wasn't under the old regime and I think we are making some progress

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Wyatt

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I was going to say, it's a privilege to rise and stand on this item, I prefer not to…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty. Pardon me? Yes.

Councillor Wyatt: I was going to say that it was a privilege to rise and speak on this but I don't know. I've heard so many of these debates over the last number of years. I agree with a lot of things that my colleague Councillor Gerbasi said, but not everything of course. Because I do recall that we have had these debates in the past and you know, we...Councillor Gerbasi was on EPC, off EPC, I was on EPC, off EPC, on EPC, off EPC, you know, and so you see both sides, right? And you know, I remember, you know, the old sayings that you hear at the time. You know, it's better to be inside the tent peeing out than to be outside the tent peeing in. You know, frankly Madam Speaker, why don't we just tear down the damn tent and stop pissing around. Let's start doing that because really, at the end of the day…at the end of the day this should not be about who's…which tent…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, let's maintain…

Councillor Wyatt: Sorry, I'm sorry Madam Speaker. I apologize, I was getting carried away there…I just…in the moment of the debate. You know, I guess, you know, we are talking about here at Council Chamber 16 of us with the Mayor. You know, at one time we were 29. Gary Filmon reduced us down to 16. We are smaller than most provincial cabinets in this country, smaller than most provincial cabinets in this country. Surely to goodness, you know, we can operate in a more cohesive fashion. Now, I must say, I…you know, I…Councillor Lukes brought me the motion. She asked me to second it. I asked her many questions before I seconded it because I was concerned with what the information…and I wanted to know...to me it's a question of the facts, the truth. I don't believe...I have a hard time believing the CAO would say no, I'm not going to, you know, allow meetings, and so I really grilled her on it and questioned her and she stood by her story. So what am I going to do? I'm going to back a colleague. And she then actually wanted I think to even before today's debate to double-check. She went out of her way yesterday and I know met with the Mayor who then referred her to the CAO over and over and over again on this issue. And then so of course, she set up a meeting with the CAO yesterday afternoon. What happened to that meeting? It was cancelled. It was cancelled on her, not by her, by the CAO. Could another meeting get set up? Well, it was…I think in the morning it was cancelled on you, so you had about just under 24 hours. I am sure you would have made yourself available, probably maybe even up to midnight, who knows. We understand the CAO is busy, we understand the CAO is responsible for a lot. And when I say the CAO, I don't mean the man Doug McNeil, I mean the CAO, the office of the CAO. The office of the CAO. Who, by the way we just have bestowed huge new powers to in that office. You know, let's not get into personalities though some would like us to do so. We are talking about the office and all the resources that office has and the staff resources and the support now that office has and the additional resources that office has. Underneath that office, just below that office, in between the director level and the CAO level that we just added a whole new layer which sparked the motion for governance. You know, I think...I want to thank Councillor Gillingham in his speech because I think Councillor Gillingham has obviously stretched out an olive branch in this debate by stating what he stated in his speech by saying that he has now heard, I don't know how recent by the CAO that we will be able to meet and have access to the CAO and directors. That's what I heard Councillor Gillingham say and I want to thank him for that. And you know, I think Madam Speaker, that clearly, you know, we don't…the system we have in place was written by people, it's not perfect. And we all know those of us who are on EPC that the Mayor and EPC have access to reports and information. And we all know as students of politics, students of history that information is power. Knowledge is power. And we are elected to be in power, all of us to assist the people with their challenges and the problems of our city. Never have I found an administrator who said, no I am not going to assist you...well, maybe once or twice, but very rare, very rare. I could count the times but…on one hand. But you know, by and far, the public service has reached out and always will be there and has been there over and over and over again. Where the interference and challenge comes from is in...it comes back to...but one of our delegations said this morning, it is in the governance structure. And I don't know what the answer to it is. I don't know. I don't know what that solution is at this point but that's why the motion that was brought forward on governance did not specify a solution. It specified a process. It outlined a potential process that we could have to do a governance review. At the end of the day, we're not sure what those solutions may look like but at the end of the day, I do believe some very fundamental things that I have seen now under more than one mayor, three mayors to be exact, the job is huge. It's a massive job to be the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg. Huge burden, every day, in and out. And I have seen mayors age in their positions and you know, it's a challenging position that needs the help of everyone on Council so we all have to reach out to each other across the aisles, backwards and forth including the office of the Mayor. Number two, nobody has all the answers. There is not one person in this chamber who has all the answers. That means, you've got…as was said by one member, I forget who was saying this earlier, with the experience, everybody who comes to this council brings their own history, their own experience, their own life

experience, their own talents, their own strengths, weaknesses, but their own strengths. And we all must pull on that…pull on those strings to bring it to the table when it comes to public policy development. The system we have now does not allow for that. It does not give us that vehicle officially and fairly. And right now the system is based on crisis management, in my view, because we are not dealing with the challenges strategically, the big challenges facing the city and IEPC is a great way to deal with crisis. One issue through the door after another based on having to solve problems and crisis rather than thinking strategically long term, looking not just today, not tomorrow or next year even, but looking over the next four, five, ten years. This is what we need to be doing as a council to address the major challenges we have, but having said that, we also then need to strategically plan to know what those challenges are. So those are my comments. Madam Speaker, I don't think Councillor Lukes overextended herself with this motion. I think she was quite accurate. I think…you know, Councillor Lukes, I was actually in that meeting Councillor Lukes referred to earlier when Bill Clement was chairing it and I think he called you the Queen of the Trails at the time and you shot back that you are the King of the Trails, Councillor Clement...and he was the Chair of Public Works at the time. And it was quite a…and you were the head of the Winnipeg Trails Association and you were passionate about trails and you know, you had done work at the provincial level, at the federal level and here at City Hall.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, again your comments to the Chair

Councillor Wyatt: Oh, sorry Madam Speaker, thank you. Here at City Hall, thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Here at City Hall. And you know, I was just really...you know, I don't think...you know, so I take Councillor Lukes' concerns as sincere and genuine and you know, I believe that…the reality is, the majority of councillors, you know there's an element of councillors who are on EPC who have access to more information. How often will a member of Council be…will need to go to a director about a report, might be one or two. And if there is an overwhelming drive to get information before a standing committee meeting, well that's when you call a council seminar which we haven't had for some time on many issues that we should be having them on where we could ask the questions if there is a lot of interest on a certain subject.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Madam Speaker, those are my comments. I think the motion is pretty straightforward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty

Councillor Browaty: Madam Speaker, I move referral to EPC without direction.

Madam Speaker: Vote on the referral? No further speakers? So Councillor Browaty, you've moved referral to EPC? Okay, Councillor Lukes, would you like to speak whether it should or should not be referred or why it should not be? No. Okay, I will call the question. There is a call for recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer, Wyatt, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Madam Speaker: All those opposed, please rise.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 7, Nays 8.

Madam Speaker: The Yeas were 8? Referral motion is lost. Okay, Councillor Browaty, this is your opportunity to speak to the motion. Okay. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. And you know what, I do thank you all for the debate even though I think it's a little bit…has a little bit of political oompf underneath it. But again, we are politicians and I don't say that in a bad way, we…this is our job. Trying to get the issues forward which we believe are passionate for and maybe some politics on the side but that's fine, that's what our job is. I am very supportive of and I'm hoping we'll be able to find the money for the governance structure and looking at that because I think that's just really where this motion is coming from. I am

not sure...like Councillor Gerbasi said we are hearing kind of one side of the story only and we see an opportunity…some people see an opportunity to run into it really hard, don't even ask…don't talk to the CAO about it, we're just going to go with one view and that will be a good wedge issue for me to run through. That's fine. You know, like I said, we have had this debate over the years. I have been on the other side before and I understand and that's okay. We should theoretically though, in the future, we should talk to the people that are pretty well accused in this motion to see what their side of the story if you really want to be fully informed but you don't really have to do that if you don't want because we are Council, you don't have to even read the agendas if you don't want. You know, you serve your communities how you serve your communities. However, I just want to stand up here and point out that I have heard from my committee members on the Property and Planning Development Committee about some of the issues about the 96 hours. Again, this is not really only for Council, this is an issue that goes to the public. You know, Councillors should be ready to work on the weekend. I don't go away the weekend prior. We don't do that because that's when we're going to have some pretty interesting reads to go on and then also to be able to be available to my committee members and anybody else in Council...I actually don't recall receiving too many phone calls from other council colleagues prior but I want to make sure they're aware and then they can ask me any questions and then we can see if we can find that information for them quickly and maybe provide that clarity to them. And as Councillor Mayes has said, if we are not there by the time we get there, we lay matters over and that's okay, too. So we do have some mechanism…but really, the issue is in the governance structure. Again, we have gone a long way from before, when the CAO would not meet with me but he literally would not meet with me. He said…I won't say what he said but I was on the opposition and there was a closed door effect that happened. So I didn't really know what was going on. But again, I was able to work with some of the EPC members back in those days and work with them and say hey…they didn't like it and they said okay, you should be given information and they would help you out. Again, Councillor Swandel was fantastic. He was very, very helpful to me just trying to figure out what's going on and I just had to ask him and he said well, I can't tell you this yet, but I can tell you this, you know, just keep your eye over here. And he was very helpful. So I felt informed. Sometimes I actually talked to...there was an episode there, I remember asking Councillor Browaty for some information and he said, well we can't release that report to you. I go, well I kind of want it. And again, he may have had reasons why, I don't know personally, any report that Council has…that I've seen that Council hasn't seen as well. You know, Councillor Browaty brings up his traffic study motion, he likes to bring that one up, I've never seen that yet, it's not ready yet. When it's ready, it will be presented. But again, we also have to remember that we are political animals so sometimes people get…half piece of information is all they need, and they go out there because they don't plan to support it, they plan just to attack. And you know what, again, that's politics. However, the real issue is to me today is about the governance structure. It's about trying to get...and I see a motion just came by today, there is a domino effect but trying to get some more notice. So in the P&D Department, we are looking at trying to put notifications up when pre-applications come forward so that gives councillors and residents more opportunity to know that this file's coming, trying to figure out ways to engage the public earlier…public and councillors earlier in the process. That's all…but we can't…we have to figure out our balance between the information we are providing the public and Council in enough time that they are able to actually digest it and have these meetings. Like I am blown away and I have told my…and I will be straight up, if somebody…if a councillor calls screaming, yelling at a civic employee at 4:00 in the morning on Saturday night, I told Mike…I said you know what, I'll stand by you guys. You are not on 24/7. No one should be doing that at 4:00 in the morning. And then, the thing is they are responding. They are responding on Sundays. They are responding at 4:00 in the morning. They are responding to our council colleagues. To me, I find that incredible. Again, I advised them, like, it's not part of your…I don't believe your job description, if you want to get back to them as soon as you can. But again, at 4:00 in the morning or other times, to me, that's a little over the top to say the least. And I will back my colleagues to get that information, but I also respect the public administration's job is that I am not on-call 24/7 and should be woken up at 4:00 in the morning by a rant. I agree with that too. So we have to respect both sides but the fundamental issue is, how do we get this information out earlier? And again, the governance committee will help that. We have some motions, I think from Councillor Allard and some other people talking about that. I know the department on the land development side is working on different models in which we can do that so we can…people can be more informed earlier. And then…so we are on the right path. We are on the right path. I know not everybody's going to be too happy, probably even when we get to the end of the path, but again, we are on that right path that we can have that collaborative…that collaborative process together. We know that we...I've heard some ideas of why don't we just meet in-camera ahead of time as a group as a whole. Well, you know, that's again…I know we like these big words of transparency, well that's very not…very transparent at all. The public debate should happen in the open. We shouldn't be going behind closed doors just to decide…what we decide to make it up and then come out to the big block. And again, I've got to commend the Mayor. He has been very clear since I got on EPC that he is not whipping a vote. You vote how you want to vote even on EPC. He has been very respectful of that, but we have had discussions and when I have an issue with the Mayor and some of…maybe his policies or any of my colleagues, I generally approach you and say, what's going on? What is actually the intent here? Again, we see today…we see a shwack of these drop on motions. Right? Again, I don't think there's any for P&D, but no one's ever talked to me about these prior. Again, maybe they're already in motion, I think…actually, I apologize, Councillor Allard has on the cell phone tower one. He has been engaged with me for quite a long time on this motion and I am very happy to help support it. But we talked about…oh, you know, this may actually be a Public Works matter or this may not and then we try to find a way

that he can get the motion developed in a way that's collaborative. Again, if the administration can support, it's clear what we are asking for, it is done ahead of time so these motions can work but we need to work together. So I understand the frustrations. I've been there. I tell you, it's a lot better than it was, but that doesn't matter for people who have not experienced the past. But we do have work to do going forward and I respect that. But we have do it together. And it can't be my way or the highway. So we're trying to find a way that we can collaborate together so I can get that information. And I agree, the minds of Winnipegger are around this table and we need to be bringing…making sure everybody has the information they need to make a decision.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I rise just to inform my colleagues that I do not plan on supporting this motion and I want to explain a little bit why. So first of all, I'd just like to share...I think I shared most of this before but it's a non-exhaustive list of some of the work this council has done on accountability and transparency. So some of the initiatives include the ongoing implementation of the 52 recommendations from three real estate audits, proactive disclosure of Freedom of Information, Protection and Privacy Act requests, an online portal giving live updates on capital projects, annual evaluations of statutory officers, livestreaming of committee meetings, a new expenditure policy for the office of the Mayor, disclosure of meetings in the Mayor's office, something that he has done voluntarily, the hiring of an Integrity Commissioner, the establishment of a Lobbyist Registry. So those are just some of the initiatives that have come out of this council and from this mayor. So in terms of accountability and transparency I think we have come a long way since the previous council and I think…I think we need to celebrate that. And I think this council is responding to what Winnipeggers wanted. I think there was two top priorities for Winnipeggers in the last election. I think it was roads and accountability and transparency. And we are spending a heck of a lot of money on roads, over $105 million this year and happy to say, 17 of those million are happening in St. Boniface. So I think we are doing a good job on transparency and accountability. And I think there is, you know, there's always more work to be done. I think we will continue that work going forward. In terms of this specific ask of the briefing with senior administration, 96 hours preceding a committee meeting, you know, I am not a member of the Executive Policy Committee, I have recently been named Acting Deputy Mayor, but I can say, prior to that I have always been able to get information from our city administration whether it's by e-mail or phone and they have always been very accommodating. So I do think we are in a situation where you can get information from our public service and I found my colleagues, EPC and non-EPC colleagues, to be very good in terms of moving issues forward and I would like to thank all of my council colleagues for that. But I wanted to make the point that I don't think we celebrate enough the progress that we have made on accountability and transparency at this council because I think we've gotten a lot of real substantial work done and the work continues every day. But I think we'll be able to find that way together. So with all due respect to the authors of the motion, I will not be supporting this motion. And I will also, if ever I know that Councillor Wyatt has been anywhere near a tent, I will not go near the tent or walk anywhere around that tent. So thank you very much for your consideration.

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

Councillor Morantz: I have to say I am rising for a few reasons. One is to say, my heart is still pounding because I just took a short break and I came back and there was a vote going on and I thought I missed the vote on the motion but anyway that was interesting. So...but...and I also am rising just because it kind of put a smile on my face because I am looking at all of my colleagues saying, you know, I was on EPC, I was off EPC. Well, I am delighted to say, I guess I'm the only sitting member who can say they have only been on EPC. So I am just going to chalk that one up and have to say that yes I am happy about being in the tent but I don't think I would use the same language as my councillor from Transcona, he said it all too well, as did I believe Lyndon Johnson. But I have to say that, although I haven't had the experience of not being on EPC, I have had the experience of being able to chair two standing committees and my colleagues on those committees were often non-EPC members. And I really have to say from my perspective whenever there were questions that I could facilitate or members of the public service could facilitate…I remember when I was on Finance, our CFO, Mr. Ruta, was excellent at responding to questions, always, very quickly as well. You know, in my experience on Public Works, I have also had very good relationships with many of the public servants, very dedicated public servants do their best to work very, very hard. Very good relationships with our CFO and you might say, well okay, well he's on EPC so maybe…maybe that's why. But I want to point out that it when it came to my colleagues on these committees who weren't always on EPC, they too were getting reams and reams of information. I suppose, Madam Speaker, what it comes down to is that, you may discount the information if you receive it and you don't take heed to it or pay attention to it or agree with it, and that may be what's happening in large respect here. But I really have to say, I cannot support this motion. I think mainly because I disagree with it. And I think you know, there are always challenges I suppose, we have a busy public service, but I think that if you are respectful and professional when you deal with the public service that they will always respond in kind whether you are on EPC or not. And that's the reality of it. Now, I want to say with respect to our governance model and of course there are always things that could always be improved I suppose, but I can't think of another level of government that is so transparent. I mean, aside from all of the things that Councillor Allard said that we had done, which I concur with, the system itself is inherently transparent. All of

our meetings…our committee meetings are held in public, they are livestreamed. The public…anyone from the public, as you can see, they are here in reams today, can come down and watch the meetings and actually…but you know, more than that, Madam Speaker, more than they can just come down and listen to us, listen to what we are saying, they can actually go online and actually read the reports. If someone could point out to me where at the Province or the Federal Government I could see the administrative report and go and sit down on the committee meetings and actually listen to what the public servants are actually saying, not just the politicians but have politicians actually ask questions of the public service and have the public service respond, that is a tremendous opportunity that every single member of this council has and should take advantage of. And so I really think that we live in a very fortunate, in fact, governance structure where information flows very, very freely. But at the end of the day, Madam Speaker, frankly, it comes down to professionalism and respect. If you are professional and respectful to our public service, they will always reciprocate. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to acknowledge the comments from all of my colleagues. You know, we have made many positive strides as a council in terms of greater openness and transparency and really trying to build a more collaborative work environment for all members of Council. In addition to many of the items that have been mentioned by my colleagues, including Councillor Allard, I point out one of the reasons why the Council Liaisons positions were created was to again, build the opportunities for leadership for all members of Council. Some have embraced those roles incredibly well and you know, I think that that is obviously helping. As Councillor Gerbasi mentioned, what's disappointing from this discussion is the inability of the public service to correct the record in. And my understanding from conversations that I have had with our CAO, like Councillor Gillingham noted, has been very similar. My understanding is all members of Council should be free to contact Mr. McNeil or any of our directors at any time to seek clarity or additional information. That has been something that I have supported in public and in private in discussions that I have had with members of our senior administration, that we want to be doing everything we can to ensure all of us, myself included, get as much information in a timely manner so that we can get as much information to make informed decisions. And I would just echo the comments of Councillor Morantz that it really is up to each of us to act in a respectful manner, to build a professional working relationship with our public service so that we can get better results for the people that we all collectively serve. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Lukes, do you wish to close?

Councillor Lukes: Yes, thank you. So I just wanted to clarify that, you know, I did speak to Mr. McNeil about this issue three times, twice in an e-mail and once in person. And I guess, you know, the issue that I have is in that 96 hour window, if I have questions I would like to speak to a director but he did make it very clear that he did not want meetings held with directors in that 96 hour window. It's not about, you know, the professionalism or respectfulness. Of course I have long, long relationships with many people in these departments because I have been working with them since 2001. It's just that in the short window of time of the 96 hours and if I have technical questions, a perfect example was the TIF related to the SkyCity motion…the SkyCity report that came forward. I mean, I don't know how many councillors could really explain that in detail and I would like to have spoken to the director on that. I did speak to the director on that but…and that was fine, that was fine. But you know, you can't always get a hold of a director. So…and I want to be clear, obviously, I have no problem working on the weekend, I don't think I have to defend that, it's just that in the 96 hours often it's over a weekend and you can't access people and I'm not going to bug people on the weekend. I'm not going to…well, I'm just not going to bother directors or councillors on the weekend. I know that when I was Chair I didn't have all the information to technical questions that came forward related to the Public Works Committee and would encourage committee members to contact the Director and answer…you know, and answer the questions that the committee member had. I really appreciate the comments today. I am really pleased to hear that people recognize that really this is tied to governance and that I hear there'll be a real effort to find funding in the budget to conduct a governance review because I do think after 20 years a review needs to be held. And again, I still truly believe…I truly believe that there is a lot of waste and there's a lot of waste of time and resources and tax payer dollars in the process that we currently have when we…like, we don't even sit around and talk as a group about any topic and it's just…to me it's just mind-boggling, other than on council floor. But, you know, we have to try and make change and that's what I am trying to do and the model that is currently operating isn't ideal. So hopefully with this governance review, the budget funding will be found and we will hold it and at some point, this model will change because I truly do believe it's not at its best. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: So I will call the question with that on the Notice of Motion. Recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer, Wyatt

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 6, Nays 10.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Was my name stated?

Clerk: Sorry, Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: The motion is lost. Moving on to the next notice of motion that is on your computer stations there, moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Dobson, your opportunity to introduce your motion.

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 Dobson: Thank you Madam Speaker. This motion basically will provide all councillors with the same briefings that EPC currently has. My thoughts are that if it's in…if we have to vote on it sometime during Council, it would be nice to have the briefings. I am really hoping that Council will support this motion today. It will provide all councillors with the knowledge to make informed decisions and will ultimately benefit the citizens of this city. Councillors will no longer be voting for important issues that they have not been briefed on. The questions that each councillor brings forward will be based on firm knowledge of the issue and will not be based on what they could understand in the narrow 96 hour window that standing committees are currently faced with. Keeping all elected City Councillors abreast of the issues with briefings is fair and it's the right thing to do. Again, if it is important enough for EPC to have a briefing, then it's sure enough important that all councillors have these briefings as well. Let's take a step forward today. Let's have a strong, informed councillor…or council. I look forward now to comments from other councillors.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's kind of a similar debate we just went through but what I would like to do in terms of this particular motion though on briefings, much of what I had said in the previous speech, Madam

Speaker, would cover it. But a couple of things I wanted to cover off Madam Speaker, in terms of moving forward with our new council, the 2014-18 Council, Madam Speaker and I noticed that one of my colleagues…one of my new colleagues on this council referred to a number of initiatives that this council has managed to complete from the previous council. Things like an Integrity Commissioner, things like the Mayor's office expenditure policy. And Madam Speaker, actually, in the past, the former mayor also posted all of his office expenditure transactions on the web. There is no difference, Madam Speaker, it's a continuation of a number of initiatives that were moved ahead by the previous council. And you know, I really appreciate that this council was able to accomplish some of it although, you know, when it comes to the...I did vote against the iteration of the...my brain is not working, pardon me…yeah, the lobbyist registry, thank you…very good. I didn't vote for the lobbyist registry because of the iteration in which it was, but Madam Speaker, as you well know, the Governance Committee through consultations with the auditor and all that stuff, we did a lot of that leg work ahead of time. The report that we got about a lobbyist registry was actually the work of the previous council. So that is there and, you know, I felt that there was a big promise that Council would work much better together through into…getting into 2015 but I could see things rolling out similar to the way things used to be. And while we have had a number of improvements in terms of public information…although, it's one thing to list all the capital projects and whatever, but to actually put it together in a cohesive way that categorizes so it actually has some meaning to people, that's still hasn't quite happened. We're leaving that work up, Madam Speaker, to the…to those people. But in terms of briefing though, it's very important, and you know, we just had this discussion and debate, how much time is required in order for that? Today, we are going to be dealing with a motion from the Protection, Community Services and Parks regarding a contract with the municipality of West St. Paul in regards to dealing with mosquitos. And you know, briefings and discussions and if you want to say is there enough time and you want to work or are you going to work on weekends or whatever you're going to do. I do the reading whenever I can get it in, Madam Speaker. And you know, the amounts of material that we have to go through, if we got a briefing, what you will note today, Madam Speaker is...and guess who gets told about this? I already voted on something at Protection, Community Services and Parks to enter into a contract to deal with mosquitos for West St. Paul, which is in the best interest of Winnipeggers, that was supposed to follow principals that have been set for that kind of contractual agreements or whatever that we might have with the municipalities that surround the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. But there's two points in those principles that don't really pertain to mosquitos, although I might suggest that D of those principles if it wasn't written just to say development, it says environment. I would like it see a plan to ensure that West St. Paul is not having a lot of standing water laying around so that it's easier to deal with that contract. It's in the best interest of both municipalities, Madam Speaker. But I digress. What happened here is, I go and vote on a report, we discussed it at committee, it went on to EPC, got past EPC, gets put on the agenda and lo and behold the Chairperson of Protection, Community Services and Parks has a motion to amend it because we realized there is a problem. DNE don't pertain to this particular mosquito contract to 2021. Why was I not informed about that? Every member who voted...now, Councillor Wyatt was not in attendance he was on city business elsewhere when that thing went through, maybe he would have caught it. I don't know. But alls I want to say is, is that three of us voted on it, Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Pagtakhan and Councillor Eadie and I am not informed, Madam Speaker. I should have been informed because I went and voted for something that doesn't make sense. I actually moved it, Madam Speaker, if I recall. So we talk about all this time for briefing and you know, yeah, every system has its problems, there's no doubt about it, Madam Speaker. But the thing is, the more people you involve in a briefing for a report, the more you can catch. And Madam Speaker, I will agree, Councillor Mayes who chairs the Water and Waste Committee, we had a report that came and I didn't have enough time. I read through it, went through it, I seen some problems. It didn't have to move ahead, went back, it's not going to come...it's coming to our meeting on the 29th of May, I believe Madam Speaker, but it worked out because you know what, because we had enough time to make sure that the report was correct. It's going to be all the better for it that we waited a month or less actually. But, Madam Speaker, briefings are important and the sooner you can get them, the better because we could find problems that we're going to have to deal with, problems that we never thought about. There are other decisions across this whole city, Madam Speaker, that happen through administration they do the work. I trust them actually to do the work. But you know, we don't know that there might be something missed or what's the repercussions of some of the decisions made…what are the repercussions. Consideration before we decide to go down a road that nobody thought about. That's why we need briefings, Madam Speaker. It's important, very important to have briefings to discuss this because we can have detrimental effects on Winnipeggers if we don't deal with it properly or we can confuse the citizens and the people of Winnipeg about what the direction is or what a policy means and so on and so forth. And so, communication is essential in collaboration. You can't just say collaborate. There has to be communication and people will agree and disagree, Madam Speaker. But the point is simply that collaboration doesn't happen without proper consideration and communication about the issues moving ahead. And so I'm going to be supporting this motion of a councillor who is new on this one. And I don't know what else to say to people, but you know, this is just a reasonable request, Madam Speaker, to be briefed that's all. And I know, it's a lot of work. It's more work but you know what, maybe a little more work on these things brings together better policy, better projects for the Winnipeggers. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I'll keep my comments brief. I just want to thank Councillor Dobson for moving the motion. I think it's very insightful that a member of Council who is so relatively new to Council has now seen clearly the disadvantage of when you are a member of EPC versus non-EPC. I mean, the information that he is requesting here is pretty benign. He's requesting that the briefings that have been provided at EPC, which are by the way, often different than what the reports that are received to us at committees be provided including all relevant information to decision makers which often would be the members of that standing committee who will be making decisions. Some of the members of the standing committee are on EPC and some not. He is not asking in this motion, for example, that he have access to the detailed information that often takes place behind closed doors at i-EPC or informal EPC, i.e. mainly, the debates that take place. He is not asking for the original copy of a report before the changes are made often behind closed doors i-EPC. He is not asking for a list of the detailed arguments pro and against made often at the table. He is not asking for a list of the names of the administrators in attendance in the meeting, who attended, what they said, what was the position they put forward and then what was counter position put forward by the members of the elected body in that meeting. He is not asking for any of the dialogue that went on between the elected members that is not public or in a public realm that took place behind closed doors at that meeting. He is not asking for, Madam Speaker, any other amendments that were made at a following meeting that may have taken place at that informal meeting. At another informal meeting, he is not asking for who was in attendance in terms of EPC or EPC plus two. He is not asking for any of those things, that is what goes on all the time. And all he is asking for is the relevant information that was a briefing that was provided to the EPC members in the informal meeting which goes on as we know, Madam Speaker. So I think it's a reasonable request and it's very insightful, too. So those are my comments, thanks Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to reiterate the importance of this motion. It is fair to all City Councillors. It's the right thing to do. It will be a benefit to the residents of our city. Councillors will be more informed and will work together more closely and it will help all councillors if they fully understand the issues. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Yes. Okay. We will now vote on the item. This notice of motion, all in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer, Wyatt

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 6, Nays 10.

Madam Speaker: Notice of Motion is lost. We will now deal with motions. Motion No. 6 is withdrawn. It has been replaced with Motion No. 7. Motion No. 7 has been moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Browaty. It deals with the in-camera by-law. It's an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. Motion No. 9 is a notice of motion moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Eadie, regarding our local street renewal program. It will be placed on the June Council meeting agenda. We have Motion No. 10, also a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Lukes, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It is a...regarding a governance review. That will be placed on the June Council meeting agenda. Okay, we will now move into by-laws. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3.1 of the In Camera By-law No. 21/2011 be amended to read as follows:

"3.1 Council may meet in camera to consider human resource matters only."

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3.1 of the In Camera By-law No. 21/2011 be amended to read as follows:

"3.1 Council may meet in camera to consider reports or information concerning personnel-related matters only."

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

WHEREAS in the 2013 Budget, Council established the Local Street Renewal Reserve (LSRR), with the dedication of a One Percent of a new property tax increase, and with clear goals and principles, namely:

A) to build the said reserve via dedicated annual tax increases;
B) to build a fund that was a long-term commitment as the infrastructure deficit cannot be eliminated in one year or in one political term;
C) to build the said reserve and that it would be on and above the existing street funding, known as the "base funding", such as the 'cash to capital' funding, but not limited to that, and therefore no 'shell game';
D) that the program would be open and transparent, and that a "chart" of the existing overall program plan and it is a long term funding target would be published via the budget, to illustrate the existing total funding and the level of funding required each and every year going forward, with detail of funding levels and source of funds, in order to reach a level of 'managed care' of our roads;
E) And that the said funds in the new LSRR cannot be moved or transferred for other purposes unless there is a 2/3rds vote of Winnipeg City Council;

AND WHEREAS in the 2014 Budgets, Council established the Regional Street Renewal Reserve (RSRR), with the dedication of an additional One Percent of a new property tax increase, with the same clear goals and principles as adopted for the LSRR program as outlined above in the first WHEREAS clause;

AND WHEREAS in the 2013 and 2014 budgets, the creation of these two new initiatives for our roads, was the first major step to tackle the massive roads infrastructure deficit, by City Council, in more than a generation;

AND WHEREAS the funding of the Local and Regional Streets program was undermined by the 2016 Capital Budget which eliminated the transparent reporting of both programs by removing the said "chart" which was in every Budget book since 2013 and ensured accountability and transparency of a program that was long-term in nature, and was crucial in not only illustrating the past funding levels, but more importantly projected out 20 plus years the funding level required to arrive at the level of 'managed care', versus 'crisis care', which is the nature of our existing streets program due to the massive infrastructure deficit and a lack of funding;

AND WHEREAS the Local and Regional Streets program suffered a second major setback when, in the 2017 Capital Budget, the decision was made to cut funds out of the base program, namely by reducing the historic cash to capital funding of our Local and Regional Streets program, and moving it to balance the operating budget, and that this decision directly stalled the progress previously being made to build up funding for both Local and Regional Streets, as well as projecting to make future budget cuts to the cash to capital funding;

AND WHEREAS only the funding via the LSRR and the RSRR are subject to the 2/3rds vote rule of Council to protect the funds, and that the historic base program has no such policy for protecting those funds;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Bowman continually states that Road renewal is Winnipeg's number one priority, however the decision to cut the historic base funding for roads in the 2017 Capital Budget and the elimination of the open and transparent reporting of the original Chart in the 2016 Budget, demonstrates that Council's action, via the 2016 and 2017 Budgets, presented by the Mayor and his Executive Policy Committee, undermines the long term goal of increasing funding to repair our streets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt a policy that the 2/3rd vote requirement needed to transfer or reduce funding in the Local Streets Renewal Reserve (LSRR) and the Regional Streets Renewal Reserve (RSRR) be extended to the entire Local and Regional Streets program, including all base program funding, but not limited to that, and that this be based on the 2017 Adopted Budget numbers for that program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the original Chart documenting the funding plan for the Local and Regional Streets program, that started in the 2013 Capital Budget for Local Streets, and was expanded in 2014 for Regional Streets, and included up to and in the 2015 Capital Budget program and in all those Capital Budget Appendixes, be restored in the 2018 Capital Budget Book, and every budget thereafter.

Motion No. 10
Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS this Council is increasing the openness and transparency of municipal government in the City of Winnipeg to enable better governance and use of tax dollars;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has not conducted a Governance Review seeking to improve the City's process of decision making in approximately 20 years, and will only be considering a recommendation to fund a Governance Review during the 2018 budget process, and improvements to governance may occur in a piecemeal approach;

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

AND WHEREAS the 96 hour period is not restricted to business hours, but includes evening and weekend hours, thereby significantly reducing the number of business hours available for both Council members and members of the public to seek clarity on reports from the Public Service, register and appear in delegation at committees;

AND WHEREAS the Citizens of Winnipeg have the right to register and appear in delegation to speak to public reports on issues deemed relevant to them but frequently are restricted from doing so due to having only 96 hours to make personal arrangements to enable them to appear in delegation at committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS in the interest of well-informed government decisions, good policy creation, and public engagement in government, all elected members and citizens of Winnipeg should have access to public information in a timely manner, and have the opportunity to provide meaningful input in the decision making and policy creating process;

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 42/2017 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 42/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 42/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 42/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension of the rule for the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 42/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have Question Period, 30 minutes on the clock. Any questions for the Mayor? Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Browaty.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We will now have Question Period. Thirty minutes on the clock. Any questions for the Mayor? Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Browaty.
Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, I recently had the opportunity to visit the Traffic Management Centre, and frankly I was blown away at what has now been made possible in terms of bettering circulation, vehicle circulation in Winnipeg, and I wanted to know if the Mayor could provide us with an update in terms of where we're at with that centre.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Through you Madam Speaker, thank my council colleague, and I want to thank all my council colleagues who supported the investments that this council has made on something that had been talked about for many, many years, and like many matters that this council has delivered on, things that were talked about for, in this case, pretty much my entire adult life was commonly referred to as "light synchronization" or as we now call it the first ever Transportation Management Centre. This is, of course, our traffic nerve centre and this is a leading edge facility that monitors all of our roughly 650 signalized intersections across our city and which can remotely respond in real time to signal malfunctions and unexpected traffic incidents to improve traffic flows as well as provide real time traffic information to drivers that are utilizing the Waze app. In terms of Waze, this draws on the cutting edge technology that's now available to us. The TMC utilizes crowd sourced information so this allows users that can download the Waze app to anonymously provide information to the Transportation Management Centre, which then correspondingly provides that information in real time back to drivers who are out on our streets. I'm pleased to hear that my council colleague has had an opportunity to visit the Transportation Management Centre. My understanding is most members of Council, if not all, have had a chance to visit it, and if not, I would encourage all members of Council to go out and see it first-hand. I had the opportunity to open it with Councillor Morantz who, I know this is one of his pride and joys in terms of the leadership he is providing in terms of the new portfolio that he's sharing, and some of the features that I'll just mention include signals management system. So this tool allows for real time communication between traffic signals in the streets and the central control system to allow technical staff to and engineers to monitor and correct many problems, even before drivers or pedestrians hopefully notice that there's an issue, and the system also allows our staff to modify traffic signal timings immediately, should an unexpected situation arise, so these are things like collisions, stalled vehicles, barricades, special events and adverse weather. The other feature is video management system. These are roughly 70 cameras that have been installed at strategic locations around our city acting as the TMC's eyes on the street, and this system, together with the signal management system, helps our engineers and our staff understand the nature of the unexpected traffic situations as key locations and then adjusts traffic signals' timing as needed. The other thing, of course, for the system to work is just synchronizing the timing for each of the lights. My understanding is this was done more manually, if not manually for each of the light stands, and over time, with, you know, a fraction of a second off, eventually they're not synchronized despite engineers' best efforts. The traffic information system is the other feature. This system gathers real time traffic related information such as lane closers, traffic signal malfunctions, stalled vehicles, and shares the information with drivers using the Waze app. Especially during a period of historic funding for roads where there is such increased construction going on, this is a feature that will allow our citizens and drivers to navigate efficiently through a very, very busy construction season. The other feature, of course, is the cellular communication network. This state of the art communication network uses cellular modems. It's easy to maintain, it's readily expandable and cost-effective communication network, and it supports the operation of the system that I've mentioned. The other thing though, of course, is there are expected modules that will be added, so our hope and our expectation is that the return on investment that we've made as a City for this Transportation Management Centre will only grow with time as we add new modules. It's also piqued the interest of engineers in other cities. This is undoubtedly, and so we're advised, one of the most integrated systems in North America if not internationally, something that Winnipeggers should be very proud of, and so as a driver and as a commuter, we want to see the return on investment that we've made as a council. I thank my council colleague for the question.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Allard, do you have any other questions this round? You're good? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. During the 2014 campaign, the Mayor, under the category "Lifting the Veil of Secrecy at City Hall", pledged that as Mayor, Bowman will lead and work with Council to ensure that the discretionary exemptions under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, FIPPA will not be used to block the release of information. City Hall information that can be legally shared will be shared with Winnipeggers. This release should not be an option to be decided by the political establishment at City Hall. Does the Mayor still believe in that commitment?

Mayor Bowman: I do believe that we should continue to make positive changes to greater openness and transparency at City Hall. One of the things that I would ask my council colleague is, if he will follow my lead and make his meeting calendar accessible to the public as I've done.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Second question, Councillor Browaty.
Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Are you aware that recently, by request to have the traffic study that taxpayers paid $116,000 for, released to the public was refused under that exact clause under the discretionary exemption?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I have read some of the public reports that the Councillor has initiated. I would again ask if he will follow my lead and make his meeting calendar available to the public.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Any other questions, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Will the Mayor ask the Administration to immediately release the study on Portage and Main that Winnipeggers demand and deserve to know?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Well, it's unfortunate that the Councillor will not follow my lead in terms of demonstrating openness and transparency. It's something that I know all members of Council, I believe, talk a lot about openness and transparency, but what Winnipeggers expect us to do it to demonstrate by example. To answer the Councillor's question, we leave it to our FIPPA Coordinator to make decisions in a non-political way regarding the release of a FIPPA request, and I don't think what the Councillor is suggesting is that we politicize the public service in that respect. In terms of greater openness and transparency, I do note through some of the reports as well that we have seen this week, the Councillor openly boasting about meetings with un-named political operatives concerning the next mayoral election, and I would like to ask the member perhaps in his follow up question, he can advise us who were these un-named sources, these un-named political operatives because it sounds pretty old-school to me when you're having back room meetings and you won't disclose who you're meeting with. I can say that for myself, regarding the next election, I have been having discussions with three people. Their names are Hayden, Austin and Tracy Bowman, and I'm quite open to talk about that, but I would ask the Councillor to please disclose who he's been meeting with and who he's been speaking with behind closed doors.

(inaudible speaking in the background)

Councillor Wyatt: questions of the Mayor, not to the Mayor to ask questions of members of Council, so…thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor. I believe questions can be asked. They don't necessarily have to be answered. But…yeah…thank you for your comments. Councillor Eadie, you're up.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Deputy Speaker. I rise…I just spoke to this issue about, you know, having appropriate briefings Madam Speaker, or Madam Deputy Speaker, is very important in terms of briefing on where we're going, and you know, the public is often briefed on our, you know, the Waverley underpass, there was consultation, the Phase 2 Rapid Transit, a public open discussion about where things are going to move Madam Speaker, and I believe that Council should be briefed on, or through the appropriate Committee, my particular issue here is with Municipal Accommodations Madam Speaker, and my question to the Mayor is, what are we going to do about taking away a

football team, the Nomads Football Club, taking away their stadium. What are we going to do about that in terms of the decisions made by Municipal Accommodations in order to build the new police station?

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

Mayor Bowman: I'm not sure I follow the question fully. I'd be more than happy to get additional information for the Councillor so that I can better understand his question. Maybe in a follow up question he can provide a little bit more clarity.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Deputy Speaker, it's clear to me that the Mayor is not even being briefed on the potential loss of the Nomads Football Club stadium over at the Old Ex Arena site, in where decisions have been made without a public consultation going ahead to decide whether or not that's the proper place to build. So therefore, Mayor, I would like to know, what are we going to do to make sure that the Nomads Football Club, a great prevention type sport, what are we going to do to ensure that they have a football stadium and a place to play in case they're going to lose what they have right now.
Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I thank my council colleague for the question. He is correct. I have not received information on this matter. I'm more than happy to look into it. In the meantime, I would encourage him to reach out to our public service also to get additional information that he may not have right now. But I'd be more than happy to look into this matter. I thank him for his question.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Final question, Madam Deputy Speaker. I just want to…I'm hoping, Madam Deputy Speaker, that the Mayor understands the urgency that this needs to be dealt with quickly because things are moving fast, and I would like the assistance of the Mayor and will the Mayor assist me in making sure that the Nomads Football Club has a football stadium, place to practice and play their football games?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: With the greatest of respect, if this is so urgent, it would have been helpful for the Councillor to perhaps reach out and have a conversation with me, I would have been more than happy to help sooner. This is the first opportunity that I've heard about this. I'm more than happy to look into this matter and I would strongly encourage my council colleague to work with our administration to get additional information, but I'll be more than happy to work with the Councillor.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Next we have Councillor Wyatt. First question.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, could the Mayor give us an update on the status of Build Winnipeg?

Madam Deputy Speaker: No preamble? Just kidding. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Through you, Madam Deputy Speaker, thank my council colleague for his interest in a very important matter for the City of Winnipeg. The Building Manitoba Fund, which I believe was the question? Building Canada?

Councillor Wyatt: No…sorry…I'm inquiring into the status of Build Winnipeg, your appointed group headed by Annitta Stenning and her compatriots.

Mayor Bowman: We have been working with a volunteer task force led by Annitta Stenning, and I can endeavor to provide you with an update in due course.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Oh, that was your first question. Second question?

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, my second question is, they were appointed in October of 2015. Could the…with the response that will be forthcoming, is it possible to get as much detail as possible because their terms of reference were massive in terms of the scope of infrastructure and future strategic infrastructure, especially when it came to revisiting potentially the Transportation Master Plan. Could we get that information as comprehensive as possible? As soon as possible. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Deputy Madam Speaker.

Deputy Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The…what I can let my council colleague know and other members of the public know and council colleagues is that the volunteer…first I want to thank the volunteer group that took time out of their schedule to provide us with their input on how Build Winnipeg partnership could be properly implemented. What I've been hearing through conversations with Annitta Stenning, former CAO of the City of Winnipeg, an incredible community leader, is that many of the proactive initiatives that this council has led on are things that have been welcome by that group, and specifically I am speaking to our focus on improving our asset management practices and procedures; our focus on cost benefit points analysis for trying to de-politicize capital infrastructure investments relating to the three forms of transportation: active transportation, public transportation as well as road work, and those that commute by vehicles. The focus of this council on all three, which should be very proud of, historic investments in road which often involve a large active transportation component. We also, of course, supported the 20 year pedestrian and cycling strategies which is now being implemented this year finding 57 percent increase in its budget and of course, funding to support public transportation in addition to completing the second phase of Rapid Transit, again something that was debated and talked about for about a decade. This council was able to deliver not just the funding, but also get construction underway which is happening right now, and so I would be more than happy to provide information to the Councillor as well as all my council colleagues in due course.

Deputy Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Will the Mayor supply us with the date and times of all their meetings and their deliberations at those meetings so that we can get some detail in terms of the extent of work that they've been doing in light of the fact that they've been given an extremely important project?

Mayor Bowman: Well, I'll just remind this is a volunteer group. I certainly didn't attend their meetings. This is a group of volunteer community leaders. I can certainly request that information from Annitta in terms of the frequency of their meetings but, again, I just remind you that this is a volunteer group that is providing advice that may or may not be implemented by me or this council. It was really just to be able to seek non-political input from some very informed and strong community leaders and so I can certainly make that request to Annitta Stenning.

Deputy Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, we will move on to the next part of the agenda and I will pass it back to Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report dated May 5th, 2017. There is an amending motion for Item 3.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS DATED MAY 8, 2017

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker on the report of May 8th, 2017. I would like to move Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 3, Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Services Through 2021

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

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That item 3 of the May 8, 2017 report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services entitled "Nuisance Mosquito Fogging Services Through 2021" be amended by adding the following recommendation 4 and renumbering the remaining recommendations:*

"4. That Council waive requirements D. and E. of the service sharing principles attached hereto as Schedule A for these and future Service Purchase Agreements for Nuisance Fogging."

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much Madam Speaker. This is a service perching agreement, Madam Speaker, between the City of Winnipeg for the provision of mosquito fogging with the RMs of…or with the municipalities of East St. Paul and West St. Paul, Madam Speaker. Just a side note, some really good news is that Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency had provided approval of the use of Delta Guard within the City of Winnipeg so that's just some good news I wanted to share with you that the City will be utilising Delta Guard within the city for…if there is a need to do adult larvaciding and that will be also part of the service purchasing agreement. Basically Madam Speaker, what's happening here is on the advice of Legal Services, they are simply looking to provide clarification on the items of the principles within Schedule A of the report that apply and so the points of subsection D and E, Madam Speaker, of schedule A, aren't applicable in this case. And so what this motion...what this amending motion is doing Madam Speaker, is simply stating that Council waive D and E and D basically in a nutshell incorporates a joint planning agreement which is not applicable in this case and subsection E would include a provision for tax and revenue sharing, Madam Speaker. These two items aren't applicable in the case of mosquito fogging. So out of an abundance of clarity, Legal Services has recommended that this motion be made to waive these criteria.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. And the amending motion, you have already wrapped that into your introduction. Wonderful. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just rise. I am going to support the amending motion as well as the motion. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to mention something. In terms of these principles I believer were laid out because we were looking at selling services like water and sewer and we are selling sewer to West St. Paul as a matter of fact, Madam Speaker. And principles D and E were reflective of once you provide that water and sewer service, that actually allows the municipality of West St. Paul to expand immensely. So D was there in the principle that the City of Winnipeg should be involved in that planning because it says development and the environment in D. E is about the sharing of taxation. So I just want to leave that aside. It's interesting in that when we amended it to say take away D and E, we should have incorporated, I think Madam Speaker, and we are providing larvaciding and fogging of mosquitos for the municipality of West St. Paul and that's okay, we've got no problem with it but you know, there are things that we ask our citizens of Winnipeg to deal with in terms of trying to take away standing water that's not…doesn't really have to be there and those kind of things. And you know, we ask individual residents to plan to try to do that. But Madam Speaker, D was just trying to say, you know like, we want…if we are providing municipalities with service, we want to make sure that they are environmentally sustainable and important. And so, it would be in the best interests to develop a plan with West St. Paul wherever they can to reduce the amount of standing water and that way it wouldn't cost them as much money, Madam Speaker, for us to deliver it. And they are utilising their tax base to pay the City of Winnipeg to provide this mosquito service. So we have a lot in common there but it's interesting that we're just going to completely take away D and E when you know, I think a good principle would be related to this issue of mosquitos. It would be important to consider that, Madam Speaker. And that's all I wanted to say. And you know, if we had proper briefings and discussions, Madam Speaker, I have to say, maybe this idea could have been provided ahead of time and I don't know that the City of West…or the municipality of West St. Paul would be…in the areas of high population would be opposed to that kind of thing. Anyway, I will leave it at that.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Just a quick note just to say that these agreements are beneficial to residents of the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, as it reduces the mosquito migration into the city. And appreciate the comments from Councillor Eadie as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on the amending Motion No. 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now calling the question on Item 3 as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no further motions. No by-laws. We will now have Question Period for Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Gillingham, Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Gerbasi.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I just want to follow up on my question from September, 2016, about smoking on patios, a question little noted at the time, but since then we've had some developments. I wonder if Councillor Pagtakhan has anything he can update us with in regard to either talks with the Province or other initiatives which may be under consideration in terms of the whole issue of smoking on patios. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the question from my colleague from St. Vital, and you know, times are changing within the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, and second-hand smoke is certainly a Class A carcinogen. What is a Class A carcinogen? Those are substances and compounds, Madam Speaker, that cause cancer, and definitely at our next Standing Committee meeting Madam Speaker, I believe which is on June 12th, is it June the 12th, both the second Monday in June anyways, I'm proposing to bring together a motion for discussion at the committee level to basically ask the public service to look into what other municipalities have done to look at what our by-law currently states, and are there other ways where we can extend a ban onto outdoor patios, perhaps even other places such as active transportation trails and other things like that, so we want to make sure that we engage the Office of Public Engagement, Madam Speaker, throughout the work involved with the committee level to investigate this initiative, and I hope that provides some clarity to Councillor Mayes' question.
Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, over the weekend, several news outlets reported a very disturbing act of violence that took place at the Brookside…act of vandalism, pardon me, that took place at the Brookside Cemetery in my ward where many dozens of headstones were toppled, and not only is there a monetary cost but potentially an emotional cost to the families whose loved ones are affected and these loved ones are commemorated by these headstones, and I know I'm sure my council colleagues will soon join me in condemning such senseless acts of vandalism which are costly not only to the City but also to…emotionally to the families as well. I'm wondering if the Councillor, if I've got the right committee which I may not, he can defer to the right chair then, but can the Councillor provide us with a status update if he has it in regards to what's being done to repair the damage and the associated cost with repairing the damage and if he doesn't have the information now, if he could provide even through email to us. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I thank my colleague from St. James-Weston-Brooklands for the question. Certainly, that was a senseless act of vandalism at the Brookside Cemetery. Sorry to see that that happened. I appreciate the question. I'm not sure if this falls under Parks and Open Spaces. It may, but I will also collaborate with my colleague from Planning, Property and Development and will look into the matter and make sure we get some costs back to the Councillor and to Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Next, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On May the 15th, a press release was issued under the headline "City crews begin annual grass mowing program to keep city…keep Winnipeg clean and green this summer", and it's referred to Councillor Pagtakhan was quoted in the Press Release, "Green space is such an important part of our city," said Councillor Pagtakhan. "Crews are working hard to make sure boulevards, athletic fields and parks are well maintained and available for all of us to enjoy this summer." As we know, Madam Speaker, we only have, as stated in the previous paragraph, a nine-cycle mow which is roughly 10 to 14 days and we know what happens every spring as of now with the weather we had on the weekend and the nice sun that's shining, the grass shall grow. Nobody has to be a farmer to know that, and I can tell you, Madam Speaker, it will grow and we're not going to have the equipment or the manpower, the person power to be able to cut the grass. Councillor Pagtakhan, what is going to be done to address this constant concern that happens every year for the next six weeks to two months where we see literally fields of grass where we once had boulevards and parks?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In our parks and open spaces there is grass, so that's a normal occurrence within our parks and open spaces. Grass within a cold climate tends to grow faster, Madam Speaker, in the springtime. It levels off in the summer and it will pick up a little bit more in the fall. Right now, Madam Speaker, we have 177 pieces of equipment that range in size from a 54 inch deck, Madam Speaker, to a 6 foot deck

and we have many of our staff seasonal, permanent, that work hard, very hard Madam Speaker, throughout the City of Winnipeg on the first priority of which is our athletic fields and sports fields to make sure that we get to them as fast as possible so that they're available for the enjoyment of our citizens.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I appreciate Councillor Pagtakhan's response, but the fact is, we know that grass, as he noted, grows fast…

Madam Speaker: Your question?

Councillor Wyatt: My question is this: Could we not address this by simply doing a management change with regards to the management of our staffing to allow for more mows and cuts now and less later in the summer when the grass is growing much slower. No…say no to cycles, just more up front, less later on. It's a simple change that has to be made.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and thank Councillor for the supplementary question, and I believe that staff are pretty aware of that. They understand how the grass grows Madam Speaker, and we leave it up to them to manage that, but it's my sense that they're already doing that, Madam Speaker. The City of Winnipeg, we spend over the last few years, in the range, if my memory serves me correctly, 7.6 in 2015, 7.7 in 2016 and we're currently in our budget, Madam Speaker, about 7.8 million dollars on grass mowing initiatives with our city, so we are spending quite amount, a large amount of financial resources on this initiative and the fact of the matter is Madam Speaker, crews do get to the fields and get to the boulevards, and the whole operation Madam Speaker is weather dependent, and it's a very weather dependent operation and staff do their best to make sure that they are maximizing and that they are operating in the most efficient manner as the weather comes.

Madam Speaker: Final question?

Councillor Wyatt: Just a follow up on my last question, Madam Speaker, and I thank Councillor Pagtakhan for his response. The fact is, is that management is not addressing it. It's a contractual issue. It has to do with overtime or not paying overtime, however, we do have a contract that is now up for negotiation. Is this something that has been placed on the table of negotiations to attempt to get…we don't…so we can save on having to pay overtime, time off later in the summer with extra work earlier in the summer.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: You know what, I just want to say that I'm very proud of the work that staff do with respect to the work that they're doing in terms of keeping our boulevards and our parks and open spaces in tip top shape, Madam Speaker. They do a heck of a job. Really proud of them, and just want to commend them for their work.

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

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair, I'm wondering if there may be an update in terms of the dog park master plan in terms of when we might expect that coming forward to Council. So that's my question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much Madam Speaker and I thank my colleague from St. Boniface for the question on the dog master plan report. That is to be…the goal, Madam Speaker, is to complete the report by the end of September of this year and through our Office of Public Engagement, we look towards engaging with the public fairly shortly. I am working on seeing if we can get a seminar and I am working with the Office of the CAO on that, and so keep you posted in terms of a possible date for the council seminar.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, we will move on to Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated May 2nd, 2017. Councillor Morantz.

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MAY 2, 2017**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce reports 1 through 4.

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on 1, 3 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Electric Car Recharging Stations

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I will wait for my colleagues' comments. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, Item No. 2.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise. I understand the things for this…the motion to go to Innovation and I think that's more than likely appropriate committee because, Madam Speaker, I believe the…having these charging stations in strategic places around Winnipeg is an essential thing, Madam Speaker. The reason I seconded this motion, I had a lengthy discussion with a resident of my ward who called me up and was talking about how Victoria, BC, was moving ahead with installing these charging stations and the reason that the city, obtaining money through the Federal Government, was able and installing these because they are promoting environmentally friendly, climate friendly initiatives that technically, Madam Speaker, the private sector doesn't necessarily want to jump in at this point because really, the private sector is all about return on investment. And the return on the investment in this capitalist system that we have here today Madam Speaker, they want it fast and they want it…you know, they want to make good money and lots of money. So…but this is important for all the people of the world, these electric cars. I think it's essential that air pollutants get out. Let's get rid of them. Let's help stop…slow down climate change. It's not very good. We have been noticing many of those issues and we are moving ahead supposedly with a plan. We had a overall study…this is, Madam Speaker, something that we, the City, can do to promote not just the carbon output of…footprint of the City corporate, but of the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. We can actually play a role to reduce it to make Winnipeg a better place and Manitoba a better place, Madam Speaker. And as we heard, to connect, to connect North America so that people can drive their electric cars where they want to go. It's a great idea, you got to love it. And so Madam Speaker, I just wanted to mention though that this is something for innovation. It could be a special operating agency or something like that that has a P3. The only kind of P3 I would really support because technically we're not going to get into the fuelling of car business unless we are doing something that's important for the citizens of Winnipeg for government to achieve on behalf of…and do that. And so with the public investment, we can ensure that the private sector is investing in this and more and more electric cars. You provide convenience. It's the same thing as a bus, Madam Speaker. Same thing as a bus. You make something more convenient, you get more people doing it. That's how things work in transportation. Always has. Always will. The more convenient something is the more that the people want to use it. So, Madam Speaker, so I just wanted to say this is probably the only private public partnership that I would support in terms of anything and I really can't stand P3s on roads. I noticed the Mayor was meeting with Pallister, Madam Speaker, about building roads through P3s which costs more money. I don't know, you know…I don't understand Madam Speaker, why the private sector can't do the same good job they do without being a partner with a government. You know, it's ridiculous. Let's get some stuff going. But I think this is a perfect opportunity to move forward P3. We can bring money through. The Federal Government has a program. We can move it. We can make partnership with certain say, stations around the way. And I noticed that Kapyon Barracks is on its way to being, Madam Speaker…coming into being. There was a big announcement in the news today. I was listening to or reading, if you want to call it that, how it definitely will have a gas station along Kenaston. That's a pretty...you know, that's a trade route. It's a great place. Might be strategically a good place. Maybe we could make a deal with the Indigenous people of Manitoba…First Nations people of Manitoba. Anyway, Madam Speaker, I appreciate that…and voting for this great initiative to go over to Innovation. My concern though is, let's get it moving along as quickly as we can. Thanks.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to mention just a few points on this that I think are pertinent, gives us some…just some extra context in this. First of all, I want to talk about cost. My fear is that the cost of the infrastructure development will be over inflated. I understand there's different levels of charging stations. We are dealing with...you know, you can have 120-volt charging stations, you can have 240. And now we can have the super charging stations at 480 volts that can charge a vehicle battery you know, adequately in less than an hour is my understanding. Of course, there's still...we will of course be continuing to improve on that technology. So the 480 is the way to go. Having said that Madam Speaker, I just want it understood, as I mentioned earlier this morning's council, that as an

example, in Palm Springs, California, one of the cities in California where they are, I guess, the leader in the world on this or one of them…Norway was mentioned. Norway has its own motivations or its own capacity for initiative on this given they have historically competed with Manitoba for having the lowest hydroelectricity rates in the world. And in the case of California, I just want to mention, Madam Speaker, that in one city alone, there is over 50 charging stations. And at least a dozen of them are at Starbucks. So it's already profitable. We had Mr. Elms here today from the electric vehicle association...Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association and he bothered to mention that they make money at them. And while people are charging their cars for a while, they go in and have a coffee and they make money that way as well. How much does it cost for one to have an electric charging station at their own home? Out of 120, basically, minimal. Out of 240, lo and behold Madam Speaker, if you have an electric car in Manitoba as my dad does…my parents have a Volt and they stuck in a home electric charging station for the Volt. It was the first Volt ever in Canada. Here it is in Manitoba. And for a whole fee, Madam Speaker, of $2000, and that's at a 240 to be able to charge the Volt overnight…doesn't even take all night. And of course, even the 240, Madam Speaker, is improving. So the 480, I believe that Madam Speaker at the…in California they have them at commercial stations in Palm Springs, my understanding is, Madam Speaker, that they're able to implement charging stations for the cost of $16,000. So, bear that in mind, we have to all bear that in mind when it comes to the cost of what it takes to bring in electrical charging…practical, profitable, efficient, cheap electric charging stations for vehicles. That's today, let alone what's going to happen in a year or two from now. This is excellent, innovative industry for this province. We have the motivation given that we have a saturated market Madam Speaker, as it is now in terms of our domestic market for hydroelectricity because we export internationally hydroelectricity. How many places in the world can say that? Well, not enough. And this is our reality. Happens to be the unfortunate irony when it comes down to it, Madam Speaker, is that other places in the world that are showing good intent and showing initiatives, doing what they have to do in terms of dealing with electric vehicles. Unfortunately, when it comes to their electric charging stations, the electric power grid is run on, powered by fossil fuels Madam Speaker. And just a little aside from that it's rather sad as a Manitoban when I see light rail not in Winnipeg where it would be so cheap to run in terms of power. You get greater efficiencies that way. But we have…they have light rail, let's say in Edmonton but they run it off of methane. So go figure Madam Speaker. I'm not blaming the Albertans for that, I'm just saying what an unfortunate juxtaposition. So I want to mention in terms of the impact on fossil fuels, bear in mind Madam Speaker, as we have talked about this before…as Councillor Mayes would mention, in fact the sources from which we get our information regarding greenhouse gases in Manitoba, when we talk about greenhouse gases and what we want to do, what we can do, bear in mind, Madam Speaker, that 61 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in Manitoba come from fossil fuel burning, 39 percent in total, so the majority of that, two-thirds of that, 39 percent of all fossil fuel burning in Manitoba comes from transportation, moving people and goods. Now, a lot of that has to do with vehicular transportation. And bear in mind, Madam Speaker, as the years go on, we are talking as well in terms of electrification of our inter-city…of our continental cargo system, it's not pie in the sky Madam Speaker, it exists. You can go from the Pacific Ocean across Eurasia to the Atlantic and most of that being done by an electrified train system. So we already have the capacity Madam Speaker, for years, nay, decades, to transport electrically, cargo across the supercontinent of Eurasia. Obviously that has import for us here in North America. At the same time, unfortunately Madam Speaker, that when this technology exists, when we know it's going to happen, when we know we have to go there, silly things happen in our mass transportation industry, Madam Speaker, so that we're actually taking out spur lines to towns and villages…literally taking out the iron to sell it. Well, not we Madam Speaker, rail lines get privatized in the short-term profit analysis, this is the best way to go. Not that short sighted…and of course, Madam Speaker, we'll be dealing with this in the years to come. What I want to mention in this case Madam Speaker, 39 percent of fossil fuel burning in the province comes from transportation. And I do want to make a comparative analysis here. Five percent comes from waste disposal. So we're going to be doing a lot of consultations and a lot of efforts into reducing greenhouse gases to maybe reduce them in terms of reducing waste disposal in one avenue aside from other ways we could go by maybe as much of a potential as 1.5 percent, Madam Speaker. Whereas I believe in the next...well, Mr. Elms used the term 12 years…he used 12 years as his time gauge. In 12 years, perhaps we could reduce our greenhouse gas emission by 20 percent doing it this way

Madam Speaker: Could you wrap up, thank you.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Our next speaker, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank my council colleagues for bringing this matter forward. I think we should be reviewing this. I want to thank our delegate earlier today for his outstanding presentation and thank him for his patience in staying here all day and enduring some of the discussion we have had today. You want to talk about public service, today we have seen it in action both on this floor and in the gallery. This is a great initiative that we should absolutely be examining. And so I do want to acknowledge and thank my council colleagues for bringing this matter forward and for our committee chair for his work to date on this. I heard my council colleague talk about the convenience of transportation and I wholeheartedly agree. Whether it's public transportation, whether it's active

transportation or simply driving, we want to make transporting a growing community more efficient and more safe and convenient. And so, in keeping with kind of our focus on innovation…new Innovation Committee, I hope one day that we will see more charging stations and we'll see ride sharing services in Winnipeg utilizing the new charging stations. In fact, I have experienced that when we were in Montreal. When I was in Montreal, we had the opportunity to ride in a Téo Taxi, which is a very…it's kind of a hybrid model from the traditional ride sharing service that many of us know of and a traditional taxicab model. It's based on electric cars and there are virtual licences that as cars are charging the licences then virtually go to a limited number of vehicles so that they can use it. Now, my understanding is this is private sector driven and it's not something that the municipality has invested in charging stations but I think through the diligence of the Innovation Committee and through our public service, we can get that question answered and we can, not only position for our possible support for electric car recharging stations but we can also see how we can support partners in private sector in advancing a technology that I think all of us would like to see more of especially as we do our part to combat climate change. So I just…will wholeheartedly support this. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. I want to thank the Mayor for his fine comments of support for our motion moved by myself and Councillor Eadie. Appreciate it very much, thank you. And support of all members of Council on this matter. I'll tell you just…I will be very brief, I have spoken many times. That one of the most important…or one of the most significant things that jumped out at me with the delegation we heard at the standing committee when this came forward was the fact that on average…for an average individual on an average amount of trips in a given year and what gasoline is spent or what you spend on fuel with an electric vehicle, your comparable cost would be about $80 a year, $80 a year. Can you imagine the amount of money that would be saved that right now goes out of this province, alone, never mind in terms of the pollution but the amount of money that goes out of this province alone to multinational corporations that pump the oil in and take our money out after we buy the oil products. That money would stay here in Manitoba. And you know, that would be huge, it would be a huge dividend for our families. The price of electric cars are coming down and there is no doubt that this is the new thing coming. We as government need to lead to make it more available, to make it more practical at the front end. In the long run, there is no doubt the private sector will step up and be building more of these across the country and around the world but right now, when you heard a hundred electric cars in all of Manitoba we need to do more to make this practical so that we could ensure that this new frontier becomes the new reality. So I want to thank all members of Council and look forward to the work that Councillor Gilroy will do at her Innovation Committee to make this happen or get some charging stations at least out there before next October ideally. So we'll go from there…not this one, the next one. Okay, thanks very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. With that, I will call the question on Item 2 – electric car. Councillor Morantz did you...

Councillor Morantz: Don't I get to close?

Madam Speaker: You are. You shall close.

Councillor Morantz: Just checking because I've got all these great comments ready, I didn't want to...

Madam Speaker: I'm losing track, it's 4:00 p.m.

Councillor Morantz: So I just want to say, Madam Speaker, I found this conversation electrifying.

Councillor Orlikow: There you go! There you go!

Councillor Morantz: In fact, it's been…it's been one bright spark in an otherwise relatively dull day. Okay, enough with the jokes, just thought I'd give it a shot. I actually want to thank Mr. Elms from MEVA for his presentation this morning. I did enjoy his presentation also at IRPW last week when he attended with Councillor Wyatt and Zach Larry Vickar from the motor vehicle's industry. Mr. Vickar, interesting, was happy to point out that he is a purveyor of the internal combustion engine but was at committee that day to support electric engines which I think shows a lot of...electric vehicles which I think shows a lot of…a great deal of foresight on his part and he has certainly been a great community advocate for many, many causes including this one. I also said at committee, interestingly enough, I was fortunate enough to be in Israel a few years ago and they have quite a burgeoning start up industry. And one of the things that they had at the time was a company called Better Place which was an electric car vehicle company and we had the opportunity to tour that facility and drive one of their cars. And what was interesting about it is that in Israel most of their electricity comes from carbon sources and so I asked the technician working there, well, you know, how are we reducing greenhouse gases if our electricity is you know, coming from burning coal? And he said well, our computers are very efficient and we reduce the carbon emissions very effectively. But it crossed my mind you know, Manitoba being so

reliant on hydroelectricity that really, we are...given that we are so reliant on hydroelectricity and we virtually use it...I may be incorrect but I'm assuming very, very little carbon to…carbon sources to produce electricity, in fact we may be virtually now 100 percent reliance on hydroelectricity. And given our climate, that we are really the ideal environment to prove the viability of electric cars in an extreme climate and I know they are used in warmer climates but I think that the advent of the electric vehicle as my son…20-year-old son, Jeremy, would say, dad, it's a thing. Electric vehicles are a thing, I think it means it's happening. Anyway, so I'm happy to be a part of this motion. I did feel a time when it came to IRPW that really, this was a natural fit for the Innovation Committee and I'm looking forward to working with Councillor Gilroy certainly on the issue. At the IRPW meeting as well, I should inform Council that we did ask at the time the public service to look at extra jurisdictional funding sources for things like charging stations and Mr. Berezowski and our Public Works Department is attending to that and I hope to have a report back from him at our next IRPW meeting. And I'm also looking forward to seeing what input the private sector will have in this regard as well. I think as a community, we have to be looking at all options in terms of a…also private support as well as public support for making this thing a thing. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. And with that, I will call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now move into motions. We have Motion No. 1 that has been circulated to you all. It's moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Wyatt regarding an amendment to the Reduced Speed Zone By-law. It's an automatic referral, this motion, to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Following that, Motion No. 2 moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding an amendment to the Winnipeg Parking By-law. This will also be an automatic referral to the standing committee. Motion No. 4 moved by Councillor Mayes, seconded by Councillor Dobson regarding the U-Pass Program. This is an automatic referral to the standing committee. Motion No. 5 moved by Councillor Browaty and seconded by Councillor Lukes. It is on transit safety and it's an automatic referral to Public Works.

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

WHEREAS the Reduced Speed School Zone By-law No. 76/2014 was enacted to ensure greater safety for children;

AND WHEREAS the restrictions are currently applied during the months of September to June inclusive, between the hours of 07:00 and 17:30, Monday to Friday;

AND WHEREAS the restrictions should not apply during holidays when children are not attending school as the safety risk is mitigated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 4 of the Reduced Speed School Zone By-law No. 76/2014 be amended by adding the words "with the exception of Holidays" after "Monday to Friday."

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS section 13 of the Winnipeg Parking By-law No. 86/2016 prohibits large vehicles, trailers, and special purpose vehicles from parking on a street for more than one hour;

AND WHEREAS it may not be feasible to load and unload any of the above vehicles within the one-hour time frame specified;

AND WHEREAS the time restriction should be increased to allow residents an appropriate amount of time to prepare;

AND WHEREAS our summer season is a short one;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 13(1) of the Winnipeg Parking By-law No. 86/2016 be amended by replacing all instances of "one-hour" with "forty-eight hours".

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

WHEREAS the U-Pass program has extended the benefits of a transit pass to many thousands of university students living within the City of Winnipeg boundaries; and

AND WHEREAS the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg have students who are paying for the U-Pass who live both outside of the perimeter AND outside of Winnipeg Transit's "transit service area" though such students still reside within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg; and

AND WHEREAS students who reside within the City of Winnipeg and who live both outside the perimeter AND outside the "transit service area" have no access to transit services; and

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit was able to define with precision the scope of "the transit service area" in an October 30, 2012 Administrative Report to IRPW Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED That during the 2018 budget review process, the City of Winnipeg review options to exempt student U-Pass holders who meet all of the following criteria:

1. *Reside outside of the perimeter.*
2. *Reside outside of the "transit service area".*
3. *Choose to opt out of the U–Pass program.*

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Transit administration have failed to initiate meaningful consultations with Transit drivers and passengers;

AND WHEREAS national eyes are on Winnipeg to see how we deal with Canada's first transit homicide and how we address the issue of safety of Transit drivers and passengers on our buses;

AND WHEREAS Transit has not made any meaningful improvements to safety protocols despite increasing numbers and severity of assaults against drivers and passengers and call for action dating back to at least 2011;

AND WHEREAS we need to change the culture at Winnipeg Transit to make safety and customer service a top priority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *The City immediately establish a policy of Safety First and customer service at Transit for both our customers and drivers;*

2. *Establish a Transit Security/Police service to enforce the Safety First policy;*

3. *Institute zero tolerance for fare evaders while removing drivers from risky enforcement measures;*

4. *Establish a Council-appointed Transit Community Advisory Board with the support of the Office of Public Engagement to arbitrate complaints and make recommendations to management to improve Winnipeg Transit;*

5. *Enshrine a zero tolerance policy for all assaults and violence with full reporting of all assaults, verbal and physical, to be reported to Winnipeg Police and provided in a monthly report to Council for the next two years;*

6. *Institute regular cleaning of both buses and bus stops;*
7. *Begin an immediate comprehensive public safety awareness campaign for Winnipeg Transit to be regular and sustained through the year;*

8. *Complete an in-depth study of best practices in other jurisdictions;*

9. Revise the job description of the Director of Transit to follow these new protocols and place a higher emphasis on safety and remuneration based at least partially on customer service surveys;

10. Report back to council plans to implement items 1-9 within 90 days.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: We have no by-laws. We will now have Question Period for our Chair Councillor Morantz. Councillor Browaty followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair, with the lovely spring weather, it's been nice to be able to walk to meetings throughout the downtown, go explore the Exchange District during the lunch hour. One thing I've noticed is we've done some really neat work on our sidewalks by using different types of inter-locking bricks, but in almost every instance, we do a lousy job maintaining them. There's places by the Pantages where it's a major trip hazard, places on…outside City Hall here on King where they've gone wavy on the streets, we've asphalted over and it looks really miserable, places around the SHED district where the blocks are deteriorating and looks really lousy. Why are we doing the same thing over and over again? Is there a better brick we can use or you know, maybe we should just give up on this idea because they don't seem to last very well, as well as other areas where there's whole sections missing because they've been hit by snow plows over the winter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Councillor for the question. I'll have to take it under advisement. I haven't asked our public service this question at this point, but I appreciate the issue being raised by the Councillor. Of course the Councillors are welcome to come by my office and raise issues like this at any time. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: First of all, a point of order for my council colleagues. I would like to correct the pronunciation of the word "asphalt". It's actually "ass-fault" if you look up the dictionary. So I know it's not super comfortable to say but that is actually the correct pronunciation, so…

Madam Speaker: Thank you for that. Your question?

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair, as it is the spring season and part of that, in addition to it being patio season is pothole season, and wondering what work is being done right now in terms of potholes. I know citizens are reporting them. I know we're reporting them through our office. Where are we at this year in terms of potholes?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know this is an important subject for Winnipeggers, and interestingly, a number of months ago, I saw a tweet from a councillor in Toronto basically, where they had actually pointed out in Toronto exactly how many potholes have been filled and not only to date during the year, but in the past week, and I was intrigued by this so I asked our public service if they would see if they could provide similar information and in fact, I believe they did in fact contact the counterpart in Toronto to find out how they were actually compiling the information, and I'm pleased to say that they were able to do this, and now I'm tweeting weekly. I just did my second pothole update tweet on…about four days ago, and I'm happy to say that the City, as of four days ago, had repaired or filled approximately 66,842 potholes to date, and since May 12th, 5,270, so we are making great strides and progress and I know Winnipeggers will be assured to know that we have filled a lot of potholes and will continue to do that throughout the year. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Yes, this just came to light this morning. I recalled it when we were hearing the delegation speaking about street cuts. When the flood was on, Public Works was doing a lot of work in the St. Norbert Ward preparing for the non-flood event, but…and one of the gentlemen I was speaking to actually was in charge of street cuts, and he…we

started talking and he was saying that he's got a council seminar that he's prepared and was wanting to deliver it to Councillors, and I thought that would be fantastic because as we all do get so many calls on that, and I was just wondering if Councillor Morantz was aware of that. I don't have the gentleman's name on me. It just had come to me this morning when I was listening to the presentation, and I just wondered if Councillor Morantz was aware of it and if we could go forward with that because I know even my assistant would really appreciate it. She takes all the calls. So that's my question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am glad to hear that my council colleague has been briefed on the possibility of a council seminar. I have not been, but I certainly will be happy to ask the public service as to whether there is an idea to do something like that. In the meantime though of course, the public service has been directed to report back at the October 3rd, 2017 meeting regard opportunities to improve the cut restoration process. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: This is more…thank you, Madam Speaker…more "are you aware" question Councillor, through you to Councillor Morantz. Councillor Morantz are you aware that I didn't (inaudible) the item off the agenda. I let it go. I'm more…and I'm very grateful that your committee just did not receive it as information, but that you are acting upon the utility cuts matter and coming back in October, I think are you aware…

Madam Speaker: Your question?

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. I thought the presentation by Miss Lamontagne was very sincere. Would you agree?

Councillor Morantz: Well, you know, I'm always concerned when I hear directly from the citizens of Winnipeg as we all do every day in our offices and in our lives. We hear concerns of our citizens and we do our best as Councillor Wyatt is doing to assist his resident, and he brought forward…there were a number of motions on today's agenda. I have to really commend Councillor Wyatt for bringing forward the Electric Car Charging Station motion and the Utility Cut Restoration motion, and really what it shows is that despite all of the divisiveness that highlighted itself in our earlier debate, that we are actually working very effectively together and getting stuff done for the citizens of Winnipeg, and really that's what it's, that's what it's really all about Madam Speaker, so I'm glad to see these motions coming forward. Of course, all members of Council are welcome to come by my office and flow things by me anytime and I'm always excited about talking about all kinds of issues, so I want to thank him for that and of course the delegate's presentation this morning. It was certainly not lost on me or really any member of this chamber.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, your second question to the Chair, please.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes and are you aware that I am grateful that you are proceeding with this issue and that…because I've been after…I've been on this thing for I don't know how many years and if this Council can resolve this, it will be a great accomplishment, so thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Wyatt: That's not really a question. I am grateful.

Councillor Morantz: Now, I'm aware that you're grateful because you said it. So are you aware that I'm grateful, Through the Chair?

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

Councillor Eadie: Long days, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I just…the first question to the Chairperson Madam Speaker, I just wanted to bring some things to the attention, and it's more of a "did you know", but as a promoter of accessibility, way back in the 90's when we formally started looking at universal design and accessibility, we did a project Madam Speaker called "Portage-gate". Portage-gate was to make Portage Avenue look great and it ran all the way from Fort/Notre Dame, all the way west to Spence. And that project looked at how we could give it a good look and feel and utilize bricks without having the problem that was being experienced in the Exchange District in which all the bricks that were laid there were laid kind of like through sand and that sort of thing, and their project was to look at utilizing brick so you have a main walkway which is made of clear concrete, a clear path to travel, and along the sides there is brick work and other street elements that make it look good, Madam Speaker. And what they determined to do on that project, and I know it's more expensive, but the brick was set in concrete, set in concrete because in Saskatoon

they had problems and they experimented with setting brick in the concrete. It is more expensive however it does last longer, so that's some issues that I would invite, and it is a "did you know", take a walk down Portage-gate and see how that brick work is still lasting, and that was done, completed in 1998.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I think that was more of just a statement of information, so I'll take it and thank the Councillor for the information.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? We'll move on then to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance, the report dated May 4th, 2017, Councillor Gillingham.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE DATED MAY 4, 2017

Councillor Gillingham: I'd like to move report number 1, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. No motions, no by-laws today. We'll now have Question Period for Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Gerbasi.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: No motions, no by-laws today. We'll now have Question Period for Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair. Could you give us an update on how things went so far with the public consultation on the upcoming operating budget and capital budgets? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank my colleague for the question. Excuse me. Yes, well this spring, while other levels of government were passing, adopting their 2017 budget, we were already busy working on consultation, public consultation of the 2018 budget. I want to thank the…our committee, our Office of Public Engagement, for their extensive work, and I want to thank my council colleagues as well. This year, we are committed to doing our engagement sooner in the year, earlier rather than later, and we took information and suggestions for example from my Councillor colleagues as to some improvements. Also locations in…there was…our respective wards as to where pop-up events could occur, and it was the intention, the focus this year of the Office of Public Engagement, to go to where the people were rather than kind of set up shop and ask the public to come to us, and that proved very, very effective, and so once again I want to express my appreciation to all of my councillor colleagues for the suggestions of their locations. I know it didn't work for all council members to get even to their own ward. I know that I wasn't able to get to the one in my ward just because of timing ironically, but I did attend several. I know I was in Councillor Gilroy's ward, Councillor Morantz's ward, I just missed him, he had just left when I arrived, Councillor Sharma's ward as well. I attended Councillor Schreyer's ward and a couple of others also. The result of those 17 pop-up events and locations is that our Office of Public Engagement had interactions with over 900 members of the public, and a lot of focus was also on educating the public as to what the budget process is, and some of the challenges that we face in budgeting and some of the opportunities we have also in budgeting. New this year was an internal survey that was the suggestion of many council members, and we had over 600 responses from City of Winnipeg employees to that internal survey, and so that is a lot of data and right now the Office of Public Engagement is compiling and consolidating all of that data, both the data from the internal surveys and the data from the public engagements as well, and several tools were implemented this year: surveys, a budget allocator where you had the opportunity, where members of the public had the opportunity to try their own hand at balancing the budget, and just experiencing that. There was also just kind of an "ideas forum" that was put out there as well. So there's a lot of data that our Office of Public Engagement has collected. Right now they're working through it. I have asked that this data ultimately be compiled into a report, that ultimately will be public and that will be shared with all of Council. I have said specifically that all…I want to make sure all of Council has access to this, and this report. This information will be coming forward sometime in the next month before the end of

June, really is the goal. This information will be used, you know, through the coming months to inform our budget because a budget is that. It's a priorities document. It's a document that reflects the vision and the priorities and the policy of those of us on Council as well. In speaking with the Office of Public Engagement, they did indicate that their goal was, this year was to take what happened last year, to learn from it, to improve the process, and already they've said they are learning lessons in this consultation that will be implemented next year in the 2019 process, so the goal is always to improve. The goal is always to get better at public engagement, hearing from the public and hearing from our own staff as well. And on a personal note, I'm meeting with as many members of Council as possible. I've met with several members of Council on the 2018 budget, and will be meeting with the other members shortly, and also have a meeting with some stakeholders as well, so I just want to say that more information is coming, a report is coming forward in June, and will be shared with my council colleagues. It's been a good, I believe a good consultation, a robust consultation. Going to make sure that we identify the areas of improvement, the lessons that can be learned to make it better even for next time round, but I appreciate the work that our Office of Public Engagement has done thus far and the efforts that are being made. One final note also is already there's been discussion just at a very high level, I've had discussion with our Office of Public Engagement, and Mr. Michael Legary, our Innovation…Chief Innovation Officer as well, just to say you know, we're going to…it would be prudent to seize the opportunity, any of the good ideas that come forward either from the public or from our own City employees to capitalize on those good ideas for efficiencies and innovation to improve the service delivery or to improve efficiency as well, so we're trying to take all this information, utilize it in the best way possible. So thank you for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair of Finance? Seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, the report dated May 1st, 2017. Councillor Mayes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED MAY 1, 2017

Councillor Mayes: I will move the report dated May 1st, Items 1 and 2 inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Which item, Councillor Schreyer? Okay. Alright, I will call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Water and Sewer Rate Increases of 2017 and 2018 – Public Hearings

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

Councillor Mayes: Sure, I look forward to hearing Councillor Schreyer's comments. This is very similar indeed, to a previous motion that we considered some months ago, I believe in May. The difference being right near the end and it's captured by the paragraph that states, "And whereas councillors concerns are raised on the idea of the Manitoba Public Utilities Board conducting such hearings was that it undermined the independence of the City administration." And then the next 'therefore' is changed. So, the previous motion pertains having hearings by the Public Utilities Board. This motion does not…it directed the admin to call a public hearing. So if this seems similar, it is to a previous motion we've had on the floor. But there is that difference, I will save the balance of my comments until after I hear the concerns of the councillors.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Mayes is absolutely right. This has been raised at Council before but listening to Council, the discussion right in this chamber, the concern was raised, why should we give the power of overseeing public consultation on a use of water rates? Why should we give that to another level of government? And I just want to explain the reason why the original motion was to have the Public Utilities Board hold public hearings on the use of...on water rates and the use of water rates in the City of Winnipeg. And the reason was because they're good at it, that's what they do. That's their only function basically is to be a regulator of utilities…public utilities across the province for every other municipality including the province itself, including Manitoba Hydro, Madam Speaker. So that was simply the reason why the Public Utilities Board was chosen to be the tool or the venue by which we would have consultations on what I consider to be a rather important issue and not just me, Madam Speaker. In fact, it just seemed the best way to do it. Maybe it was an assumption. I still think it would be. I don't hear other municipalities complaining that Public Utilities Board is bad at it. I've never heard…they might complain with certain aspects of process, but in here there…I never got the impression the Public Utilities Board was bad at holding public consultations. Nonetheless, in listening to Council...not every member of Council, but in listening to the Council discussion on this…of

course it was changed then, let the City hold its own public hearings on water rates. It's an interesting issue, Madam Speaker. I have spoken about this before. And this issue will continue. I am not going to repeat everything. But the issue is, Madam Speaker, Winnipeggers have decreased their water consumption. A lot of Winnipeggers, I believe, have decreased their water consumption because it's the right thing to do. And other Winnipeggers have reduced their water consumption because they don't have much choice. They need to save money and this is how they have chosen to do it or they've had no choice. They've had to reduce their water consumption. So, as we know as city councillors, one of the reasons why water rates have increased is because Winnipeggers have decreased their water consumption. And therefore, we are in this unfortunate situation where people in this case…in this utility, people choose to reduce their consumption and thus, the prices go up to make up for that revenue by our department. So, that's a dilemma that Winnipeggers are in. Now, having said that Madam Speaker, we are now in a dilemma where we have increased water rates and then increased the percentage dividend that can be taken from that to put into general budgetary revenue. Well, it really is all the more unfortunate for people that are trying to save money and trying to save money of all things, Madam Speaker, on water, and this is what we get for it. So I think it's a really important issue because people tell me it is. And, of course, it's now inextricably linked to the budget process. Because, remember we have had this issue before, Madam Speaker, when this was…the issue of water rates was first brought in in this term, the conundrum was, well, we have to go with the water rate increase because it stuck…and the increase in dividend taken out of water waste to go into general revenue because they are linked. So if we don't pass the water rate motion, what are we going to do about our budget? So that's the reality we are in now, Madam Speaker. And so now it's all linked together. And so, fair enough, Madam Speaker, let the City run our public hearings on water rates. Now of course, there is another issue, Madam Speaker. It's been raised before, the costs. Yeah, there is a cost to it. Now, this is so important to City Hall, Madam Speaker, that we have linked this utility directly to the budget. That is how important it is, Madam Speaker. We have made that decision as a council, that's how important the water rates are to us. So Madam Speaker, we do…are involved in different types of special forms of consultation. I would appreciate it actually if the Office of Public Engagement could furnish us all with the types of consultations that the City's involved with and what the costs are. In this case, I just believe…if I didn't think it was important Madam Speaker, I wouldn't bother putting out the idea of putting out public consultations, but that's what we do. And I think this one is fundamental. It has to do with something that is so important; a consumption that's so important Madam Speaker, it's a public utility. Well, it's something so important, Madam Speaker, we are talking about water. And some could say it's the most important utility we have. It's more important than Public Utilities…Manitoba Public Utilities Board when it comes to fossil fuels, electricity, you know, coal produced electricity, things like that, this is all the more important. On that basis, Madam Speaker, I just think it's important that we hold some hearings on this to let us know what Winnipeggers think on this fundamental issue and where we go from here. I'll leave it at that, thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, pardon me for rising to speak to this, but I really should. Madam Speaker, when our last four year water rate was set, Madam Speaker, you may recall that it was first introduced right at the same time as budget and a whole bunch of other reports. And it was a massive report prepared by Water and Waste. And I really appreciate, they did put a lot of work into the projection of what they were going to have to do in order to raise water rates, Madam Speaker. And there was a lot of…number of issues to deal with and discuss that were very, you know, concerning. And so we did get it delayed for some time to allow it to be discussed Madam Speaker. Now, we're not all, and a lot of people are not experts at water and waste operations, although Madam Speaker, I think we have all learned a lot more since we started to be on Council and got more involved so there is a lot of things we have all learned, Madam Speaker. But one of the things I might point out and one could say that technically we had hearings in terms so that people could have come to the standing committees to speak to the report, Madam Speaker. And there was an opportunity at Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. And there was an opportunity at Executive Policy Committee. And then there was a final opportunity at Council. But those are really discussions. They can't really ask questions of us or ask questions of the administration, Madam Speaker. A hearing process in terms of dealing with rates would be a back and forth from the public about public hearings about this. Now the Public Utilities Board and the people on the panel are…and the people they moved in on the panels, Madam Speaker, are experts in the field. If they are dealing with MPI, they have experts related to MPI. They have experts related to…and they are a third independent body, Madam Speaker, for a number of Crown Corporations, Madam Speaker. So really what we didn't have and we are debating this now, we're not going to be able to have hearings on the water rates, no, they are set, Madam Speaker. We set them till 2019, the year after the next election. And we did it ahead of time, and we were setting them every year Madam Speaker, I guess people would feel the political hotbed in an election year and say, you're going to raise the water rates by…your water bill rates by 6% or 9%. I know Water and Waste tried to balance things and the capital initiatives that they had to do and we are still waiting for the Province and all these different pollution control things we have to do and all of these things that have to be dealt with. And it's all interrelated as well, Madam Speaker, in terms of most of the stuff they are dealing with is under our streets that need to be renewed and there is controversy there and I am sure our Finance Chairperson, Madam Speaker, will be pushing for some of the things I mentioned in terms of departments shouldn't be in silo even though Water and Waste ask not on a mill rate but

Public Works is. You know Madam Speaker, they have to work together. We have to find ways of accomplishing the goals of multiple departments at the same time. So and those are the kind of things you can talk about in a hearing. But…and those hearings would have to not just be in daytime, it would have to be in evening too for allowing people to come in and speak to things that are tabled in a report. So I support the idea of having hearings. I have to say though, this is kind of not timely, although Council could set a policy now so the next time…the next council that comes along would have a more public hearing perspective on it looking at it and Water and Waste proving why they really have a need. Things like, for example, when it comes to capital initiatives, I noted that the new…the new philosophy on Hydro now is that the Manitoba Public Utilities Board is now going to totally pressure them on their capital investments, totally, go hard, push hard to make sure that…because those rates and how they are raising and stuff Madam Speaker. So these are the things when you can get experts to try to come out and do those kind of things. And so, it's probably too late but I support this motion that came through, and I voted against tanking it, Madam Speaker, at committee and I am going to be opposed to the tanking of it at this moment as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt.
Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to add my support to Councillor Schreyer and Dobson's motion. You know, water and waste utility is probably one of the…it is one of the growing utilities or growing departments within our city. It's huge and it continues to grow. And it's, you know, partly to do with a lot of the legislation that has been tasked with regards to what we have to implement now the capital projects. And that once we built these facilities, they just don't maintain themselves, they just don't run themselves but then you need a whole staffing level and a component to run them. And I was always surprised and shocked internally, at least with the political ends and I don't know if that's changed, I don't sense it has, that the amount of oversight that is given because of the fact that this is considered non-tax supported. It's a utility funded and paid for and run by the ratepayers. And so, other than the fact that it provides the dividend and the growing dividend to the operating budget, which is of course then the concern in terms of the operating budget…balance the operating budget. The reality is though, the balance of the whole utility, the amount of time and energy spent examining it, reviewing the numbers, reviewing its scope, its projects, is rather limited. And I know internally the public service has always pushed back on the whole idea of relinquishing power to the Public Utilities Board. That's been a debate that's been going on for years. Ironically, outside of the City of Winnipeg, the Rural Municipalities are subject to PUB. Only us, for whatever reason, we are not subject to the PUB when it comes to our water and sewer utility. It doesn't make any sense considering the size and scale. But having said that, you know, there is that reluctance by the public service to relinquish that power. And it would be significant to relinquish it to a third-party board appointed by the Province, having said that though, it would demand a higher level of scrutiny and transparency if you'd like, I notice the word being used a lot lately, you know, in terms of their books, in terms of management and in terms of accountability to the ratepayers of the city. And so…and there would be a cost, there is no doubt, for the public service to prepare to go toward to…and in front of Public Utility Board, it would require, Madam Speaker, it would require them to prepare, to organize. I mean, one estimate was as high of half a million dollars to do that sort of work. However, having said that Madam Speaker, with the rates that are being proposed now and in the future, the costs are huge to the taxpayers. And so I think this is something which I don't think is going to go away even with this motion not being dealt with today. It is going to come back again. And I think it is going to be something which this council or future council is going to have to contemplate because the utility is so large. And to be quite frank, it's, you know, for whatever reason it's not exactly the most politically sexy utility either, right? I mean. Everybody's not…elected officials aren't looking to stand around to take ribbon cuttings with the opening of a sewer you know, in their ward. You know, it's just one of those things that aren't exactly…they're not…everybody's not, you know, jumping over to say, you know, I've got to be at that opening of that treatment facility. You know, it's just one of those things. So I think we do need to look at this in the near future because this is a behemoth of a department now and has massive amounts of public money and massive taxing dollars that we have to be, I think, cognizant of that. And check and balance like the Utility Board, would not necessarily be a bad thing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes to close.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A number of issues raised here that I'd like to touch upon. Firstly, why am I standing as Chair of this committee? It's because the Mayor recognized the importance of this utility and created this new committee; the Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment Committee. So I want to commend the Mayor for doing that. Previously this was jammed in under the end of the Public Works Committee with transit, roads, snow, all sorts of other very important items so this deserves its own committee. So I think that is worth highlighting. I have been known to stand and defend some of the actions of the prior council when some have taken issue with those. But on this particular instance, I would like to point out that it was the prior council before my election that introduced for the first time the idea of the dividend here which has been mentioned in the report. So the dividend was set at a certain amount under Councillor Fielding's direction in the, I believe, operating 2011 budget. And it's referenced here that it has been increased. In fact, it hasn't been increased in the most recent budget. It was increased as a percentage in one of our prior budgets. So that is worth clarifying. The idea of the inter-relation of things was also raised by Councillor Schreyer quite fairly. So it is important to point out a couple of things. Number one, we are

interrelated with the regulator here and the regulator here is the Province. The Province has insisted on certain environmental requirements being put in place, primarily at the North End sewage treatment plant, pollution control plant, some very expensive items, whether one agrees with them or not, they are very costly and hence we need to increase the water rates to pay for those programs. We may yet…we may yet, from this provincial government get some change in position but I know Councillor…I know Mr. McNeill has been talking with his counterparts in the Province about some of these issues. We have yet to get any sort of direction from the Province that would cause us to revisit the issue of the rates that we have set. Also was said, we set for four years, we didn't, we set for three years, 16, 17, 18. We set at 9.28.9 and 7.4%. I don't think anyone was pleased to do that but it was necessary due to the interrelation with the regulator and some of the costs we are going to face being imposed on us by the Province. Now, Councillor Dobson, when we debated this almost identical motion some time ago, Councillor Dobson said one thing, but it was a very shrewd point that he made and a very good point which was, well if we do get some relief…if we do get some relief from the Province and we are able to adjust these rates downward, we should make sure that is reflected in the rates, not in the property taxes and that's a fair point that we should try and have the relief in the rates and not on the property taxes. So I think that was a good observation about how if there is some relief in terms of cost from the Province, it should be reflected in the rates. We don't know if we will get that relief or not but I know talks are continuing. The issue of the water rates, it's also worth pointing out, we sort of had talk that it's because of this dividend people are paying more. Well, as I have said previously, and I have been misreported as saying, well it's preferable to have it here and not on the property tax side. I didn't say that. What I said was, if you take 30 plus million, which is 5 or 6%, it's probably closer to 5% on property taxes now due to the base increasing but if you take 30 million out of your operating budget, if you blow that hole in your operating budget, you're going to have to find it somewhere else and presumably that would be on the property tax side. So one can stand here and say, I am the great champion, I'm going to lower water rates, well then you better have the backside. You better say, how are you going to recover that in the property tax regime? Otherwise you are simply making the case that you favour $30 million less on water and not explain to people how you are going to make that up on the property tax side. It has been said here, though it wasn't said today, that the water charge is a flat tax, not unlike the frontage levy. That is actually not accurate. It wasn't said today, but just for further clarity, the…it's a levy based on your consumption. If you have a pool, you will probably use more water than your neighbour who doesn't have a pool. So it's not a flat tax. If you use more water, you pay more towards the target. So in that sense, it's worth remembering that there is a cost per usage here, not a flat rate spending on the size of your property. The other point I think it's worth making is the…as there was some input there from the Councillor Wyatt that still talked about the Public Utilities Board. This motion actually says that we should direct the administration to call public hearings on the proposed water and sewer rate increases of 17 and 18. So not the Public Utilities Board, just for clarity. My own preference there, I find it somewhat ironic that we have had hearings, we have had the opportunity for the public to come forward and speak to the proposed water rates, we had it at the Water and Waste Committee during the budget, we delayed a month and we had it again a further chance for public to come forward to talk to the elected officials. This would have the administration do a public hearing on a report prepared by the administration. I actually think that is not more transparent, that is not more open, that is saying to the civil service you have hearings on the rate report that you the civil service has put forward. I prefer the model we have now which is, if people are upset with us, if people want input they can call all of us, they can come to the public sessions that we have. They could come to the committee, they could come to EPC, they can come to budget open houses, they can come to Council and say, this is my view on water rates and how I would replace the funds in the operating budget. So I support…I continue to support the position that was taken at EPC. We voted in favour of the committee recommendation. I would vote in favour of that again today to vote in favour to say, let's receive this as information but frankly we have taken some steps already, we have given the public the chance to appear before us to talk about these rate increases. It's not done on multi-year basis to hide the increase. It is very public. And if you read the reports, the reports talk about the value of having a multi-year framework for setting the rates for stability. We're talking about billions of dollars here, literally billions of dollars, Madam Speaker, so it's important to have some revenue certainty. So that's why…and we aren't the first council to do a multi-year approval, the previous council did that as well. So in short, I want to commend the Mayor for creating this committee. We do continue to have very public discussion of a number of issues related to water rates related to this whole utility and I look forward to continuing to have that opportunity.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. With that, I will call the question for Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws. Councillor Mayes.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Mayes: I will move By-law 46…oh, sorry. Just have to look.

Madam Speaker: Go ahead, yes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move By-law 46/2017.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 46/2017.

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk, you can be seated right now. Councillor Mayes, for the second reading, please.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, I'm just trying to find the wording here, Madam Clerk. Second reading for By-law 46/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 46/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes on the suspension of the rule on the third reading.
Councillor Mayes: So moved, Madam Clerk for By-law No. 46/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for Councillor Mayes. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There's no report today, no motions and no by laws. We'll have question period for our chair, Councillor Gilroy. Okay, no questions. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED MAY 9, 2017**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 10.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. By-laws?

Madam Speaker: We have one motion, Councillor Orlikow. Motion No. 8 moved by Councillor Allard and Councillor Orlikow. And this will be…this is regarding cell towers. It will be an automatic referral to the standing committee. We will now have by-laws. Councillor Orlikow.

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MOTIONS**

**Motion No. 8
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,**

WHEREAS The Federal Government recently implemented a process for cell tower approval, whereby if a municipality's provides a letter of concurrence to a proposed location, that site can be expedited through to federal approval;

AND WHEREAS smartphone use has exploded in recent years, and with it consumer demand upon wireless infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS our current cell tower policy recommends against placing cell towers on or near residential homes;

AND WHEREAS some new developments, such as Sage Creek, have had a lack of cell reception for many years, and have had to wait for complex after the fact negotiations to take place to provide cell phone coverage years after residents first moved in;

AND WHEREAS ever increasing numbers of customers, data usage and changes in technology have reduced the potential range of these towers;

AND WHEREAS wireless phone use is now a ubiquitous part of modern life and arguably an essential service;

AND WHEREAS there are serious safety issues identified by our Firefighter Paramedic Department with respect to emergency services, both in the ability of residents to call for help, and the ability of emergency responders to transmit critical medical and other information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg public service create a process to consider cell reception as part of planning for new developments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our development of infill guidelines include direction for the placement of cellphone towers that may have to be located near residential development

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move the following by-laws be read a first time; By-laws No. 37/2017, 38/2017, 39/2017 and 40/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 38/2017, By-law No. 38/2017, By-law No. 39/2017, By-law No. 40/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the By-laws No. 37/2017 to 40/2017, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 37/2017 to 40/2017, both inclusive.

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

Councillor Orlikow: I'm glad to get my exercise. Councillor…that's me, moves that the rules be suspended and that By-law Nos. 37/2017 and 40/2017, both inclusive, be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Any questions for our chair, Councillor Orlikow? Councillor Wyatt.

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Councillor Wyatt: Yes, this is pertaining to one of the, I guess, more important divisions inside Property and Development's or the development department which are all important, of course, is the Real Estate Division. The Manager of Real Estate recently quickly or surprisingly retired. I know the department is working that through. Are there any ideas in terms of when we will have a new Manager of Real Estate or what the status of that is in light of the fact that real estate and the budgetary implications with real estate pertaining to land operating reserve are quite important?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I am actually going to refer that matter for more clarity to the Director to report back to all of Council. There has been…first of all, I do want to thank Mr. Zabudny for the years of service that he did provide the City of Winnipeg. It's a very, very difficult portfolio to have, and on a high level, I can tell you that Marc Pittet has taken over as Manager, I guess we'll say, of Land Development. There's been some movement inside a bit about how they re-categorized, and I'll make sure that we get an email out to Councillors ASAP.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Just for clarification, Mr. Pittet was the Manager of Land Development before he was Manager of Real Estate or…I'm sorry, just for clarification on that.

Councillor Orlikow: (inaudible), so that's why, the actual title, but it is the Manager, he is the Manager of Real Estate and has those departments, geometrics, service agreements, those areas that are beneath him, but there is a little bit of movement in the Urban Design category, where that group lies in, so I'll get you more exact details.
Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Seeing none, Councillor Lukes, 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 Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 4:48 p.m.