COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

The Council met at 9:51 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 Elders Barbara and Clarence Nepinak.

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: He has just departed but I would like to recognize that a member of parliament who was with us today, Robert Falcon-Ouellette. It was nice to see him this morning. Mr. Mayor, on to you for your morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I too want to echo your comments of welcome to one of our members of parliament, Robert Falcon-Ouellette, I want to welcome him here to City Hall. I do have a few remarks to share with Council today. I want to welcome everybody that's here in person and watching online. Today is National Aboriginal Day, as you know, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank my council colleagues as well as all of the organizations, business groups and individuals who, yesterday, became initial signatories to Winnipeg's first Indigenous Accord. I also want to thank each and every one of my council colleagues who voted unanimously to adopt Winnipeg's first Indigenous Accord. Yesterday was a historic day for us as a city and I'm very pleased to see that so many people supporting and participating in Winnipeg's journey of reconciliation. The accord process, however, doesn't end with yesterday's signing ceremony. The accord is a living document and a continual invitation for people and for organizations across our city to join us in our journey of reconciliation by identifying and working at ways they can address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to actions. I look forward, Madam Speaker, to more signatories joining the accord as we move forward in our reconciliation journey together. And I encourage everyone to find a way to participate in National Aboriginal Day celebrations today, across our country and in our courtyard, of course. I do want to congratulate our council colleague, Councillor Jenny Gerbasi, who is part of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual general meeting earlier this month in Ottawa, became president of FCM for the coming year. It's great to have Councillor Gerbasi serve in this leadership role for Winnipeg to be strongly represented at the national level, and I was pleased, Madam Speaker, to be able to join many of my council colleagues in Ottawa to congratulate her in person as she embarks on a very heavy schedule over the next year. So congratulations to Councillor Gerbasi. Also in Ottawa I was pleased, Madam Speaker, to join 21 other mayors from across Canada as part of FCM's Big City Mayor's caucus meeting. We discussed and we received updates on the next phase of the Federal Government's long term, $81 billion infrastructure program, Canada-US relations, as well as the Mayor's National Task Force on Opioids. Right now, over half a billion dollars, Madam Speaker, in federal infrastructure dollars remain unallocated in Manitoba and it's critical that we monitor what the Federal Government's plans are for the next round of infrastructure investment and ensure we work in partnership with the Province of Manitoba to ensure Winnipeg receives its fair share. As well, I have met and spoken with families here in Winnipeg who have lost loved ones to opioid overdoses and their main concern, Madam Speaker, has been the availability of treatment options in our community. Without a doubt, a coordinated pan-Canadian solution is needed but we also need to be continually listening to the families and those on the front lines to address the challenges that this crisis poses in Canadian cities across our country. Madam Speaker, I was pleased again this year to join thousands of fellow Winnipeggers at this year's Pride Parade celebrating its 30th anniversary of the Pride Festival. You know, we have come a long way, Madam Speaker, since the first Pride Festival in 1987. But our work needs to continue in order to build a community, a city and a country, free from discrimination and one that embraces diversity and inclusion. We should all be proud of who we are because every single person in our community has the opportunity to play an incredible, positive role in advancing and enhancing understanding and really building a stronger community for all of us and our kids. Congratulations to Pride Winnipeg as well as all the festival planners and organizers of this year's Pride Festival. We are already looking forward to next year's events. And of course it's Bike Week this week. I was pleased to help launch Bike Week last week and I had the opportunity to bike to work on Monday, demonstrating I do work well with others. I was with Chad from Bee Together bike rentals. We biked from the Assiniboine Park to City Hall earlier this week and it was a great way to start the week. And I look forward to biking to work again as part of Bike to Work day this Friday. It's just in its fourth year, Bike Week has really become a popular way for people of all interest

levels and skill levels to explore what cycling in Winnipeg has to offer. And it's a great way to get outdoors, get some exercise and meet some fellow Winnipeggers and I encourage everyone to get as involved as they can this week and throughout the year in biking activities. Tomorrow, Madam Speaker, we will be honouring former Mayor Susan Thompson by renaming the administration building the Susan A Thompson Building. And I want to thank you, Madam Speaker, personally for your leadership as well as my council colleagues for the unanimous support for the renaming and this recognition. Former Mayor Thompson is a role model and an inspiration for many other women across our community to become more involved in business and in politics and it is very fitting to recognize her as one of Winnipeg's most influential women to advance the role of Canadian women in politics and I hope everyone here is able to attend tomorrow's event. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, merci and megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie, you have the floor for your morning announcement.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise today to speak to the issue of the Rick Foundation, Most Accessible City Award. On May 31st, it was announced nationally that three cities, the city of Winnipeg, Richmond and Edmonton, were to receive the Rick Hansen Foundation Award for the most accessible city. And, on June the 3rd, Madam Speaker, I was proud to be at the event in which the...and where the Rick Foundation...Rick Hansen Foundation presented the award to our mayor, Brian Bowman. It was a very proud moment in which he stood with the other two mayors and received the award and in that presentation, Madam Speaker, we discovered that Winnipeg was actually considered number one, the most accessible city in Canada. Yes, absolutely. And so, in my announcement, Madam Speaker, if you will just give me some time I would like to describe how we actually got there in a very short version because it took a long time to get to this point, Madam Speaker. But...and you know, before I proceed to speak, we still continue to have much work that we need to get done in terms of making Winnipeg a fully accessible city for all the people who participate here. And so, we continue that work and I know that this council is committed to it. And I will quote Mayor Susan A Thompson who we will be acknowledging tomorrow. She eloquently pointed out back in the early 90's when she became mayor, she came to speak to people with disabilities and she most pointedly pointed out that accessibility issues for persons with disabilities is not a political issue, it is something we must do. And I would like people to remember that and that is a quote from Susan A Thompson, I don't know if she'd remember. But, just quickly, I want to...she was the one who established the permanent Access Advisory Committee. Under her mayoralty, she was able to do that along with all the councillors of the day. That was the Council of 92 to 95 and with the leadership of Councillor George Fraser who moved...and we established in terms of reference. There was a lot of work done in the community from people with disabilities continuing to push for accessibility. For example, the provision of Handi-Transit services came about in the 80's as a push from people out in the community. People with disabilities working hard to say to the politicians, we need to have access. We want to live our lives independently. We want to be able to enjoy life like anybody else. We want to be able to work, we want to be able to live, we want to be able to play and do everything we can. And so, in…officially in 1995, the Access Advisory Committee became into being. And then, as we moved along into the 1998 and Councillor Gerbasi as a politician became the Chairperson when she was elected of the Access Advisory Committee and through there and a push from many advocates, Madam Speaker, many, many people with disabilities, you cannot just name any one individual. There was a lot of pushing and working and shepherd through the Access Advisory Committee of the day as we moved forward into the 2000's with a universal design policy and then the universal design standards, Madam Speaker, which you eloquently portray, Madam Speaker, in every one of our community committees when accessibility comes up, you are always one of the first people to point that out. And so Council is really committed to this. And over those years, we have achieved a lot and what we have done is there are...I sent out to all of our councils, the Access Advisory Committee with our coordinator, Chris Sobkowicz, put together over a thousand pages of our application about accessibility for the City and they actually portrayed, not just the City's entities but also school divisions have been moving towards accessibility and the Manitobans…Accessibility for Manitobans Act is moving forward on education. But, I digress a bit. I also wanted to mention that in our budgets we have...not only do we have one line to renovate some of our old buildings at $425,000 a year, which we, you know, we need to be able to find a way to increase that, but every department pretty well has some kind of budget line, Madam Speaker, that actually deals with accessibility issues for persons with disabilities, universal access because it's not necessarily just persons with disabilities, Madam Speaker. Councillor Dobson represents and moves forward the seniors' agenda and many seniors appreciate the accessibility of all of our facilities and it's really a great thing. And so...and then when we do our major projects, we incorporate accessibility in everything we do. I can't put a dollar value…we can't put a dollar value on it but it's a huge amount. Stage two rapid transit with the active transportation trail that will go along with it, it is to be fully accessible for wheelchair users and everybody to use and I think that's just a great thing. And so, Madam Speaker, we look to the future, the City of Winnipeg and its of administration over the years became very committed and dedicated to ensuring that we have accessibility and today, our CAO and our senior administration is very involved in making sure that accessibility is dealt with whenever we are doing renovations, whenever we're building new things, it's always there and we have to appreciate our administration too. So, Madam Speaker, going into the future, one day, I don't know how long, Madam Speaker, but one day we will probably be able to say the City is fully accessible. But to this point, we're working at it, we have done a lot, a lot of progress and there is more to do and we do that with, Madam Speaker, just to be clear, we do that with input from people with disabilities in the community. And maybe I should just stand by a

commitment, Handi-Transit has struggled over the years and there has been a lot of complaints, Madam Speaker. But what I want to point out is, is that there is a commitment from Handi-Transit through an investment that Council voted on a couple of years ago…two years ago.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, we appreciate your enthusiasm but this is not debate.

Councillor Eadie: I'm just going to end by saying that improvements will continually be made. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you and congratulations. Councillor Lukes, and then on to you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Thank you very much. I would just like to make note here, we are in the final days of the holy month of Ramadan during which Muslims observe a daily fast from food and water. Muslims will celebrate the end of Ramadan on Sunday, June 25th, with a major holiday called Eid al-Fitr. During Eid, Muslims congratulate one another on completing the month of Ramadan, exchange gifts and visit and focus on family and community. Ramadan is also a time for charity and giving. This Ramadan, local Muslims supported a number of charities including Winnipeg Harvest, United Way and the Poverty Relief Program of the Manitoba Islamic Association. On June 25th, the first day of Eid, the Manitoban Islamic Association will be organizing a large Eid gathering for around 7,000 Muslims at the RBC Convention Centre for special prayers. A carnival for children and families at the Grand Mosque in South Winnipeg takes place on July 8th and is open to all and it's a spectacular event to attend. I really encourage anyone who has never been to come. So I would like to wish, on behalf of myself and City Council, I would like to wish the Muslims in Winnipeg a happy and blessed Eid. Thank you and I just wanted to make one other note here that today, at noon, out in market square there is a pop up display of protected bike lanes. So I encourage any councillor who is not familiar with protected bike lanes to walk out the door and take a look. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Mayes, your morning announcement.

Councillor Mayes: At 10:30, and I doubt we will be done today's work by then, so we'll have to miss this but at 10:30 this morning at Dakota Collegiate in my ward, they're having a press conference to announce a very large amount of private funding to go into the Dakota Collegiate Field Project which will allow this field project to take place. I want to thank my council colleagues for continuing to keep the City contribution in place there. That, with the private funding and with the co-operation of the Louis Riel School Division means we will have a really great addition to the fabric of life in St. Vital. And that press release…well, I also want to commend two of my council colleagues who have worked quite hard on this and that's Councillor Lukes, the other councillor from St. Vital, she has about 10,000 St. Vital residents, I have 54,000 and of course Councillor Pagtakhan who happens to be a graduate as well from Dakota Collegiate as I was and as was Councillor Steeves before me. And I want to thank them for their work over the years getting this project up and running. Ground breaking should take place in July. This is going to be a great addition. The basketball court, the field, the cricket cage is already up and running as you know, Madam Speaker. So, I would like to be there to join them at 10:30. Unless we have a very fast meeting indeed I'm not going to be able to make it. But it's a significant achievement for the community and working with the school division, the City and the private sector, I don't want to fault the Province, they have their challenges but really, the school division has…and the people who run Dakota Collegiate and in particular Robbie Mager and Dean Favoni from the school have done a great job making that multimillion dollar project happen. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank yo, Councillor Mayes.

MINUTES

Councillor Gilroy moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on May 24th, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move into delegations that are registered today. I would like to call down Mr. Martin Williams and following that, we will hear from Mr. John Callahan if you could make your way down as well. Mr. Williams is in opposition to Item No. 10 of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown

Development. It's the report dated June 6th, 2017, it's regarding the list of historical resources, the nomination of the W.J. Guest Fish Company Warehouse/Great West Metal Company Building located at 90 Alexander Avenue. There will be ten minutes on the clock. If I could call you forward, sir. Welcome to City Hall.

Martin Williams: Good morning, Mayor Bowman and Council members. I am Martin Williams, President, COO of Great West Metal. There is a handout going around which is an update. This would be more or less my third submission for presentation. There's previous ones dated June 14th and June 5th. I am here today to voice my opposition to the listing of the former W.J. Guest Fish Company Warehouse now Great West Metal Limited Company Building to the list of historical resources. Respectfully to City Council, I previously made a written submission dated June 5th to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. In that submission, I outlined two main reasons I'm opposed to the listing under discussion. I had previously made a presentation to the EPC June 14th in which I further elaborated on these two main reasons. Copies of the original written submission and the presentation to the EPC are attached. I wish to summarize the key points of my opposition to our manufacturing, in which we had been operating continuously for 78 years being deemed a historical resource and the caveat as such being filed against the title of the building. It will be restrictive, cumbersome and expensive for any potential renovations required to update the layout for improved production efficiencies. It will restrict options for future development the on the site and therefore...thereby restrict or limit the potential for redevelopment that will directly preclude potential purchasers that may be interested in the site for that purpose and ultimately reduce potential resale value. Serious consideration should be given to how a historical property caveat will affect the building value in both the short and long term. The building is the security pledge by way of a collateral mortgage against the long term debt of the company. The caveat may affect our current debt to equity ratios and will certainly negate the building as collateral for additional loans that may be required for future operations of the business. I would...I will suggest to you today that my bank will not want to see this caveat placed on their security. The ability to use the property as security against long term debt is of utmost concern as it may cause immediate hardship and threaten the financial viability of the continued operation of the business. In my presentation to EPC on June 14th I raised the point of the integrity of the building and that numerous additions and modifications to the subject building may preclude it from being deemed a heritage resource. I have enclosed many images in your file that I have given you. There has been major additions totalling for, surrounding the 5,000 square foot footprint of the subject building and there has been 37,000 square feet of newer buildings built around the subject building. This detracts and or erases its original character. Please see images of the modifications, alterations and additions. The building is very altered from its origin. No significant historical event took place at this site. There is no signage or markings anywhere on the exterior that ties it back to its origin as a fish packing warehouse and its original character has been erased. Thank you for allowing me the time today to present my position in this matter and to elaborate and identify my concerns with regard to the historical resource nomination. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Williams. Are there any questions for our delegation today? Okay, seeing none, I thank you for your presence.

Martin Williams: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Our next delegation is Mr. John Callahan, President of the Amalgamated Transit Union. He will appear before Council in opposition to Item No. 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 30th, 2017 and this is regarding transit safety. Welcome.

John Callahan: Good morning, Madam Speaker, Mayor Bowman, Councillors. I, too, would first like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty One Territory, home of the Métis Nation. I want to start off by thanking all of you. You know, it's been a real emotional roller coaster for me through all of this, and I was mentioning earlier that I don't know whether to laugh or cry some days, hopefully I don't do either during this. But I would like to just go back in history a little bit to Councillor Mayes and it seems like a lifetime ago that we worked on the by-law for the transit security. Councillor Allard, Councillor Gilroy, every one of you I have met with, we have talked about the transit issue. You have all taken the time to hear me out and be supportive. I would like to thank especially Councillor Morantz for his hard work and dedication to this...to the report and to the creation of the Transit Advisory Committee. It's a highlight of the report and I mean, it's something that's given hope to my members. Unfortunately, you know, these things take time. We're going to summer and July is a peak month for assaults. Historically, for the past 16 years, that's been the worst month. So I understand that the motion that Councillor Browaty has put forward and seconded by Councillor Lukes is to be just taken as information. Now, what I'm hoping is that that can be held over until September. Just to give hope to my membership. To them, they don't understand the commitment that exists that I know that Councillor Morantz and Mayor Bowman are committed to making good things happen. They see this motion as something tangible, something that they can see and my hope is that that can stay alive so that they can see that and know that these things are going to be considered, moving forward, through the Transit Advisory Committee. So I'm asking that you all put aside whatever differences you may have, whatever thoughts of motivation that may be behind this motion, but rather, come together, show leadership,

show commitment that you know, this is for the greater good, for the protection of not only my members but for the citizens who use the public service. So I'm asking you to consider that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Callahan. Are there any questions today for our delegation? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you very much for coming here today, John. Just so I understand what you are requesting in terms of the process. The motion that we have here today is to be received as information which means it would be, for all intents and purposes, lost. You are suggesting that we don't lose the motion, that the motion be referred to September and then the motion we just received from Councillor Browaty, seconded by Councillor Lukes is to refer to the September 12th meeting of the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee and then this motion be referred on to the Transit Advisory Committee for the purpose of looking at a potential how it could be incorporated, what can, what can't and to have that discussion at that time. Is that basically what you are indicating?

John Callahan: That's it in a nutshell, yes. I mean, it's not to say that these things wouldn't have been implemented anyway or you know, whether you support them all or whether you don't support, that's not what I'm asking for. I'm asking for these to be forwarded for consideration and to start a debate on them.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So just as a follow-up then, it's not your expectation that all of the items included in the transit motion moved by…originally by Councillor Browaty and Councillor Lukes would automatically become part of some sort of policy but at least be part of the discussion and consideration by the future tact that it looks like is going to be created. Is that…?

John Callahan: Yes, absolutely.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for our delegation? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do want to thank John Callahan for all his work especially this year. I suspect this has been the busiest year for Mr. Callahan as an active member of the leadership of the Amalgamated Transit Union. I do have one question for the record, it's a simple one. If Mr. Callahan could tell us how many major cities in Canada have a Transit Advisory Council.

John Callahan: Well, I couldn't say how many but there are quite a few that do have. Most of the major cities across Canada do in fact have and a lot of the smaller cities do as well. So we're there now. So I'm happy with that, very happy with that.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much for your leadership in this very difficult issue. It's been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to continuing to work with you. Are you aware that in this motion...I mean, you are aware, I just want to understand...my understanding when we made the motion, when Councillor Browaty and I made the motion, we worked with you, we worked with the Amalgamated Transit Union of recommendations you brought forward if you could clarify that please…the recommendations you brought forward that we discussed did come from the Amalgamated Transit Union and it came from public input you've received.

John Callahan: Yes, that is correct.

Councillor Lukes: Right. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Okay, seeing none. Thank you for your presence here today.

John Callahan: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to committee reports. First up is the Executive Policy Committee dated June 7th, 2017. Councillor Wyatt? Okay.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 7, 2017**

Mayor Bowman: Perhaps I can…I'll introduce it first.

Madam Speaker: Yes, Mr. Mayor to introduce the report.

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

Madam Speaker: Okay, four and five have been stood down. We'll call the question.

Councillor Eadie: Sorry, report Item 5. Sorry, my mistake.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on 1 through 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 5 – Audit of Procurement for the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Report and Review of the Employee Code of Conduct

Madam Speaker: And we have an amending motion on this item. Mr. Mayor to introduce the main item.

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

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Wyatt, your opportunity to introduce your amending Motion No. 5. Paper copy is on your desks, councillors.

**Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,**

THAT Item No. 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 7, 2017, be amended to require quarterly reports to Council effective the first implementation date of the six recommendations to be now implemented by the administration

Councillor Wyatt: Everybody's having a look at it. Madam Speaker I rise…this is out of a motion that was moved by myself, I believe seconded by the mayor of the time to review the situation that arose in terms of procurement of contract related to the pedestrian cycling strategy. And I want to thank the Audit Department and the City Auditor for his diligence and hard work on this matter. He has never shirked his responsibility. He always has risen to the challenge and done extremely well and this is another example of that. This is a comprehensive report that is before us today with six comprehensive recommendations being put forward that I think are quite important and quite considerable. It's important to be able to speak to this, Madam Speaker, because of the fact that...and I'm going to speak to my motion that I'm moving. I'll speak to my motion that I'm moving which is that quarterly reports be given on terms of this recommendation. The reason this is important, Madam Speaker, is because this speaks to...in the last term, we had lots of debate and lots of issues in terms of code of conduct, in terms of individual members of Council, in terms of the need for an Integrity Commissioner and all those things that we called for back then. But it's clear now of the concerns and the issues that we have arisen in the last council meeting…in the last council term that a lot of the issues were related to employee and in some cases senior employee conduct. Public service upon...the Auditor, upon investigating the concerns that we had, have come forward with six solid recommendations. One of the key points that the Auditor made in his report was the fact that we have not revisited the Employee Code of Conduct since 2001. And I would argue, Madam Speaker, that just the events even of the last six months requires us to do this. You know, the very fact that we heard in the last six months that...and these are the words of his lawyer, not our lawyer, but a former CAO's lawyer who publicly stated that the former CAO had been in...I don't know what the terminology was, business or doing business with a contractor who was actually doing business with him in the United States not here, at a time when he was also a CAO. This was an absolutely brand new revelation to us that we heard this and it was well reported and well recognized and I think we've spoken about it before, in this chamber. The need to update the Employee Code of Conduct is crucial. And so you know, I think the request being put forward today by myself, moved by Councillor Lukes, is quite reasonable. The audited Auditor's reports, report calls for six recommendations, some of which start in terms of the implementation date in the first quarter of 2018 with...for the first two recommendations followed with an implementation date of not until 20...the third quarter and then the fourth quarter for the last three recommendations of 2018. And as we know, Madam Speaker, for whatever reason, sometimes it does take the public service a little longer to implement these recommendations and

we have in the last term made a recommendation and it's actually was just on the very agenda that we have with us today, the fire paramedic stations and the Winnipeg Police Headquarters requiring quarterly reports to this council which was beyond what was previously done.

Councillor Gerbasi: Point of order, Madam Speaker. We have had six or eight different motions put in front of us just this minute and I know there has been a lot of concerns from councillors about understanding what's going on, and so...I know we've heard, you know, the challenges with EPC or not being on EPC and I don't want to make that the issue but...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, a motion can be placed on the floor at any time.

Councillor Gerbasi: Yes it can, according to procedure. But I feel like this is…we have to look at the big picture of how this is affecting our work. I don't want to make decisions on the fly. Let's just get to the point.

Madam Speaker: I'm sorry, that's no point of order. Thank you.

Councillor Gerbasi: Okay. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Councillor raises a concern. The councillor can move layover of the entire matter to the next council meeting, which would be July. I would not object to that or if she wants to have another member of Council move the entire clause which is before us on the agenda today to be considered in the July Council meeting so that she has time to consider the amendment before us, I would be more than happy to support such a motion.

Councillor Gerbasi: Well, that's inconsistent since it's making matters just a little chaotic and I know we are all trying to follow...you know, this isn't necessarily a governance issue. I think we need to work in our committees and figure out some of these motions as we have heard from many of our colleagues. So I understand what the Council process is and I'm aware of that, Madam Speaker, but I mean, if it's going to...if there's going to be all this stuff, I don't think people have had time to read them. And it's not just myself, I have been hearing concerns from my colleagues, you know, running around the office at the last minute. That's what we're hearing from the other councillors. So I just wanted some clarity.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Your opportunity to speak will be when I call your name. Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I move referral to EPC without instructions.

Madam Speaker: Okay, just a moment. Schreyer has moved referral to EPC without instructions. Okay. So that is in order and we can vote on a referral.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, for clarification; is that just a referral on the amendment or a referral on the whole report?

Madam Speaker: It's a referral on the whole report and the amending motion.

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, I am only speaking here as one councillor. I am not on EPC or anything, I am just a councillor saying that I have had six motions handed to me and you know, I think chaos is being created and I would like it sorted out by somebody, either you as the Speaker or somebody. Because…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, we started the meeting late. Most of the motions were circulated prior to starting. I'm sorry. I would like to move forward with the meeting.

Councillor Gerbasi: Okay, Maybe we should have a recess for a few minutes to sort it out because...

Madam Speaker: We can certainly do that. At this time though, it is the Mayor's opportunity to rebut for three minutes. Mr. Mayor, if you wish, as to why the referral should not take place.

Councillor Schreyer: Point of order.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: I sympathize with the comments of Madam Gerbasi. I assume the vote is automatic?

Madam Speaker: There is no point of order with your comments. The Mayor has an opportunity to rebut if he so wishes. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to rebut?

Mayor Bowman: Just for clarity, I have just seen Councillor Wyatt and Lukes' motion. Is this what we are debating right now or is it a motion to refer? A motion to refer?

Madam Speaker: Motion to refer the Motion No. 5 that you have in your hand, the amending motion and the whole item to EPC. That is what Councillor Schreyer has proposed; a referral without instructions. And you do have an opportunity to rebut if you wish.

Mayor Bowman: So do I have an opportunity…?

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, point of order. Are motions of referral debatable?

Madam Speaker: No, they are not. It's a motion to refer without instructions. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to rebut?

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Or we can go on to the vote?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you for your efforts right now as well.

Madam Speaker: Pleasure.

Mayor Bowman: So the…

Madam Speaker: There is no point of order right now. I am...the Mayor has the floor. Please be seated. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So as far as I understand, I can speak to the motion to refer both the amendment and this new motion that Councillor Wyatt and Lukes have introduced as well as the original report. So I…

Madam Speaker: As to why it should not be referred.

Councillor Wyatt: Point of order, Madam Speaker. Point of order, Madam Speaker. Councillor Schreyer did have a point of order which has to be recognized and he is referring to clause…Procedure By-law page 18, 45(1), motion to refer. When a motion is before Council and you are moving a motion to refer, to table or layover or refer without instruction shall be regarded…shall not be regarded as speaking to such first mentioned motion. In other words, it is not a motion that can be debated or spoken to by any member of Council including the Mayor.

Madam Speaker: The Mayor does have an opportunity to rebut, I understand.

Councillor Wyatt: Where? Where is that in the By-law?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk? Mr. Mayor, if you would like to rebut why the referral should not occur.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I would support referring the amendment which we've just received and so I empathize with the comments that Councillor Gerbasi has expressed as well as referring to EPC the original report. I think if that provides all members of Council additional time to review it, including EPC, I would like the opportunity to consider. I haven't had the opportunity afforded to me by either councillor about the implications of this and I would like that opportunity. So I have no problem supporting the Councillor's request for referral for the matter as well as the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Clerk, do we need to vote on them separately or can it be the amending motion and the main item? Okay, I will call the question on the amending Motion No. 5 and the main item...yeah, I'll call the question on the referral back to EPC for Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you. Mr. Mayor, Executive Policy Committee report dated June 14th, 2017.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 14, 2017**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5 and I would like to pull Item 5 myself. Sorry, report dated June 14th.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so everything has been pulled but Item 2? Okay, so I will call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Amendment to Section 3.1 of the In Camera By-law No. 21/2011

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 1.

Mayor Bowman: I will wait to hear from council colleagues first, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Item 1 was stood down by…okay, someone stood down Item 1. Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to stand...this is a motion that moved by myself, seconded by Councillor Browaty. This is a matter pertaining to in camera items regarding Human Resources and personnel matters only. This, of course, arose because of certain situations just in the recent past where we felt that it would be useful that clearly it's questionable whether some members of Council are familiar with what's gone on and others are not. And in terms of recent Human Resource and personnel matters and we just felt it was absolutely important that this council should have the right to be able to go in camera to be able to discuss in camera with what's going on with regards to some of the decisions made recently. The decisions, I'm sure, are well founded, I'm sure they're grounded on a reasonable recommendation or decision by the CAO and his or her staff…senior staff, but we as a council should have the ability. Ultimately, if EPC acts as a Human Resource Committee and members of Council including those on EPC have the ability to have access to this information and knowledge of this information, we have said it over and over again and it's been on the lips of every mayor of this council chamber that I can remember that has constantly said that Council is supreme. Well, if Council is truly supreme, then Council should have the right to be able to go in camera when it comes to staffing issues especially senior management issues…staffing issues that concern us. And this, I believe, is a...is something which virtually all councils in Manitoba have the ability to do at this point in time and the fact that this council, because of our procedure by-law is derived this right to be able to do that, I think is a huge mistake and I think an oversight in the existing procedure by-law. So, I believe that this was an improvement to our procedure by-law, Madam Speaker. I believe that...I think members of Council know how important this is. They know how important in camera meetings are and that the weight of the fact that you would be dealing with Human Resource issues so I would encourage members of Council to support this matter and to allow this to proceed rather than just simply receiving it as information which would be filing the matter. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I supported...I am in support of the motion to do the amendment, Madam Speaker and I just wanted to sort of clarify why I think it would be important to be able to go into camera as a council, in terms of specific HR issues that are difficult. And Madam Speaker, the reality is, is that the Executive Policy Committee, I believe, Madam Speaker, is the Human Resource Committee. I believe under organization if I am correct. And so, in that, we note today, actually, that...and in the past, whenever there are collective agreements which basically are derived in terms of negotiation and the political realm EPC, the HR Committee, is the one who gives input into collective bargaining issues as it gets done by our City's administration and any people that we contract to undertake that, Madam Speaker. Now, Madam Speaker, what is happening here is for example, today, which is coming out quickly, Madam Speaker, is the…our collective agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association in terms of our Winnipeg Police Service, Madam Speaker and...which is a good point. It's coming to Council for a full ratification, Madam Speaker. So for the life of me, I can't understand when we see Human Resource issues as the one that arose regarding bringing this motion forward, I don't understand why Council shouldn't be informed as to what's going on and what part that is because again, Council is affected by some of these decisions. And so, I am totally in support of this and it seems that EPC has just decided to receive this as information and ignore the need for Council to know...and you know…and to have some explanations in full and in time to reflect and understand what's going on, Madam Speaker. So I rise today actually opposed to just accepting this as information and not giving real serious consideration to the amendment as moved by Councillors Wyatt and Browaty.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'm going to be supporting our usual process of considering motions that come forward by Councillors, taking them to our committees and having a chance to look at them. I think we have been hearing a lot from Council that they want to have the opportunity to have good information. I think there has been a lot of improvements in the information councillors are getting. As the longest serving councillor, and I know you are sick of hearing it, so am I, because it's making me feel old, but I have seen things evolve over the last 18 years and I am honestly telling you, I am getting better information and it's not because of who I am, it's because I am working with others and working with the administration positively and trying to get that information. I can only speak for myself. I don't know what other councillors…how they're working and that's their choice, but you know, we just got six motions dropped on our desk this morning that nobody came and talked to me ahead of time. Not one person came and talked to me about one of these motions and you know, we all are busy with the things we're doing. I may be a little busier than usual but every one of us is very busy right now. This is a very busy time of year to be a councillor. And I sympathize with you all. I have been doing this for 18 years, so I know what it's like. And I have been with one mayor and another. I've been with three different mayors and I try to work with whatever council I'm on. And I have these six motions to understand. I'm not sure it's we have a governance problem, I think we might have a…you know, the way we're getting along problem. So, you know, let's get back to the business of this meeting and there is…there may be a governance structure with EPC, I know there is. And there is also an informal caucus that is creating chaos and you know, the whole world is not inside Twitter. The world is out there, walking down the street. And it's not all in this chaotic room that we are in right now. So, you know, like yesterday for example, I was in Grant Park Mall and somebody came up to me, we just moved something so quickly, we barely had a discussion on it here about the cycling strategy and we're all trying to keep up with these complex issues, well so is the public. And so anyway, I stepped out of my bubble yesterday and I went to the bank and a fellow I had known 30 years ago came…who I barely knew, I hadn't kept in touch from high school, came up to me and said, thanks for all you are doing. I am out riding my bike and man, are the…the routes are so much better and I'm driving out to Birds Hill Park and the routes are fantastic and my life is better because of whatever it is you guys are doing over there. And then he said, wait a minute and he pulled out...I was going to give these to someone else but I'm going to give them to you, and he gave me a bouquet of flowers. And he said, I don't know what you guys are doing over there but thanks because my ride to Assiniboine Park or to wherever I'm going across the city, if I'm going downtown and then I'm going out to Bird's Hill Park, I'm noticing that these gaps in your cycling strategy are being filled and you are getting stuff done for us. You must be doing something at City Hall. Take these flowers. So I just…I'm just telling you, not everyone is in the midst of all this governance and all this other stuff that we focus on. And we are doing some good things in this city and let's not play games to create chaos. Let's get to work and let's work together and let's get on with this agenda today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I just want to respond. I always take Councillor Gerbasi's comments seriously and in this case, when it comes to making a decision on this motion, it's my first term, Madam Speaker. I'm the antithesis of the dean of council and yes, I do sympathize with all councillors in terms of the number of notices of motion and amendments that come forth on our desk. I think we have the same number today as last time. Hopefully some of these are notice of…they are notices of motion that we have a month to deal with and I do wish to work with Councillor Gerbasi and all members of Council to see what we can do about this. Again, I am not...nothing near the dean of council, doubt I ever will be. And I didn't know this was a problem. I just thought this was the way it is every council meeting. But, if there is anything I can do to work with Councillor Gerbasi and other councillors to try and make these meetings more understandable and efficient, I certainly will, which is why I moved the motion of referral on the last issue, given Councillor Gerbasi's concerns over time to digest the information and I hope my intentions are clear. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be super brief here. This is one of these very exceptional, rare circumstances where going in camera actually provides greater transparency and openness to members of Council. The reality is, HR matters shouldn't be discussed out in public. But I do believe members of this council have the right know when the senior managers and senior officials within the public service are no longer around or decisions are being made. And it's appropriate within the procedures to ask the CAO those questions. So in this case I'm disappointed that openness and transparency is not moving forward and that we are actually burying important information of the decision makers, members of this council won't have access to. So I'll be…I'm disappointed by EPC's decision to receive this as information and I will be voting against the recommendation to receive this as information.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I feel somewhat sorry for those observers of this discussion. I think if we revisit the recent history in December, this council moved forward in a very positive way to allow all members of Council

to begin a process of evaluations of four statutory officers. And I remember there was an amendment that I had assured members of Council that we would make to that report to restrict in camera to only discussions of the Auditor. I know at that time there were three members of Council who voted against that. Councillor Wyatt was one of them who I recall from the discussion on this floor indicated that at no time should this council go in camera for any reason. So I don't support you know, going in camera for...I mean, this is so overly broad for potentially for any individual who works for the City of Winnipeg. I do support the Executive Policy Committee report as forwarded to Council for consideration right now to receive as information. And it's…I am kind of at a loss for understanding the change in position that we have seen from December to now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 1. Okay, there is a call for recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt

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

Madam Speaker: Okay, Item 1 passes. Moving on to Item No. 3, Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Formation of Winnipeg Food Council – Membership Recommendations

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 3.

Mayor Bowman: I would just like to say I'm pleased that we have ten members who have let their names stand. I want to commend Council and my council colleague, Councillor Mayes, for his leadership with the development of the Winnipeg Food Council and I'll wait to hear from council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Clerk. This is an important day I think in getting this Food Council up and running for the first time. This is an important initiative that you know, we don't often get unanimity around this table but I think we have unanimity on moving forward with this council. Councillor Gillingham would remind me that we haven't yet approved the funding to operate this at a full throttle but certainly we have got the Council members appointed and can move forward with that. We have yet to sort out, I think, procedurally who the Mayor's designee will be. I am certainly hoping to be the Council member appointed but I guess we will wait on that for at least a few more weeks and debate that further. It's a wonderfully representative group. We have people from Food Matter who really have been the driving force behind this. We have people from U of M, great School of Ag out there, Dean Karin Wittenberg doing some great work. We have people like James Battershill who is the genius behind the Keystone Ag Producers, a man who is very well versed in the potential of ag business in this city who said to me once, I think we have the best minds in grain quality in the world right here in Winnipeg. And I think we do have a lot going on in the downtown area even in terms of the agri-business sector that we need to promote, that we need to educate people about. Whether that's the higher tech stuff, the precision ag, or whether it's the more traditional stuff like Richardson's or whether it's Canadian Institute for Grain, which is just a few blocks from here doing some great work, really around the world with research on grains and educating people from the third world well, from the developing world and throughout the world really on the potential of agriculture here. So we are I think following the lead with some other cities but we are catching up quickly. We are going to have this Food Policy Council to talk about food issues and to talk about agriculture issues. Again, I think Winnipeg can really assert itself and be a world leader in the agri-business sector. Whether that's higher tech or whether that's more traditional. So I'm pleased to see these folks put their names forward. And as a final note, some great work by our Planning staff here, Mr. Platt, Ms Kliewer to get this up and running. It's taken a few years but look forward to having this committee start to meet and start making some recommendations.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak and a good news story, Madam Speaker. I think this is great. It's very essential to have this council in place, Madam Speaker, just speaking from my perspective in the North End, Mynarski Ward, Madam Speaker. There is a North End Food Security Group that works through the North End Community Renewal Corporation and there's other movements that have been looking to ensure food security and affordable food and food to supply people who are living in poverty, people who are living with various kinds of diseases in terms of trying to be able to find affordable food for their health reasons and, of course, this Food Council is a much bigger picture, an overall look at agriculture and different aspects, Madam Speaker, but I am really, truly supportive. And I am really impressed with the quality of people that applied and that we're selecting here, Madam Speaker, to be on this first council. I just wanted to speak in favour of...there is one Jasmin Tara who no longer runs the North End Food Security Program but I have to say, this woman has very valuable experience to impart to the city in terms of how we move forward in supporting food. And as we have heard, there are food deserts in terms of grocery deserts in some areas of our Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee area especially when it comes to trying to find lower-priced foods that people can afford, Madam Speaker. And I am sure that these are a number of the issues and many issues that we have dealt with and I would like to thank the Mayor for his leadership and everybody else for moving this forward. It is time that we have this Food Council and I'm glad that it's been done in this term. I noted that I think every mayoralty candidate in the last election, Madam Speaker, was supportive of a food council, food security in dealing with that for our city. Our city, Madam Speaker, is getting very large and we really have to consider this stuff, Madam Speaker. I remember hearing from people, they couldn't understand, there was an ice storm, Madam Speaker, and they couldn't understand why there was no vegetables and stuff in the grocery stores and people need to eat in our city and we have to be concerned about that. And so, because the trucks couldn't move, the food wasn't there and people were very concerned. And people don't often, Madam Speaker, make those connections. So this Food Council is bringing this to the attention of all of us councillors who I believe we all support and I'm proud to vote in favour of this report. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just very briefly, I did want to thank those who made this happen. I know Councillor Mayes and I am not aware of everyone else, the Mayor and others. This is...has been a really important issue in the area of the city I represent but I know it is in all of our areas where we have gardens, where we have parks, where we have opportunities for food. And I won't get into the details, but I think what we are dealing with here is the formation of a mechanism for the community to have a voice in us developing better policy for all of those things that improve our quality of life in Winnipeg, in our neighbourhoods, at the very neighbourhood level, our festivals, our like, markets throughout the city and very important in the downtown and in my area of the city as I'm sure it is in many of your areas of the city. So having…this is a vehicle for the community voice to be heard and just from the Fort Rouge point of view, many of the activists involved in this came from West Broadway when this was going on three or four years ago. So I really appreciate seeing this happen in reality out in the community and I'm speaking to my West Broadway friends out there, great work guys. Council has heard you and this is happening today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think this is great. You know, we live in a day and age of several decades, I guess we could say of relative empowerment. A society that we could not have predicted over a century ago or at the time of confederation as today we celebrate…two weeks from now, three weeks from now, 150 years of this country of peace, order and good government truly one of the most outstanding expressions of humanity that the world has ever seen, this country of Canada. Not that it's perfect but we continue in progress as yesterday's ceremony at the Forks is an expression of. Madam Speaker, we have to deal with quality of life, we have to deal with health and there is no way around that and yet, despite the decades of relative affluence to the likes of which this world and this country has never seen, we could not have predicted and yet, Madam Speaker, at this time we have issues of health that I don't think...that I think our grandparents would have found astonishing. And on that basis, Madam Speaker, I'm just going to speak on one issue. I have done this before in this chamber on the issue of…related to this motion and that is the issue of diabetes. And I mention diabetes, Madam Speaker, because it is preventable in almost all cases, I would say 90 percent. Again, I will be judged on that and the stats will be judged as time goes on but it is preventable by diet and in the cases where symptoms of diabetes already are manifests that these symptoms can be reversed within months if not weeks from how we eat. And on that basis, Madam Speaker, things like this are really important because this is something we can actually do something about. It's very tangible to people's quality of life. And in a more…in terms of the cold hard economics of it, in terms of the effect or the tax…the taxation on our health system, Madam Speaker, we might as well deal with the fact that right now, 10 percent of Canadians have diabetes. That wasn't the case 50 years ago. And, Madam Speaker, people over 20 years old we have got...well it's on the rise. When you are over 50, the

chances of getting diabetes is all the greater. Madam Speaker, we expect our forecasts to have a 44 percent increase in diabetes in the next ten years. And on that basis, Madam Speaker, I would say that if we are not dealing with issues like diabetes because this is one in which you can see it's very tangible. We can see the statistics and it gives us an understanding of where we're at when it comes to issues of government stepping in and dealing with issues of food. But dealing with issues of food, Madam Speaker, only makes sense if we're dealing with issues of health and of course, all related issues. So, cost of food and accessibility to food. But these things by themselves don't make much sense when we make...by virtue of our lack of education we are basically encouraging people to go out and eat white flour and say they are full. Good for them, they have been nourished. They can go to the corner store and buy some white bread and all is well. Madam Speaker, that happens all too often in this day and age and on that basis, Madam Speaker, we challenge ourselves on this. I think we're going to have unanimity on the issue…on passing this motion. And from there on in, Madam Speaker, we've got some serious challenges to deal with in order to make this relevant. So it's important when it comes to various aspects of our society. One of the most fundamental of all, Madam Speaker, brings it down to the essence of good government and that is quality of life. Well, quality of life and quality of health go hand-in-hand. So we are going to be involved in looking at issues like food deserts where there is a lack of geographic accessibility to an area. That's great, Madam Speaker, but bear in mind we have to admit we are stepping into what is usually part of the sort of the quasi-free market that we have in Canada and saying that, well, this might not be good enough. We're going to have to step in and do something as a government, using government as a tool of our society to make sure people have proper access. Madam Speaker, there is poorer countries than us in the world, that do a better job at that by the way. There are poorer countries in the world that do a better than we do at using government as a tool of our society to step in and see where the inadequacies are when it comes to health. And you can see that in terms of health statistics and longevity statistics, despite the fact that they are not even close to us in terms of sheer, you know, gross domestic product. So Madam Speaker, we have a big challenge on our hands. We are one of the societies in the world with the highest rate of diabetes and at this moment, it's increasing. So we have a great challenge and this will be a test for us. And I think we challenge each other to make the best of this new committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Okay, seeing none, I will call the question on Item 3, Formation of Winnipeg Food Council. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – By-law enforcement under The Provincial Offences Act and the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Act

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to introduce the item and then we do have a motion to layover to go with this item as well. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll wait to hear from council colleagues first.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so we have Motion No. 6, it's a motion to layover which is not debatable. This was moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Lukes. Councillor Eadie, you have three minutes to introduce your motion.

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

WHEREAS the 2014 to 2018 City Council has not been provided a seminar on the removal of by-law fines being applied under the Summary Convictions Act;

AND WHEREAS a delay of less than one month will not hamper the purpose of Item "4" on the EPC June 14, 2017 meeting;

Therefor be it resolved that report item number 4 from the EPC meeting on June 14 be laid over until the July Council meeting to allow all City Councillors to understand the implications of the by-law changes, possibly through a Council Seminar.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this emotion...this motion is being moved in order to just allow some time for councillors who are not familiar with the big change that's happened at the provincial level in terms of the Summaries Conviction Act no longer being utilized in terms of...in favour of these two new pieces of legislation, Madam Speaker, that are coming through. And Madam Speaker, you may recall as a member of the previous council, there was a seminar that was brought when the Parking Authority actually moved towards a different way of dealing with fines and infractions, Madam Speaker. And that is actually why, in this recommendation report Madam Speaker, that it looks as temporarily that the Parking Authority would oversee the other fines and the 12 by-laws that are listed out as addendums...by-law changes under here, Madam Speaker. But essentially, it is kind of complex and there are a few issues that I think, Madam Speaker, require a back and forth dialogue with a number of people so

that they can understand it, Madam Speaker. As I understand it, the...and sorry, the POA has not been proclaimed yet, of course, the other one has as the Parking Authority is following it. But POA has not been proclaimed as of yet, Madam Speaker but...and I don't think that our next Council meeting, Madam Speaker, is less than four weeks away I believe and I think that that would allow enough time for councillors to be able to find out. It's just an honest, innocent amendment so that we can just...just for councillors who are not very familiar and it's big, Madam Speaker, it is big but I am somewhat familiar but I know that others are not and I think it's important that we just lay it over. It's not being referred back Madam Speaker, it's just being laid over to our July, I think, 16th Council meeting, Madam Speaker. I would appreciate it if we could all get support here and all be considerate of...and I have heard some debate from all around some very experienced councillors Madam Speaker, about needing time to really synthesize what's going on and so let's all respect that. It's just...there is nothing evil about this motion, Madam Speaker I just hope everybody will support the amendment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to rebut the layover motion?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The reasons for this report coming forward, this is being driven by changes at the Province. And just to properly advise and educate those that may be watching us right now, that the Province is expected to proclaim the Provincial Offences Act coming into law in the coming months. Once the POA comes into force the City is…will no longer be able to use the Summary Convictions Act for by-law enforcement. Once the POA is proclaimed, the City will have three options for by-law enforcement; tickets through the POA, information through the POA and enforcement through the Municipal By-Laws Enforcement Act. Unless by-law changes are made here at the City to allow enforcement through these two ways...these two acts, the City will only be able to enforce by-laws by way of information under the POA. So I know that this report was initially made public about just under two weeks ago. I want to thank Michael Jack for his update at a recent committee meeting. I understand he has also been…he's been making himself available to answer questions from all members of Council. I know council colleague, Councillor Lukes, has spoken with him from what I understand, numerous times to have questions regarding this report answered. My understanding through him is that those questions have been answered. But what I…we are being advised is that so long as we approve this by July, at the next meeting, we should be in the position that we need to, to enforce in the fall when we are expecting that timeline to be required. And so, I see no problem in referring this to the July Council meeting. I would just however stress to all my council colleagues that there will be time sensitivity to making our decisions as a council for the July council meeting and so I would urge all members of Council to simply speak with Mike Jack regarding any questions that they might have. You know, that being said, I don't believe that it's appropriate that we vote on council seminars. As members of Council will know, council seminars are at the discretion of our CAO and you know, I know in the past practice, it was common practice for the mayor to call and to chair these. I attempted to depoliticize council seminars and I don't know if this really supports that effort, so I...I wouldn't support this motion. Perhaps simply referring the matter to the next meeting I would support but I don't believe that we need to be voting on council seminar.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Eadie, you were saying? Clarification…yeah.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I just want to clarify that the motion states, "possible" because it's not…

Madam Speaker: Thank you for that. Thank you. So given that, we'll call the question on the motion to layover. Call for a recorded vote. Motion No. 6 in front of you, motion to lay over Item 4. All in favour, please rise. It's not unanimous. Okay, roll call, please.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillor Gilroy.

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

Madam Speaker: Layover motion passes. Okay, moving on to the next item, Item No. 5, Mr. Clerk.

Item 5 – Amendment to the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you very much. Madam Speaker, I'll be brief in my comments. This is a change to the eligible expenses by members of Council. I have amended my policies and policy and practices to not make alcohol an eligible expense. I just think there are better uses of taxpayer's dollars and certainly I think if a member of Council wants to have a drink or have a beer with someone, fair enough, I just don't think taxpayers should be footing the bill. So I would ask that Council support this change to simply bring council policies in line with those that I have made changes to my own. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I feel a little inadequate, again, my first term. Tell you a secret, I assumed I wasn't allowed to charge alcohol anyway, so I didn't know. So I haven't been. However, I am cognizant of these things. So we have to bear in mind, I'm not sure how this plays out, maybe the Auditor does this or whatever, but maybe I can get advice or we can get advice on this here. I didn't know I could charge alcohol. I thought we dealt with this at the beginning of the term but so be it. I'm just a first term, but bear in mind, Madam Speaker as an example and I just want to bring this out, we had at least a third of council, as an example, last year at the Concordia Hospital Research Foundation fundraising gala and as an example this happens often, Madam Speaker where you buy a ticket to the fundraiser, you are not buying a glass of wine or alcohol, but it's included in your cost. I don't think they offer an option or...not even at the time was I aware. You buy your ticket and there may or may not be a bottle of wine at the table. And on that basis Madam Speaker, once I saw this, I think this is fine, I thought so anyways, but there is that sort of grey area where I bought my ticket to the Concordia Research Foundation annual fundraising gala through the ward allowance in this case, I tend not to use my ward allowance for any kinds of dinners except for when it comes to these fundraising ones and there's alcohol. So we all, well those that were there from this chamber at the Concordia gala, well, our ward allowance went towards alcohol because there it was on the table. We didn't ask for it, we didn't buy it, it was just included in the ticket. I hope there's some clarification either today or tomorrow on that so we know how to handle that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in support of this motion. It seems to be a no brainer and Madam Speaker, when the Mayor…when Mayor Bowman did bring in the Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy, it's very clear that taxpayers' money shouldn't be spent on alcohol and I am good with that, Madam Speaker. And you know…but in terms…I just wanted to speak to ward allowances, Madam Speaker. And every councillor, Madam Speaker, as you know, utilizes ward allowance in many different ways. And there are many different ways, Madam Speaker, that we, in our offices, can get things done for our wards and the reason it's called the ward allowance is, we are there to serve the ward and try to do what we can, Madam Speaker. And so, I just wanted to clarify that for everybody that's out there. Some people Madam Speaker, will question the grants that I give out to various community groups that essentially need the money to do really good things in our neighbourhoods, Madam Speaker. And so different councillors will utilize it a different way. But I understand the issue of alcohol and so on and so I stand in support. And I…anyway, I support it, Madam Speaker, and I think it's a good motion. Thank you...or a good report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers on this item? Okay, seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 6...5, pardon me, Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, I will now draw your attention to the walk-on report. It's on your desks. It's from this morning's Executive Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Mayor, will you…yes?

Councillor Browaty: The City of Winnipeg Charter states that a notice of a Special Meeting of Council must be given in accordance with the by-law governing procedures. Based on the practices of this council, that regularly includes a notice with an e-mail, with a word document attached with the agenda of that meeting. There was no such notice for this morning's meeting and therefore I don't think the meeting was constituted.

Madam Speaker: I'll have the Clerks respond to that. They are checking their system.

City Clerk: I have been advised, Madam Speaker, that a notice went out yesterday afternoon.

Madam Speaker: Was that an e-mail, Mr. Clerk or on the calendar?

City Clerk: It would have been an e-mail notice I believe. And it would have been posted. Pardon me?

Councillor Browaty: What time?

Madam Speaker: Who was the e-mail from, Mr. Clerk? We're going to take a five minute recess, is that okay with Council? Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do we have a quorum?

Clerk: Yes, Madam Speaker, we have quorum

Madam Speaker: I call this special meeting of City Council for June 21st, 2017 to order and acknowledge once again today that we are on Treaty One land, the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. Roll call, Mr. Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Would you now read the special meeting notice into the record?

Pursuant to Section 79(1) of The City of Winnipeg Charter, The City Clerk was directed by His Worship Mayor Bowman to arrange a Special Meeting of Council on ***Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 1:20 p.m.*** *to consider the following; Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 21, 2017, negotiations between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Police Association.*

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We will now move into the one item on the agenda. Mr. Mayor, on the report of EPC dated June 21st.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 21, 2017**

Item 1 - Negotiations between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Police Association

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I am very pleased that Council will have the opportunity to approve the ratification of the longest most sustainable negotiated agreement with the Winnipeg Police Service in almost 20 years. I want to thank the negotiating teams on both sides of the negotiating table for their efforts. This was a difficult negotiations for the Winnipeg Police Association as it was for the City of Winnipeg. I want to commend and thank our chief negotiator, members of our public service, members of the Council that were involved in terms of the mandate. I also want to acknowledge the work of the Winnipeg Police Board. Members of the Winnipeg Police Board had, at least since I have been elected, asked for greater dialogue with me and with members of EPC in setting the mandate and better informing our negotiators on some of the items that could benefit the successful implementation of the...of this strategic plan of the Police Board. We did seek the input of the Police Board and I want to thank them for their input which I trust many members will see...members of the Police Board will see in the negotiated settlement. I want to of course commend our Finance Chair and my council colleague who is also serving very well in the role...the new role of Council Liaison for Labour Relations. Councillor Gillingham has exhausted a tremendous amount of time and energy to getting the best deal for taxpayers as well as for the members of the Winnipeg Police Service. And just a few things to note, this is...the significance of this agreement should not be understated. Just to put in context, the historical 17 year average in terms of increases each year, the average has been 3.59 percent. Madam Speaker, that is not sustainable for taxpayers. And I am very pleased that this proposed five year average for this negotiated agreement net of concessions is 1.98 percent. Some of the additional items that were negotiated include reductions to the minimum overtime paid, amendments to shift schedules including the ability of the Winnipeg Police Service to implement staggered start times in the general patrol divisions thereby increasing the number of cars available to respond during peak calls for service hours without increasing the number of police officers in the division. This is something that members of the Winnipeg Police Association, as well as the Winnipeg Police Service and members of the Police Board had called for a better solution to dealing with peak call hours. This will help, no doubt, as well as an expansion of the auxiliary Cadet duties. Again, these are very good for the citizens that we serve and I again want to commend and thank all parties involved including the Winnipeg Police Association for negotiating. Again, it's important to point out of course, this could have gone to binding arbitration. Like UFFW as well as CUPE, we were able to sit down at the negotiating

table and I believe negotiate a good deal for taxpayers as well as our valued employees and I hope that Council supports this, please. Thank you

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion to ratify this proposed collective agreement. I want to first thank Robert Kirby, our Manager of Labour Relations for the City of Winnipeg and his team as well as Winnipeg Police Association President, Moe Sabourin, and his team and board for their respective work on negotiating this proposed agreement. Madam Speaker, this is the first police agreement that has been developed with input from the Winnipeg Police Board. The board has a legislative responsibility to allocate the annual police budget and so the collective agreement has a direct impact on the board's ability to fulfil its role effectively. When I was Chair of the board, the board was consulted and invited to offer input on its priorities for the collective agreement and I'm pleased to see, as the Mayor has indicated that many of the items the board identified are reflected in this proposal. That includes the increase of civilianization. This agreement, as one of the concessions, will see 30 positions converted from sworn officers to civilians. Madam Speaker, the recommendation to civilianize selected positions within the Winnipeg Police Service was included in the 2013 operational review conducted by Matrix, and many of the councillors who were on Council the previous term were part of receiving, calling for and receiving that review. And I quote from that report, "The department should civilianize selective positions where the use of sworn positions are not required to effectively perform the duties." That 2013 report from Matrix and recommendations specifically inform the Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan. And as board Chair in 2015, I was proud to join with my board colleagues including Councillor Eadie who was there at that time and still remains on the board, and with the rest of the board in releasing that strategic plan two years ago. Goal 3.1 of the board's strategic plan that is still in place states, "It is to ensure that the right people are in the right jobs in the right number" and I quote, "The cost of policing"…from the strategic plan, "The cost of policing has been steadily rising in Canada. Municipalities across the country are concerned that they cannot afford further growth at the rate police budgets have increased in recent years. As a result, there is mounting pressure for police services to become more efficient and effective." It goes on to say, "The board and the service are sensitive to residents' expectation of effective police services that offer good value. Over the next five years the service will implement strategies to maintain and improve its service while ensuring its ongoing affordability." It goes on to say, "That the service is committed to increasing the use of civilian staff and auxiliary cadets. Their expertise can make police initiatives more effective, their assistance can increase the amount of time…of time sworn officers are able to spend on patrol, investigations and other duties for which they are uniquely qualified." Madam Speaker, this collective agreement reflects the co-operation of the Winnipeg Police Association, I want to acknowledge that today and assist the Winnipeg Police Board in meeting their civilianization targets as stated in the strategic plan. And this stands to result in a more effective and more efficient police service. The savings from those conversions will be realized over the coming years and will be compounded. That is especially true and can be seen in the final three years of this five year proposed agreement. In fact, the low net cost increases of 1.6 percent annually in years 2019 to 2021 are primarily the result of converting sworn officer positions to civilians. Other important concessions in this agreement proposed, Madam Speaker, include those that would assist the Chief of Police in allocating resources to address the calls for service demands that our officers are facing. The amendments to shift schedules ultimately enable an increased number of cars available to respond at peak call times. Further, in this proposed agreement, the expanded roll and duties of the Cadets comes closer to optimizing the potential of the Cadets that serve Winnipeggers so well. This contract will enable the Cadets to increasingly augment and complement the excellent work that our sworn officers do. Police budgets are tight, we know that. They will be tight for the foreseeable future so every opportunity to make the best use of all available resources must be seized by expanding the duties of Cadets, not only are they able to have a greater impact on our protective services but our sworn officers will be freed up to meet the ever increasing demands on their skills and expertise. So the public should not under estimate the value of the concessions in this contract. I've named just a few, I haven't named them all. But there is value both in terms of financial value but in terms of service level to our citizens as well. I want to point out that this is a negotiated agreement as the Mayor just noted. It's important to note that this is an agreement that has been bargained collectively. Many previous collective agreement bargaining's have gone to interest arbitration where, the taxpayers and councillors get whatever the arbitrator decides. There has been a general sense that in those instances the taxpayers were left with policing cost rising on a trajectory that is not sustainable, which leads me to the final point in supporting this ratification of this agreement and that's the matter of sustainability. I have been on record several times stating that the rate at which policing costs have been rising over the last ten years cannot be maintained by taxpayers. This collective agreement moves us toward policing costs that are more sustainable by slowing the rate of increase. The historic seven year average annual cost of increase prior to this agreement is 3.59 percent. By contrast, this five year agreement represents an average of 1.8 percent cost increase per year. Madam Speaker that is very getting close to if not at the rate of inflation. In years 2019 and 20...pardon me, 2019 and 2021 of this contract, the wage increase is net of concessions are the most affordable growth in policing costs in over 20 years, except for two years in that window. This is good news for taxpayers. And I also believe it's a fair contract for the 1900 members of the Winnipeg Police Association. The men and women of the Winnipeg Police Service do excellent work on behalf of the citizens and the visitors to our great city. And I want to take this opportunity and I'm sure my council colleagues would join me in thanking

them for their dedicated, professional service to our community. Again, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Robert Kirby and his team and Moe Sabourin and his team for their respective work in reaching an agreement. I urge my council colleagues to support this motion and to ratify this agreement. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of ratifying this agreement with the negotiated collective agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association and the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, but there are some things I would like to talk about in terms of it. And I do appreciate Moe Sabourin and his team, I'm sure the negotiations took many days and many, many discussions to come up with what they have, Madam Speaker. And while the Police Board was allowed through the Mayor to supply perspective on some of the things we were trying to deal with, Madam Speaker, in terms of...as we have the responsibility, the Police Board, of the overall budget which is passed by Council but then allocated by the Police Board. And so, the difficulty has always been for them in that there isn't a lot of control over the basically 85/86 percent of the human resource cost of the Police Service. The Police Service that we have is under huge pressure to provide services to the citizens of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker and I have to say that in that…and it keeps rising. And actually through the winter, Madam Speaker, the demand for police service has stayed steady to the levels that we see in the summer time and around those, Madam Speaker. And so when we look at this and we talk about sustainable budgets and you know, I hear the rhetoric about how the rising police costs, Madam Speaker, have caused you know, taxpayers some kind of huge burden but I have to say, Madam Speaker, there were many officers added on to the Winnipeg Police Service because of the demand from those very same taxpayers, Madam Speaker, to have appropriate, adequate, effective police services to support their living and visiting and so on in the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. So, I don't buy into this whole cost that somehow the Police Service is out of control. The reality is is that our society and our place here in Winnipeg demands that we meet this need. And the Winnipeg Police Service, Madam Speaker, under huge pressure, delivers what I think is quite a good service. Now, there are hiccups with any big service department, Madam Speaker. There are issues. But within this collective agreement, it has allowed for certain management rights. Management needs to have some rights in order to deliver a better service to the citizens…to the people of Winnipeg. And I think that is achieved in here. And when I look at the rise, the increase in salary, doesn't...I mean, the pay scales are the pay scales but this is basically a percentage raise for officers and you know, we all face inflation and there is always difficulties and I think that what was negotiated here is good, over five years that's actually really good because that, Madam Speaker, gives us a lot of predictability and I appreciate that five year contract, Madam Speaker. But I wanted to say though, Madam Speaker, to make it sound like that this is actually going to be resolving a problem in terms of the cost of policing and the demand that the citizens want. They want actually more police service. When I'm out on the ground, not only as a city councillor but when I'm out there listening to people as a Police Board but as a city councillor, Madam Speaker, I hear from people. They actually want to see more police foot patrols. They want to see more of this, they want more of that. They want to make sure that there is quick response, Madam Speaker and so in order to do that, we have to sustain them. And so I think that we can do that with this contract but Madam Speaker, let's be clear, with the flattening out of funding for police services from the Province of Manitoba who helped us hire a whole bunch of new officers that were required to serve the citizens of Winnipeg, the taxpayers of Winnipeg, they flattened it out. And I have to say that, Madam Speaker, while I totally support this and I really appreciate all the officers who ratified this agreement, this will make it easier to keep it sustainable. But, Madam Speaker, this contract, we as a council, when the budget comes, I'm warning you, there is not an adequate thing here to deal with to achieve the targets that have been requested of the Police Service in terms of only rising at inflation, Madam Speaker because it's impossible. But we need to deliver an essential service, a critical service and so I love this agreement. The Police Association, they have come to, I think, a really good agreement. But the reality is when budget time comes, Madam Speaker, this is not the full solution as has been just reported to by two individuals on Council here. I expect the Council, when the budget comes that we support what the need is to supply the adequate, efficient, effective service of police servicing in Winnipeg and I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt…Councillor Eadie. Councillor Wyatt, you are next and following is Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I just want to rise and I want to thank the Speaker for facilitating this meeting at 1:20. Prior to the break I know there must have been a lot of discussion going on behind the scenes to bring this together. And I know her office, she has the exact amount of resources as the rest of us on Council and I know she does a lot of work on behalf of all of us to help facilitate meetings and work with all members of Council. So I want to thank our speaker for bringing this together and facilitating this meeting in such short order, this special meeting that we're having now at 1:20 instead of 1:30...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, if you would to speak to the item, that would be…

Councillor Wyatt: I do.

Madam Speaker: And just to clarify, I do not call the special meeting. Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: I understand, I understand. But you made…I want to thank the Clerks who also…I know their office is limited in resources for bringing this together as well. And I know, you know, they get a lot of stuff thrown at them, the Clerks, with the duties that we do so I appreciate the fact that they were able to do this and bring it together. I want to thank as well, speaking to the cause of why we are here today Madam Speaker, I want to thank the negotiators who on both sides of the table clearly worked quite hard on both sides of aisle if you like, clearly worked quite hard to pull this agreement together. I want to thank the members of the Winnipeg Police Association who I know have been spending a lot of time trying to ensure this agreement came together and, obviously, achieved a long term contract which is to the benefit of having a long and stable contract to their members and with the concessions or the agreements that they have given in terms of some of the things that have already been pointed out that have come. The negotiation is clearly a successful negotiation Madam Speaker, is when both sides feel that they have won and I think that is the case here in the case of this agreement, though I have not really delved into it, and I'm going to get into that in a minute, but I of course, will be voting for it. I want to just also thank...since this is the time to be able to do this, I believe, when we are talking about a contract with the Winnipeg Police Association, I want to thank the individual officers and their families who really are the backbone of the Winnipeg Police Service who day in and day out do calls that we often only read about or hear about but nevertheless are there and often we don't hear about. If any of you have had the chance to go on a ride along to see front line services and the front line calls that these officers have to do, many of them fairly young, having only served a few years in the service, some very little service time. We have one of the younger police services in Canada. It's really remarkable what they do for the citizens of Winnipeg day in and day out. And that passion that they have and the care that they have for Winnipeg shows and we are lucky that we have such a dedicated police service. I was disappointed to learn or read that we are laying off 15 officers. A decision that was made but nonetheless, obviously that was done for budget reasons but it's unfortunate that front line services have to be cut. It's a decision that I wouldn't have supported or made but the decision is of the operating service of the Police Service to be able to do that but...and the Chief has that authority. However, the rank and file, I believe, we increased the size of the Winnipeg Police Service for a reason Madam Speaker, and it happened over the course of many, many years as was pointed out by the previous speaker, it did not happen overnight. The demands that we heard in our communities across the city, not just in the inner-city and downtown but across the city the demands for increase in calls, demands for better service, demands for greater sense of security, a greater sense of police presence in our neighbourhoods pushed previous councils to increase the complement in the manner that it was done. And it was done so, actually Madam Speaker, in co-operation with previous Provincial Governments which often matched funding or increased funding accordingly. Maybe not to the full extent or cost of an individual officer but definitely the funding increase was substantially directed to higher individual officers that we have done. You know Madam Speaker, the contract before us is quite comprehensive. I tried to go through some of it over lunch but I can tell you, we just received this last night. I just saw it this morning. You know, I'm very uncomfortable voting for something…typically uncomfortable voting for something that has just been presented to us at the 11th hour the way this has been done. It could be argued that that has been the pattern of the past, indeed it has with previous councils and the previous Mayor Katz was famous for walking things on and forcing members of Council…putting them in a rock and a hard spot to vote on items. You are between a rock and a hard spot on this one, I can tell you that much because you are being asked to vote…vote against a contract for the Winnipeg Police Service. These individuals that do Yeoman's work day in and day out for the city, you know, even though you haven't had a chance as a member of Council to do your due diligence, to read it, to understand it, to know the document. You know, that's a really…that's a…that's a political ploy that's being used once again. It was used many years before. I recall the 2009 debate…parkade debate, was selling of the Winnipeg Square parkade when the vote was suspended…not suspended and a special meeting had to be called immediately, same day, much like this, just to get it done. And we all know what happened. That was the same time that we all assembled the land for the…bought the new headquarters for the police headquarters and I think that in and of itself shows the short-sightedness of rushed decisions. However, the whole concept of what I think Councillor Lukes is speaking to in her motion coming up later today, the 96 hours, the requirement for notice, I think this speaks to that 100 percent. The idea that we could have that kind of input, that we can be seen as trusted colleagues, that we can actually be part of the discussion and be part of the solution. Clearly we want to be part of that solution and that's why I've placed on the record, Madam Speaker, my comments about the importance of this contract and why I think it's important today even though we have not had the opportunity to understand it fully even though members of Council, dare I say, maybe even members of EPC have not had the chance to know the intricacies of this contract inside and out. A contract which is huge, probably one of the biggest contracts we'll ever be voting on in this term in terms of the size of the payroll and in terms of the length of the contract. Just the overall size of the dollar fall value here is quite unfortunate. But nevertheless, so the gun has been put to our heads. And therefore, Madam Speaker, even though we have the old style politics of before, we are dealing with this situation today. The police and the service that they do for the citizens of Winnipeg are too good and we must therefore rise above even though we have been presented this situation, I guess, coming back to old style politics that we've had before. We have to rise above that and we have to see the importance of this contract. We have to understand and trust that our negotiations on both sides of the aisle have done their best and that we know as we go forward that this contract will serve the citizens of Winnipeg well. That is a big leap of trust by this member of council and others who have not had the

chance to go through the document, nevertheless, I think it's an important one to make. And those are my comments and again, I want to thank the Speaker and the staff to facilitate this meeting as quickly as they did and in as short notice as they have done. And I want to thank the public for their patience on trying to understand what the heck is going on because they probably are thinking we are still going into the last meeting as we came back from the last break we have. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Dobson

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have been aware, as have the general public that negotiations have been ongoing with the Winnipeg Police Association. This contract that we have here today, this memorandum of agreement, I was made aware of it just after 4:00 p.m. yesterday. This 38 report…38 page report, I have not had time to read and understand it in its entirety and yet, we have it here before us today and I am supposed to vote on it. Less than 24 hours and as a non-EPC councillor, I was not involved at all in this process. I was not privy to the instructions given to our negotiating team. Nor had I any idea what concessions were asked or given. But here I am, here today expected to vote on something with less than 24 hours' notice. No time to ask pertinent questions, no council briefing, no time to understand what this contract really means to the City over the next five years. I'm sorry. I don't understand why we are continuing to give above inflation increases especially considering the economic situation that our province is in right now. I don't fully understand the concessions agreed to in this contract. This contract may be very good for the City, however, I cannot vote for a contract of this magnitude without fully understanding it. I will not be rushed into voting for this. If you wish to ram this through today, then I cannot support it. I just can't be rushed, sorry.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I want to apologize to the City Clerk's Department for catching them on what is a minor technicality. I really wanted to have an opportunity to meet as a council to get the background details of what's involved in this particular settlement. We are talking about a five year deal worth hundreds of millions of dollars that we received yesterday details on…I mean, I saw initial details through the media. Elected member of Council, the first details I read about this contract were through the media. Then we got official…we got a press release. We've got lots of press staff in the Mayor's office now, despite the Mayor promising to eliminate, dissolve the office of Policy Development and Communication yet there's media spinners galore now that have been added to the administration. I found out about it through a press release from the Mayor's office and a link finally to the actual agreement after 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon. This is five years, hundreds of millions of dollars and numbers that are bigger than we have seen to other collective agreements. We now have the reality that our provincial funding for 2016 and likely…2017 and likely going forward is frozen. We had previous agreements and negotiations that we saw escalation for new police hires, we don't know what the impact of that is. Our council, we're making the decision here today that's going to have a very real impact on our next budget. Are we going to be cancelling road projects? Are we closing swimming pools? Are we closing libraries? We don't know. Council has not been given that information. We're being asked to vote on this agreement that has major ramifications going forward without giving us the full details as to what it's going to mean to us going forward. That's what we are being asked to do here today ladies and gentlemen, members of Council, Madam Speaker. Yet, this is coming from a mayor and…mayor plus…EPC plus two that likes to dither on all sorts of big matters that matter to Winnipeggers. Over six months, they have been sitting on a report about Portage and Main and the ramifications of a traffic study rather than make a decision and make a…on smoking bans on patios, let's study it for six months. Utterly frustrating. The only reason I'm going to be supporting this today is again, the men and women of the Police Service do hard work for us and I do have a lot of confidence and faith that the negotiations led by my colleague and friend and hard-nosed negotiator Scott Gillingham and our staff, I do believe that the other concessions that were negotiated were good. That said it's…I mean, we've had, as the Mayor pointed out, I think 16, 17 years of massive increases to police salaries, why that continues to be the contract that's the largest going forward again, a little problematic, I would like to have had a better explanation but again, the process on this particular one, the ramifications going forward for this council and the next council are huge. So again, very poorly done but I will be voting for it today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Just a point of order as far as the timing of everything, watching the clock, I believe that we need to reconvene the regular Council meeting by 2:00 o'clock if I've got this correct. And so if that being the case then I would move that the special meeting of Council be recessed to reconvene at the call of the Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes, that is correct. Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried

Councillor Gillingham: I would therefore move then that the regular Council meeting be recessed until such time as the special meeting of council has been concluded.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will now reconvene our regular meeting of June 21st, 2017.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 21, 2017, at 1:54 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Okay, and Councillor Gillingham has moved that we recess this meeting okay, to go back to our special meeting at the call of the Chair. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Back to the Special Meeting of Council of June 21st, 2017. I know we all have it straight. The next speaker on the list, I do not have anyone right now. Does anyone else wish to speak to the item? Okay Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Reconvened special meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 21, 2017, at 1:55 p.m.

Councillor Mayes: Just for clarity Madam Speaker, talking about report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 14th and report 5 which was the amendment to the councillor ward allowance?

Madam Speaker: We are back to the...thanks for making light of it.

Mayor Bowman: Are we back to the original meeting?

Madam Speaker: We are back to the Special Meeting that was called at 1:20. Yes, sorry.

Mayor Bowman: Oh, okay. You're asking if I would like to speak? I will wait to conclude until other members...

Madam Speaker: Yes, thank you. I will call for that again. Councillor Schreyer, would you like to speak?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes.

Madam Speaker: I had called for that earlier but go ahead.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess two issues here that every member of Council has to deliberate on in terms of making their decision today. One is lack of notice because it takes time to deal with these things. I understand that members of Council and the administration have been dealing with this for months. And representatives of the Winnipeg Police Association happens to be that something of this magnitude as a direct function of our City budget is rarely dealt with less than 24 hours…always, always dealt with with more than 24 hours. And to have a meeting taking place with less than half an hour, half an hour's notice, I guess, well, isn't best form for Council, Madam Speaker. I don't know the purpose for it. As Councillor Gerbasi had said earlier this morning, Madam Speaker, I don't want to make decisions on the fly. Again, Madam Speaker, as I did this morning I sympathize with those words. Who does want to make decisions on the fly? Having said that, I don't know how many times I can do this, Madam Speaker. I know I'll be judged on this. I take responsibility for my vote despite the fact I may be making my vote based on my faith in the good work being done here at City Hall. But we have made these mistakes in the past, Madam Speaker. We as councillors have shown lack of due diligence. That's happened here in this chamber, Madam Speaker including in relation to issues regarding Winnipeg Police Service. In this case, we make a judgment call as we do always, Madam Speaker. In this case I will vote in good faith of that which has determined this motion. But there's decisions…there's issues that are very important that are related that I believe we must take into context. His Worship mentioned that the inflation rate for the budget of the Winnipeg Police Service cannot be sustained. These are points that we must deal with, Madam Speaker; rates of inflation. So I ask the question, rhetorically of course, Madam Speaker, but we all have to answer the question, everybody. Everybody that makes a decision, everybody that votes, whether they vote here in chamber or whether they vote on election day. What inflation rates can be sustained? And that's the question. So we make a decision in terms of the Winnipeg Police Service where we know we make decisions as this is a direct function of our budget. We make this decision in context of every other aspect of our budget. This was not made as an isolated issue. This was made part and parcel of our funds available, as part of a greater…greater picture of what we can pay for. So, Madam Speaker, we need to answer the question, what inflations...what rates of inflation can we sustain? So what's going on with inflation? And how do we make these judgments, Madam Speaker? Well, we can't make these judgments without thinking about housing inflations. Madam Speaker, in my ward of Elmwood-East

Kildonan especially in the lower income areas of the ward, we have had inflation of over 4 percent per year for a decade. Therefore, after a decade, we have had 40 percent inflation in the cost of housing and thus a corresponding 40 percent inflation in property taxes. That's just property taxes, Madam Speaker. That doesn't include other forms of taxation, levees, rates and fees that have incurred here from City Hall and other levels of government. Madam Speaker, we have had food inflation at rates beyond this. And I won't believe that the official inflation rates provided by the Federal Government are accurate because it matters where you live. It matters on your specific socio eco-geographic conditions. We have even had, Madam Speaker, a case whereby a restaurateur said he was obliged in order to maintain the viability of his restaurant, he had to expand in order to take advantages...take advantage of a greater economy of scale because of food inflation. He was reasonably specific about it. But, of course, there is a difference between wholesale, resale and these types of issues but nonetheless, Madam Speaker, very real. And Madam Speaker, still in all, the greatest of all which isn't talked about here much, well except by me so far, if we are really serious about dealing with rates of inflation that are unsustainable, there is no way, Madam Speaker, that we can possibly ignore the issue of construction inflation because construction inflation, Madam Speaker, has been the highest of all. And we will see what happens in the next year in terms of looking back and seeing what happens happened in the last year. Bear in mind Madam Speaker, that in the six years previously when we've had a 40 percent decrease in the cost of oil and no corresponding decrease in corresponding costs to cities that contract construction companies when it comes to issues of roads, when it comes to the issue of the fossil fuel power, the oil power, the gasoline power that powers the equipment of basically what our roads are made of, bitumen, tar and there has been no corresponding reduction in cost. Madam Speaker, it's been the case that when you have a 10 percent increase in the cost of oil, you get a corresponding 6 percent increase in the cost of bitumen, the bottom of the barrel oil if you will. Well, Madam Speaker, looks like I am not getting an extension, my point is I will vote for this but if we're serious about inflation, we have to deal with these things otherwise we are just running...we are not thinking long term. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just for clarity, Councillor Gillingham did not participate directly in the negotiations. He is our Council Liaison for Labour Relations but as Finance Chair and as a member of Executive Policy Committee, assisted with providing the required mandate that were legislated to provide to our negotiators. I will point out in terms of the Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan, there was a discussion about rate of inflation. I'm certainly committed and I believe this council is committed to supporting the Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan. The Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan calls for increases to the Winnipeg Police budget that are in line with the rate of inflation. That is directed and that is a request from the Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan which was supported by the Winnipeg Police Service and many members of this council and from previous councils. This council has worked diligently at budget time to ensure that the increases to the police budget are much more sustainable than in the past. One of the requests from the Winnipeg Police Board has been that in order to better assist them with the difficult decisions that they need to make in terms of the proper allocation of their funding is the collective agreement costs, the rate of increase for the collective agreement needs to be more sustainable. So it is in trying to work collaboratively with the Winnipeg Police Board, we took the role and the responsibility of providing that mandate very, very seriously. I've heard for many, many years, certainly over the last decade and more that the rising costs of labour are not sustainable specifically relating to the police but other contracts as well. In a framework which allows for binding arbitration, it's still better to negotiate in good faith with the Winnipeg Police Association and that's what's happened. Both parties, I don't believe, got everything they wanted but I believe both stand behind and support this. And that says a lot considering the challenges that the Winnipeg Police Service has with regards to managing its budget in a way that best protects our safety and the safety of our families and our neighbours. This is a good deal for taxpayers. It's a good deal for members of the Winnipeg Police Association and it also goes a long way to better supporting the strategic plan of the Winnipeg Police Board. So I am very proud to move this and ask that we vote in favour of the most long term, sustainable collective agreement in nearly 20 years. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes, will you move that we adjourn? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council special meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 21, 2017, at 2:08 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That meeting is adjourned. I am pleased to reconvene our regularly scheduled Council meeting of June 21st, 2017. We are now dealing with notice of motions. The first one before us is moved by Councillor Lukes and it is regarding our electronic agendas and the postings of that. Councillor Lukes, your opportunity to introduce your motion.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION**

**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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 10(3) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be amended to change the time for posting Agenda for committees from a minimum of 96 hours to a minimum of 4 business days as follows:

AGENDA MATERIAL FOR COMMITTEES

10(3) 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 a minimum of 4 business days preceding the committee meeting and supplementary material forwarded by the Clerk will only be considered upon approval of the majority of the members of the committee present.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like to draw your attention to an e-mail sent to you this morning from Ms Donna Henry. Ms Henry is a resident of Winnipeg whose leadership to Winnipeg Network of Dog Owners is a not-for-profit organization that is working with residents in the city to bring positive change to the city. Ms Henry is often at City Hall presenting in delegation on many reports that have been coming forward regarding dog parks, master plans and the like. Ms Henry speaks at Community Committee meetings, Standing Policy Committee meetings, Executive Policy Committee meetings and I think I have even seen her present to Council. Because of this, Ms Henry is very familiar with the timing of when reports are released and when they appear at committee, so much so that she too, as a member of the public, has composed a letter to be sent which she did send that the Winnipeg Network of Dog Owner groups is in support of this notice of motion. She apologizes for not being able to speak in person but she didn't have time…enough time to make arrangements to come to City Hall. You will note in her e-mail that she cites an example where a report came forward and within the 96 hours, she and the Humane Society were barely able to review

and present in delegation in opposition to the report. The Standing Policy Committee approved the report yet when it went on to the Executive Policy Committee a few days later, all involved had more time to review and EPC did not support the administration's recommendation to receive it as information. The City paid approximately $20,000 for a report that ultimately was not approved. Another hundred thousand was allocated in this year's budget for a comprehensive master plan that will address the deficiencies in the first $20,000 guidelines. So, I mean, the point of all this is she is the public. She can't come down. She doesn't have enough time. She is understanding the situation and she is pointing out an example of rush, rush, pay more and not have the proper information. Prior to being elected, I too, was like Ms Henry. I'm not sure how many of you came down to City Hall to present to the various committees on topics, issues you wanted to see improved for the City of Winnipeg before you were elected. I calculated I had come down somewhere around 60 times over ten years. Some of you, long term councillors will have seen me to many committees. It was incredibly hard to make arrangements and prepare to get to City Hall in the 96 hour window, but I made it work as I worked from home, but thousands of Winnipeggers who want to contribute to making positive change are unable to make arrangements in a 96 hour window. I want to thank Ms. Henry for her support and encourage you to read her statement. So, this is interesting. Unlocking the door to City Hall, there are some quotes that I'm taking out of Mayor Bowman's campaign material, "Preventing immediate and effective access to information reinforces the perception there is a veil of secrecy at City Hall", said Bowman, "By improving the way information flows out of the City, we can improve and encourage community and public engagement. Winnipeg's current plan does not provide citizens and businesses with easy, accessible, readable information." Mayor Bowman also stated, "The City has not been proactive in making more information public. Making more information about our city available to the public empowers citizens and businesses to identify countless opportunities." Madam Speaker, I feel it's ridiculous that I have to stand here to make a case to be able to read reports in a timely manner. Reports are the fundamental basis of how we make decisions at City Hall. People seem to forget that I was on the Mayor's Executive Policy Committee for two years, two years. I read reports, I was briefed on reports by many public service staff who were paraded in and out of the EPC meetings to discuss, review…and discussed and reviewed the reports and discussed amongst other EPC colleagues is what we did. This happened every single week. Many reports were made available to EPC members weeks prior to them coming forward and being released publicly the same time that non-EPC Council members and the public receive these reports. When I was on EPC for the first year, I fully expected things to start transitioning. It was a new council. I bought into what was being campaigned on during the election; new mayor, new promises that would take time to implement. I waited patiently for the first year, nothing happened. Then into my second term on EPC, I experienced a bizarre, very bizarre decision making process involving the purchase of Manitoba Hydro lands. Information held back, not divulged, rushed decisions involving millions of tax dollars and I started to recognize things were not about to change any time soon. More holding back of information came with the discussion of impact fees. So restricted that as Acting Deputy Mayor, I was at the time, and Chair of IRPW our Public Works Committee was denied a meeting to learn more. The public was not even provided an opportunity for education, discussion, other than attending a committee meeting which they would have had a 96 hour notice. And not unlike today when something lands on your desk at that particular topic, a map with more boundary changes landed on my desk the morning of. My motion is not asking for report briefings. It was made very clear last month that that was not possible. My motion is not asking to read the report weeks prior. I am just asking for four business days to read the reports. Provide me time to make better decisions and for citizens to have four business days like Ms Henry to read the reports enabling them to come forward with information to Council to consider. Making more information about our city available to the public empowers citizens and businesses to identify countless opportunities. And regarding the countless opportunities phrase, I have to say, each and every councillor here represents tens of thousands of citizens and councillors speak to citizens daily. They discuss ideas. They discuss ways to improve our city and identifying opportunities to make it better. And it's not only ridiculous that we don't let almost half of council's read reports in a timely manner. What's really incomprehensible about this whole thing here that I have spent almost three years experiencing is that we are never ever brought together by leadership. We never meet as a council other than on council floor. When I tell residents that we never ever meet as a council to discuss the city, they are astounded. They just can't find…they just can't believe it and I can't believe it either. Yes, there's strong personalities here, there's no doubt about it. And these strong personalities require strong leadership to work with everyone to move the city in the right direction. I grew up on a farm. When I was growing up it was a cattle ranch and my dad would've had to herd cattle to different fields and into feed lots. He had a sheep dog and we had hired hands to help move this massive herd in the right direction. Madam Speaker, I think that that's the problem here. If leadership can't herd this council and get input and value out of each member, someone else needs to do it. Again, every single councillor brings value and we should be harnessing these ideas and these countless opportunities. In a great part…a great part of the reason we are not is because of the current governance model that we operate under and the other part is because of leadership skill. And I again want to specifically comment on the statement about personalities. Every councillor brings value. We are lively characters but we are people that bring value. I think that our inability to share ideas is truly based on the governance model that we work under. We need it tweaked. We need to develop a model where we can share information in a non-threatening environment. You know, I don't...I could go on about this but it's...it's very challenging to make informed decisions on behalf of citizens. I think citizens are...I don't think, I know citizens are astounded that we don't talk amongst each other. I'm just asking for four business days and I see there is another motion, I guess we'll speak to the other motion and then my motion to amend the motion, that's the process but I think that this is...it's

fundamentally how we make decisions at City Hall is based on reports and how we develop policy and to have a 96 hour time frame over a weekend I think is not acceptable and that's why I'm bringing this motion forward. So I'll speak to the amendment I gather after someone else speaks to the amended motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Allard, this is your opportunity to introduce your amending Motion No. 2.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So thank you for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk, would you read Motion 2 into the record, please?

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Morantz,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion regarding the timelines for the publication of agendas be amended to include the following at the end thereof:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to prepare a report for Council consideration including an amended by-law in accordance with the foregoing recommendation, to take effect in January 2018

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Thank you to my colleagues for your consideration. I may speak some French in my remarks as well. So I like to put you...give you a few seconds notice on that. So, well, first off, thank you to my colleague, Councillor Lukes for bringing the motion forward to have...to give us more time to consider agenda items as I have also learned in my almost three years on Council, there is quite a bit to read and some of these reports are quite substantive and it does take some time to take it all in. So I am moving forward...or I am proposing Motion 2 which is to essentially give the public service time to write a report to basically cross their Ts and dot their Is to make sure that we are not breaking anything by bringing in this by-law amendment without giving the public service time to think about and put all relevant considerations into a report for consideration by Council with the by-law amendment. You know, having dealt with a variety of issues from land planning issues which get highly complex, some issues that may be subject to time lines, some...I don't know if there are things that are prescribed in the Winnipeg Charter that may conflict with this but anyway, anyhow, all those questions on the table, if we did have all this compiled in a report ensuring that there is no…nothing being done to our processes that is going to adversely affect the way that we do business at City Hall to move these various reports forward and also, in collaboration with the public service we understand that a January start date for these changes to take effect would give everyone enough notice to look at their internal processes in order to properly implement this with the least number of issues possible. So with that, I would...in English, I would encourage you to please vote for my amended motion, Motion No.2, seconded by Councillor Morantz. Please…well, I guess we will hear about the next motion after these remarks. And then…and please consider…please consider Motion No. 2. Please consider amending the main motion with Motion No. 2 and I think this…with this additional due diligence time for Council to reflect on a report and also the time line of this coming into effect in January to give our civil service the time that they require to make sure everything works out well. So please support amending Motion 2 and then please support well, the main motion as amended.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: So, I would like to make a few comments in French. First off, I would like to thank my colleague Janice Lukes for the idea she has put forward that essentially will give us more time as councillors to consider the reports, and we mustn't... the many reports that we need to consider as councillors. Many of these reports are exhaustive, many of these reports are detailed and voluminous, so I think that it would be of benefit to the councillors here at the table, to the public, to the stakeholders who wish to participate in the process, if we had a bit more time to consider these reports. I think it would be good for everyone. The amendment that I am proposing to motion number two would... would do two things: one – give our administrators the time to write a report for Council consideration to make sure that we're not breaking anything when we implement this change, to have all kinds of considerations; Council is a fairly complex machine – we consider matters having to do with land development, we have The City of Winnipeg Charter that governs us... so this request for an administrative report will give Council the opportunity to really consider the consequences of this change – though I think it's a positive change – we just want to make sure that we implement it responsibly and in such a way that allows all the councillors at the table to consider the possible repercussions. Lastly, this motion, should you accept this motion as amended, so motion number two, having consulted our public service, I understand that an implementation date of January of next year for this process will give our administration enough time

to adjust its processes so that this change can be rolled out with as few problems as possible. On that note, I encourage you to support my amendment, motion number two, and then the main motion, and I would also thank my colleague Janice for putting forward a motion that will make life for all those who participate in the process a little easier and allow everyone to participate more fully thanks to additional time to read the reports. So thank you, Janice, for this idea.

Councillor Allard: Thanks.

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

Councillor Dobson: Yes. I believe I am speaking on Motion No. 2?

Madam Speaker: You can speak on Motion No. 2 and 3 and the main motion. All three at once, thank you.

Councillor Dobson: Okay, well on Motion No. 2, I would like to say that Councillor Allard did make some good points.

Councillor Gerbasi: Point of order, Madam Speaker. Just…I don't think Motion 3 has been introduced.

Madam Speaker: She did. Councillor Lukes did.

Councillor Gerbasi: Like, it's all amendments.

Madam Speaker: Did she? Councillor Lukes did you…no, she is next, right. Okay, so Councillor Dobson…yes, that's correct, thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. I'll call you in a moment, Councillor Dobson. We need to go back to Councillor Lukes to introduce her amending Motion No. 3. Thank you.

Councillor Lukes: All right. So I am introducing…

Madam Speaker: Yes? Would you like it…Yes, Mr. Clerk, if you could read the, "therefore be it resolved" in Motion No. 3, please.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion regarding the timelines for the publication of agendas be amended to include the following at the end thereof:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare and bring directly to Council for enactment a by-law in accordance with the foregoing recommendation, to take effect in October 1, 2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: All right. So I am speaking to my motion. I see that Councillor Allard is suggesting we have a January 2018 implementation date and at that point, three-and-a-half years will have passed since we were elected, approximately three-and-a-half years. Three-and-a-half years since the promise to improve the way information flows out of the City and improve and encourage community and public engagement. Three-and-a-half years since the promise to be more proactive in making information public, empowering citizens and business to identify countless opportunities to make our city better. Yes, we have moved in the right direction but administrative reports are the fundamental basis on how we make decisions and develop policy. So basically, for another six months here we are not going to be provided the opportunity to have informed...to make informed decisions. So, we are in the 21st century. It's 2017 and I don't buy for one second that administration needs that amount of time to set up sharing of reports. Because again, I remind you, Madam Chair, I was on EPC for two years and had unfettered access to reports and directors at EPC meetings. So I truly don't believe that this is valid in asking for more time till January. And probably most ironic in all of this is that we have the legendary tech guru on staff, Michael Legary. So I mean, from a standpoint of administratively moving this and figuring out the system to communicate to make decisions on of all the things that we do here, making decisions and forming policy has got to be one of the most important things we do and we need another…you know, till January. If Councillor Allard's motion passes, I want the public to be clear that ill-informed, poor decisions will continue and that innovation and ideas from the public will be stifled and never has it been so clear to me that we must have a governance review into how we function as a city council and how decisions are made. And I have nothing more to say on this. It's just incomprehensible that I have to be here begging for information for 60,000 plus constituents that I represent. It's disgusting.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you very much. I guess I am going to have to adjust. Everybody has made good points. I think it's quite clear that we have a problem right now. We are just not getting enough time to make our decisions. We need to fix it now and if it can be fixed tomorrow, I would like to see it fixed tomorrow. The Motion No. 3 which Councillor Lukes and Councillor Wyatt put forward is asking for October 1st. And I think that is a reasonable time frame and I think we should proceed with it. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: I just…with all due respect, Councillor Lukes, I just want to put this...

Madam Speaker: Pardon me? Councillor...no what is...do you have a point of order? Or what is it that you are…

Councillor Allard: Well, yes. Well, I guess, I would say with all due respect I find it ironic that some members of Council are asking us to ram through a by-law amendment without a report...

Madam Speaker: Do you have a point of order, Councillor Allard? Do you have a point of order?

Councillor Allard: When we are talking about the need for reports to make.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'm going to get on to the next speaker. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: All right. Well, I just thought it was a little bit ironic.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Dobson was the last speaker. Councillor Wyatt, and there was other hands up? No? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: You can always withdraw your amendment if you are very upset. Anyway, so…I guess you would have to then because...anyway. So, Madam Speaker, thank you for recognizing me to speak. I just…I'm not going to speak long. When Councillor Lukes asked me to support this motion, my original reaction was...my original reaction was, you know, it's always been like that, you know, get along with it, you know, deal with it. You know, until you know, she explained it a little bit, I said, you know…you know, maybe I'm the one who has been kind of falling into the scenario that we have and…where information literally hits us like a tidal wave if you are not on the inside. And I just give you two examples, Madam Speaker, if I may, that are interesting that are on our agenda actually, to show you that reports are clearly not hitting the floor of council or the standing committees in a timely manner, that reports are being held back for consideration and we are assuming it must be political consideration because the reports are being written and have been written with clear terminology tied to dates in the reports where the dates have now gone well beyond that and therefore they must be held behind the scenes at iEPC which is illegal, does not exist according to the charter, being held back for political consideration, political debate where half of council's having input where the rest of council does not have that input which Councillor Lukes referred to was supposed to change in this administration, in this term. One of the reports was one that got referred off, the by-law enforcement, where it clearly, a date was...it was missed in the report where it says the POA is expected to be proclaimed in the spring of 2017. Well, spring is now well over and the POA is…we just heard today is not till the summer so the report which was rushed to the agenda to get…clearly has been kicking around for a while, behind the scenes and I'll cite another report Madam Speaker that's actually on everybody's agenda coming up, we haven't yet to deal with it at IRPW. Another report, very good report by the way, one that I'm sure all members of Council will support, report number five returning to a call for 2017 regional local street renewal program, industrial, commercial roads Ellice and the rehabilitation, reconstruction, delegation of a contract exceeding $5 million. The report is actually dated April and it refers to contracts that should have been tendered in May that only were recently done. The report was held back clearly because there was some issues that had to be dealt with. I get that, Madam Speaker. You know what…but what we are simply saying is that if it's good for the goose, it's good for the gander, if half of Council or a good chunk of Council can have that ability to have that input behind the scenes and manipulate or change or massage or deal with the report or have input, call it what you want, then surely to goodness those who aren't part of that process should have a little bit more time when it actually pops out of the top of the report information system and on to the desks of our agendas. And that's I think what Councillor Lukes is asking and clearly if we're doing it now, then we don't need till January to be able to change the system. It's going on right now. So let's change it…you know, October is a reasonable compromise. If somebody else wants to come up with another date, I'm all ears. But I think October, maybe if you want, November, fine but you know what, push it back past the budget if that's the purpose of that motion, January 1st, beyond the budget. That's what I'm assuming why the January 1st date is being used. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am pleased to support the original motion. I think more time for members of Council, for the media as well as the public to read reports to have a longer time. I don't have a problem working on weekends or in the evenings and reading reports but if anyone so desires additional time, I don't see a problem with that. So I want to thank Councillor Lukes for the initial motion. I think it's a good idea and I will be very pleased to support it. I will be supporting Councillor Allard's amendment. Since...

Madam Speaker: The Mayor has the floor now if we could respect that. Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: I will be supporting Councillor Allard's amendment. Since seeing Councillor Lukes' motion I have had the opportunity to reach out to the Clerk's Office, as well as public service as well as members of Council who have been discussing this. What I certainly heard was that there would be some benefit in having an administrative report. I think the sooner this can be implemented the better. I think getting an administrative report just to make sure we've done our due diligence would be a good idea. I'm hopeful and I would expect that this change can be made and I will certainly support that. My understanding is that a by-law would need to be approved by Council to affect this change in terms of the...in terms of our own governance but I would like to see that reflected in the administrative report just so that we can ensure that we are doing our proper due diligence as a council. I also understand that the January date was identified just in keeping with the meeting schedules that are set out by this council for the new year. So it may be an opportune time to effect that change. I think this is something that I don't believe should be terribly controversial. More time is good and I would just urge members of Council to support Councillor Allard's amendment. I think it's being done in a manner that's collaborative with the Clerk's Office and with the public service and with council colleagues and would be more than pleased to support it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Orlikow on to you and following that will be Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. The sky is not falling. The boogie man is not in every closet. There have been incredible strides forward since I have been here from the Mayor's office posting things online, providing information when it's required so there has been a lot of movement forward but to sit here and say that, hey you know what, in the 96 hours that's…to allude to the fact that that's their one chance anybody gets to vote on a matter is ridiculous. That doesn't happen. Yes, there are sometimes we have to very reluctantly, I can think if you look at the record, how much less these walk-ons are happening but sometimes, the City's organic, it has to happen. But again, committee members, I believe they did…there is a value in that respect, but again, they do have the opportunity to come forward, there's about a two week window usually at SPC meetings, Standing Policy Committee meetings, where they can come to EPC. We have had this numerous times with the heritage building designation. People come, some of them make it for the community committee meeting…or I mean, the SPC meeting or they can't make it to that one, but they have an opportunity to come, not only, not only at EPC, but they also have an opportunity to come at Council. Again, councillors have the opportunity in that two week window to meet and discuss issues either together collaboratively, I know I unfortunately, haven't received that many phone calls from councillors so I guess I am doing a super job. But again, in those two weeks' time I have had, you know, one of my more exhausting council colleagues, Matt Allard, Councillor Allard, has frequently in those two weeks worked on trying to get information. They try to…we meet with the different parties. I help direct them to the different parties that can get them the answers they need and usually that…sometimes sufficed…they get that information. But to sit here today and try to tell the public that we have only 96 hours and that's all the chance we get to vote on a matter or to have our input, is actually very misleading and false. You do have other opportunities to have an opportunity to have input. You've got again, at Council meetings you have the opportunity to meet with your colleagues, you have opportunity to meet with the administration. Again, now that's not saying that we shouldn't give the public...that one I do have a little more concern with, the public side of things. Again, I don't believe four days in land development issues. We have looked at this, four days is not enough time for what the public wants. The public needs more time. They need months. Some of them…I have been meeting with groups all over the city right now about what their issues are with land development processes and we have the development community that says, my, this process is way too long. But then we have the other side of the coin, communities that we represent saying that we need much more time and much more input and that's not going to be appeased or dealt with by four days. This is going to be dealt with more…more integrated ways such as pre-application processes and other processes where we can actually engage properly for all of Council. But this won't resolve that. However, I do support the four days. I think we can try to get that information back out there sooner. My council colleagues, you know, we do have to work on the weekends sometimes, we all know that. The meetings are scheduled far in advance so you know what those weekends are you may have to work over the weekend. And then afterwards, if you don't make the meeting or you're going to have a tough time, you still have other opportunities to have your input in the majority issues. So again I have to say, I do support the four days. But again, to sit here today and say…to try to tell the public that I cannot represent you because I only have 96 hours to read all these reports, is false. You have other opportunities. Council is a day where you have a chance to have your voice heard for sure. But you have a choice becoming a delegation, you

have a choice in those two week periods or it could be a week, but you have that time. So again, I just wanted to spell that. I have had a number of conversations to try to say that the public…to the public mostly, there are other opportunities to talk. You can call your councillor, again, not in public hearings when the information is closed, again, that's another process we have to be looking…we are looking at right now. And just to sit here and assume as one of our colleagues did today that that must be the reason why, it's a budget reason or I assume this or I assume that. All these negative things just are trying to play really, a negative political game. Again, I think that's disingenuous to us all and to our process, so I don't believe that's actually very accurate as well and it's a little disheartening but it's not going to take me off my track in trying to find ways that aren't just some arbitrary thing where if a councillor decides arbitrarily without actually engaging the public service about the motion and trying to find a way that works for everybody to find a way that works for us all. Again, it isn't about one us, it's about all of us. So again, we all support the idea of trying to get more time but we also are in a big system, we know that. We are in quite a large system that's quite integrated. Again, what will happen if we do that posting? Do all the meetings have to shift back? Is that what happens? I don't know. I'm assuming so. If you're going to post it four days earlier, you're going to have to shift all the meetings back. Again, we have a set schedule. Again, this is…and that's why I did think the January is a good idea. I'm not sure the impact it will have. I support it a hundred percent, but again, if we're going to have to shift the schedule around this dream, it's getting quite difficult, it's getting a little tight. But again, we have to find ways and maybe it's an alternative ways, maybe it's draft agendas go out. Again maybe we post just the headlines. I don't know yet. But again, I trust that what people...when we bring motions forward and I strongly recommend we try to work on it not from a political level, which are politicians, and I love being a politician, I think it's a great thing. I don't try to make it look like a negative thing. It's a very great thing and I'm very proud to be a politician. But before you bring a motion forward, a good idea is to meet with your administration or the department that's actually going to be spearheading it and say, this is my idea, what do you think? Sometimes they are actually very accurate in that your idea is really just not going to work but they can suggest alternatives and then together you can come by with a motion that actually is not so politically driven, which is fine, but it also has the support of the administration and other colleagues and you may actually called around a bit and said, hey, I'm thinking about this idea, what do you think? And then you get input. But again, to sit here and try to say that the boogie man is in every closet and the sky is falling and try just to point fingers at the Mayor who has done an incredible amount of openness and opened up our books has…just the information flow that we're having that we've never had before. Again, you may want to try for political reasons and go after the Mayor. Again, we are politicians, and that's fine. But again, I just stress that we…there just isn't…the 96 hours needs to be moved back, I got that. I have no problem with that. And we're looking at ways in the P&D because that's a big portfolio to do so in different levels though. But I just really want to stress that the best way to bring a motion forward is to try to work with the administration and your colleagues rather than just sort of rolling out with one. And I think we have one. Councillor Lukes came by, I think with a little more due diligence we could have probably got together, we wouldn't had to even be having this discussion, but so be it. That's the way it works. I think we got good compromise today. I think it deals with some of the administrative calendar issues. So I will be supporting the January date and I actually do support the four days.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Chair. I do support Councillor Allard's motion here today, but I also want to thank Councillor Lukes for bringing in this motion and us debating it here today. I do support having more time to look at these agenda items before we debate them. One of the issues that I did in researching this is I think there is going to be an impact to our public administration. We do set that calendar date, we vote on that calendar…our calendar for the year. So it will impact the work of our public administration so if we can maybe kind of come together and work on this so you know, we will get this to happen but we might need to work with our public administration so we have the time that they need to implement something. I think that that's important. And I also...this is more for the people that are listening to this debate. I know everyone around the table understands how we flow but while I was talking to constituents about this issue, one of the things that they don't know is how things do flow here at City Hall and it starts at community meetings…community committee meetings then it goes into our standing committee meetings and then it flows into EPC and then at Council. So people do have opportunity, like I don't want them to think that they only have opportunity at Council. They have opportunities at our community committee to speak to those agenda items then they have opportunity at our standing policy committees to speak to those agenda items and then they also have opportunity at EPC when it flows through EPC and then when it flows on to Council. So I don't want people to feel that they only have one opportunity. Sometimes there are motions that do come forward at to the different community committee meetings or at standing policy committee that gets debated and those sometimes, we don't have opportunity for those, that's why this motion today might help that. But I just wanted people to understand that sometimes you know, things do move fast at City Hall but sometimes things…you do have opportunity and places to speak to items as well. Thank you very much.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't going to rise to speak to this but Madam Speaker as we know standing committees, especially Property Development, Downtown Development, Heritage, 30, 40 reports…whatever.

Anyway, Madam Speaker, just, you know, to point that out. But Madam Speaker, there are reports that you know, they come through a process, for example, the one that I thanked Council for delaying until our July meeting in regards to fines and the new ways of operating in terms of collecting fines and so on, Madam Speaker. I think it's important to know, but you know, Madam Speaker, it referred to 600 different fines that will be affected Madam Speaker, 600 fines. For example, in this...because of these by-law changes, now, if you think about that, if we asked the question of our senior administration, they can't tell you all 600. Have we had enough time for even senior management to reflect and look at which fines are affected, which ones have to be changed into one amount, versus a range of amounts, Madam Speaker? Just think about that, Madam Speaker. So it's nice to hear that you know, we can manage. And you know, I've managed to manage. I spent a lot of time when budget time comes, certainly you know that we spend a lot of time trying to get on top of what is over a billion dollars' worth of expenditures Madam Speaker, and if you haven't participated behind the scenes in the involvement of that as many of the new councillors…although, I would point out the mover of the motion was on EPC and maybe had a little more heads up but that's besides the point, Madam Speaker. The reality is there are reports that come here in 96 hours or…that's on a Council meeting but even before a standing committee meeting to come and speak to it because expectation, Madam Speaker, is that if you have issues with various reports, Madam Speaker, you need to come there and you know, 30 or 40 agenda items, P&D and maybe 12 of them at P&D might be something I need to speak to. I am not on that committee so now I've got to read a whole bunch of other reports and I got to be ready to go and come to speak to it because if I come and speak to it later, Madam Speaker, well it's too late now. It's too late now, Madam Speaker. Then, you know, where were you when we were listening to it at standing committee? Sometimes I have been asked that question, Madam Speaker. So, you know, these are issues, this is a reasonable motion, I think. I know it's difficult, the reporting system. This is a huge operation, Madam Speaker. The City of Winnipeg developing policy and then once policy is developed there is all this implementation work that needs to happen. It's very difficult and the administration, you know, it's a lot of work. A lot of work on the Clerk's Department, various things, you know, actually a lot of middle management has been basically whittled out of the City's budget over the last two decades Madam Speaker, and when we have vacancy management in middle management positions who do a lot of the report preparing and all this kind of stuff, you know, errors, things, you've got to reflect on them, Madam Speaker. So we just had an incident at Water and Waste Committee in which a by-law to change the water by-law...a good by-law, but you need to read it in very meticulously to make sure that everything is defined, everything is done properly, Madam Speaker and so, it is good to have more time to reflect. More brains reflecting on it the better. And so I will be supporting Councillor Luke's motion as well as her amendment because I think that it's possible to get it done by October 1st. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a few words to say on this matter. Many things have already been said, but at the same time, I would like to at least say something about it. I feel obligated – after all, I was the one who seconded Councillor Lukes' motion in the first place. Anyway, I would like to reiterate something that Councillor Wyatt just said, that there was already something indicated in the reports submitted here by the administration that implied or specifically stated, that from time to time, there is an expectation regarding the timing of something being adopted or officially proposed to Council by the administration. No one has said anything in response to this. Personally, I would have liked to hear at least something out of respect for Councillor Wyatt's comments about this. Anyway, it was mentioned here in the Chamber in the last fifteen minutes, that yes, it is our obligation to work evenings or weekends. Of course that's true! Absolutely! About this, I have to say that it would have been fine with me if we'd had to continue our Council meeting on the motion about the police and the police contract tomorrow; I would have been here. It's my obligation. And so, consistent with this motivation, Madam Speaker, and I'm not the only one with this motivation – I think everyone in this Chamber has it, too. I do not believe that whether we work at night and on weekends is in question. Everyone here does that. Really! But even if we do that, there is always the issue of time, of time constraints, of expectations for oneself, of an obligation to understand before doing, before we make our decisions. And so I think this is why when there were delays, when we put off certain motions that were mentioned by Councillor Wyatt. It happens. Yes, I know. But at the same time, it is our duty to be educated, informed and, too often, I think – I know that it's only my first term here – but too often, I feel that we could have used more time. Like today, for instance. It's a good example, Madam Speaker, truly. It's a perfect example of our frustrations, of the risk we run in making decisions without enough time. So I'm of course pleased that there are all kinds of councillors here, in this Chamber, who will support Councillor Lukes' motion, especially Mr. Orlikow; he said he is proud to be a politician – from time to time I have my doubts, but now when I hear him saying he is proud to be a politician, it's at that time... Me? No, no! It's my honour, it's my honour to be here with him, to speak with him, to challenge one another, to cooperate with him, to educate ourselves, and to make decisions together. So from time to time I see renewed pride for doing this job. Anyway, I must say that it speaks volumes that he supports this motion, but then in this case, the question of when remains – the question of whether it will be in October or in January of next year, so that is the issue at hand. So, does it make a difference? Well, Madam Speaker, I am here to represent, to help, to work together here, to cooperate, and well...

honestly, I must say that I'm surprised we are even having a debate about October or January. But that is the question of the amendment at the moment, the amendment of the motion, of the first motion here, and personally, here, I would say it should be October. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I thank everyone for their comments today. I know the original motion that we were...I think there's a lot of motions floating around today so I am trying to focus on what we're trying to get accomplished at the moment and the first motion came forward to do with...we are talking about...I am sorry. There are so many motions, excuse me a moment…about the meeting, the meeting times. And I guess what I'm trying to say here is that the second motion of Councillor Allard is asking for a report. Obviously, councillors are busy, it's a busy time of year, we have school grads, some of us are president of the local voice of government in Canada, you know, and some councillors are focused specifically on the agendas that they are managing. And we have seen the councillors that are focusing on specific issues in their wards. We are all managing our portfolios. So when things come forward, my point I'm trying to make here is that you know, we have an accountability to follow what's going on but you know, that's what we are trying to do here and we're trying to provide as much clarity as possible. So, I appreciate the intent of what Councillor Lukes is trying to do by moving a motion. And I think the amendment, you know, I'm much more comfortable with the fact that there is a report attached to it. That's what the amendment is saying, is that because...we are talking about the way City Clerk's manages all our meetings and all that, you know, people have talked about not moving motions on the fly, well, this is an example where I think the motion addresses that concern because it's having the report go...come back from City Clerk's, informing Council about the changes to our schedule. A lot of these things we are talking about right now are kind of internal things to…you know, our meetings are obviously public and our meetings are important but a lot of this administrative type of work, you know, we can't be at every single...on top of every single sentence and word that goes through our 8,000 employees so we need to have a report that's transparently made public that we can…we can read about. And I think some of the people outside of this meeting, you know, may be confused by what we are talking about. So I think to simplify...I would like to support Motion 2 in this particular case because it's asking for our City Clerks who are the ones who do this work, to give us a written report. And so I'm comfortable voting for that because there's going to be a written report that's going to come back that's available to all members of Council before we change things that affect all our meetings out in the community and confuse...I mean, and hopefully what it will be...it should be a big improvement to getting information sooner to councillors. So I support the initiative and the idea and it's certainly something I have often tried to get done over the years here is improve our processes and I am really pleased with the changes we have seen. And I know it's, you know, there's always…it's always a political issue when we talk about how Council functions. Most people right now are probably riding their bike on Bike to Work Week and they might be having a little more fun than we are having today, although I'm really hearing a lot of French which is nice. I just imagine I'm in Quebec but it's....which is also a lovely place to go. So people are out there enjoying Winnipeg. We're sorting out our internal issues. Let's make sure we have a report that the public also could read if they wanted to. It's not only councillors who want to read these reports, a lot of the information we are sharing is for the public to read and we have more and more data available now for the public than I have ever seen in my time on Council. And another thing that I'm finding a little bit easier from the point of view of a councillor who has worked here a long time, is that we never used to get...I get an e-mail almost every week…every week, probably ten times a day it feels like lately from the Office of Public Engagement telling me, like, here is information about what we are doing at the City. One individual can't possibly be at every event or know everything or read every report at the City, but I can tell you it feels like we are because I am a member of the Property and Development Committee and I don't know how many reports I heard someone say that we have there, I don't have time to count them but I do try to read them and it's a very, very busy to be on that committee. I'm on that committee with Councillor Orlikow. So I see firsthand how hard he is working trying to facilitate those reports in a most efficient way and of course we want councillors to be really, really informed. I want to be really informed. I want to know what I'm voting on when I'm standing here and I have about eight different motions in front of me this morning and we are sorting through this one. There is a 3 and a 2 amendment to the one and that's part of being a councillor, you have to work through your processes. But I'm…looking at this, I'm comfortable with Motion 2 because it requires a report to come to Council. So I think that's good work between Councillor Allard and Councillor Morantz I believe seconded it and it was originally coming from Janice. So this is the kind of collaboration, we talk about things, we work together and we come up with a motion that is going to be operational and it's going to work for our staff, for the other councillors, and let's not forget the public. We're sometimes in a bit of a bubble here. The public out there is trying to figure out our processes. I'm not sure they care all that much sometimes about…the details do matter, the details matter very much to them but we kind of get lost in some of the minutia. So I just think we need a report on this one if we're going to change that public…that process could have impacts to the public. City Clerks, from what I hear, from what people have said today, you know, if this is something they have agreed to look at, and so let's…let's have a report come back to Council and let's make those changes to make information better. It's not like you one day wake up and you have a perfect system. You just keep making changes to try to make it better. We're all flawed, we're all trying to do our best just like people are when they get up in the morning. But having said that, you know, it's like there's some super hero capes out there that people are wearing and they are doing a lot of work. And I see them when

I am outside of this space as well, you see your colleagues working very hard and then you go out to Aboriginal Day which is outside here today and out to the community in my ward and wherever you are wandering around and doing your work and meeting with your constituents and you find a lot of people are working really hard. So that's what we are doing here, we are trying to make it better. I don't mean to be long winded, this has been kind of a convoluted debate today but I think the most important point I'd like to make is that it's always better to have a report come back to us because then anyone can read it who is interested in the issue. Some people are more interested in how City Council works and then they can get that report and that's what the Mayor's office has been trying to do with open data and having a more full Office of Public Engagement. And I think we as councillors have benefited…I know politically it's…you know, there's going to be battles and some people are on different sides. But I mean, what this is really about as a councillor, I can only speak to my experience as a councillor for many years, and I have been under three different mayors. And I agree with John, the sky is not falling. The sky is looking very...well, not very blue today, it rained outside today but it was very blue and beautiful yesterday. So thank you. I think we need a report. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Lukes, this is your opportunity to close on Motion 3.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: And the main item.

Councillor Lukes: I'll make it short. Weekends and holidays, I don't know why that always comes up. It seems like people are implying that people don't work on weekends and holidays. This is a job that is 24/7 nonstop. So I don't know why that always comes up. I'm certainly not...if you follow me at all anyone does, they see I work on weekends and holidays. And I just wanted to address the point about working with the Clerks. I did work with the Clerks. The Clerks actually helped me craft the motion. I had it longer but we made it shorter so I have worked with the Clerks on this. And then I want to read you something here, the procedural by-law passed in…Procedure By-law 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 committee by the Clerks at least 96 hours preceding the committee meeting." I have no idea why we need a report when it says "at least 96 hours." They could come forward you know, a day, two days, three days, seven days. We are going right to the wire by having them at least 96 hours. We don't need a report. We have it here in the procedural by-law that says you can do it. Why do we need a report? We just need to take the time to get the functioning to do it but we don't need a report. It's just more time for the staff. You know, here is another one that really jumps out at me. It jumped out at me the last time when I was talking about trying to access directors for information. So...and I'm going to say this with all due respect. You know, being here and serving time on Council over the years, you learn an awful lot. You gain an awful lot of wisdom. You understand processes more. You gain a lot of insight to how things happen. But there is also a challenge with being here so long and that challenge is, you see things...you reflect back and you go wow, things have changed dramatically. Someone new comes on, they are like oh my gosh, I can't believe it's happening this way. The problem sometimes with being here too long is you become accustomed to working in the dysfunction and you don't even know you're working in dysfunction. I think Councillor Wyatt made that point earlier. And I think that's what happens sometimes because I do find this is a very dysfunctional environment to work in. And to say this is politically driven, you know, there's agenda items with 30 or 40 reports. We can't access directors for meetings, we can make calls. We can do it over the weekend amongst our activities. This isn't politically driven, this is just wanting to get information to make informed decisions on behalf of my constituents. And also, it's wanting...we haven't heard from them, the public, having mentioned this before being on the side of the public and like Ms Henry and many other people, not having the ability to have the time to prepare and take time off work, that doesn't allow for democracy, proper democracy to happen. We don't have to have a report to make this happen. We have to have the desire to make it happen and we can make it happen because it's written right here in the procedural by-law. So, you know, I tried.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Allard to close on Motion 2.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I'll try to be brief. Please support Motion 2. Please do not support Motion 3. Please support Motion 2, it's the amendment to the main motion. I was…I guess I stood up earlier, I realize I was out of order but I guess the point that I wanted to make is that I find it ironic that the mover of the original motion would be advocating to not have a report when the substance of the motion speaks to the value of reports and how important they are in the decision-making process. I believe, Madam Speaker, through you to the mover, Councillor...can I say her...can I address her by her name through you?

Madam Speaker: You can bring your comments through the Chair.

Councillor Allard: Okay. So through you, Chairperson...through you, Madam Speaker, Councillor Lukes, thank you for your motion. I believe you are going to get what you are asking for but we are...I am proposing...if my colleagues find it

fit to support Motion 2, that will allow for due diligence to be done, for Council to calmly consider a report for all of our departments to weigh in. I mean, on a land planning application, I think every single department is consulted and they weigh on whether or not it's a good thing for the city or not whether or not they can support or not a particular land planning application at a single address. If we can have that type of due diligence for that, surely we can have due diligence for a process change that will have implications at every level of the organization. So I'll keep my comments at that. Please support this motion. I believe the mover of the motion in the end will be happy once a motion is generated and this change can happen but it can happen knowing that we are not breaking anything in this large organization that we have called the City of Winnipeg. So thank you for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Allard. Councillor Lukes, your opportunity to close on the main motion.

Councillor Lukes: On the amendment?

Madam Speaker: Your motion.

Councillor Lukes: Motion, amendment, okay. I guess the bottom line is we don't need a report. It says clearly in the procedural by-law that we, you know, we need to provide this at least 96 hours preceding the committee meeting. That can be adjusted to whatever we choose to. We could be posting these after EPC sees them, we could be posting them. We could be posting…there's cities, I was at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference, spoke to many different councillors about this topic and there's cities in Canada that post their reports when the report is done. So you know, I just see this as a way of delaying, again, delaying access to information and it's extremely disappointing that this general feel is amongst Council. You know, I have heard that people are supportive of the four days but let's delay it until January. And then the report will come back and on the report we'll debate about the report and we'll talk about the report, the report that we didn't need to make and then maybe we will vote on it and maybe we won't. So…well, maybe we'll move it and maybe we won't. So, you know, again, I guess, you know, if anything screams for a governance review it's the way…it's 3:00 o'clock today, it's the way this whole process of running the City and unfolding and sharing information and making decisions is occurring and it's just so disheartening because it costs so much money and we have staff running around doing reports and they don't need to do reports. It's just really disheartening. I find it dysfunctional. Maybe I'm not cut out for bureaucracy, but you know, I'm here to try and make change and I think this would be positive change if people could get information in a timely manner to make informed decisions and I see no reason in the 21st century that we can't make this happen. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. We will now vote on the amending motions in reverse order. So I'll call the question first on Motion No. 3…amending Motion No. 3 that was moved by Councillor Lukes. There is a call for a recorded vote. Okay all in favour of amending Motion No. 3 that was moved by Councillor Lukes, asking that we take into effect October 1st, 2017. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer and 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: Motion 3 is lost. Moving on to Motion 1 that was moved by Councillor Allard…Motion 2, pardon me, moved by Councillor Allard, saying that this take into effect January, 2018, please rise. Was there a call for a recorded vote?

Councillor Gerbasi: Does everybody know? Okay, fine, I'm just a process person. Okay, okay, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Has someone request a recorded vote? Okay. So all in favour of Motion 2, it's just the other motion before us, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes and Councillor Wyatt

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

Madam Speaker: Okay, so Motion 2 passes. Now, I'll call the question on the main motion as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, on to the next notice of motion, that's from last month Council meeting. Moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie regarding local street renewal. Councillor Wyatt, please introduce your motion.

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 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.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to this item. This is self-explanatory. The motion is outlined as members of Council are aware, the previous council in 2013 created the program called the Local Street Renewal Reserve. The Local Street Renewal Reserve was a program which was to be built up over the course of 20 and 25 years. We were aware, Madam Speaker and we are still aware of the massive infrastructure deficit that is affecting the citizens of Winnipeg and all of our communities. To try to overcome that infrastructure deficit, to try to address it, to realize that the infrastructure deficit did not occur in one year, that it did not occur in one term, that it occurred literally over 20, 30, 40 years to allow it to become the massive problem that we have today across our city. We had to recognize that we needed to have a policy or a plan to overcome that challenge. And we did some work to try to address that in the previous term. We actually came up with a policy that we said, as a council, that we were going to set up a reserve fund above and beyond the base program of the streets, to actually set aside funds based on an 1 percent property tax increase followed later on, years later, by a frontage levy increase to go directly into the fund and to build this fund up. So after the course of about 20 or 25 years, there would be a fund the size to actually maintain the infrastructure of our city, on our local streets which basically are all our residential streets, to a level that is acceptable by our public service that is acceptable by most citizens, in other words, a level of managed care. And that basically means, Madam Speaker, that we no longer have the scenario as we do today where we have literally hundreds of streets in poor condition where we literally have hundreds of streets in fair condition and where we have a scenario today, Madam Speaker, we are actually increasing building new streets only to watch them slowly deteriorate. Only to watch them slowly get worn down year after year because we do not have the funds for the proper maintenance program to maintain not just the existing infrastructure we have today, but any new inventory and assets we're adding to the infrastructure as we go forward. So, we set up this program which Council adopted which took courage to go forward and when this new council arrived, the new council identified this, the Mayor spoke early on in his mandate positively about the Local Street Renewal Reserve, about the forward thinking that must have gone on to adopt this policy. And that was reassuring, Madam Speaker. And it was reassuring, why? It was reassuring because with often a transition of power, policies…people change, players change and sometimes the policies change but this was a policy which we all hoped would survive beyond from one term to the next because we know that the only way we are going to build ourselves out of this infrastructure deficit is to have the discipline and the willingness to stick to a program and a plan that was proposing to do exactly that which was that program which was practical, which was realistic. Only to find out, Madam Speaker, in the last budget that that plan was basically gutted and raided. The fact that we actually went and instead of sticking to the plan...yes, on paper we were transferring 1 percent of a property tax increase into the Local Street Renewal Reserve, but the base program, the program that had always historically been there, that was always a foundation that we added on above. As a matter of fact, I recall in the 2013 budget when reporters, media asked point blank, is this a shell game? You are just increasing the tax. You're putting it into a new program but you're going to take it out the bottom and you're going to use that to balance your operating budget, absolutely not. And to reassure the public and members of the press, we actually published in the budget book a chart that clearly demonstrated, that clearly outlined the funding and the sustainability of the funding and the increase in the funding that was going forward year after year increasing the size of that infrastructure...of that infrastructure reserve to actually pay down and to fix our residential streets. Madam Speaker, it was very disappointing to learn in the last operating capital budget and operating budget that was presented last year in December that we were actually raiding the base program now to balance the operating budget. And indeed, we are raiding it not just this year, we are raiding it in the next year as projected to be if we take the projections seriously, and the following year where it's flat lined basically, going up only by about a million dollars a year. It's flat lined the local streets and regional streets program and in 2014, we created on top of the local street program, the Regional Street Renewal Reserve, Madam Speaker. The Regional Street Renewal Reserve on top of the previous program, setting aside 1 percent again, new tax increase, into the Regional Street Renewal Reserve Program to balance and to drive up the infrastructure funding of the Regional Street Program. This again, we published the chart, a chart which was in our budget books all the way up until the year 2015. Transparently, openly showing where the funding was going, how the funding was increasing year after year, how we were going to try to build our way on our regional streets now, on top of our local streets, our residential streets, how we were going to build our way out of the regional street infrastructure deficit. This does not happen overnight, we recognize that. Do we wish we could wave a magic wand and repair all our streets overnight? Of course, but we know realistically and practically it's impossible. The industry needs predictability. The industry out there, the private sector has to ramp up with us but we have to give that predictability and we were trying to do it with these funds. And unfortunately, the budget clearly raided the base

programs of both streets, local and regional to balance the operating budget. And that, Madam Speaker, blew a massive hole into the side of those programs that we know is still there. This motion, if passed today, if adopted by this council will keep these programs and make them whole. This motion recognizes what happened in 2017, happened in 2017. The money taken out of the base program, that's gone. We're not calling for...this motion…I want to thank the seconder of the motion, Councillor Eadie. This motion does not call for putting that 2017 money back into the roads program. It's already in the operating budget, there it is. But it says going forward, going forward Madam Speaker, for 2018, the 2018 budget, we need to make this program secure. We need to get back on track. Now, I know there has been changes with regards to how the Province is now funding us. I know there's lots of debate about that but you know, the issue will not go away, members of Council. The issue of our crumbling infrastructure cannot be ignored. I can assure you just as it was the number one issue going door to door in the last general election in 2014, it shall be the number one issue going forward door to door in 2018 because our infrastructure we are not progressing any further. Only in the last council, Madam Speaker, did we go from 30 million being spent on local and regional streets to well over 80 million. More than a hundred percent increase in funding. We have only now this term, Madam Speaker, been able to go from over 80 million to slightly over 100 million, a fraction of what we were able to do in the last term. And you know Madam Speaker, that doesn't mean we can't keep going with the program, keep moving and ramping up. Yes, we can if we stick to the program. Now, if there is another way to fund this, that is predictable, that's long term in nature, that shows the commitment of the City to build our way out of the local street and regional street rather than just in election years which I saw, some of us here saw previously, where we would flat line the local street and regional street budget for year after year until the election year and then it would surge up magically and then after the election year, it would flat line again. And drop. Well, Madam Speaker, the citizens of Winnipeg will not be fooled by that any more. They will see…they can see the crumbling infrastructure, they can see it. You can see it now. Go look at your curbs in your community, look at your sidewalks. We are the ones who get the calls. We're the ones who get the e-mails, councillors. We know what the residents are concerned about and what they're hearing. The fact we can't maintain the existing infrastructure when home owners in our city work so hard, day in and day out to try to maintain their properties, to try to maintain and look after their homes, we cannot look after the house of the City of Winnipeg. And they look to us for the leadership. This, Madam Speaker, these two programs represented the leadership of the day. I'm calling on this council, urging this council, do not defeat this notice of motion. Keep it alive, whatever you must do, keep it alive and create this opportunity to be able to address this problem again. And you know, we have heard also from previous governments the fact that they can't do this and can't do that. I can tell you this though, Madam Speaker, it was the last government when they finally saw that we were actually putting money aside and not playing a shell game by taking it out the back door at another set of money… the same amount of money, they actually recognized that and they slowly started ramping up their funding of our program as well. They recognized it and they started to contribute when they hadn't been contributing that way before in a sustainable, direct fashion. And I'm optimistic that this new government will start to hear from their own constituents, the same constituents we have.

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

Councillor Wyatt: The same constituents we have, about the same infrastructure and the same problems. There's 31 MLAs and they're all inside the City of Winnipeg and I can tell you, Madam Speaker, that their election comes right after this election and they are going to be hearing from those folks as well, you can be guaranteed of that because in the minds of the citizens of Winnipeg, they just want to get the job done. Get it done and get the roads fixed and get our infrastructure and who can blame them. They pay taxes and they want to see a solution and they want to see results. This was trying to deliver results. I encourage members of Council…look at, what's happened in the last budget happened. Let's start afresh. Let's start anew. Let's go forward. We're trying to keep…get this back on track. If you want to rebrand it a different name or whatever I don't care but the idea of having two-thirds and a two-thirds majority to secure both the base funds and the main fund is crucial because clearly we've got to have a little bit more discipline here to be able to do this and finally, to put the chart back in so we can see that long term productivity in terms of driving up the funding because it's not going to happen overnight and it's going to allow the private sector if they see that commitment from us to also ramp up because that ultimately, Madam Speaker, is the only way we can ensure that we're going to have the kind of pricing we need in order to do this kind of work. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Gillingham.
Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move this item be referred to the 2018 budget process.

Madam Speaker: It's with no instructions? Yes. Councillor Wyatt, do you wish to rebut for three minutes?

Councillor Wyatt: It would be hypocritical of me to argue that I should be able to rebut when I cited the by-law…procedural by-law saying that we can't rebut, which I still actually believe, we will have a discussion later on that.

Madam Speaker: Let's hear your rebut.

Councillor Wyatt: So I actually...based on 40...if I were the mover based on the Procedure By-law, if I were the mover and it was a debatable clause, a debatable clause, but this is not. I do not have the ability to rebut.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, the item, please.

Councillor Wyatt: I'm sorry guys, I'm just…anyways, so, no, I'm not going to rebut, but I actually think it is a motion with instruction if they're sending it to 2018 budget. I don't know because it's not a committee.

Madam Speaker: No, well, it's a motion to refer…there is no written instructions. You don't wish to rebut? No?

Councillor Wyatt: I can't.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We'll call for the vote. All in favour of…

Councillor Wyatt: Call for a recorded vote.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of referring this notice of motion to the 2018 budget process? Call for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

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

Madam Speaker: Okay. So the referral to the budget process passes. Now on to by-laws. Yes?

Councillor Eadie: Point of order, Madam Speaker. It's probably too late but that was considered to be an automatic referral, Madam Speaker, and thank you for that...according to our procedure by-laws, an automatic referral is not rebuttable. And we had that situation happen this morning, Madam Speaker and I'm quite concerned that....

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, it wasn't an automatic referral.

Councillor Eadie: That was an automatic referral we just did, right?

Madam Speaker: No, no, it was not. It was a motion to refer. Yeah, okay, thank you. Can we move on now to by-laws? By-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: I'm sure you all heard the thunder, I think that was a sign we should get this meeting moving along so. I'm happy to move the following by-laws to be read a first time; By-law No. 41/2017, By-law 47/2017, By-law 48/2017 and By-law 49/2017, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 41/2017, By-law No. 47/2017, By-law No. 48/2017 and By-law No. 49/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws No. 41/2017, 47/2017 to 49/2017 both inclusive be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law Nos. 41/2017, 47/2017 to 49/2017 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Mayor on the suspension and the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Apologies, Madam Speaker, thank you. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered. 41/2017, 47/2017 to 49/2017 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. We'll now have Question Period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock, please. Councillor Eadie with your first question.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today proud to be…call myself a Treaty person and now an Indigenous Accord person, Madam Speaker, and yesterday's speech at the…from the Regional Chief, Mr. Kevin Hart, was very inspiring in that his message was one of how getting back to his culture as well as getting involved in sports and football, Madam Speaker, helped him get to where he is today as a leader trying to make changes for the Indigenous people of Canada and Manitoba, Winnipeg, and it was very inspiring to hear about his playing for the championship, Hawkeyes football team out at Charlie Krupp Stadium, Madam Speaker, and my question really is, does the Mayor believe that prevention is more important than response in terms of trying to ensure that we are able to redirect people to better lives?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I believe that...if the question...this feels like a question that he should be raising at the Police Board. I suspect where it's going, but I will say…I will say that obviously sport does and can play a positive role in people's lives. Certainly, I've benefited from physical activity, not as much these days as I would like, but if I understand the question in terms of policing and preventative measures, what I will say is I fully support the community policing model and the strategic plan of the Winnipeg Police Board.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Councillor Eadie: Second question, Madam Speaker. On the strategic plan, I'd like to know if the Mayor believes that there are more goals to meet within that strategic plan than just the efficiency clause about keeping to inflation.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I've read the strategic plan. I fully support it and I believe…I believe all members of Council also support the strategic plan of the Winnipeg Police Board, and I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his efforts on the Police Board as Council's representative and I trust he also supports the strategic plan of the Police Board.
Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie final question.

Councillor Eadie: Final question, Madam Speaker. What is the opinion of the Mayor, Madam Speaker, when we haven't met community support proactive policing goals in favour of only one goal within that strategic plan? What is the Mayor's opinion on that because we haven't met certain goals under that strategic plan?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm not clear if the Councillor is speaking about the Winnipeg Police Board or if he is speaking about this council. What I will say since this is Question Period for me, I will simply respond by saying that I fully support the Winnipeg Police Board. I fully support the new Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board, and I fully support the strategic plan which had input from many parties including the support of the Winnipeg Police Service and I would...I'd hope and I

expect that the Council representative on the Winnipeg Police Board, Councillor Eadie, also supports the strategic plan of the Winnipeg Police Board.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I know, based on the Council rules that we have policies, call it what you like, jurisdiction for intergovernmental affairs has historically fallen under the Mayor and the Mayor's Office which I believe is still the case. Is there anything...we have a new government, Mr. Mayor, as you know or relatively newer government at Broadway. We've just learned news about the recent budget which is concerning, I think, to all of us and I've heard concerns expressed around the table, off the record, on the record, members of EPC and non-EPC. Is there anything that we can do to assist you in terms of taking this issue forward to the Provincial Government because as somebody who's been involved with the budget process in the past, we do know that whenever we see a cut or a freeze or a change in funding from the Province in one part of our budget, it affects all our budget. We just had…I just spoke about the infrastructure. Our budget is fluid. Our capital, our operating, we combine the two at the same time for that very reason, to try to ramp up on capital spending. How can we as a collective group, as a Council together, support you and go forward to the Province and this new premier and government and remonstrate to them the need to not cut our funding but rather ramp up? If they need credit, they can get credit. They need branding, they can have branding. But what can we do together? And if you need time to take that back, that suggestion back, I'm more than happy to provide that as well, sir.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Through you Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank the Councillor for the question and for the invitation. I will take him up on that invitation and I…I guess a couple of initial thoughts. There's a couple of things we can do. Firstly, I think it's incumbent upon all members of Council through the work of respective committees and then of course at this…on this council floor, to do everything we can to ensure that we're demonstrating to our citizens, they're getting the most value for the money that they sent to City Hall. I know our Finance Chair spends a lot of time working with members of Council, collaborating with members of Council as well as the Public Service. I think, given the new fiscal reality that we are in in this province, it really is incumbent upon us to continue to take every measure we can to be as efficient with the money that we have. So that's the first thing that we can and we are doing as a Council, and I want to thank Councillor Gillingham for his efforts and before him, of course, Councillor Morantz and his efforts which began very early in our term, looking at our efficiencies, of course the Innovation Committee and all of the other measures that we're doing to ensure that we're providing that value for dollars. The other, I would just say is, you know, the more collaborative the discussions could be amongst members of Council especially in relation to members of Council who serve on other boards and committees where input is sought. I know Councillor Browaty serves on the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. I know I had a question, similar vein in terms of the relationship with the Province from Councillor Browaty in the past. Later date and discussions with AMM, learned of course Councillor Browaty has been privy to discussions that AMM has had with the Province and I benefit from receiving much that information from council colleagues as much as possible. I think the more that we can keep the lines of communication amongst all members of Council even informally, I think it would really help in our ongoing discussions. Those are two initial thoughts. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Mr. Mayor, thank you for that. Would you, therefore, be prepared to consider creating some sort of mechanism that would allow us to formally provide that feedback and have that discourse with you and with your office in terms of being able to ramp up and to take our cause and the citizens of Winnipeg's cause to Broadway in terms of the need of funding such as our crumbling infrastructure?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.
Mayor Bowman: I'll take it under advisement and be happy to discuss it with the Councillor in due course.

Madam Speaker: Third Question.

Councillor Wyatt: And I guess I just want to stress the Mayor is aware that as a non-member of EPC and a non-member of the mechanism we have in place, a formal mechanism of some sort like that will be absolutely crucial if we want to build that trust or build that working together spirit that the Mayor is referring to so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I think the more that members of Council, all of us could work more collaboratively with each other on a day-to-day basis, that is going to help us…all of us be more effective in all of our respective roles and so I'd be more than happy to discuss with the Councillor in due course.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, the City of Winnipeg awarded to Dillon Consulting last March a report on the study of the opening of Portage and Main to pedestrians. I was wondering if the Mayor had any update as to the timing that he expects the details from that report as well as the administrative report coming forward.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I don't have an update at this time.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Browaty: If we could get a ballpark idea as to where that report is at. Has the Mayor had a chance to personally review it? Has the department, the Acting Director of Public Works, has he reviewed it? Do you have a briefing from the previous structure of Public Works? Again, just an update on the status of it. We spent over a hundred thousand dollars of taxpayers' dollars on this report and we have yet to hear any peep as to what the contents of it are. Again, it's well over a year since that report was out. The CAO acknowledged in January that he had it. Can he give us the details?

Madam Speaker: Your question. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I am not aware of any administrative report that's been prepared. As I've mentioned previously, discussions with the property owners is ongoing and is very positive. You know, when I made a commitment to do my best to begin the process of knocking the barriers down at Portage and Main by 2019, the biggest hurdle was really to get the support of the respective property owners. As members of Council and the public hopefully are aware, the initial reason why the intersection was closed for pedestrians was to assist with the development of Winnipeg Square and the underground shopping, and so there is an agreement in place with respect to property owners that essentially gives them a veto. Every single property owner is now supportive and is working collaboratively with us to really talk about how we build a better connected downtown. How do we better connect the True North Square development with Railside, with the east and west exchange and the financial district? So those discussions are ongoing and as the Councillor will know, I wish we could move things on this one a lot faster, but we want to make sure we get is it right for downtown and for the property owners. I don't want to treat the property owners at Portage and Main as second class businesses. We've providing a lot of support through tax increment financing to True North Square. I'm very proud and very appreciative of the support that this council has provided for that very important development in our downtown, but I want to make sure that we show the same level of respect and collaboration with the property owners at Portage and Main and we're going to take the time to have those discussions. When those have concluded and there is a report ready, I look forward to seeing it and I look forward to Council having its say in due course, but at this time, those discussions are ongoing.

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

Councillor Browaty: As the Mayor has admitted his concern about the timing of this report, will he commit to providing Council with an update on the status by the end of the week?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.
Mayor Bowman: I can tell you there won't be an administrative report coming forward in the next week. The discussions are ongoing. As soon as there is enough progress in the discussions with the property owners, we can expect that we'll be bringing something forward for Council consideration but there is...there is no time line that's set right now and I'll be more than happy to provide all members of Council including Councillor Browaty with an update as soon as we have a better idea of the timing, but we just don't have it right now.

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

Councillor Browaty: This is actually a new line of questioning.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me?

Councillor Browaty: I would like to be added for a new line of questioning.

Madam Speaker: I'm sorry I can't…

Councillor Browaty: I would like to be added for a new line of questioning.

Madam Speaker: Yes sure, but okay. Any further questions? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Kareena Grywinski is a lifetime resident of northeast Winnipeg and area, someone whom I've known…I've known her family as well for two generations. I went to school with her family as well. This year, she was the recipient of the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award, and I would like to ask His Worship if I would be breaking sort of a pattern for me of not doing that many photo ops, but in this case, I would like to know if His Worship would take time out of his daily schedule to meet up with myself and Ms Grywinski here at City Hall for a photo op in this case that I could share with the residents of northeast Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Be seated. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'd be more than happy to meet with the Councillor and the award recipient. It doesn't necessarily have to involve a photo of me. I could even take the photo of the two of you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question?

Councillor Schreyer: I wish to explain. I'll put this in the form of a question. If the Mayor is aware that he did offer the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award to Kareena Grywinski for all her efforts in animal care in Winnipeg and in remote northern communities.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, could Councillor clarify the question?

Madam Speaker: Clarification please, Councillor.

Councillor Schreyer: I would like to know if you will take it under advisement that the reason for the request for the photo op with His Worship is that Ms Grywinski has received the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award specifically as I'll mentioned now, for her efforts and time and energy with animal care in Winnipeg and as well in northern remote communities.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Yes.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In context to...there's been some media stories in regards to not-for-profit cemeteries, a motion that I brought to Council some time ago and it's under administration, was to take consultations in regards to whether or not we could waive the frontage levies on these not-for-profit cemeteries which could end up in the City's hands for us to maintain over the time because if you don't pay your taxes, we end up taking over property, and you can't just bulldoze over and development on a cemetery, so Madam Speaker, we would end up with these cemeteries, and part of that motion was to have consultations, Madam Speaker, and I'm wondering if the Mayor is aware that there was no face-to-face conversations with these not-for-profit managers in terms of learning about what the problems and issues are and that they were only simply requested to file in writing the problems, but,...so my question is, does the Mayor believe that that's an appropriate consultation, to find out what the real problems are so that we as Council can make some kind of political decision?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, if the Councillor had a concern about the manner in which the Office of Public Engagement is undertaking its work at any time and the Councillor feels that I could be of assistance in working collaboratively with them, there is nothing to preclude him from reaching out at any time. Given this is Question Period, I'm more than happy to look into that matter, but I am not aware of the details of that specific performance by the Public Service.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Eadie: Follow up question. Madam Speaker, is the Mayor aware that only the Assessment Department has been the one who is engaging in consultation with the managers of these not-for-profit cemeteries?

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I believe I answered that question by advising I'm not aware of the details of this specific performance by the Public Service. I'm sure if the Councillor would like to follow up with the Public Service and, you know, starting with our CAO that might be a good place to start but I'm also more than happy to meet with him and learn more about his specific concerns at any time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Final question Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Final question, Madam Speaker, related to the same matter, matters that...is the Mayor aware that...you know what, never mind. The question is, maybe the Mayor will meet and consult with the...will he…he's offered to do it. Will he meet with the managers in having a dialogue because the Assessment Department is not…they're only focusing in on frontage levy, they're not really considering the public dynamics of the loss...or the assumption of the cemeteries being taken over by the City.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I'd be pleased to speak further and to learn more about the specific concerns from Councillor Eadie at any time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Yes. I have a question regarding the Build Winnipeg Partnership Task Force that was announced in 2015, the members, with a goal of bringing back recommendations in a framework in 2016 about infrastructure planning and community investment. I know in the campaign, I was excited about hearing about this because you had…your goal was to try…the Mayor's goal was to try and eliminate some of the politics involved in these big infrastructure projects. So I have not heard peep about it and I'm wondering if he could provide us an update.

Mayor Bowman: I'd like to thank Councillor Lukes for the question and the interest in the Build Winnipeg Partnership. I also want to thank the members of the volunteer task force who put in a considerable amount of time. I'm expecting that we will be able to provide more information as soon as possible in the coming weeks and in the meantime if any member of Council has an opportunity to touch base with Annitta Stenning to thank her for her volunteer efforts. She has an incredibly busy career. As many of you know, former CAO of the City of Winnipeg. Her and the team volunteered a considerable amount of time and as Councillor Lukes just pointed out, the intent with the Build Winnipeg Partnership is to try to assist ultimately members of Council and our administration engaged in greater long term planning and coordination of the three main modes of transportation namely roads, public transportation and active transportation, and so I'm looking forward to being able to move that forward very soon.

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

Councillor Lukes: I just wanted to clarify. Did you say a couple of weeks? Or…I wasn't clear on that. We will be hearing something?

Mayor Bowman: I'm hoping that we'll be able to move this matter forward in the coming weeks and as soon as the timing is better known, I'd be more than happy to share that with Councillor Lukes, but I do want to thank her for her interest. I know she and I think all members of Council are interested in making sure that we are better coordinating our investments in all three forms of transportation infrastructure as well as, certainly I have an interest in trying to get greater information that is focused on long-term infrastructure planning and I believe that desire is shared by all members of Council including Councillor Lukes.

Madam Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Lukes: I guess the third question is I would really be interested and I'm wondering if the Mayor is open to this at all…I've been sort of hitting some walls on this…is having Council have an update on how our asset management process and project, the whole initiative is going. I know that Georges…Mr. Chartier has helped, he's got more staff, I know there's a lot of work being done on it, I've had two brief updates, but I'm wondering if the Mayor would be interested in having an information session on it because a lot of that is related to prioritization of infrastructure projects.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I think all members of Council should be encouraged to contact Georges Chartier at any time to get an update on his work. We also have a new Council Liaison. I think I can still say "new", new Councillor Liaison position for Project Management. Councillor Mike Pagtakhan has taken on that role with incredible energy and diligence and we've made some very positive changes for the benefit of our Asset Management, and so I would encourage Councillor Lukes to reach out and to speak with Councillor Mike Pagtakhan who certainly works quite closely with Georges Chartier and perhaps through Councillor Mike Pagtakhan, any relevant updates could be provided to all members of the Council in due course, but I would defer to Councillor Mike Pagtakhan on the specifics.

Madam Speaker: Okay, any further questions? Councillor Browaty, back to you.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Property owner negotiations are certainly an important aspect if Portage and Main were to be re-opened to pedestrians, but obviously so are the transportation logistics that are contained in the Dillon report that the City commissioned and has paid top dollar for. Would the Mayor be willing to provide the details of the transportation study at this time?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I know the Councillor is very keen to get a copy of a full study and details which I haven't seen. The full study, I would hope would be, and certainly any aspects related to traffic flows is obviously going to have to be something considered for the purposes of an administrative report in due course, but I know that the Councillor is fundamentally opposed to making some positive changes at Portage and Main. I think having the dialogue with property owners and taking our time to consider how we build a more connected downtown is going to take time, and I would expect as a member of Council, and I think all members of Council should expect, that when in due course an administrative report does come public for our consideration, that among many considerations, traffic flows will be one of them, and so I look forward to receiving that in due course. Again, the timing of which and the details are not known because we are still very much just having discussions with the property owners.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: The Mayor doesn't seem to have much information regarding the traffic study, but he does seem to have information about the negotiations. Could the Mayor provide us with details and an update on the negotiations with the property owners at Portage and Main, specifically what concessions that they're looking for, what investments they're looking for, how many of them are on board, details such as that?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I can advise that I had discussion with one property owner over the last week who asked that some members of Council, namely Councillor Browaty, stop politicizing something that should be an objective discussion about how we build a better connected downtown. Certainly those discussions continue. I think there certainly has been and I'm, you know, certainly has been dialogue from property owners who have said that they want to be treated like…like equal business partners in our city. They see the support that we've provided for True North Square which I'm very proud of. They also want to see re-investments in the Portage and Main area to build a better connected and a stronger downtown for our residents. Obviously, managing traffic flows, pedestrian safety and also how we build a more vibrant downtown, especially at Portage and Main which stands currently as a pedestrian obstacle between better connectivity between Railside, between True North Square, the east and west exchange and the financial district. What I've been told by property owners is let's continue that dialogue, and I know some have voiced concern over some of the political rhetoric from Councillor Browaty. I'm trying to manage that and have professional and collaborative discussions, and that's what we're doing, but in due course Councillor Browaty will be able to vote "no". As we know right now, regardless of what comes forward, he's going to do.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Have any of the discussions with property owners included any discussions regarding public investments in the underground as well as at-grade?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: There has been discussion from…and requests from property owners for a cleaning up of that intersection in the underground as well as at-grade. Certainly, if you walk right now underground or at-grade at Portage and Main, the intersection needs some TLC. It's an area that has seen better days, and it is a very historical and iconic intersection. Obviously, the details of which haven't been discussed and that is the nature of the discussions, is looking

for what specifics could the City contemplate and could this council contemplate to make improvements to the underground as well as the at-grade for the benefit of the property owners who collectively are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in that intersection. If you look at the current investments that are contemplated by Artis as one example, we're talking about certainly an incredible tower for residents that also coincide with the Graham Auto Mall…Transit Mall. This is a transit-oriented development that's made possible by the vision of this council to ensure that we're building a city that can move people around both pedestrians, public transportation and roads in a more efficient way and in a way that's more sustainable. Rapid Transit is a very important part of our development. Graham Transit Mall is a key component of that and we're seeing the transit-oriented development downtown as a result of that vision and that commitment. We've seen with Artis, we're seeing it at book end, at the other end with True North Square. That's because of the vision shown by this council. Something that I would ask the Councillor that share that vision of the type of downtown that we can build that's more friendly for pedestrians as well as those that use public transportation in addition to car travel.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Is there anything the Mayor can share with us…I know he had many meetings in Ottawa and we've heard that the Federal Government's going to be rolling out an extremely exciting infrastructure program this coming month potentially, by the end of the month. There's concerns about the need for every provincial government to participate. The Federal Government is talking about 40 cent dollars, and the need to start getting that funding rolling out. Could he give us any of his information? This is what I was able to learn from meeting with staff, Sohi's staff…Minister Sohi's staff and others, and that the funding is going to be coming and it's going to be coming and we've got to get…and the key will be to get it out into the communities, but the key is also going to be, as we know, we are animals of the Province, we have to have the funding through the Provincial Government, and there's going to be a need to have that support over at Broadway for that.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Through you Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councillor for the question. It's an important question and a very substantive question. The Big City Mayors caucus met with Minister Sohi on a number of occasions for one formal meeting. Councillor Gerbasi, I believe, was in attendance in her capacity as incoming president now, President of FCM, and so she was in attendance to observe, and the discussion that the Big City Mayors had was universal in our ask of the Federal Government. Our desire is to have a…let me step back. The traditional funding model is one-third, one-third, one-third, so all three levels of government would provide one-third, one-third, one-third, the request…

Madam Speaker: Move extension of two minutes, all in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Mayor Bowman: The ask of the Big City Mayors to Minister Sohi and the Federal Government is that the Federal Government have the new model as a forty-forty and twenty percent split for municipalities, forty for the other two levels of government. We, the Big City Mayors, are hopeful that that can be something that's negotiated between the Federal Government and respective provinces. We still have to await whether they're successful in doing so or not, but that's our desire. We're the least able to pay. Municipal governments collect, as the Councillor knows, eight cents on the tax dollars but we're responsible for sixty percent of Canada's infrastructure. The majority of Canadians live in Canada's big cities. City building is nation building and so we take that role very seriously, and so the funds that are available from the Federal Government as part of their infrastructure program is something that all municipalities are trying to do their best to access and it is an opportunity, especially given the financial circumstances that we have in the Province of Manitoba right now, and so we are working diligently in collaboration with the other big city mayors and FCM in particular, to do our best to get as much of those dollars here in the City of Winnipeg as possible.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In light of the time, I'll be very brief. There is concern, what I heard as well in Ottawa was there's concern that in light of the fact that Manitoba…

Madam Speaker: Your question.

Councillor Wyatt: …is not signed on to the Health Accord, the only province not to sign on. There's concern in Ottawa that Manitoba may not move quickly enough to sign or will cause delays in signing the infrastructure agreements that are coming forward. Is there any plans by the Mayor on behalf of the City to communicate the importance to the Premier to get support before this project?

Mayor Bowman: We have communicated to the Premier's office exactly that point.

Madam Speaker: Thank you and that concludes Question Period for the Mayor. We will now move into committee reports, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow, on the report of June 6th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
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Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to move Items 1 through…it's a short one, 17. Wait a sec…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, what did you say? So 6, 8 and 14 have been pulled, okay. I'll call the question on 1 through 5, No. 7, 10 through 13, 15 through 17. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – Development Agreement Amendment – File DASZ 18/2014 (AG 18/14)

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce Item 1.

Councillor Orlikow: Okay, this item…this item here is regarding a waste water interceptor sewer line. With that, we had a big conference call on, but I'd be more than interested to hear what the councillor has to say.

Madam Speaker: Okay, who stood this item down? Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I just want to…I stood it down, I'm voting for it, I just wanted to thank Councillor Orlikow for participating and helping set up a conference call that occurred. We were actually…I was in Ottawa, you were here, and so…but we also, you were out of town I believe and so we had a conference call with the developer in question of this development, with the director of Water and Waste, Jeff Patton, as well and Mr. Wardrop. It was a very productive conference call. And long story short, what this report does and what this amendment does is there is a development that was approved some time ago by council that facilitated up to 750 homes being added to the tax rolls of the City of Winnipeg in Precinct I which is located in the northeast quadrant of our city. It's actually in the northern most eastern quadrant of my ward and it's a very unique development. It's got some challenges with regards to services mainly a sanitary line…major sanitary interceptor, they call it the Plessis interceptor upgrade which has to be built which was in the capital budget of 2017 of 17...7.5 million. And the concern of the developer who wanted to see...have the ability to front end the work. So there was compromise struck where front ending would be facilitated in the event that the City does not do it in the following year, which is 2018. And…but from the conversation that we had on the phone, it appears that Water and Waste will be doing the work themselves therefore the front ending agreement with the developer probably won't be necessary, however, this acts as a bit of an incentive to get things moving. The importance here, Madam Speaker, is that this is an existing development we approved. These are new tax rolls. The development itself, by the way, is quite unique. We ran into a challenge here and this is an example of what I consider infill, maybe some people don't, but I consider it infill because of the fact it's my community. The water pressure in this area is not high enough, substantial enough to be able to build anything above two stories in this area which forced us to look at other options in terms of development and one of the things we did at that time was to approve a development with extremely unique lot sizes, tight, very dense, single-family development, but clearly…single-family development which will have a need in our city because of the issue of land and the affordability of that land. And so, it's actually going to be able to create an opportunity for individuals who may not have been able to get into the housing market. New families, new Canadians, to be able to afford that piece of grass if you'd like, of a single-family home to raise their family, to raise their kids on a property which would be 28, 30 feet wide versus what's traditionally been the case in the past. And this unique compromise that was struck previously allows for homeownership and that dream of homeownership, I think, and hopefully helps facilitate that. So it was crucial that we be able to address this issue of the waste water line and we are now doing that, so I want to thank, again, Councillor Orlikow and the public service, Mr. Wardrop, Ms Geer and Mr. Patton for, you know, for seeing this through, finding some way we can…to deal with this. Originally, the administration has recommended against the development agreement amendment which the developer had applied for, but after that conversation, after looking at the issues and seeing what could be done, we found a way to facilitate the compromise. I want to thank the members of the Standing Committee on Property Development, Heritage and Downtown who met on this item as well and approved it. And this will hopefully facilitate this development which will actually assist our community in many other ways as well with regards to recreational sport and the needs of recreational sport in the area. So, those are my comments. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow, back to you for closing.

Councillor Orlikow: Councillor Wyatt is absolutely correct. And you know, I do appreciate the opportunity to work with council colleagues to find those compromises. I know the developer wished to have…to do his own work. Water and Waste were not too keen on having a private developer attach on to our stuff in the way that's going through. The developer was quite aware of that after we had the chat, still wanted to make sure he had some assurances as he starts to roll out his plan a little bit more. It was…it was for me quite an eye opening experience on seeing how much work is going to get that pipe underneath the river, the first leg of it, and then connecting from there to another set, then connecting to this one. So it actually…one of the issues that came up with timing was going underneath the river. They expect it all to work out but they said there is some risk there and I think everybody understood that. That may affect the timing a bit. But again, they can still work on their side as well and maybe we'll have to meet this way rather than following the pipe. We'll actually do one pipe one way and meet in the middle somewhere. But again, it's a good development. I was pleased to talk to the developer. He is quite a true developer in the way that he really cares for his project and he's trying to put his best product forward and Councillor Wyatt's support to make sure it goes through and the department was very amenable. So again, I'm happy to have this motion here before us and we can move this project forward.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 8.

Item 8 – Cell Towers near Residential Development

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll wait to hear from my colleagues, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This was stood down by yourself, Councillor Browaty, you have the floor.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to commend my colleagues, Councillor Allard and Councillor Orlikow for bringing this matter forward. Without a doubt, cellular infrastructure now is becoming one of those basic human needs. More and more families and people are living without land line phones. They're living without sometimes wired internet connections and they are using wireless devices as their life line to communicate with people. Establishing in ground work, policies to set and establish the appropriate places within a neighbourhood, within a community to put this type of infrastructure are key. You don't want them in people's backyards but at the same time, you want them to be close enough that they receive the service that people are looking for and they expect. As the volume and the speed of data expectations are going up, you want to keep the amount of wattage in your phone down, so they need to be closer to you. So again, looking at this and having a forward looking policy on this I think is very important. I just want to say that, you know, the OurWinnipeg view is a longer term process. If this information can come back even before that, I would be supportive of a separate motion to look at this. We already do have the FCM sight line protocol for cellular towers, but anything you can do to make these things easier both for new communities as well as for infill would be a very positive move forward. So again, I very much am in support of this and encourage the public service to move forward expeditiously on it.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, so thank you…well first, Councillor Orlikow for your work in helping me put the motion together and thank you Councillor Browaty for the kudos. And I think it's become very aware for me that since we have implemented our cell phone tower policy that the technology has changed substantially. As Councillor Browaty has mentioned there are now greater expectations and requirements around how much data people expect to be able to run on their cell phones and my understanding is that as a result of that, the towers need to get closer and closer to us, the customers. And so I wanted to say that very pleased to have this motion come forward to Council. I would urge all of you to please support it as I think we do need to review how we do...how we look at these tower proposals for green field and for infill developments. And for you who may...if you may not be aware, the way it works in a nutshell, as I understand it, is cell phone tower proponents will come to…once they've identified a site, will come to the City of Winnipeg with an application and they will look for what's called concurrence or non-concurrence on a proposed site. In the event where a cell phone company gets concurrence from the municipality, the process for the cell phone tower is expedited and they are able to proceed more quickly with their plans to put a cell phone tower up. In the events of…in the event of non-concurrence, the process doesn't necessarily stop. The process then goes to a different level with the Federal Government where the Federal then reviews the location proposed by the cell phone tower company and what can happen there is that regardless of concurrence by the municipality or non-concurrence or in this case, if the municipality was in non-concurrence and the Federal Government reviews, there is still the possibility that the cell phone tower can be erected in the original site. So what...the process I believe is good. The Federal Government is asking for

municipalities to weigh in on the locations for these towers and I believe that we can be proactive in hopefully finding more situations of concurrence by taking a harder look at our cell phone tower policies as expectations and requirements have changed since we originally put the policy together. So with that, thank you very much for your consideration and I'll keep my remarks at that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers? Councillor Orlikow back to you.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Chair and some of us may recall the last round of the debate and the public consultations regarding the cell phone policy…cell phone tower policy and as we have now had that policy out for a while, I believe it's appropriate to revisit it. I like doing that. We try a policy out and there is always opportunities as we roll a by-law out or a policy out on tweaking it to make it even better. So I believe this is not…I'll be very clear, I am not advocating that residents in the mid-block areas and density neighbourhoods can put up a cell phone tower in their backyard. No, that is not where I'll be going on this one, but we could be looking at rights-of-ways, rail lines, there's some more controversial ones, but again, this will allow the opportunity for all stakeholders to have input into our…into an existing process that we're already doing. Again, so this again maximizes our administrative staff's work. Our Chief Planner is very supportive of this. He's had to do a lot of work trying to figure out how to make individual councillors or the public, how do you find that balance, so he'll be able to bring some experience and some of our staff who have dealt with this. So it is appropriate timing to revisit this. We probably will have some disagreements at the end. But again, that's the democratic process, but I just want to state that we'll be…my intent is not to open up the infill policy that we'll be putting cell phone towers right beside people's homes, like, directly beside people's homes, but they may be appropriate on rail lines, working with the rail lines on their right-of-ways, working on our own right-of-ways, working on corners of lots that are far away still that maybe...you know, Councillor Allard has one instance now, I think we have resolved it, I haven't followed up with him, yeah, crossing his fingers, where it was across a right-of-way but again, it wasn't just far enough but it was pretty far. So again, we need to figure out is that the appropriate distance if there is a large road between it. So again we'll be working on that, what type of cell phone tower. You know, they have a couple of styles, they have the very large ones that are co-used. Is that appropriate for an infill or are you looking at a smaller one? So again, this will give us time to go tweak the policy we do have within existing context of what we are doing now. So again, I'm looking forward to the discussion and also, in the discussion will be part of the OurWinnipeg review that we are presently doing right now and also the infill guidelines review that we're doing right now. So, I think it's quite a good option and quite well timed and I look forward to working with Councillor Allard and all our colleagues because we do know that cell phone towers or cell phone use is becoming much more of a necessity than a pleasure. So again, thank you for Councillor Allard and everyone who will support this one.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow. I'll call the question on Item 8. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 9.

Item 9 – Undertaking a Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Winnipeg

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

Councillor Orlikow: I'll introduce it and wait for comments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thanks. Who stood this down? Item 9? Councillor Wyatt? Okay. Item 9, who would like to be the first speaker? Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this report but I just…I guess I have a couple of comments to make regarding this consultation that's been recommended…this discussion that's being recommended. One is specific to I guess the opportunity of having discussion with the Province is, is housing primarily is a…primarily a provincial matter. I know the City of Winnipeg historically has been involved and remains involved in housing and we have to be aware of the needs of our citizens, absolutely, but primarily, this is a provincial matter and I'm wondering if...I would hope that part of this comprehensive discussion and look would include discussion with the Province of Manitoba. And I know that my predecessor here on Council, who is now Minister Fielding, is the Minister of Families and Housing, my understanding is that Councillor Orlikow has had good discussions with Minister Fielding as of late. And so I just want to state on the record that I really trust that we can maximize the opportunities, Madam Speaker, that the City may have with the Province. If we have been following…we do see also about the…currently the Federal Government, this Federal Government, has been putting funds into and prioritizing housing across Canada and I believe that for our own future needs we should opt...you know, kind of take advantage of every opportunity of looking at what may be available. I guess I kind of tread a fine line here and I trust my colleagues can appreciate that I'm treading a fine line...I believe that we need to be very sensitive to the housing needs of the citizens of our city without question. However, I guess I would just flag one caution that in our sincere desire and eagerness to provide for our citizens that we don't take on, as a level of government, more than we should take on. And we don't take on that which is really the purview of other levels of

government. Levels of government have been known in the past, whether it's Federal or Provincial, to see an opportunity and download more and more to the level of government that is next to them or I'll use the term below them. So I think we need to be cautious of that and very aware of that that we're certainly need to be a willing partner and continue to advocate for and protect and uplift our citizens and their housing needs but at the same time I think we have to be prudent with our commitments and so I think even in this discussion and looking at this…for this purpose the comprehensive housing needs assessment, I think it's incumbent upon us at that time, as part of this process to have good discussions with both our provincial and federal partners to see where, you know, the three levels can come together and ultimately provide for the residents of our city which is ultimately what this is about, is insuring that the men and women and the boys and girls of our city have a place to lay their head at night. So with those comments, I'd invite, you know, Councillor Orlikow maybe in his close, to respond any way if possible. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Was that you, Councillor Wyatt? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am pleased to speak on this motion about undertaking a comprehensive housing needs assessment for Winnipeg. Winnipeg certainly has an obligation because we are closer to the community in some respects, some very real respects, in terms of our understanding of where we're at, where people are at, where places are at and certain aspects of people's situations, their living conditions. So I'm pleased to support this. And let's face it we are patting ourselves all over the back this term in terms of dealing with housing issues. They are important and we're involved and I believe we are doing the right thing. I do caution on two issues; one...well three. Councillor Gillingham did mention that we don't overexert ourselves at least economically in terms of issues that are not our primary jurisdiction. It's not our direct…it's not our primary purview. This is the purview of mostly the Provincial and Federal Governments. Of course, it's…it would be irresponsible for us not to be involved and we are taking the lead in terms of creating new programs, new forms of dialogue, new forms of information gathering and discussion and that's good. As well, Madam Speaker, we should also be wary of something in the long term when it comes to these types of things. I've noticed that in this motion that it's taking money out of the housing rehabilitation investment reserve. So it's taking money out of a reserve and so we always have to bear in mind Madam Speaker, the types of reserves we have at the City of Winnipeg, they are not all the same. But bear in mind that over the past number of years, we have been decreasing the amount of funds in our reserves. Would I be wrong…going to ask a question to which there will be an answer inevitably. Have we reduced over the last decade or so the amount of our reserves by three quarters, by over 80 percent? And on that basis, we have to think in terms of the long term how we deal with building up potentially our reserves. We haven't had any talk about that in this term, nothing constructive that I have seen in this chamber. Having said that, this is positive. Also, I caution us on being seen to over advocate on issues in which we don't bear the…be proportional responsibility for advocacy. That we make it a priority is great and that we do what we can, we're doing good things. If we are going to advocate to that disproportional extent beyond our economic capability and our legislative purview, I think we also then have a greater obligation to give more information as to how we would expect other levels of government to do that. To the extent that we're going to be advocating on behalf of housing, which is very good, we are doing some excellent work in terms of…in terms of discussion with various stakeholders, members of our community, working with and learning from best practices from around the country. We have taken on a new round table on housing. These things are great. My concern is that it's easy for us to talk about these issues because we are not the level of government that's actually going to take the ultimate responsibility for it financially. So, to the extent that we over exceed our talk beyond that which we are taking responsibility for, we are acting like another interest group and that's our prerogative. It's not wrong. But I fear that the recourse from people would be well, easy to say. Not that we shouldn't, Madam Speaker, but to the extent we dive deeper and deeper into the issue of housing, homelessness and these issues related to poverty and empowerment, I believe the deeper we go in terms of advocacy and pushing different levels of government, Madam Speaker, the moral…it's our obligation just like any other organization or a citizen, to be as balanced with our prescription and I think that's very important, Madam Speaker, especially for the long term. Thank you very much.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I rise in support of this motion and I'm very, very excited to see it on the agenda. I know that in order for the Province to do the work that they need to do, they need a really good needs assessment of what we have in the community. And I'm a strong believer that poverty reduction only happens when all levels of government are doing their part. This isn't just a provincial matter. We have lots of things that we could be doing here at the City in terms of housing. We are in control of things like zoning, we are in control of where we encourage development and those are things that I think will be added to this assessment. So this is really exciting that we're going to see this happen and I think this is a move forward in terms of making sure that we can look at affordable housing and where there's a need and how all governments can come together to ensure that we have adequate housing for all residents here in Winnipeg. Thanks.

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

Councillor Wyatt: I just want to say, I heard Councillor Gilroy's…sorry, Councillor Gillingham's opening comments on this and I just…I was of the same opinion at one time actually…the opinion Councillor Gillingham expressed. And I've kind of, you know, over time have changed my opinion, I suppose would be the best way to explain it or maybe saw things that I never saw before from different angles. And you know, I guess what I've noticed is a couple of things; number one, I think we're all in the housing business whether we like it or not. We're in the for-profit approval business of approving housing. We do that all the time in community committee. Community committee is a massive instrument in that regard to approve for-profit housing. And there's no doubt that there's a definite connection between that part of it and the fact that housing and affordable housing and the needs of affordable housing in our city is...like any city in Canada, is a huge issue and concern. I think also what I've learned, I had an opportunity to participate in FCM over the years and other organizations like the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, what I've been able to see is that Winnipeg's not unique in that regard that we're a large city, we're one of the largest cities in Canada, and that this is a challenge that has been faced by many large cities in Canada especially with land use challenges, servicing challenges and the value of land that seems to drive up and make housing less affordable. The other thing that I've noticed as well is just the fact that we are the jurisdiction that does have, you know, policing and these issues that are under our billy wick and whether we like it or not. What I've seen is that if you have individuals who are not able to have…families who are not able to have housing and affordable housing, the consequences for the community. And when I was Chair of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee, you know, we heard in delegations where residents…Winnipeggers had to live in many houses in one year, often sleeping on couches because they couldn't find an affordable place to stay. And these were actually families. And so kids were actually having to be transferred from one school to another school and then you wonder why we have sometimes the issues we have with young people and the challenges of young people when they can't have a stable household and a secure place…one place to live, one place to put their hat, one place to go and they're actually getting transferred from school to school in one school year because of the fact that they're not able to have a stable place to live in. And you know, to see the faces of folks when you do do something to find…to build affordable housing, is just, you know, it is remarkable. And that part of your community…to see the people who actually are moving in and knowing…not even realizing that those folks needed affordable housing and yet you've recognized their faces for years in the community because you've live in the community all your life. And it tells you that it's more personal than we may want to even realize and so, it's that experience that I've overtime come to change my position on this matter because I used to have the same outlook previously and come around to the fact that this is one which, whether we like it or not, we're all involved with. And the good news is the Federal Government is funding money through to housing. The Province, I understand is committed. I have talked to…I was going to say Councillor Fielding, Minister Fielding and he seems very committed to this. We have this wonderful agency in the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, which is one of our best kept secrets, the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, I don't know why it is, but it's just amazing. They can ramp up, do more if we give them the ability to do that and you know, and help to meet that challenge with the funding that's coming in from all over by the Province. But we can do so many things for housing across our city and the demand is everywhere. Right across our communities and you hear it and you see it. And the story that I told when we opened up Sir Paul Martin Estates this January…what caused me to get involved with housing was when I went door to door in the 2010 election and I ran into a woman who had to be in her sixties who told the story about how her mother, who had to be in her eighties, was now living in her basement because her mother was pushed out of a house or apartment that was being converted over to condos and had nowhere else to go and couldn't afford another place. And you know, and then I got involved with getting on after that election with the WHRC and all the wonderful things that they do. So anyway, I think…I know we always have challenges and I know that we have financial challenges. I haven't been here where we haven't had a year where we haven't had a financial challenge. I just think we have to take advantage of the opportunity coming from Ottawa. We have to take advantage of the fact…the positive fact that we have a minister who was a former member of this council just recently and use those advantages to assist the citizens of our city in terms of this file. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: For the public record, this is probably one of the top priorities at FCM and I really look forward to working with councillors on this very complicated issue over the coming year. I know there's a lot of work being done and we're not just working with our own council, this is a very complex issue working with all the other levels of government. So it's not an only…you know, it's an issue for our city, very much and it's something I've worked on for many, many years. I chaired the Housing Committee for about 5 years so it's a long…there's a long history and I think we've got a lot of other business to get to today. So I'm happy to discuss this, you know, throughout the years we've worked together as a council. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Well said comments from all and I hope for your support.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. I'll call the question on Item 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 14.

Item 14 – Report to Re-establish the Fee for Appeals under the Vacant Buildings By-law 79/2010

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: Well, thank you, Madam Chair. I'll leave my comments till after I hear what my colleagues have to say.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just…I, of course, am supporting this particular report. I just wanted to make a point and that is, is it sounds like maybe when this by-law amendment was done to the vacant buildings…and I know there was a lot of problems, Madam Speaker, at the time around 2009, 2010 with vacant and derelict buildings, there was a lot of problems and I think there was a, probably a quick move to try to deal with…with the aspects and finds and so on and whatever orders need to be done under this by-law. And this motion that we're…this report that we're adopting now is actually…it was omitted, the fee, to pay for the appeals and sometimes you should take a little…little more time to ensure that whatever you're changing is being changed as the way it intended. So I just thought I'd throw that out there. Thank you.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. Just to point out that yeah, this was an omission but as we received it back and as my colleagues on the Property Development, Heritage, Downtown Development Committee have done in the past and will continue to do, if the appeal does have merit, i.e. they show up, then they'd be refunded if we so choose. We're talking about one to three of these a year that happen. So again, we have an issue right now with an old fire by-law. It's much more progressive, but again, as this committee has done twice now, if the work is done when it gets to us, we've accomplished our goal to get them into compliance. So, not only are we, the City, and I wish I had the numbers with me today, we really are whittling down some of these derelict buildings in our city. They are a blight on the neighbourhoods and the city as a general and the lost revenue builder. So again, they've whittled them down to a very good number. Again, I'll get that number later on. And same thing with the fire by-law now that we're down from 1000 to about 100 left buildings. So again, we just want to make sure that people aren't frivolously putting appeals in. It is a fair bit of work for the Clerks and everybody else and so we want to make sure that they do show up and if they do have merit on their appeal, they may still lose, but if they have merit, again, the committee would have the option to refund the $250.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, That concludes our committee reports. Councillor Orlikow on the by-laws…oh, the motion, yes, we do have a motion. Motion No. 4, it's on paper copy on your desks. It's moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Schreyer regarding the Old Exhibition Grounds. It will be an automatic referral to the standing committee. Okay, moving on now to the by-laws, Councillor Orlikow.

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

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS the city's Old Exhibition Grounds has been used for recreation and leisure purposes for over one hundred years;

AND WHEREAS there is a shortage of sport fields in the Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Committee area;

AND WHEREAS whether crime prevention is achieved through sport or other measures, prevention needs to be facilitated to reduce the load on the Winnipeg Police Service;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg needs to play a role in crime prevention;

AND WHEREAS the North District police station needs to provide the same functionality as the other district stations to the public;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's perception of what area makes up the North End has grown to encompass West and old Kildonan;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit's north garage has come to its end of life, and the east rapid transit BRT corridor has a new bus garage in its plans on city owned property;

AND WHEREAS unlike the other district stations, there was no RFP put out to the private sector to identify privately owned property and to build the stations;

AND WHEREAS Property, Planning and Development leases buildings to the Winnipeg Police Service as Municipal Accommodations basically owns the assets under their portfolio of city assets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service undertake the needed activities to find a different property than the Old Exhibition Grounds for the North district police station.

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

Councillor Orlikow: My favourite page…thank you. I'll move the following by-laws be read for a first time; By-laws No. 43/2017, By-laws No. 44/2017, By-laws 45/2017, By-laws 51/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 43/2017, 44/2017, 45/2017 and 51/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that By-laws No. 43/2017 to 45/2017 both inclusive and 51/2017 be a read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 43/2017 to 45/2017 both inclusive and By-law 51/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 43/2017 to 45/2017 both inclusive and 51/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy…yes?

Councillor Eadie: Madam Chair, we've been sitting…I've been sitting in my seat now here for three and a half hours, may we have a ten minute break?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Do you wish to go out on your own or is there the will to have an entire break?

Councillor Eadie: I'm asking for us to take a break for ten minutes.

Madam Speaker: Okay, okay. We have done that in the past, so how about a ten minute recess? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Yes?

Councillor Mayes: So could I then move my committee report up in the agenda as I have another engagement to go to?

Madam Speaker: Okay. What is the process for that Mr. Clerk? I don't recall ever doing that recently. Two-thirds? Okay, that is the Water and Waste.

Councillor Gerbasi: I think it would be helpful for us…it's been a long day and people are busy, but we do need to finish the business of Council. Could the Clerk clarify the process because I'm not clear what it is either, none of us are.

Madam Speaker: Asking for a recess is very much in order.

Councillor Gerbasi: Like just what is going to happen tonight? Are we here…so people can decide what they want to do.

Madam Speaker: Asking for a recess is very much in order. Councillor Mayes had asked if the Water and Waste Committee could be moved up. That would require a two-thirds vote of Council or else someone else could move it on your behalf Councillor Mayes when that opportunity arises. Okay, now just a one question for the Clerk, how late can meetings go till again? Is it midnight?

City Clerk: In accordance with the Procedure By-law, 6:00 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Six p.m.? And if we pass that time period?

City Clerk: You reconvene…or you can suspend the rules to continue or you reconvene tomorrow morning.

Madam Speaker: Right. Okay.

Councillor Gerbasi: Knowing the right to abnormally break is fine, but I guess we'll just have to take…I mean…

Madam Speaker: Well, we'll vote on it. All in favour of a ten minute recess? All in favour of a ten minute recess? Contrary? Okay. All in favour of a ten minute recess? Contrary? Carried. Let's go.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 21, 2017 at 4:57 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. We're reconvening our meeting of June 21st, 2017 after our short recess. We were on the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated June 12th, 2017. Councillor Pagtakhan on the report.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED JUNE 12, 2017

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, I'd like…Madam Speaker, I'd like to stand down Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 – Renaming of the West End Library – Harvey Smith

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Just sharing a laugh there with Councillor Orlikow on procedure and though I'm glad that Councillor Orlikow is beside me here providing me with some good guidance. Yes, and so Madam Speaker, on this item here, the renaming of the West End Library, Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to move this report and thank my council colleagues on the standing committee. We had a really good discussion on it and it was unanimous…we were unanimous in our vote in supporting the renaming. I also want to thank Councillor Cindy Gilroy who spoke very passionately about this, and also read the delegation of Mr. Paul Moist and others who are supporting the renaming of the West End Library to Harvey Smith. We felt very strongly that Councillor Harvey Smith is really synonymous with the West End and so to have his…to have the library renamed as the Harvey

Smith Library was a fitting name and I really want to thank the Mayor and EPC for also supporting it and bringing it here today. I had the opportunity to work with my former colleague, the late Councillor Harvey Smith, a great man. In the beginning of my term with him, we went all the way to Saskatoon to…you know, with Mayor Katz and others to talk about Treaty Land entitlements and learn about that and many other wonderful things throughout the years and sat beside him for many years at this chamber. So with that, I will keep my remarks short and be happy to move this report forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I just like to thank the committee for approving this, and I also hope that all my other council colleagues will join in. Harvey Smith was a librarian by trade and was a librarian at Tec Voc High School just down the street from the West End Library, and he was an active member on the Library Board, and just really believed in making sure that there was access to books and access to information. And one of the things that he really championed was the moving of the West End Library, to the now Cindy Klassen Rec Centre, which is a really big gem and one of the most used libraries in the city. And at the time it was pretty controversial. So he took that on, and I just want to thank Paul Moist who worked on this, as well as Chris Hurley, I know that worked with…was Councillor Smith's EA and I know that he really felt that this was a place to honour him. So I just want to thank those two people, and thank all my council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'm raising in strong support of the renaming suggestion here for the West End Library. Councillor Smith truly had a love of reading, and love of books. He was not only just a librarian at Tec Voc School in Winnipeg, he was also a librarian in River East Collegiate in the North Kildonan Ward. So he has a connection there as well. I served with him on the Library Board. And again, his love of reading was second to none. And you'd come in in the evenings and he would be there with stacks of reading materials that he was clipping and newspapers, it was very clear that that was definitely a strong passion of his. At his funeral, Paul Moist spoke of even in his final days at River View, how he was still reading the newspaper and wanting to talk about issues of the day with Paul. So again…and Ross so, anyways, it was a…I think it's a very appropriate tribute and I am very much in support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, this is what I've learned from Harvey Smith; this is the right thing to do, let's get it done now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers?

Councillor Gerbasi: I just, I guess because we're…if you don't mind, Madam Speaker, do I have the floor? Sorry.

Madam Speaker: You do.

Councillor Gerbasi: I can't not say something about Harvey Smith. I think he'd be…I'd just like to say, I think he's looking down on us right now from his…where, lovely place he is, laughing and laughing and laughing about how much fun we're having today and the shenanigans going on here. He would absolutely love it. Thanks, Madam Speaker. And I miss him very much, worked with him for a long time, as many of us did. So he was a really special person. And the community, this is a really important move. Councillor Gilroy has led this working closely with her community who knew him particularly well. So I just I hope that we'll take….support Cindy as she works through this with her community as well because it's very personal for the West End community and all of Winnipeg. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I guess I should say a few words. Certainly many of us have in recent weeks on this issue. And since the passing of Harvey Smith as well, I would just like to state at this time, you know, I've known Harvey since I was a teenager, I guess. And he meant as much to me while he was a politician…he meant as much to me while he wasn't in politics, just as a citizen of his community. And one thing I just…I never mentioned was he was one of those people that introduced me to people in the West End and increased my sense of community with people in the West End, which meant a lot to me. It meant more to me than I thought because I ended up living on Sherbrook for a while. And I felt all the more at home because of Harvey Smith, and the years that I had known him. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. No further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Question.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There's no motions, and no by-laws today. Yes, Absolutely. You're still on the floor, yeah. Councillor Pagtakhan…Question Period now for our Chair. Councillor Allard.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair, I've been exploring the new interactive map which was on the City of Winnipeg Twitter. I am pleased to report that it does seem to work on my (inaudible) work station, so it does have some level of compatibility, but I was wondering if we could hear a bit more about that initiative.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and I want to thank, through you to Councillor Allard, for the question. Yes, the new Winnipeg, City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space App, it's available on your smart phone. It's also available on the City of Winnipeg website, and if you go to it Madam Speaker, it really, it's a great utility tool, it really speaks to the innovation that's going on here at Winnipeg City Hall, and you know, it allows folks to browse the Parks and Open Spaces within the entire City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, and to search by the various amenities that are offered in all of our parks, and we have thousands of hectares of parks and open spaces. You can check, Madam Speaker, for outdoor pools, you can search us for outdoor pools so if Councillor Allard is looking for a pool in his area, he can know that, he can check out Happyland Park and he'll see that there's an outdoor pool. He can actually zoom into the park itself and it will bring him to a map and it shows exactly where the pool is and you can go and look at the satellite imagery Madam Speaker, and actually at that site you can actually tell that this particular site, Happyland, has 3 barbeques, it has 11 benches, it has 2 washrooms, it has a skate park, and it goes through a number of amenities Madam Speaker that the park has, and so citizens and visitors to our city can utilize this tool without having to drive around and actually look for the various amenities so if you're looking to plan a reunion or if you want to go skateboarding or if you want to have a day outside at a waterpark, a splash pad or a spray pad, Madam Speaker, you can easily plan for that. You can visit all different parts of the City. You can kind of go on a tour if you want to and check out all the different splash pads and you can map it out, and it is just a wonderful tool for our citizens and for visitors to our city. I want to applaud our Parks and Open Spaces staff and all the folks who put this together. It really is just a testimony of the kind of innovation that's occurring here at Winnipeg City Hall, and I want to thank Councillor Allard again for his question.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions of the Chair? Okay. Seeing none, there was a request to move up the Water and Waste Committee report. No? Okay. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz, on the report dated May 30th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MAY 30, 2017

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce reports 1 through 5.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We'll be…sorry. We have motion after. Yeah, okay, so we'll pull No. 1 as there's a motion going with that. I'll call the question on the other items.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm sorry, what motion? The motion's there isn't it?

Madam Speaker: Okay, pull No. 3. Councillor Dobson, that's the reduced speed zones. Okay, Item No. 1 has a motion with it, a motion to refer with instructions. It's on your paper copy, on your desks. Yeah. Okay, so Item 1 and 3 have been pulled. Anything further? Okay. I'll call the question on Items 2, 4, and 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Transit Safety

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz, on the…you can introduce your Item No. 1.

Councillor Morantz: I'll wait to hear from my colleagues, thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Browaty, this is your opportunity to introduce Motion No. 7. It's a…actually, this is a referral motion, is it not? With instructions. Okay, so it is debatable. It is debatable, yes. No, it's not. So go ahead and introduce your item…Motion No. 7, pardon me.

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

WHEREAS the safety of our civic employees, specifically bus drivers as well as passengers of Winnipeg Transit is a fundamental responsibility of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the tragic loss of an on-the-job bus driver in February, the first transit homicide in Canada, has precipitated positive discussions on improving safety and service of Transit including an administrative recommendation to create a Transit Advisory Council (TAC) in the near-term;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations included in this motion come from discussions with members of council, the Amalgamated Transit Union 1505, Transit drivers and members of the public that can form the basis of a starting point of discussions and debate for the forthcoming TAC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item No. 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 30, 2017 be referred to the September 12, 2017 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works so that it can be referred to the TAC once constituted.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, we had a tragic incident where we lost one of our City employees back in February. We've had a really good city council administrative report that was improved after our motion came forward, thanks to some last minute changes that I understand took place. This is an opportunity, now that there is going to be a Transit Advisory Committee struck, this is an opportunity to let them hit the ground running with some ideas and items of concern that have been raised by members of the public, members of the ATU, bus drivers on the street, as well as members of the Council. This would give them an opportunity to hit the ground running once that TAC is formed with some ideas for them to continue to work on. What we're asking for today, again, I've heard from hundreds of members of ATU and the public since our motion came forward, back in, I think it was May. This gives us an opportunity to continue that debate and that discussion going forward. I would like to thank Councillor Brian Mayes for his work on transit safety in the past. Councillor Morantz for pushing Transit to get a motion forward as well as my colleagues on the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works that recognize the importance of the motion that we brought forward, seconded by my colleague, Councillor Lukes. So again, this is not to say that we're going to implement each and every one of the recommendations that was brought forward in the motion, but just an opportunity to send them to the TAC once it's properly constituted in the coming weeks. So again, I'm not looking to make a lot of politics out of this, but this is, I think, a very important safety issue, and the responsibility for us as an employer.
Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers? Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: It's very decent of Councillor Browaty to make a few comments about what we've done on this. I'm glad to see that the debate is how quickly to do something, instead of whether to do something. So I stood right there in January of 2013 when I was not on EPC and asked for the inclusion of the report, the report that had been commissioned, and it talked about hiring six additional staff and that did not get through EPC. The next year when I was on EPC, I certainly made an issue of it and made a priority of it. I know Councillor Wyatt, of course, was Chair of the Finance Committee at that point, and we did include that recommendation in the budget. So I also don't want to play politics with this, and therefore I'm sort of troubled by seeing words like, Transit has not made any meaningful improvements to safety protocols despite calls for action since back to at least 2011. I don't agree with that, quite frankly. We did add six fully paid positions in the budget of 2014 when Councillor Wyatt was Finance Chair, we had a debate right here in July of 2014 that was an even longer meeting than this that talked about adding in cadets, and passing a new by-law. Councillor Allard, Councillor Gilroy have done some good work in this term, pressing for some police involvement. So I am glad to hear we all have a commitment to transit safety. I don't support referring it to the committee. I think Councillor Morantz is quite proud now of the work he's doing and that he's taken over on this file and is trying to push it forward. So, pleased to see and I don't want to get political with it. I would just say, I'm going to

support the original recommendation to…well, no…the EPC recommendation to accept as information. I'm glad to see it moving forward. I don't think this is a make or break. If you vote against this motion somehow, you're anti-transit safety. I will have suddenly shifted positions after all these years, and people who voted against my position, and my encouragement to add people in and to add…suddenly will become pro-safety. So I think we're all on the same wavelength here that we need to do something. There are obviously budgetary implications so I am not in favour of referring to the committee, but certainly I appreciate that we all seem now to be wanting to move forward on this item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Browaty, this is your opportunity to close on Motion 7. No? Councillor Morantz, do you wish to close? On Item 1.

Councillor Morantz: Yeah, on Item 1, I would like to say a few words. This is, you know, clearly a matter that everyone takes very, very seriously. The reality is that IRPW has governance over Winnipeg Transit and so the process that we adopted was to bring a motion to IRPW, Madam Speaker, requesting our public service to provide a transit safety report. That report came forward and was received by the committee and voted for in fact by, you know, Councillor Browaty and in fact, all of the committee. At the same time, we sort of have this tandem motion out there, which is quite prescriptive and concise as to what specific measures the proponents of the motion we're requesting. The reason I believe that the motion should be simply received as information is that we have an established process where we've had the motion at IRPW, Winnipeg Transit executives drafted a very good report, a comprehensive report, which is online for everybody. That's available for them to review. And there's some amazing recommendations in that report. You know, there's the See Something, Say Something Campaign, which is currently being produced. There is a pilot project on shields for transit drivers. There is also increased data sharing with police, which is going to help them with their smart policing program, in terms of detecting hotspots, in terms of where transit safety issues can arise. Probably the most important recommendation though is the creation for the very first time in Winnipeg of a Transit Advisory Committee, which is one of the things that's called for in Councillor Browaty's motion and that's really a very important thing. And that Transit Advisory Committee, I can say I've had several meetings now, very productive meetings with Mr. Callahan, and Transit executives and in fact, also WAPSO…representative of WAPSO. Very, very good meetings and we're moving forward very, very quickly for the establishment of the Transit Advisory Committee. And that committee will have a focus on transit safety. Also in that report, there were referrals to the 2018 budget for additional FTs for security purposes. So it's a very, very good report and I think just to avoid confusion in the minds of the public, that instead of having two separate processes going through Council, that we simply receive the motion as information. I know Councillor Browaty expressed concerns that the TAC might somehow not consider the items in this motion once it's formulated. I don't really see that as a concern. The TAC will be able to consider any issue and certainly Councillor Browaty or anyone else will be able to contact various members of the TAC to express their concerns. So I don't think anything is lost by receiving this motion as information. So that's why I wouldn't move that, this Item No. 1, Transit Safety, simply be received as information. I concur with my colleague Councillor Mayes completely. This should not be, or cannot be construed as somehow being against transit safety it's just that I think we're clarifying the process and going forward based on a natural administrative report. So that will be my submission and my motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll vote on the Motion No. 7 now. All in favour? Okay, call for recorded vote. All in favour of Motion 7, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer and 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: Motion 7 is lost. Moving on now, yeah…moving on to Item 1, the main item. Call for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise. Well, did you call for a recorded vote? So, all in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed…or pardon me.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 9, Nays 7.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 Passes. Okay, So Now We Will Have Question Period. Okay, sorry, it's been a long day, just a moment. Item 3, yes.

Item 3 – Review of a Reduced Speed School Zones By-law No. 76/2014

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I will wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Yes, I would like to thank members of the EPC and the Mayor for keeping this motion alive and directing it to the Winnipeg Public Service. The purpose of the 30 kilometres school zone is to protect the children as they go to and from school. The reason that they are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. is because that is the time the children could be going to and from school. Children do not go to school on holidays and during spring and Christmas breaks, ticketing people during these times goes against the spirit of why the speed reductions were put there in the first place. Other jurisdictions, such as BC and many parts of Alberta use the word "school days". This prevents ticketing on holidays and perhaps that should be considered by the public service when looking at this motion. Thank you.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I think we can just proceed with the vote for the referral for the report.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, now we'll have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Morantz?

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gilroy: Yes I'd like…if he can tell us a little bit about the interactive map.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for the question through you Madam Speaker. Yes, last week, the City of Winnipeg unveiled an innovative web page which is in line with, really, the work that we've been doing to try and create a flow of information to the public. I've always been a great believer, Madam Speaker, that the more information that the public has, the happier they are and the more empowered that they feel, and that's really been the focus of, I think, this council. And this is just one more piece of that puzzle. And what it does, Madam Speaker, is…and just to back up for a second, one of the reasons that this initiative came forward is really because of the size of our roads program. It's really been a remarkable feat of this council. It's something for all of us to be proud of, $103 million in 2015, $105 million in '16, $105 million in '17. It's a tremendous accomplishment, $313 million spent on our roads in the past two and a half years or currently being spent, but one of the side effects, if you will, of that is that there is way more construction out there than there used to be, and our construction seasons are short because of our seasons. We tried to create this tool where citizens can, and we did create it, where citizens can go on-line, see every

single construction project that's ongoing, click on it, get real time information on that project including, for example, what percentage completion rate it's at. Is it at 5 percent or is it at 95 percent. So it's a really great tool and it's one of the things that I think is important information along with the Waze App and all the technology that we're now utilizing to put information in commuters' hands, in businesses' hands, in cyclists' hands, and commuters' hands generally so that they will know when they're planning their daily commute or wherever they happen to be going, they can actually see in real time where the construction zones are and plan accordingly, so it's a great tool. I was very happy to bring it forward and again, it's just one more piece of the puzzle in getting things, this council getting things done for Winnipeggers. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, I just want to draw your attention now to Motion No. 1, it got lost on my desk here. It's a motion moved by Councillor Morantz, seconded by Councillor Gerbasi regarding public transit. So that will be an automatic referral, I just didn't mention it earlier so I will do that at this time, an automatic referral to the committee. Okay. All right, moving on to the next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. Councillor Gillingham on the report dated June 8th, 2017.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Morantz,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS many members of Council have been involved in significant meetings, discussions, and workshops related to the principles of effective transit as communicated by consultant Jarrett Walker and as described in the his book "Human Transit: How clearer thinking about public transit can enrich our communities and our lives";

AND WHEREAS encouraging people to choose to use Transit for more of their personal transportation needs will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from residential vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the best way to improve transit riders' experience and to increase ridership is to provide Transit service with routes that are simple and easy to understand, with service that is frequent, and within a network that provides good connections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as part of the Transit Strategic Service Plan, Winnipeg Transit consider a proposed network of bus routes to provide frequent service that is integrated with Rapid Transit planning.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
DATED JUNE 8, 2017

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

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour of Items 1 and 2? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we have no motions, no by-laws, we'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Dobson.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to ask the Chair of Finance if he feels that it is right for each councillor to discuss our budget thoughts for the City to the Chair when he knows that many councillors are not privy to each department's wants, needs, risks and opportunities. Only a select few that are on the Budget Working Group have meetings with the departments. Providing our views without a solid understanding of each department's issues and letting the Chair of Finance make decisions in the draft budget based on our views and on our behalf would be very similar to giving the Chair a proxy vote. I wasn't elected to do that. If you want any discussion with me on the

draft budget and the future of our city, then you'll have to wait until all Council is involved in the draft budget meetings with each department so that all councillors can understand the wants, the needs, the risks and the opportunities that each department has. So I ask the question again, do you feel it's right for each councillor to discuss our budget thoughts with the Finance Chair when we are not privy to each department's issues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, through you, I thank the Councillor for his question. I did indicate that I had the privilege, and I thank the Mayor for entrusting me with this role and I appreciate his support that he's given since taking on this role back in November, and in passing our last budget, I said one of my commitments to my (inaudible) is to have earlier consultation with the public. We've done that, and also to have earlier and more robust consultation with my councillor colleagues and Madam Speaker, I'm glad to say that a lot of my council colleagues, in fact, the vast majority of my council colleagues and I have had discussions. It's been good to meet with each one. I know there's a couple more that are scheduled. I've tried to schedule with Councillor Dobson but to this point have not been successful. Perhaps, I don't know, I still extend that to him, would like to meet with him and hear from him, and this is the stage in the process, the budget process that I'm at, is really continuing to hear from councillor colleagues so that when the discussions go on in the coming months as far as the budget process, the input of Councillors that are elected by the citizens of Winnipeg can be put into and brought to bear on the budget process. I've, in fact, I would invite in his ongoing conversations with different members of departments to hear from them, to talk to them to get a sense from them also directly what their needs and priorities are. There's nothing stopping any council member from having those kinds of discussions with members of our department. I would say this, and I think it's important, I appreciate that I've heard from many of my councillor colleagues already because that gives indication that they, as they represent the constituents that they were elected by, are giving voice to what is a priority for them from a City-wide perspective in their roles and then also to talk about how City-wide decisions impact their local wards as well, and it's important for me to hear from everybody in every ward, otherwise it's a sense that maybe some wards are being left out when they don't communicate so I would strongly encourage with respect my councillor colleague, Councillor Dobson whose ward is just west of mine and adjacent to mine, to meet and then we can discuss matters. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Dobson, second question.

Councillor Dobson: Yes, based on that response, if I go ask each department their wants, their needs, their risks et cetera, can I expect an answer from the departments or is that restricted to budget group?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham?

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. Thank you, through you to the Councillor, thank you for his question. In the two years that I was not on EPC and the time I'm on EPC, I'm still able to discuss, have discussions with, reach out to when reasonable, members of our Public Service and they respond. I find that they respond and they did two years ago. They still do. So I think those kinds of conversations can happen and I would encourage the Councillor to have those discussions. I think, too, if we look at…if…for each one of us, if we look at the previous budgets and the current budget book that we have, we see, for example, in our Capital Budget, we see projections. We're required to produce five-year kind of projections forward of what the Capital needs may be. It's very clear, I believe, to get a real sense of what each department's priorities are by just going through the Capital Budget book and taking a look at, you know, in a department, what are their 18, what are their 19, what are their 20. What are some of the priorities that they're looking at at out-years, and I think that would be a good place to start, but I'd encourage the Councillor, if he has more questions I'd be glad to talk to him any time after this meeting as well. My door is always open.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity, I guess it feels like a lifetime ago, a few months ago, to participate in one of the budget consultation meetings that took place in northeast Winnipeg. The one that I think was ear-marked for our area was the consultation that took place at the Henderson Library. I think Councillor Browaty was at it as well. And so, I'm just curious in terms of, I understand those consultations wrapped up and how are the results of the consultations?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Through you Madam Speaker to the Councillor, thank you for his question. Yes the consultations have wrapped up and I've asked that the results of those, I've asked the department…the Office of Public Engagement to ensure that they produce a report that all Councillors can get, and it will be a public report to that speaks

to the results and gives the results of the public consultations so I believe that's forthcoming in the not too distant future. I don't have a date but I've asked that it be as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? No. Seeing none, we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED MAY 29, 2017**

Councillor Mayes: I'll move the report dated May 29th, Items 1 and 2 inclusive.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Leachate Acceptance from RM of St. Clements at the North End Sewage Treatment Plant

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'm anxious to hear what councillors have to say.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, reading the report last night, I was interested and struck by a comment in the report and I stood it down for that reason. Council's service sharing agreement on November 22nd, 2002, is not applicable to a transaction of this nature and then, it stops there. There's nothing else. So maybe I don't know, if…to be fair to the councillor, he may not have the answer to this, but why is it not typically anything that has to do with any kind of service that we're providing to another municipality, especially when it comes to the four levels of municipal services; roads, water, sanitary, and…roads, water, sanitary, land drainage typically are subject to some sort of service agreement…service sharing agreement, where we either benefit from the revenues or there is an extra premium paid because they're clearly being able to develop. We have done that with West St. Paul, I understand we're in negotiation now with the RM of St. Andrews though that hasn't been publically confirmed. Could you…is there any reason why this would be not be subject to the service sharing agreement policy of 2012? Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, yeah, we'll do the rest of the speakers first. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to quickly speak to this. I'm not sure if Councillor Wyatt is referring to the agreements in meeting certain principles. If it is, the principles in which we make agreements to provide service to other municipalities outside. When that was formulated, the policy in regards to input and aspects of development in that sort of thing, Madam Speaker, the actual principles were not designed appropriately to accommodate various different kinds of agreements that might happen. And if that's what it is, we vetted through this report quite extensively at standing committee, and I stand in support of it. I think that it makes sense moving forward in terms of supplying this service for the RM of St. Clement.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close? No. Call the question. All in favour of Item 2? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions and no by-laws. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Seeing none, moving to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation, Councillor Gilroy on the report dated May 26th, 2017.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
DATED MAY 26, 2017**

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move Items 1 through 3 inclusive.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Morantz, will you move that we adjourn today?

Councillor Morantz: I will move adjournment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 5:36 p.m.