EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 427
Councillor Eadie referred to the Charlie Krupp stadium, home of the North Winnipeg Nomads and the recent reports of potential relocation, and asked if prevention is more important than response in terms of trying to ensure people are redirected to better lives; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he was fully supportive of the Community Policing Model and the Strategic Plan of the Winnipeg Police Board.

Councillor Eadie inquired if there were more goals to be met within the Strategic Plan other than just the efficiency clause about keeping to inflation; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman reiterated he was fully supportive of the Plan.

Councillor Wyatt referred to reports of financial cut backs to the City of Winnipeg by the Province of Manitoba and asked if there was anything Council could do to assist the Mayor in responding to them; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he would welcome further discussions on the matter, including input from committees on which Councillors serve.

Councillor Wyatt inquired if any consideration had been given to creating a method to provide feedback to the Province; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he would take that under advisement.

Councillor Wyatt asked if the Mayor was aware that a formal method would be crucial in this regard; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he believed all Members of Council could work together collaboratively.

Councillor Browaty asked for an update on the opening of Portage Avenue and Main Street; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that he did not have an update at this time.

Councillor Browaty reiterated the question and asked for a time line for the administrative report on the issue; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he did not know when the report would be ready, however, it would be brought to Council's attention as soon as possible.

Councillor Schreyer inquired about a recipient of the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award and whether the recipient could have his picture taken with the Mayor and Councillor Schreyer; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied in the affirmative.

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Councillor Eadie inquired about the waiving of frontage levy fees for not-for-profit cemeteries and asked if the consultations were enough for Council to make a decision; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied if the Councillor had concern about the manner in which the Office of Public Engagement was undertaking its work, and if he could be of assistance, he would be happy to assist and work collaboratively with them.

Councillor Eadie asked if the Mayor was aware that it was only the Assessment and Taxation Department who held consultations with the not-for-profit cemeteries; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he was not aware of the details of this specific matter.

Councillor Eadie inquired if the Mayor would meet with the managers of the not-for-profit cemeteries; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied he would meet with Councillor Eadie to learn more of his specific concerns.

Councillor Lukes asked for an update on the Build Winnipeg Partnership Task Force that was announced in 2015, to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that more information was expected in the coming weeks.

Councillor Lukes asked if information sessions related to the prioritization of infrastructure projects would be held; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman encouraged Councillor Lukes to discuss specifics with Councillor Pagtakhan and Georges Chartier.

Councillor Browaty cited the importance of the transportation districts contained in the report on the reopening of Portage Avenue and Main Street and asked if the City of Winnipeg would be willing to share; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied the report would be shared with Council in due course.

Councillor Browaty asked for an update on the negotiations between the City of Winnipeg and the property owners at Portage Avenue and Main Street, including any concessions and investments the owners were looking for; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that professional and collaborative discussions were on-going.

Councillor Browaty inquired if any of the discussions with property owners had included public investment in the underground as well as at grade level; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Wyatt asked if an update was available regarding recent meetings the Mayor had in Ottawa regarding funding by the Government of Canada for infrastructure programs; to which

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His Worship Mayor Bowman replied that the City of Winnipeg was working diligently with the other Big City Mayors and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to get as much funding as possible.

Councillor Wyatt advised that the Province of Manitoba had not moved quickly enough on the Health Accord and asked if a plan to communicate the importance of the financial support had been presented to the Province; to which His Worship Mayor Bowman advised he had communicated this to the Premier's Office.