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MADAM SPEAKER: MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

CITY CLERK: YES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE QUORUM

MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL FOR OCTOBER 25, 2017, TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ON TREATY ONE LAND, THE TRADITIONAL HOME LAND OF THE MÉTIS NATION. WE WILL NOW HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. WOULD ALL THOSE ON THE FLOOR AND IN THE GALLERY PLEASE RISE AND WE WILL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR MORANTZ

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND I AM HONOURED TO BRING THE OPENING PRAYER THIS MORNING. AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY AS MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL, WE SEEK TO BE EVER MINDFUL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RENDER OUR SERVICES TO FELLOW CITIZENS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY. KEEPING IN MIND ALWAYS THE ENDURING VALUES OF LIFE AND EXERTING OUR EFFORTS IN THOSE AREAS AND ON THOSE THINGS UPON WHICH FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN BUILD WITH CONFIDENCE. WE RECOGNIZE WE ARE ON TREATY ONE LAND THE TRADITIONAL HOMELAND OF THE MÉTIS NATION. LET US STRIVE TO ACT WITH WISDOM AND IN FAIRNESS AS WE MAKE LAWS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR CITIZENS. LET'S CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD. THANK YOU

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MORANTZ. ROLL CALL, MR. CLERK

CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA. HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN. COUNCILLORS ALLARD, BROWATY, DOBSON, EADIE, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN AND COUNCILLOR SCHREYER

MADAM SPEAKER: IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE I WELCOME OUR PAGES AT THIS TIME. WITH THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WE REACHED OUT TO HIGH SCHOOLS ABOUT OUR PAGE PROGRAM ONCE AGAIN, LOOKING TO ENGAGE BRIGHT, YOUNG WINNIPEGERS TO ASSIST COUNCIL DURING THEIR MEETINGS. THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE FIVE PAGES SHARING DUTIES FROM FIVE DIFFERENT WARDS ACROSS THE CITY. WE HAVE FIRST, TWO FIRST TIME PAGES WITH US TODAY. PLEASE WELCOME ANAK AKEEN WHO ATTENDS GORDON BELL HIGH SCHOOL (applause) SHE RESIDES IN THE DANIEL McINTYRE WARD AND ANNA KOZAK, IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD WHO ATTENDS OAK PARK HIGH

SCHOOL (applause) AND RESIDES IN THE CHARLESWOOD-TUXEDO-WHYTE RIDGE WARD. THANK YOU BOTH FOR JOINING US AND FOR SERVING COUNCIL TODAY. THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MAKE THIS MORNING

MAYOR BOWMAN: I DO. AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES AND GOOD MORNING TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED US IN PERSON AND THAT ARE FOLLOWING ON LINE AND ON TELEVISION. I DO HAVE A FEW BRIEF REMARKS. MADAM SPEAKER, I WANT TO FIRST JUST BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING MAYOR NENSHI, THE MAYOR OF CALGARY AND MAYOR DON IVERSON, THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON AND MAYOR TARA VEER, THE MAYOR OF RED DEER ON THEIR REELECTIONS THIS MONTH. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ALL THREE AND I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THEM. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MANY, MANY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON A BALLOT AS PART OF ALBERTA'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. I ALSO WANT TO WISH MAYOR VEER ALL THE BEST AS RED DEER HOSTS THE CANADA WINTER GAMES. I REALIZE I'M A LITTLE BIASED ON THIS BUT I THINK WINNIPEG WILL BE A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW BUT I WISH THEM ALL THE BEST AND I'M SURE THEY WILL DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY RECENTLY FOR THE NEW CHAIR OF THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MISS JOHANNA HURME. AS A PAST CHAIR MYSELF I KNOW THE PRESSURES OF THAT POST AND I BELIEVE JOHANNA IS VERY WELL PLACED TO BRING A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MR. WADOOD IBRAHIM FOR HIS SERVICE DURING HIS SERVICE AS CHAIR AND SPEAKING OF THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE I ALSO WANT TO THANK THAT ORGANIZATION FOR HOSTING THE THIRD SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT. THIS HAS BEEN A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES TO ENGAGE WITH THE CITY ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES SUCH AS APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESSES FOR PERMITS, IDENTIFYING WAYS TO REDUCE RED TAPE, AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING OUTDATED BYLAWS AND FINDING WAYS THAT THE CITY CAN OPERATE MORE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. AND I TRULY APPRECIATE THE INPUT I HAVE RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMIT TO DATE AND ALSO DO APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MAKING THESE SMALL BUSINESS SUMMITS SUCH A SUCCESS. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE. SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS WERE THERE IN FULL FORCE AND WERE VERY MUCH A PART OF THE DISCUSSION DIRECTLY WITH SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND OPERATORS IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND I THINK IF YOU SPEAK WITH FOLKS WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE, IT WAS A VERY POSITIVE AND COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION. MADAM SPEAKER, I WANT TO OFFER CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED AND HELPED TO ORGANIZE THE 6TH ANNUAL WINNIPEG FIRE AND PARAMEDIC SERVICE HALF MARATHON. THIS IS A

VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION. RAISED OVER $250,000 OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS IT'S THE 2ND LARGEST RUN THAT IS HOSTED IN WINNIPEG EVERY YEAR NOW. ONLY SHORT OF THE MANITOBA MARATHON. SO, TREMENDOUS -- TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT WORK AND GREAT WORK FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED. EARLIER THIS MONTH, I ALSO WANT TO UPDATE YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I MET WITH THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO WINNIPEG'S FIRST EVER INDIGENOUS ACCORD. THIS WAS FIT IF I FACE-TO-FACE MEET

THAT BROUGHT OWL CURRENT SIGNATORIES TOGETHER TO LEARN AND SHARE THE MANY GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS THAT THEY HAVE EACH SET OUT FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS OR FOR SOME AS INDIVIDUALS, IN RESPONDING TO THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION CALLS TO ACTION. IT WAS HEART WARMING, BACK IN JUNE, TO HAVE SIGNED THE ACCORD TOGETHER WITH SO MANY PEOPLE, SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS FROM ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUE FORCE THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE THAT WE ARE HELPING LEAD. IT WAS EVEN MORE HEART WARMING AND ENCOURAGING, TO LEARN HOW MUCH EACH OF THE SIGNATORIES IS DOING TO MOVE US FORWARD IN OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS RECONCILIATION. MADAM SPEAKER, I CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS FROM ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY, TO JOIN US AS PARTNERS TO WINNIPEG'S INDIGENOUS ACCORD. EACH OF US CAN BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND REBUILDING THAT MUTUAL TRUST THAT WE HAVE LOST OVER THE YEARS. AND WHEN WE DO, EACH OF US FINDS AND RECOVERS OUR PIECE OF THE CANADIAN STORY. A STORY OF PEACE AND PARTNERSHIP THAT THE TREATIES BEGAN TO TELL SO MANY YEARS AGO. ON A LIGHTER NOTE, NEXT WEEK IS HALLOWEEN AND I HOPE EVERYONE HERE AND WATCHING, HAS AN ENJOYABLE AND A SAFE HALLOWEEN. THIS YEAR I PLAN TO GIVE OUT BROCCOLI AND CARROTS RATHER THAN CANDY BARS AND BONS. OF COURSE I'M KIDDING. I WANT TO WISH EVERYBODY ALL THE VERY BEST AND A HAPPY HALLOWEEN, MERCI, MIIGWICH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE NOW HAVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE MOTION FOR COUNCILLOR WYATT. MR. CLERK, WOULD YOU READ THAT INTO THE RECORD PLEASE

CLERK: MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY AND SECONDED BY THAT COUNCILLOR WYATT BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. COUNCILLOR MAYES WILL YOU MOVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED

COUNCILLOR MAYES: SO MOVED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. WE WILL NOW MOVE INTO DELEGATIONS. FIRST UP IS MS. JOHANNA HURME AND FOLLOWING THAT, WE WILL HEAR FROM MR. GARTH STEEK, IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD. MS. JOHANNA HURME IS ON BEHALF OF 5468796 ARCHETECTURE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER SIX OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 18TH 2017 REGARDING PORTAGE AND MAIN INTERSECTION. IMPLEMENTATION OF A PHASED APPROACH FOR PORTAGE AND MAIN.

JOHANNA HURME: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. I'M JOHANNA HURME AND I HOPE YOU EXCUSE ME FOR THE LENGTHY INTRODUCTION BUT IF EVER THERE WAS AN ISSUE THAT I FEEL QUALIFIED TO SPEAK TO, OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN MAY BE THE ONE FOR THE FOLLOW REASONS. I AM AN ARCHITECT, URBANIST AND THE CHAIR OF THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE AS YOU HEARD. I HAVE BEEN A DOWNTOWN RESIDENT FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS. I HAVE RUN A BUSINESS HERE IN THE DOWNTOWN FOR THE PAST TEN. I AM ON THE COUNCIL OF THE MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF ABILITIES. FELLOW OF THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE AND MEMBER OF THE VAN ALEN INSTITUTE, AN INTERNATIONAL THINK TANK ON URBAN ISSUES AND FOUNDER AND CHAIR OF THE DESIGN QUARTER WINNIPEG A MEMBER BASED WALKABLE DESTINATION BETWEEN THE DOWNTOWN, THE FORKS AND THE EXCHANGE, HELPING GRASS ROOTS LOCAL BUSINESS AND I AM ON THE RAIL SIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE 14-ACRE MASTER PLAN CURRENTLY UNDER WAY AT THE FORKS. I'M A PAST MEMBER THE URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE.... INCLUDING. I AM ALSO A TWICE OVER COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER OBJECT BOTH SIDES OF THIS IMPORTANT INTERSECTION. I AM A PEDESTRIAN, I AM A CYCLIST AND I AM A DRIVER. SO LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT I AM HERE TO SPEAK TO THE WIN/WIN SCENARIO THAT OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN REPRESENTS TO ALL OF US. I FIND IT UNFORTUNATE THAT THE DISCUSSION AND THE WAY THAT THE QUESTION HAS BEEN FRAMED TO DATE IS SO POLARIZING TO WINNIPEGERS. WHAT IN MY MIND HAS BEEN MISSING FROM THE CONVERSATION IS THE LONG TIME POSITIVE IMPACT THAT BOTH THE DRIVERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO CROSS THE INTERSECTION BE OFFERED MODES WILL SEE AS A RESULT. WE FAILED TO SPEAK TO THE LONG TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF INVESTING INTO WALKABILITY THAT WILL BENEFIT JOE DRIVING FROM NORTH KILDONAN OR SUE FROM CHARLESWOOD AND I THINK IF WE TAKE THIS MESSAGE BACK TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS, MR. BROWATY, WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE THE SHIFT. MUMFORD STAYED TRYING TO SOLVE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEM BY BUILDING MORE ROAD IS LIKE TRYING TO SOLVE OBESITY BY LOOSENING YOUR BELT. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE. I RECOGNIZE JOE FROM NORTH KILDONAN DEPENDS ON HIS CAR AND WHILE INVESTING INTO WALKABILITY AND CONNECTIVITY IN OUR CORE WILL NOT GET JOE TO DRIVE LESS. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO. IT WILL CONVINCE PEOPLE LIKE ME OR SALLY FROM RIVER HEIGHTS OR OTHER PEOPLE ON THE TIPPING POINT, TO TAKE THEIR CAR LESS, CHOOSE WALKING OR BIKING MORE OFTEN. AND GUESS WHAT, THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE MORE ROAD AVAILABLE FOR JOE, MORE PARKING STALLS FOR HIS USE. JOE DOESN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE WALKING TO BENEFIT FROM THE DECISIONS OF OTHERS WHO WILL. SO THE HIGHLIGHT AT THIS POINT IS 2 PERCENT OF WINNIPEGERS CHOSE ALTERNATE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, CUT OUT ONE CAR AND THAT MEANS 15,000 LESS CARS ON THE ROAD AND WHEN THE AVERAGE NORTH AMERICAN SPEND $8,500 A YEAR IN THEIR CAR OR ON THEIR CAR, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WOULD BE SPENT INVESTED BACK INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY IS OVER A HUNDRED $27 MILLION A YEAR. AND THAT IS JUST PERSONAL MONEY. NEVER MIND THE SAVINGS ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COST. FOR EVERY DOLLAR WE PERSONALLY INVEST IN WALKING, THE PUBLIC PAYS ONLY 1 CENT. FOR EVERY DOLLAR WE PERSONALLY INVEST IN DRIVING, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COST ON THE PUBLIC WALLET IS $9.2. THE ECONOMIC CASE FOR WALKABILITY IS INDISPUTABLE. A QUICK COMPARISON. MY HOMETOWN IN FINLAND ALSO A WINTER CITY HAS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME POPULATION AS WINNIPEG. BUT IT'S PHYSICAL FOOTPRINT IS HALF THE SIZE OF WINNIPEG AND ITS DOWNTOWN IS SIX TIMES DENSER THAN WINNIPEG. SO IT'S A OUR HE CITY'S PHYSICAL SIZE AND POWER DEPEND -- -- CAR DEPENDENCY THAT IS THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM. THE STATUS QUO IS IN THE A VIABLE MODEL. THE SMART INVESTMENT WITH THE BIGGEST ROI MUST INVOLVE PLANNING FOR A CONNECTED CITY SO WE CAN AFFORD TO FIX AND MAINTAIN THE ROADS

WE ALREADY HAVE. AND SO THAT WE CAN FIND THE 2 PERCENT OF WINNIPEGER WHOSE CHOOSE ALTERNATE MODES. INVESTING IN THE PUBLIC COMPACT -- OR BUILDING A PUBLIC COMPACT WALKABLE CITY FREES MORE ROAD FOR JOE BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE SAVINGS WE WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN AS A RESULT, WE CAN AFFORD TO FIX THE POTHOLES PROPERLY ON THE ROADS THAT ALREADY EXIST. WHEN YOU ASK DRIVERS IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INCONVENIENT BY A MINUTE OR LONGER ON THEIR DAILY COMMUNITY, THE ANSWER OF COURSE WILL BE NO. IF YOU ASK IF THE BUS TRANSIT UNION, IF THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR JOB TO TAKE LONGER, THE ANSWER IS OF COURSE GOING TO BE NO. BUT IF YOU ASK IF WINNIPEGERS WOULD LIKE TO, IN THE LONG TERM, LIVE IN AN INTELLIGENT, SMART CITY WITH LESS OTHER CARS ON THE ROAD, IN A CITY THAT CAN AFFORD TO FIX ITS POTHOLE PROBLEM FOR GOOD AND HAS A VIBRANT DRIVING DOWNTOWN WITH ENORMOUS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, THE ANSWER, I'M PRETTY SURE, WILL BE YES. NO CITY IN THE WORLD DEFINES SUCCESS BASED ON HOW FAST THE TRAFFIC DRIVES THROUGH IT. BUT, RATHER, ON HOW MUCH TIME ITS CITIZENS AND VISITORS WANT TO SPEND IN IT. WALKABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES FROM RAIL SIDE TO ST. BONIFACE TO THE EXCHANGE IN DOWNTOWN MADE FOR PEOPLE GENERATE TOURIST DOLLARS, ATTRACT BUSINESSES TO A CITY AND CUSTOMERS TO A BUSINESS. AS PAUL JORDAN PUTS IT CONNECTIVITY WORKS AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY WORK FOR THE 1500 NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND THEIR OKAY PANTS AT RAIL SIDE THROUGH PORTAGE AND MAIN AND ON TO THE EXCHANGE. AND WALK SOMETHING A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AS A WHOLE AND THAT IMPROVES WALKABILITY PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO ACCESSIBILITY AND COST DATA AND INCREASES COMMUNITY LIVEABILITY AND IMPROVES PUBLIC HEALTH AND SUPPORTS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAND USE AND EQUITY OBJECTIVES. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH HAS SHIFTED TO TRANSPORT AND WILL INCREASE ROAD SAFETY. THE NETHERLANDS HAS A HIGH LEVEL OF NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT AND YET THE CYCLIST DEATH RATE IS MUCH LOWER THAN IN MORE CAR DEPENDENT COUNTRIES. PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WALK ARE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE SPEND. WALKABILITY CAN AFFECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SEVERAL WAYS. THE STUDY FOUND STREET SCAPE THAT IMPROVES WALKING AND CYCLING CONDITIONS INCREASES PROPERTY VALUES AND RENT AND ATTRACTS NEW BUSINESSES AND INCREASES LOCAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND HE CONCLUDED THAT LARGE PORTION OF RETAIL EXPENDITURE COMES FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS AND WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM WALK PORE BICYCLE. IN CONTRAST TO CARPORT AND CUSTOMER WHOSE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE DRIVE THROUGH SHOPPERS. STUDIES FROM THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TORONTO'S BLOOR STREET INDICATE WALKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE IMPROVED ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE THAN EXPANDING SIDEWALKS, ADDING BICYCLE AND BUS LANES TENDS TO SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVEN IF TO REDUCES ON STREET PARKING. THESE DAYS, CITIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE TRIPPING OVER THEMSELVES TO ATTRACT YOUNG INKNOW HAVE A TORES, THE SO-CALLED CREATIVE CLASS THIS IS PLAYING OUT IN AMAZON'S SEARCH FOR A SECOND HEADQUARTERS BUT WHAT'S INTERESTING IS THAT AMAZON IS NOT JUST LOOKING FOR THE USUAL STUFF SUCH AS STACK SPRIGS BUT THEY PLACE A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON THE CITY'S WALKABILITY AND CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN LIVING SPACES BECAUSE IT KNOWS THAT IT CANNOT ATTRACT THE BEST EMPLOYEES WITHOUT A GREAT URBAN ENVIRONMENT. I HAVE WITNESSED THE POSITIVE CHANGE OF

OUR DOWNTOWN OVER THE PAST DECADE AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS DEBATE WE HAVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH US ON ALL FOUR CORNERS AND WILLING TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY TO MAINTAIN OUR PUBLIC ASSETS AND MAKE THE RIGHT INVESTMENT INTO THIS IMPORTANT INTERSECTION. THE ENTREPRENEURS OF TODAY AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT LARGE CAN RECOGNIZE A GOOD INVESTMENT WHEN THEY SEE ONE.
WE NEED THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIP. WE NEED TO CAPITALIZE ON THEIR INVESTMENTS AND WE NEED THEIR COLLABORATION. THIS ISN'T ABOUT PITTING DRIVERS AGAINST PEDESTRIANS, BUT RATHER, ABOUT ALL OF US BENEFITING FROM THE CHANGES THAT ARE FOLLOW. THIS IS ABOUT WINNIPEG AT ITS TIPPING POINT. COUNCILLORS, WHILE I FACE THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE, CHANGE IS SOMETIMES HARD BUT THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE TODAY WILL HAVE AN IMPACT THAT GOES MUCH BEYOND THE FOUR YEAR ELECTION CYCLE. THE SYMBOLIC WASTE OF PORTAGE AND MAIN NOT JUST ANY PART OF DOWNTOWN BUT THE EPICENTRE OF OUR CITY AND THE CENTRE OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY IS ENORMOUS. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE PERCEPTION THAT FORWARD THINKING IDEAS GO TO DIE AT CITY HALL AND SET A LONG TERM VISION FOR A PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE WINNIPEG. IT'S 2017. IT'S TIME. LET'S STAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I'LL ASK YOU IT REMAIN ON THE FLOOR AND WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS IN A FEW MINUTES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE IT REMIND THE PRESENTERS THAT WHEN YOU MAKE THE COMMENTS THEY SHOULD COME TO THE CHAIR AND NOT DIRECTED AT ANY ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO CALL FORWARD MS. ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL. YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND YOU ARE SPEAKING ON THE SAME TOPIC IN SUPPORT OF PORTAGE AND MAIN.

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: CORRECT. YOUR WORSHIP, MAYOR BOWMAN AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL. MY NAME IS OF ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL AND OUR COMPANY OWNS THE OFFICE BUILDING KNOWN AS 201 PORTAGE. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS ON TREATY ONE LAND. THE DANISH ARCHITECT JAN GEHL ONCE SAID SUCCESSFUL CITIES ARE WHERE PEOPLE STOP. NOT WHERE THEY JUST KEEP MOVING. CITY STREETS ARE PUBLIC SPACES WHERE CIVIC LIFE IS PLAYED OUT. THEY ARE WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, SHOP, WORK, AND WHERE PEOPLE SIT IN SIDEWALK CAFES. THEY ARE THE SITE OF SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND CHANCE ENCOUNTERS AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HEALTH OF A CITY DEPENDS ON STREETS THAT ALLOW BOTH MOVING AND LIVING. I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF MAKING THE INTERSECTION OF PORTAGE AND MAIN A PRIORITY OF. THIS INITIATIVE RECOMMENDED ENDORSES AND LEVERAGES THE CURRENT AND PLANNED INVESTMENT ALREADY BEING MADE BY PROPERTY OWNERS AT THE INTERSECTION TODAY. AS MENTIONED IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT, THE RICHARDSONS ARE PLANNING A MAJOR PLAZA UP GRADE. AND THERE ARE PLANS FOR A 400 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING. SORRY. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF AN IMMINENT BUILDING APPLICATION AT THIS INTERSECTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL HOTEL THERE ARE MANY CONCERNS, WE KNOW, TRAFFIC CONGESTION, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, ONGOING RETAIL VIABILITY UNDERGROUND AND SO YOU MAY ASK HOW DOES WINNIPEG WIN IN THIS PROPOSITION? YET, THESE CONCERNS HAVE ALL EXISTED

AND BEEN OVERCOME IN OTHER MAJOR CITIES. STATISTICS PROVE THEY SUPPORT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND EYES FOSTER SAFE PLACES AND WALKABLE ON GRADE CORRIDORS WHICH WE CAN CREATE FROM THE FORKS TO THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT WILL CREATE CONNECTIVITY IN A WAY THAT BINDS THESE COMMUNITIES. I HAVE LIVED IN WINNIPEG FOR OVER A THIRD OF MY LIFE. WHILE GROWING HE UP I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN PORTAGE AND MAIN WAS A PLACE OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND MOMENTOUS PUBLIC GATHERS AND THE FINANCIAL AND HEART OF THE CITY. WHEN OUR COMPANY BOUT 201 PORTAGE AND THE PARKADE AND THE GRAVEL PARKING LOT ON MAIN STREET, WE DID SO FOR THREE REASONS. NUMBER ONE, WE ARE AN OLD FAMILY-RUN PRAIRIE BASED REAL ESTATE COMPANY THAT BELIEVES IN CITY BUILDING. WE MANAGE AND OWN 7 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE AND RETAIL IN WESTERN CANADA AND WE BUY AND BUILD IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS WITH A LONG TERM VISION FOR CREATING VALUE AND IMPROVING THE LIVEABILITY OF CITIES WE INVEST N AS OWNERS OF 201 PORTAGE WE CARE ABOUT OUR TENANTS, THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND PROMOTING THEIR BUSINESS. WE FELT STRONGLY WE COULD BE A GOOD LANDLORD AND AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE DOWNTOWN AND TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. NUMBER TWO, WHILE THE BUILDING AND THE UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE HAD AGED SIGNIFICANTLY, WE WERE PREPARED TO MAKE MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS TO REVITALIZE THEM IN CONJUNCTION CAN OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE CITY. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THE OTHER STAKEHOLDERS SHARE A LONG HISTORY, A DEEP COMMITMENT, A LOVE FOR THEIR CITY AND A LOVE FOR PORTAGE AND MAIN. AND NUMBER THREE, WE BELIEVE THE MAYOR'S DECISION TO OPEN THE ICONIC PORTAGE AND MAIN INTERSECTION CREATED AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THE PIECE OF LAND WE WOULD OWN TO THE NORTH. IN FACT, WE HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ALSO PURCHASE THE HERITAGE BUILDING AT 436 MAIN AND THE LOT ON MCDERMID STREET. THIS PURCHASE WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. IN THE SPRING OF 2017 HARVARD DEVELOPMENTS EMBARKED ON A MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT AND RENOVATION OF THE CONCOURSE UNDER 201 PORTAGE. FEATURING AN OUTSTANDING LINE UP OF FOOD VENDORS, A SEATING LOUNGE AND STATE OF THE ART CONFERENCE CENTRE. OUR FUTURE RENOVATION PLANS INCLUDE THE MAIN FLOOR LOBBY ADDING RETAIL AND THE OUTDOOR COURTYARD. WHILE PORTAGE AND MAIN IS QUITE FAMOUS, TODAY IT FEELS COLD AND HARD WITH LITTLE REGARD FOR HUMAN SCALE AND HAS BLATANT DEAD ZONES AT THE BASE OF THE BUILDING WHICH FACE THE INTERSECTION. THE WHOLE SITUATION IS A BIT TRAGIC. BUT, PORTAGE AND MAIN IS REALLY THIS CITY'S DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH. IT'S JUST IN DIRE NEED OF BEING UNEARTHED AND POLISHED UP. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IT MAKES GOOD SENSE FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND ITS CITIZENS TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE THE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE CURRENTLY MAKING HERE. WE URGE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THIS IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MS HILL BLAISDELL.

>>MY FIRST QUESTION IS DIRECTED TO MS. HURME. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW ROLE AT THE CHAMBER. I AM EXCITED TO SEE WHAT YOU WILL BRING. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, YOU HAVE MENTIONED THAT THIS HAS BECOME A POLARIZING TOPIC AND YOU MENTIONED THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE SUBURBS ARE CHALLENGED BY THIS CONCEPT OF OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN. WHY DO YOU

THINK THAT WE HAVE NOT REACHED OUT AND HELD MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ON A BROADER LEVEL. WHY DO YOU THINK THAT'S IN THE OCCURRED HERE AT CITY HALL?

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: WELL OBVIOUSLY, I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE INTERNAL WORKINGS OF CITY HALL AND DON'T PRETEND TO HAVE EXPERTISE IN THAT. BUT WHAT I WOULD OFFER, I THINK IT'S TOUGH TO MAKE THAT CONNECTION FOR THE PUBLIC, FURTHER OUT, WHEN THEY DEPEND ON THEIR CARS TO DRIVE THROUGH THE CENTRE. I KNOW I'M NOT ANSWERING YOUR QUESTION, BUT REALLY, I THINK WHAT'S MISSING FROM THE CONVERSATION IS THE FACT THAT IF WE CAN CONVINCE SOME PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE WHEN MIGHT WALK AND BIKE, THAT THAT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE. I OFTEN TAKE A LOT OF TRIPS FROM THE EXCHANGE WHERE OUR OFFICE IS TO THE FORKS, FOR EXAMPLE, AND IF I WERE TO HAVE A BETTER CONNECTION, I WOULD CHOOSE THAT WALKING PATH MUCH MORE OFTEN THAN I DO CURRENTLY. AND IT'S THESE SMALL THINGS THAT MAKE ENOUGH OF A DIFFERENCE THAT WE CAN GET MORE CARS OFF THE ROAD AND THE GUYS AND GIRLS WHO DEPEND ON THEIR CARS TO GET AROUND, WILL HAVE MORE ROOM. AND I THINK THAT'S THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE. THAT IT WILL ACTUALLY BENEFIT EVERYONE. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO GET THAT COMMUNICATION ACROSS TO THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG. SO, THIS IS NOT ABOUT SOME WALKING OR CYCLIST LOBBY TRYING TO CRASH THE CAR OR GET THE CAR OFF THE ROAD. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. WE UNDERSTAND WE NEED TO DO A LOT MORE WORK IN OUR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM AND SO FORTH TO REALLY SUPPORT THAT WALKABILITY. BUT IT DOES START WITH SOMETHING AND I THINK THAT SOMETHING IS PORTAGE AND MAIN.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION COUNCILLOR.

>>YOU CITED MANY BENEFITS AND ONE OF THEM WAS ALLEVIATING TRAFFIC ON ROADS. YOU SAID MANY BENEFITS FOR CAR USERS AND ENAND MANY BENEFITS THAT COULD REACH THE SUBURBS. DO YOU THINK THAT MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION WITH ALL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG WITH SUBURBS AND CORE, WOULD HELP THIS CONVERSATION AND MAKE IT LESS POLARIZING?

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: OF COURSE. BUT THAT'S A LONG TERM DISCUSSION. IT DOES START WITH SOMETHING AND I THINK THAT WE CAN TAKE THE TIME TO CONNECT WITH WINNIPEGGERS ON MANY LEVELS AND IT'S -- THAT DISCUSSION WILL HAVE TO GO ON FOR YEARS I THINK. BUT, I THINK FOR US TO SEE THE ACTUAL RESULTS OF BENEFITS WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ISSUE AS WELL. AND I THINK WHAT'S MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE DOWNTOWN IS CHANGING. THERE ARE MORE RESIDENTS HERE AND MORE PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET ACROSS THE RAIL SIDES, DEVELOPMENT OF COURSE THAT I'M QUITE FAMILIAR WITH. IT WILL BRING RESIDENTS RIGHT UP ALMOST TO THE TIP OF PORTAGE AND MAIN AND CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE EXCHANGE AND ACROSS, WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THAT DEVELOPMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. AND THANKS VERY MUCH TO BOTH OF YOU FOR

COMING AND SHARING YOUR VIEWS HERE TODAY. IN MY SHORT TIME IN OFFICE, ONE THING I HAVE APPRECIATED IS THE DIALOGUE WITH BOTH OF YOU, ESPECIALLY THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT PORTAGE AND MAIN AND I'M WONDERING IF PERHAPS THERE CAN BE SOME COMMENTARY ON THE LEVEL OF DIALOGUE THAT IS PREDATED THIS NEW COUNCIL'S TERM IN OFFICE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS, BECAUSE I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY ROBUST DIALOGUE ON HOW WE COULD WORK COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER AND TODAY WHAT WE ARE VOTING FOR IS A WORKING GROUP WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS SOME MODEST INVESTMENTS IN CLEANING UP 40 YEARS OF NEGLECT THROUGH PUBLIC AMENITIES ON PUBLIC SPACE. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS NEED TO BE MADE RIGHT NOW UNDERGROUND AS YOU REFERENCED. I WONDER IF YOU CAN SPEAK ABOUT WHAT THOSE ARE, WHY THEY ARE NECESSARY, AND HOW A WORKING GROUP, AS WELL AS SOME MODEST INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SPACE CAN BE MADE BY THIS COUNCIL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: SO, PRIOR TO -- WELL, I WOULD SAY RIGHT FROM DAY ONE WHEN WE INVESTED IN THIS ASSET AND THE ADJACENT LAND, OUR FIRST STEP WAS TO ENGAGE A DISCUSSION WITH THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND SEEK TO UNDERSTAND THEIR LONG TERM OBJECTIVES AND THEIR WISHES FOR THEIR ASSETS MOVING FORWARD. AND THROUGH THAT PROCESS WE WERE ABLE TO REALIZE THAT WHILE EVERYBODY HAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES AND THE ASSETS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS, ALL WERE VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING THIS CORNER BECOME SOMETHING MORE THAN ICONIC, BUT ACTUALLY, A PLACE THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE ENTIRE CITY AND THEIR TENANTS, AND THAT THEY COULD BE PROUD OF AS A VITAL COMPONENT OF THEIR INVESTMENT IN THE CITY AND IN THIS CORNER. AND THROUGH THAT PROCESS WE CAME TOGETHER, WE HAD SOME MEETINGS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND WE AGREED THAT WE WILL SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT IN THAT REGARD, NOTWITHSTANDING THE CURRENT AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR 40 YEARS WHICH PROHIBIT PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. AND I THINK THAT THAT IS A STARTING POSITION FOR THE WHOLE GROUP. SO, UPON THAT AND PRIOR TO THAT, ALL THE INDIVIDUAL OWNERS HAD MADE SOME VERY SPECIFIC CAPITAL PLANS OF THEIR OWN. BUT, WANT BEING THE CITY TO BE A PARTNER IN THAT. ALL OF OUR PROPERTIES INTERFACE DIRECTLY UNDERGROUND AND ABOVE GROUND WITH CITY ASSETS. AND SO, REALLY WANTED IT TO BE A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IN THAT WAY. SO, UNDER OUR PROPERTY WE WERE IN DIRE NEED OF AN UPGRADE AND THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS OF THE BUILDING THAT NEED TO BE UPGRADED. WE MADE A DECISION THAT WE WOULD START RIGHT FROM THE PARKADE UNDERGROUND ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE SURFACE AND WE WOULD HAVE IT REDESIGNED, FRESHENED UP, CLEAN UP THE LEAKS, DO ALL THE WORK THAT WAS NECESSARY, AND PROVIDE AN AMENITY FOR THE CITIZENS THAT WORK AND PERHAPS, POSSIBLY WILL LIVE DOWNTOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION FROM THE FIRST PRESENTER IN REGARDS TO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, PEDESTRIAN,

CYCLING, MADAM SPEAKER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK HER THE QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER, SO WHY IS IT THAT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS SPENDING ALL OF ITS MONEY OR YEN TAITING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ON MCDERMID, BANNANTYNE, SMITH GARY AND FORT. WONDERING, WHY WOULD THE CITY SPEND ALL THAT MONEY FOR THOSE THINGS? WHY NOT JUST FOCUS IN ON PORTAGE AND MAIN AND BRINGING A-P THERE?

MADAM SPEAKER: MS. HURME.

JOHANNA HURME: WELL IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE QUESTION IS ADDRESSED TO ME.
PERHAPS WHY IS IT HE IS DOING WHAT IT'S DOING IS NOT MY POSITION TO SAY. I CAN COMMENT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF WALKABLE CITIES AND THE POINTS I MADE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IF WE WANT TO LOOK AT THAT FURTHER AND WHAT WALKABILITY AND CYCLABILITY -- WELL, THE CYCLING CONDITIONS, WHAT THEY BRING IN TERMS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAVINGS AND THE BURDEN ON THE ROADS. THAT CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF ALL OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS WILL LESSEN THE BURDEN ON THE ROADS THEMSELVES AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE COLLECTIVE BENEFIT LIES. AND WE DO NEED TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS LOOKING AT HOW WE GROW THE CITY. THE CITY IS GROWING AND WE NEED TO GROW THAT WITHIN ITS PERIMETER AND NOT TOWARDS THE OUTSKIRTS. SO THAT WOULD BE A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT SUSTAINABLE, ECONOMICALLY ENVIRONMENTALLY, SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE MODEL FOR THIS CITY AS WELL.

MADAM SPEAKER: 2ND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, TO THE WOMAN REPRESENTING THE DEVELOPMENTS 201 PORTAGE, MADAM SPEAKER. SO, IN TERMS OF PORTAGE AND MAIN AND THE ADJACENT STREETS, NOTRE DAME AND FORT AND PORTAGE AND OTHER SITES, THE QUICK QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MY QUESTION, REALLY, MADAM SPEAKER, IS WITH ALL THE DEVELOPMENT DOWN THERE AND TO SEEMS TO ME, MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN I COULD SEE AND USED TO CROSS THE INTERSECTION IN THE 70S, MADAM SPEAKER, MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DOWN THERE WERE FOR WORK PURPOSES. IS THAT WHAT THEY ARE FINDING AT 201 PORTAGE? IS THAT THE KIND -- IT'S PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING EVERY DAY NOT PEOPLE LIVING DOWNTOWN THAT ARE VISITING?

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: THANK YOU. I THINK TODAY, THE CONDITION EXISTS THAT IT'S PREDOMINANTLY A WORKFORCE ENVIRONMENT. ALTHOUGH, WITH ONE HOTEL THERE AND POTENTIALLY ANOTHER ONE COMING ALONG, PEOPLE ARE -- THERE IS A CONTINGENT OF PEOPLE LOOKING FOR ACTIVITY AND SOMETHING TO DO AFTER 5:00 O'CLOCK. OUR BUILDING HOUSES A GYM,

A GOOD LIFE FITNESS AND SO WE DO GET TRAFFIC FROM OUTSIDE OF JUST THE WORKFORCE ENVIRONMENT AFTER HOURS A LITTLE BIT. BUT FOR THE MOST PART, AT THIS STAGE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE DEALING WITH THE WORKFORCE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THIRD QUESTION, FINAL QUESTION, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: FOLLOW UP QUESTION. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE PEOPLE WORKING NOW GO? DO THEY VISIT RESTAURANTS AND BARS IN THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT?

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: MOST CERTAINLY THEY DO. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR CERTAINLY THEY WILL WALK IN THAT DIRECTION BECAUSE IT'S WALKABLE FROM 201 PORTAGE. BUT THOSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THOSE BARRIERS HAVE A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TIME MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH TO THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT TO FIND A RESTAURANT OR GRAB A COFFEE. SO IT'S -- IT DEFINITELY CREATES A PHYSICAL, OBVIOUSLY BUT ALSO A PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD. UNLESS THERE IS AN EXTENSION. FIVE MINUTES COUNCILLOR MAYES SEEING THERE ARE TWO MORE SPEAKERS. ALL IN FAVOUR OF AN EXTENSION. COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I HAD A COFFEE PARTY ON MONDAY AT A BIG SENIORS BUILDING. HIGHEST VOTER TURN OUT RATE IN THE CITY IN THE 2010 ELECTION. NOBODY THERE HAD A LONG IMPRESSIVE RESUME THAT I AM AWARE OF THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT. NO ONE CITED JANE JACOBS OR KIRKGUARD BUT THEY SPOKE TO ME ABOUT PORTAGE AND MAIN AND MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE TAKE THE BUS, THE NUMBER 16 AND NUMBER 16 IVAN LAKES TO GET HOME AND THE CONCERNS WERE ABOUT THE DELAYS AND THE STACKING EFFECT THAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU HAD A REOPENED RIGHT HAND TURN OFF OF PORTAGE ON TO MAIN, WITHOUT HAVING SOME PLANNING, YOU WILL HAVE NOT A 202ND OR 402ND DELAY THE FIRST BUS MIGHT FACE BUT WE HAVE SEEN THE MODELLING, THE BUSES START TO STACK UP AND BY 5:30 THEY ARE BADLY STACKED UP. DO YOU NOT THINK WE HAVE TO DO BETTER TRANSIT PLANNING. I DIDN'T SAY I WANT TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. I DIDN'T SAY NO, CHANGE IS HARD, WE WILL PUT THIS THROUGH. WOULDN'T YOU AGREE WE NEED BETTER TRANSIT PLANNING OR HOW WILL WE ENCOURAGE SENIORS AND WORKING PEOPLE TO TAKE THE BUS? WE WANT THEM TO TAKE THE BUS BUT OUR ADS WILL BE IT'S SLOWER, IT'S MUCH LESS RELIABLE AND WE WANT TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY.

>>I CAN APPRECIATE AGAIN, THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING THAT MESSAGE BACK TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND I KNOW YOU ARE NOT THE FAN, IT SOUNDS LIKE, OF GETTING QUOTES FROM THE WORLD. BUT, I THINK I HEARD MR. GEHL, AGAIN, ONE OF THE FOREMOST URBANISTS SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THIS ISSUE AND HE SAID THAT EVERY CITY IN THE WORLD BEGINS BY YES, BUT NOT HERE. AND EVERY CITY HE HAS WORKED IN, THAT'S THE SAME CONVERSATION. AND THEN THEY MAKE THE CHANGES AND SURE ENOUGH, PEDESTRIANS AND PEOPLE ON BUSES AND PEOPLE ON THEIR BIKES FOLLOW. AND, I'M SURE, I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE CITY, TRANSIT ENGINEERS ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE

OF COMING UP WITH A PLAN THAT WILL WORK, IF THEY ARE GIVEN THE DIRECTION AND THE VISION TO FOLLOW IT. THANK.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: WE WERE HERE LAST WEDNESDAY FOR EPC. WE HAD THE EXCHANGE BIZ, WE HAD THE DOWNTOWN BIZ, WE HAD THE CHAMBER TALK ABOUT UNANIMITY AND I GO TO THE ST. VITAL MEETING THE NEXT DAY, A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE AND THEY WERE UNANIMOUS, BUT IT WASN'T THE WAY THE DOWNTOWN BIZ WAS AND THEY WERE LOUD ABOUT NOT SUPPORTING THE REOPENING. YOU AGREE THERE IS IN THE UNANIMITY AMONG THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE POPULACE HERE. THE MAYOR'S APPROACH HERE TO TAKE A GRADUAL APPROACH TO DO TRAFFIC PLANNING MIGHT REFLECT THERE IS DIVISION IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, CITY WIDE AS WELL.

>>OF COURSE. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT MAKES DEMOCRACY WORK, THAT WE ARE NOT ALL CUT THE SAME. BUT, I WOULD OFFER THE -- THAT ACTUALLY, THERE HAS BEEN SEVERAL STUDIES DONE WHERE WE LOOK AT THE AMOUNT THAT A BUSINESS OWNER, RETAILERS OVERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CARS FOR THEIR BUSINESS AND THAT'S VERY POORLY, AGAIN, UNDERSTOOD. BUT THE STUDY AFTER STUDY SHOWS THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REDUCTION IN BUSINESS. IN FACT, IT'S IMPROVED WHEN WE HAVE MORE WALKING AND BIKING. THE TRIPS PER MONTH ARE MORE FREQUENT AND THEREFORE THE SPENDING IS MORE WHEN WE HAVE CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I FOUND AN INTERESTING REPORT BACK FROM THIS COUNCIL FROM JULY 10, 1991. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN TO PEDESTRIANS ON A TRIAL BASIS. THEY ESTIMATED THE PHYSICAL COST OF DOING SO WAS APPROXIMATELY $81,000. THEY HAD SUPPORT FROM THREE OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO DO IT ON A TRIAL BASIS. THERE WAS ONE THAT DIDN'T AGREE THAT OWNS 360 MAIN BUT THERE WAS A CAVEAT FROM THE TORONTO DOMINION BANK WHICH IS STILL A TENANT AT 201 PORTAGE. I'LL READ THE QUOTE. WHILE THE BANK IS NOT IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT THE INTERSECTION IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT THE BANK CONTRIBUTED TO THE CON CLUES AND RECEIVED COVENANTS FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. IF PEDAL CROSSINGS WERE REOPENED ON A PERMANENT BASIS AND FOUND THAT THE CONCOURSE OR THE CONCOURSE LEVEL BRANCH -- LEVEL BRANCH OF THE BRANCH WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE BANK TO REVIEW ITS ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION.... I WONDER IF YOU HAD ANY FEEDBACK FROM YOUR TENANT, THE TORONTO DOMINION BANK OR TD CANADA TRUST, ABOUT THEIR BRANCH THERE?

MADAM SPEAKER: BEFORE WE TAKE THE ANSWER, COUNCILLOR LUKES MOVED AN EXTENSION OF FIVE MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY, CARRIED.

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY DIRECT FEEDBACK. WELL, I SHOULDN'T SAY THAT. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH ALL OF OUR TENANTS ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE, AND WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY NEGATIVE COMMENTS FROM OUR TENANTS. OBVIOUSLY, CONCERN ABOUT WILL I STILL HAVE THE SAME TRAFFIC FLOW. BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY THE VALUE OF REINVESTMENT IN THEIR STORE FRONT IS FAR OUTWEIGHING THEIR CONCERN ABOUT TRAFFIC FLOW, BECAUSE, THE INVESTMENT WILL BRING MORE PEOPLE. AND, IN MANY OTHER CITIES THERE ARE MULTIPLE CORRIDORS OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ABOVE GROUND, BELOW GROUND, ON GRADE. THOSE CORRIDORS WORK IN A COMPLIMENTARY WAY TO PROVIDE MORE ACCESS. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MORE ACCESS.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: WHEN YOU HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR TENANTS WAS IT UNDERSTOOD THOSE INVESTMENTS WOULD BE DONE WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS OR WITH TENANT COSTS? >>I'M NOT SURE I'M CLEAR ON YOUR QUESTION BUT I'LL TAKE A STAB AT IT.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THE MOTION BEFORE US HAS THE CITY OF WINNIPEG INVESTING IN THE DOWNTOWN CONCOURSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR TENANTS.

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: CORRECT, CORRECT. THE WAY THAT OUR PORTION OF THE UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE IS STRUCTURED IS THAT WE HAVE OWNERSHIP UP TO THE DOUBLE DOORS AT THE END OF THE TD BANK AREA, TOWARDS THE PARKADE. AND YET THE TD BANK IS OUR TENANT. SO SPACE IN FRONT OF THE TD BANK IS OWNED BY THE CITY. THE NOTION WAS THAT IF WE WERE TO UNDERTAKE THE RENOVATION AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE UP FORTUNATE TO STOP IT AT THE DOUBLE DOORS AND NOT ALLOW THAT IMPROVED CONDITION TO CONTINUE IN FRONT OF OUR TENANT, THE TD BANK, BUT ALSO, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE IMPROVED PRICING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE BY DOING ALL THE WORK AT ONCE.

MADAM SPEAKER: FINAL QUESTIONS COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU. AS A BENEFACTOR OF THE ENACT YOU ARE CONNECTED TO THE CONCOURSE AREA, DO YOU PAY A COMMON AREA COST TOWARDS THE AREA OWNED BY THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY THAT GOING FORWARD RECOGNIZING YOU CAN CHARGE BETTER RENT TO YOUR TENANTS THROUGHOUT YOUR BUILDING?

ROSANNE HILL BLAISDELL: WE CERTAINLY PAY OUR TAXES IN A MAJOR WAY. AND WE DO A LOT OF THE MAINTENANCE IN THAT AREA NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THAT PORTION IS OWNED BY THE CITY. IF YOU'RE ASKING WHAT FURTHER INVESTMENT WE WOULD MAKE IN THE ACTUAL CIRCUS COMPONENT, THAT IS A QUESTION THAT HASN'T BEEN BROACHED AT THIS POINT IN TIME BUT I THINK ALL PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE AN INTEREST IN SEEING THAT UPGRADE OCCUR AND I THINK WE WOULD ALL BE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, GOING FORWARD.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION PERIOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS TODAY. NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM TWO DELEGATIONS WHO ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THE SAME ITEM. PORTAGE AND MAIN, FIRST UP IS MR. GARTH STEEK AND NEXT WE WILL HEAR FROM MR. EVERETT RUDOLPH IF YOU CAN COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME AS WELL. WELCOME MR. STEEK. YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

GARTH STEEK: GOOD MORNING. I WAS GOING TO SAY MR. MAYOR, I SEE HE SEEMS TO BE ABSENT. NEVERTHELESS, MR. MAYOR, MADAM SPEAKER, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL, MR. MCNEIL AND BUREAUCRATS. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY HOW IMPRESSED I WAS BY THE TWO PRESENTATIONS THAT I HEARD HERE FROM THE DELEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN. VERY ARTICULATE AND VERY, FRANKLY, I WOULD SUPPORT THEM 100 PERCENT, ASSUMING THERE IS NO COST TO THIS PROJECT. I THOUGHT IT WAS FASCINATING THAT NO ONE TALKED WITH THE COST OF THIS PROJECT. THE COST, I GATHER, FROM READING THE DILLON REPORT, IS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF $13 MILLION. AND I THINK SOMETHING THAT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND I AM LOOKING OVER AT COUNCILLOR MORANTZ THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH A BIDDING PROCESS. IF YOU READ THE DILLON REPORT THESE ARE CLASS FOUR ESTIMATES AND THAT MEANS THAT THESE ESTIMATES CAN GO UP AT LEAST ANOTHER 60 PERCENT. QUICK CALCULATION TELLS YOU THAT 11, 12, 13 MILLION BECOMES 18 MILLION. AND I AM WILLING TO BET YOU IF WE COME BACK ON THIS IN A YEAR'S TIME IT'S A $20 MILLION BURDEN. WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT, MADAM SPEAKER? CLEARLY THERE ARE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE WHO SEE IT AS A CRITICAL ISSUE. THROUGH YOU ONCE AGAIN, TO THE CHAIR OF FINANCE, I NOTICED THAT YOU WANT A FULL COSTINGS ON THIS THING BEFORE IT GOES FORWARD. WHY? BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN BESET BY COSTS OF HORRIFIC OVERRUNS ON PROJECTS. I THINK THE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELVES HERE TODAY, IF YOU WEREN'T A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, WOULD YOU SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE? THE MAYOR HAPPENS TO BE ABSENT BUT I WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD HIM FOR THE INITIATIVE. HE SAID LOOK, I'M HERE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THIS WAS A CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT. I RESPECT THAT. I HAPPEN TO VOTE FOR THE MAYOR BECAUSE OF HIS APPARENT COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY. WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT LATER: I BELIEVE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PORTAGE AND MAIN BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S DOWN. THIS IS A CITY BESET BY A HOST OF CRITICAL ISSUES. WHEN I LISTEN TO THE FORMER SPEAKERS THEY BOTH TALKED WITH FREQUENTLY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. THERE ARE TWO THINGS CERTAIN ABOUT WINNIPEG. WE HAVE THE WORLD'S LARGEST CANOPY OF ELMS AT 230,000, AND WE HAVE THE FASTEST RESPOND TIMES FROM FIRE AND PARAMEDICS IN UNDER FIVE MINUTES. EXTRAORDINARY. WE HAVE CURRENTLY, 7800 ELM TREES WAITING TO COME DOWN. THE HEAD OF FORESTRY WILL TELL YOU THAT THERE IS NO END IN SIGHT. THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, TO COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT AS AN ISSUE. WE CURRENTLY SPEND $4.6 MILLION. SHE SAID WE NEED DOUBLE THAT. SO, I WOULD SUGGEST BEFORE WE START OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN AND I AM WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN CAPITAL AND CURRENT BUDGET, WE GET OUT THERE AND START SPENDING DOUBLE ON MAINTAINING THAT CANOPY OF ELMS. A QUICK CALCULATION TELLS YOU

THAT IF WE ARE LOSING 8,000 ELM TREES A YEAR AND WE HAVE 230,000 OF THEM, AND IN 30 YEARS THEY ARE ALL GONE. I'LL BE 98 AND COUNCILLOR SCHREYER WILL PROBABLY STILL BE 40. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S CRITICAL TO THIS CITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE, HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHAT THEY PREFER TO SEE PRESERVED, THE CANOPY OF ELMS IN THIS CITY OR THE OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN? I TOOK A LOOK AT THE PARKS REPORT AND ASTONISHING. FULLY O 10 PERCENT OF PARKS ARE IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR. 40 PERCENT ARE RATED AS POOR. I LOOKED AT SOME INNER CITY PARK CONSTITUENTS. IT TAKES $2 MILLION TO REPAIR THE PARKS IN POINT DOUGLAS AND ANOTHER $2 MILLION TO REPAIR THEM IN DANIEL McINTYRE. WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO THOSE PEOPLE? THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT COME THE SUMMER MONTHS EVERYBODY GOES TO LAKE OF THE WOODS OR THE BEACHES. NOT SO PEOPLE STAY IN THIS CITY. THOSE AGING WADING POOLS, THOSE SPLASH PADS ARE CRITICAL IT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR INNER CITY PEOPLE WHY DON'T YOU KEEP THIS NUMBER IN MIND, $665,000. SAFETY. THE CORNERSTONE OF ANY PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY IS SAFETY. YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK I WENT TO THE MISSING AND MURDERED ABORIGINAL WOMENS INQUIRY. DISILLUSIONMENT, DISENFRANCHISEMENT, DESPERATION. HORRIFIC CRIMES. NOW, MANY OF YOU ARE GOING TO SAY THOSE CRIMES DIDN'T OCCUR IN WINNIPEG AND YOU ARE RIGHT, BUT A LOT OF THEM DID. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE PROGRAM IN THE CITY THAT NEEDS AUGMENTATION. THE SPECIAL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, THE SPECIAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 16 RESOURCE OFFICERS. EDMONTON HAS 25, CALGARY HAS 35. BEFORE WE START OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN, LET'S START LOOKING AT SOME OF THE MAJOR SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT THIS CITY HAS. NOW, MR. MAYOR, IF YOUR DAUGHTER WAS BEING LURED INTO PROSTITUTION, IF YOUR SON IS BEING HARASSED BY GANGS, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT? YOU WANT TO OPEN PORTAGE AND MAIN. REALLY? I DON'T THINK SO. I DON'T THINK SO. I SAID $665,000. WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT? I SEE COUNCILLOR GERBASI SMILING. THIS IS CRITICAL. WE ARE IN A SITUATION HERE WHERE I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT IT COST TO RESTORE ONE CITY BLOCK A HUNDRED METERS LONG. I PHONED THE CIVIC ADMINISTRATION. THE RESPONSE WAS "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW FOR? WHO ARE YOU? ARE YOU GETTING INTO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY?" I SAID FORGET IT. SO I PHONED DAVID BORGER AT LADCO AND HE GOT BACK TO ME ONE HOUR LATER. THE COST TO RESTORE ONE BLOCK, FULL RECONSTRUCTION, $665,000. WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT? WELL, THE MAYOR WHO SEES IT FIT TO TAKE SOME OF THE MONEY FROM YOUR ROAD REPAIR BUDGET AND USE IT AT PORTAGE AND MAIN. FAIR ENOUGH. FAIR ENOUGH. BUT, IF EACH ONE OF YOU DECIDED TO DO ONE LESS BLOCK IN YOUR WARD AND PUT $665,000 INTO THE REPARATION OF A PARK, WITHIN FOUR YEARS YOU WOULD HAVE THOSE PARKS RESTORED TO THE KIND OF VALUE THEY SHOULD BE. THIS COMES DOWN TO ONE THING. THE MAYOR SEES THIS AS A LEGACY PROJECT AND HE IS RIGHT. BUT, IT IS NOT A LEGACY WHOSE TIME IS NOW. THERE ARE FAR MORE CRUSHING CONSIDERATIONS. YOU KNOW, WHEN I LISTEN TO THE OTHER TWO SPEAKERS THEY SAID POINT BLANK, WE'RE GOING AHEAD WITH THESE IMPROVEMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY IS DOING THIS. WHEN MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE WANT SEE A FULL COSTING THE WAY COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM DOES THERE IS A REASON. TRAFFIC BACKUP. COUNCILLOR MAYES TALKS ABOUT BUSES. THIS IS NOT A SLAM DUNK. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE WHO BELIEVE IN THIS THING SHOULD BE

GOING OUT INTO THE QUADRANTS OF THE CITY AND HEARING FROM CONSTITUENTS. NO MATTER HOW YOU CUT IT, IT'S EXPENSIVE. THE CITY HAS A HORRIFIC HISTORY OF OVERRUNS. I'LL TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, IT WILL BE $20 MILLION BECAUSE OF THE UNFORESEEN VARIABLES THAT ARE THERE. IN THE END, WHAT'S THE LEGACY YOU WANT TO LEAVE? I BELIEVE THE LEGACY, FRANKLY, SHOULD BE THE SAFEST CITY, A LARGE CITY, IN THIS COUNTRY. IF NEW YORK CAN DO IT, WINNIPEG CAN DO IT. THERE ARE CONSIDERATIONS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO WINNIPEG. THEY HAVE TO BE TACKLED.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED.

GARTH STEEK: I WOULD SIMPLY REITERATE THAT BEFORE YOU JUMP TO CONCLUSION ON THIS THING, TALK TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS ON YOUR OWN WEB SITES, ASK THEM WHAT THEY WANT. DO THEY WANT TO SEE SPECIAL RESOURCE OFFICERS ENHANCED, ROLL MODELS, MENTORS AND PROTECTORS FOR KIDS IN THE INNER CITY OR DO THEY WANT TO SEE PORTAGE AND MAIN OPENED? DO THEY WANT TO SEE THE CANOPY OF ELMS PRESERVED OR SEE PORTAGE AND MAIN OPENED? DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE PARKS THAT YOUR KIDS GO TO ALL SUMMER LONG RESTORED AND PROPERLY MAINTAINED? IT'S ABOUT PRIORITIES. AS I SAID, MR. MAYOR IN YOUR ABSENCE, I RESPECT THE FACT THAT THIS IS A CRITICAL CONCERN FOR YOU. BUT I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO WANT IT TAKE THIS OUT TO THE CONSTITUENTS IF EVERY ONE OF THESE 15 WARDS AND GET THE RESPONSE. MADAM SPEAKER, THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. STEEK. IF YOU COULD STILL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR PLEASE WE'LL HEAR FROM THE NEXT DELEGATION AND THEN TAKE QUESTIONS. MR. EVERETT RUDOLPH THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSIT UNION, YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES.

EVERETT RUDOLPH: THANK YOU. COUNCILLORS, MR. MAYOR, MR. SPEAKER. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT PORTAGE AND MAIN. THE MEMBERS I REPRESENT ARE THE BOGEY BUS OPERATOR WHOSE USE THE INTERSECTION THOUSANDS OF TIMES EACH DAY. AND MANY WHO ARE NOW UP IN THE STANCE WATCHING ME. THEY HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUES THAT WOULD HAPPEN IF PORTAGE AND MAIN WAS TO BE ALTERED. JUST BECAUSE I AM SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION OF PUBLIC MONEY BEING PUT TOWARDS PORTAGE AND MAIN DOESN'T MEAN WE DON'T WANT WINNIPEG TO SUCCEED OR PROSPER. IT'S QUITE THE OPPOSITE. WE JUST THINK DOING THIS IS PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. THERE IS OTHER THINGS WE SHOULD BE DOING FIRST. WE SEE NO HARM RENOVATING THE INTERSECTION. MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL, SAFE AND SOMETHING THAT WINNIPEGERS CAN BE PROUD OF BUT PLEASE REMEMBER IT WAS CLOSED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. SAFETY BEING ONE OF THEM. RECENTLY WINNIPEG TRANSIT'S BUDGET HAS BEEN ATTACKED FROM EACH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. FEDERALLY FROM THE RIDERS TAX REBATE BEING TAKEN AWAY. PROVINCIALLY FROM THE 50/50 FUNDING BEING STOPPED AND NO LONGER EARMARKING MONEY SPECIFICALLY FOR TRANSIT. AND CIVICALLY, BY BEING SAID THAT FARES MAY HAVE TO INCREASE MORE THAN THE NORMAL 5 CENTS JUST TO KEEP THE CURRENT SERVICE INTACT. ALL THIS WHILE THE CITY LOSES OVER $5,000 A DAY IN UNPAID FARES AND THE PROBLEM GOES UNADDRESSED. A PROBLEM THAT IS THE MAIN CONCERN FOR TRANSIT OPERATORS. I HEARD FROM

MANY TRANSIT OPERATORS AND CITIZENS WHO BELIEVE SERVICE AROUND TRANSIT SHOULD BE IMPROVED FIRST BECAUSE TO OPERATORS AND RIDERS, IT SEEMS LIKE SAFETY HAS BEEN PUT ON THE BACK BURNER WAITING FOR BUDGET APPROVALS. TAXPAYER MONEY FROM THE CITY SHOULD BE USED TO IMPROVE TRANSITION THROUGH PORTAGE AND MAIN FOR PEDESTRIANS AS WELL AS TRAFFIC NOT HAMPER IT, WHICH THE REOPENING WOULD DO. WE SHOULD TAKE AWAY THE BUSES FROM THE INTERSECTION FIRST BECAUSE CURRENTLY THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 3300 BUSES THAT CROSS THERE EVERY DAY AND ANOTHER 1200 BUSES THAT WOULD BE DIRECTLY IMPACTED IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS. ACCORDING TO A TRAFFIC STUDY DONE IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THE AVERAGE BUS CONTAINS 20 PEOPLE. THAT WOULD MEAN MORE THAN 80,000 TRANSIT COMMUTERS WOULD BE AFFECTED WITH ADDITIONAL TRAVEL TIME EACH BUSINESS DAY. IT WAS LAID OUT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE INTERSECTION IS A CONCERN. EVERYONE KNOWS JAYWALKING LAWS ARE RARELY ENFORCED. OPERATORS SEE THIS ALL THE TIME ON GRAHAM AND THERE ARE MULTIPLE INCIDENTS EACH YEAR WITH PEOPLE GETTING HIT. AND TRAFFIC FLOW WOULD BE SLOWED DOWN MORE AND TRYING TO GET INTO A PARKING LOT WAITING FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS. WE FEEL FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO HAVE TO GO THROUGH SEVERAL ELEVATORS AND MAKE IT A HASSLE FOR THEM TO MOVE ACROSS FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER WHICH IS DOES TAKE MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON BUT ADDING MORE SECURITY TO THE UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE AND RENOVATING IT COULD BE A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE MONEY. ACCORDING TO THE CITY, TRANSIT RIDERS WHO HAVE DROPPED DUE TO UNRELIABLE SERVICE AND INADEQUATE SERVICE AND OFF PEAK TIMES, THE TRANSIT SYSTEM LIMPS ALONG AND CANNOT MAKE IMPROVEMENTS BECAUSE OF FUNDING. CURRENTLY 18 PERCENT OF WINNIPEGERS UTILIZE WINNIPEG TRANSIT. INCREASING THIS ISN'T ACHIEVABLE WITHOUT MAKING FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF COSTS DUE TO BUSES BEING FULL. WE DON'T HAVE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO THEM YET. IN CLOSING, THE HU1505 BELIEVES SEVEN DAYS IS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR COUNCIL TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS. BACK IN FEBRUARY WHEN ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAD HIS LIFE ENDED WHILE ON THE JOB THERE WAS A 90 DAY STUDY TAKEN. WE REQUEST THE TOPIC BE STUDIED MORE DUE TO THE RECENT TRAFFIC STUDY NOT MENTION FUTURE RAPID TRANSIT DEVELOPMENTS OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND THE DELAY OF 4500 BUSES WOULD HAVE. HEU MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC DESERVE BETTER LONG TERM VALUE FOR THEIR TAX DOLLARS AND BETTER PLANNING THAT CONSIDERS PUBLIC TRANSIT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. RUDOLPH. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATION? ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. STEEK? COUNCILLOR EADIE IF YOU COULD BOTH COME FORWARD.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU. MADAM SPEAKER, BEING A PEDESTRIAN, BEING A BUS RIDER AND HAVING UTILIZED -- THERE ARE FOUR DIFFERENT BUS STOPS AROUND PORTAGE AND MAIN, TWO AT PIONEER AND ONE ON THE TRIZEC BUILDING SIDE AND ONE THAT'S CLOSE TO THE MTS BUSINESS OPERATIONS, AND THEN YOU HAVE MCDERMID AND PORTAGE AND A BUS STOP AT LOMBARD, MADAM SPEAKER, SO -- MADAM SPEAKER, MY CONCERN, MADAM SPEAKER AND I'M WONDERING IF THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ATU COULD TALK ABOUT HOW FRUSTRATING OR

FRUSTRATED PEOPLE GET IF THEY CAN'T MAKE THEIR CONNECTIONS AS ALMOST -- LIKE ALL THE BUSES COMING OUT OF THE NORTH END PRETTY WELL END UP THROUGH THERE AS WELL AS ST. VITAL WHICH WAS MENTIONED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES. MADAM SPEAKER -- AS WELL AS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, PORTAGE AND MAIN, YOU HAVE ALL THE ONES THAT GO OVER, MADAM SPEAKER TO NORTH KILDONAN AND TRANSCONA, MADAM SPEAKER. SO, CAN OUR REPRESENTATIVE TALK ABOUT HOW FRUSTRATED THE PEDESTRIAN, ACTUAL TRANSIT USERS GET WHEN THEY CAN'T MAKE CONNECTIONS AND THERE IS PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF THAT?

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. RUDOLPH.

EVERETT RUDOLPH: I DON'T HAVE FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE HOWEVER, I HEAR IT EVERY DAY FROM BEING THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, I HEAR THAT PASSENGERS TAKE IT OUT ON THE OPERATOR. IF THEY ARE LATE, LATE TWO MINUTES OR 20 MINUTES IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS MISSING THEIR CONNECTION. THERE IS NO WAY OF ACTUALLY RELAYING THE INFORMATION TO THEM THAT IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT, THAT THERE IS IT CONSTRUCTION OR SO MANY DIFFERENT MEANS OF ACTUALLY HAVING THE TRAFFIC DELAY THAT PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT'S HARD IT RELAY TO THEM. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EDUCATION. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FREQUENCY TO MAKE IT THAT IT ACTUALLY IS WORKING FOR THE PEDESTRIAN OR THE PEOPLE -- THE PASSENGERS TAKING THE BUS. THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR THEM. IT'S -- SOME OF THE STORIES YOU DO HEAR, IT'S PRETTY EYE OPENING BEING -- BECAUSE I MYSELF RIDE THE BUS EVERY DAY, I DON'T HAVE A CAR. I RELY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT TO GET AROUND, I WALK, DON'T BIKE AND I SEE IT EVERY DAY AND I AM AMAZED HOW OFTEN OPERATORS HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT. IT'S NOT A GOOD JOB TO BE DEALING WITH THAT EVERY DAY AND DURING RUSH HOUR IT JUST GETS WORSE, THE PROBLEMS COMPOUND. AND LIKE THE STUDY SAYS, IF YOU DELAY -- IF IT'S OPENED UP TO PEDESTRIANS THEY WILL DELAY EVERYTHING AND LIKE THE COUNCILLOR SAID, IT JUST STACKS UP AND GETS WORSE AND WORSE AS PEOPLE MISS THEIR CONNECTIONS. AND THERE WAS NO -- TO THINK ABOUT THE SCHOOL ZONE STUFF, THERE WAS NO CONSIDERATION FOR THEM, FOR THE TRANSIT SYSTEM WHEN IT CAME TO THAT, EITHER. SO WE HAVE OPERATORS HAVE VERY LARGE CONCERNS THAT THIS WOULD NOT -- THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ADJUST THE SYSTEM. IT'S ALREADY STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT. IT'S ALREADY RUNNING ON OVERTIME AND IT'S HARD TO GET THAT THROUGH TO THE PASSENGERS. YOU CAN TELL THEM TO CONTACT 311 BUT THEY WON'T TAKE THAT TIME. THEY WILL JUST TAKE IT OUT ON THE DRIVER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, INTERSECTIONS LIKE BURROWS AND KEEWATIN AND LEILA AND MCPHILLIPS, HAS THE ATU REPRESENTATIVE HEARD FROM ITS MEMBERS ABOUT HOW CRAZY IT CAN BE WITH PEDESTRIANS CROSSING AT THESE MAJOR, BUSY INTERSECTIONS?

EVERETT RUDOLPH: FIRST HAND, WE HAVE NOT. I HAVEN'T. WE DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME INTERSECTIONS THAT DO HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHIC WHEN IT COMES TO THAT. THE NUMBERS ARE WAY DIFFERENT THAN THEY WOULD BE DOWNTOWN. MAIN AND BROADWAY HAS

A LOT OF TRAFFIC BUT THE LIGHTS ACCOUNT FOR IT. HE RECALLS AND KEEWATIN THERE ARE A LOT OF BUSES MAKING LEFT HAND TURNS AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THAT MANY YEARS AGO WE DID HAVE A FATALITY AT THAT INTERSECTION AND IT WAS NOT DUE TO ANYBODY'S FAULT, IT'S MORE THE BUS DESIGN. THERE ARE A LOT OF OVERLYING ISSUES WHEN IT COMES TO THESE ISSUES. PEOPLE MAKE MORE TURNS ESPECIALLY BUS DRIVERS. THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS BUT INCIDENTS DO HAPPEN AND PEOPLE WILL GET DISTRACTED AND THE MORE THAT'S PUT ON TO THE OPERATOR, THE MORE CHANCE IT WILL HAPPEN AND WE ARE NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS IF IT DOES HAPPEN BECAUSE IT WILL JUST STACK AND WE WILL HAVE MORE AND MORE PROBLEMS COME UP. HOPEFULLY THAT ANSWERS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: FINAL QUESTION. I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM, SO, WHAT THE REPRESENTATIVE, IF I'M RIGHT, IS SAYING, THAT BOTH PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS MAKE MISTAKES AND THE BUSIER THE INTERSECTION, THE WORSE THE PROBLEM CAN BE. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING? >>YES, EXACTLY. FROM -- ESPECIALLY WITH LONGER INTERSECTIONS. SOMEONE LIKE OSBORNE AND RIVER OUT IN THE VILLAGE, I'LL USE THAT, IT'S EASY TO GET ACROSS THAT INTERSECTION BUT IF IT'S FOUR LANES OR SIX LANES IT'S A LOT MORE DIFFICULT AND YOU NEED MORE TIME AND THAT MEANS TRAFFIC WILL BACK UP DURING THE RUSH HOUR AND THE PEAK TIMES. PEDESTRIANS WILL RUN OUT NO MATTER WHAT AND OPERATORS ALWAYS EXPECT IT TO HAPPEN. THEY NEVER EXPECT IT NOT TO HAPPEN. THEY ARE TRAINED TO LOOK FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST GOING TO BE COMING LAST 2ND BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BECAUSE THEY ARE IN A RUSH, THEY ARE NOT THINKING STRAIGHT. THEIR MIND SET IS THEY HAVE TO GET ACROSS, THEY HAVE TO GET TO THE OTHER CONNECTION, THEY HAVE TO GET TO THEIR FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES. EVERYBODY MAKES MISTAKES. MOB. IS PERFECT UNTIL WE GET INTO A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE IS AUTONOMOUS IT WILL JUST KEEP HAPPENING. IT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT THAT'S REALITY.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU. QUESTION TO MR. STEEK. ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE NUMBER THAT WAS QUOTED IN THE DILLON REPORT, THE $11.6 MILLION IS FOR THE ABSOLUTE BARE MINIMUM TO GET THE INTERSECTION OPENED AND RAISING THE LOWERED AREA BELOW THE BANK OF MONTREAL AND REMOVING BARRICADES AND OTHER STRUCTURAL LOCATION ISSUES AND SUCH. THE COST REQUIRES ADDITIONAL BUSES TO MITIGATE THE EFFECT. BUT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM ANY OF THE VISION ITEMS THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND CONSULTANT'S REPORT SHOWING ALTERNATE ELABORATE STRUCTURES AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UNDERGROUND. ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE NUMBER, AGAIN, THAT 11.6 IS REALLY JUST THE ABSOLUTE BARE MILL AND I DON'T THINK ANYWHERE CLOSE TO WHAT THE MAYOR AND PERHAPS PEOPLE AROUND HIM ARE SUGGESTING THAT WE ACTUALLY DO?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, TO COUNCILLOR BROWATY. NO, I WASN'T. AND THE REASON THAT A FORUM OF THIS NATURE IS CRITICAL IS IT ALERTS US AS CITIZENS TO WHAT THE TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THIS CAN BE. AS I SAID EARLIER ON, THESE ARE CLASS FOUR ESTIMATES ONLY. WE KNOW THE PRICE WILL ONLY GO UP. AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT THERE BE A LONG PERIOD OF TIME TO SELL THIS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. WHEN YOU HEAR TRANSIT COMING FORWARD SPEAKING TO THE CONCERNS THEY HAVE, WHEN YOU HEAR THAT TRANSIT RIDERSHIP IS DOWN, THERE IS VIOLENCE HEIGHTENED ON THE BUSES WE HAVE A MYRIAD OF CONCERNS HERE BEFORE WE START THINKING ABOUT OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN. AND THANK YOU FOR DRAWING THAT IT MY ATTENTION. I DID NOT KNOW THAT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR MAYES? COUNCILLOR MORANTZ PARDON ME.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS IS GOING TO BE A SPECIAL PROCEDURE, A BIT OF AN ARE YOU AWARE QUESTION FOR MR. RUDOLPH WITH A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL PREAMBLE AND I HOPE THAT'S OKAY, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE MR. RUDOLPH YOU ARE HERE AND THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNION AND TRANSIT DRIVERS HERE AS WELL, THAT THEY HEAR FROM ME HOW IMPORTANT THIS ISSUE IS TO ME AND TO MY COLLEAGUES. THEY HAVEN'T HEARD THAT DIRECTLY AND I WANT TO JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT. AND I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THAT THE WHEELS OF GOVERNMENT GRIND A LITTLE SLOWLY, BUT THERE AREN'T MANY THINGS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS YOU KNOW. ON THAT COMMITTEE WE HAVE A TRANSIT OPERATOR, MR. ROSS, WE HAVE THE FORMER HEAD OF THE ATU, MR. CALLAHAN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF FUNCTIONAL TRANSIT, MR. NELSON.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM WAPSO AND THE POLICE SERVICE. IT'S A VERY GOOD GROUP. WE HAVE HAD OUR FIRST MEETING. WE ORGANIZED -- AS YOU KNOW, BUT MAYBE YOUR COLLEAGUES DON'T KNOW, I CHAIR THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WHICH HAS WINNIPEG TRANSIT AS PART OF ITS PORTFOLIO SO THIS IS IN MY PORTFOLIO AND I AM ALSO ON ATTACK. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE JUST LAUNCHED A TRANSIT SAFETY CAMPAIGN, AND I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS IN AND AROUND THE SHAPE AND FORM OF THAT CAMPAIGN BUT IT IS WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS. SO MY QUESTION IS, THANK YOU, ARE YOU AWARE OF THESE THINGS. I HAVE -- MY POINT IS TO MAKE YOU AWARE BUT I HAVE TO ASK IN A FORM OF A QUESTION.

EVERETT RUDOLPH: YES. PERSONALLY, I AM AWARE. I SPEAK WITH JOHN -- JOHN IS UP THERE RIGHT NOW -- QUITE OFTEN AND WE DO APPRECIATE THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE THINGS, THE INTERNAL THINGS ARE WHAT THE DRIVER SEES. THEY WANT TO SEE IT AT THE TIME AND SINCE FEBRUARY THERE HAVE BEEN MINIMAL CHANGES. THE TRANSIT SAFETY INITIATIVE. WE -- THEY ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT AND WE COULDN'T GIVE IT TO THEM BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY

WERE PROMOTING IS EXACTLY WHAT THE PASSENGERS ALREADY DO. SO TO SAY THAT IT'S GOING TO BE -- THIS IS AN END RESULT AFTER EIGHT MONTHS IT'S BEEN, IT'S ALMOST -- IT DOESN'T FULFIL ANYTHING FOR THE DRIVERS, FOR THE OPERATORS. THERE ARE OTHER OPTION THAT IS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE LIKE WITH THE WI-FI TALK, THERE ARE OTHER THINGS, LIKE -- WHAT ABOUT US? SO THEY KEEP -- THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING FORGOTTEN AND IT'S HARD FOR ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL LIKE JOHN TO GET THAT OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP. THERE ARE A THOUSAND OPERATORS SO IT'S A VERY HARD FOR US TO CONVEY THAT TO THEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: AS A FOLLOW UP, I WANT TO SAY I DO CARE AND WE ALL DO. WE ARE ALSO BRINGING FORWARD MEASURES AS WE GO THROUGH BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND I'M STRONGLY ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY ON TRANSIT BUSES WHICH WAS THE REFERRAL IN THE REPORT. ARE YOU AWARE.

EVERETT RUDOLPH: YES, THANK YOU AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. EXACTLY, WE DO, FOR EVERYTHING YOU GUYS ARE DOING, EACH INDIVIDUAL, EVERY ONE OF YOU. WE DO APPRECIATE IT, IT'S JUST THE OPERATORS DON'T SEE THAT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: I AM NOT SURE WHICH PRESENTER WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION. I WOULD LIKE TO BLESS THE HEART OF MR. STEEK WHO SAYS I WILL BE 40 FOR A DECADE. I'M ALREADY 50 SO WE'LL SEE HOW THAT GOES. BUT THE QUESTION IS, GIVEN THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORK THAT'S BEING DONE IN THE LAST DECADE, INCLUDING WHEN MR. STEEK WAS COUNCILLOR, GIVEN THE FINANCIAL ALLOTMENT ALLOCATED OVER THE NEXT DECADE AS WELL, DOES ONE BELIEVE THAT PROJECTS SUCH AS -- OR TASKS SUCH AS WATERFRONT DRIVE, MCDERMOT AND BANNANTYNE AND OTHER LANES DESIGNED OVER THE NEXT DECADE FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT, WHETHER THAT IS A PRACTICAL WAY OF EASING PRESSURE OFF OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR PORTAGE AND MAIN?

GARTH STEEK: YES. BUT THE CRITICAL CONSIDERATION NOW IS THE FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE CITY AND OF TAXPAYERS. I GO BACK TO WHAT WAS STATED HERE BY PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS, WHERE THEY NOTED THAT THE ENHANCEMENTS THAT WERE HAPPENING DOWNTOWN WERE GOING ON REGARDLESS OF OUR INVESTMENT. I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL FOR YOU TO NOTE. YOU AND I HAD A DISCUSSION ONCE THERE IS AN INDUSTRY QUOTE. LIKE THE POWERFUL PLAY GOES ON AND YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE A VERSE, WHAT WILL YOUR VERSE BE? THE CITY IS AT A CROSS ROADS. IF WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT IN ANOTHER CLAUSE, THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY TO BE SPENDING WASTEFULLY RIGHT NOW. THERE MAY BE A TIME WHEN PORTAGE AND MAIN IS RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA, BUT, UNTIL SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN CITED HAVE BEEN REALIZED, ANY FURTHER ENHANCEMENT IN THAT INTERSECTION IS SOMETHING I SIMPLY DON'T AGREE WITH. AND I THINK THAT

WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW IS, WHAT DO YOUR CONSTITUENTS FEEL ABOUT IT? THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MAYES MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I'LL TRY TO BE QUICK. I WANT TO ASK EVERETT IS THE ATU WILLING TO CHAIR A TRAFFIC STUDY. THE EXAMPLE I GIVE TO PEOPLE IS ALL THE BUSES COMING TO ST. VITAL FROM DOWNTOWN GO THROUGH PORTAGE AND MAIN BUT THAT ISN'T TRUE IN THE MORNING BECAUSE YOU CAN'T MAKE THE LEFT SO THE ST. MARY'S AND ST. ANNS DON'T GO THROUGH. THEY MAKE A LEFT AT ST. MARY AND THE WORLD DOES NOT CEASE TO EXIST SO ONE COULD DESIGN A SYSTEM THAT SEES BUSES THROUGH PORTAGE AND MAIN. IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT BUT IT IS DOABLE BUT I THINK WE WOULD NEED YOUR INPUT ON THAT. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU WOULD BE PREPARED IT LOOK INTO?

EVERETT RUDOLPH: OF COURSE. IF IT EASES TRAFFIC FLOW FOR THE BUSES AND HELPS OUT PEDESTRIANS AND THE PASSENGERS, THE PASSENGERS, WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE CITIZENS AND IF TO GETS AROUND PORTAGE AND MAIN AND THAT'S WHAT THE OPTION IS TO TAKE CARE OF THAT PROBLEM, LET'S DO IT. THAT WOULD BE NICE. WE WOULD BE WILLING. WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO BEING PART OF ANY INITIATIVE. WE WOULD LOVE -- WE ARE WORKING WITH TRANSIT AND WORKING TO GET MORE COMMUNICATION GOING AND IT'S GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE CANNOT SAY IT'S NOT BECAUSE IT IS. SO, WE WOULD DEFINITELY BE IN FAVOUR OF BEING PART OF THAT, YES.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: ASK THE QUESTION OF FORMER COUNCILLOR STEEK. SPEAKING OF QUOTES AND SPEAKING OF HISTORY, YOU WERE HERE OF COURSE AND I QUOTE YOU FROM DECEMBER OF 2013 ON THAT BUDGET BEFORE THIS MAYOR AND BEFORE THIS COUNCIL, A BUDGET THAT INTRODUCED THE 2 PERCENT ROADS LEVY AND SAID THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WAS 0 PERCENT YOU ARE HERE CALLING FOR US TO SPEND MORE ON CAPITAL AND ON OPERATING AND CALLING FOR US LOSS TO HAVE A 0 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AND WE ARE DEALING WITH THE LEGACY OF COUNCILS WHO VOTED FOR A 0 PERCENT INCREASE YEAR AFTER YEAR SO THE CAPITAL WORK DIDN'T GET DONE. IS THAT STILL YOUR POSITION TO HAVE A 0 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OR ARE YOU PREPARED TO SAY YOU WERE WRONG IN DECEMBER OF 2013.

GARTH STEEK: ONE OF THE GREAT PLEASURES COMING DOWN HERE IS HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER DISCOURSE WITH COUNCILLOR MAYES. AS I STATED AT THAT TIME, COUNCILLOR MAYES, THE REASON WE WERE HELD AT ZERO IS BECAUSE THE TAXES IN THIS CITY WERE OUT OF CONTROL. WE WERE TUMBLING BEHIND EVERYBODY ELSE BECAUSE WE WERE NOT AFFORDABLE. I RESPECT THE FACT THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT COUNCIL AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT PRIORITIES. THE FACT IS THAT WE HEAR REGULARLY THAT THIS COUNCIL IS KEEPING INCREASES AT INFLATION. WELL I THINK IT'S EASY IT TAKE THAT ARGUMENT APART. WE ONLY HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE RATES GOING ON IN RESERVES AND WATER AND SO FORTH. BUT, ONE THING I WILL SAY IS THAT THE 2 PERCENT DEDICATION TO ROADS IS A

GOOD THING AND I WOULD NOTE IT RUNS BETWEEN 100 AND 105 MILLION ANNUALLY AND 80 MILLION OF IT IS ALREADY SPENT. I WILL GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID AND REFERENCE 650 OR $665,000 TO REPAIR ONE BLOCK OF ROAD. IF YOU USED SOME OF THOSE FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF PARKS, IF YOU USED SOME OF THOSE FUNDS FOR SPECIAL RESOURCE OFFICERS, THE BENEFITS ARE IMMENSE. NOW, I THINK THAT YOU ARE LISTENING TO US FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS YOU LEFT US WITH FRONTAGE LEVIES AND THE MAYOR SAID IT'S NOT A TAX. I DON'T KNOW. I THINK ANYTHING THAT'S PUNITIVE IS A TAX SO IN THE THIRD YEAR THERE WAS NO FRONTAGE LEVIES AND I RECOGNIZE THAT PRIORITIES ARE DIFFERENT. WERE WE WRONG TO HOLD IT AT ZERO? NO WE WERE CORRECT. THAT'S THE REASON THAT BUSINESS AND HOME OWNERS STARTED COMING BACK TO THIS CITY. SO I ENJOYED THE DISCOURSE WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE THAT WILL CONCLUDE QUESTION PERIOD. WE WILL NOW MOVE FORWARD AGAIN WITH MR. STEEK. NOW PRESENTING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM FIVE OF THE REPORT OF OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2017, REGARDING THE DEACON WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEFICIENCIES REVIEW. TEN MINUTES ON THE CLOCK.

GARTH STEEK: MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING. IT'S LIKE I NEVER LEFT. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL, MR. MCNEIL, MEMBERS OF THE BUREAUCRACY. I APPEARED AT THIS MATTER ON THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER THE 11TH. I AM HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE OMNIBUS MOTION THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD, BUT I FEEL IT NEEDS SIGNIFICANT STRENGTHENING AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU WHY. THE HISTORY ON THIS, TO SAY IT IS TORTURED IS SAY UNDERSTATEMENT. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RECITING WHAT I DID AT EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY, ONE LAWSUIT DIED ON THE VINE BECAUSE THERE WASN'T A CAUSE OF ACTION. THE SECOND DIED BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAD BREACHED THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. ALMOST INCONCEIVABLE. NOW, I WATCHED THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AND COUNCILLOR MAYES IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, THERE IS JURISPRUDENCE TO ESTABLISH THE FACT THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAD BEEN BREACHED. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO MANITOBA CASE LAW THAT SUPPORTS BREECHING A STATEMENT OF CLAIM, A COST FOR $30 MILLION. THE KEY QUESTION WE HAVE TO ASK HERE IS WHO KNEW WHAT AND WHEN? I WATCHED, AS I SAID, THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING. HERE IS MY COMMENTS ON THAT MOTION. THE OMNIBUS MOTION IS INTERESTING BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE FIRST CLAUSE DIRECTS THE CAO TO COME UP WITH A RECITATION OF EVENTS. OKAY. YOU ARE ASKING THE CAO TO LOOK OVER THE ENTIRETY OF THIS FILE. BUT THIS IS THE SAME CAO THAT SENT YOU A REPORT SENDING BACK THE SAME LEVEL REPRESENTATION. I SAID AT EPC, WHY WOULD WE GO FOR AN INTERNAL AUDIT ON THIS THING WHEN WE SHOULD BE GOING EXTERNALLY? I DON'T KNOW THE CITY AUDITOR. I'M SURE HE HAS EXEMPLARY CREDENTIALS BUT WHEN SOMETHING GOES OFF THE TRACK AFTER THE INQUIRY OF 2005, POLICE SERVICES DON'T INVESTIGATE THEMSELVES, THEY GO EXTERNALLY. NOW, WHY IS THE EXTERNAL AUDIT CRITICAL? WELL, THE CAO, THE CITY AUDITOR, ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS REVIEWING EACH OTHER? THERE MUST BE SOME CAUSE FOR CONCERN

THERE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WHEN I WATCHED IT, THE CAO SAID, "I WOULD SUPPORT BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITS. THAT'S A QUOTE. QUOTE, THAT'S A BIG, BIG MISTAKE. YOU BET. SO, WHY WOULD YOU NOT HAVE AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR COME IN RIGHT OFF THE HOP? THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SAID IN THE SAME MEETING, YOU KNOW, WE'LL GET THE AUDIT REVIEW BACK AND AFTER WE HAVE HAD A LOOK AT IT, IF WE THINK WE NEED AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR, WE WILL DO SO. YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR NOW. THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS THING IS UNBELIEVABLE. NOW THE LITANY OF ERRORS HERE, WHETHER IT'S THE OVERRUN ON POLICE SERVICES BUILDING, THE $20 MILLION EXTRA WE PAID FOR THE HYDRO LANCE OR HALF A MILLION EXTRA WE PAID FOR WAVERLEY, THE SECRECY, THE CONDESCENSION AND ARROGANCE IS INCREDIBLE. HOW MANY OF YOU HAD A LOOK AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT ON THIS EVENT? THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WERE FASCINATING. THEY TALKED ABOUT LOSING BETWEEN SIX AND $20 MILLION. STAGGERING AMOUNTS, I'M SURE YOU WILL A AGREE. LET ME READ YOU SOMETHING FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT. YOU HAVE PROBABLY ALL READ IT BUT I THINK IT BEARS WORTH REPEATING. IT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY WITH PRECISION THE CITY'S DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE LISTED DEFICIENCIES. READY. BUT THEY WILL LIKELY EXCEED $30 MILLION. THAT'S THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, MR. MAYOR. YOU AND EVERYBODY AROUND THIS TABLE MUST HAVE READ IT. WHEN I LOOKED AT THE MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM THERE IS ONE INCREDIBLE DEFICIENCY. THERE IS NO REQUEST TO QUANTIFY THE DAMAGES. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO BE PAYING FOR THIS MESS? $30 MILLION REPAID AT 4 PERCENT OVER 18 YEARS IS $60 MILLION. BOY WOULD THAT OPEN PORTAGE AND MAIN. $60 MILLION. MINIMUM. THAT'S AMORTIZED OVER 18 YEARS BUT TO SEEMS TO ME YOU AMORTIZED OVER 40. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE COMING BACK IN THIS REPORT FROM AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR, WHAT IS THIS THING GOING TO COST US? AND THEN, YOU KNOW, IT WAS AN INTERESTING COMMENT THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, TO COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SAID YOU KNOW, 120 DAYS IS BEFORE THE ELECTION BUT THIS IS SEASONAL POLITICKING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS, WITH CERTAINTY. THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG ARE FURIOUS. WE ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THIS INEPTITUDE. I WATCHED THAT TAPE AGAIN. AND I HEARD, YOU KNOW, WE TURNED THIS OVER TO A LAWYER WITH 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE AND IN THE NEXT BREATH I HEARD THE CAO SAY I HAVE BEEN HERE 34 YEARS. HERE IN THE PROVINCE. THIS IS INEXCUSABLE. WHEN DOES IT STOP? WHEN DOES IT STOP? AND TRYING TO COME BACK AND SAY WE'LL COME BACK WITH A REPORT IN 120 DAYS. I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW IF YOU DO IT INTERNALLY YOU KNOW WHAT IT WILL BE AFTER AN EXTENSIVE AND EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW, WE REGRET THERE WERE SOME DEFICIENCIES IN THE SYSTEM BUT IT'S BEEN ADDRESSED. THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN. THAT'S WHAT THE CAO SAID, IN HIS SPEECH. "THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN." WE'RE REDUNDANT IN THE NUMBER OF CHECKS AND BALANCES WE HAVE. I HEARD ONE THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN FROM THE PEOPLE I TALKED TO. WHY CAN YOU NOT GO FOR OUTSIDE CONSULTATION ON A CASE OF THIS MAGNITUDE? I'M SURE THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS EXCEEDINGLY GOOD AT DOING CONDITIONAL USES AND VARIANCES AND ZONING AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A $30 MILLION FILE. I SPOKE LAST NIGHT TO THE HEAD OF KIEWIT WHICH BUILDS HUGE PROJECTS ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. YOUNG GUY IN HIS 40s HEADS IT UP. YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID? WE WOULD NEVER PROCEED ON A PROJECT IF WE WEREN'T CERTAIN. WE GO TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL. THE PROVINCE GOES TO OUTSIDE

COUNSEL WITH FREQUENCY. SOME OF THE BEST LEGAL MINDS IN THE COUNTRY ARE RIGHT HERE IN SOME ELITE LAW FIRMS. WHY DID WE NOT GO FOR OUTSIDE CONSULTATION ON THIS? AND, THROUGH THE BOARD, WHEN THE FIRST THING COLLAPSED, DID THE CAO NOT COME TO LEGAL SERVICES? DID YOU NOT GET TOGETHER WITH THESE PEOPLE AND HEAR WHAT WAS COMING DOWN THE PIPE? THROUGH YOU, MADAM CHAIR TO COUNCILLOR MORANTZ, COUNCILLOR MORANTZ TALKED ABOUT HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THIS ISSUE. I RESPECT THAT. I HOPE THROUGH YOU, MADAM CHAIR TO COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM AND COUNCILLOR MORANTZ AS FORMER CHAIR OF FINANCE, WILL SOMEBODY MAKE CERTAIN THAT WHEN THIS REPORT COMES BACK, YOUR OWN ADMINISTRATION SAYS OVER 30 MILLION. LET'S ASCIONE IT'S 35 OR 40. NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IT IS BUT WE SHOULD HEAR DEFINITIVELY WHAT IT IS AND WHAT THE FINAL COST IS WITH INTEREST OVER THE REPARATION PERIOD, THE REPAYMENT PERIOD. ANYTHING LESS IS SCANDALOUS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCIL MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY, CARRIED.

GARTH STEEK: ONE OF THE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT COMES TO MIND IS WHEN I PHONED PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT GETTING INFORMATION AND SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, MR. MAYOR, THEY WERE HAPPY IT TALK TO ME BECAUSE THE VAST NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION TAKE THEIR WORK SERIOUSLY AND DO IT WELL BUT THEY ARE TARNISHED WITH THIS BRUSH AND THAT'S WRONG. SO THEY COULDN'T WAIT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT IT. THE REASON I AM HERE IS BECAUSE OF SOMETHING ONE PERSON SAID TO ME. IT REMINDED ME OF THAT INFAMOUS LINE OUT OF CHINA TOWN. HE SAID TO ME, FORGET IT, STEEK, IT'S CITY HALL, IT WILL NEVER CHANGE. I BEG TO DIFFER. IT HAS TO CHANGE. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO BE EMESHED IN THESE DRAMATIC COST OVERRUNS AND FRANKLY THAT'S WHY I HAVE HUGE ASPIRATIONS ABOUT PORTAGE AND MAIN. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW TAKE QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. STEEK HIS OPINION AS TO WHAT WOULD BE OR WHO WOULD BE THE BEST MECHANISM FOR AN EXTERNAL AUDIT JUST TO THROW OUT AN IDEA OR TWO?

GARTH STEEK: WELL YOU REGULARLY EMPLOY EXTERNAL AUDITORS OR PEOPLE THAT ARE CAPABLE, COUNCILLOR SCHREYER, OF BEING INVOLVED IN ISSUES OF THIS MAGNITUDE. KPNG FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT. I'M NOT ADVOCATING THEM BUT THEY DID A MASSIVE CONSULTATION FOR YOU WHEN IT CAME TO THE DISCUSSIONS AROUND WAVERLEY WEST. THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO HAVE THE EXPERTISE THAT IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THIS HOUSE NOW. AND I CAN'T REITERATE IT STRONGLY ENOUGH, YOU HAVE TO HAVE OUTSIDE AUDIT ON THIS PROBLEM. IF YOU DON'T, WE'RE GOING TO GET A SANITIZED VERSION THAT SAYS WE'LL FIX THE PROBLEM. AND GUESS WHAT, THERE WILL BE MORE PROBLEMS.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD WOULD HAVE ANY RELEVANT ROLE IN THIS?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATION? COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION. I THINK THE PRESENTER HAS EXPLAINED A LOT OF THINGS AROUND IT, BUT I JUST -- I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED, MADAM SPEAKER. IT IS MY BELIEF. AND ACTUALLY THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER HAS BEEN SET UP TO HELP KEEP OUR CITY AUDITOR AS AUTONOMOUS AS POSSIBLE TO ANY OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. YES, IT IS ACCOUNTABLE TO -- THAT OFFICE IS ACCOUNTABLE TO COUNCIL THROUGH EPC, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT, AM I HEARING FROM THE PRESENTER THAT HE THINKS THAT SOMEHOW THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE CITY AUDITOR HAS BEEN SOMEHOW CIRCUMVENTED AND NOT ABLE TO DO A PROPER JOB?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR THROUGH YOU, THROUGH THE SPEAKER TO YOU. I AM NOT IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM IMPUGN BEING THE MOTIVES OF THE CITY AUDITOR. PERCEPTION IS REALITY. IF PEOPLE FEEL THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THIS PLACE IS IN QUESTION BECAUSE OF THESE MASSIVE CONTINUOUS OVERRUNS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD GO TO AN OUTSIDE, INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY. WHILE THE WHOLE SCENARIO REGARDING THE POLICE OVERRUN IS UNDER INVESTIGATION, THE MAYOR ADVOCATED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY. AND I THINK THAT, IN DUE COURSE, THAT MAY WELL HAPPEN. BUT, I GO BACK TO THIS THING, COUNCILLOR EVEN THOUGH THE AUDITOR -- AND I SAID RIGHT OFF THE BAT, I'M NOT IMPUGNING HIS MOTIVES AND NOT SUGGESTING FOR A MINUTE THAT HE WON'T BE FAIR. I STILL THINK YOU WILL GET A PRO AND AN INDEPENDENCE FROM AN OUTSIDE PARTY, YOU WON'T HAVE IN THE HOUSE.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: WERE YOU AWARE THAT, TO THIS DATE, THERE STILL HAS NOT BEEN A REPORT BROUGHT FORWARD BY ADMINISTRATION ON WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE DETAILS SURROUNDING THE INCIDENTS THAT CAUSED THIS LAWSUIT? >>COUNCILLOR, THROUGH YOU TO COUNCILLOR LUKES, COUNCILLOR LUKES YOU PRECEDED ME AT EPC AND AS I STATED IN THAT MEETING, THAT WAS WITHOUT QUESTION ONE OF THE MOST THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED PIECES I HAD EVER HEARD. THE FACT THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED BACK TOGETHER IS STUNNING. THE FACT THAT YOU WERE CALLED INTO A MEETING AND MADE TO SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT WHEN IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT THIS LAWSUIT WAS IMPLODING,

SPEAKS LEGIONS ABOUT THE SECRECY OF THIS PLACE. IT'S INCUMBENT UPON PEOPLE LIKE YOU, NOT TO LET THIS FILE DIE. YOU HAVE TO BE RELENTLESS IN YOUR PURSUIT. THREE YEARS AGO I CAME ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL WHEN THINGS WERE GOING SIDEWAYS ON THE POLICE SERVICES BUILDING. I SAID I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG HERE BUT SOMETHING IS PROFOUNDLY WRONG. AND I REITERATE THAT HERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE. I'M NOT SURE ANYBODY AROUND THIS TABLE DOES, BUT, SOMETHING IS PROFOUNDLY WRONG. IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. AND I MIGHT ADD THIS, MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU TO COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD COME BACK IN 120 DAYS AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT WHEN THAT REPORT COMES BACK, MAKE SURE YOU TEAR INTO IT AND YOU LEAVE NO PAGE UNTURNED, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO AN ELECTION AND BELIEVE ME, THESE COST OVERRUNS WILL BE AN ELECTION ISSUE AND BELIEVE ME, THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG NOT ONLY CANNOT TOLERATE THEM, WE CANNOT AFFORD THEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I HEARD FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL TALK ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'S PUNITIVE IS AN ATTACK. BY THAT MEASURE I WOULD ARGUE THAT FORMER COUNCILLOR IS ATTACKS. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS AND WE HAVE HEARD OF THE FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL SPEAK FOR A LONG TIME AT MANY DIFFERENT TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF THIS COUNCIL. I KNOW HE IS NO STRANGER TO CITY HALL AND CERTAINLY SOMEONE WHO HAS SERVED HERE AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL IN THE PAST FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND I HAVE THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS. I HOPE THEY CAN BE ANSWERED SUCCINCTLY TO THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE'S TIME. I KNOW TYPICALLY THE RESPONSES TEND TO GO ON FOR A VERY LONG TIME AMONG CAREER POLITICIANS SO WE'LL SEE HOW HE CAN DO ON THIS ONE. MY QUESTION IS SIMPLE. THE FIRST ONE IS HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU SERVE AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: THE MAYOR KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THAT. EIGHT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION.

MAYOR BOWMAN: ACTUALLY, I WASN'T AWARE, THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION. I HAVEN'T RESEARCHED THAT. I KNOW YOU SERVED FOR MANY YEARS BUT THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING. THE SECOND QUESTION IS THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED OUTSIDE COUNCIL BE RETAINED. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS OVERLOOKED OR JUST WASN'T REVIEWED BY MR. STEEK AND I ASK IF HE IS AWARE THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNCIL?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU TO THE MAYOR. YES. BUT WHEN YOU READ OR LISTEN TO THE EPC REPORT THE OUTSIDE COUNCIL WAS BEING RETAINED RELATIVE TO THE ISSUES OF ENSURABILITY AND IS NOT WHAT'S REFERENCED TO THE FACT THAT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE COUNCIL ON THE FILE.

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. ANY -- FINAL QUESTION.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THANK YOU FOR THE RESPONSES. I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT IT'S A LITTLE BROADER THAN THAT. BUT IN ANY EVENT, I KNOW COUNCILLOR EADIE APPEARED TO TAKE ISSUE WITH THE ASPIRATIONS AND YOUR CHARACTERIZATION THAT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR INTERNAL AUDITOR. HE IS A GOOD PERSON AND IS WORKING VERY HARD FOR THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG AND FOR THIS COUNCIL. AND MY QUESTION IS SIMPLE. ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE CITY AUDITOR AND I'M SIMPLY REFERENCING THE CITY WEB SITE, IS A STATUTORY OFFICER APPOINTED BY A CITY COUNCIL UNDER THE CHARTER? AND I KNOW IT READS THAT THE AUDITOR GENERAL IS INDEPENDENT OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC SERVICE -- LET ME JUST REFERENCE THIS. THE CITY AUDITOR CONDUCTS EXAMINATIONS OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE CITY AND AFFILIATED BODIES TO ASSIST COUNCIL AND ENSURE THE PUBLIC SERVICES ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE QUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP OVER PUBLIC FUNDS AND FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF VALUE IN MONEY AND AFTER COMMUNICATION THE CITY COUNCIL AND AUDIT REPORT BECOMES A PUBLIC DOCUMENT. I JUST ASK FOR CLARITY. I BELIEVE THERE WAS AN INFERENCE OF THE LACK OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE AUDITOR, SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR. STEEK IF HE COULD PLEASE CLARIFY IF HE WAS IN FACT IMPUGNING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE AUDITOR. THAT'S MY QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR DOBSON MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU TO THE MAYOR. I DARE SAY THE MAYOR WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THIS AFTER THIS MEETING. I SAID ON AT LEAST TWO IF NOT THREE OCCASIONS I WAS NOT IMPUGNING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE CITY AUDITOR. I DON'T KNOW HIM. I ALSO STATED I'M SURE HE IS SOMEONE WITH EXCEPTIONAL CAPABILITIES. BUT, I SAID, POINT BLANK, IT SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT PERCEPTION IS REALITY. AND THROUGH THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG, WHAT WOULD BE THE POSSIBLE DOWNSIDE FROM HAVING THIS THING LOOKED AT INDEPENDENTLY?

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT QUESTION COMES FROM COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, THROUGH YOU TO OUR DELEGATE, MR. STEEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. JUST AN ARE YOU AWARE QUESTION. ARE YOU AWARE THIS MATTER BEFORE US THIS IS -- IT'S CONCERNING TO ALL OF COUNCIL AND I THINK THE OMNIBUS MOTION IS YOU REFERRED TO IT AND IT'S REALLY A CONSOLIDATION OF MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL ON EPC AND THOSE

NOT ON EPC AND THAT'S KIND OF WORKING, THAT COLLABORATION DOESN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN BUT THIS MATTER IS SO CONCERNING TO COUNCIL THAT ALL COUNCILLORS IN A WAY, HAVE PARTICIPATED AND WILL GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY. SO JUST AN ASSURANCE TO THE PUBLIC, IS THAT ARE YOU AWARE THIS IS A MATTER THAT ALL OF COUNCIL HAS ENGAGED IN, IS CONCERNED ABOUT, AND IS NOT INDIFFERENT TO?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. STEEK.

GARTH STEEK: THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER TO COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM. I DARE SAY YOU ARE EXCEEDINGLY CONCERNED, AS YOU SHOULD BE. THE FACT IS THAT THE CAO WILL GIVE YOU A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS. THE CITY AUDITOR IS LOOKING AT LEGAL SERVICES. AND MY QUESTION IS, WHO IS LOOKING TELL CAO'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS? AND I THINK THAT'S THE HE SENSE OF THIS AS I ISSUE. THE CAO STATUTORY APPOINTMENT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENTS UNDERNEATH HIM AND WILL THAT BE ADDRESSED? WHETHER IT'S COMING FROM THE CAO'S CHRONOLOGY OR WILL IT BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE AUDITOR WHO IS LOOKING AT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT? I THINK YOU HAVE TO EXPAND THAT AS AN ISSUE. I THINK YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW THE CAO OVERSAW THIS AS A PROJECT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE THAT WILL CONCLUDE OUR QUESTION PERIOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

GARTH STEEK: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR NEXT DELEGATION, MR. DAVID GRANT. IS HE HERE TODAY? YES IN OPPOSITION TO TWO ITEMS. ITEM SEVEN AND EIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 18, 2017 REGARDING THE SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT WAY STAGE IT AND PEMBINA HIGHWAY UNDERPASS CAPITAL INTEGRATION PROJECT. WELCOME IN GRANT, YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES ON THE CLOCK. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THE DECISION BEFORE COUNCIL TODAY IS SIMPLY TO RECEIVE THESE TWO ITEMS AS INFORMATION IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THAT. ENSURE YOUR COMMENTS ARE FOCUSED ON THAT.

DAVID GRANT: I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH BEING HERE BUT I DO WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO MY FRIENDS ON COUNCIL. THE MATTER AT HAND, THIS OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO PREFACE IT BY SAYING I AM PRIMARILY A CAR GUY, BUT I DID TAKE TRANSIT. WHENEVER I COME DOWNTOWN I USE TRANSIT AND BECAUSE I DON'T LIVE NEXT TO A BUS LINE I TAKE MY SCOOTER TO GET THERE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TAKE BIKES ON BUSES BUT WHEN I GO FOR BUSINESS TRAVEL IN OTHER CITIES IN NORTH AMERICA I DRIVE THERE, WHICH GIVES ME THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OF TRYING THEIR TRANSIT SYSTEMS, I DON'T USE CABS AND IT MEANS THAT BECAUSE I USUALLY TAKE MY SCOOTER OR MY BIKE IN THE VEHICLE WHEN I GO TO LAS ANGELES OR DALLAS OR WHATEVER, I'M QUITE FAMILIAR WITH BIKING IN THESE AREAS, RECREATIONAL AND TO GET FROM A TO B AND I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT EACH OF THESE MAJOR CITIES HAS PORTIONS AND ROADWAYS WHERE BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS ARE NOT WELCOME. IT DOESN'T MAKE THEM NOT A

NICE PLACE TO BIKE, WE JUST BIKE AROUND THOSE PLACES. EVEN VANCOUVER HAS PLACES WHERE IT WOULD BE CRAZY IF NOT ILLEGAL TO BIKE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT WINNIPEG IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BIKE. YOU CAN GET JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE, AND THE FACT THAT THERE IS THIS ONE ANOMALY, THIS INTERSECTION WHERE THEY ARE NOT REALLY COMPATIBLE, YOU CAN PROBABLY FIND QUITE A FEW OTHERS IN YOUR WARDS WHERE BIKES AREN'T REALLY WELCOME, BECAUSE THE ROAD IS TOO BIG, BUSY AND SO ON. BUT, JUST KEEP THAT IN MIND THAT WE CAN STILL BE A GREAT CITY FOR AT AS ROSS PUT IT, EVEN IF PEOPLE HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY OVER TO FORT STREET TO GET TO THE NORTH SIDE OF PORTAGE. THAT'S JUST ONE LITTLE POINT. AND I GUESS TRY TO KEEP THIS DOWN TO TWO MINUTES BUT, IN ONTARIO, MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, THE REAL ESTATE BOARD REALIZED THAT SOMETIMES PROMISES AREN'T KEPT ESPECIALLY WHEN SELLING HOUSES SO THEY MADE IT A SERIOUS OFFENCE FOR A REALTOR TO SAY THE HEATING BILLS ARE THIS MUCH A YEAR WITHOUT PUTTING IT INTO WRITING IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE IT WAS PROMISES AND BROKEN PROMISES WERE SO RAMPANT THAT YOU COULD FLUS YOUR REAL ESTATE LICENCE IF YOU PROMISED SOMETHING THAT WASN'T IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED UP WITH A NOTE. I AM REMINDED THAT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FINGERS TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS WHICH HAVE FAILED TO "SAVE DOWNTOWN." AND THIS ONE USED THAT BANNER I THINK, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, THE EARLIER PRO SPEAKERS AND I WOULD LIKE TO COUNTER A COUPLE OF THINGS THEY SAID. THIS CHANGE TO PORTAGE AND MAIN WILL NOT PREVENT THE PROBLEM AND IT ALONE WILL NOT MAKE WINNIPEG SMART WHICH IS ONE OF THE OTHER CLAIMS. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS AN EARLIER PROPONENT SAID WAS IN REGARD TO CARS OFF THE ROAD, QUOTES. CONGESTION, MAKES PEOPLE STAY HOME. THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF CARS OFF THE ROAD WE WANT FOR OUR DOWNTOWN. KEEP THAT IN MIND, PLEASE, THAT ANYTHING THAT LEADS TO CONGESTION, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY 25 PERCENT AS THE REPORT SUGGESTS, ANYTHING LIKE THAT IS COUNTER INDICATED. IT WON'T HELP US TO GET PEOPLE AND KEEP PEOPLE DOWNTOWN. AND I GUESS I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO MALIGN ANYBODY BUT, WHEN I READ THE REPORT, THE REPORT ON TRAFFIC, THERE WAS A BIT OF A DEBATE AND -- A BAIT AND SWITCH THERE. WE HAD SOME PROPOSALS LIKE AT DNC AND ONE OF THEM SAID THAT 90 PERCENT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DELAY. THAT'S PRETTY SCARY AND I CAN SEE WHY THE ATU IS NOT HAPPY WITH THAT. ALL OUR BUSES FROM THE SOUTH END OF THE CITY ARE DIVERTED UP MAIN STREET. THEY USED TO GO DOWN ROUTE 42 BUT NOW THEY ARE ALL ON MAIN. AND ANYWAY THAT'S A CONCERN I HAVE AND I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH THAT, AND I GUESS, THANK YOU AND I GUESS THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS BECAUSE THIS IS AN ADD ON. ANYWAY, I HOPE I KEPT IT BRIEF ENOUGH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THERE ARE QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR DELEGATION ON THIS ITEM?

MADAM SPEAKER: SEEING NONE THANK YOU MR. GRANT. I INTER CORPORATED COMMENTS ABOUT PORTAGE AND MAIN INTO YOUR PRESENTATION SO I ASSUME YOU WON'T BE PRESENTING LATER ON THAT TOPIC NOW.

DAVID GRANT: OH, WAS THIS NOT THE PORTAGE AND MAIN TOPIC?

MADAM SPEAKER: NO THE SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT.

DAVID GRANT: OH, NOBODY IDENTIFIED IT AS ITEM SEVEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: I DID SAY THAT.

DAVID GRANT: SORRY I MISUNDERSTOOD. I HAVE A TEN MINUTES THING FOR AGENDA ITEM SEVEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: YOU INCORPORATED BOTH OF THEM.

DAVID GRANT: I THOUGHT THIS WAS MY FIVE MINUTES OF PORTAGE AND MAIN.

MADAM SPEAKER: I DID NOT SAY PORTAGE AND MAIN. I CALLED YOU UP. YOU DID INCORPORATE THAT SO WILL WE TAKE IT AS YOU MADE YOUR PRESENTATION NOW.

DAVID GRANT: NOT ON THE AGENDA ITEM SEVEN, NO. CAN I BEGIN ITEM EIGHT.

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY WE WILL PUT FIVE MINUTES ON THE CLOCK TO HEAR YOUR PRESENTATION ON ITEM SEVEN THEN.

DAVID GRANT: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO IF I WAS USED TO DOING THIS I WOULDN'T MAKE MISTAKES. ANYWAY, THIS MAKES CLEAR THE DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. BEFORE FOLKS DOWN THE STREET MAKE A BIG DECISION THEY OPEN THEIR DOORS EVEN IF HUNDREDS OF VOTERS WANT TO SPEAK, THE MLAs LISTEN. AND HERE INPUT IS LIMITED TO TWO PEOPLE. ONE OF THE COROLLARIES, IF YOU SILENCE ALL DISSENT YOU COULD END UP PARADING AROUND IN THE EMPERORS NEW CLOTHES LIKE IN THE FABLE. THAT DISSENT IS A PART GOOFED DECISION MAKING AND LISTENING TO IT. READING AND LISTENING ARE KEY WAYS TO NOT MAKING A BIG MISTAKE. I READ PAGE THREE THAT SAYS THERE ARE NO WIDELY ACCEPTED WAYS TO DO AN AUDIT. THIS IS NOT TRUE. LOOK AT WHAT SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT DO. YOU CAN PICK UP THE BROCHURE ISSUED BY MANITOBA'S AUDIT TEAM WHO SUGGEST WHAT YOU ARE AUDITING SHOULD BE STUDIES AND MUST BE THE CORE OF ANY REPORT. IF THE CITY AUDIT TEAM FAILS TO DO THIS AT YOUR PERIL. AND A FUNCTIONAL REVIEW OF YOUR BIGGEST CAPITAL PROJECT WOULD TELL YOU A LOT. I'M NOT SUGGESTING COUNCIL INCLUDE THAT. PLEASE CHANGE THOSE RULES. AND EXPECTING THE COMMITTEE SERVE IS A MISTAKE AND THE LAST POWERFUL ORGANIZATION I STUDIED ONCE DID THIS AFTER HIGH LEVEL REVIEW BY THEIR SENIOR PEOPLE THEY NEEDED A SEPARATE TEAM. SNAPPING OUT DISSENT KEEPS IT FROM SERVING THE FUNCTIONS IT WAS CREATED TO SERVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. REPORT SEVEN AND EIGHT, MADAM SPEAKER, AS INFORMATION, IT IS A FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THESE REPORTS. IT'S DOING A FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE

FINANCIAL PROGRESS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STAGE TWO RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR. I AM WONDERING WHEN THE PRESENTER TALKS ABOUT DOING A FUNCTIONAL AUDIT AS WELL AS THE FINANCIAL, IS HE AWARE THAT PROVINCIALLY, THOSE KIND OF THINGS HAPPEN ON EXISTING PROGRAMS AND HOW THINGS ARE OPERATING ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN DEALT AND PUT INTO OPERATION.

DAVID GRANT: YES, I AM AWARE OF THAT. THE BROCHURE AND ALL THAT FROM THE MANITOBA AUDITOR GENERAL, GENERALLY APPLIES TO GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF THE FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OF THEIR FUNCTIONS: I'M JUST SAYING THIS DIDN'T SAY FINANCIAL AUDIT IT SAID AUDIT AND MY INTEMPERATURE STATION OF AUDIT IS ONE CLOSER TO.

MADAM SPEAKER: 2ND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES. WOULD THE PRESENTER AGREE THAT MAYBE AFTER FIVE YEARS OF STAGE TWO SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT THAT THERE IS A -- DID WE GET VALUE MORE MONEY AND HOW FUNCTION IS IT.

DAVID GRANT: THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, MR. SPEAKER, MR. EADIE. I AM REMINDED THAT I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ONE AFTER PHASE ONE WAS PUT IN PLACE. SO I WAS RIDING PHASE ONE FOR YEARS AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FUNCTIONAL AUDIT WAS EVER PRESENTED.

MADAM SPEAKER: SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MR. IAN MARCIL. IS HE PRESENT? AND THAT IS THE FINAL DELEGATION. TOM? OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE NEXT DELEGATION, MR. TOM MALONE. MR. CLERK, COULD YOU PLEASE SPEAK TO THE DELEGATION THERE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MALONE IS JOINING US ON BEHALF OF THE WINNIPEG CLINIC AND HE IS IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM ONE OF REPORT A OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2017. A LIST OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES AND THE NOMINATION OF THE WINNIPEG CLINIC ON ST. MARY. WELCOME.

TOM MALONE: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TOM MALONE. I AM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE WINNIPEG CLINIC FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE WINNIPEG DOWNTOWN BUSINESS. I AM AN ASSOCIATE OF THE BUSINESS -- AFTER SCHOOL BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATES AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL GROUP OF CANADA AND NUMEROUS OTHER BOARDS AND HEALTH CARE AREA IN WINNIPEG AND ALSO THE SCHOOL BOARD IN WINNIPEG AS WELL AND I AM A CAO SLEEP OVER PARTICIPANT TOMORROW NIGHT AND IT WILL BE A CHILLY ONE SO, PLEASE GO TO THE SITE AND RECOGNIZE THE PARTICIPANTS BY MAKING A DONATION. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BEAUTIFUL HEARTS IN THIS WONDERFUL CITY THAT WE ALL, WINNIPEG AND I, WANT TO OFFER YOU ALL BECAUSE YOU HAVE WONDERFUL HEARTS, A BIG SMILE SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. YOUR CITY COUNCILLORS ARE FACED WITH THE DECISION OF DESIGNATING THE WINNIPEG CLINIC AS A HERITAGE BUILDING AS NOMINATED BY THE HERITAGE

COMMITTEE. AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CLINIC EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL OF WHOM ARE PHYSICIAN WHO WORK AT THE CLINIC TO CARRY OUT THE POLICY AND DIRECTING AND ACTING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLINIC. IT IS NOT AND I STRESS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLINIC TO BE DESIGNATED HERITAGE. IN OUR MOST RECENT REDEVELOPMENT OF THE EIGHTH FLOOR THE HERITAGE NOMINATION COST US $20,000 DIRECTLY AND THREE TO FOUR MONTH DELAY IN OUR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. TO PUT THAT $20,000 INTO PERSPECTIVE, THAT TRANSLATES INTO TEN EXAM ROOM BEDS. SIGNING BONUS RECRUITMENT OF ONE DOCTOR. TWO EXAM ROOMS OPERATING TO SEE THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS IN ONE YEAR. THE 20,000 ADDITIONAL COST GAVE NO ADDED VALUE TO THE CLINIC AND DETRACTED FROM US SEEING OVER 1100 PATIENTS A DAY. THERE IS NO $20,000 FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TO OFFSET THAT COST. LET ALONE THE TIME DELAY IN THE PROJECT. AS COUNCILLORS YOU ARE ENTRUSTED TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG. IAN MARCIL, I WAS GOING TO SAY, HAS MADE BUT WILL MAKE A SOUND CASE OF WHY HERITAGE DESIGNATION IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS WONDERFUL CITY AND I WILL LEAVE THAT TO I YOON. THE WINNIPEG CLINIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIEWS THE HERITAGE DESIGNATION AS A TAKE. IT COSTS THE CLINIC TIME AND EXPENSE AND IT HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE TO OUR PATIENTS WHICH ACCOUNT TO OVER 250,000 PATIENTS FROM MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST ONTARIO IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. THE BOARD HAS ALSO IDENTIFIED THE IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF OUR BUILDING AND LAND ASSETS AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR OPERATING IN AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON RECRUITMENT OF DOCTORS OBJECT AND I MOVE FORWARD BASIS. SHOULD YOU BE CONCERNED ABOUT DESIGNATING WINNIPEG CLINIC AS HERITAGE? YES YOU SHOULD. ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG BY DESI GO ENTERTAINMENTED THE CLINIC AS COMMEMORATIVE NOT HERITAGE. AND AS A FINAL NOTE, I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL HEARTS AND ALL OF THE WONDERFUL HEARTS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY WHICH I BELIEVE N I'M A BORN AND BRED WINNIPEGER. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME AT COUNCIL. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. IF YOU COULD STAY ON THE FLOOR AND WE'LL CALL YOU BACK. THAT WAS MR. MALONE. NOW MR. IAN MARCIL REPRESENTING OSPAR, AND IS IN OPPOSITION TO THE SAME ITEM. YOU HAVE TO TEN MINUTES ON THE LACK.

IAN MARCIL: GOOD MORNING YOUR WORSHIP, GOOD MORNING COUNCIL. I AM IAN MARCIL, PRESIDENT OF OSPAR CONSULTING LIMITED. DESPITE THE WINNIPEG CLINIC'S OBJECTIONS, THE HISTORICAL BUILDING AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE, HBRC, IS ASKING COUNCIL TO LIST THEIR BUILDING AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE. THE OPTION IS NOT TO LIST IT, LIST IT AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE OR PUT IT ON THE LIST. WE WANT TO PLACE 425 ST. MARY ON THE ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED COMMEMORATIVE LIST. FACT, THE OWNERS OF THE WINNIPEG CLINIC CARE MORE ABOUT THIS BUILDING THAN ANYBODY ELSE. THEY ARE THE KIND OF PROPERTY OWNERS THAT LOVERS OF HERITAGE WISH FOR ALL THINGS HERITAGE. THEY ARE GOOD GUARDIANS. NO ONE IS QUESTIONING THAT. WHY, THEN, WOULD THIS BUILDING BE PLACED ON THE LIST OF HERITAGE RESOURCES? THE PROPONENTS SAY IT NEEDS PROTECTION. THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS. PROTECTION FROM WHOM AND WHAT? NO ONE HAS MORE AT TAKE THAN THE CLINIC. NO ONE HAS MORE INVESTED THAN THE CLINIC AND THEY ARE

DOING A GREAT JOB PRESERVING IT AND YET THE PROPONENTS SAY IT MUST BE PROTECTED FROM INAPPROPRIATE RENOVATIONS. FACT, THIS PROPERTY DOES NOT REQUIRE PROTECTION FROM ITS AR DENTAL STAKEHOLDER. CONTRACT THE WINNIPEG CLINIC'S BEHAVIOUR TO THAT OF THE PROTECTION THE PROPONENTS OFFER. IN 2016 THEY GEARED UP TO RENOVATE THE FLOOR, GUTTING AND BUILDING A BETTER FACILITY FOR THE OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY DEPARTMENT BUT HERITAGE STEPPED IN TO PROTECT THE BUILDING AND WHAT WAS IT THEY WANTED? AMONG OTHER THINGS THE CLINIC TO REDESIGN THE WINDOW FRAMES SO THEY COULD BE RECESSED AN ADDITIONAL 2 INCHES. RATHER THAN THIS BEING VALID PROTECTION THIS IS RED TAPE AND OVERREACHING. WHAT IS THE VALUE AFFORDED BY THAT PROTECTION? NONE. NO ONE WILL SEE ANY DIFFERENCE IT THESE WINDOWS ARE RECESSED AN EXTRA 2 INCHES AND WITH WHAT COST DID THAT TWO DIFFERENCE MAKE? IT WAS A NODELESS WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT PROTECTION. HBRC'S 2ND ARGUMENT FOR WHY THE BUILDING NEEDS PROTECTION IS THE CLINIC MIGHT TEAR IT DOWN OR SELL THE BUILDING AND THEN IT MIGHT BE TORN DOWN. O MR. PREPOSTEROUS. THE CLINIC INVESTED MILLIONS AND IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO EXPAND THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE PROPONENTS HAVE THE PRESUMPTION TO SAY THE BUILDING MIGHT BE TORN DOWN. THERE IS NO FACT IN THAT ARGUMENT THERE ARE NO FACTS FROM THEM. THIS IS IT A RED HERRING. HAS HERITAGE WINNIPEG DONE A FINANCIAL PROJECTION AND WHERE IS THE ANALYSIS THAT SAYS TEARING DOWN THIS RECENTLY RENOVATED, FULLY FUNCTIONING MEDICAL FACILITY, THAT THAT IS EVEN REMOTELY POSSIBLE? NO FACTS, NO SUPPORTING ANALYSIS. THIS "DANGER" IS TRULY FAKE NEWS. SHAME ON THEM FOR USING FEAR AND BASELESS SUPPOSITION FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT NEEDED AND WILL ONLY DIVERT FUNDS FROM OUR ALREADY STRESSED PRESENTED CALL SYSTEM. AND THE WINNIPEG CLINIC IS NOT A WAILING PARTY IT THEIR PROPOSAL PLACING 425 ST. MARY ON THE LIST OF RESOURCES ASK EYE TRANSACTION IN WHICH THE CITY TAKES VALUE FROM THE OWNERS WITHOUT COMPENSATION. IF COUNCIL WILL TO GUERIN STY THAT THE CITY AND WILL COMPENSATE THE CLINIC FOR COST AND DAMAGES PERHAPS THERE IS AN ARGUMENT TO BE MADE BUT THE FUNDING SIN ADEQUATE AND EVEN MS. TUGWELL SAID AT THE STANDING MEETINGS AND EPC BUT THIS IS THE GRANT PROGRAM, A FUND AND THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM. OF THE DRAFT, HERITAGE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM, PROPOSES BUILDINGS MUST BE VACANT OR UNDER UTILIZED. THAT IS NOT THE DEFINITION OF THE WINNIPEG CLINIC BECAUSE IT WOULD NEVER BE THAT. AND WHAT ABOUT THE GALE FUND. AVAILABLE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE THAT FROM THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND TOPS UP VOTED ON BY YOU THE COUNCIL. NO APPLICANTS ARE ASSURED OF ANY FUNDING AND MORE ABOUT YOUR TOPUPS LATER. WHAT ABOUT THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM,? THE TCP SIN TENDED FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL INCREASE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT VALUE. THE CLINIC -- NO IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCREASE THE BUILDING'S ASSESSMENT AND HENCE, NO INCENTIVES. ON ANOTHER LEVEL FOLLOWING THE NUMBERS EXPLAINING -- THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS EXPLAIN WHY ADDING MORE BUILDINGS TO THE LIST OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. YOU, THE STEWARDS OF CITY HALL KNOW FULL WELL THAT THE CITY'S NET FINANCIAL POSITION IS AND HAS BEEN DECLINING. AND AS YOUR CFO HAS EXPLAINED, THE NET FINANCIAL POSITION INDICATES THE AFFORDABILITY OF ADDITIONAL SPENDING. YOU DON'T HAVE IT AND YOU ARE GETTING LESS OF IT. THERE ARE ALREADY 300 BUILDINGS ON THIS LIST BUT STRANGELY A 2017 BUDGET STATES THAT THE

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS RECEIVED HERITAGE SUPPORT WAS 25. AND IN 2015 IT WAS 23. WHY ONLY 23 BUILDINGS? BECAUSE THERE IS A MODEL THAT SHOWS IT'S UNSUSTAINABLE AND GETTING WORSE. HERE IS A QUICK CALCULATION OF THE DOLLARS NEEDED TO ALLOCATE TO THE BUDGET IF YOU KEEP ADDING BUILDINGS TO THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES LIST. THERE ARE BIG AND SMALL BUILDINGS ON THE LIST. BUT ASSUMING CONSERVATIVELY THERE IS A REPLACEMENT VALUE OF ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS COLLECTIVELY THEY WOULD BE WORTH HALF A BILLION DOLLARS. USING VERIFIABLE INDUSTRY ACKNOWLEDGED FINANCIAL METRICS, SUCH AS A 2 PERCENT SINKING FUND AND 25 PERCENT ALLOCATION TOWARDS THINGS THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDITS AND A 50 PERCENT COST SHARING THEN THE CITY'S SHARE WOULD BE $1 MILLION FOR THE BUILDINGS ALREADY ON THE LIST IF ALL THOSE BUILDING OWNERS RECEIVED THEIR FAIR SHARE OF HERITAGE ELIGIBLE REPAIRS. SO, HOW MUCH MONEY DID COUNCIL ALLOCATE TO THE 25 BUDGET FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION'S GRANT TRANSFERS AND OTHERS? $57,000. $57,000 FOR 300 BUILDINGS EQUALS $200 A BUILDING. THERE ARE ANOTHER 80 ODD BUILDINGS ON THE NOMINATED LIST AND ANOTHER 300 ON THE COMMEMORATIVE LIST AND USING THOSE METRIC, 700 BUILDINGS ADDS UP TO TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR IN GRANTS FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. BUT, COUNCIL PASSED A BUDGET THIS YEAR WITH ONLY 57,000 IN GRANT MONEY AND YES, THERE IS OTHER MONEY AVAILABLE BUT THAT MONEY IS NOT DEPENDABLE NOR IS IT SUSTAINABLE. YOU MEAN WELL. YOU CARE ABOUT HERITAGE, WE ALL DO. BUT, TAXPAYERS CAN ONLY AFFORD SO MUCH HERITAGE AND RIGHT NOW THE CITY CAN'T AFFORD THE BUILDINGS ALREADY ON THE LIST. EVEN HERITAGE WINNIPEG SAYS MORE MONEY IS REQUIRED TO FUND THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE TO PUT BUILDINGS ON THE HISTORICAL RESOURCE LIST UNLESS YOU FIRST ALLOCATE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION GRANTS BUT THIS BROKEN MODEL MUST BE CHANGED FOR IT TO BE SUSTAINABLE. YOU NEED, IN THE INTERIM, YOU NEED TO TRIAGE SPENDING. YOU CAN DO THAT BY KEEPING THE GRANT MONEY FOR THOSE BUILDINGS WHERE IT IS TRULY NEEDED AND NOT FOR BUILDINGS LIKE 425 ST. MARY. IF BUILDINGS ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROPERLY MAINTAINED BY THEIR OWNERS LIKE THE WINNIPEG CLINIC YOU CAN TRIAGE FUNDING BY PUTTING THOSE BUILDINGS ON THE COMMEMORATIVE LIST. THE CLINIC PROVED ITSELF A GOOD STEWARD. THIS IS THE CASE WHERE PUTTING THIS BUILDING ON THE COMMEMORATIVE LIST IS THE RIGHT APPROACH AND DESPITE WHAT HERITAGE WINNIPEG SAYS ABOUT THE LIST THERE ARE VALID REASONS FOR IT TO EXIST. THERE ARE OVER 300 PROPERTIES ON IT INCLUDING THE GREAT WEST LIFE BUILDING ON OSBORNE AND THE KROMAR BUILDING ON PORTAGE AVENUE. THE WINNIPEG BUILDING SHOULD JOIN THEM ON THAT LIST. THIS IS FACTUAL, THIS IS DEFENSIBLE, THIS IS SUSTAINABLE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. MARCIL OR MR. MALONE? COUNCILLOR EADIE IF YOU COULD PLEASE COME FORWARD, MR. MALONE. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES. THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I HAVE CAUGHT, MADAM SPEAKER, PART OF THE DISCUSSION WHEN THE PRESENTER WAS ALSO AT THE COMMITTEE WHEN THIS WAS COMING THROUGH, MADAM SPEAKER AND I THINK I HEARD THE ONLY ISSUE WAS ABOUT WINDOWS IN TERMS OF THE MAJOR RENOVATION THAT'S BEING UNDERTAKEN SO MADAM SPEAKER, WHAT'S THE ACTUAL

DOLLAR COST, APPROXIMATION, TO MEET THE HERITAGE REQUIREMENTS IN REGARDS TO THIS RENOVATING OF AN EXCELLENT CLINIC?

TOM MALONE: $20,000.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

TOM MALONE: AND THREE TO FOUR MONTHS DELAY IN THE PROJECT.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS TODAY.

IAN MARCIL: $20,000 SEEMS LIKE A SMALL AMOUNT.

MADAM SPEAKER: CAN YOU MANUFACTURE FORWARD TO THE MIC.

IAN MARCIL: $20,000 SEEMS LIKE A SMALL AMOUNT BUT COMPARED TO BUDGET WISE TO YOU THAT WOULD BE $2 MILLION ON YOUR BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTION. THAT WILL CLOSE OFF QUESTION PERIOD AND SEEING THE HOUR, COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN MOVES WE RECESS FOR LUNCH AND RESUME AT 1:30 TO GET INTO THE COMMITTEE REPORTS. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED) (PROCEEDINGS RECONVENED.

MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2017. WE WILL GET INTO THE REPORTS. MR. MAYOR, REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2017.

MAYOR BOWMAN: MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO DECLARE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ITEM SIX.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I INTRODUCE THE REPORT AND MOVE ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONE THROUGH SIX. I WOULD LIKE TO PULL ITEM FOUR AND ITEM -- YEAH, ITEM FOUR.

MADAM SPEAKER: AND ITEM SIX WILL BE STOOD DOWN AS WELL AS PER THE RECUSAL. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: ITEM FIVE PLEASE.

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEMS ONE THROUGH THREE. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM FOUR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND WINNIPEG POLICE SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. I'LL FIRST WAIT TO HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. THAT WAS STOOD DOWN BY -- WAS IT YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE, ITEM FOUR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I THOUGHT THERE ARE OTHERS THAT WOULD SPEAK TO IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS REPORT TODAY AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AGAIN, THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY OUR PUBLIC SERVICE. OUR MANAGER OF LABOUR RELATIONS, MR. ROBERT KIRBY WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY IN THE GALLERY, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MR. KIRBY AND HIS TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS AND THE TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS FROM THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION. THE REPORT THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS GOOD NEWS FOR TAXPAYERS AND I DO -- THE PUBLIC'S -- I DREW THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WHEN WE VOTED ON THIS LAST WEEK. THIS REPORT THAT'S BEFORE US IS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND THE REPORT OUTLINES THE GENERAL WAGE INCREASES THAT ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED HERE THAT WE ARE VOTING ON, IN A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT. AND LET ME JUST SUFFICE TO SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT HERE WE HAVE ANOTHER NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH IS FAR BETTER FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND FAR BETTER FOR TAXPAYERS THAN ARBITRATION. WE WILL BE HAPPY WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL. THE GOAL HAS BEEN IN OUR LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS WE HAVE NEGOTIATED SO FAR AND THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF THEM, WINNIPEG POLICE ASSOCIATION, WINNIPEG -- UNITED FIREFIGHTERS OF WINNIPEG, AND C.U.P.E. BEING THE BIGGEST OF THEM, IT ACHIEVES THE GOAL OF SUSTAINABLE LABOUR COST INCREASES YEAR OVER YEAR. AND THAT WAS REALLY ONE OF THE TARGETS WE HAD GOING INTO THIS YEAR, AS WE NEGOTIATED WITH ALL OF THE BARGAINING UNITS AND I KNOW THAT FOR MR. KIRBY THAT HAS BEEN HIS GOAL, IS KEEPING THE TAXPAYERS IN MIND, IN ALL OF OUR COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATIONS. AND WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON TODAY, REALLY, I BELIEVE ACHIEVES THAT TARGET OF SUSTAINABILITY. AND IF -- WE PRODUCED GRAPHICS, I KNOW THEY HAVE GONE OUT FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG FOR OUR -- FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THERE IS A GRAPHIC I KNOW FOR THE WINNIPEG POLICE SR. OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, UNITED FIREFIGHTERS, FOR C.U.P.E. AND THEY ALSO HAVE A GRAPHIC FOR

THIS NEGOTIATION THAT'S BEFORE US WITH THE WINNIPEG POLICE SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND EACH OF THOSE GRAPHICS, THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AND EACH OF THEM REALLY SPELLS OUT WHAT THE GENERAL WAGE INCREASE IS YEAR OVER YEAR, NET OF CONCESSIONS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE WINNIPEG POLICE SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION YEAR OVER YEAR, INCREASES NET OF CONCESSIONS IT'S REMARKABLE AND I THINK TAXPAYERS CAN BE ASSURED THAT WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE WORKED HARD TO HAVE THEIR INTERESTS IN MIND, WHILE ALSO BEING FAIR TO OUR EMPLOYEES. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AGAIN THE FACT THAT THESE ARE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS. THESE HAVEN'T GONE TO ARBITRATION. TO THAT END I EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THE LABOUR LEADERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS. WINNIPEG POLICE ASSOCIATION -- POLICE ASSOCIATION, THE UNITED FIREFIGHTERS, WINNIPEG SENIOR OFFICERS, SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND C.U.P.E. AS WELL, JUST FOR THEIR WORK, THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMING TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN THEIR RESPECT -- WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS. SO WE HAVE GOOD NEWS BEFORE US TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER, AND I'M CERTAINLY GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS REPORT. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MAYOR WHO HAS BEEN STEADFAST ON HIS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE TAXPAYERS WHEN IT COMES TO OUR COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND SO, WITH THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, AS I SAID I'M GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS REPORT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM. ARE THERE ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR, BACK TO YOU TO CLOSE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO ECHO COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S REMARKS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD WORK OF OUR LEAD NEGOTIATOR AND MEMBERS OF OUR PUBLIC SERVICE WHO HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY ON THIS AND OTHER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE HEARD FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL THIS MORNING BALKING ABOUT COSTS. WE HEARD A LOT FROM THAT FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL AND YOU KNOW, LOOK, THIS IS DELIVERING RESULTS WHERE IT MATTERS, BOTTOM LINE. THIS COUNCIL IS DELIVERING RESULTS ON REALLY BENDING THAT COST CURVE FOR THE INCREASING COSTS OF LABOUR, AND DOING IT IN A FASHION THAT IS NEGOTIATED. AND THAT -- I APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S EFFORTS TO DATE. HE HAS BEEN PUT IN AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL AND THE TAXPAYERS BEHALF, TO EFFECT THIS AND OTHER NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS AND I WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS WORK. WE LOOKED AT COST SAVINGS THIS YEAR ALONE THAT ARE IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AS A RESULT OF BENDING THIS COST CURVE AND WE ALL KNEW, COMING INTO THIS COUNCIL, THAT THE INCREASING COSTS FOR LABOUR WERE SIMPLY NOT SUSTAINABLE. AND THIS COUNCIL, I THINK, DESERVES TREMENDOUS CREDIT AS DOES OUR PUBLIC SERVICE, AS WELL AS OUR RESPECTIVE BARGAINING AGENTS AND UNION LEADERS FOR BEING WILLING TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH, GOOD DEALS FOR MEMBERS BUT ALSO, FOR TAXPAYERS. A LOT OF TALK OVER MANY, MANY, MANY YEARS ABOUT THE NEED TO DO THIS. WE'RE DELIVERING RESULTS WHERE IT REALLY MATTERS AND IT'S AFFECTING THE BOTTOM LINE, WHICH, OBVIOUSLY HELPS TAXPAYERS SO I'M VERY PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE WINNIPEG POLICE SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TODAY, THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WITH THAT I'LL CALL THE QUESTION FOR ITEM FOUR. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. MR. CLERK, ITEM FIVE.

CLERK: ITEM FIVE DEACON WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEFICIENCIES REVIEW.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I'LL WAIT TO FIRST HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE ACTUALLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MERGED EFFORTS CALLED ON BY VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK THAT GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHAT'S BEEN AIRED OUT, I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL WE GET THINGS CLARIFIED, MADAM SPEAKER, IN TERMS OF ALL THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. AND MADAM SPEAKER, I ALSO LIKE TO THANK COUNCILLORS WYATT AND LUKES FOR MOVING AND INSPIRING US TO ACTUALLY LOOK INTO THIS, WHICH IS VERY CONCERNING TO OUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THIS ONE, MADAM SPEAKER, DOESN'T, TO ME, IS NOT EQUIVALENT OF WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE FIREHALL PROGRAM AND THE WINNIPEG POLICE HEADQUARTERS PROJECT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME VERY EXPENSIVE OUTCOMES THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THEM A LITTLE MORE, MADAM SPEAKER. IT IS APPROPRIATE, MADAM SPEAKER. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED A THIRD PARTY AUDITOR TO HAVE A LOOK AT THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. MADAM SPEAKER, AS YOU WILL RECALL, BEING A MEMBER OF THE PREVIOUS TERM, THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE WAS A THIRD PARTY AUDITOR THAT CAME IN BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, OUR CITY AUDIT DEPARTMENT IS NOT LIMITED BY NOT BEING INDEPENDENT, IT IS LIMITED BY THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES THAT A SMALL OFFICE STAFF CAN GET DONE. AND I FEEL -- WELL, I KNOW THAT OUR CITY'S AUDITORS OFFICE, THE AUDITOR AND THE PEOPLE THAT WORK IN THAT OFFICE, MADAM SPEAKER, WORK VERY, VERY HARD FOR THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THEY HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THEY DO, IT'S ALWAYS ENCOURAGING TO ME TO KNOW THAT THAT WORK IS HAPPENING, MADAM SPEAKER. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS, THOUGH, MADAM SPEAKER, -- AND I DON'T KNOW, WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL BE FOUND OR WHAT'S GOING TO COME OUT OF THIS, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT ULTIMATELY, MADAM SPEAKER, OUR THIRD PARTY AUDITORS IN THE -- AND THE PREVIOUS ONES FOUND SOME ANOMALIES THEY COULDN'T REPORT PUBLICLY FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THEY FOUND VARIOUS THINGS THAT WERE, YOU KNOW, WHO KNOWS AND WE AS COUNCIL WITH THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS ENDED UP SENDING IT ON TO THE PROVINCE TO DEAL WITH, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT, WITHIN THE CHARTER OUR CITY AN AUDITOR WHO IS AN INDEPENDENT OFFICER WHO IS PICKED AND VOTED AND PICKED BY COUNCIL, AND ON RECOMMENDATION FROM A HIRING COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES THE MAYOR AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT ESSENTIALLY, ONCE THE PERSON BECOMES A CITY AUDITOR, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POWERS THAT A CITY AUDITOR CAN IMPLEMENT IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE. FOR EXAMPLE, MADAM SPEAKER, FOR THE FORMER COUNCILLOR STEEK -- I

THOUGHT HE WAS A COUNCILLOR TODAY, PARDON ME. FORMER COUNCILLOR STEEK, YOU KNOW, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE COULD BE ALL THESE PROBLEMS AS PERCEIVED INDEPENDENCE AND SO ON, BUT ULTIMATELY, IF OUR CITY AUDITOR DISCOVERS SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY -- NEEDS FURTHER, DEEPER INVESTIGATION, THEY HAVE POWER UNDER THE CHARTER TO SUBPOENA PRIVATE RECORDS, IF THEY DETERMINE THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS THERE AND THE PERSON WE PUT IN PLACE AS THE CITY AUDITOR, HOPEFULLY, IF THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE, MADAM SPEAKER, IN THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE AUDITING AND SO ON THAT ARE DONE, MADAM SPEAKER, IF THEY ARE DISCOVERED I AM SURE, IF IT'S REALLY UNTOWARD ABOUT ANY OF OUR OPERATIONS OR ANYTHING, I'M SURE THAT THAT AUDITOR WILL INVOKE -- I CAN'T REMEMBER THE CLAUSE NUMBER SPECIFICALLY, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY CAN DO AN INQUIRY, MADAM SPEAKER, IT MEANS THEY CAN DEMAND UPON SUBPOENA AND SO ON, RECORDS THAT THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET BECAUSE OUR CITY AUDITOR WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT ALL OF OUR PUBLIC RECORDS IN REGARDS TO THIS. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LOOK AT ANY PRIVATE RECORDS BECAUSE UNLESS THEY INVOKE THAT PARTICULAR CLAUSE, THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO THAT. BUT LET'S LET THE CITY AUDITOR DO THE WORK. I THINK IT WAS COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW THAT CAME UP WITH THE OMNIBUS MOTION AND I WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORT IT AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANKS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WOULD LIKE TO RISE TO SPEAK TO THIS ALSO. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EPC AND COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW FOR INCORPORATING COUNCILLOR WYATT'S AND MY MOTION INTO THIS OMNIBUS MOTION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT ON THE RECORD THAT I AM COMPLETELY AWARE THAT DURING PROCEEDINGS, DURING POTENTIAL LAWSUITS, THAT WE CAN'T RELEASE WHY CERTAIN THINGS HAVE HAPPENED OR WHAT HAS OCCURRED. BUT, NOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY COURT PROCEEDINGS GOING ON, I WILL BE MAKING A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE WATER AND WASTE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION ON WHAT HAS OCCURRED AND WHAT'S GONE WRONG AND DETAILS LIKE THAT, ALSO. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR LUKES. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I STAND WITH ALL MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES IN OUR SHOCK AND OUR DISMAY THIS HAPPENED AT ALL. THIS IS WATER. THIS IS ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE HAVE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS THE DELIVERY OF WATER. THAT IS -- SO, TO SEE THIS HAPPEN IN A WATER PLANT BY OUR OWN CAUSES IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ALL OF US. SO I DO REQUEST FROM -- TO HAVE OTHER ISSUES BROUGHT TOGETHER, THAT'S A NO BRAINER FOR US. I KNOW AT TIMES THERE IS ANIMOSITY THAT GOES ALONG AND THAT'S PART OF DEMOCRACY BUT WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. I THINK THE INTERNAL AUDITOR IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. AS I MENTION I HAD WASN'T TOO SURE WHAT THE FORMER COUNCILLOR WAS TALKING ABOUT IN REGARDS TO THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR. I'M NOT RULING THAT OUT, I'LL BE HONEST, I WON'T RULE IT OUT AT THIS POINT BUT BEFORE WE GO THERE, I BELIEVE

THE INTERNAL AUDITOR DOES HAVE THE SKILLS. AND IF HE DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE SKILLS HE WILL CONTRACT TO GET THOSE SKILLS IN AND THEN WE WILL SEE THE REPORT AND GO FROM THERE. AND THAT'S WHY I PUT A TIGHT TIME LINE ON IT. IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE AUDITOR IN THAT TIME LINE BUT AGAIN, IF THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE WE NEED TO DO THAT. SO, I JUST WANT TO PREFACE THAT THERE IS ON NUMBER THREE FROM COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, BEFORE WE GET TOO FAR DOWN WRITING REPORTS -- AND I REALLY HOPE COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S NUMBER THREE AND FOUR, THAT WE DO HAVE SOME ABILITY. I GUESS I'M REALLY HOPEFUL. I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH HOPE I HAVE, THE ACTUALITY OF THE HOPE BUT I SEE A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE, HOPE THAT WE CAN STILL MAYBE DO SOMETHING HERE. MAYBE THERE IS ANOTHER OPINION. MAYBE, AGAIN, GOING TO THE THIRD PARTY TO CHECK THAT OUT IS A GOOD IDEA. NOT THAT I DON'T -- I'M MARRIED TIE LAWYER, SHE IS FANTASTIC BUT AGAIN, SOMETIMES WE HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT LAW AND SHE HAS HER OPINIONS AND I HAVE MY OPINION ABOUT LAW. AGAIN, TWO PEOPLE CAN HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ABOUT LAW AND THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE COURTS. SO AGAIN, OUR LEGAL OPINIONS ARE CLEAR AND I DO BELIEVE THEY ARE RIGHT, BASED ON WHAT I HAVE HEARD BUT I DO REALLY HOPE THAT THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THIS CASE ISN'T OVER WITH BECAUSE YES, THE TAXPAYERS WANT TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO RECOUP THAT COST. NOW, TO RECOUP THE COST THERE HAVE BEEN NUMBERS THROWN OUT AND IT'S BETTER TO SAY $30 MILLION OR $50 MILLION BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW. WELL THAT'S ASSUMING WE WOULD HAVE WON THE CASE AND GOT THAT ALL MONEY BACK. SO I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE AMOUNT WOULD BE IF WE WENT TO COURT AND IF WE HAD WON SO AGAIN, TO SAY THAT THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE, WELL I HOPE WE DON'T LOSE $30 MILLION, ABSOLUTELY NOT. I KNOW WE DO HAVE -- WE HAVE SOME -- I WILL DEAL WITH THAT BUT I KNOW COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM IS WORKING ON THAT AS WELL. BUT IN THE END OF THE DAY, REGARDLESS OF THE MONEY IT'S A HUGE MISTAKE IF IT'S 5 MILLION OR 30 MILLION, IT DOESN'T MATTER IN REGARDS TO THAT. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT WE MISSED SOME KEY TIME LINES INTERNALLY. AND AGAIN, IT'S JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE TAXPAYERS, TO COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE TO GO OUT THERE AND TALK TO THE PEOPLE ABOUT THIS AND WE DID A GREAT REPORT ABOUT HOW WE REDUCED OUR SPENDING, WE REALLY TRIED TO CONTROL SPENDING AS MUCH AS WE CAN THROUGH THE LABOUR AGREEMENTS WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE AND TO HAVE ALL THOSE SAVINGS BECAUSE AGAIN, WE ALL KNOW FISCALLY WE NEED THE REVENUE. SO TO HAVE THIS HERE TODAY, IS VERY UPSETTING FOR EVERYBODY AND I DON'T WANT TO MISS THAT. BUT ALSO I DO WANT TO STRESS THAT THIS IS ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER, TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN PROTECT THIS INCIDENT FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN IN OUR CITY OF WINNIPEG AND PROTECT THE TAXPAYER. I BELIEVE THIS IS A COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY. I'M NOT ON THAT COMMITTEE PER SE. IT DOESN'T MATTER. EVERY ONE OF US MAY NOT BE ON THE WATER COMMITTEE OR AN AUDIT COMMITTEE BUT WE ALL SHARE THAT WE ALL FEEL THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T LET HAPPEN AGAIN. SO AGAIN, THESE FIVE POINTS, THERE WILL BE SOME STRESS ABOUT WE WILL MANIPULATE SOME REPORTS AND I HEARD EX-COUNCILLOR STEEKS SAY THAT THIS MORNING. I HAVE MORE FAITH IN OUR AUDITOR AT THIS POINT. HE HAS THE SKILLS TO DO THIS IN 120 DAYS, I TRUST HIM ON THAT AND WHEN WE GET ALL THIS INFORMATION BACK, BY ALL MEANS, I DON'T THINK THIS IS OVER. I THINK WE HAVE TO KEEP WORKING ON THE FILE BECAUSE IT IS SUCH AN ISSUE NOT JUST FOR THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE BUT FOR

OUR SYSTEM. SO I'M HAPPY WE ALL CAME TOGETHER AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN ALL SUPPORT THIS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I RISE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND THIS REPORT. I WANT TO CONCUR WITH WHAT COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW HAS STATED. I RISE JUST TO REMIND, I GUESS, THE PUBLIC AND GET ON RECORD A FEW IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THIS MOTION AND FIRST OF ALL IT'S THE FACT THAT I BELIEVE COUNCIL USED UNANIMOUS IN DECLARING THAT THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE MUST ACT IN UNISON IN ONE ACCORD HERE, TO TRY TO FIND OUT (A), WHAT HAPPENED AND THE TIME LINE OF IT, TO HAVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY DEFICIENCIES. >>ANY PROCESSED DEFICIENCIES THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED OR ALTERED BECAUSE OF THIS TO ENSURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. AND THIRDLY, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECOVER, TO EVERY DEGREE WE CAN, THE TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY MAY BE LOST, IN THIS MATTER. I APPRECIATE WE HEARD, WELL, THE DEADLINE WAS MISSED AND SO THE DOOR TO RECOVERING ANY OF THE MONIES ON BEHALF OF THE TAXPAYERS IS CLOSED. WELL, IT'S A MATTER IF THIS DOOR IS CLOSED WE HAVE TO TRY EVERY OTHER DOOR BECAUSE IT'S OUR JOB TO REPRESENT THE TAXPAYERS AND TO REPRESENT THEM FROM MATTERS LIKE THIS. SO I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN THUS FAR ON THIS MOTION AND I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION AGAIN TO NUMBER THREE WHERE -- RECOMMENDATION NUMBER THREE, WHICH REVIEWS THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOVERING A PORTION OR ALL, REALLY, OF THE DAMAGES THROUGH EITHER LAW SOCIETY OR ANY OTHER MEANS. AND I WANT TO STRESS THAT ANY OTHER MEANS. IF THERE IS A WAY OR A MECHANISM WHEREBY THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CAN RECOVER A PORTION OF THESE DAMAGES OR THE COST OF THESE DEFICIENCIES, EVERY EFFORT NEEDS TO BE MADE AND WE NEED TO PURSUE IT WITH EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS SO THAT WE CAN RECOUP WHAT HAS BEEN LOST THUS FAR ON BEHALF OF THE TAXPAYERS. AND FURTHER, YOU KNOW, THE IDEA OF GETTING OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNCIL TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT POLICY. APPARENTLY WE SELF INSURE OUR LAWYERS. IS THAT THE BEST PRACTICE? I DON'T KNOW. IS THAT THE ONLY OPTION? I DON'T KNOW. ARE THE TAXPAYERS PROTECTED BY US ENSURING THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO FIND OUT AS WELL. SO I BELIEVE THIS MOTION IS COMPREHENSIVE. IT GATHERS TOGETHER AND CONSOLIDATES OTHER MOTIONS AND CALLS WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY I BELIEVE ALL OF COUNCIL AND I ANTICIPATE WHEN YOU CALL THE QUESTION ON THIS REPORT, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THERE WILL BE UNANIMOUS "YES" IN SUPPORT OF GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF WHAT'S HAPPENING. AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE SURE ANY GAPS IN PROCESSES ARE ADDRESSED, FIXED AND CHANGED AND IF THERE IS ANY OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER THE TAXPAYER MONIES THAT THAT WILL HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I SUPPORT PROCEEDING IN THIS MANNER AND I AM NOT MARRIED TO A LAWYER, I AM A NON-PRACTISING LAWYER SO I HAVE MY OWN VIEWS ON THIS. BUT I DO THINK A LOT HAS BEEN MADE OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HAVE CHECKS AND

BALANCES IN PLACE AND MAKE SURE THEY KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE LIMITATION DATES AND THAT. BUT I DO THINK THAT THERE IS ANOTHER POINT, AND I WANTED TO RAISE THIS QUESTION AGAIN WHENEVER I CAN. BUT THE QUESTION OF WHEN WE DECIDE TO DO THIS WORK OURSELVES OR WHEN WE DECIDE TO HIRE OUTSIDE COUNCIL TO DO IT, THIS WAS A VERY LARGE MATTER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DELIBERATIONS WERE WITHIN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OR -- IN OUR CAO'S OFFICE AT THE TIME AND DECIDING WHETHER WE SHOULD HANDLE THIS CASE OURSELVES OR FARM IT OUT TO ANOTHER -- TO AN OUTSIDE LAW FIRM. BOTTOM LINE IS, HAD WE DONE THAT AND THE LAWYER IN THAT FIRM HAD MISSED THE LIMITATION DATE, THE TAXPAYERS WOULD HAVE BEEN PROTECTED THROUGH PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. SO, I DO THINK THAT'S ANOTHER POINT THAT WE NEED TO EXAMINE VERY CAREFULLY IN THESE LAWSUITS, WHEN WE DECIDE TO DO THEM OURSELVES AND WHEN WE ARE DECIDING TO FARM THEM OUT AND WHAT WILL THE CRITERIA BE FOR THOSE DECISIONS. SO I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT POINT ON THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MORANTZ AND MR. MAYOR BACK TO YOU FOR CLOSING.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: I ECHO THE COMMENTS.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I WANT TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THEIR ATTENTION AND COLLABORATION ON THIS MATTER, COUNCILLOR LUKES, COUNCILLOR WYATT, COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW AND MANY OTHERS HAVE PUT A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY IN RESPONDING ACCORDINGLY AS A RESULT OF THIS. AS PART OF THE PROCESSES HERE AT CITY HALL, WHEN LAWSUITS OF THIS NATURE ARE FIRST INITIATED, MAYOR AND RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS SIGN OFF ON IT. AT THE TIME IT WAS COUNCILLOR LUKES AND MYSELF, AND WHEN WE INITIATE LEGAL ACTION, WE DO SO WITH CONFIDENCE THAT IT WILL BE PURSUED IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER. AND THAT LIMITATION PERIODS WILL BE MET. THE FACT THAT IT WASN'T MET IS INEXCUSABLE AND I KNOW, I SPEAK FOR ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL IN EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN ABOUT SUCH A SIGNIFICANT MATTER, AFFECTING THE CITY AND OF COURSE AFFECTING THE TAXPAYERS. I THINK THE RESPONSE OF COURSE AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL IS TO ENSURE THE FURTHER ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES ARE LOOKED AT, REVIEWED AND IMPLEMENTED AS COUNCIL DEEMS FIT. MY UNDERSTANDING AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE LAWYER THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MATTER IS NO LONGER EMPLOYED AT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. I BELIEVE THIS MATTER IS GETTING THE ATTENTION IT DEMANDS, AND THIS COUNCIL AND I WILL ENSURE THAT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SUPPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE RECOMMENDATION THAT IS ARE MOVING FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION RIGHT NOW, WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE LOOKING OUT FOR THE TAXPAYERS BEST INTERESTS ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS AND, OF COURSE, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE REPORT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. MAYOR. WITH THAT I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM FIVE. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. ITEM NUMBER SIX, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM SIX, SETTLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH ACTION CI15-TEN-9934, THE COAST VERSES THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND PUBLIC CACHE TO QUASH BYLAW

AMENDMENTS MADE CONCERNING A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR 2090 HENDERSON HIGHWAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I'LL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUES FIRST.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK -- COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I HAVE GIVEN A LOT OF THOUGHT WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER AGAIN, AS A FORMER LAWYER, I DO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY WHEN WE GIVE ADVICE AND WE LIKE OUR CLIENTS TO ACCEPT OUR ADVICE. BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN OUR CLIENTS CHOOSE NOT TO AND OFTEN THEY HAVE GOOD REASON. AND I THINK IN THIS CASE WE HAVE VERY GOOD REASON NOT TO ACCEPT THE DISCOVERIES OUR LEGAL COUNCIL. AND WHAT IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO FOR ME, THE COUNCILLOR WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER, IS ADAMANT HE DID NOT MAKE ANY BREACH OF PROCEDURE OR DO ANYTHING INAPPROPRIATE. I COULD NOT AT ALL IN GOOD CONSCIENCE SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT WHERE MY COLLEAGUE IS TELLING ME THAT HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG. I THINK MOST PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THAT. ON THAT BASIS, I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS LAWSUIT. AND THAT'S THE POSITION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PUT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR MORANTZ. COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. MADAM SPEAKER, THE DEVELOPMENT IN QUESTION HERE, MADAM SPEAKER IN WHICH FOR THE 2ND TIME WE HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO COURT ON A NEW SET OF HEARINGS, THE NEW SET PRIOR TO THAT, MADAM SPEAKER A AND I HAPPENED TO BE INVOLVED IN THOSE ON THE HEARING SIDE AND MAKING DECISIONS IN REGARDS TO HOW, AS THE APPEAL COMMITTEE, WE THOUGHT THINGS SHOULD MOVE AHEAD OR THE COMMITTEE WHO IS HEARING IT, HOW THINGS SHOULD GO AHEAD, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S VERY CLEAR, MADAM SPEAKER, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE ISSUE AROUND THIS IS THAT EVEN IF MISTAKES IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE THIS WHICH THERE WAS SOME BYLAW AMENDMENTS MADE THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE, MADAM SPEAKER, NO MATTER WHAT, THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE APPEALED THIS TO THE PROVINCIAL COURT, MADAM SPEAKER, WILL ALWAYS -- THEY ARE NOT GOING TO LIKE THE NEXT OUTCOME EITHER, MADAM SPEAKER. BECAUSE THERE WILL HAVE TO BE ANOTHER HEARING, MADAM SPEAKER. ON THAT DEVELOPMENT AT THIS PARTICULAR SITE. AND YOU KNOW WHAT, MADAM SPEAKER, IT'S GONNA GO TO COURT AGAIN BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT IT AND THEY HAVE THE MONETARY RESOURCES TO CONTINUALLY FIGHT ITINFINITUM. FOR ME, WE DID RECEIVE SOME LEGAL

ADVICE HERE. A LEGAL DEPARTMENT THAT ACTUALLY, MADAM SPEAKER, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IS OVERWHELMED WITH WORK. IT TAKES FOREVER FOR THEM TO GET THINGS DONE, MADAM SPEAKER. SOUNDS TO ME THEY ARE OVERWHELMED AND WHEN WE GET SOMETHING LIKE THIS, AND AT BEST TO ME, I THINK THE REAL PROBLEM HERE IS SOME ERRORS WERE MADE, ABSOLUTELY. ACCUSATIONS ABOUT A PARTICULAR COUNCILLOR, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER, MADAM SPEAKER. I BELIEVE AGAIN, WE HAVE MADE SOME ERRORS. BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO CONTINUE IT FIGHT NEWS COURT ON THIS STUFF, ON A DEVELOPMENT THERE, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO FIND STUFF UNLESS WE START DOING THINGS RIGHT. AND MADAM SPEAKER THAT REVIEW IS UNDER WAY. THAT IS FINE. WHAT LEVEL DO COUNCILLORS GET INVOLVED IN THESE THINGS? WE HEAR THE HEARINGS. THAT'S FINE. WHEN DO WE TALK TO PEOPLE? WE HAVE A CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT COMING. CLEARLY, CLEARLY THROUGH THAT. EVERYBODY AS A COUNCILLOR ON THIS COUNCIL, MADAM SPEAKER, UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT DO. SO, FOR ME, TO NOT TAKE THE ADVICE IN THIS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE, SEEMS TO ME NOTHING BUT A POLITICAL ATTACK, MADAM SPEAKER. LET'S JUST SETTLE IT. THIS SETTLEMENT, WHATEVER HAPPENS IN COURT, WHETHER IT WAS AN ERROR OR SOMEBODY DID SOMETHING, IT'S GOING TO END UP IN THE SAME WAY, MADAM SPEAKER. SO WHY ARE WE WASTING OUR LEAGUE DEPARTMENT'S RESOURCE WHOSE WILL HAVE TO FIGHT THIS IN COURT, WHEN THERE WAS A LOGICAL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE, MADAM SPEAKER. SO, EPC'S RECOMMENDATION, I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO AND I DON'T KNOW WHY HE EVEN WENT THERE. IT'S LIKE TRYING TO GO AFTER SOMEBODY FOR GETTING THROWN IN THE DRUNK TANK. IT'S A WITCH HUNT AND I POLITICAL ATTACK, MADAM SPEAKER, A POLITICAL TACK. WE SHOULD BE TAKING ADVICE HERE. I AM NOT A LASH BUT I HAVE A BRAIN THAT WORKS AND I EVALUATED THIS STUFF AND I SEE NOTHING UNTOWARD DONE BY ANY CITY COUNCILLOR ON THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER REGARDING THIS DEVELOPMENT AT 2090 HENDERSON HIGHWAY, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR EADIE. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ AND EARLIER COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SPOKE ABOUT HOW IT RELATED -- MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED TO LAWYERS AND HOW THAT AFFECTS THE FAMILY DYNAMIC. I'M RELATED TO ONE LAWYER IN THE FAMILY, HE IS AN ACCOUNTANT AND A LAWYER, GO FIGURE. OTHER THAN THAT I AM RELATED TO A COUPLE OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCILLORS AS WELL AS OTHER LAW MAKERS OVER THE DECADES AND GENERATIONS. IN THIS CASE I HAPPEN TO SEE -- WHICH IS RARE, I THINK IN MY CASE, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT I AM IN FAVOUR OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION AGAINST WHAT I SEE IS THE POSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. I DON'T THINK THAT HAPPENS TOO OFTEN FOR ME HERE, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT SUCH IS THE CASE. IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE FOR ME. I DO SYMPATHIZE WITH COUNCILLOR MORANTZ'S POINT OF VIEW ON THIS, HOWEVER, I ALSO SYMPATHIZE WITH FELLOW COUNCILLOR JEFF BROWATY ON THIS. BUT I DO CONCUR WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO SAVE ANY MONEY AND I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO LEARN ANYTHING FROM THIS PROCESS THAT WE CAN'T LEARN WITHOUT

GOING TO COURT. BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN. WE'LL SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON THIS AND THEN THE RESULT ULTIMATELY FOR US IS WE WILL REVIEW OUR PROCEDURES. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE, MADAM SPEAKER. OUR PROCEDURES AND WHERE OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE GOING AND ON THAT BASIS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST PRUDENT TO CONCUR WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION, NOT THE EPC RECOMMENDATION IN THIS CASE AND INEVITABLY GO AND REVIEW OUR PROCEDURES WHICH WE WILL DO ANYWAY, DURING AND AFTER THIS COURT CASE, IF IT SHOULD PASS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: MADAM SPEAKER. WHILE I'M LYING HERE -- FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLY HARD JOB. I KNOW I HAVE AND I KNOW MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE AND ALWAYS HAD MEETINGS WITH COUNCILLORS WHO GET CAUGHT UP IN THE PROCESS. HERE IS SOME NEW INFORMATION THAT THEY REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT AND ADD THAT INTO THEIR FUTURE DECISIONS EITHER AT STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE OR EPC OR COUNCIL, AND THEY WANT TO SAY I HAVE GOT SOME INFORMATION NOW AND I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD CHANGE THINGS AND MOVE LINES AROUND OR WHATEVER. AGAIN -- AND WE HAVE TO TELL EACH COUNCILLOR WHO COMES TO ME -- AND IT'S HARD, IT'S REALLY HARD, I WANT TO CLARIFY WHAT THE RULE IS NOW, I KNOW COUNCILLOR BROWATY USED TO BE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AS WELL SO HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE RULE. SO I DO TRUST COUNCILLOR BROWATY WHEN HE SAYS YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T, I TRUST HIM BUT IT'S NOT JUST COUNCILLOR BROWATY BUT ALL OF COUNCIL. ALL OF COUNCIL HAS TO FOLLOW THE SAME RULES AND COUNCILLOR BROWATY KNOWS WHAT IT IS AND I RESPECT HIM AND HE ACTUALLY -- HE HAS DONE SOME REALLY GOOD WORK. SO, WHEN HE SAYS I DIDN'T DO IT, I'M HEARING TODAY WELL DON'T BELIEVE HIM, JUST SETTLE ANYWAY OR BELIEVE THEM AND SETTLE. BUT I DO BELIEVE HIM AND HE IS ADAMANT I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE. TO SETTLE AND SAY WE KNOW YOU ARE NOT GUILTY BUT SETTLE ANYWAY AND THEN AGAIN, WE CAN -- THE PRECAUTIONS OR WHOEVER ELSE COMES FORWARD AT THE TIME, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING. TAINTS US ALL. WE KNOW IT'S VERY DIFFICULT AND I WILL BE CLEAR WHAT I UNDERSTAND THE RULES ARE. YOU CAN RECEIVE NEW INFORMATION. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO. SHOULD YOU -- YOU SHOULDN'T BE TALKING IT PEOPLE BUT YOU MAY SEE IT ON THE INTERNET OR GET AN E-MAIL AND THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS. SHOULD I PRETEND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN? THE ISSUE IS RECEIVING THE INFORMATION IS ONE PART BUT IF YOU DON'T ACT ON THAT NEW INFORMATION THERE IS NO PROBLEM. SO LET'S BE CLEAR. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE NEW INFORMATION AS THE PROCESS GOES ALONG BUT YOU REALLY CAN'T ACT ON IT. BUT, IF YOU BELIEVE YOU NEED TO ACT ON IT, THEN THE PROCESS HAS TO START OVER AGAIN AND I AM WARNING YOU NOW THAT THIS IS AN OPTION WE WILL BE LOOKING AT BECAUSE OF THE NATURAL JUSTICE ISSUES THAT I BELIEVE ARE INHERIT THAT WILL HAVE TO BE REOPENED. SO WHEN SOMEONE COMES UP TO PROPERTRY AND DEVELOPMENT AND STATES "I WANT TO CHANGE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT." THE QUESTION IS "HOW SUBSTANTIAL IS THAT CHANGE", AND I WANT TO HAVE SQUARE WINDOWS RATHER THAN ROUND WINDOWS, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S SUBSTANTIVE ENOUGH TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. BUT IF IT'S ABOUT MOVING PROPERTY LINES AROUND, MOVING SIDE YARDS AROUND, MOVING HEIGHTS, THAT'S SUBSTANTIVE. THAT'S CLEAR TO

ME AND IF THEY REALLY BELIEVE IT MUST HAPPEN OR THEY CAN'T SUPPORT IT OR WHATEVER IT IS THEN WE WILL SEND IT BACK TO A PUBLIC HEARING. AGAIN, COUNCILLORS YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO. IT'S AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING THE APPLICANT AND THE APPELLANT AND WHO EVERYBODY IS. THERE WILL BE A COST TO THE CITY TO REDO EVERYONE BUT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE SURE THE PROCESS IS FAIR FOR ALL. SOO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE REVIEW PARAMETERS OR THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES, IT'S ALWAYS BASED UPON THE SAME MODEL FOR ME. IT HAS TO BE FAIR FOR ALL. YOU LOOK AT ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS AND SAY IS THIS FAIR? COUNCILLOR BROWATY TOLD US HE DID NOT DO THAT AND I BELIEVE HIM. SO, SINCE I BELIEVE HIM, EVEN THOUGH MAYBE I CAN'T DECIDE -- INAUDIBLE). ME BEING A COUNCILLOR AND A CLIENT IN THIS RESPECT MILLION WE KNOW WHAT THEY DID WRONG WE SHOULD NOT SETTLE AND I -- COUNCILLOR WAS VERY CLEAR. HE SAID HE DID IT AND I BELIEVE HIM. BUT TO SAY YOU KNOW WHAT, OUR ADMINISTRATION IS OVERWORKED OR I DO BELIEVE COUNCILLOR BROWATY BUT I JUST WANT TO GET THIS OUT OF THE WAY, THOSE ARE TO ME VERY VALID SUBSTANCIVE REASONS NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS. WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO IS PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF COUNCIL. WE HAVE TO BE CLEAR WHAT OUR RULES ARE, AND I KNOW, LIKE I SAID BEFORE, ALL COUNCIL HAS WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD THESE LAST FOUR YEARS. WE HAD SOME PROBLEMS BEFORE. THERE WERE DIFFERENT ISSUES BEFORE, GOING ABOUT THIS PROCESS, AND IT SEEMS VERY CLEAR THIS TERM WE HAVE HAD THESE BATTLES SO YES, YOU CAN RECEIVE NEW INFORMATION. TRY NOT TO MEET WITH ANYBODY OBVIOUSLY. BUT IF YOU ACT ON THAT INFORMATION, COUNCILLOR DID NOT ACT ON THAT. WE AS COUNCILLORS SHOULD BE SUPPORTING AND I FIND IT STRANGE. WE SHOULD SUPPORT COUNCILLOR BROWATY, ALL OF US TO SAY WE SUPPORT YOU AND WE'LL SEE WHERE THIS GOES. >>AGAIN, THERE IS A WITCH HUNT IDEA. WELL WITCH HUNT, I SUPPORT HIM. IF COUNCILLOR BROWATY SAID I MADE A MISTAKE, I WOULD SUPPORT HIM, TOO. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID. SO AGAIN TO ME IT'S NOT A WITCH HUNT, IT'S SUPPORTING NOT ONLY COUNCILLOR BROWATY BUT ALL OF US. THE ISSUE THAT'S BEFORE US ABOUT IT COMING BACK OVER AND OVER AGAIN BECAUSE SOME EVERY RESIDENTS, I GUESS, I WANT TO GET IT VERY CLEAR BECAUSE WHAT, IF WE DON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES ALONG THE WAY, AGAIN, IT'S VERY CLEAR, WE -- IN PASSING THE BYLAW, HERE IT IS.... BY PASSING THE BYLAW AMENDMENTS. THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS. AGAIN, WHAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE IS WE'RE ALL CLEAR ON WHAT IT IS AND WE ARE IN THAT PAINSTAKING PROCESS RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE HAD SOME MEETINGS WITH ALL OF YOU AND MORE TO COME. BUT AGAIN, IT'S NOT A WITCH HUNT AND NOTHING MORE THAN I SUPPORT COUNCILLOR BROWATY'S POSITION. THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT DIDN'T BUT, AGAIN, I HAVE NO ACCOUNT OF COUNCILLOR BROWATY, HE IS A STRAIGHT SHOOTER SO I AM FINE WITH THAT AND I WILL SUPPORT COUNCILLOR BROWATY NOT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT ON THIS AND AGAIN, I JUST GET A LITTLE -- I GUESS A LITTLE CONFUSED NOW HOW THAT SOME TYPE OF SUPPORTING COUNCILLOR BROWATY IS A WITCH HUNT. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING EPC'S RECOMMENDATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ARE THERE FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WITH MY COLLEAGUES WILL NOT BE

SUPPORTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND I WANTED TO RAISE SOME OF THE THINGS ALREADY BEEN SAID BUT, EARLIER TODAY WE READ THAT COUNCILLOR BROWATY DOES NOT BELIEVE HE DID ANYTHING WRONG. I UNDERSTAND OUR LEGAL SERVICES ARE HE IS RECOMMENDING A SETTLEMENT. BUT, GIVEN THAT MY COLLEAGUE IS SAYING HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS ANY WRONGDOING IN THIS CASE, I AM AGREEING WITH MY COLLEAGUES WE SHOULD HAVE -- SUPPORT JEFF IN THIS AND HIS POSITION HERE. (speaking French) >>GO BACK TO ENGLISH. ISSUINGS LIKE THE ONES WE FACE TODAY ARE NO -- WE HAVE SEEN THEM MANY TIMES AND IN ST. BONIFACE IN PARTICULAR AND COUNCILLOR MAYES REFERS TO THE OLD SUPREME COURT BATTLE, I THINK HE REMEMBERS IT FROM HIS LAW CLASSES WHERE FORMER COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, GREG SELINGER BROUGHT FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR, GUY SAVOIE UP TO THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA. READ THE DECISION, ACTUALLY AND IN THE END THE COURTS ACTUALLY DID SIDE WITH SAVOIE. BUT BY THAT POINT, SAVOIE WAS NO LONGER IN OFFICE. BUT, THAT'S SOMETHING I -- A STORY I LIKE TO TELL BECAUSE PEOPLE REMEMBER THINGS THE OTHER WAY AROUND BUT IN THE END, THE COURT GAVE SAVOIE SAID GUY SAVOIE WAS DOING HIS JOB IN THE END IN A VERY COMPLICATED CASE WHICH INVITE YOU TO READ IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR NIGHT-TIME READING. SO, WITH THAT I URGE MY COLLEAGUES NOT TO ACCEPT THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION AND I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS AT THAT FOR NOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. THIS IS A MATTER WHEREAS HAS BEEN NOTED OUR LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS RECOMMENDING SETTLEMENT. WE ALSO KNOW OF TORS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NOTED THERE ARE CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST COUNCILLOR BROWATY. HE MAINTAINS HE HAS FOLLOWED THE RULES AND IT'S FOR THAT REASON WHY I DO NOT SUPPORT, ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT IN THIS MATTER. YOU KNOW, IT'S INTERESTING COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. CERTAINLY, THE RECOMMENDATION COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AND ONE THAT I WILL BE SUPPORTING IS NOT TO SETTLE. COUNCILLOR BROWATY IS A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL AS COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW NOTED AND HAS BEEN UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION WAS CHAIRING PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, CERTAINLY KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW THE RULES VERY WELL. HE IS MAINTAINING HE DIDN'T BREAK THE RULES AND FOR THAT REASON WHY I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING SETTLEMENT AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: WITH THAT I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM SIX. ALL IN FAVOUR? CALL FOR RECORDED VOTE. ALL IN FAVOUR OF THE RECOMMENDATION BROUGHT FORWARD BY EPC, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR BOWMAN, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, GERBASI, GILLINGHAM, LUKES, MAYES, MORANTZ, ORLIKOW, PAGTAKHAN AND MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS DOBSON, EADIE, GILROY AND COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

CITY CLERK: THE VOTE MADAM SPEAKER, YEAS TEN, NAYS FOUR.

MADAM SPEAKER: THE EPC RECOMMENDATION PASSES FOR ITEM SIX. MR. MAYOR, THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 18 AND WE WILL LET COUNCILLOR BROWATY COME BACK TO THE CHAMBER. MR. MAYOR ON THE REPORT DATED OCTOBER 18TH, 2017. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS AN AMENDING MOTION FOR ITEM FIVE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I INTRODUCE THE REPORT AND MOVE ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONE THROUGH TEN. I'LL JUST -- I'LL PULL REPORT SIX, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THREE, FIVE AND SIX ARE PULLED, TWO, TEN, COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN?
I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEMS ONE, FOUR, SEVEN, EIGHT AND NINE. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. MR. CLERK.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM TWO TAKE PRIDE WINNIPEG SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR, ITEM TWO.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I'LL JUST -- I'LL BE BRIEF. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND EADIE FOR BRINGING THIS MATTER FORWARD AND I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE SNOW ANGEL PROGRAM THAT IS ON THE AGENDA IS IMPORTANT TO WINNIPEG. THIS PROGRAM TIES HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS WHO DONATE THEIR TIME TO CLEAR SIDEWALKS FOR SENIORS IN THE AREA. IT HELPS ISOLATED SENIORS AND THOSE WHO CANNOT PHYSICALLY OR FINANCIALLY CLEAR THEIR WALKS ON THEIR OWN. WITH OUR AGING POPULATION, PROGRAMS LIKE THESE ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR CITY. LAST YEAR AS THE COUNCILLOR AND THE MAYOR'S AGE FRIENDLY SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE I APPROACHED TAKE PRAYED O AND OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO FIND A PILOT PROJECT AND THIS YEAR AS COUNCILLOR ON THE COMMITTEE I ASKED WHAT THE STATUS WAS OF THE SNOW ANGEL PROGRAM AS IT WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL LAST YEAR. TO MY DISMAY, I LEARNED THAT A REQUEST WAS PUT IN FOR A 2018 BUDGET BUT THE PROGRAM WAS STALLED UNTIL THEN. MY IMMEDIATE THOUGHTS WERE WHAT IF IT SNOWED NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER? THE SNOW ANGEL PROGRAM IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY AND FOR IT TO SUCCEED WE HAVE TO FUND THIS ON A WINTER SEASON NOT A CALENDAR SEASON. ULTIMATELY, PRIVATE INVOLVEMENT IS PREFERRED AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE CITY TO FUND THIS PROJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR $15,098 THAT MY MOTION ASKS FOR, WE WILL BRING HOPE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME STRANDED DURING THE WINTER. WE

WILL BE SENDING A POSITIVE MESSAGE TO OUR YOUNGER GENERATION WHO VOLUNTEER AND WE AS WINNIPEGERS CAN BE PROUD THAT OUR CITY HAS THE SNOW ANGEL PROGRAM.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

>>THANK YOU. I APPLAUD COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR HIS WORK ON THIS FILE. OUR TAX DOLLARS, THE LITTLE BIT WE PUT IN HERE, $15,098 WILL GO A LONG WAY. THERE IS A WHOLE -- THIS INITIATIVE DOES DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS WITHIN OUR YOUNG FOLKS HERE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND WITH TAKING PART. I THANK COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR AIDS FRIENDLY. WINNIPEG IS AIDS FRIENDLY AND THERE ARE A LOT OF FOLKS IN THE OLDER PARTS OF WINNIPEG AND THE NORTH END THAT ARE AGING IN PLACE AND ENJOY THEIR -- LIVING AT THEIR HOMES AND USING THIS SERVICE SO I THINK DOLLARS WELL SPENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ALLARD FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: YES. I BRIEFLY WANTED TO THANK COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR HIS EFFORTS ON THE FILE. PART OF MY ELECTION, THEY LAUNCHED THIS PROGRAM AND IT'S A GREAT COMMUNITY BUILDING EXERCISE. I WANTED TO THANK HIM FOR MOVING THE FILE FORWARD AND GETTING MORE PEOPLE CONNECTED WHO WANT TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBOURS GET OUT OF SNOW DURING THE WINTER. IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM. CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: I ADD MY VOICE OF APPRECIATION TO COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR HIS EFFORTS IN THIS INITIATIVE. ONE THING THE COUNCILLOR DID NOTE SIGNATORIES THINK AS I UNDERSTAND IT WHEN THIS PROJECT, THIS PILOT PROJECT WAS SET UP INITIALLY THERE WAS TALK THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY WHERE SPONSORSHIP COULD HELP TO FUND THIS INITIATIVE, AND I'M NOT SURE TO WHAT DEGREE TAKE PRIDE WINNIPEG HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS IN THAT TIME FRAME TO GAIN SPONSORSHIP. BUT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE LISTENING TODAY THAT ARE PERHAPS A BUSINESS OR ANOTHER POSSIBLE SPONSOR, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY HERE TO SPONSOR THIS. THIS IS A GOOD INITIATIVE. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THOUGH THAT IS RIGHT FOR THE PICKING FOR BUSINESSES AND COMPANIES AND CORPORATIONS TO GET BEHIND THIS WORK, AND OTHER -- BUY THE SHOVEL, BUY THE MITTS, BUY THE TOQUES OR BOOTS FOR THE STUDENTS OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE INITIATIVES THAT THE CITY FUNDS BUT IT WOULD BE A GREAT PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR A FEW DOLLARS ON THE PROGRAM. SO, LOOKING FORWARD TO CALLING UPON BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES ON BOARD TO HELP FUND AND SPONSOR THIS PROGRAM.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? SEEING NONE, BACK TO YOU, MR. MAYOR OR I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM NUMBER TWO. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. ITEM THREE, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM THREE VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR EADIE AND WYATT FOR BRINGING THE RECOMMENDATION FORWARD TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP. I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT IT AND WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE TO DATE AND MOVE THEM FORWARD.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS ON ITEM THREE? COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU. ACTUALLY, RISING TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDED MOTION, MADAM SPEAKER IT WAS ACTUALLY, FUNNILY, A FRIENDLY MOTION TO AMEND THE WAY IT WAS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNCILLOR MORANTZ. I MOVE SAID AMENDMENT AND AS MADAM SPEAKER AS WE HAVE HEARD OVER THE DISCOURSE OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF WEEKS, THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX THING FOR THE CITY TO MOVE INTO REGULATING THE VEHICLES FOR HIRE INDUSTRY. IT IS ONE THAT YOU KNOW, IT COULD STAND FOR MORE COMPETITION. IT COULD STAND FOR NEW AND MORE INNOVATION IN DELIVERING SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG AND VISITORS TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, MADAM SPEAKER. AND YOU KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY, TAXI SERVICE IN A WHOLE HOST OF VARIOUS INCIDENTS IS ACTUALLY AN ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE NEEDED, THE SAME AS MASS TRANSPORTATION IN BUSES. BUT SOMETIMES, MADAM SPEAKER, MASS TRANSPORTATION CAN'T WORK. THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO HAVE MOTOR VEHICLES, THAT CARRY TWO OR THREE PASSENGERS OR ONE PASSENGER, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT THE REALITY IS, TO LIVE IN TODAY'S WINNIPEG OR ANY CITY IN THE WORLD TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER, WE CANNOT LIVE WITH BUSES ONLY. THERE IS A NEED FOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE. I'M GLAD THE WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BECAUSE FRANKLY I THINK OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED MAY BE GOOD ADVICE OR BAD ADVICE BUT ULTIMATELY FOR ME, MADAM SPEAKER THERE ISN'T TWO CLASSES OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE, MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS THREE, FOUR CLASSES. ONE CLASS, REAL RIDE SHARE. SHOULDN'T BE REGULATED ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD HAVE TO CHECK IN, MADAM SPEAKER, TO ENSURE THAT THE WAY THEIR RIDE SHARE OPERATES IS NOT A VEHICLE FOR HIRE BUT A RIDE SHARE. SO I THINK IT'S GREAT AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EPC AND MY COLLEAGUES FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. THANKS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: I WANT TO SAY, THAT WAS A VERY GOOD MEETING, THE EPC MEETING LAST WEEK AND I WAS REALLY GLAD IS THAT THE INDUSTRY CAME FORWARD TO HELP SCOTT McFADYEN AND REPRESENT HIM AND REALLY, LISTENING TO EVERYONE COME FORWARD THAT DAY TO BECAME VERY CLEAR TO ME, ANYWAY, THAT THIS WAS A VERY GOOD IDEA. AND I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLORS EADIE AND COUNCILLOR WYATT IN ABSENTIA FOR BRINGING FORWARD THE IDEA. AND I

THINK IT WILL BE A HEALTHY PROCESS TO BRING IN INTO THE WORKING GROUP, PEOPLE FROM ALL PERSPECTIVES AROUND THIS ISSUE. I LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING UP WITH THE CAO AND MR. WARDROP TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON HOW THEY INTEND TO PROCEED. AND GIVEN THE TIME LINES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT ESTABLISHED ASAP SO WE CAN GET MOVING AND GET EVERYBODY'S OPINIONS MOVING FORWARD THROUGH THE PROCESS. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I THANK COUNCILLOR EADIE AND WYATT FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION AND FOR EPC FOR AMENDING IT AND ACCEPTING IT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. WARDROP FOR BEING FRANK IN HIS CONVERSATION THAT THIS IS A LIMITED TIME LINE WE HAVE TO PUT THIS TOGETHER AND WE MAY NOT GET IT RIGHT A HUNDRED PERCENT AND THERE MAY BE AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES GOING FORWARD, BUT, IN THE WINDOW OF TIME WE HAVE TO DO THIS, I THINK THE WORKING GROUP WILL PROVIDE THAT, IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOBER 2ND THOUGHT AND I APPRECIATE EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTED THIS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: I'M PLEASED TO SEE SO MANY PARTIES ON THE SAME SIDE OF THIS AS WE MOVE -- DOESN'T EVEN APPEAR AT THIS POINT NOT TO BE A COMPROMISE. WELL I DON'T KNOW THE MOTIVATIONS OF EVERYONE INVOLVED, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT WE AGREE ON WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO ESPECIALLY DISBANGED THE TAXICAB BOARD THIS WORKING GROUP IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IN FACT, ALL WE HAVE IN THAMES OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION -- IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION, REAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY, THE CAR FOR HIRE INDUSTRY. SO I BELIEVE IT'S ESSENTIAL AND I'M GLAD WE'RE DOING THIS. AND I BELIEVE WE'LL LEARN A LOT. ONE THING I HOPE COMES OUT OF THIS, ONE LITTLE THING IS THAT WE LEARN TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN WHAT IS A VEHICLE FOR HIRE, AND WHAT IS RIDE SHARING. IT SCARES ME, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WE CONFUSE THIS BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT WE KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. AND ON THAT BASIS, AIM JUST GLAD WE HAVE THIS WORKING GROUP AND CAN GET TO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR SCHREYER. COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN.

COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN: YES, THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER. I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY EXTREME APPRECIATION WITH THE WAY THIS IS GOING IN TERMS OF ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO WORK WITH INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS AND THANK MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR MORANTZ FOR THAT. I THINK A LOT COULD BE SAID FOR THIS AND THE OUTCOME WILL BE QUITE POSITIVE SO I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. >>THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR BROWATY. >>THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EADIE AND COUNCILLOR WYATT. AS WE HAVE SEEN A CROSS NORTH AMERICA AND THE WORLD AND IN ALL SORTS OF JURISDICTIONS THE RIDE FOR HIRE BUSINESS IS CHANGING. THE COST OF INJURY WITH THE ADVENT OF

SMARTPHONES AND THESE TECHNOLOGIES ARE SUCH IT DOESN'T REQUIRE A CALL CENTRE TO TAKE CALLS AND THE DISPATCH THAT TAXIS HAVE HAD. THERE IS A NEW MODEL AND IT'S WORKING WELL EVERY WHERE. THE -- OUR TRADITIONAL TAXICAB INDUSTRY IS FAIRLY ANTIQUATED AND HASN'T CHANGED MUCH OVER TIME. THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON THE ROADS HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH OVER TIME. THE COST OF PURCHASING A RESELL LICENCE IS ALSO VERY HIGH. AS WE KNOW, THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA IS THROWING THE LICENCING RIDE FOR HIRE TO THE CITY, AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SOME PRETTY BIG DECISIONS PRETTY QUICK ON HOW THAT WILL LOOK. THERE ARE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS COMING FORWARD IN OUR REPORT PRODUCED BY MEARES NORTH PENNY AND ONE OF THE THINGS I DISAGREE WITH IS AT THE SAME TIME THEY WERE INTRODUCING PART-TIME RIDE FOR HIRE THROUGH THESE NETWORK COMPANIES LIKE UBER THEY ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TAXICAB LICENCES ON THE ROAD. I WOULD SAY FOR THE TIME BEING IT WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS WE FREEZE THE NUMBER OF TAXICAB LICENCES OUT THERE TO REVISIT THAT AT A LATER POINT IF WE DEEM IT NECESSARY. THERE ARE SOME JURISDICTIONS WHERE LICENCES ARE OWNED BY THE CITY AND IF THEY STOP USING IT CEASES TO EXIST. FOR MEMBERS OF FAMILIES I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THEY STILL BE ALLOWED TO BE RESOLD. AND THE FINAL POINT, MY OTHER RECOMMENDATION AND THIS OF COURSE IS JUST ADVICE TO THE COMMITTEE COMING FORWARD, I WANT JURISDICTIONS TO ALLOW LIMITED AMOUNTS OR GARNISH AMOUNTS OF ADVERTISING ON FULL TIME TAXIS. APPARENTLY THAT'S NOT PERMITTED IN THE CURRENT TAXICAB REGIME AND PERHAPS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE TRADITIONAL TAXIS THAT DO EXIST GOING -- AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST GOING FORWARD. SO I DO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND HOPE THEY HAVE SOME PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE CHANGES COMING FORWARD.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER SPEAKERS, MR. MAYOR BACK TO YOU TO CLOSE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR COMMENTS TODAY. TODAY WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING IS THE WORKING GROUP AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT -- AND TO RECOGNIZE THERE HAS BEEN ROBUST ENGAGEMENT BY OUR PUBLIC SERVICE WITH MANY INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE EFFORTS OF OUR SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS, NOTABLY DAVID WARDROP AS WELL AS MICHAEL LEGARY WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING POSITION THE CITY AND POSITION TO PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION TO THIS COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. AS HAS BEEN NOTED BY MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES, THE TIME LINE IS TIGHT. THE LEGISLATURE IS CONSIDERING THE VEHICLES FOR HIRE LEGISLATION AS WE SPEAK. WE ARE EXPECTING THAT WHEN IT PASSES, IT WILL BE -- IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS MANITOBA INCLUDING WINNIPEG WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REGULATE THE INDUSTRY AND CHOOSE TO PERMIT RIDE SHARING BY FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR. SO, IT IS A VERY TIGHT TIME LINE AND SO THE PROACTIVE OUT REACH THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN OCCURRING IS, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, INCREDIBLY PROACTIVE AND BROAD IN ITS SCOPE. AND I WANT TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR DOING SO THIS IS ONE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT AND I THINK THE MORE WE CAN GET INPUT FROM THE EXISTING INDUSTRY, THAT'S GOING TO HELP THIS COUNCIL MAKE A BETTER, INFORMED DECISIONS ON DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY. I HAVE BEEN VERY PUBLIC

IN MY SUPPORT FOR THE RIDE SHARING SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. WE ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE PRESUMABLY ASSUME JURISDICTION OVER THE TAXICAB BOARD OR A MODEL LIKE A TAXICAB BOARD TO LOOK FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS. FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE OVER TIME, WITH RESPECT TO SAFETY ISSUE, CONVENIENCE ISSUES, PRICING. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY AND IT WILL BE UP TO THIS COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT THAT DIALOGUE IS HAPPENING WITH INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS, MANY OF WHOM WHO HAVE INVESTED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF MONIES, PERSONAL INVESTMENTS, FAMILY INVESTMENTS IN LICENCES. BUT ALSO, WE TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BE SENSITIVE TO THE CURRENT INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS IN THE MARKETPLACE. THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF THING THAT I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS COUNCIL TO HAVE A SAY ON, AND IT IS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT DEBATE IF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS IS ANY INDICATION AND WHAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR TODAY IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. BUT I THINK THE WORKING GROUP IS A POSITIVE STEP AND I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT IT TODAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. MAYOR. WITH THAT I'LL CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM FIVE REZONING BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE APIARY USE IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM AND THEN COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW WILL INTRODUCE THE AMENDING MOTION NUMBER ONE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: CAN I GET A COPY FROM THE CLERK.

MADAM SPEAKER: MOTION ONE MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GERBASI.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: I MOVE THE AMENDING MOTION AS WELL.

MADAM SPEAKER: DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO THE MOTION.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THE AMENDING MOTION? I CAN SPEAK TO THAT. IT'S REALLY THE CLERICAL CHANGE, NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GERBASI.

COUNCILLOR GERBASI: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I JUST WANTED TO BRIEFLY MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. THIS IS A REALLY HAPPY DAY FOR ME AND FOR MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IN WINNIPEG WHO TALKED ABOUT THIS ISSUE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. WE INITIALLY TOOK A STEP TO ALLOW BEE KEEPING IN THE DOWNTOWN. IT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS AND IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT GOOD FROM THAT. THERE IS ALL SORTS OF HONEY BEING PRODUCED DOWNTOWN AND ON TOP OF OUR BUILDINGS AND ALL SORTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND PEOPLE LEARNING IN OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND NOW WE WILL SEE THE PRACTISE OF BEE KEEPING IN OUR CITY, BASICALLY A PROCESS LEGITIMIZING -- IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING. PEOPLE ARE DOING IT AND NOW THERE IS A PROCESS TO LEGITIMIZE AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS DONE PROPERLY. THERE ARE GOOD PROCESSES IN PLACE HERE WITH A PROCESS THAT COMES WITH THE BYLAWS. BUT, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE KNOW WE NEED POLINATORS IN THE WORLD. WE NEED BEES TO KEEP OUR FOOD SUPPLY SECURE. WE DO HAVE -- WE HAVE CREATED A LOCAL FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, AND THIS IS IN LINE WITH WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE DOING. THIS IS ALLOWED IN MANY MAJOR CITIES SO IT'S JUST ON SO MANY LEVELS IT'S A GOOD NEWS STORY AND I ALSO JUST WANTED TO THANK THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE BEEN PATIENT AND INVOLVED AND ENGAGED WITH THIS AND COME TO MANY MEETINGS AND HEARINGS AND I WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE THEY DID A REALLY GOOD JOB, IT WAS LED BY OUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTING WITH PEOPLE AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, THE BEE KEEPERS. IT WAS A VERY RIGOROUS CONSULTATION PROCESS AND IT'S GONE REALLY SMOOTHLY AS A RESULT OF THE GOOD WORK OF THE COMMUNITY, OF THE STAFF, AND COUNCIL, SO, THIS IS A REALLY HAPPY STORY AND I DIDN'T -- WE TALK ABOUT THE BAD THINGS, WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS AS WELL AND I'M REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THIS HAPPENING TODAY AND I KNOW A LOT OF MY FOLKS IN THE AREA I REPRESENT IN PARTICULAR, WILL BE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS BUT I KNOW THROUGHOUT THE CITY THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT LOVE THE IDEA OF HAVING BEES HAPPILY MAKING HONEY IN OUR CITY. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR GERBASI. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR ALLARD FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: YES. I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY. IT WAS MY HONOUR TO BE THERE WITH JENNY, JOHN AND I THINK RUSS WYATT AT THE TIME, A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WHERE WE MADE A PERMIT AS THE PLANNING PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND PLEASED THIS WILL BE EXTENDED ACROSS THE CITY AND I THINK -- I WON'T TALK ABOUT THE BIRDS AND THE BEES, BUT I DID WANT TO TALK WITH FOOD SECURITY AND HOW THERE IS A MOVEMENT ACROSS CITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE GETTING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE THEIR FOOD IS COMING FROM AND I THINK THERE IS AN INTEREST IN PEOPLE TO EITHER GROW THEIR OWN FOOD OR MAKE THEIR OWN HONEY OR BE CONNECTED AGAIN TO FOOD PRODUCTION, EVEN IF THEY ARE LIVING IN CITIES. I THINK IT'S A BIG STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND I HOPE TO SEE INITIATIVES LIKE THIS ONE IN THE FUTURE. I DON'T KNOW THE HISTORY VERY WELL IN TERMS OF HOW THIS CAME TO BE PRIOR TO THIS COUNCIL BUT I THINK THERE WAS AN INCREASED APPETITE, NO PUN INTENDED, FOR THESE TYPES OF INITIATIVES. SO I

WOULD URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND I THINK IN JOINING COUNCILLOR GERBASI IT'S A HAPPY DAY FOR EVERYBODY.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU COUNCILLOR GERBASI. I THINK YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ONE FOR A LOT OF YEARS. AND MADAM SPEAKER, I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE MOVE TO ALLOW THIS ACROSS THE CITY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PARAMETERS TO FOLLOW, MADAM SPEAKER. JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A HIGH OF DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MEAN YOU HAVE HONEY. YOU DO HAVE TO DO PROCESSING IN TERMS OF EXTRACTING IT FROM THE COMB. AND AS A TEENAGER AND YOUNG ADULT, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST SOMEBODY WHO HAD A BEE APIARY AT OUR FARM NORTH OF TREEHORN, MANITOBA AND THERE IS A FAIR BIT OF WORK INVOLVED IN ORDER TO GET THAT NICE HONEY. BUT, MADAM SPEAKER, I TOO, RISE JUST TO SPEAK TO THIS IN TERMS OF THE FOOD SECURITY MOVEMENT, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THIS IS THE WAY TO MOVE AHEAD. THERE WAS A PILOT PROJECT, A LOT OF PEOPLE, MADAM SPEAKER, WERE VERY AFRAID. BEES, I'M ALLERGIC TO BEES AND SO ON AND SO FORTH AND THERE WAS ALL THIS -- EVERYBODY IS AFRAID, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BIG PROBLEMS AS A RESULT, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT CLEARLY, MOVING AHEAD IN AN ORGANIZED, THOUGHTFUL WAY, MOVING AHEAD WITH PROPER PROVISIONS IN PLACE, IT'S CLEAR THIS IS DOABLE AND BECOMES PART OF THE FOOD SECURITY, AND MAYBE WE WILL SEE MORE VIBRANT, LIVELY FLOWERS NOW, MADAM SPEAKER, NOW THAT THERE ARE BEES TO HELP DO THAT PART. BUT, MADAM SPEAKER, I ALSO WANT TO MENTION IN TERMS OF FOOD SECURITY IN THE MOVEMENT, THIS, MADAM SPEAKER TO DISPEL MANY OF THE MYTHS, I THINK THIS MIGHT BE THE WAY WE HAVE TO PROCEED TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO HAVE HENCE IN THEIR BACKYARD AND VARIOUS AREAS OF THE CITY SO HOPEFULLY THOSE LISTENING TO US TODAY THERE ARE SOME OF THOSE FOOD SECURITY PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY TO MOVE ALONG RATHER THAN ALLOW IT UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS BYLAW WHICH IS NOT WHERE IT SHOULD BE. IT SHOULD BE THROUGH A ZONING PERMIT STYLE, PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT STYLE METHODOLOGY. SO I LEAVE IT AT THAT AND THANKS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT DID ALL THE WORK FOR THIS I KNOW THE ADMINISTRATION HELPED OUT A LOT AND GOT IT TOGETHER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WAS HARDLY AWARE OF THIS ISSUE A FEW YEARS AGO, NOT THAT I WASN'T CONCERNED WITH ISSUES OF FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD SUSTAINABILITY, ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW THIS FIT IN. AND THAT IT WOULD FIT IN, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT CAME TO PASSING MUNICIPAL BYLAWS AT CITY HALL, REGARDING HONEY BEES AND APIARIES. BUT, WE SAVED THIS BECAUSE WE -- WE ARE PASSING THIS AND MANY OF US SUPPORT THIS IN THE NAME OF FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY. THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER THAT THAT'S ON OUR MINDS AND THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH THAT, PASSING SOMETHING THAT COULD BE CONTROVERSIAL BUT WE ARE WILLING TO DO IT FOR THE SAKE OF FOOD

SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY. AND YES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE HAD A CONTINENTAL WIDE IF NOT MORE DECREASE IN HONEY BEE POPULATION OVER A GENERATION IF NOT LONGER. RESEARCH HAS BEEN GOING ON AS TO WHY. IT MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FREQUENCIES BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S NOT THE CASE. BUT MORE TO DO WITH HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES SO WE ARE DEALING WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THIS FOOD, BY PASSING THIS BYLAW, TO ENCOURAGE APIARIES WITHIN THE CITY. HOWEVER, WE ARE DEALING WITH SOMETHING LARGER IS WHAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ARE SAYING AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE DEALING WITH FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY. SO, I LOOK AT THISS IS SOMETHING POSITIVE -- THIS, AS SOMETHING POSITIVE. WE CAN LOOK BACK AND SAY WE STARTED IN TERMS OF DOING SOMETHING REAL AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL WITHIN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, TO DEAL WITH FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY. WE ALSO STARTED -- AND I CAN'T REMEMBER THE COMMITTEE AND I'M SORRY IF I FORGET THE NAME, COUNCILLOR MAYES AND MAYBE EVERY OTHER COUNCIL WILL REMEMBER THE NAME FOR OUR FOOD COMMITTEE, DEALS WITH FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD AND HOPEFULLY NUTRITIOUS FOOD. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WE DEAL WITH ON AN URBAN BASIS WITHIN THE CITY, OVER HALF THE POPULATION OF THE PROVINCE LIVES IN THE CITY AND WE WILL BE DEALING WITH THAT AND HOPEFULLY, MADAM SPEAKER, HAVE SOMETHING VERY SUBSTANTIVE TO COME OUT OF THIS COMMITTEE AND THE TALKS, REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD WITHIN LOCAL AREAS AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD WITHIN LOCAL AREAS, MADAM SPEAKER, SO THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH SOME ESSENTIAL CHALLENGES OF HUMANITY WE ARE DEALING WITH ON A GREATER LEVEL WHEN IT COMES TO THE ISSUES OF FOOD SECURITY, AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY, AVAILABILITY OF FOOD AND NUTRITION, WE CANNOT FORGET WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION. WHAT IS THE POINT OF HAVING ONE OF THE MOST BLESSED AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE WORLD RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN PROVINCE, WHEN WE, AS A SOCIETY, DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT, TO THE BEST OF OUR HEALTH OR TRY, AT LEAST ACKNOWLEDGE IT, SO THAT WE CAN ACT ON IT, MADAM SPEAKER. BECAUSE WE ARE DEALING WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE GOT AN INCREASING RATE OF SUGAR DIABETES, DIABETES. WHICH MAY IN THE NEXT DECADE AFFECT OVER 20 PERCENT OF MANITOBANS AND CANADIANS AND NORTH AMERICANS. AND ON THAT BASIS, IF WE DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF FOOD SECURITY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND THE REASONS WHY WE DEAL WITH FOOD AVAILABILITY, WE CANNOT IGNORE THAT, MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE THAT'S THE ESSENCE OF IT. AND WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY, MADAM SPEAKER, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES OF NATIONAL SECURITY TO SUSTAIN OUR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES. WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH, LATELY, IN TERMS OF FOOD SECURITY, DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. AT THE SAME TIME WE JUST PASSED OUR FIRST BYLAW REGARDING ENCOURAGING GREATER ELECTRIC CAR PURCHASES BY THE CITY BEING INVOLVED WITH CHARGING STATIONS. MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE GOT TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT THE AMOUNT OF CRUDE OIL IS DISSIPATING AND HISTORICALLY THROUGHOUT THE 20TH CENTURY IN EVERY PROVINCE OR STATE WHERE WE DEAL WITH SWEET OIL, THAT IT'S FINITE. WE HAVE SEEN IT. IN OKLAHOMA, WE HAVE SEEN IT IN TEXAS. THEY NO LONGER PUMP IT, MADAM SPEAKER AND WHEN I WORKED ON THE OIL RIGS IT WAS IN ITS LAST DECADE OF SORT OF RIGGING UP BECAUSE AS YOU RUN OUT OF SWEET CRUDE YOU PUT MORE OIL

RIGS OUT ON THE FIELD BECAUSE YOU WANT TO GET EVERY LAST DROP. SO NOW, MADAM SPEAKER, WE KNOW WE ARE COMING INTO AN ERA WHERE WE WILL BE MORE AND MORE DEPENDENT ON -- WELL, SANDY OIL, TARRY OIL, DIRTY OIL, THE TAR SANDS, THE OILSANDS AND OUR COUNTRY, OUR CONTINENT AND THE ECONOMIC UNIT OF NORTH AMERICA AND THE ENTIRE WORLD WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE ALL DEPENDENT ON, IS DEALING WITH THE FACT THAT WE ARE BECOMING MORE DEPENDENT ON OILSANDS, MADAM SPEAKER. AND THERE IS NO WAY, AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT KNOW HOW, WE CAN RUN THE CURRENT WORLD AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY INCLUDING OUR PROVINCE'S WITHOUT OIL. ACTUALLY VISITED FORT McMURRAY ONCE, LOOKING AT HOW THEY MINE THE OILSANDS AND THEY ACTUALLY HAD ONE HYDRO POWERED OR ONE ELECTRIC POWERED BIG VEHICLE. THEY HAD THESE HUGE CABLES RUNNING UP TO IT, MADAM SPEAKER AND THEY USED IT AS A SHOWCASE OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE. ONE OF THE LARGEST TRUCKS IN THE WORLD. BUT THEY HAD THESE CABLES HOOKED UP TO A GENERATOR AND IT WAS ELECTRICALLY POWERED BUT IT WASN'T POWERED BY HYDRO, IN THE END, IT WAS POWERED BY I THINK NATURAL GAS. POWERED BY FOSSIL FUEL. IN THE END, DEFEATING THE PURPOSE. AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE OF THE CENTURY AND SUSTAINING AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES WHEN WE LOOK AT FOOD SECURITY AND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND WHEN IT COMES TO AGRICULTURE, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH SOME MIGHTY, MIGHTY BIG ISSUES, MADAM SPEAKER. WE CAN'T RUN A TRACTOR ON SOLAR POWER. WE CAN'T RUN IT ON ELECTRICITY, MADAM SPEAKER. WE RUN ON GASOLINE OR OTHER DISTILLATES. BACK ON THE DAY YOU COULD RUN A TRACTOR ON KEROSENE. BUT I NEED TO ADD THAT BECAUSE IF WE ARE DEALING WITH THIS IN THE NAME OF FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? SEEING NONE, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE ON MOTION ONE?

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: NO. SORRY, I DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND WHERE COUNCILLOR SCHREYER WAS COMING FROM, MORE SUSTAINABILITY AND BEE KEEPING IS PART OF THAT MODEL, GOT THAT, THAT'S GOOD. BUT AGAIN IT DOES REPRESENT AT THE CORE OF WHAT WE WANT TO DO HERE AND CHANGE THAT PARADIGM SHIFT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IS UPON US. WE'LL TALK ABOUT ELM TREES LATER ON, NOT TODAY BUT IT WILL BE COMING UP, OUR TREE CANOPY. THERE HAVE MANY ISSUES THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT ONLY IMPACTING US TODAY BUT WILL IMPACT US TOMORROW. I AM HAPPY THEY HAVE DONE A FAIR BIT OF PESTCIDE USE THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE PESTICIDES PERMITTED TO BE USED SO THE BEE POP SPECULATION NOT COLLAPSING AS IT USED TO BE BUT WE HAVE SERIOUS ISSUES. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO WINNIPEGERS IN GENERAL WHO OVERWHELMINGLY WE HAVE HAD ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING, I HAVE HAD MY E-MAIL -- SOME E-MAIL, VERY LITTLE. I BELIEVE AGAIN THE RESPONSE AB I AM HAPPY TO SAY I WAS WRONG. I THOUGHT THE RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC WOULD BE VERY, VERY ADVERSARIAL ON THIS. I HARKEN BACK TO CHICKENS AND THAT WAS A VERY, VERY ADVERSARIAL BATTLE. IT WAS VERY PRESSED. SO AGAIN, I GUESS I WAS SHELL SHOCKED FROM THAT EPISODE AND DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THIS WOULD GO BUT AGAIN IT SEEMS TO BE WELL SUPPORTED BY MANY PEOPLE. THERE ARE GUIDELINES IN PLACE. WE'RE NOT TALKING HORNETS. WE'RE NOT TALKING WASPS BUT A VERY SPECIFIC TYPE OF BEE. SO AGAIN THEY HAVE GUIDELINES ON

FENCING AND HOW MANY HIVES YOU CAN HAVE, WHAT TYPE OF BEES YOU CAN HAVE AND ITS TO WORK WITH THE PROVINCE ON MANAGING THAT. WE WILL ALL HAVE TO CHIP IN. WE CAN'T ALL KEEP DOING WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. WE HAVE TO FIND WAYS AND LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION THIS IS SAY SMALL STEP BUT AGAIN, SOLUTIONS ARE MADE BY SMALL STEPS, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE ON THE ITEM? I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON THE AMENDING MOTION ONE. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY, CARRIED AND NOW THE MAIN ITEM IS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOUR - CONTRARY - CARRIED. MR. CLERK ITEM SIX.

CLERK: ITEM SIX PORTAGE AND MAIN INTERSECTION IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROACH AND BELOW GRADE IMPROVEMENTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. THE ISSUE OF PORTAGE AND MAIN IS ONE WHERE THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF OPINIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I WELCOME THAT. THE REASON WHY I BELIEVE PORTAGE AND MAIN IS SUCH A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AND HAS BEEN FOR MANY, MANY DECADES IS THIS INTERSECTION MATTERS TO WINNIPEGERS. REGARDLESS OF WHAT SIDE OF THE DEBATE PEOPLE MAY BE ON, THEY CARE PASSIONATELY ABOUT OUR DOWNTOWN AND HOW WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER. OF, OF COURSE, THE TOPIC HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BUT NOT ACTED ON FOR 40 YEARS SO I THINK TODAY IS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD, THE FACT THAT WE ARE EVEN HAVING THIS DEBATE AND WE WERE ABLE TO ALIGN PROPERTY OWNERS TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IT SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE DOWNTOWN FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. WILL IT FIX EVERY ISSUE THAT EVERYONE MAY HAVE WITH DOWNTOWN? NO. BUT IT'S A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. IT'S A PIECE OF A SERIES OF POSITIVE STEPS THAT PREVIOUS COUNCILS AND THIS COUNCIL, I BELIEVE, CAN TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN IN MOVING THE DOWNTOWN FORWARD. A DOWNTOWN THAT'S MORE VIBRANT. A DOWNTOWN THAT HAS MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN IT AND WELCOMES TOURISTS AND A DOWNTOWN THAT IS BETTER CONNECTED TO GROWTH THAT IS HAPPENING AT A HISTORIC RATE DOWNTOWN. TRUE NORTH SQUARE, OF COURSE, RAIL SIDE, EAST AND WEST – WEST EXCHANGES. AND OUR JOB LIKE ANY ORGANIZATION THAT IS IN A GROWTH PHASE IS TO GROW IN A SMART WAY. NOW, THIS TOPIC AS POLARIZING AS IT IS SOMETHING THAT I WAS VERY OPEN ABOUT DURING THE CAMPAIGN. AND I WANTED TO HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND I WANT TO THANK THEM INCLUDING ROSE ANN HILL WHO ATTENDED IN DELEGATION MANY HOURS BEFORE TODAY TO LET US KNOW AS A COUNCIL AND LET WINNIPEGERS KNOW ABOUT THEIR PLANS AND THEIR INVESTMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION BOTH BELOW GRADE AND AT GRADE. WE HEARD A LOT OF RHETORIC AND A LOT OF POLITICAL RHETORIC ABOUT THIS TOPIC FOR MANY YEARS AND TODAY WAS NO EXCEPTION. WE HEARD FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF COUNCIL WHO SPOKE AT GREAT LENGTH AND FELT IT APPROPRIATE TO TALK ABOUT MY CHILDREN AND PROSTITUTION. YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM THE AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION, CLAIMING THAT REOPENING THE INTERSECTION TO PEDESTRIANS WILL LEAD TO MORE

ASSAULTS. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN REPORTS THAT THIS IS IN PREPARATION TO OPEN IT TO PEDESTRIANS IN 2019. LET'S BE CLEAR WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON. WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON IS THE RESULT OF DIALOGUE. DIALOGUE THAT HASN'T HAPPENED IN DECADES AND FOR ONE, DIALOGUE WHICH WE ARE TOLD IS WELCOMED BY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE INVESTING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN OUR DOWNTOWN. INVESTMENTS THAT WE KNOW ARE HAPPENING AND WE WANT TO SEE CONTINUE AND WE WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO AMPLIFY. BECAUSE IF WE GET MORE INVESTMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN AND GET MORE PEOPLE IN OUR DOWNTOWN, BOTH WORKING AS WELL AS LIVING AND VISITING. THAT MEANS SAFETY SHOULD IMPROVE AND SHOULD MEAN THERE WILL BE MORE AMENITIES AND WEALTH GENERATED AND CREATE A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN. TODAY'S MOTION AND REPORT, LIKE I WILL SAID SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR WHAT IT IS. MY VISION IS CLEAR. I DO SUPPORT INTRODUCING PEDESTRIANS AT A LATER DATE TO PORTAGE AND MAIN. BUT LET'S BE CLEAR WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON HERE TODAY. TODAY'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT IS RECOMMENDING A PHASED IN APPROACH TO IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY AT PORTAGE AND MAIN. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE ACTIVE CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATIVE AND PLANNING BETWEEN PRIVATE SECTOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITY OFFICIALS. WHILE INVESTMENT IS ONGOING BY PROPERTY OWNERS WE WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ALIGN OUR INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN AND AROUND THE INTERSECTION TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE MADE INVESTMENTS RECENTLY AT TRU NORTH SQUARE AND I'M VERY PROUD THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY INVESTMENTS ON PRIVATE LAND WITH ACCESS AGREEMENTS IN MIND, TO HELP SUPPORT A HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN OUR DOWNTOWN. THIS REPORT LOOKS AT INVESTMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. IT DOES MAKE COMMON SENSE THAT AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IS BEING MADE AND RENEWAL IS, MADE AT THE INTERSECTION, THAT PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC ASSETS BE ALIGNED TO ENSURE WE CAN ACHIEVE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. FOR ME, OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN HAS NEVER BEEN ABOUT THROWING PEDESTRIANS INTO THE MIX AND HOPING FOR THE BEST. IT'S BEEN ABOUT HAVING A DIALOGUE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS. IT'S BEEN ABOUT FIGURING OUT HOW TO INTEGRATE WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR DOWNTOWN AND CREATE A VISION BASED OP PARTNERING WITH THE BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY WITH THE LEAST IMPACT TO COMMUNICATION AND WITH THE GREATEST IMPACT WE CAN TO THE DOWNTOWN, ITS RESIDENTS, VISITORS TO OUR CITY, AS WELL AS EMPLOYEES AND BUSINESSES. IT'S A COMMITMENT TO TAKE AN INCREMENTAL PHASED IN APPROACH TO REINTRODUCING PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND STUDYING WAYS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS TO TRAFFIC. WHAT WE HAVE HEARD -- WE HAVE HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND WE HAVE HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT A VARIETY OF ISSUES. LET'S HAVE DIALOGUE AND LET'S LOOK AT THOSE AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS RECOMMENDING. THIS IS A SIGNAL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR THIS REALLY THE ERA OF NEGLECT ON CITY-OWNED ASSETS AT THE INTERSECTION IS COMING TO AN END. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I'M VERY PROUD OF. FORTY YEARS HAS RESULTED IN SOME PRETTY EMBARRASSING FAILINGS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE, MOSTLY BELOW GRADE BUT ALSO AT GRADE. IF WINNIPEGERS ARE DRIVING THROUGH OR WALKING AROUND PORTAGE AND MAIN THEY WILL SEE ZEBAR AND BUSTED UP CURBS. IF THEY GO UNDERGROUND. WHAT WE KNOW OF IS THAT THERE IS

BLACK MOULD AND UNACCOUNTED ASBESTOS AND WATER DAMAGE EVERY TIME IT RAINS. THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND CERTAINLY FOR AN INTERSECTION AS ICONIC AS PORTAGE AND MAIN. THIS -- TODAY WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR IS A COMMITMENT TO A COMMON SENSE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH. AN APPROACH THAT HAS FOCUSED AN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT THE INTERSECTION. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE HAD EXCELLENT DIALOGUE WITH MANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHO HAVE BEEN WILLING IT SEE WHAT'S POSSIBLE RATHER THAN SIMPLY SAYING WHY WE SHOULDN'T DO SOMETHING. YOU KNOW, FOR YEARS AND YEARS WE HAVE SEEN AT CITY HALL EASY POLITICAL ARGUMENTS THAT SIMPLY SAY WHY WE SHOULDN'T DO SOMETHING. WELL, IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO BUILD COLLABORATION AND TO WORK WITH FOLKS AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE. I THANK COUNCILLOR BRIAN MAYES FOR INTRODUCING AN AMENDMENT THAT WE CONSIDERED ON TRANSIT ISSUES AND THEY SHOULD WELL BE CONSIDERED AND I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS COMMIT THE AND HIS FOCUS ON TRANSIT. COUNCILLOR SCOTT GILLINGHAM ALSO WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR IN ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS ABOUT WHAT WE ARE AND ARE NOT VOTING ON TODAY AND I THANK HIM FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO HAVE A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH AND AN OPEN MIND FOR WHAT'S POSSIBLE FOR THE DOWNTOWN AND I THANK ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR INPUT REGARDLESS OF THEIR VIEWS AND THEIR VOTES WHICH OBVIOUSLY MATTER, ON A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT PREVIOUS COUNCIL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET TO THIS POINT WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND I THANK EVERYONE FOR THAT AND, OF COURSE, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND WOULD URGE MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I RISE -- I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS REPORT AND THE REASON I WILL BE SUPPORTING IT IS ACTUALLY SIMILAR TO WHAT THE MAYOR HAS SAID. IT'S REALLY ABOUT WHAT THIS REPORT IS ABOUT AND AT THIS TIME IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT I THINK TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IT'S NOT ABOUT. AND NOT THAT LONG AGO YOU AND I HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FACT, THAT PERHAPS THE PUBLIC IS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT IS IN THE REPORT THAT WE ARE VOTING ON TODAY. THE MAYOR HAS BEEN CLEAR ABOUT HE RAN ON A PLATFORM THAT SAW PEDESTRIANS AT PORTAGE AND MAIN AS A LONG TERM VISION THAT HE HAS. BE THAT AS IT MAY, THAT'S REALLY ULTIMATELY NOT THE DECISION WE ARE MAKING TODAY. IF WE VOTE YES TO THIS TODAY THERE WILL NOT BE A WRECKING BALL, WRECKING BALLS ON THE CORNER OF PORTAGE AND MAIN TOMORROW KNOCKING DOWN THE BARRIERS SO PEDESTRIANS CAN BE ON THE STREET BY 5:00 O'CLOCK. THAT'S NOT THE CASE. WHAT THIS IS ABOUT AND TO BE CLEAR, PRIMARILY, IS ABOUT THE $3.5 MILLION OF INVESTMENT. I POINT TO US RECOMMENDATION 1.4 FOR WORK CONNECTED WITH THE CITY'S ASSETS ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION ADJACENT TO OR CONNECTED TO THE RICHARDSON BUILDING AND 1.5 MILLION FOR THE CONCOURSE AND AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED, HIS REPORT MENTIONED, DEALING WITH THINGS LIKE WATER LEAKS AND BLACK MOULD AND MAINTENANCE THAT IS REQUIRED ON THE CITY'S PROPERTY AND THE CITY OF COURSE IS REQUIRED

AND SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN OUR PROPERTY. BUT, THE MOTION, I KNOW THAT COUNCILLOR MAYES INTRODUCED A MOTION AND I APPRECIATE HIS AMENDMENT, TO DO ANALYSIS ON THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT IN THE AREA. MY AMENDMENT WAS SIMILAR TO THAT AND I WANT TO REITERATE FOR THE PUBLIC ONCE AGAIN, THAT BEFORE THE ULTIMATE FINAL DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO OPEN THE INTERSECTION TO PEDESTRIANS, INFORMATION WILL BE COMING BACK TO COUNCIL. THE INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE IF WE VOTE YES TO THIS AS PERFECT RECOMMENDATION NINE, THE INFORMATION WILL INCLUDE COST ESTIMATES, TRANSIT AND TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS. SO WE WILL GET MORE DETAILED COSTING THROUGH THE PROCESS WE ARE EMBARKING ON SO WHEN THE TIME COMES TO MAKE THE DECISION, COUNCIL WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE COST IMPLICATIONS ARE, THE TRANSIT IMPLICATIONS AND WHAT THE TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS ARE AS WELL AND THROUGH THE ENGINEER AND ARCHITECTURAL STUDY, THE ANSWERS TO ANY AND RESPONSE TO ANY TRAFFIC OR TRANSIT IMPLICATIONS. THAT'S WHAT THE ANALYSIS WILL DETERMINE IS HOW THOSE COULD BE SOLVED AND AT A FUTURE DATE WE GET TO MAKE THE DECISION WITH THAT INFORMATION AS WELL. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS MISSION BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WITH THAT I WILL CONCLUDE MY COMMENTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GERBASI.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU. I FIND MYSELF RISING IN OPPOSITION TO THIS REPORT. AT ONE TIME AS A YOUNG MAN WITH VISION I CROSSED THIS HISTORIC INTERSECTION ALL THROUGH THE 1970s A FAIR BIT WHEN I COULD SEE, ACTUALLY THEN, MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN I WAS WALKING ACROSS PORTAGE AVENUE AND I WAS DOWN THERE, MADAM SPEAKER, IN ORDER TO -- I HAD A COUPLE OF APPOINTMENTS I HAD TO MAKE. I WASN'T HANGING AROUND THERE. I WASN'T VISITING BECAUSE IT WAS A HISTORICAL PLACE. I WAS GOING DOWN THERE BECAUSE I HAD A COUPLE OF APPOINTMENTS IN THE RICHARDSON BUILDING OR I HAD TO GO CASH A CHEQUE BECAUSE I USED TO WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION AS A 15-YEAR-OLD, I USED TO WORK AT BANNATYNE AND ALBERT. THERE WAS A BUSINESS THERE BUT I DIGRESS. MAIN AND PORTAGE IS VERY HISTORICAL AND IS TWO OF THE MAIN HIGHWAYS THAT HELPED TO BUILD THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. PORTAGE IS THE NUMBER ONE HIGHWAY. MAIN STREET COMES ALL THE WAY DOWN FROM SELKIRK, MANITOBA AND COMES THROUGH. WE HAVE ALL THIS HIGHWAY, PEMBINA HIGHWAY IS ANOTHER HIGHWAY THAT HELPED TO BUILD THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. THESE ARE ALL BIG, FULL MOTOR VEHICLE INTERSECTIONS. AND FOR WHATEVER REASON, THEY CLOSED IT UP, WAY BACK WHEN, PORTAGE AND MAIN, BUT I WANTED TO LIST SOME INTERSECTIONS HERE WHICH PEDESTRIANS CAN CROSS BUT THEY ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE, NECESSARILY, MADAM SPEAKER. MORE RAY AND PORTAGE. I CROSSED THERE. THERE WERE AUDIBLE SIGNALS INSTALLED BUT YOU COULDN'T TELL BUT IT'S SUCH A WIDE THING. I WORKED ON THAT IN THE 1990S. MORAY AND PORTAGE. IT IS NOT A FUN PEDESTRIAN PLACE TO CROSS BUT IT'S ESSENTIAL YOU CROSS THERE TO GET DIFFERENT BUSES AND THERE IS A SHOPPING MALL AND OTHER STUFF AROUND THERE. IT IS ONE WHICH YOU TRY TO CROSS BUT LET ME TELL YOU IF IT DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A WIDE MEDIAN,

YOU CAN GET A REST BUT IF YOU ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE TRYING TO CROSS PORTAGE AVENUE, I ALMOST WALKED RIGHT INTO A CAR BECAUSE IT'S SO WIDE OPEN AND WINDY YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING AND THERE IS A LOT OF TRAFFIC. ANYWAY, REDWOOD, MCPHILLIPS AND LEILA. THERE IS AN INTERSECTION THAT'S ACCESSIBLE AND DANGEROUS AND YOU KNOW THIS, I KNOW THIS THROUGH THE POLICE BOARD AND THROUGH THE POLICE SERVICE THEY HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH MPI BECAUSE THERE IS A HUGE PROBLEM WITH TRAFFIC ON MCPHILLIPS AND LEILA. LOTS OF VIOLATIONS, LOTS OF SPEEDING. VERY DANGEROUS. NOT A PLACE YOU WANT TO CROSS AS A PEDESTRIAN BECAUSE PEDESTRIANS ARE OFTEN PITTING AGAINST TRAFFIC. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT SLOWING DOWN TRAFFIC BUT WHEN WE DO THEY GET ANIMATED AND GET ANGRY. THAT'S THE REALITY. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS SO WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT SO YOU SPENT 1.5 ON A DESIGN. I GOT COMPLAINTS FROM A WHEELCHAIR USER CROSSING DIFFERENT INTERSECTIONS. YES PEDESTRIANS CAN CROSS BUT THEY ARE DANGEROUS. PEDESTRIANS MAKE DECISION NOT TO CROSS THERE. ANYWAY WE HAVE THIS HUGE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, WE HAVE EIGHT LANES GOING NORTH SOUTH ON MAIN STREET. WE HAVE GOT EIGHT LANES GOING EAST/WEST -- WELL NOT ONCE YOU GET ON TO EAST PORTAGE THAT MAY THE ONLY PLACE A PEDESTRIAN COULD CROSS BUT ALL I WANT TO SAY IS IT HAS BEEN DISALLOWED. IT SEEMS THAT THE SCRAMBLE INTERSECTION IS NOT AN OPTION WHERE YOU STOP ALL TRAFFIC FLOW. THAT IS ACCESSIBLE. PEOPLE WITH WHEELCHAIRS WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING HIT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOW PROFILE BEING HIT BY A CAR DOING TURNS AND ALL THESE THINGS BUT THAT'S BEEN DISALLOWED AND BEEN STRAPPED. WHEN I HEAR PEOPLE TALK ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY, LET'S NOT POLITICIZE THAT. I HEARD IT POLITICIZED. THE REALITY IT, AT BEST IN THE SUMMER IT'S GREAT. IF YOU ARE A WHEELCHAIR USER OR USE A WALKER, EVEN CROSSING ALT PORTAGE AND MAIN IN THE WINTER WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE AN OPTION FOR SOMEONE USING A WALKER OR A WHEELCHAIR.
IT'S NOT AN OPTION FOR ME MOST DAYS A PERSON WHO IS TOTALLY BLIND BECAUSE IT'S SO WINDY AND WHEN IT'S NOT WINDY, IN THE 70s WHEN I CROSSED THERE, IT STUNK LIKE FOSSIL FUELS. THAT'S WHAT IT SMELLS LIKE. HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE LESS. IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN BUT, YOU KNOW, I HEARD ABOUT RESIDENTS MOVING IN. NOW, MOST OF THE TRAFFIC TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER IS DUE TO WORK OR APPOINTMENTS. AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE ACTUALLY READ ANYTHING WHERE THEY ACTUALLY TALKED TO A BUNCH OF PEOPLE ABOUT -- I KNOW A WOMAN WITH A -- WHO DID A STORY, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GO UNDER THE TUNNELS. THAT WAS DONE, I UNDERSTAND THAT. I GET THAT. BUT, THIS IS A WORK PLACE. IT'S MOSTLY FOR WORK THAT PEOPLE ARE WALKING AROUND THERE. IT'S A HISTORICAL SITE, "ON THE FLY", A HOTEL AND A COUPLE MORE DOWN THE WAY BUT THE PLACES THEY WANT TO VISIT ARE IN THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT, THE FORKS, PEOPLE WANT TO WALK DOWN THERE AND PEOPLE -- ANYWAY, I WANTED TO SAY THE EXCHANGE HAS 469 HOUSEHOLDS WITH 609 IN POPULATION. PORTAGE AND MAIN, THAT'S THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE, RIGHT NOW, ZERO HOUSING, ZERO POPULATION OTHER THAN THE WORK-A-DAY PEOPLE. SO THAT -- I THINK THERE IS SOME PROJECTION TO BUILD SOMETHING THERE IN THE FUTURE. WHO KNOWS WHEN. CIVIC CENTRE, 154 LIVING UNITS, 228 PEOPLE LIVING THERE. THE FORKS ZERO, ZERO, MAYBE 400 IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND MAIN STREET SOMETHING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS BUT YOU KNOW, WHAT I -- OH SOUTH PORTAGE, 1,000 PLUS. AND IN SOUTH PORTAGE, MOST OF

THE POPULATION THAT LIVES IN THAT NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVES FURTHER AWAY. THOSE PEDESTRIANS WHO LIVE THERE ARE NOT TALKING TO PORTAGE AND MAIN, THEY ARE NOT. LIKE, THIS IS GREAT -- A GREAT PERSPECTIVE, THE FUTURE, 30, 40, 50 YEARS FROM NOW. I DON'T KNOW. BUT YOU KNOW, EVEN -- THERE IS NO ORIGIN DESTINATION STUDY WHEN PEOPLE LIVE THERE. IF I WAS WANTING TO ENJOY LIVING AROUND THAT AREA I WOULD WALK ALONG THE WATER FRONT TO GET TO THE RESTAURANT EXCHANGE. THAT'S MORE PLEASANT AND WITH LESS TRAFFIC SO I HEAR PROFESSIONALS TALK ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THIS COMES, AND THEY SAY OPEN THE ROAD FIRST AND THEY WILL COME. THAT'S NOT FOR SURE. YOU DON'T KNOW. IF I'M LIVING IN THE FORKS MAYBE I WANT TO GO OVER TO THAT WONDERFUL UPPER FORT GARRY AND THE WALL. THAT'S WHERE I'LL PROBABLY GO. I'LL GO WHO KNOWS WHERE. BUT NOBODY IS REALLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S THE DESTINATION OF PEOPLE? WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM AND WHERE WILL THEY GO IN THE FUTURE? WHAT IS THE REAL NEED FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS PORTAGE AND MAIN? I KNOW WE HAVE LOTS OF PROBLEMS, MADAM SPEAKER AT MANY OTHER INTERSECTIONS THAT CAN BE FIXED BUT THERE IS NO MONEY FOR IT, MADAM SPEAKER. NO MONEY. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE AND I'M BEING PRACTICAL NOT POLITICAL. PRACTICALLY WE'RE SPENDING 1.5 MILLION FOR ARCHITECTS AND NOT JUST TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIX THE STAIRWELL WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIXED YEARS AGO. WHY DO WE HAVE TO PACKAGE IT UP WITH AN ARCHITECTURAL STUDY ABOUT HOW TO BRING PEDESTRIANS INTO WALKING AT GRADE. I'M NOT VOTING FOR THIS REPORT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR EADIE. COUNCILLOR GERBASI FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR GERBASI: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. SO IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 40 YEARS SINCE WINNIPEG'S SIGNATURE CORNER OF PORTAGE AND MAIN WAS CLOSED AND I HAVE BEEN ON COUNCIL ALMOST 20 YEARS. SO ALMOST HALF THAT TIME I HAVE HAD THE POSITION TO PUBLICLY BE STANDING UP HERE MAKING THIS ARGUMENT AND HAVING THIS DEBATE AND WE HAVE HAD THIS DEBATE IN TERMS OF GOING BACK TO THE DEBATE OF TO OPEN IT OR NOT TO OPEN IT, MANY, MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS. SO IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED IN ALL OF MY ARGUMENTS OVER THE YEARS YOU CAN FIND THEM IN HANSARD BUT I WILL MAKE A FEW COMMENTS BECAUSE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT IN THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT IN HISTORY. THIS IS A MOMENT IN WHICH THE CITY IS DIVIDED AND THE MAYOR SPOKE TO ELOQUENTLY IN HIS REMARKS. BUT THE REALITY IS SOME PEOPLE WOULD BE HAPPY IF WE MOVED AHEAD WITH THIS. WE CAN'T TAKE A POLL AND SAY THIS IS WHAT THE PUBLIC IS TELLING ME, I HAVE TO LISTEN TO THIS SIDE OR THIS SIDE. WE HAVE TO WORK THROUGH THIS AND I WOULD LIKE THE FACT THAT THERE IS A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS TO GET TO A SOLUTION BUT IT WON'T BE SOMETHING THAT WILL PLEASE EVERYONE. THAT'S CLEAR. THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN PRETTY CLEAR, THE BIZ BOARD WHICH I SAT ON FOR 19 YEARS, HAS A LONG STANDING CLEAR ADVOCACY POSITION. THEY BELIEVE WE SHOULD OPEN PORTAGE AND MAIN TO PEDESTRIANS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR DOWNTOWN, THAT IT'S A BARRIER TO VIBRANCY, THAT IT'S A BARRIER TO TOURISM OR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR DOWNTOWN. THEY BELIEVE THAT AND HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING THAT FOR MANY YEARS. THEY WERE AT EPC EARLIER LAST WEEK

AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY ARE ALL ON SIDE AND SO THIS IS REALLY CREATED THIS KEY MOMENT IN TIME TO MOVE FORWARD TO MAKE A CHANGE AS WE PASS THIS 40 YEAR MARK OF CLOSING THIS INTERSECTION TO PEDESTRIANS. AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND ARE SET TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT ALL OF US. THERE IS A HUGE PROBLEM WITH HAVING THE BARRIERS IN PLACE THAT HAS A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON CONNECTIVITY AND MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN. AND I POINT OUT THAT HAVING A VIBRANT AND WALKABLE AND LIVEABLE DOWNTOWN IS AN ATTRACTANT NOT JUST TO TOURISTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS AND OUR GROWING DOWNTOWN POPULATION BUT CREATES ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AND EXCITEMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN WHICH RETURNS TAX DOLLARS TO THE COFFERS. THIS IS AN ECONOMIC ARGUMENT FOR HAVING A SMASHINGLY AMAZING DOWNTOWN. AND IF YOU STEP BACK A MINUTE AND LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AN INTERSECTION. TWO ROADS THAT MEET. IN TERMS OF TRANSPORTATION IT'S ACTUALLY LIKE MANY OTHER INTERSECTIONS THERE IS A BUNCH OF LANES, CARS AND BUSES AND SO ON. AND SOME OF THE INTERSECTIONS WE HAVE IN THE CITY OR MORE CARS MOVING FASTER THAN THIS ONE AND THEY ARE ALL OPEN TO PEDESTRIANS. AND IF YOU LOOK DOWN MAIN STREET FROM PORTAGE AND MAIN, YOU WILL SEE INTERSECTION AFTER INTERSECTION AFTER INTERSECTION, THEY ARE NOT THAT DIFFERENT, EXCEPT FOR WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT PORTAGE AND MAIN? IT IS THE SIGNATURE, ICONIC PLACE THAT ALL OF CANADA THINKS OF WHEN THEY COME TO WINNIPEG, ALL OF CANADA AND IT'S WHEN SOMETHING IMPORTANT HAPPENS LIKE THE JETS COME BACK OR WE HAVE A LIVING LEAF ON CANADA DAY OR WE CLOSE DOWN THE STREETS AND HEAR GREAT BIG SEA PLAYING FREE FOR EVERYONE IN WINNIPEG, THESE ARE THE MOMENTS, THE SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS IN OUR LIVES AS WINNIPEGERS FOR MANY PEOPLE. I CAN SAY, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I REMEMBER SOME OF THOSE MOMENTS. AND IT BEING CLOSED TO PEDESTRIANS FOR OVER 40 YEARS, THOSE THINGS STILL HAPPEN ANYWAY BECAUSE PORTAGE AND MAIN WILL NEVER STOP BEING IMPORTANT DESPITE BEING CLOSED OFF BUT IT REMAINS A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER TO PEOPLE NOT JUST CROSSING THE STREET BUT SEPARATING AND DISCOURAGING SEGMENTS OF THE DOWNTOWN FROM EACH OTHER. YOU GO DOWN THERE AND YOU SEE TUMBLE WEEDS AND EMPTY BARON SPACE IN WHAT SHOULD BE OUR TIME SQUARE AND PEOPLE AVOID THE CORNER RATHER THAN WALK BETWEEN THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT AND THE FORKS AB THERE WILL BE MORE RESIDENTS AT THE FORKS. WE'RE BUILDING THAT. THERE ARE MORE RESIDENTS COMING DOWNTOWN. AND IF YOU COULD WALK ACROSS INTEREST WHEN THE FRINGE IS HAPPENING OR TO GO TO THE RESTAURANTS OR THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DOWNTOWN, TRUST ME, IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE DOWNTOWN AND CERTAINLY THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE AND WORK THERE ARE WHO HAVE BUSINESSES HE THERE. BUT THE STAKEHOLDERS AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE THERE GET THAT. AND WE ARE NOT EVEN OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN TODAY. THAT'S THE THING THAT'S SO AMAZING THAT WE HAVE SUCH CONTROVERSY AND PROTEST. WE ARE -- WE REQUIRE ANOTHER COUNCIL VOTE BEFORE IT WILL BE OPEN TO PEDESTRIANS BUT THE MOTION TODAY AS THE MAYOR OUTLINED EARLIER LAYS THE GROUND WORK FOR THE PROPER COLLABORATION, PLANNING AB DESIGN WORK NEEDED TO DO THIS RIGHT. IT SETS UP A WORKING GROUP WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS SO WE CAN ALIGN AND LEVERAGE THEIR INVESTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THE IMPROVEMENTS ABOVE AND

BELOW GROUND MAKE SENSE AND ARE EVEN BETTER AND DOING THAT DESIGN AND PLANNING WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW. AND WE ARE BUILDING ON THE COLLABORATION WITH THE OTHERS AND REPAIRING -- AND I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT REPAIRING AND INVESTING IS WHAT THEY SHOULD DO AS PART EVER THEIR INVESTMENT IN STREET MAINTENANCE. WE HAVE REBAR STICKING OUT, WE HAVE MOULD, WE HAVE -- IT'S FALLING APART AND IT'S BEEN 40 YEARS OF NEGLECT. WE HAVE TO FIX IT. LIKE, WE COULD WAIT AND MAY MORE LATER. WE STILL HAVE AN UNDERGROUND AND OVER GROUND TO FIX. IT'S NOT JUST TOSSING MONEY AWAY ON A GLAMOUROUS PROJECT. IT'S OUR INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED LIKE OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY. IT JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE MOST ICONIC, IMPORTANT, SIGNIFICANT, REPUTATIONAL SPOT IN OUR CITY. SO THE APPROACH BEING TAKEN IS REASONABLE, PRUDENT, COLLABORATIVE AND HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN STAKEHOLDERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS AND I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE AND I HAVE NEVER REALLY HEARD ANYONE DISAGREE, IN ALL THESE YEARS, THAT A HEALTHY VIBRANT DOWNTOWN IS NEEDED FOR A VIBRANT CITY. LET'S DO THIS, LET'S SET THE STAGE FOR THIS POSITIVE CHANGE AND WHEN WE GET TO IT WE'LL BE READY AND READY TO DO IT RIGHT AND IT WILL BE FANTASTIC. WE ARE SEEING GREAT MOMENTUM IN THE DOWNTOWN. LET'S KEEP IT GOING AND I THANK THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS BECAUSE THESE ISSUES ARE TOUGH. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH YOU, BUT YOU HAVE TO SHOW THE LEADERSHIP AND DO THE RIGHT THING AND THE RIGHT WAY AND IT'S IMPORTANT YOU DO IT IN A COLLABORATIVE WAY, THAT YOU LISTEN, AND THAT YOU COME TO SOMETHING THAT WILL WORK IN OUR CITY AND MAKE OUR CITY AND OUR DOWNTOWN BETTER. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR GERBASI. COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER: I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR HIS APPROACH ON THIS. HE COULD HAVE TRIED TO RAM THIS THROUGH. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CLOSE VOTE. I SUSPECT COUNCILLOR WYATT WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THAT VOTE. UNFORTUNATE HE IS NOT HERE TODAY BUT I THINK THE MAYOR IS TAKING A MORE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO WORK IT THROUGH AND CREATE A MODEL WHERE DIFFERENT GROUPS ARE CONSULTED WITH, THE PUBLIC, THE BUSINESS OWNERS AND DIFFERENT GROUPS THIS SAY POLARIZING ISSUE. I HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT 40 E-MAILS AND ONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN FAVOUR AND THE REST OPPOSED. MOSTLY I HAVE WRITTEN BACK TO PEOPLE SAYING WE NEED A BETTER TRAFFIC STUDY AND MOST AGREE. THEY ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE OF THE COST BY AND LARGE, THEY ARE OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE OF CONCERNS ABOUT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT ISSUES. SO I THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY HERE AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAYOR FOR TAKING AN APPROACH THAT ISN'T WE'LL RAM THIS THROUGH AND HAVE A VOTE AND RUN IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A DIVISIVE MEETING. I FOR ONE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TODAY TO REOPEN TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. I THINK PERHAPS COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM WOULD BE THE SAME. BUT YOU HAVE HEARD THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH THE MAYOR AND THE ATTEMPT TO KEEP THIS MOVING FORWARD AB SEE IF THERE SIGNATORIES COLLABORATIVE WAY OF MOVING FORWARD. THERE WERE TWO AMENDMENTS PUT FORWARD AT EPC. ONE DESCRIBED AS MINOR. I DON'T MIND MINE BEING DESCRIBED AS MINOR BUT COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S WAS NOT MINOR AND THAT WAS

AN AMENDMENT THAT SAID THIS IS NOT THE FINAL DECISION. BEFORE ANY DECISION ON REOPENING TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND REMOVING THE BARRIERS IT HAS TO COME BACK TO A FULL COUNCIL FOR A VOTE WITH A FULL COST ESTIMATE AND I FULL TRANSIT STUDY. SO THEY -- WE HEAR 11 MORE BUSES, WHY 11? WHAT IS THE DELAY TIME? PEOPLE SAY IT'S 40 SECONDS AND I HAVE BEEN IN BRIEFINGS WHERE IT'S MUCH MORE BECAUSE OF THE STACKING EFFECT AND SAY 5:30 WILL BE LONGER THAN 3:30 AND BY 7:30 NOT MUCH DELAY AT ALL. SO WE NEED A BETTER TRAFFIC STUDY AND AS SAID THE WRECKING BALLS ARE NOT APPEARING TOMORROW. IF THE VOTE GOES AHEAD TOMORROW THERE IS STILL, THANKS TO COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S AMENDMENT AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO COME BACK WITH A MORE THOROUGH STUDY AND LOOK AT THE VARIOUS ISSUES. I DO WANT TO SAY, A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT TWO ISSUES AND IF I -- AND FIRSTLY THE MAYOR CRITICIZED THE MUSIC OF A OR SAID 1979 WAS A FAN OF ABBA AND MARGARET THATCHER: YOU SHOULD KNOW THE LYRICS INCLUDE WALKS ALONG THE SEINE SO CLEARLY SOME VISION THERE OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, WALKS ALONG THE ELYSEE. BUT THERE ALSO HAVE A SONG THAT TALKS ABOUT LEAVING MY HOUSE AT 8:00, MY TRAIN I'M CERTAIN LEFT JUST ON TIME FROM THE STATION. IMAGINE THAT THE OLD FASHIONED IDEA OF TAKING A TRAIN OR RAPID TRANSIT TO WORK. THEY TOOK MY THOUGHTS OF LOOKING AT THE RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR WHICH ISN'T AN OUT OF DATE IDEA BUT A MODERN IDEA AND THE MAYOR THAT IS TALKED ABOUT TRYING TO IMPLEMENT THE BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR WHICH WOULD RUN UP AND DOWN MAIN STREET AND IS IN THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. IT WAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT CONSIDERED IN THE DILLON STUDY AND IT SHOULD BE THAT'S THE AMENDMENT I PUT FORWARD. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS SAID I LIKE TO TAKE THE 16 AND THE 58 BECAUSE IT GOES UP DONALD AND MOST OF THE BUSES ARE GONE THEY ARE ON THE BRT AND IT'S QUICKER TO GET IN AND QUICKER IF YOU DRIVE. WELL WHAT IF YOU HAD THE BRT ON MAIN AND THE 16 AND THE 58 AND USE A DIFFERENT MEANS TO GET THROUGH. WE SCHEDULE THESE BUSES AND DESIGN THE ROUTES. WE COULD LOOK AT CHANGING THE ROUTES. IF YOU COME WELL THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS TO LOOK AT TO SEE IF WE CAN MITIGATE THE CONCERNS. THE TRANSIT CORRIDOR ISSUE IS IMPORTANT AND ALSO THE DILLON REPORT DID NOT LOOK AT THE REPORT COMING OUT OF THE GLEN MURRAY INITIATIVE THAT LOOKED AT OPTIONS AND ONE OF THOSE WAS COULD YOU OPEN AT NIGHT OR THE SUMMER OR WEEKENDS? COULD YOU OPEN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OR THE EAST SIDE. ALL THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WOULDN'T AGREE OPENING ANY OF IT. SOME SAY ALL OR NOTHING BUT WE SHOULD LOOK AT THAT 2007 STUDY AND EXPLORE OUR OPTIONS. THE DYLAN REPORT SAID ALL OF THE OTHER INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY ALLOW FULL PEDESTRIANS CROSSINGS AND TO WOULD CONFUSE DRIVERS IF SOME OF THE PORTAGE AND MAIN CROSSINGS ALLOWED PEDESTRIANS. I WAS COMING ALONG MAIN STREET TO CROSS AND I ALMOST MILLED THE LIGHT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CROSS AS A PEDESTRIAN AT THE NORTH SIDE OF JAMES AND MAIN YOU NEED TO GET TO THE SOUTH SIDE SO NOT ALL INTERSECTIONS ALLOW FULL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. NEAR MY PLACE A ROUTE I RAN ON 40 YEARS ST. VITAL AND DUNKIRK AND STAFF PUT UP A SIGN SAYING NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE NORTH SIDE, SO, NOT EVERY INTERSECTION ALLOWS ALL FOUR ACCESSES. SO WE SHOULD NOT PRE TENT TO PRO HE IS -- PRETEND TO PROCESS THE CASE AND LOOK AT THAT OPTION. IN SUMMARY, MADAM SPEAKER, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF AMENDMENTS THAT HELP TO CHANGE THE TENOR OF THIS A BIT, PARTICULARLY

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM'S, IT'S' AN IMPORTANT AMENDMENT. THIS NEED NOT BE A SOS TO THE PUBLIC, KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU MADAM SPEAKER WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH IT AND TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM AT HAND. IT WILL COME BACK. I DON'T KNOW HOW I WILL VOTE OR OTHERS BUT AT LEAST LET'S GET A MORE CO-OPERATIVE PROCESS AND GET A BETTER TRAFFIC STUDY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR MAYES. COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU. THE DYLAN STUDY SHOWED IT WOULD CREATE TRAFFIC DELAYS. ADDITIONALLY IT PROJECTED TO COST 1.8 MILLION MORE PER YEAR FOR TRANSIT. I FEEL THAT THERE ARE BIGGER PRIORITIES WE NEED TO ADDRESS AND OUR CITY SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON OUR NEEDS NOT OUR WANTS. THE FACT THAT THE MAYOR HAD THIS AS AN ELECTION PROMISE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S A GOOD IDEA. IN OUR FISCAL CLIMATE OUR FOCUS SHOULD BE ON WHAT THE CITY ACTUALLY NEEDS AB NOT ON THE PET PROJECT THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS BRING FORWARD. IF THE TRANSIT UNION HAS A PROBLEM WITH OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN THEN WE SHOULD STOP AND LISTEN. IF THIS WAS ABOUT REPAIRING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AT PORTAGE AND MAIN I WOULD SUPPORT IT AS I WOULD ANY OTHER REPAIR. DO WE NEED BETTER SIGNAGE ABOVE AND BELOW GRADE? ABSOLUTELY. DO WE NEED TO DO REPAIRS? AGAIN, YES. BUT THIS IS NOT ABOUT REPAIRING. IT'S ABOUT A PHASED IN APPROACH TO OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN. ADDITIONALLY, THE FACT THAT THE DYLAN STUDY WAS KEPT FROM US COUNCILLORS FOR SO LONG HAS RAISED TO MANY RED FLAGS FOR ME AND I CAN'T SUPPORT IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILROY FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM AND MAYES TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE ARE CLEAR WE ARE NOT OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN RIGHT NOW. I THINK THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS MISINFORMATION OUT THERE AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR. BUT I ALSO REALLY HAVE ENJOYED THE DEBATE THAT HAS GONE ON HERE TODAY AND I THINK THAT IT REMINDED ME OF OTHER SIMILAR DEBATES WE HAVE HAD LIKE THE FORKS AT ONE TIME THERE WAS LOTS OF PRESSURE AND PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK THE FORKS WAS A GOOD IDEA AND NOW IT'S A MAJOR DESTINATION THAT WE GO TO ENJOY AND BRING OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHEN THEY COME TO VISIT. THE CUBE IN THE EXCHANGE WAS ALSO SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW, LOTS OF PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HAPPEN AND NOW IT CREATED A PLACE IN THE EXCHANGE WHERE PEOPLE COME AND GO AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY. AND THE ESPLANADE RIEL, THE BRIDGE. AT ONE TIME IT WAS VERY CONTROVERSIAL AND NOW IT'S ON EVERY PHOTO OF WINNIPEG. THIS IS TAY GREAT DEBATE TO HAVE AND SOMETHING I AM EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN. AS I AM SOMEBODY THAT REPRESENTS A COMMUNITY THAT'S VERY CLOSE TO THAT INTERSECTION, I KNOW I SHARE WITH MY COLLEAGUE BUT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE, I GOT TO DOOR KNOCK. AND I GOT A LOT OF RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL PARK

THAT USE THAT -- ALONG THAT. AND THOSE ARE PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE CARS. SO I WANT TO LOOK AT THE EQUITY STANDPOINT. SO THIS IS A DESTINATION FOR MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE WITHIN MY COMMUNITY AND WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT THAT CORNER AT NIGHT, THINGS SHUT DOWN AT 6:00 O'CLOCK. THERE ISN'T MUCH ACTION. DOWN THERE AT NIGHT YOU SEE LOTS OF CAR TRAFFIC BUT YOU WON'T SEE PEOPLE WALKING AROUND LIKE YOU DO IN THE EXCHANGE OR YOU DO IN THE MTS CENTRE WHERE WE HAVE PUT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND DOLLARS INTO. SO WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT. WE NEED A STRONG DOWNTOWN AND PART OF A STRONG DOWNTOWN IS MAKING SURE THAT ALL POINTS OF THE DOWNTOWN HAVE STRONG CONNECTION POINTS THAT ARE SAFE, AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT WE NEED TO WORK WITH -- AND CO-OPERATE WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS THERE THAT ARE WILLING TO PUT SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS INTO MAKING THAT HAPPEN TO GENERATE OTHER BUSINESSES AND HOPEFULLY THE RESTAURANT ON THAT CORRIDOR WILL BE OPEN AFTER 6:00 O'CLOCK AND WE WILL GET MORE PEOPLE DOWN THERE AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT. IN TERMS OF THE ACCESS TO OUR UNDERGROUND, THAT IS REALLY A -- -- WE HAVE MOLD, ASBESTOS AND WATER DAMAGE IN THE UNDERGROUND AND THIS IS A KEY PIECE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE. THOSE ARE THINGS I SUPPORT. I THINK WE NEED TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD. I THINK THIS DIALOGUE SIMPLY HAS A WAYS TO GO. AND I THINK IT HAS STARTED A CONVERSATION THAT I THINK -- I HOPE WILL TALK ABOUT TRAFFIC AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC BECAUSE THERE ARE FUNCTIONAL WAYS TO MOVE OUR TRANSIT THROUGH MAIN STREET. I QUESTION WHETHER WE NEED A BUS ALL THE WAY FROM ONE END OF TOWN TO THE OTHER END AND CROSSING PORTAGE AND MAIN. I HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THAT. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A DIALOGUE WITH TRANSIT, WITH OUR TRANSIT UNION. I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TALKING TO RESIDENTS THAT LIVE DOWN HERE AND ARE WALKING AND WORKING AND LIVING AND PLAYING BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ARE THERE AT NIGHT, AFTER EVERYTHING CLOSES, AT 6:00 O'CLOCK. AND, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE A BUILT-IN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE FOR THE RESIDENTS LIVING THERE. AND I WANT TO NOTE IN TERMS -- WE ARE NOT OPENING IT BUT IN TERMS OF THE BARRIERS, I WAS AT THE MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THE OTHER WEEKEND AND I HEARD A COUPLE THERE AND THEY ARE ALL EXCITED BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO PORTAGE AND MAIN, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO SEE IS THESE BARRIERS. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN WE SHOULD AT LEAST WORK WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS TO PUT MAJOR INVESTMENT THERE, BEAUTIFY IT, ENGAGE PEOPLE, HAVE THEM COME DOWN THERE SO IT'S A PLACE WE CAN GO. WHEN WE OPEN IT TO PEDESTRIANS, THE ONE THING WE NEED TO DO IS MAJOR INVESTMENT. INVESTMENT IN OUR CORE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND WORKING WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT IN THE DOLLARS AND BEAUTIFY IT AND MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL WINNIPEGGERS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR GILROY, COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM HERE BECAUSE THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH WINNIPEG PLACE THEIR TRUST IN ME TO REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS AT CITY HALL. IN A DEMOCRACY, THE CITIZENS ARE THE HIGHEST FORM OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY AND POWER FLOWS FROM THE PEOPLE TO THE LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. BEING ELECTED TO OFFICE IS A GREAT TRUST. IN THE REPORT

PRIOR TO THE REFURBISHMENT AND OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN WAS RELEASED TO ALL OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC SEVEN DAYS AGO. HALF OF COUNCIL RECEIVED MULTIPLE BRIEFINGS BUT OTHER MEMBERS DID NOT. AND FOLLOWING A REQUEST TO THE CAO ASKING FOR A BRIEFING WE WERE DENIED AND THE REASON GIVEN IS THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME. THIS IS FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG AND INHIBITS HOW WE MAKE GOOD DECISIONS. AGAIN, I ASK WOULD THEY NOT -- ACCORDING TO THE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS EMBEDDED INTO EVERY DEPARTMENT. THERE HAS BEEN ZERO OUTREACH, ZERO COMMUNICATION, ZERO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG REGARDING THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON THE OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN. THERE HAS BEEN ZERO OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION. FOR THE RESIDENTS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THEY ARE NOT CLEAR AT ALL ON WHAT'S HAPPENING OF THE FEW THAT HAVE SOME IDEA THEY SUPPORT THE REFURBISHMENT AS I DO BUT PEOPLE CONTINUE TO HEAR AND READ OF THE MAYOR OPENING -- ABOUT OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN. THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF THE AMENDMENT. THERE ARE MANY MIXED MESSAGES. EVEN TODAY ON THE FLOOR WE HEARD THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM, GERBASI, MAYES, GILROY, CLARIFY WHAT IS GOING ON. AS A RESULT OF THIS IT'S ADDING TO THE POLARIZATION OF THIS DISCUSSION. BASIC PUBLIC DISCUSSION 101 STATES WHEN FACTUAL INFORMATION IS NONEXISTENT OR WHEN CONFLICTING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED AND WHEN THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION, UNCERTAINTY CREEPS IN. PEOPLE DEFAULT TO A POSITION THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS ARE NOT URBAN PLANNERS BUT THEY ARE SMART AND EDUCATED AND WOULD LIKELY HAVE AN OPEN MIND. >>I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH THE RESIDENTS. I HAVE HELD OVER 45 PUBLIC MEETINGS BUILDING TRUST AND LISTENING. AND THEY EXPECT NOTHING LESS. AND THIS IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE I SPENT THE LAST 15 YEARS OF MY LIFE ADVOCATING FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND FOR THE CYCLIST, FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AND CONNECTIVITY. I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO HIGHLIGHT TO ANYONE ON COUNCIL OR TO THE PUBLIC FOR THAT MATTER ON WHAT MY PERSONAL VIEWS ARE ON THE BENEFITS OF IMPROVING AND INCREASING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION. I LIVE DOWNTOWN, I HAD A BUSINESS FOR 15 YEARS DOWNTOWN. I HAVE WORKED WITH THE FORKS AND HAD FRIENDS IN UPPER FORT GARRY. BUT THOSE ARE MY VIEWS AND I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH WINNIPEG, ST. NORBERT PUT THEIR TRUST IN ME TO REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS. TRUE LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE STARTED MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION THE DAY AFTER THE 2014 ELECTION ON THIS TOPIC AND MADAM CHAIR AFTER THREE YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MEETINGS THERE WOULD BE A DIFFERENT DISCUSSION. THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH WINNIPEG, ST. NORBERT OVERWHELMINGLY HAVE TOLD ME FOR TODAY'S VOTE THEY ARE TAKING A POSITION THAT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND I WILL REPRESENT THAT POSITION WHEN WE VOTE ON THAT REPORT. IF MEANINGFUL INFORMATION OCCURS IN THE FUTURE AND CITIZENS HAVE A DIFFERENT POSITION I WILL REPRESENT IT AT FUTURE VOTES. IN CLOSING, I REITERATE WHICH I HAVE FOR A WHILE NOW THE DECADES OLD GOVERNANCE MODEL OF OPERATING IS FAILING US. BESIDES COSTING US MONEY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. WE ALL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS

AS WE WEIGH THIS OUT AND SO NOW WE ARE TO VOTE ON A REPORT TO DO A FURTHER REPORT. THAT'S NOT RIDICULOUS, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS. WE HAVE A REPORT TO DO A FURTHER REPORT BUT THIS WAS A VERY LONG-AWAITED REPORT. PRESUMABLY FOR SUBSTANTIAL REASONS, MADAM SPEAKER. THEREFORE, IT'S A RATHER SUBSTANTIAL REPORT FOR ALL THE TIME IT'S TAKEN FOR US TO GET TO THIS REPORT A WEEK AGO. WELL, MADAM SPEAKER, THIS SUBSTANTIAL AND LONG-AWAITED REPORT HAS SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION IN IT THAT WE CAN WORK WITH: WE HAVE TO WEIGH THIS OUT. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN ISSUE. HIS WORSHIP WAS ELECTED, AS WELL AS SUPPORTED BY OTHER COUNCILLORS. SO JUST COUNCILLOR GERBASI FOR YEARS, AND OTHERS THAT SUPPORT IT. AND MADAM SPEAKER, I DIDN'T COME TO CITY HALL WITH MUCH OF AN AGENDA AND I PRETTY MUCH TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT -- WHOSE VOTE I WAS SEEKING PRETTY MUCH TOLD THEM THAT. ONE PAMPHLET, VERY LITTLE IN IT BUT I MEANT EVERYTHING I SAID AND AT THIS POINT I CAN SAY I KEPT EVERY WORD. WHEN IT COMES TO THIS ISSUE, WE HAVE TO WEIGH THIS OUT. THERE ARE SOME GOOD REASONS THAT I CAN SEE TO OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. I WAS OPEN TO THIS. I DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER BUT I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT: AND YES WE CAN DO THE REPORT MADAM SPEAKER AND WE CAN DO GOOD WORK ON SEEING WHERE WE CAN GO FROM HERE AND INEVITABLY, SOME OF THAT IS INEVITABLY. INEVITABLY WE HAVE TO MAKE REPAIRS TO PORTAGE AND MAIN. I BELIEVE THAT. I DON'T THINK I NEED A REPORT TO TELL ME THAT. I DON'T THINK I NEED A FURTHER REPORT. WE CAN DO THAT. AND I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE INDEPENDENT OF WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH TODAY. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND, MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW PEOPLE FEEL. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THEIR SENSE OF IDENTITY AND TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AS THEY LIVE WITHIN THEIR CITY. IN FACT, I THINK THAT'S ALMOST WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT FOR. OUR CITY HALL HAS AN OBLIGATION TOWARDS THIS THAT'S WHY WE HAVE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION TRAILS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE AN APPRECIATION AND WE DEAL WITH THIS ON A DAILY BASIS. WE DEAL WITH HISTORICAL BUILDINGS. WE DEAL WITH ARCHITECTURE. WE DEAL WITH ENCOURAGEMENT OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFESTYLE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY, RESTAURANTS AND FESTIVALS. IF NOT IN SOME ASPECT OF THAT IS THE MAJOR PLAYER, BEING THAT PARTICIPANT ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WHEN IT COMES TO DEVELOPING THIS ASPECT OF LIFE AND CULTURE AND OUR SENSE OF IDENTITY AND MADAM SPEAKER, I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT. HAPPENS TO BE, MADAM SPEAKER THAT I LIVE IT. WE ALL DO, MADAM SPEAKER. ACTIVELY I LIKE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN MUSIC, LOCALLY. IN FACT, NEXT MONTH, I HOPE I GET TO PERFORM WITH EAGLE AND HAWK ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC HOLIDAY TRAIN AS IT STOPS IN MY WARD. AND WE WILL SEE HOW THAT GOES. MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN IT COMES TO A SENSE OF IDENTITY, AND WHAT WE DO IN THIS CITY, WE HAVE CREATED A MADE IN WINNIPEG SOLUTION. WE ARE THE COLDEST ADVANCED CITY IN THE WORLD. ADVANCED IN TERMS OF DEMOCRATIC AND FULLY INDUSTRIALIZED. WE ARE IN THAT RESPECT THE COLDEST CITY IN THE WORLD AND WE CAN GO FROM PORTAGE AND MAIN TO PORTAGE PLACE AND BEYOND, ALL YEAR ROUND IN AN INSULATED ENVIRONMENT, HEATED IN THE WINTER TIME FOR FOUR MONTHS OF THE WINTER AND IN OUR HOT SUMMERS IT'S AIR CONDITIONED AS WELL. WE HAVE DONE THIS. THIS IS WHO WE ARE. NOT EVERY CITY DOES THIS. WE DID AND THAT'S PART OF OUR PORTAGE AND MAIN. THAT'S PART OF OUR MADE IN WINNIPEG SOLUTION. THAT'S PART OF OUR IDENTITY AS WELL. MADAM SPEAKER, I TRULY UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO

OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN FOR THE REASONS OF SELF-IDENTITY, EXPERIENCE AND CULTURE, I UNDERSTAND THAT. WE HAVE TO WEIGH THESE THINGS OUT AND HERE AT CITY HALL WE TALK ABOUT WHY WE CAN'T DO THIS BECAUSE IT COSTS TOO MUCH. MADAM SPEAKER, WE JUST HAD A VOTE LAST MONTH ON NOT REVEALING OUR POTHOLE BUDGET BECAUSE IT WOULD COST TOO MUCH: IT'S A COST ISSUE. WELL I KNOW IF I WERE TO ASK MY CONSTITUENTS BECAUSE WE ALL LIVE ON A DAILY BUDGET CONSULTATION EVERY TIME WE TALK TO PEOPLE, IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME THAT THINGS COME DOWN TO BUDGET VIRTUALLY ALL THE TIME. BUT I KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IF I WERE TO ASK PEOPLE, AND I HAVE. THE ANSWER IS EVIDENT. WHETHER THEY LIKE TO SPEND A FRACTION, A SLIVER OF THE BUDGET ON THIS AND PUT IT TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING OUR POTHOLE BUDGET FOR THE CITY AND FOR EACH WARD, THAT THEY WOULD GO TOWARDS SPENDING A FRACTION OF THIS MONEY ON UNDERSTANDING OUR POTHOLE BUDGET BECAUSE I DON'T. WE DON'T AND WE SHOULD. AND I THINK THAT'S EQUALLY, EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT TO US AS WINNIPEGERS AS WE GO ABOUT OUR LIVES AND WALKING DOWN OUR STREETS AND THAT I CAN'T DENY. MADAM SPEAKER, THERE IS GOOD REASON WHY PEOPLE WANT TO OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN BUT I THINK WE HAVE BIGGER PRIORITIES AND WE HAVE ALREADY DEALT WITH THIS IN A MADE IN WINNIPEG WAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR SCHREYER. COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. MODERN CITIES NEED TO EMBRACE ACTIVE VIBRANT PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENTS WHILE RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO MOVE PEOPLE AND GOODS USING A VARIETY OF TRANSPORTATION MODES. THIS INCLUDES DIFFERENT TYPES OF DELIVERY TRUCKS, PASSENGER VEHICLES AND BUSES. AND IT IS A BALANCING ACT. I PERSONALLY THINK WINNIPEG HAS DONE A REASONABLE JOB WITHIN AREAS LIKE THE FORKS, THE EXCHANGE, PARK PATHS, SURE. WE CAN DO BETTER IN TERMS OF FIXING OUR ROADS. WE NEED MORE CAPACITY ON CHIEF PEGUIS AND MAINTAIN OUR BRIDGES AND ROADS BUT OVERALL IT'S BEEN A FAIRLY BALANCED APPROACH. IF ANYTHING WINNIPEGERS RESISTED THE NORTH AMERICAN PATTERN OF BUILDING LARGE FREEWAYS AND PARTICULARLY IN AND AROUND OUR DOWNTOWN. NOW WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILLOR EADIE, I BELIEVE ALL OF US AROUND THIS TABLE HERE PARK AT CENTENNIAL HALL AND USE THE TUNNEL TO GET TO AND FROM THE COUNCIL BUILDING. IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET I ENCOURAGE YOU TO STOP AT THE DISPLAY. THERE IS A DISPLAY CASE BY THE BIG WALL OF OWNERS -- OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ORIGINAL CENTENNIAL PROJECT. THERE IS A MODEL THERE THAT SHOWS A VISION OF THE CULTURAL DISTRICT. TO ME, THE MOST SHOCKING ASPECT OF THAT IS THAT THEY ACTUALLY SHOW A FREEWAY ALONG THE RED RIVER. THEY SHOW A BIG MAJOR ARTERIAL ROAD WAY, SIX OR SEVEN OR EIGHT LANES ACROSS IS WHAT THEY ARE SHOWING THERE. OBVIOUSLY, TODAY, WATER FRONT DRIVE IS CLEARLY NOT A FREEWAY. NOW, CHICAGO HAS A VIBRANT STREET LEVEL ENVIRONMENT. MICHIGAN AVENUE, THE MIRACLE MILE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IS PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY BUT THEY HAVE SPENT MILLIONS ON THE AREA PRODUCING UNDERGROUND SERVICING ROADS. CHICAGO IS VERY MUCH LARGER THAN WINNIPEG YET CHICAGO DID TAKE THE APPROACH OF BUILDING A FREEWAY ALONG LAKE MICHIGAN RUNNING PARALLEL TO DOWNTOWN, A WAY CALLED LAKESHORE DRIVE. THE POINT HERE IS THERE IS A PLACE FOR BOTH PEDESTRIANS CENTRED AREAS AND

OTHER AREAS WHERE MOVING VEHICLES, COMMERCE AND TRADE IS ALSO IMPORTANT. YOU NEED TO SEPARATE THOSE OUT. WITHOUT FREEWAYS, PORTAGE AND MAIN FUNCTIONS FAIRLY WELL AS A MAIN TRANSPORTATION HUB WITH OVER 77,000 VEHICLE MOVEMENTS DAILY. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING THROUGH THERE IN THEIR VEHICLES IS HUGE BOTH REGULAR PASSENGER VEHICLES AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WINNIPEGERS, OUR CONSTITUENTS ON BUSES. TO IMPROVE THAT FLOW ONLY A SINGLE LEFT TURN MOVEMENT IS ALLOWED THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION. THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE TO TURN LEFT FROM EAST BOUND PORTAGE ON TO NORTHBOUND MAIN STREET. AND THERE ARE ALSO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT WORK MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT THAT INTERSECTION THAT BENEFIT FROM A SAFE, WEATHER PROTECTED UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE THAT ALLOWS TEAM MEET, SHOP, AND EFFICIENTLY GET AROUND THE INTERSECTION. ASK PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE, HOW MANY WOULD REGULARLY CROSS ABOVE GRADE OUTSIDE? OVERALL, THE REALITY IS THERE ARE SENTIMENTAL, NOT PRACTICAL REASONS TO OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN ABOVE GRADE TO PEDESTRIANS. AND WHILE BUYING INTO THE ARGUMENT FOR TOURISTS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE INTERSECTION THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION CAN BE LESS THAN INTUITIVE BUT FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEDESTRIANS GOING THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION ON A DAILY BASIS AND WORK IN THE OFFICE TOWERS IN THE AREA, IT WORKS QUITE WELL. I ALSO HAVE TO ASK WHY ARE WE PAYING FOR ALL THE UPGRADES AND REPAIRS AS PART OF THE SERVICE? WE HEARD EARLIER THAT HARVARD, ONE OF THE MAJOR CORNER PROPERTY OWNERS HASN'T BEEN ASKED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CIRCUS. THEY GET TO CHARGE HIGHER RENTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THAT ACCESS BECAUSE IT'S CONSIDERED TO BE A BENEFIT TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO HAVE THAT UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE AND WINNIPEGERS WANT THEIR STREETS REPAIRED. TAKING FROM THE REGIONAL STREETS ACCOUNT IS SIMPLY WRONG. ALSO, ON AVERAGE, IF YOU ARE COMING FROM ABOVE GROUND, GOING UNDERGROUND AND COMING BACK ABOVE GROUND, THE AVERAGE TIME TO CROSS PORTAGE AND MAIN IS ABOUT THE SAME, WHETHER YOU GO AT GRADE BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL OR GO DOWN AND THROUGH, IT'S A LONGER ROUTE AND IS CHALLENGING, I ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THOSE WITH ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES AND AS REPAIRS NEED TO BE MADE THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. (PLEASE STAND BY)

[\M\M\M] A COTTAGE IS HIGHER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE. I BELIEVE THE INITIATIVE, THE STEPS WE ARE MOVING FOR IS TAKING US IN THE WRONG DIRECTION WITH THE IDEA OF OPENING PORTAGE AND MAIN TO PEDESTRIANS. CARS AND PEOPLE CAN WORK. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EITHER OR. IT SHOULDN'T BE ABOUT CARS. WE NEED TO STOP THIS UNNECESSARY EXPENSIVE PLAN TODAY.

>> THANK YOU. >> I DON'T APPROVE OPENING UP PORTAGE. I DO NOT APPROVE TO OPEN IT UP AT THIS TIME. I CAN HEAR MY DOWNTOWN COLLEAGUES GASPING. WE ARE NOT READY. IT MAY BE IMPORTANT IN THE FUTURE. IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I WOULD SAY WE ARE OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. WE ARE NOT. BUT AGAIN, IT BEING STATED REPEATEDLY AND NOT ONLY ARE WE OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN TODAY, WE ARE SPENDING 20-50 -- WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH MONEY WE WILL SPEND. WE ARE NOT OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. WE ARE TRYING TO PREPARE THE

CONCOURSE, IT IS NOT A GOOD PLACE. I AM SO PROUD OF THE OWNERS WHO ARE GOING TO PITCH IN HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAKE THE CONCOURSE BETTER. WE HAVE THE SHACKS. I WON'T SAY WHAT THE SHACKS ARE. IT IS NOT REALLY IN THE HOUSE TO SAY THAT. THEY ARE REALLY EMBARRASSING. THE METAL SHACKS THAT -- I WILL NOT GO IN THERE. THEY ARE DISGUSTING. THERE IS REBAR POPPING OUT. WE NEED TO BE DOING SOMETHING WITH THIS INTERSECTION. I AGREE, WE ARE NOT OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. IT IS AS CLEAR AS I CAN BE. IT MAY HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. THE MOTION DOES NOT SAY THAT. AGAIN, I AM NOT SURE IF PEOPLE WILL READ THE MOTION. DON'T CONFUSE IT WITH FACTS. THAT IS FINE. THE MOTION IS CLEAR. ANY TYPE OF OPENING OF PORTAGE AND MAIN INCLUDING COSTING WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL. I THINK THAT IS REASONABLE. SOME PEOPLE MAY HAVE A CONSPIRACY THEORY. THE MOTION IS THE MOTION. THIS IS WHAT IT SAYS TODAY. I DON'T OPEN -- I DIDN'T SUPPORT INVESTING IF IT IS A PERFECT TIMING WITH ALL THE DEVELOPERS DOING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO INVEST 5 MILLION. 3.5. WE NEED TO WORK ON THE REPAIRS. WE KNOW THERE HAS BEEN 40 YEARS OF NEGLECT. THE TREES ARE GONE. WE CUT THEM DOWN A FEW YEARS AGO. THE TREE WELLS WERE POORLY DESIGNED. THEY COULD NOT HANDLE IT. I SEE PEOPLE -- WE HAVE A NEW APARTMENT AND A NEW HOTEL OPENING UP ON THE OTHER SIDE. I AM NOT SURE HOW THEY WILL GET ACROSS PORTAGE AND MAIN YET. AGAIN, WE HAVE TO WORK IT OUT. HOW DO YOU GET OVER THERE AND THERE. THAT KIND OF STUFF WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT. WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS CAPITALIZE ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE UNDERGROUND, PUT OUR PIECE INTO IT AND THEN ALSO WORK WITH THESE OWNERS WHO ARE INVESTING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS DOLLARS TO BEAUTIFY AND ENHANCE THE AREA. IT DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. I KNOW THE MAYOR. I HAD GOOD DISCUSSIONS ON THIS. I RESPECT HIS OPINION. I HOPE WE UNDERSTAND. I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. I AGREE WITH THE COUNCILLOR. I HAD A ONDERFUL TIME WITH THE DEBATE. HOW DID THE INFORMATION GET OUT THERE? WHEN I TALK TO RESIDENTS, THEY KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE ISSUE AT McDONALD'S. WE ARE NOT OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. WHY IS EVERYBODY SAYING WE ARE. WE WORK TOGETHER. WE SAW THE GOVERNMENT REPORT. THE PEOPLE ASSUME IT WILL HAPPEN BECAUSE THE MAYOR IS SO STRONG. THE MAYOR -- HE WAS WILLING TO LOOK AT AMENDMENTS. I BELIEVE I WILL SPEAK FOR HIM. HE AGREES WE ARE NOT READY FOR IT YET. WHAT WE ARE READY FOR IS TO INVEST SOME MONEY, WHICH IS NOT A LOT OF MONEY, SOME EXISTING MONEY FROM THE CATEGORIES IT IS SUPPOSED TO COME FROM TO FIX IT UP. I REALLY HOPE THAT AFTER THIS MEETING, COUNCILLORS WILL BE ABLE TO TELL THE PUBLIC, YES, WE ARE NOT OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. NO, WE ARE NOT SPENDING $25 MILLION. THAT IS WHAT I HOPE COUNCILLORS SAY. IT IS AN ICONIC AREA. THERE ARE SAFETY ISSUES TO OPENING UP AND NOT OPENING UP. THERE ARE SOME MAJOR TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. THERE ARE SOME AMAZING NUMBER OF -- 2,000 PEOPLE INCREASE IN THE LAST YEARS DOWNTOWN. WE ARE EXPECTING THE ARTIST BUILDING -- THESE ARE NOT JUST PIE IN THE SKY IDEAS. THEY ARE ON THE BOOKS. THEY ARE COMING. THE ARTIST NEW BUILDING. WE HAVE PROBABLY 35 STOREYS OF APARTMENTS. WE HAVE A NEW HOTEL THAT IS JUST DOWN THE STREET ACROSS FROM THE FAIRMOUNT. CANDY LAND. WE HAVE THE FORKS. WE HAVE -- I DRIVE THROUGH THERE EVERY DAY. IT IS ACTUALLY SAD. IT IS A SAD INTERSECTION. SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE PROUD AND SAY THIS IS OUR ICONIC CORNER. WE ARE PROUD. WE NEGLECTED IT FOR 40 YEARS. WHEN I HEAR COMMENTS ABOUT WE NEED TO PUT THE

MONEY TO FIX STUFF THAT IS BROKEN, WE ARE. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DOING. LEVERAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IT IS CHEAPER TO DO IT. TODAY'S NOTE IS NOT OPENING UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. THE VOTE IS ABOUT INVESTING A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY. I AM TRYING TO GET THE NUMBER RIGHT NOW. WE PUT UP A BUNCH OF MONEY WITH TREE WELLS AND THE AREA IN THE BACK THERE. IT IS GORGEOUS. I AM NOT SURE HOW MANY MILLIONS THAT COSTED. I DON'T RECALL A BOO FROM THAT ONE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GENERALLY ENHANCING THAT CORNER AT THIS POINT. A DEBATE ABOUT PORTAGE AND MAIN OPENING, WE ARE NOT -- I DON'T THINK WE ARE CLOSE TO HAVING THAT. THERE ARE TOO MANY ISSUES OF TRANSIT. THERE ARE TOO MANY ISSUES, NOT ONLY THE TRANSPORTATION, WITH ALL THE NEW PEOPLE COMING, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE TRANSPORTATION MODEL. THE BACK AREA. THE ROADS ARE CONFUSING. THERE HAS TO BE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. WE WILL BE FORCED TO BECAUSE WE ARE BEING SUCCESSFUL. BECAUSE DOWNTOWN IS GROWING. THIS IS A GOOD THING. AGAIN, THE MOTION IS NOT TO OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO ECHO WHAT THE COUNCILLOR IS SAYING. YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST -- ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF WINNIPEG WEBSITE, AND CHECKING OUT THE INVESTMENTS IN THE DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG HERE. YOU KNOW, IT IS A STAGGERING NUMBER, SINCE 2005, THERE HAS BEEN OVER $2.8 BILLION OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENTS IN OUR DOWNTOWN. THAT IS HUGE. YOU CAN SEE THAT INVESTMENT, MADAM SPEAKER WITH THE HOTEL TALKED ABOUT. WE HAVE THE GLASS HOUSE CONDOS. WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, INVESTMENTS TO THE RBC CONVENTION CENTRE. THE TRUE NORTH SQUARE AND YOU HEAR INVESTMENTS HAPPENED SOUTH OF PORTAGE AND MAIN. THIS MOTION IS NOT AS THE COUNCILLOR SAID IT IS NOT TO OPEN UP PORTAGE AND MAIN. IT IS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION. AT THE SAME TIME, TO HAVE A CONTINUED DISCUSSION THROUGH A WORKING GROUP. I WANT TO APPLAUD THE MAYOR, YOU KNOW, FOR HIS INITIATIVE IN TERMS OF CAMPAIGNING ON PORTAGE AND MAIN AND ENSURING THAT THERE IS A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS TO DISCUSS THE BENEFITS. WE ONLY HAVE ONE DOWNTOWN. ALL AROUND US AS WE DISCUSSED, DOWNTOWN IS CHANGING. IT CONTINUES TO CHANGE. THERE WILL BE MORE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENTS OCCURRING HERE. THE DISCUSSION IS TIMELY AND FRUITFUL. I HOPE THAT IT BEARS SOME REALLY GOOD POSITIVE RESULTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN. WE HEARD LAST WEEKS, ARCHITECTS COMING HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS OF CITY BUILDING, MADAM SPEAKER. TO TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE IMPORTANCE OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND CREATING A DOWNTOWN THAT IS PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. OUR DOWNTOWN IS FOR EVERYONE. AND UNFORTUNATELY THE CORNER, MADAM SPEAKER, IT ZIPS CAR THROUGH THERE AND DOES NOT ALLOW FOLKS TO WALK IT. WE HEAR IT FROM THE DELEGATION TODAY. FROM PORTAGE AVENUE. HARVARD MANAGEMENT. IN TALKING WITH THEIR TENANTS AND THEIR BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS THEY WELCOME THE INVESTMENTS THAT HAPPEN BELOW GRADE AND ABOVE GRADE. I THOUGHT THEY WOULDN'T SAY IT THE WAY THEY SAID IT. HAVING MORE CONNECTIVITY. HAVING AT GRADE IMPROVEMENTS AND BELOW GRADE IMPROVEMENTS IS A WELCOME ADDITION. I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT. I WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE THOUGHT WERE. IT WAS MUSIC TO MY EAR. I

SUPPORT THE CLAUSE. THANKS TO MY COUNCIL AND COLLEAGUES AND SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MAYOR FOR ADVANCING THIS AND CREATING A HIGHER DIALOGUE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER SPEAKERS. MR. MAYOR, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE?

MAYOR BOWMAN: YES. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMMENTS BY ALL MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. YEAH, I THINK, YOU KNOW, WHAT THIS COMES DOWN TO IS DO WE WANT TO WORK WITH PROPERTY OWNERS. DO WE WANT TO FIND COST SAVINGS AND START MAKING SOME BADLY NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS IN AND AROUND OUR HISTORIC INTERSECTION OF PORTAGE AND MAIN. DO WE WANT TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO HAVE THE DIALOGUE THAT HAS NOT BEEN HAPPENING FOR 40 YEARS WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS. WE KNOW THAT THE RICHARDSONS HAVE AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR A NEW PLAZA OUTSIDE OF THEIR BUILDING. PORTAGE AND MAIN. THERE IS -- THE TIMING ON THIS IS NOW TO PROCEED IN THE MANNER THAT IS PROPOSED. AND I THINK IT IS A VERY POSITIVE STEP FORWARD FOR DOWNTOWN AND FOR THE CITY. I THINK IT IS A COMMON SENSE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH AS WELL ON WHAT COULD BE A MORE POLARIZING VIEW. I WANT TO THANK FOR THE EFFORTS TO DATE ON THIS. I KNOW THE DEBATE WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL MOVE FORWARD IN A MUCH MORE COMMON SENSE, COLLABORATIVE APPROACH. IN A WAY THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED IN 40 YEARS. THAT IS SOMETHING ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHOULD BE PROUD OF. I URGE MY COUNCIL AND COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE REPORT VOTED ON RECOMMENDATION BY RECOMMENDATION BE VOTED ON.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE BY CLAUSE. WE CAN DO THAT? DO WE VOTE? WE HAVE HOW MANY CLAUSES, 10? THAT IS IN ORDER, CORRECT, MR. CLERK? TEN CLAUSES BEFORE US. IT IS AN ORDER. THE REQUEST. WE ARE LOOKING AT CLAUSE NUMBER 1. ITEM NUMBER 6.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I CAN'T REMEMBER --

MADAM SPEAKER: WE ARE READING THEM OUT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. MR. CLERK, CLAUSE 1.

CLERK: RECOMMENDATION 1, THAT THE INTERSECTION BE IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY THROUGH A PHASED APPROACH FOR INVESTMENT THAT ALLOWS FOR FULL USE BY EVERYONE, PEDESTRIANS, BOTH AT AND BELOW GRADE AND VEHICLES TO INCREASE WALK ABILITY AND CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: CALL FOR RECORDED VOTE ON CLAUSE 1. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

>> MAYOR, THE COUNCILLORS. THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ) THE VOTE 10-5.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 2, MR. CLERK. I GUESS CLAUSE 1 PASSES. ON TO CLAUSE IT. -- CLAUSE 2.

CLERK: INCLUDING THE CAO AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT AND WATER AND WASTE TO ENSURE COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION FOR ALIGNED OVERALL PLANNING. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE? -- PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ "N" -- NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 2 PASSES. CLAUSE 3, MR. CLERK. PLEASE READ IT INTO THE RECORD.

CLERK: A NEW PORTAGE AND MAIN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FROM THE AMOUNT OF $1,500,000 BE AUTHORIZED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2018 CAPITAL BUDGET APPENDIX A TO BE FUNDED WITH PRIOR YEAR AUTHORIZATIONS AS LAID OUT IN THE APPENDIX, INCLUDING THE PROJECT PORTAGE AND MAIN REHABILITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $2 MILLION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ) 10-5.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 3 PASSES. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION 3 THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN THE 2017 OF UP TO $3.5 MILLION PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE FIRST CHARGE AGAINST GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF UP TO $1.5 MILLION FOR THE 2018 PORTAGE AND MAIN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL PROJECT AND UP TO $2 MILLION FOR THE PORTAGE AND MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE 2018 REGIONAL AND LOCAL STREETS RENEWAL CAPITAL PROGRAM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 288.2 OF THE CHARTER TO BE UTILIZED AS FOLLOWS. A, UP TO $1.5 MILLION FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES OBTAINED THROUGH A BID PROCESS. $500,000 FOR NEW SIDEWALKS, CURBS, AND PAVING -- 365 MAIN STREET. THE RICHARDSON BUILDING. C, UP TO $1.5 MILLION FOR THE ASSETS OF THE CITY IN THE CONCOURSE CONSISTING OF WORK IN THE CONCOURSE BELOW 201 PORTAGE AVENUE, REMOVAL OF THE BUNKER AND ASSOCIATED WORKS IN CONCOURSE STUDIES AND WORK. .

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ (

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RIDE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ) 10-5.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 4 PASSES.

CLERK: THAT THE CITY ENTER, EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT ON A SINGLE SOURCE BASIS WITH HARVARD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC. FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR RENOVATION AND UPGRADING WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY HARVARD INC. TO A MAXIMUM OF $500,000 IN THE CITY OWNED PORTION OF THE UNDER GROUND PEDESTRIAN CONCOURSE ADJACENT TO 201 PORTAGE AVENUE AND SUCH OTHER AGREEMENTS AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE CITY SOLICITOR AND DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THE FOREGOING.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: NAMES BEING READ. 11-4.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 5 PASSES. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: 6, THAT THE CITY ENTER, EXECUTE AND DELIVER AGREEMENTS WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER THAT THE INTERSECTION OF PORTAGE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET REINSTITUTE THE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY AT THE INTERSECTION AND SUCH OTHER AGREEMENTS AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE CITY SOLICITOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THE FOREGOING. THE OTHER ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS INCLUDING THE AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO WITH EXISTING OR PREVIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS AT THE PORTAGE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ) 10-5.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 6 PASSES. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: 7, THAT THE AUTHORITY BE DELEGATED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE TERMS AND THE CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT REFERRED TO IN RECOMMENDATION 5 AND 6 AND THE ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS AND OTHER ANCILLARY AGREEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REPORT AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY SOLICITOR AND DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES READ) 10-5.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 7 PASSES. CLAUSE 8, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: THAT THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE CONSIDER A POTENTIAL SERVICE NORTH MAIN CORRIDOR OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT AS PART OF A FURTHER TRAFFIC AND TRANSIT STUDY REQUIRED TO ANALYZE THE REINTRODUCTION OF PORTAGE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE. 12-3. CLAUSE 8 PASSES. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: 9, PRIOR TO REDUCING PEDESTRIANS, THE PUBLIC SERVICE BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL WITH A PLAN FOR REINTRODUCTION THAT INCLUDES COST ESTIMATES, TRANSIT AND TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ)

MADAM SPEAKER: OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (NAMES BEING READ) 13-2.

MADAM SPEAKER: CLAUSE 9 PASSES.

CLERK: THE FINAL CLAUSE, 10. THAT THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT OF THE FOREGOING. .

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. THAT INCLUDES ITEM 9. ITEM 6. MOVING ON, ITEM 10, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS 2017 QUARTER 2.

MADAM CLERK: DO YOU WISH TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. I CAN'T RECALL. IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME.

COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT MY PORTFOLIO, THE COUNCIL LIAISON FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY AND THANK THE GOOD WORK THAT IS OCCURRING WITH REGARDS TO THIS AUDIT. I WANT TO THANK OUR INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR WORKING WITH THE WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE TO IMPLEMENT MANY -- MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT. A COUPLE OF AUDIT ITEMS -- A COUPLE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER I AM PROUD OF. ASSET MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN EMBRACED AS A CORE PRINCIPLE. THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT THING. IT IS A TERM MOST OF THE PUBLIC IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH. IT IS TWO MAIN BRANCHES, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT PLANNING. I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO MUCH INTO THE DEFINITION. WITH REGARDS TO THE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE OF THEM, MADAM SPEAKER WAS TO ENSURE THAT STAFF ARE TRAINED IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT PLANNING PRINCIPLES. I CAN SAY THAT THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RED RIVER COLLEGE AND THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS TAKEN PLACE AND OFFERS IN-HOUSE TRAINING FOR COURSES REGARDING ASSET MANAGEMENT. AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IS TAKING PLACE. TO GIVE YOU A -- IT TALKS ABOUT ASSET MANAGEMENT IN THE INTRODUCTION AND GOES INTO TALKING ABOUT LEVELS OF SERVICE. THE NEEDS AND RISK ASSESSMENT. BUSINESS CASE INVESTMENT. AND INVESTMENT PLANNING. AND A SPECIAL HOW TO TRAINING FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT OFFICERS ACROSS THE CITY OF WINNIPEG SPECTRUM. THAT IS KEY, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE CHANGED THE CULTURE AND LIKE I SAID, YOU KNOW, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, WE HAVE A DIVISION WITH MR. CHARTIER LEADING THE DIVISION. HE IS THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFF AND THE CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER. THAT WAS CHAMPIONED BY THE MAYOR. REALLY GOOD THINGS HAPPENING. A LOT OF GOOD WORK. FINALLY I WANT TO SAY WITH REGARDS TO THE COUNCILLOR SAW IT IN THE LAST FINANCE MEETING AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WAS THE NEW PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEMPLATE. THAT WAS ROLLED OUT IN SEPTEMBER. AND WAS IMPLEMENTED IN OCTOBER. THE LAST MEETING THE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE SEEN IT. I WANT TO POINT OUT A FEW THINGS. BASICALLY. I TALKED WITH EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL ON WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT. RELATIVE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AUDIT. I REMEMBER A LOT OF FOLKS SAYING WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT REPORT IS COMING FORWARD, TALK ABOUT RISKS. WE WANT TO MAKE

SURE WE UNDERSTAND IS THE PROJECT ON TIME. IS THE PROJECT ON BUDGET. HOW MUCH OF THE BUDGET HAS BEEN ALLOCATED. AND TO IDENTIFY SOME OF THE RISKS. WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SERVICE DOING TO MITIGATE THE RISKS. IN AND OF ITSELF, PART OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT, IF THERE IS A CLASS -- IF YOU HAVE A CLASS SIZE ESTIMATE AND IT GOES HIGHER. IT IS NOT A BAD THING. IF WE GO TO A CLASS 3, THAT IS IMPORTANT. NO PROJECT WILL BE TENDERED OUT UNTIL THERE IS A CLASS 3 ESTIMATE. THERE IS A GREATER AMOUNT OF RIGOUR AND DISCIPLINE THAT GOES INTO CALCULATING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECTS. AND THAT IS THE NEW CULTURE THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED HERE WITH THE NEW TERMS OF COUNCIL. GOING BACK TO THE NEW PROJECT, REPORTING TEMPLATES. IT DOES SHOW EXACTLY SOME OF THE THINGS WE HEARD FROM COUNCIL AND COLLEAGUES. RIGHT IN THE FIRST PAGE. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. FRONT AND CENTER. PROJECT ON SCHEDULE. YES OR NO. PROJECT ADOPTED, IS THE PROJECT ON ADOPTED BUDGET, YES OR NO. THE SCHEDULE OF COMPLETION. IT TALKS ABOUT HOW MUCH OF THE BUDGET HAS BEEN SPENT. AND MADAM SPEAKER, THE TEMPLATE, IT IS LIKE A PAPER DASHBOARD. IT TALKS ABOUT -- THIS IS REALLY COOL FOR THE PUBLIC, MADAM SPEAKER, FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT TO SEE IT. IT TALKS ABOUT CONTRACT AND THE BID OPPORTUNITIES. IT NAMES THE BID OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE. IT TALKS ABOUT THE COMPANY NAME AND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BID. IT TALKS ABOUT THE VALUE DOLLAR. THE AMOUNT OF COMPLETION. AND IF IT IS A LARGE PROJECT, ALL THE PROJECTS ARE OVER $20 MILLION. IT GOES INTO DETAIL WITH A CHART. IT IS INTUITIVE. ALSO, MADAM SPEAKER, IT TALKS ABOUT PROJECT MILESTONES. SO IT GOES TO SHOW THE GREAT AMOUNT OF BREADTH AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECTS OVER $20 MILLION. THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT GOES INTO PROJECT MILESTONES. THIS ONE HERE, I AM LOOKING AT HAS ABOUT 11 DIFFERENT PROJECT MILESTONES THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED. AND IT TALKS ABOUT -- HERE IS THE ONE -- IT TALKS ABOUT THE RISK MITIGATION. THERE IS A NICE, CLEAN, VERY ATTRACTIVE LOOKING CHART THAT TALKS ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT. IT TALKS ABOUT THE RISK MITIGATION PLAN. YOU KNOW, THE COMMITTEE, THE CHAIR CAN LOOK AT IT AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL CAN LOOK AT THIS. IT IS ONLINE. ON THE WEBSITE. IT SHOWS A NEW LEVEL OF GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT WINNIPEG CITY HALL. IT TALKS ABOUT THE FUNDING. THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS THEY ARE FUNDING. IT IS A COMPLETE PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEMPLATE. AND THEN FOR THOSE THAT ARE BRAVE AND WANT TO GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE REPORT, YOU CAN GO TO THE APPENDICES. IT GOES INTO HIGHER DETAIL THAT THE FOLKS WERE INTERESTED WHETHER ON THE COMMITTEE OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN GO THROUGH IT. THIS IS A REALLY GROUND BREAKING THING. IT IS A REAL CULTURAL BUSINESS PROCESS. PARADIGM SHIFT AT WINNIPEG CITY HALL. WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD FOR DOING THE WORK TO MAKE SURE -- I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THE INPUT ON THIS. AND REALLY APPLAUD THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING WITH MR. CHARTIER AND ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO BY THE WAY HE IS A PROJECT MANAGER AND ALSO HE IS ALSO PART OF WHAT IS CALLED THE CANADIAN NETWORK OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS IN CANADA. WINNIPEG IS CUTTING EDGE AND LEADING IN HOUSE WE EMBRACE ASSET MANAGING. IT IS ABOUT MANAGING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOW WE HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS ABOUT DOING THE RIGHT ASSETS AT THE RIGHT TIME AND DOING IT THE RIGHT WAY. WITH MR. CHARTIER AND MR. KWOK, THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A MULTIPRIORITY TOOL THAT PROVIDES ROBUST

SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL SO WE CAN MAKE A DECISION BASED ON WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS WE NEED TO DO HERE FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TO PRESERVE THE SERVICES THAT THE PUBLIC EXPECTS. I WANTED TO SAY THIS IS GREAT STUFF. I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR.

>> I RISE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THINGS. EXPRESS APPRECIATION AS THE COUNCILLOR HAS NOTED WE HAD A COUNCIL SEMINAR ON ASSET MANAGEMENT. I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE CEO. THEY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PUT IT ON. INFORMATIVE. FOR ALL OF COUNCIL AND INDEED IT WOULD SEEM THAT OUR CITY IS LEADING THE NATION IN MANY RESPECTS ON ASSET MANAGEMENT AND THE RIGOUR THAT WE ARE PUTTING INTO ASSESSING ALL THE CITY'S ASSETS. I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, THOUGH, IN THE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS, THE AUDIT THAT WE ARE VOTING ON HERE, THE REPORT, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COUNCILLOR NOTED. THE CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTING. THE RECOMMENDATIONS 1.7. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AUDIT BEGAN YEARS AGO. IF THE PUBLIC THINKS THAT THE AUDIT AND THE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN SHELVED, THEN THIS REPORT WE ARE VOTING ON TODAY WOULD PROVE CONTRARY. THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND COUNCIL ARE STILL VERY MUCH MONITORING AND WATCHING AND ENSURING THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AUDIT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTING IMPROVEMENTS HAVE COME TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS THE COUNCILLOR INDICATED RECENTLY. THIS FALL, WE HAVE ADOPTED A NEW TEMPLATE. I CAN TELL YOU IT HAS BEEN A GREAT IMPROVEMENT. I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE WORK, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THE COUNCILLOR HAS DONE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENSURE THE REPORTING MECHANISM NOW, THE CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTING MECHANISM IS CONSISTENT. IT IS UNIFORM. IT IS TRANSPARENT. IT IS A CLEAR COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND ON A REPORT BY REPORT BASIS KIND OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE STATUS OF EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE PROJECTS THAT WE GET REPORTED ON TO US. I WANT TO THANK MY -- I WANT TO THANK MY FINANCE COMMITTEE COLLEAGUES. THE TOOL WAS BEING ROLLED OUT, THE COUNCILLOR SAID WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AS FAR AS IMPROVEMENTS. WE GAVE INPUT AND THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT. IT MAY SEEM THIS IS INSIDE COUNCILLOR, INSIDE BASEBALL TO USE THE PHRASE THAT -- IT DOES MATTER. WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE IS MAKING IT BETTER. IMPROVING THE WAY REPORTING IS DONE HERE AT CITY HALL TO AVOID -- HOPEFULLY AVOID THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST. THERE IS CLARITY. UNIFORMITY AND CONSISTENCY IN THE REPORTING MECHANISM AND THE TEMPLATE THAT EACH DEPARTMENT USES WHEN THEY ARE REPORTING ON THEIR PROJECTS. KEEP IN MIND, MADAM SPEAKER, RIGHT NOW THE THRESHOLD FOR REPORTING IS $21 MILLION. SOME OF THE PROJECTS ARE IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS PARDON ME OF DOLLARS. TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS COMMUNICATED AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE REPORTING IS REALLY CRITICAL FOR US TO DO OUR JOB. TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS OF WINNIPEG AND ENSURE THE DEPARTMENTS ARE GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AT THE RIGHT TIME. SO AGAIN I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, TO THE COUNCILLOR AND THE TEAM. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR.

>> THANK YOU. MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, I WAS NOT GOING TO RISE. I APPRECIATE THE REPORTS AND THE FACT THAT I WAS SICK AND UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS. IF THE ADMINISTRATION CAN SEND ME THE MATERIAL OF THE PRESENTATIONS, IT WOULD BE GREAT. MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER. IN TERMS OF THE AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS THAT ARE COMING DOWN, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, THEY ARE GOOD AND THEY ARE FINANCIAL TRACKING, AUDITING AND FOLLOWING OF VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. I NOTED THAT THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT THE REPORTS ARE. I JUST WANTED TO SAY AT SOME POINT WE SHOULD AS COUNCIL DOWN THE LINE LOOK AT HAVING A -- DID WE GET VALUE FOR MONEY AND FUNCTIONALITY OUT OF -- THE SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT CORNER. THE WHOLE THING SHOULD BE EVALUATED I THINK AT SOME POINT TO MAKE SURE IT IS DOING WHAT WE HOPED IT WOULD DO. I WOULD ALSO JUST LIKE TO -- THERE WAS REFERENCE TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AUDIT AND A BUNCH OF RECOMMENDATIONS. THE RESULTS OF THE FIREHALL PROGRAM AUDIT, THERE WERE RECOMMENDATIONS. THOSE WERE ALSO ON THE AGENDA TODAY. WE ARE FOLLOWING THROUGH. THAT IS WORK THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS -- WE WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD. IT IS GOOD TO SEE THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE REPORT. WE KNOW EVEN AFTER IT IS COMPLETED, THERE ARE ONGOING PAYMENTS TO BE MADE. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO TRACK THAT OVER TIME. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: OTHER SPEAKERS ON THESE ITEMS? MR. MAYOR, YOU ARE GOOD TO CLOSE? IN FAVOUR? OPPOSED? IT IS CARRIED.

MADAM SPEAKER: NOTICE OF MOTIONS. THE FIRST ONE IS A MOTION ON THE COOLING-OFF PERIOD. I BELIEVE THERE IS AN AMENDMENT AS WELL. WOULD WE HAVE THE MAYOR INTRODUCE THE FIRST. AND THEN THE AMENDMENT. IF YOU COULD INTRODUCE THE AMENDMENT, MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I WILL BE BRIEF WITH REGARDS TO THIS COOLING-OFF PERIODS. OR IN EFFECT IN OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING HERE IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. THE INTENTION IS TO HAVE COUNCIL CONSIDER A SIMILAR COOLING-OFF PERIOD HERE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS WE SERVE. I URGE MY COUNCILLORS COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT.

AN AMENDMENT WILL BE SPOKEN TO. IT IS A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORT THAT AS WELL. THANK YOU. THIS IS MOTION NUMBER 2 ON TODAY'S LIST. WE DON'T NEED THE WHOLE THING READ OUT. I CAN SPEAK TO THE AMENDMENT. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCILLOR AND THE MAYOR AND THE STAFF FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR TALKING TO ME ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS ABOUT THE CONCERNS HERE. THIS DETAILED ISSUE HERE, THE MOTION CALLED FOR AN APPROACH CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION, THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT DON'T LEAP OUT AT THE MUNICIPAL EQUIVALENT. IT TALKS ABOUT CREATING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSION INNER. WE HAVE AN INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER. HOW WOULD THAT WORK THROUGH? THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION TALKS ABOUT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL. WHAT IS THE CITY EQUIVALENT. THERE ARE LIMITS OF EMPLOYMENT OF PROVINCIAL CROWN AGENCIES. WHAT IS

THE EQUIVALENT. WHAT IS CONSISTENT HERE? ARE WE SURE WE DO NOT WANT TO BAN EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PROVINCE AGENCIES, THE ART GALLERY? THEY NEED TO BE THOUGHT THROUGH. WE WILL SEND IT OFF FOR FURTHER WORK. FURTHER REFINEMENT. THERE WERE PROVISIONS IN THE PROVINCIAL ACT THAT I DON'T THINK WE COULD EVEN COPY. THEY TALK ABOUT A ONE YEAR BAN OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PROVINCE. I POINTED OUT AN EXAMPLE OF THE COUNCILLOR RESIGNED BECAUSE HE HAD TO RUN PROVINCIALLY. HE COULD HAVE RUN IN THE BYELECTION THAT HE CREATED BACK IN 2011. LUCKILY FOR ME, HE DID NOT. HE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE WON AND I WOULDN'T BE HERE. THAT WAS LEGALLY OPEN TO HIM. TO SPEAK THAT. THAT WOULD -- I THINK IT IS A PRAGMATIC APPROACH. THE MAYOR SAID -- WHAT WAS A SERIOUS ISSUE IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION. THE IDEA THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT USE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE GAINED WHILE IN OFFICE TO -- IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING BEING IN OFFICE TO GET THEIR OWNGAIN OR GAIN FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY EMPLOY THEM. THE DETAILS WILL BE IMPORTANT HERE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING IT COME BACK. MUCH MORE SORT OF CLEAR MOTION SPELLING OUT WHAT IT IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ASKING. THIS IS NOT -- WE DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE THESE. THIS IS THE ORIGINAL MOTION STATED PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION. WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE CLEARER IN WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: I HAVE THREE MORE COUNCILLORS.

>> THANK YOU. I WAS NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING. SINCE YOU ARE THE CHAIR. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU AND YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME. I AM JUST KIDDING. I AM PLEASED TO SAY A FEW MORE WORDS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND HAS TO DO WITH OUR BEING TOLD THAT THE INTENT OF THIS IS TO PARALLEL THE PROVINCIAL. YOU KNOW, WE APPRECIATE THAT. I NEED TO REITERATE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO BE VERY CONSCIOUS AND CONSCIENTIOUS HOW WE DRAW OUR PARALLELS BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION AND HOW THIS IS TO BE A MUNICIPAL PARALLEL TO IT. IT HAS AMBIGUITY TO IT. I WISH TO STATE WE NEED TO BE VERY CONSCIOUS WHEN THE COUNCILLOR MAYES SAID THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE PREMIER AND CABINET. LET'S BE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT HOW WE COMPARE PROVINCIAL CABINET MINISTERS TO ANY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. IT DOES NOT SAY MLAs. THE PROVINCE LEGISLATION DOES NOT SAY MLAs. IF WE ARE TO SAY ALL COUNCILLORS WHEN THEY DON'T SAY ALL MLAs, WE ARE REALLY NOT WITHIN THE INTENT OF THE PARALLEL HERE. I AM GLAD WE ARE WORKING IT OUT. THE POINT IS SALIENT BECAUSE I AM NOT A PROVINCIAL CABINET MINISTER. THAT'S NOT MY JOB HERE. THAT'S NOT WHERE I AM AT. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE WOULD DO THAT HERE. THAT CAN'T BE IGNORED. AND THAT WILL NOT BE IGNORED ON VOTING DAY WHEN IT COMES TO THE ULTIMATE WAY IN TERMS OF HOW WE CREATE OUR PARALLEL SUBSEQUENT BYLAW. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, I HAVE A SIMILAR SPEECH AS COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, I AM NOT A NON-PRACTICING LAWYER -- I AM NOT A LAWYER. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO UNDERSTAND LEGISLATION AND READ LEGISLATION. IT IS INTERESTING IN THAT THIS COOLING-OFF PERIOD HAS BROUGHT UP THE PROVINCIAL CABINET MINISTERIAL POSITIONS

AND THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATION DEPUTY MINISTERS AND SO ON. I HAVE REFERRED TO THIS LEGISLATION AND I APPRECIATE THAT A NON-PRACTICING LAWYER CAME UP WITH THE AMENDMENTS AND LISTING THE CLAUSES UNDER THE PIECES OF LEGISLATION. IT SAYS DEPUTY MINISTERS SHOULD NOT DO BUSINESS WITH MINISTERS. VERY SPECIFIC AND CLEAR. I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THAT INTO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT NOR INTO THE EMPLOYEE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT. IT IS INTERESTING THAT WE ARE GOING TO RELY ON PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION TO COME UP WITH A COUNTERPART FOR CITY COUNCIL, WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL. MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, IT IS INTERESTING THAT WE WANT TO UTILIZE THIS STUFF WHEN IT SUITS, I THINK, A POLITICAL TRYING TO SAY WE ARE FIXING THINGS AT CITY HALL, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER. MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, THERE IS A WHOLE SECTION AS THE COUNCILLOR SCHREYER WAS SORT OF REFERRING TO. THERE IS A WHOLE SECTION IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER THAT REALLY DESIGNATES THE MAYORS NOT JUST VOTING MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, BUT ACTUALLY GIVES THEM THE SAME POWERS AS A MINISTER. THE SAME POWERS. THE CAO. ALL OF THE CHARTER POSITIONS, MADAM SPEAKER, ARE OF THAT KIND OF LEVEL AS WELL. IN TERMS OF THE POWERS THEY HAVE AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES. NOW, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, IT IS VERY INTERESTING THAT WE MAY TRY TO MAKE -- THE INNUENDO THAT SOMEHOW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE DOING THINGS WRONG OR WHATEVER WHEN THEY ARE NO LONGER. WHAT IS EQUIVALENT TO CABINET. WELL, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, EPC COULD BE CONSIDERED EXECUTIVE POLICY -- COULD CONSIDERED TO BE CABINET. IT IS REALLY NOT. THE MAYOR DOES EMPOWER THEM TO CHAIR STANDING COMMITTEES. WOULD THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY-MAYOR, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKERR, HAVE THE SAME POWERS IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE MAYOR. I AM SAYING THERE IS A POSSIBILITY. SO WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL THIS STUFF AND WE LOOK AT IT POLITICALLY AND YOU KNOW THERE IS ALL THIS THING ABOUT COUNCILLORS MEETING IN PRIVATE AND ALL THIS KIND OF STUFF AND WHO HAS POWER AND WHO DOES NOT. YOU KNOW, THE INFORMAL EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE GETS TO MEET ALL THE TIME. AND THEY ARE DISCUSSING REPORTS TO GET INFORMATION AHEAD OF TIME. VERSUS THE SUPPOSED OPPOSITION, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKERR, THE SUPPOSED OR RELEGATED OFFICIAL OPPOSITION OFTEN WE WILL MEET TOGETHER TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE WILL DO AND HOW WE WILL PROCEED WITH THINGS. THAT IS A DIFFERENT PRIVATE MEETING WITH DIFFERENT CONNOTATIONS. THAT IS IN THE WHAT MEETING OF POWER. A MEETING OF POWER IS AN INFORMAL EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHY DO WE NEED COOLING OFF PERIODS? WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE FACTS. FOR ME, I THINK ACTUALLY BOTH OF THESE, THE AMENDMENTS AND THE ACTUAL MOTION ARE OUT OF ORDER, MADAM SPEAKER, WITHOUT MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTION. I LIKE THE COUNCILLOR ATTEMPTED TO MAKE THIS MORE CLARITY. PUT IT MORE IN ORDER. BUT IT IS LISTED THERE. READ THE CLAUSES. READ THE CHARTER. I READ THE CHARTER. I KNOW THE MAYOR IS EQUIVALENT TO A MINISTER. OKAY. FOR ME, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE MOVING AHEAD ON THIS. I DON'T THINK I SPOKE OF WHO HAS WHAT POWER AND WHO DOES WHAT AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A COOLING-OFF PERIOD IS REQUIRED FOR A STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT THE EQUIVALENCY TO THE PROVINCE VERSUS THE CITY. IT IS JUST LIKE -- YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING TO DO. I DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED ANY DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER POLITICIAN. YOU KNOW -- IF I WAS THE MAYOR, I WOULD BE COOL WITH A

COOLING-OFF PERIOD. I AM OKAY WITH THAT. IT IS WHAT IT IS. TO ACTUALLY RELEGATE AND GIVE THIS CONCEPT TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY, THAT SOMEHOW CITY COUNCILLORS NEED A COOLING-OFF PERIOD. AS I AM A CITY COUNCILLOR, I WILL BE IGNORED. MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, NOBODY IN ADMINISTRATION NEEDS A COOLING OFF PERIOD. WHAT WILL I INSTRUCT THEM TO DO WHAT, ADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER? SERIOUSLY AS A COUNCIL MEMBER. I CAN'T -- I WILL NOT EVEN VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT. THIS WHOLE THING IS RIDICULOUS TO ME. IF WE WANTED A PROPER COOLING-OFF PERIOD AND YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHOEVER THE MAYOR IS WELL INTO THE FUTURE, YOU KNOW, MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER, BECAUSE MANY OF THE AMENDMENTS THAT OUR NEW MAYOR FROM 2014 HAVE BROUGHT IN, THEY ARE NOT ABOUT WHO IS MAYOR NOW. IT IS ABOUT WHO IS MAYOR IN THE FUTURE TOO. WHO IS THE CITY COUNCILLOR IN THE FUTURE TOO? I WILL VOTE AGAINST IT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ALLARD

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU, MAYOR FOR THE MOTION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECOND IT. AND COUNCILLOR MAYS FOR THE DETAILED AMENDMENTS. YOU HAVE THE MIND OF A LAWYER YOU CAN TELL WHEN YOU READ THOSE AMENDMENTS. I WANT TO SPEAK A BIT TO THE RATIONAL E OF THIS AND OTHER ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES WE CAN TAKE AS A COUNCIL TO WORK TOWARD RESTORING THE TRUST WITH THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY OF CITY HALL. I WILL GO BACK TO MY -- IT WAS A SPEECH, WHAT I HEARD AT THE DOOR FROM RESIDENTS WAS TWO THINGS. FIX THE ROADS WE ARE DOING WITH RECORD INVESTMENT IN ROADS WITH $105 MILLION. AND THE RECORD INVESTMENT IN FIXING THAT INFRASTRUCTURE. THE OTHER THING WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING AT CITY HALL. THE COUNCIL, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HAS DONE SEVERAL THINGS TO BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY OF CITY HALL AND THEY ARE CONCRETE, TANGIBLE THINGS THAT WE CAN POINT TO. WE ASKED THE PROVINCE FOR WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTION FOR MUNICIPAL WORKERS. WE CAME UP WITH A PROCESS TO EVALUATE THE STATUTORY OFFICERS AND IT WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL. WE HAVE THE PROPOSAL FOR A COOLING-OFF PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. COOLING OFF IS REALLY ABOUT KNOWING THERE -- KNOWING WHEN A CITY COUNCILLOR IS A CITY COUNCILLOR AND ARE SERVING THE PUBLIC AND ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT THING IS. THE NEXT EMPLOYMENT IS. IF YOU CONSIDER CURRENTLY, YOU COULD BE A CITY COUNCILLOR, YOU KNOW, THE OCTOBER ELECTION. YOU COULD TRANSITION TO ANOTHER EMPLOYMENT AND THE NEXT DAY YOU COULD WORK FOR AN EMPLOYER THAT HAS FINANCIAL INTEREST IN DEALING WITH THE CITY. YOU MAY HAVE BEEN PRIVY TO INFORMATION IN YOUR ROLE AS CITY COUNCILLOR TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THAT FUTURE EMPLOYER AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE AND INSIDER INFORMATION. I AM NOT SAYING ANYBODY ON THE COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO DO THAT. WE ARE ASKING OUR INFORMATION TO COME UP WITH A FRAMEWORK WHERE THOSE TYPES OF SITUATIONS COULD BE AVOIDED. AND THE PROVINCIAL RULES ARE AS I UNDERSTAND THEM ARE REALLY ONE YEAR OF COOLING OFF. ONE YEAR, IF YOU ARE A TWO TERM COUNCILLOR. I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE 6 MONTHS OF SEVERANCE. THOSE 6 MONTHS OF SEVERANCE WHERE YOU CANNOT GO WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT WHERE YOU HAVE PREFERENTIAL INFORMATION IN YOUR ROLE AS COUNCIL. I THINK THAT IS PRETTY REASONABLE PROPOSAL WE ARE PUTTING FORWARD. THE OTHER THING IS KEEP IN MIND WE ARE NOT VOTING ON

THE CHANGE RIGHT NOW. WE ARE VOTING ON ASKING THE ADMINISTRATION TO COME UP WITH A FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD WORK CONSIDERING ALL THE DETAILS THAT THE COUNCILLOR WAS TALKING ABOUT. MAKING SURE THAT WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR MAKES SENSE IN TERMS OF THE DIFFERENT STRUCTURES AT CITY HALL. I SEE THIS AS ANOTHER FEATHER IN OUR CAP IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES THAT WE TOOK. IN TERMS OF WHAT IT MEANS, I THINK, IT IS ENTIRELY REASONABLE TO ASK PEOPLE NOT TO USE INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE ACQUIRED AS A COUNCILLOR FOR A ONE YEAR COOLING-OFF PERIOD. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS -- THE SITUATION WHERE YOU HAVE FIVE YEARS OF COOLING OFF. IT IS NOT WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A YEAR. 3-6 MONTHS OF THE YEAR WILL BE SEVERANCE. I THINK IT IS A PRUDENT PROPOSAL. I URGE EVERYONE TO APPROVE IT. COOLING OFF IS ABOUT NOT USING PREFERENTIAL ACCESS THAT YOU HAVE HAD IN YOUR ELECTED OFFICE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME WHICH IS ENTIRELY REASONABLE. IT WILL BE ANOTHER STEP TO TAKE TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN US HERE AT CITY HALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? CLOSE COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: GOOD COMMENTS FROM EVERYONE. THEY CHOSE THE NUMBER OF ISSUES HERE. I DON'T KNOW THAT I EXACTLY CHARACTERIZE WHAT WE ARE DOING THE WAY COUNCILLOR ELLARD DID. THAT CAN BE WORKED OUT. IT IS NOT A BAN ON USING ANY OF THE KNOWLEDGE -- IT IS A BAN ON CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS, YOU ARE BANNED FROM ENTERING INTO CERTAIN -- USING CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OR USING KNOWLEDGE FOR YOUR GAIN OR FOR THE GAIN OF THE ASSOCIATION OR INCORPORATION YOU MAY WORK FOR. THERE IS A LOT OF DEVIL IN THE DETAIL WORK HERE. COUNCILLOR EDDIE MADE THE POINT, WHICH WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN I WAS TO CHAMBER, NEW AT THE CHAMBER, THEY TALKED ABOUT -- YOU WOULD BE GRANDFATHERED. I WOULD HOPE OUR STAFF WOULD LOOK INTO -- WHEN THE LIMITATIONS WERE INTRODUCED IN 1988. IN THAT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL. WERE THERE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS WHAT WERE THEY? THAT DOES NOT MAKE IT SOUND IT EFFECTS THE FUTURE PEOPLE. I DON'T CARE. I WANT FREE REIGN. IF WE ARE GOING TO BE CONSISTENT, LET'S LOOK PROVINCIALLY. I THINK THE COUNCILLOR HAD A GOOD POINT. OTHER POINTS MADE ARE BRINGING FORWARD, HOW BROAD A SCOPE IT SHOULD BE. WHO SHOULD BE COVERED. THAT IS ALL SOMETHING WE CAN DEBATE. I DO THINK THE INTENT WAS AS THE COUNCILLOR SAID HERE A FEW TIMES TO TRY TO PROMOTE A MORE HONEST CITY HALL. WE WILL HAVE TO COME BACK AND LOOK AT THE DETAILS OF WHAT COMES OUT OF THE REPORT. THERE MAY BE SOMETHING THERE ABOUT TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS. I HOPE THERE IS CLARITY OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONERS AND CLARITY ON WHAT THE PENALTIES WOULD BE. IT IS MEANT TO BE A PENALTY IF YOU BREACH THE LEGISLATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE UNDER A CLOUD FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS WHILE YOU WAIT FOR THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH TO SCHEDULE A HEARING. WHICH EXONERATES YOU ULTIMATELY. IT IS A BALANCING ACT. I DO APPRECIATE THE INTENT OF WHAT IS PUT FORWARD. WE HAVE TO GET THE DETAILS. WHAT HAS BEEN RAISED ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES. AS WE GO FORWARD, WE WILL TRY TO WORK OUT WHAT EXACTLY THE LIMITS ARE. SOME PEOPLE ARE CLEAR, YOU WILL HAVE QUESTIONS, I VOTED ON AN AGREEMENT WITH CUPE AND MADE ME A JOB OFFER. DOES THAT MEAN I HAD OFFICIAL DEALINGS. UNDER THE LANGUAGE IT IS OFFICIAL DEALINGS.

ALL OF THAT KIND OF THING WE HAVE TO SORT OUT. AND THE COUNCILLOR SAID, THE GOAL HERE IS NOT TO MAKE PEOPLE UNEMPLOYABLE AFTER THEY LEAVE. THE GOAL IS HERE IS TO TRY AND RESTRICT THE USE OF INSIDER INFORMATION WHERE IT MAY BE IMPROPERLY USED. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, LIKE I SAID EARLIER I WILL SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCILLOR FOR THAT AND THANK ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE COMMENTS ON WHAT I THINK IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US AND IT IS ONE PIECE OF AN OVERALL SERIES OF EFFORTS THAT THIS CITY COUNCIL HAS LED ON DURING THE TERM IN OFFICE. COUNCILLOR EDIE TALKS ABOUT NON-PRACTICING LAWYERS. I WANT TO SAY I TRUST AND I HOPE THOSE COMMENTS ARE A TERM OF ENDEARMENT AND RESPECT FOR THE PROFESSION. WHETHER YOU ARE A LAWYER, WHETHER YOU ARE A CONSULTANT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT BACKGROUND PEOPLE HAVE TO GET TO THE COUNCIL, I THINK ALL ARE DESERVING OF RESPECT. AND ALL BRING DIFFERENT TOOLS AND EXPERIENCES TO THE JOB. I THINK THE CITY IS BENEFITING FROM THAT. I KEPT MY COMMENTS DURING THE POLITICAL SEVERANCE DEBATE, DURING THE LOBBYIST DEBATE AND THE

RELATED DEBATES. TRY TO KEEP MY COMMENTS DIRECTED SOLELY AT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY. SINCE COUNCILLOR EDIE TALKED ABOUT LAWYERS. I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE. WHEN I WAS IN MY UNIVERSITY YEARS, I LEFT UNIVERSITY WITH ABOUT $50,000 WORTH OF STUDENT DEBT. I WORKED MANY, MANY YEARS TO CLAW AND DIG MY WAY OUT OF DEBT IN ORDER TO BUILT A PRACTICE THAT WAS REWARDING AND PROFITABLE AND I SERVED MY COMMUNITY. WORKED EXTREMELY HARD. AND MANY PEOPLE IN MANY PROFESSIONS WORK HARD TO DO THEIR JOB AND DO IT REALLY WELL. WHEN I HAD THE WILD IDEA OF RUNNING TO BECOME WINNIPEG'S 43rd MAYOR, I KNEW THERE WOULD BE REPUTATIONAL RISKS AND THERE WOULD BE A LOSS IN INCOME. I KNEW THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF THINGS THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD NOT INVITE. THANK GOODNESS YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO SERVE. I DIDN'T DO IT LIGHTLY. WHEN I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN THE ELECTION, I WAS ADVISED I WAS NOT REQUIRED TO RESIGN AS A PARTNER IN MY FIRM. I WORKED REALLY HARD TO BECOME A PARTNER AT ONE OF THE LEADING FIRMS. AND I AM GRATEFUL TO MY CLIENTS IN THE PAST, MY COLLEAGUES, IT WAS AN EASY DECISION FOR ME TO MAKE BECAUSE AFTER -- ESPECIALLY AFTER THE TOXIC ENVIRONMENT THAT WE INHERITED HERE AT CITY HALL. I WANT WINNIPEGERS TO KNOW THEY HAVE A FULL-TIME MAYOR AND KNOW THAT I AM NOT CONFLICTED WHEN I MAKE DECISIONS ON THEIR BEHALF ON THIS CITY COUNCIL. SINCE ARRIVING HERE IN PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH SO MANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, WE HAVE ACHIEVED A LOT TO TRY TO CHIP AWAY AT THIS TRUST DEFICIT THAT WE INHERITED. THIS IS A WAY WE CAN CONTINUE DOWN THAT MORE POSITIVE PATH. I JUST -- THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO. ONE OF THE EARLY THINGS WE DID WAS, I BROUGHT FORWARD A FULFILLMENT TO REDUCE THE TOP UPS, AND MY OWN SALARY. WE DID THAT. AND I THINK WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY LITERALLY TAKEN ABOUT 400,000 OR MORE OUT OF THE POCKETS OF POLITICIANS AND PUT THEM INTO MORE WORTHWHILE EFFORTS. MYSELF INCLUDED. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I THINK SENT A VERY STRONG SIGNAL TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE NEW COUNCIL ABOUT WHERE OUR PRIORITIES WERE. I THINK THAT IS A FAIR THING TO SAY GIVEN THE

SACRIFICE THAT THE COLLEAGUES AND YOU MADAM SPEAKER CONTINUE TO MAKE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY. OTHER THINGS WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THAT ARE IN THIS ALL PART OF THE PACKAGE DELIVERABLES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HELP RESTORE TRUST IN CITY HALL. THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER WHICH WE ARE BENEFITING FROM ALREADY. THE INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER IS DOING GREAT WORK. THE LOBBYIST REGISTER. THE COUNCILLOR SPOKE ABOUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO THE PROVINCE. THE LOBBY REGISTRY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. IT IS A VOLUNTEER REGISTRY. IT IS A START. IT IS NOT PERFECT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MUCH MORE ENFORCEABLE REGISTRY. YOU NEED CHANGES FROM THE PROVINCE AND THE SAME WITH THE COOLING-OFF PERIOD. IF YOU WANT IT ENFORCEABLE AND WANT IT TO HAVE REAL TEETH, YOU NEED TO WORK WITH THE PROVINCE AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER COMES FORWARD. I LOST THE VOTE ON POLITICAL SEVERANCE. I AM DISAPPOINTED. I THINK IT WOULD SEND A POSITIVE SIGNAL. THAT WAS THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL. WE BEGAN LIVE STREAMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS, INCLUDING RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES, LIVE STREAMING BOARD OF REVISIONS. COUNCILLOR AND MAYOR EXPENSES ARE ON THE OPEN DATA PORTAL. WE HAVE AN OPEN DATA ADMINISTRATOR. WE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH OPEN DEMOCRACY MANITOBA AND CAPPING ALL OF THIS OFF, SO FAR, THE ICING ON THE CAKE IS THE OPEN CITIES INDEX WHERE WE MOVED FROM TENTH PLACE, SURPASSING CALGARY AND OTHER COMMUNITIES AND CITIES ACROSS CANADA THIS YEAR TO THIRD IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. A COOLING-OFF PERIOD IS I THINK MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SUMMARIZED IT ACCURATELY. THE INTENTION IS TO ENSURE INFORMATION THAT IS GAINED BY ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL, MAYOR OR ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL DURING THE COURSE OF SERVING CITIZENS HERE IS NOT IMMEDIATELY USED IN THE IMMEDIATE PERIOD AFTER DEPARTING OFFICE IN A WAY THAT PREJUDICES AND IS USED TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS THAT WE CURRENTLY SERVE. FINDING THAT APPROPRIATE BALANCE SO THAT ONE CAN EARN AN INCOME IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD OR NEW FIELD AFTERWARDS IS REALLY THE QUESTION WE WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE. I BELIEVE THEY FOUND IT AT OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT RADICALLY NEW. IT IS NOT NOVEL. WE CAN LOOK TO OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND WE CAN WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROVINCE TO GET THE RIGHT FIT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TAXPAYERS WE SERVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON THE AMENDING MOTION NUMBER TWO. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY? CARRIED. CALL THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION AMENDED? ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. NEXT WE HAVE THE MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND TRIER REGARDING SPECIAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS. COUNCILLOR DOBSON WILL INTRODUCE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU. THIS MOTION IS BASICALLY ABOUT SPECIAL MEETINGS. WALKING ON A MATTER TO COUNCIL REQUIRES A TWO-THIRD VOTE. THE REASON FOR THIS IS CLEAR IN MY EYES, BY NOT POSTING THE PARTY BEFOREHAND, THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WILL BE UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY INFORM THEMSELVES OF THE MATTER AT HAND AND WILL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE WHEN TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW TO VOTE. THE TWO-THIRDS RULE PREVENTS ANYBODY FROM WALKING ON MATTERS WITH OUT APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL PRESENT. MOST REASON EXAMPLE OF CIRCUMVENTING THE TWO-THIRDS RULE BY CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING WAS WITH THE POLICE CONTRACT. I HAD RECEIVED A POLICE CONTRACT FILE AT 4 P.M. THE PREVIOUS DAY. I

HAD NOT HAD TIME TO ADEQUATELY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTRACT. AND BY THE MAYOR CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING, I WAS FORCED TO VOTE WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE CONTRACT AND NO OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. THIS CONTRACT WAS NOT TIME SENSITIVE AND WHILE THE MAYOR MAY HAVE BEEN WELL VERSED IN THE CONTRACT, NONE EPC MEMBERS LIKE MYSELF HAD NOT SEEN IT. AND TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING IN ORDER TO CIRCUMVENT THE TWO-THIRDS RULE, IT IS JUST WRONG. APPROVAL OF THE MOTION WILL PREVENT THIS MAYOR AND FUTURE MAYORS FROM CIRCUMVENTING THE TWO-THIRDS RULE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEECHES? COUNCILLOR SCHREYER AND MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU. I WAS ONE OF THE COUNCILLORS THAT HAD LITTLE TIME TO DEAL WITH THE POLICE REPORT. I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CONCERNS. AS HE EXPRESSES THIS FAIRLY AND LOGICALLY IN THIS MOTION WHICH IS WHY I WAS PLEASED TO SECOND THE MOTION. WE HAD TO DO LOGISTICAL MANEUVERING. I DIDN'T THINK IT SERVED COUNCIL TO DO IT THIS WAY. I CONSIDER THIS TO BE A PRUDENT WAY OF GOING ABOUT IT. HAVING SAID THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, OF COURSE, IT IS NOT PART OF THE OLYMPIC CHARTER. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS A BYLAW VOTED BY OURSELVES AND OF COURSE WE CAN MOVE AROUND THIS. WE CAN CHANGE THE TIME, MADAM SPEAKER, IF WE WANT TO DELIBERATE ON ANY ISSUE. THE SPIRIT OF THE COUNCIL WITH BE EXPRESSED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. ON THAT BASIS, I DON'T SEE WHY WE CAN'T GET TWO-THIRDS VOTE RIGHT NOW. IT IS IN ALL OUR INTERESTS. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US IN THE CHAMBER. AND WHEN WE DEAL WITH PROCEEDINGS OR NEW MOTIONS BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CAN GUARANTEE TO OUR CONSTITUENTS WE HAVE THAT GREATER OPENNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY. ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE WE HAVE A SOLID MAJORITY OF DEALING WITH THE INTENT OR MADAM SPEAKER, IF WE CAN'T, MAYBE IT IS BECAUSE WE NEED GREATER TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE WE BRING IT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL. ON THAT BASIS, IT IS A FAIR AND PRACTICAL MOTION. THANK YOU. >

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU. I WILL NOT SUPPORT THE MOTION. I DO WANT TO SAY I THINK THE MOTION ITSELF MAKES THE ARGUMENT FOR WHY IT SHOULDN'T BE PASSED. IT SAYS RIGHT IN THE PORTION. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE OCCASIONALLY NECESSARY IT DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES AND MATTERS TIME SENSITIVE. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG TO GOVERN THE CITY TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ISSUES COME UP THAT ARE TIME SENSITIVE AND ARE EMERGENCIES. WE NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL WINNIPEGGERS. I THINK CREATING AN IMPEDIMENT TO CALLING THE MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE GOOD PRACTICE. WITH THE POLICE CONTRACT, WE MAY HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, WHEN IT COMES TO THE POLICE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT, I VIEW THAT AS TIME SENSITIVE AND I AM SURE THE POLICE DO TOO. AND THOSE OF US WHO SPENT OUR TIME ON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE POLICE AND THEIR EFFORTS. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A CONCLUSION WITH RESPECT TO THE LONG AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WE HAD AROUND THE AGREEMENTS. IT WAS A TIME SENSITIVE MATTER AND I THINK THAT THE UTILIZATION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE AND DID NOT

WARRANT THE BRINGING FORWARD OF THE MOTION. WHICH IS WHY I WILL NOT SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: TO ADD TO THE REMARKS. THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHERE YOU DO HAVE AN ABILITY TO CALL A MEETING ON SHORT NOTICE. IMAGINE WE HAD HAD A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CUPE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CANADA GAMES WERE TO START. WE HAVE TO GET IT RATIFIED OR THERE BE A STRIKE. WE CAN'T HAVE A MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER BECAUSE WE CANNOT GET ENOUGH VOTE, WE CANNOT GET THE TWO-THIRD. YOU HAVE A 6 WEEK LONG STRIKE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET THE SPECIAL MEETING CALLED. YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOME ABILITY. DRAMATIC EXAMPLE, YOU ARE IN THE MIDST OF A STRIKE. YOU GET A SETTLEMENT. EVERYONE WANTS TO GO BACK. THE UNION VOTES. THE UNION VOTES IN FAVOUR. WE HAVE TO WAIT A FEW WEEKS TO HAVE THE VOTE. I THINK THERE ARE SITUATIONS -- I THINK WE HAD A SPECIAL MEETING ON ONE OF THE AUDIT REPORTS AND THERE WERE MANY IN JULY OF 2014. THE REPORT WAS PUBLIC. THERE WAS TO BE A DISCUSSION WITH THE COUNCILLOR SEMINAR BEFOREHAND. THE MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC AND LIVE STREAM AND COVERED BY THE MEDIA. I THINK THE MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC. I DON'T THINK IS USED FRIVOLOUSLY AND YOU NEED SOME ABILITY TO CALL A MEETING ON SHORT ORDER. I COULD PROBABLY COME UP WITH OTHER EXAMPLES. GIVEN THE HOUR, ENDING A STRIKE EXAMPLE IS GOOD.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR?

>> THE MOTION BEFORE US HERE TODAY DOES FOR THE PREVENT THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OR EMERGENCY MEETINGS. IT WILL REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION OR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OR WHOEVER THE REQUIREMENTS TO ACTUALLY GO AND CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. WHY THERE IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER BEFORE THEM SO YOU ACTUALLY NEED AND GO EARN TWO-THIRDS OF THE SUPPORT TO MAKE SURE THE MEETING HAPPENS. I DON'T THINK ANY -- I BELIEVE ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNING AND RUNNING THE CITY VERY SERIOUSLY. I WILL VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION. I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE SCARED OF HAVING TO CONSULT AND SPEAK TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON AN URGENT MATTER. IT DOES NOT PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU. I AM RISING IN SUPPORT OF THE TWO-THIRD VOTE. YEAH, I KNOW PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PLAYING POLITICS WITH DIFFERENT THINGS. MADAM SPEAKER, TO ACTUALLY MOVE THAT FAST, TWO-THIRDS VOTE AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT AND IT IS AN EMERGENCY TO GET IT DONE, MADAM SPEAKER, I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS GOING TO PLAY POLITICS. IF IT IS URGENT AND EMERGENCY AND NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE -- LIKE, MADAM SPEAKER, A COUNCILLOR SHOULD KNOW WHAT THEY ARE VOTING ON. MOVING SOMETHING FORWARD LIKE THAT REALLY QUICK, MADAM SPEAKER, IS WITHOUT REALLY HAVING THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND IT OTHER THAN TO HEAR FROM WHEN IT COMES TO NEGOTIATION WITH OUR DIFFERENT EMPLOYEE

GROUPS, MADAM SPEAKER, ESSENTIALLY THE HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE THE MAYOR AND EPC. WHEN THEY GET INSTRUCTIONS TO THE NEGOTIATOR, WE ACTUALLY THANK THE NEGOTIATOR WHO NEGOTIATED WITH THE SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION. WHATEVER. YOU KNOW THAT NEGOTIATOR WENT IN THERE WITH PARAMETERS FROM THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE AHR COMMITTEE, MADAM SPEAKER. SO WHEN A NEGOTIATION COMES UP, AND THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, WITHOUT GOING TO ARBITRATION, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, ULTIMATELY, IT IS SUPPORT -- IT WILL GET VOTED ON AND PASSED. THE IDEA THAT SOMEHOW THE LABOUR GROUPS ARE GOING TO SAY COUNCIL DOES NOT SUPPORT IT. COME ON, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT'S NOT THE REALITY. EVERYBODY IS BARGAINING IN GOOD FAITH, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT ONE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR, MADAM SPEAKER AS WELL. THERE ARE EMERGENCIES WHERE YOU NEED TO HAVE IT AND I WHOLE HEARTEDLY AGREE THERE WAS REFERENCE TO A SPECIAL MEETING THAT WE HAD IN REGARDS TO SOME AUDITS. WE HAD TO HAVE THE SPECIAL MEETING. YOU KNOW WHAT, IT WAS WELL PLANNED. WE GOT TO ASK QUESTIONS. IT WAS A WHOLE -- THAT WAS GOOD. I DON'T SEE THE HARM IN SAYING -- I WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE WHEN THEY TALK -- WE EMPOWERED THE NEGOTIATOR WHEN THEY CAME UP WITH THE DEAL AND IT WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THE AHR COMMITTEE. WE KNEW IT WAS A GOOD DEAL. WE HEARD FROM THE COUNCILLORS THAT THEY WERE GOOD DEALS. EXCELLENT DEALS. IT WAS GREAT ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS, MADAM SPEAKER. YOU KNOW, LIKE, I AM OKAY WITH THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE. I AM VOTING FOR THIS.

MADAM SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? NONE. DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE? THE QUESTION ON -- COUNCILLOR DOBSON'S MOTION REGARDING SPECIAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS. ALL IN FAVOUR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (READING NAMES) >> THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: (READING NAMES) 4-11.

MADAM SPEAKER: THE MOTION IS LOST. ON TO THE THIRD NOTICE OF MOTION IS COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND SECONDED REGARDING STUDIES DONE BY CONSULTANTS. COUNCILLOR DOBSON YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THIS MOTION IS BASICALLY TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW MANY STUDIES ARE OUT THERE. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL COUNCILLORS TO BE AWARE OF THE STUDIES DONE BY THE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THE MAYOR AND CAO. THE FACT THAT THE PORTAGE AND MAIN STUDIES WERE NOT LISTED IN THE CONSULTANT AND SINGLE SOURCE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL SUGGEST THERE MAY BE OTHER UNREPORTED STUDIES REPORTED AND NOT SUBMITTED. IN THE FISCAL CLIMATE, I THINK IT IS PRUDENT THAT WE AS COUNCIL ARE AWARE OF ANY AND ALL STUDIES CONDUCTED. I AM OF COURSE NOT SAYING WE HAVE A PROBLEM. WE MAY. TO MAKE IT LESS ONEROUS FOR THE CLERKS, I REQUESTED ONLY THE STUDIES OVER 35,000, HALF OF THE COST OF THE SECOND PORTAGE AND MAIN STUDY BE INCLUDED. .

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. AND NO, MADAM SPEAKER, I DON'T KNOW THAT THE REPORT HAS TO BE A WHOLE SUPER DETAILED RIGA MA ROLE. OFTEN THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF REPORTS. WE HAVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN PLACE WHEN THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL REPORTS REQUIRED AND PRODUCED AND SO ON. MADAM SPEAKER. BUT THESE LOWER LEVEL STUDIES AND SO ON, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, THERE MUST BE A RECORD TEST. THERE IS A FINANCIAL RECORD. YOU SPENT THE MONEY. THERE IS A FINANCIAL RECORD, MADAM SPEAKER. I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS WOULDN'T BE ALL THAT COMPLICATED. THERE HAS TO BE WITH THE FINANCIAL RECORD A SHORT DESCRIPTION ABOUT WHAT THE STUDY WAS FOR. THIS DATA EXISTS. IT SHOULD BE EASY TO YANK OUT OF THE DATA BASE. IT WILL BE A LONG LIST. YOU KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES HAVE A HUGE DATA BASIN THE CONDITION OF THE PARKS. HOW THEY PUT IT TOGETHER, THERE IS A LOT OF DETAIL. IT CAN BE EXTRACTED IN A TABLE AND LISTED OUT. YOU DON'T NEED TO CREDIT A LOT OF INFORMATION. IT IS EXTRACTING COLUMNS OF INFORMATION. SENDING IT TO A REPORT. LIKE OPEN DATA. IT IS EASY TO DO. THIS KIND OF THING IS SIMPLE FOR THE CITY TO DO NOW. THE MAYOR HAS -- THE CITY OF WINNIPEG SHOULD BRAG WE HAVE THE OPEN DATA FREE FOR THE PUBLIC AND EVERYBODY TO KNOW. LET'S GIVE IT TO THE PUBLIC AND IT IS NOT SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO KNOW THAT INFORMATION. JUST BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT INFORMATION, IT IS NOT, YOU KNOW -- IF YOU KNOW THAT INFORMATION, MADAM SPEAKER, AND YOU ARE ONLY PRIVY TO IT YOURSELF AND THE PUBLIC IS NOT, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IS A PROBLEM. THAT IS A PROBLEM. LET'S SIMPLY, YOU KNOW, THESE ARE ALL PUBLICLY PAID FOR REPORTS. COME ON. IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE. LET'S ALL VOTE FOR IT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR DOBSON, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE. I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON THE THIRD NOTICE OF MOTION. ALL IN FAVOUR? IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. MADAM SPEAKER: BYLAWS FOR FIRST READING UNDER EPC, MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I MOVE BYLAW 96/2017 BE READ A FIRST TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CLERK: 96 OF 2017.

MADAM CLERK: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS BE READ THE FIRST TIME, BYLAW 82/2017 100/2017, 101/2017 AND 109/2017.

MADAM CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR?

MAYOR BOWMAN: POINT OF ORDER ON 100. I MISUNDERSTOOD SOMETHING, I THINK. BY POINT OFCLARIFICATION. NUMBER 100. I MAY COME BACK. I AM TRYING TO SORT HERE ON THE POLICE BOARD MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TWO ADDITIONAL APPOINTEES, ONE OF THEM COULD BE A COUNCILLOR. COUNCILLORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE WAY IT IS WORDED IN A, DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR. IT MAY BE MY MIS

UNDERSTANDING. WE MAY HAVE -- THIS MAY BE A MISUNDERSTANDING OF A PREVIOUS REPORT. I ADMIT THAT. I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR ON WHAT IT IS VOTED ON. IF I HAVETO COME BACK. MY UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN THAT WE -- EXPAND THE NUMBER OF APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD. WE ARE IN FAVOUR OF THAT. MY UNDERSTANDING PERHAP ERRONEOUSLY IS THAT ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS COULD BE A COUNCILLOR.

>> PROVIDES INFORMATION. BECAUSE I THINK THE COUNCILLOR IS --

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL ASK THE CLERK TO CLARIFY. I THINK I WILL HAVE THE CLERK TO CLARIFY THE INTENT. I WILL NOT ASK -- I WILL ASK THE CLERK.

>> THANK YOU. MR. CLERK. . >> I WILL ALLOW COUNCIL EADIE TO SPEAK. SHED LIGHT.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, BEING ON THE POLICE BOARD, WE WERE INVOLVED WITH THIS. THERE IS BASICALLY -- THERE IS PROVISION HERE. IT IS CLARIFYING THAT THE MAYOR CAN SELECT A CIVILIAN OR A MEMBER OF COUNCIL TO BE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE POLICE BOARD. THAT IS THE MAYOR'S PREROGATIVE. THEN THERE IS ANOTHER CLAUSE THAT TALKS ABOUT A MEMBER OF COUNCIL. WITH THE CHANGE IN THE BYLAW, WHAT YOU HAVE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A MAX OF 2 COUNCILLORS ON THE WINNIPEG POLICE FORCE. IF THE MAYOR MAKES THE CHOICE FOR NOT A COUNCILLOR, THERE WOULD BE ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL ON THERE.

>> THANK YOU. >> IT IS REALLY UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER COUNCIL DIRECTED THAT THERE BE A MINIMUM OF ONLY ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY COUNCIL. COUNCILLOR MAYS DOES HAVE A POINT.

>> YOU ARE VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE BYLAW.

>> I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK --

>> LET'S HEAR THE QUESTION AND THE ANSWER.

>> I SURELY HAVE THE RIGHT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM VOTING ON. I THINK THAT IS ONLY FAIR. THE CLERK CAN ADVISE THAT IT IS UNFORTUNATELY NOT AS CLEAR AND I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT RAISING IT EARLIER.

CLERK: [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> NOT A PRACTICING LAWYER. DO NOT OFFER YOUR ADVICE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT. I WILL RELY ON THE CLERK. I GO WITH THE CLERK'S INTERPRETATION AND WE WILL SORT OUT WHERE WE LAND ON.

>> MR. CLERK. SOLUTION. WE ARE VOTING ON IT AS IS. OKAY.

>> I AM NOT SURE IF THE MOTIO IS TO STAND IT DOWN. I AM NOT SURE OF THE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY WE USE. LAY THE MATTER OVER. IS THAT AN OPTION?

>> MOVING REFERRAL TO BRING IT BACK TO NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

>> I ASK THE CLERK PROPER -- THE INTENT IS TO HAVE IT CLARIFIED BETTER, BROUGHT BACK TO US.

>> LAY IT OVER OR REFER IT BACK TO EPC FOR CLARIFICATION.

>> MY POTION IS TO REFER IT BACK.

MADAM SPEAKER: SO THERE IS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO REFER IT BACK TO EPC. ALL IN FAVOUR? WELL, THERE IS NO --

>> MADAM SPEAKER, COULD WE GET CLARITY FROM THE CLERK, PLEASE.

MADAM SPEAKER: SURE. THERE IS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW TO REFER BYLAW 100 BACK TO EPC.

>> WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? >> [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> IT IS ON OUR SCREEN ELECTRONICALLY.

>> TO AMEND THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD BYLAW WITH REGARDS TO THE COMPOSITION. THE COUNCILLOR MAYES HAS QUESTIONED THE INTERPRETATION OF THE COMPOSITION. COUNCIL INCREASED THE NUMBER O MEMBERS, COUNCILLOR MAYS IS MAKING THE CASE THAT THAT SHOULD INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS COUNCIL SEES.

>> HE CAN VOTE AGAINST IT, THAT IS CORRECT. THERE IS A MOTION NOW TO REFER IT BACK TO EPC. THAT MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR. AND IT IS NOT DEBATABLE.

>> TIME TO RAISE THE ISSUE WHEN THE REPORT CAME LAST MONTH?

MADAM SPEAKER: IT IS AN ORDER TO RAISE IT NOW. AS WELL. PROCEEDING WITH COUNCILLOR'S REFERRAL. THE MOTION IS NOT DEBATABLE. ALL IN FAVOUR TO REFER BYLAW NUMBER 100/2017 TO EPC. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. MR. MAYOR, LET'S MOVE ON. >> [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> THE MAYOR WILL READ THOSE, START AT 82.

>> I READ OUT THE OTHER BYLAWS. I CAN READ THEM AGAIN IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

>> GO AHEAD.

MAYOR BOWMAN: AGAIN, I MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS BE READ A FIRST TIME. BYLAW 82/2017, BYLAW 100/2017, BYLAW 101/2017. AND 109/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL STRIKE 100 AT THIS TIME. AS IT HAS BEEN REFERRED. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

NUMBER 82/2017, 101/2017 AND 109/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR ON THE SECOND READING?

MAYOR BOWMAN: I MOVE THAT THE BYLAWS NUMBER 82/2017, 101/2017, AND 109/2017 BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY, CARRIED.

CLERK: 82/2017, 101/2017 AND 109/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I MOVE THAT THE BYLAWS NUMBER 82/017, 101/2017, AND 109/ 2017 BE READ A THIRD TIME. AND THAT THE SAME BE PASSED AND ORDERED TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE MAYOR. 30 MINUTES ON THE CLOCK, PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: IT IS REFRESHING TO DEBATE AND DISCUSS ISSUES. THIS WHOLE PORTAGE AND MAIN DISCUSSION AND DEBATE WAS INTERESTING. I APPRECIATE THE MAYOR'S PERSPECTIVE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT LEVELS. WHAT IS POLITICAL STATEMENTS. WHAT IS REALITY. THERE WAS A LOT OF REALITY TALKED ABOUT. THROUGH THE WHOLE CONVERSATION, MADAM SPEAKER, IT OCCURRED TO ME, WE ARE FIXING A STAIRWELL THAT TAKES YOU DOWN UNDERNEATH. THE PROBLEM FOR PEOPLE WITH USING WHEELCHAIRS, IS THEY CANNOT USE STAIRS. PERHAPS AN ELEVATOR WOULD GET THEM ACROSS THE STREET FASTER.

MAYOR BOWMAN: THE VOTE THAT COUNCIL HAS MADE ON PORTAGE AND MAIN, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL DESIGN. ACCESSIBILITY SHOULD BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE RESULTS OF THE WORKING GROUP BEFORE COMMITTING TO SPECIFIC DESIGN ON STAIRS, ESCALATEORS, THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES, MADAM SPEAKER. I WONDER IF THE MAYOR COULD GIVE ME A SPECIFIC PIECE -- CITY INFORMATION THAT A COUNCILLOR RECEIVES THAT IS NOT PUBLIC THAT WOULD GIVE HIM SOME KIND OF OVERHEAD OVER THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION TO CONTROL THINGS MORE THAN ANY OTHER CITIZEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I APOLOGIZE, I AM NOT CLEAR WHAT THE QUESTION IS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EDIE, DO YOU WISH TO CLARIFY AND RESTATE THE QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, THERE WAS REFERENCE TO SOMEHOW COUNCILLORS HAVING PRIVILEGED INFORMATION THAT SOMEHOW WOULD GIVE THEM MORE POWER OR CONTROL OVER CITY, WHATEVER, IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT A COOLING-OFF PERIOD. CAN THE MAYOR GIVE AN

EXAMPLE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THAT GAVE ME PRIVILEGE THAT REQUIRES ME TO HAVE A COOLING-OFF PERIOD.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR?

MAYOR BOWMAN: THANK YOU. I CAN THINK OF ONE. THERE WAS RECENTLY A COUNCIL SEMINAR ON A LAWSUIT. A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. THERE WAS INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THAT WOULD BE ONE EXAMPLE. THE OTHER WOULD BE TYPICALLY COUNCIL SEMINARS ON OTHER LABOUR RELATIONS MATTERS WHEN THEY HAVE RISEN IN THE PAST. I CAN THINK OF NUMEROUS TIMES IN WHICH CONVERSATIONS ARE OCCURRING BETWEEN ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE. THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE USED TO THE DETRIMENT OF TAXPAYERS IF THE VERY NEXT DAY AFTER AN ELECTION A MEMBER OF COUNCIL TOOK THAT INFORMATION AND WAS USING IT IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS OR OTHER MATTERS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF WHERE COOLING OFF PERIODS ARE IN EFFECT ACROSS CANADA. AS WELL AS IN OUR PROVINCE. AND AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. FOR THAT REASON, YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. FINAL QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, IN SIGNING A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT, AM I NOT AGREEING TO NOT USE THAT IN ANY WAY THAT WOULD HELP TO BENEFIT MYSELF?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR BOWMAN: I SUGGEST THE COUNCILLOR RAISE A QUESTION ABOUT LEGAL INTERPRETATION TO LEGAL COUNSEL.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR? SEEING NONE WE WILL MOVE TO STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: TO INTRODUCE THE REPORT AND MOVE ADOPTION AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. WE WILL MOVE INTO BYLAWS UNDER FINANCE. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THAT BYLAW NUMBER 112/2017, BE READ A FIRST TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CLERK: BYLAW NUMBER 112/2017

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM?

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THE BYLAW NUMBER 112/2017, BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: BYLAW NUMBER 112/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM:

COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THAT THE RULE BE SUSPENDED, AND THE BYLAW BE READ A THIRD TIME AND THE SAME BE PASSED IN ORDER TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE CHAIR. ANY QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM? NONE. NOW THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE. RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT. COUNCILLOR MAYES

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THE REPORT DATED OCTOBER 2 2017. THERE IS ONLY THE ONE ITEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED? QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR FOR COUNCILLOR MAYES? SEEING NONE, MOVING ON THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION. THERE ARE NO REPORTS. ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR COUNCILLOR GILROY. SEEING NONE, NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT. HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU. I MOVE THE REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2017, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. COUNCILLOR ON THE BYLAWS.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE --

MADAM SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, COUNCILLOR, WE HAVE ANOTHER REPORT FOR YOU. OCTOBER 10TH.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: I MOVE ADOPTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. THE BYLAWS.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU. I MOVE THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS BE READ A FIRST TIME. NUMBER 95/2017, 97/2017, 102/2017, 103/2017, 104/2017, AND 105/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: BYLAW NUMBER 95/2017. 97/2017. 102/2017, 103/2017, 104/2017 AND 105/2017

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR?

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE BYLAW 95/2017, 97/2017, 102/2017 TO 105/2017, BOTH INCLUSIVE, BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CLERK: NUMBER 95/2017, 97/2017 AND 102/2017 TO 105/2017, BOTH INCLUSIVE, BE READY A SECOND TIME

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR?

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: SUSPEND THE RULES SO THAT BYLAWS 95/ 2017, 97/2017 AND 102/2017 TO 105/2017, BOTH INCLUSIVE, BE READ A THIRD TIME AND BE PASSED TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. SEEING NONE, MOVING ON TO THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS. COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN?

COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN: THANK YOU. I AM HAPPY TO MOVE THE ITEMS OF OCTOBER THE 6th AGENDA 1 AND 2.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE HAVE MOTION NUMBER 3 BEFORE US. REGARDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD VISIBILITY BYLAWS. THE STANDING COMMITTEE. WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD FOR COUNCILLOR PAGTAKHAN. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR? SEEING NON, MOVING ON. NEXT COMMITTEE IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. ITEMS 1 AND 2 FROM OCTOBER 4TH. THE AGENDA.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. COUNCILLOR MORANTZ ON THE BYLAWS, PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BYLAW 99/2017 FOR FIRST READING.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CLERK: BYLAW NUMBER 99/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MORANTZ.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: I WILL MOVE IT A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CLERK: BYLAW NUMBER 99/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ON THE THIRD READING.

COUNCILLOR MORANTZ: RULES TO BE SUSPENDED AND 99/2017 BE READ A THIRD TIME AND BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE MOVE INTO QUESTION PERIOD, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR. SEEING NONE, MOVING ON TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL--

>> ITEMS NUMBER 1-2, THE UPDATE TO THE POLICY. TO STRENGTHEN THE LANGUAGE AND IMPLEMENT THE LANGUAGE TO THE AUDITOR AND CHANGE THE PROCEDURAL BYLAW TO BUSINESS HOURS.

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM 1. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. MR. CLERK, ITEM 2.

CLERK: ITEM 2, PROCEDURE BYLAW AMENDMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY, DO YOU WISH TO INTRODUCE? OR WE CAN HEAR IT FROM THE SPEAKER.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I RISE TO THANK COUNCIL FOR HAVING WISDOM TO MOVE THAT WE HAVE FOUR BUSINESS DAYS WHEN REPORTS ARE OUT BEFORE WE LEAVE -- SO WE HAVE -- AND WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REVIEW THEM AND ASKING QUESTIONS THAT WE MAY HAVE IF WE CAN ACCESS STAFF. I THINK THERE IS A POSITIVE STEP IN MOVING TO SHARING MORE INFORMATION. I THINK WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I THINK IT IS A POSITIVE STEP. I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL FOR THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE OR I CAN CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. MOVE INTO BYLAWS UNDER GOVERNANCE. WILL YOU MOVE THEM ON MY BEHALF.

>> BYLAW NUMBER 98, 2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

CLERK: NUMBER 98/2017.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUINCILLOR, FOR THE SECOND TIME, BYLAW 98/2017.

>> ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. >> ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY, CARRIED.

MADAM SPEAKER: WILL YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT.

>> A POINT OF ORDER, MADAM SPEAKER, THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING I ASKED THE QUESTION OF PARKS CHAIRPERSON. I WAS EXPECTING TO GET AN ANSWER TODAY AT COUNCIL. IT OCCURRED TO ME, MADAM SPEAKER, I DID NOT GET AN ANSWER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT QUESTION COULD BE POSED IN QUESTION PERIOD. IF YOU COULD TAKE THAT OFF LINE, THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. COUNCIL, DO YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. ROLL CALL, MR. CLERK.

(NAMES BEING READ)