COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

The Council met at 9:51 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Orlikow.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: I would like to now recognize our first time page joining us today is Avery Groeneveld who attends Fort Richmond Collegiate in the South Winnipeg-St. Norbert Ward. Welcome. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor for your morning announcements

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I do have a few remarks to share with Council today. Firstly, whether you are viewing online or in the gallery, welcome. Thank you very much for joining us here today to all those that are watching and of course, are participating in these proceedings. Madam Speaker, this week is National Addictions Awareness Week, led nationally by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction, the week is used to educate and inform people about the many challenges addictions pose to our communities. It's also an opportunity to discuss and to learn about treatment and recovery options as well as prevention. The focus of this year's National Addictions Awareness Week is how stigmatizing language can perpetuate harmful stereotypes and act as a barrier to those seeking help as well as those trying to sustain recovery efforts. It's a good reminder, Madam Speaker, for all of us that words we use matter. I was pleased, Madam Speaker, to have participated in the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in October which was hosted in Winnipeg this year. This is an annual conference organized by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. Conference brings together and inspires policy makers, funders, researchers, advocates, community leaders and front line workers with information, tools and training they need to end homelessness. Here in Winnipeg, we have committed and we have a dedicated group of people working to end homelessness and it's great to see so many of them at this year's conference. I continue to be very proud that one of the first things that our council acted upon was to provide funding to support the United Way's plan to end homelessness and I hope all members are very proud of our actions to support this very important effort in our community. We need to continue, Madam Speaker, working as a community to address homelessness and we need to continue empowering and inspiring the many different organizations and people who remain committed and dedicated to addressing an issue I think all of us recognize as being very important. Madam Speaker, I was in Minneapolis and St. Paul earlier this month where I was able to emphasize the critical importance of open and free trade and the importance that it has to the economies of cities in the United States as well as here in Canada and right here in our city of Winnipeg. Winnipeg has always been a trading city and open and free trade is critically important for Winnipeg and for our province. I was pleased to meet with a number of local businesses and organizations, Madam Speaker, to strengthen inter-city relationships as well as build relationships between our two countries. In the course of the trip I was able to meet with Cargill, New Flyer, the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce as well as the League of Minnesota Cities. Last month, Madam Speaker, the City of Winnipeg represented by Council...Councillor Russ Wyatt recently participated in the North American Strategy for Competitiveness or NASCO annual tri-national conference in Monterey, Mexico. NASCO underscores the important work at the local level that…sorry, the importance work at the local level can have on increasing competitiveness and opening up trade opportunities and we've seen over the last year that the work of mayors and local officials can have on the critical importance of open and free trade and I look forward to continuing to promote Winnipeg nationally and internationally as a great place to live, to work, to invest and a place to do business. Madam Speaker, I want to very quickly congratulate the 11 advanced care paramedics who graduated earlier this month after completing a challenging three year program with the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service. And later this week, Madam Speaker, I will be attending the Winnipeg Police Service recruit class 160 graduation ceremony. These are key milestones in the careers of people committed to our community and I think all of us are very grateful for the commitment and the dedication each of them have in helping others in our community when we and when they need it most. Lastly, Madam Speaker, this coming weekend is an important one. It's unfortunate our Winnipeg Blue Bombers didn't win last weekend, but this coming weekend is still very important for two reasons. First, we welcome Santa Claus to Winnipeg with the annual Santa Claus Parade this Saturday. As a distinguished guest it's

always an exciting opportunity to have him visit our city as well as the iconic intersection of Portage and Main and I hope everyone watching and here in this council chamber, are able to participate in the parade this year. Secondly, Madam Speaker, on Friday night we light the...sorry, let me check my notes here. Yes, we light what's obviously a Christmas tree outside of City Hall. All are invited to attend the ceremony this Friday when we officially light the Christmas tree, after which, all are invited to enjoy some hot chocolate in the Mayor's Foyer which is, as you can see, decorated for the Christmas season. Thank you very, very much to Charleswood resident Anthony Van Ginkel, Tony, for donating a 42-foot Colorado Spruce to serve as the Christmas tree at City Hall this year. This tree was donated in honour of Tony's late wife Rosemary which is a very touching, a very personal and heartwarming story that I am thankful that Tony has shared with all of us and with our city. And I look forward to lighting the tree on Friday and hope all of you are able to join and support Tony, whose personal story has really made this year's lighting ceremony extra special. On a personal note, I'll just say I grew up on Laxdal in Charleswood. As many of you know, I was born on Logan Avenue but I moved to Charleswood and his property is on Elmhurst. When I was growing up, there was a field between our two homes and I...I literally learned how to bike in front of this tree. I know this tree. I watched it grow from a very small tree to what we see outside City Hall right now. It is a spectacular tree and it is...it really is a beautiful, touching story, the fact that he and his family were willing to donate it to share it with our entire community. So I would ask everybody to try to find some time, join us, 5:45 this Friday at Winnipeg City Hall, we'll be lighting it on live television at 6:00 o'clock, and it should be a really nice way to kick start the Christmas season and the holiday season. Thank you very much Madam Speaker, merci and megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Dobson, your morning announcement.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would like to recognize the residents of the St. Charles Ward in the gallery today who have come down to observe city…observe Council today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you very much and welcome to each of you. Councillor Gilroy, your morning announcement.

Councillor Gilroy: Good morning Madam Speaker, Mayor Bowman, Council colleagues and all the community members that are here today. As co-Chair of the Winnipeg Safe Cities Initiative, I rise today in honour of the UN Women's 16 Days of Activism. From November 25th, the International Day for Elimination of Gender-Based Violence to December 10th, Human Rights Day, Winnipeg joins our sister cities across the globe in addressing this important human rights issue. Winnipeg Safe Cities will be helping to host a lunch and learn on November 28th on the topic of sexual harassment; how to recognize it and how to address it. We will also be active on social media promoting local events and resources, engaging in the important dialogue and uniting with cities across the world. I encourage each of you to help promote resources for survivors of violence within your wards. Speak up if you see harassment. Challenge victim blaming when you hear it and to continue to break the silence on violence against women. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Morantz, will you move the minutes of the meetings held on October 25th and November 1st, 2017.

MINUTES

Councillor Morantz moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on October 25th, 2017 and November 1st, 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into delegations. I'd like to call forward Mr. Irwin Kumka. He is President of the Historic Kildonan Church and Cemetery. He is appearing before Council today in support of Item No. 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 8th, 2017, regarding religious or not-for-profit cemeteries, the frontage levy exemption. Welcome.

DELEGATIONS

Irwin Kumka: Good morning everyone and welcome on this nice wintery day where we learn how to drive again. I would like to begin by expressing our thanks to Council and to Executive Policy Committee for their enduring attention to this matter that has been lingering on. We want to thank especially the Assessment Department for their amendments to the report and convening a meeting of the cemeteries and to reach a consensus. It is amazing what can happen when three or four people actually get together face-to-face and talk. A special thanks to Councillor Eadie and Councillor Schreyer for initially raising this matter and bringing it to EPC and asking for a detailed consideration of this critical issue

with respect to cemeteries. Historic Kildonan Cemetery is appearing today to support the amended report prepared by the Assessment Department that fully recognizes and supports the ongoing financial challenges of Winnipeg's religious and not-for-profit cemeteries, specifically with respect to the increasing impact of frontage levies previously assessed against their large and important historic and public space properties. The revised report clearly provides an initial exemption for 16 properties including worship communities that have their places of worship uniquely situated within the cemetery property. All cemeteries thank the EPC for supporting this new exemption process as developed by the Assessment Department. Cemeteries see the annual $72,000 of exemption, as an annual maintenance investment in these historic properties, into the future, to the benefit of public at large. All religious and not-for-profit cemeteries are pleased with the final outcome. Now, if I can pose a question to Council; can any of you name Canada's only war dead Victoria Cross winner that is buried in Canada? More specifically, buried in Winnipeg? More specifically, buried in our cemetery? His name is Lieutenant Alan Arnett McLeod, born in Stonewall, at the age of 19 died after having served as an aviator in the Royal Flying Corp. We think it's very important that stories of those who have gone before us be maintained and your support of this motion will provide some additional financial security that will aid us in that process. Thank you very much again for your attention and we urge Council to support this motion. Thank you indeed.

Madam Speaker: If you could just stand down in case there's any questions, sir. Yes. We'll now have question period for our delegation. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was actually, just so every...and I'm going to quiz our delegate, Madam Speaker, but there's many cemeteries across the city, of course, that will benefit from being able to maintain their historical places. But, I'm very fond, Madam Speaker, of the historical cemeteries that really follow the west side of the river where the Selkirk settlers came. And Madam Speaker…so, Madam Speaker, I'm just wondering, do you...Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the delegate could tell us if he knows which cemetery the wife of Peter Fidler, who drew the first maps for the settlers and their lots. Does he know where his wife, who he was tried and true, didn't have a wife in England, he only had one wife, an Indigenous Cree woman and she is buried in a historical cemetery along the Red River, west of the Red in the Mynarski Ward. So I'm just wondering if he could tell us about it. It's so essential that we are able to help these cemeteries maintain the history.

Irwin Kumka: I don't know the specific answer to your question, but I can tell you that our organization is developing an educational package which we intend to present to the high schools in our areas, specifically, West Kildonan. We have a tremendous amount of history to preserve and to continue to tell the story. So I look forward to researching that a bit more. My guess, perhaps, might be St. John's.

Councillor Eadie: Just a follow-up Madam Speaker. That is correct, the St. John's Cathedral Cemetery.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you for that, any further questions for our delegation this morning? Okay. With that, I thank you for appearing today.

Irwin Kumka: Thank you indeed.

Madam Speaker: We'll now move into committee reports. Mr. Mayor on the report of EPC dated November 8th, 2017.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

Madam Speaker: Okay, 1 has been pulled. I'll call the question on 2, 3 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Religious or Not-For-Profit Cemeteries – Frontage Levy Exemption

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank my council colleagues for bringing this matter initially forward. Our delegate this morning just spoke eloquently about the need for this type of support. I want to thank, obviously, the Public Service as well as my council colleagues for moving this forward and I would ask that we all

support this important matter to provide additional support to religious or not-for-profit cemeteries. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise certainly to support this motion as well and this report. And like others have done today, I want to acknowledge those that have worked on it. I want to especially acknowledge Councillor Eadie for his work on this and Councillor Schreyer for seconding the motion. You know, there is often…we are seen, I think, by the public often around this chamber as not being able to get along and work together but I would be surprised if there's not unanimous support for this motion. This is common sense. It's good work that has been done by our public service. Mr. Irwin acknowledged...Mr. Kumka, pardon me, acknowledged the work of our Taxation…our Assessment and Taxation Department and we do want to thank them as well. And I know that as the representative for St. James that this will certainly be appreciated by the residents of St. James as the St. James Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in our city is a religious cemetery and will be impacted and assisted by this motion and by this exemption. I want to acknowledge all the people that have been volunteers for the religious cemeteries in St. James, certainly, Margaret Steele and her team of volunteers that do a great job preserving this critical historical space in our city. Alleviating the burden of frontage levies and frontage costs from the St. James Cemetery and other religious cemeteries will help to ensure that these cemeteries continue as important keepers of our city's history. And so once again, just glad to support this motion and like the Mayor, I echo his comments, calling upon all of my council colleagues to unanimously get behind this and make the decision to support this report today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to give a little bit of clarification as to what we are dealing with here, for those that are watching at home. In this case, it was the fact that we brought in a new frontage levy and that it could have hardship on those non-profit organizations that maintain the cemeteries over the decades and generations, and in many cases we are dealing with volunteers that do this out of the goodness of their heart, literally and for those beloved that are interred at the cemeteries and in order to encourage the effective maintenance of these cemeteries for decades and generations to come, that there would be no injurious effective of a frontage levy on these cemeteries that are trying to run as effectively as possible. And that includes Elmwood Cemetery, of course, which is just two blocks from my house and so it's my pleasure of course to second Councillor Eadie's motion on this. And, of course, as always, Madam Speaker, whenever there is a motion that I support, I do encourage all members of Council to support unanimously that which I support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Mr. Mayor, back to you for closing.

Mayor Bowman: I have nothing to add. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thanks. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now get into the motions under Executive Policy Committee. Motion No. 3 on your desks, it is moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding the creation of a solar energy corporation. This will be an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. Motion No. 5 is moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It is a notice of motion. It's regarding Transit funding from the Province and it will appear on the agenda of our December Council meeting. Motion No. 7, moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Lukes. It's regarding informal meetings. It will be an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. Okay, those are the motions under EPC. We will now move into by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

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

WHEREAS Manitoba has weather conditions very favourable to the generation and production of power from Solar energy;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg and Manitoba should work to be on the cutting edge of new technologies and innovation when it comes to Energy production, as this has been the history of Manitoba, with Winnipeg Hydro, Manitoba Hydro, and private sector innovation, such as New Flyer's Electric Bus program;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recently set up a Crown Corporation that encourages the adaption of new Solar Energy and energy efficiencies;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recently announced its new 'A Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan', that includes "carbon pricing that fosters emissions reduction, keeps investment capital here and stimulates new innovation in clean energy, business and jobs", and "measures to reduce emissions from commercial buildings through building codes and other measures putting government operations and infrastructure on a path to carbon-neutrality", including the use of Carbon Credits for Carbon Trading;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to a Community Climate Change Policy through the development of its own Climate Change Action Plan vision, targets and actions;

AND WHEREAS the reliance on the burning of non-renewable carbon energy for industries, commercial buildings, vehicles, and homes is not sustainable;

AND WHEREAS the City has the potential to benefit from the move toward electric vehicles, as it has one of the largest fleet operations, and therefore should position itself to benefit directly from the new solar energy technology;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg already owns property, buildings, and lands throughout the city, and outside the City, that could be identified for the location and installation of Solar Cell Power technology and arrays, including solar farms, allowing for initial solar cell infrastructure capital costs to be amortized and thus provide for a greater return on investment;

AND WHEREAS the many City owned landfills and brownfield sites are underutilized spaces and therefore ideal locations for Solar Farms and/or Solar Arrays;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg, which is constantly looking for new sources of revenues and to diversify its sources of income, has a financial opportunity, via a proactive solar cell installation program, to potentially sell hydroelectricity back into the electricity grid, as well as benefiting from any Carbon Credits, Carbon Trading and Offsets;

AND WHEREAS the existing Solar Cell and Power market in Manitoba is relatively small today, and thus offers the City of Winnipeg an opportunity to be on the ground floor of supplying and generating solar powered energy, as a producer from its own lands and buildings, and for and with private homes and businesses, as well as other levels of governments and/or their agencies;

AND WHEREAS the City, via a separate, arm's length Not-For-Profit Corporation, has the financial means to immediate facilitate large scale and small scale projects that cannot be facilitated presently through the private sector;

AND WHEREAS the City, via a separate, arm's length Not-For-Profit Corporation, could purchase solar powered technology via long term borrowing and in bulk orders, thus further driving the benefits of solar technology to our local market, as well as being more adaptable and flexible to market needs and conditions;

AND WHEREAS since 2014, the City of Winnipeg is presently seeing a $200,000 a year savings in hydroelectric costs, thanks to the conversion of the existing traditional overhead street light infrastructure to the new LED technology, and that this has now accumulated to a total annual savings going forward of $800,000/year in and by 2017, with a projected forecast of similar savings in the future years;

AND WHEREAS these savings are presently being used to balance the annual operating budget of the City of Winnipeg instead of being productively re-purposed to provide for greater carbon reduction via our climate change action plan, including reducing the City's exposure to carbon pricing;

AND WHEREAS the City is well positioned to market and sell and service solar powered technologies to private homes and business, targeting neighbourhood and business districts via its existing Local Levy Improvement District Bylaws and Procedures;

AND WHEREAS the opportunity may exist for the City, due to its control of development and development agreements, to facilitate and directly provide Solar Technology to new developments of private homes and businesses throughout the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro is projecting and requesting annual increases of as much of 8%/year which shall drive and increase the benefits of Solar energy production and the importance of generating energy from off the grid sources, such as solar power, that can then can be sold back into the Hydro grid;

AND WHEREAS when it comes to utilizing, promoting, building, and facilitating solar powered technologies and the corresponding energy production and benefits, the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba has presently fallen behind other jurisdictions in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg create an Arm's Length Not-For-Profit Corporation, called the Winnipeg Green Energy Organization (from hereon in, known as WPG-GEO) Corporation, which shall be tasked with the generation and production of solar powered electricity to sell back into the Hydro grid, via a mandate to actively facilitate, promote, construct, market and operate, the following:

A) Solar Powered Farms and Solar Cell Arrays on City Facilities and City Lands, both inside and outside the City of Winnipeg;

B) Advance the promotion and conduct the direct sale of all solar powered projects and technologies to City departments, agencies, other governments and government agencies, private homes and private business, both inside and outside Winnipeg;

C) Promote and educate the benefits of Solar Power, including, and via its own business model, by offering incentives to all of its customers and customer markets, both public and private;

D) Set annual and multi-year targets and corresponding strategies to aggressively increase the share of the solar powered market inside Manitoba;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WPG-GEO shall be provided a budget $200,000 a year, starting in 2018, and compounding by $200,000 in every year thereafter, which shall be sustained and sourced from the savings projected by the reduction in Hydroelectric costs associated with the conversion of Overhead Street Lighting to the LED technology, and shall be provided an annual operating budget of a minimum of $1 million within the 5 years from said source of funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all City of Winnipeg future Carbon Credits and Carbon offsets, sourced from the coming Provincial and/or Federal Carbon Tax Program, shall be earmarked to WPG-GEO, to facilitate their business plan and its program, with any potential operating surpluses from the said corporation not being taken by City Council until year 10 (ten) of its operation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WPG-GEO shall be required to produce annual audited financial statements to Winnipeg City Council, via EPC, with semi-annual business reports; as well as a Business Plan required at its outset and every 2 years thereafter, for its first 10 years of operation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report back to Council on all of the forgoing occur within 60 days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Service to all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has recently made a unprecedented cut to Winnipeg Transit Funding at the exact same time as they announced their commitment to greenhouse gas reductions and the importance of 'A Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan';

AND WHEREAS the decision to reduce operating funding support for Winnipeg Transit runs contrary to their stated goals in their new climate and green plan, and the implication for Winnipeg Transit is not positive, as outlined in the Over-Expenditure Authorization for the Transit Department's 2017 Operating Budget Report to the Finance Committee on September 15, 2017, as was then sent to Council on September 27, 2017, namely:

"Provincial Operating Grant
The City and the Province of Manitoba have historically had a Transit Funding Agreement in which the Province of Manitoba funded 50% of the eligible net operating costs of the Transit System. The 2017 operating budget for Transit was prepared in this manner with the total budgeted operating grant estimated at $48.246 million.

During 2017, the Province announced that City funding would be held at the 2016 level and the 50/50 funding partnership for Transit no longer applied. Transit's 2016 operating grant claim to the Province of Manitoba was $40.1 million. Therefore, the amount of the grant available to Transit for 2017 from the City basket of provincial funding has been set at $40.1 million, leaving a deficit of $8.146 million for this revenue source.

The budgetary shortfall resulting from the change to the Provincial Operating Grant for Transit will persist in future years. As such, sustainable measures such as reductions to public transit service and additional fare increases will need to be contemplated going forward."

AND WHEREAS the reduction in funding between the historic level of 50/50 funding for the Transit Departments' operating budget will only increase in time, as the funding shortall between the real costs of operating of the transit department and the provincial government's decision to end 50/50 partnership funding will ever increase the gap between the funding levels of the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba;
AND WHEREAS this funding cut by the Province of Manitoba will have a negative impact on Winnipeg Transit services at a time when a strong public transit system has never been more important for our environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Winnipeg City Council now call on the Province of Manitoba to immediately restore their 50/50 partnership funding of Winnipeg Transit's operating costs.

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

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter Act (the Charter) is very clear, in that it specifies that EPC shall only be made up of less than 50% of members of Council, namely:

Size of executive policy committee
Section 61(2) *The mayor shall determine the number of members of the executive policy committee of council, but the number of members must be less than 50% of the total number of members of council.*

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter Act appears to call for ALL meetings to be open, namely under said clause:

Open meetings
Section 75(1) *Subject to section 76, all meetings of council and committees of council and their subcommittees must be open to the public, and no individual may be excluded except for disorderly or disruptive conduct.*

AND WHEREAS under section 76, it specifies clear rules under which in camera meetings can be conducted, namely:

By-law re in camera consideration
Section 76(1) *Council may by by-law specify categories of matters that may be considered at in camera meetings of council or a committee of council or a subcommittee thereof.*

In camera consideration
Section 76(2) *A matter to be considered at a meeting of council, or a committee of council or a subcommittee thereof may be considered in camera where, in the opinion of not less than 2/3 of the total number of members of council or the committee or subcommittee thereof, as the case may be,*

(a) the matter comes within a category specified in a by-law passed under subsection (1); and

(b) the matter should be considered in camera.

Record of in camera decision in minutes
Section 76(3) Where a matter is considered in camera at a meeting of council or a committee of council or a subcommittee thereof, the reasons for considering the matter in camera must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

AND WHEREAS the Charter is silent on the use of informal meetings of EPC and any other meetings of Committees of Council or of Council itself;

AND WHEREAS the use of informal meetings has grown, specifically for EPC, for Council's annual Organizational meeting held in November, and in some cases for Council standing committees, where no minutes are taken and yet defacto, unofficial decisions are being made that are later ratified at the actual formal meeting of the said Committee or Council;

AND WHEREAS the intent of the Charter is clear, in that Council and Committee meetings are to be minuted, including any in camera meetings of Council and/or Committees, and therefore the decision to have informal meetings of Committee's of Council or of Council, and the keeping of 'notes and 'note taking', could be interpreted as a violation of the Charter, namely:

Minutes
Section 70 Council and all committees of council must cause minutes of their meetings to be kept.

AND WHEREAS the decision over the last year to increase the membership of the informal meetings of EPC from its traditional EPC committee size, as outlined in the Charter, with an additional two members of Council, may be considered contrary to the Charter, as it appears, is not formalized in any way, shape or form, in the Charter;

AND WHEREAS the Charter specifically makes it impossible for the Presiding Officer (Speaker) or the Deputy Presiding Officer (Deputy Speaker) to be members of EPC, and yet the Deputy Presiding Officer appears to be participating in the new and large informal EPC meetings namely:

Appointment of presiding officer
67(1) At the first meeting of council after a general election, and in November of each year in which there is no general election, council must appoint councillors who are not members of the executive policy committee to be the presiding officer and the deputy presiding officer.

AND WHEREAS the existing model of informal meetings is stifling the sharing of information and runs contrary to the vision of an open and transparent City Hall;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council and all its Committees, including EPC, immediately cease all informal meetings until such time as:

a) a legal opinion has been obtained by at least two independent, outside attorney's-at-law, with the above stated concerns being considered and on the legal status of any and all informal meetings and the role of members of EPC, including the two non-epc members, in said informal meetings, in terms of the City of Winnipeg Charter Act and that;

b) The said legal opinions shall be requested and funded via the Governance Committee of Council, and shall be reported to the Governance Committee and then to Winnipeg City Council within 60 days.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, there was a motion moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Browaty. Is that not an EPC?

Madam Speaker: I believe that is in Property and Development. Are you referring to the landscaping?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, yes, okay. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 87/2017, By-law 100/2017 and By-law 110/2017, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 87/2017, By-law No. 100/2017 and By-law No. 110/2017.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the By-laws No. 87/2017, 100/2017 and 110/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 87/2017, 100/2017 and 110/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 87/2017, 100/2017 and 110/2017 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to the addendum by-laws under EPC for second and third readings, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 96/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 96/2017.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 96/2017 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 will now entertain question period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock, please. Councillor Dobson.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A resident in my ward sent me an email last night and it ties nicely into the question I have, so I'd like to read this email and my question will be directly right after it and it ties in quite nicely. "As a concerned resident for Crestview for 47 years, we are ready to express our extreme disapproval of the method of which this project is being fast tracked as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre without regard for the concerns of the people in the area. Considering the primary residential makeup of the neighbourhood, this is not a reasonable alternate site for the property. A recovery centre does not belong in any residential neighbourhood. The process of transferring the property to the Province to knowingly circumvent policy is not acceptable. The fact that some of you compounded the deception by not advising and consulting with our local council representative is beyond belief. On top of this deception, how could you possibly justify ignoring the interest expressed by our local organization, Equal

Opportunities, to utilize this site; an organization that has strong roots in this community for years. The approach by some of this city's politicians is just another example of the administration of the City not listening to the citizens and plowing headlong with his own hidden agenda. This proposed project falls in the same category as opening Portage and Main, bus rapid transit, most recently the Charleswood expropriation fiasco, all of which do not have the majority of the citizens' support. It appears that you have forgotten that you are here to…"

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Okay, I'll move on. Thank you. If this City's administration wants to dispose of this property then send out an RP, the sale of the property on the open market will determine what revenue the property can generate, so my question is, what is the date that administration and yourself, Mayor Bowman, started working with Scott Oake and the Vimy Arena site, because to my knowledge, that site should have been declared surplus in September of 2016.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, through you Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councilor for his question and the opportunity to speak on this matter. Firstly, with regards to the letter that he has received from his constituency, if he hasn't forwarded it to my office for review, I'd be more than happy to review it and I would encourage him to do so that I can hear directly from the Winnipeggers whom we both serve in the ward and I also want to acknowledge and thank those members of his ward that have come down to listen in on the discussion on this issue. As I have previously expressed to the Councillor, there's no motion, there's no administrative report that's' being walked on or considered today. Maybe I'll just take a step back to what the larger issue is that we're dealing with and speak directly to the question that's been asked. The opioid crisis that we're facing in Canada is significant and it is growing, and it is, in fact, a national crisis. We've certainly seen stories locally but also nationally in communities across Canada including Vancouver and here in Winnipeg, and it is, in fact, a crisis. I'm doing my part, trying to do my part to help address a real need in our community for something that families who have lost loved ones have told me there is a real need for, and that's of course for increased and more long-term treatment facilities in our community. The…one of the other things that I've been working on is I'm part of a Mayor's Task Force. This is a national task force of Canada's big city mayors, and the individual mayors that are on this task force include Mayor Gregor Robertson from Vancouver, Mayor Matt Brown from London, Mayor Charlie Clark from Saskatoon, Mayor Denis…well, previously the Mayor of Montreal Denis Coderre, Mayor Fred Eisenberger from Hamilton, Mayor Michael Fougere from Regina, Mayor Linda Hepner from Surrey, Mayor Don Iveson from Edmonton, Mayor Naheed Nenshi from Calgary, Mayor John Tory from Toronto, as well as the mayors of Ottawa and Kitchener. This task force has been trying to do our part on a national level to combat a crisis that is only growing in our community, and I'll just site some of the things that are coming out of this task force. In order…so our goals are to…is to call upon the Federal Government to urgently adopt a comprehensive Pan-Canadian action plan with the goal of eliminating opioid overdose and overdose deaths in Canada, and in order to achieve these goals, the task force recommends the Federal Government adopt a number of recommendations. If there's a follow up question perhaps, I can provide additional clarity on what those recommendations are, but suffice to say, mayors are trying to do what we can with the resources we have in our respective communities to help combat a real need in our community and that's for greater long-term treatment facilities. So that is one thing that we're doing. With respect to this…the Vimy site location, as I recently learned, Councillor Dobson has had discussions with an organization called Equal Opportunities. I have reached out since learning last week, I think it was last week, that Councillor Dobson has been in dialogue with them for some time, and that's something I think is healthy and it's good. Organizations like Equal Opportunity in respective wards should be working with local councillors and myself if that's something that can provide some assistance on providing some assistance. From what I've been able to learn, they do great work, and regardless of the debate that we're going to be having and we're having right now on the Vimy site, I'm interested in learning more about Equal Opportunities. I had a really good conversation with a representative from Equal Opportunities recently, and I'm going to be looking for ways to help support their expansion. They have two sites as far as I understand right now and they're looking to expand, possibly at the Vimy location, and I'm looking forward to learning more and seeing how I can work collaboratively with the Councillor and with Equal Opportunities in the community to help support them. The…Scott Oake did approach me some time ago, and what I had initially advised him is that health, of course, is a Provincial jurisdiction, but if there's any way that we could help support or I could help work with him to support his vision for a long-term treatment facility, that I'd be more than willing to do so, and so we suggested he speak with the Province, dialogue then began between the Province and the City of Winnipeg on how we could work together and it was the Friday before I reached out to the Councillor that we received indication from the Province that they would be making a request for a government-to-government transfer of property, all of which would be…would necessitate and trigger an administrative report which will be forthcoming for Council to consider and either approve or not approve for that transfer to the Province of Manitoba, and I want to thank the Province. I want to thank Scott Oake. Scott Oake is someone, as many members of Council will know, we were invited to meet with Scott Oake yesterday. I've had discussions with him. I facilitated having Scott Oake meet with Councillor Dobson so that he could learn more about this, and in the discussion…I mean this is a family where they've lost a son due to addictions, and due to opioids, and the strength

that…I know there are many parents here…the strength that it must take for a father and a mother to try to do some good when they've lost one of their children is difficult for me to comprehend where they find the strength to do what they're doing. They have asked for assistance to try to solve a problem that we have in our community, and that's the need for greater long-term treatment facility, and so when there is a government-to-government request made, that triggers an administrative report to be drafted and for ultimately Council to decide if it wants to support that or not. I'm hoping that that can happen before the end of the year. The Councillor, Councillor Dobson, has previously on numerous occasions criticized me and the administration and other members of Council for not having discussions with him sooner than later, and so when we received indication from the Province that this was a very real ask that was going to be coming, I did reach out to him. I was hoping that we could work collaboratively on this and that we could wait for an administrative report to come out to provide some of the details that now are being filled up, unfortunately, with some misinformation in the community, and so I would, you know, just like Equal Opportunities, I'd encourage all members of Council, in fact, I'd encourage all members of the public to visit the Bruce Oake Memorial Foundation website to learn more about what they're proposing. Ultimately, it will be Council that will decide whether or not we want to respond to the Province's request by transferring the land as requested, and that will be done only after which time that there is an administrative report put forward for public review and for scrutiny, and for scrutiny by all members of Council. That's the process that we follow at City Hall. We receive administrative reports, we review them and then we vote on them, and we'll vote yes or no. I'm looking forward, in the meantime, to learning more about Equal Opportunities and looking for ways that we can also provide them with some support as well and I'm looking forward to the opportunity. In fact, I urge the Councillor to work collaboratively with me with respect to Equal Opportunities as well as with respect to helping fulfill Scott Oake's vision for the Bruce Oake Memorial Rehabilitation Centre. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Dobson: Yes thank you Madam Speaker. What other sites were identified by yourself and administration as possible locations for the recovery centre, because Scott Oake has said that if the Vimy Arena site isn't approved, there are others his foundation is considering.

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

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, the public service has identified this as a site and I understand they've had dialogue with Scott Oake on whether or not this would be a suitable site for what he's envisioning. I'm not aware of other site locations, but I would expect an administrative report. Hopefully, that could be provided in terms of other potential sites, and look, I mean, whether, like I've said, I mean it sounds like the Vimy site location is one that Scott Oake and those that support the Bruce Oake Memorial Foundation support this specific site. Once I reached out to Councillor Dobson, I learned about Equal Opportunities and I'd like to learn more and I plan to visit them and to see how I can help. I think we should keep in mind that, you know, supporting organizations like this, which, again, a treatment facility is the responsibility for the Province, but the one thing that the City does have to consider and this council does have to consider is land. And so, you know, certainly I'm aware of the Vimy location. Let's also keep in mind, this…what we're talking about is a rehabilitation centre. Some of the dialogue that we've seen in the last week with regards to what a treatment facility is and is not is pretty disappointing to see, Madam Speaker. These are individuals who'd be seeking recovery and treatment to a health issue. Addictions in all of its forms are health issues, and if we have individuals who are seeking medical treatment for addictions, these are individuals that should be treated with dignity and not fear. These are individuals who are seeking treatment to help combat health issues and, you know, what I would say is we know that there are treatment facilities in some of the Councilllors' wards right now. I don't believe that they have been as negative as some are portraying a treatment facility at Vimy. I think it's regrettable. Like I said in my opening comments, you know, especially this week is Addictions Awareness Week. I think we should, we should…you know obviously, have this discussion now and throughout the coming weeks and months, but let's also keep in mind these are individuals that are seeking treatment. I…last week, I met with our Fire and Paramedic Chief, John Lane, and representatives from the WRHA. Just to put it in perspective, this year, from the first quarter of this year, I'm advised that we are losing approximately 10 Winnipeggers every month due to overdoses on opioids. That is one Winnipegger dying on average about every three days in our city, and that is…these are real people with families, with moms, with dads, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. These are our neighbours in every community in Winnipeg, including in the Councillor's ward, and it's something that I think we have a job to do. Try to work collaboratively with each other to try to help. Whether or not it's the Vimy location or another location, I'm committed to trying to find a way to provide assistance because losing one is too many. And so, let's keep that in mind in this discussion that this is a very real and very national crisis and it is affecting people in the City of Winnipeg that are dying, and so I think it's really incumbent upon all of us. Let's wait till the administrative report is provided, review it, scrutinize it, debate it. Obviously, the community needs and will have an opportunity to review and to voice their support or their opposition to it, as is required under our processes. That's very important. But to suggest somehow that processes are being circumvented is simply not accurate Madam Speaker, and I think what we should all be doing is providing accurate information to residents about what is being considered. At this stage, there's a request from the Province of Manitoba to transfer the land. That does

trigger the need for an administrative report. When it comes forward, it will be reviewed, debated, and we'll decide as a Council whether we want to support it or not, and like I've said, I'm keeping an open mind for ways in which I can support Equal Opportunities. I would hope all members of Council would try to work with the Councillor to see if we can work collaboratively with him to support an organization that I gather he's been speaking with for some time. I don't criticize that. I think that's exactly what he should be doing is speaking with organizations, in this case, that want to expand their services in the ward, and that's a good thing. Scott Oake and what he's trying to do is a worthy cause. It's worthy of our attention. The processes that we have here at City Hall will need to be followed and that's something I'm providing that assurance now to the residents I know that are watching as well as my council colleague that will respect the processes and when it comes forward, we'll debate it, we'll consider it, and in the meantime, we'll hear from residents, some of whom I know are opposed and some of whom are in favour. Let's listen, let's take it in, and let's have a thoughtful discussion and debate to try to find ways in which we can help deal with a real concern in our community where we are losing people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the City side, was it just you or were there other councillors involved or informed on this issue prior to the date you told me on Sunday, October 29th?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I've been pretty public in my advocacy for providing assistance to deal with the opioid crisis. This national task force that I'm on has been public. We've been posting things online. I've been public in my support for Scott Oake and to the extent that members of Council have had discussions with me, I am absolutely sharing that and I'm saying right now, I'm very proud to support the vision of Scott Oake. I certainly wasn't aware that Councillor Dobson was having discussions with Equal Opportunities. I'm not criticizing him. I see he is criticizing me for having discussions with Scott Oake. We should be talking to community stakeholders that have organizations that are worthy of support, and obviously I'm not sure when and if Equal Opportunities would come forward with an ask of the City. I would ask all members of Council to keep an open mind and I don't think we should criticize the Councillor for having discussions with Equal Opportunities in advance. I'm more than happy. I've proactively reached out to Councillor Dobson once we learned that the Province was looking like they were going to support and make this request. Even before we received the letter confirming that, I reached out to the Councillor to make sure that he was aware that this now appeared to be something that was a very real prospect of an administrative report coming forward for consideration. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Councillor Sharma. So I just…I guess I just want to have clarification for myself and for the residents. I think I heard it today the first time, but in past audits, in particular the City of Winnipeg Real Estate Management Review, we learned many processes were not followed related to land sales. We learned there was no real estate transaction framework, there was a lack of standardized processes, we learned in the decision making process of land transactions, information was not shared with Council or Committee of Councils, and we learned Expressions of Interest processes were bypassed. Last Friday, Madam Chair, I sent to the Mayor and CAO, Doug McNeil, an email asking for a council Seminar to explain the City's involvement in the Vimy lands acquisition as it related to the desired acquisition by the addictions treatment facility. I had not received a response till now. I hear now that this is a government-to-government request and my question to the Mayor is, and for all of Council and for members, for residents, is if he could point…point us to where this is stated in the by-laws or the charter or where this is stated that when the Province makes a request for land, what the process is. I'm hearing a report. We have to wait for a report. I am receiving many, many emails of concern from residents because this is void of information. So if the Mayor or the CAO or the Clerk or someone could, is that possible?

Madam Speaker: We'll pose the question to the Mayor as you have. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, the Council Policies were voted on December of 2006, and I'm sure the Clerks can provide Councillor Lukes with the Council motion and the report that was voted on in December of 2006. It's…it was Council direction on government-to-government transfers. Madam Speaker, Councillor Lukes is making a claim that she's learning that it was a government-to-government transfer and she has had questions raised about this matter that have not been responded to. That's simply not accurate, Madam Speaker. As many members of Council will know, yesterday we were invited to meet with Scott Oake and his family on this matter at which time the question about process was once again raised by Councillor Lukes. The process is very simple, Madam Speaker. When you have a request like this from another level of government, it does compel the Public Service to draft an administrative report for Council's consideration. That administrative report, as in all administrative reports, needs to be published for all citizens

to review and scrutinize, for all members of Council to review and scrutinize and ultimately to vote on. That's how we get things done here at City Hall. We review reports and we vote on them. Councillor Lukes has long argued, certainly since she is no longer on EPC, that the process is confusing. This is a member of Council who, for many years, has spent a lot of time here at City Hall; I think a lot more time than many of us. I think the last time she was at EPC talking about process, she talked about being here for I think roughly 15 years of advocacy and lobbying and working for former employer Justin Swandel, former member of Council. The process, one would think, would've been learned by the Councillor during that time, but certainly in the last three years since we've been here, the process of reviewing administrative reports, scrutinizing them and voting on them, is a very simple process that I'm surprised that still to this day, she constantly will claim that she doesn't understand the process. I know the Clerks are willing and available to answer any questions from any member of Council with regards to that process. I would encourage Councillor Lukes to meet with the Clerks on the specific question but also just general questions of process. Certainly before I was elected, I didn't have the understanding of the processes that I do now. After the first meeting, I certainly knew that we receive administrative reports, review them, we either support them or we don't support them and we're held publicly accountable for our votes. That's something that hasn't changed in many years. It's going to continue during this meeting. We review these administrative reports, we scrutinize them and we are accountable for our votes, and so like I said, in the discussion we had yesterday with the Scott Oake family, the administrative report will need to come forward, and when it does, I'll review it, other members of Council will review it, we'll obviously be listening to the community and as we should, and then the process will have to involve an opportunity for community input and we'll make a decision from there. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: I would like to know Madam Clerk, Madam Chair, if the City of Winnipeg has terminated the MSP contract related to the William Clement Parkway/Sterling Lyon/Wilkes Avenue project, if their contract has been terminated.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you for the question Madam Speaker, through you, I would encourage the Councillor to reach out to our CAO, Doug McNeil, to answer that question. I'm not aware if the contract has been terminated or not, but of course, that's an administrative decision that's been delegated by Council and I encourage her to reach out to our CAO to have that question answered.

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

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to reach out to the CAO now please as we've done in past and ask the CAO if the contract has been terminated.

Madam Speaker: This is not the time to do that.

Councillor Lukes: We've done it in the past, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: (Inaudible) question period for the Mayor, and it's also not an item on today's agenda. So I'll call the next speaker now, please. Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, since 1893 Madam Speaker, parks have been decided by…and these are past City and Provincial Governments…it was decided that parks are essential to the healthy living of the people of Winnipeg. That was 1893 Madam Speaker, and because of that, we have certain rules and provisions that have been sanctioned by the Province in our charter that goes back to the City of Winnipeg Act and probably goes way back as far…I haven't been able to do the research Madam Speaker, but they realized that parks help to prevent people from getting involved in unhealthy activities Madam Speaker, and that is why there is a provision in 205 Subsection 2 of the Charter that says "disposing of recreate park land requires two-thirds vote of City Council", and that is in recognition Madam Speaker that the stakeholders and the use of this land is so essential Madam Speaker, to making sure that things are healthy, and as a result of that Madam Speaker, I would like to really understand why, if we're going to be disposing, because that is what we're doing, if we're taking a piece of land like, for a Police Station at the old Exhibition Arena, the first question that should go out to the public, because this is more than the Mayor and inter-governmental affairs Madam Speaker. This is the discussion of disposing of park land for recreation, and it includes the vertical things that are built on it Madam Speaker, and so Madam Speaker, my question is of the Mayor is I'm wondering if he believes that we should first consult with the people that this park land is serving, consult with all of them first, to ask if we should dispose of that particular property as park healthy preventative land.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Maybe through you, I can just ask clarity of the question. Is he talking about the old Ex site or Vimy Arena?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I'm talking about part 1, part 2 and part 3, PR 1, 2 and 3, so those are the different levels of parks that we have in zoning but that's…so different parks are used for different things but all the parks are for healthy living, and so I'm referring to not just any one place, Madam Speaker. I just want to be clear. This Madam Speaker, my question I'm asking is about…this isn't about just the Mayor having a discussion and the administration going to because there's a request. Should we not be asking the people through the whole area because we have regional parks, we have community parks and we have local parks? So shouldn't we be asking them first if we should dispose of that as park property?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm not entirely clear of the question. If the Councillor would like to have further discussion with me and perhaps provide clarity, I'd be more than happy to meet with him and look at the specific question in greater detail. If he can perhaps provide a little bit more clarity right now, more than happy to answer the question, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, once again if you could re-state your question.

Councillor Eadie: Actually, I'm not going to do that. I'm going to ask my final question, Madam Speaker, because I'm not getting involved in the controversy around here. I'm concerned that we're moving park property, we're disposing of it. If you read the Charter, Mr. Mayor, you'll learn about it, and if you read the history, you'll learn about it. But Madam Speaker, this is a "did you know" question, Madam Speaker. In my ward, in a neighbourhood, there is an addictions treatment centre where people live. It's called River Point. And River Point is in a neighbourhood, Madam Speaker, where when they opened up, there was worries that there would be crime, more crime and so on, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Well no, this is a "did you know". And the crime rate hasn't increased but it was established not on park property. Did the Mayor know?

Councillor Orlikow: (inaudible) disrespectful, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Did the Mayor know?

Councillor Orlikow: Not to be disrespectful, Councillor Eadie, but just for everybody's sake. My point of order is not no-preambles allowed on the third question.

Madam Speaker: That was the second question. That concludes Question Period for the Mayor.

Councillor Wyatt: I'd like to move suspension of the rules. I have a question that has nothing to do with this. It has to do with trade.

Madam Speaker: Yes, we can have a suspension of the rules. Called for suspension to add time to the clock to continue Question Period for the Mayor.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Eadie, your final question.

Councillor Eadie: I just…I just, Madam Speaker, did the Mayor know that there was a really good River Point Centre in the neighbourhood that provides the service that we need, but they didn't steal park land?

(applause)

Madam Speaker: Just a cautionary note, there will be no outbursts or demonstration from the gallery. Those are rules here in the Chamber. Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I'm not sure who he's accusing of theft, but I'd be more than happy to learn more about this treatment facility from the Councillor if he'd like to share it with me. I'd be…I'd certainly be open to learning more about it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. It's been an interesting debate. I'm very supportive, by the way, of the Oake Centre, and I think once proper information gets out there, it'll clarify things. But anyway, on another matter completely, further to your comments earlier this morning Mr. Mayor about your trip to Minneapolis and trade, I appreciate them greatly. I think we should all, in light of what's going on south of us, when you were first elected, one of the original meetings we had together, I suggested the idea of organizing trade missions. The idea came actually from the Mayor, the former Mayor of Regina, Pat Fiacco, who actually organized trade missions and at that time, he organized a trade mission, ironically from Regina to Calgary, and the idea was that, you know, a lot of businesses from Saskatchewan, kind of like Manitoba, and people of talent and expertise and of ability to invest, moved from their city to Calgary. Calgary, as you know, in Alberta, has gone through…is going through a recession, an economic slowdown. There's a great opportunity right now to lead a trade mission to the City of Calgary with businesses from here, industry from here going there. As well, I think, you know, the leadership you've shown on Minneapolis, it would be also another great city in light of the fact that that's our trade corridor. That'd be something that we could organize. We're still here for a number of months still, organize in the new year to do something like that. I know the Chamber has our meeting, our gathering tomorrow evening, and maybe this is a great way to get something like that going.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thanks very much. Through you Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councillor for the question. To date, I've had the opportunity to visit a number of cities both in Canada and the U.S. to promote trade and investment and new residents here to the City of Winnipeg. I've visited Montreal. It's one of my first trips. We've got a large francophone community in Winnipeg and historic and we want to build on those historic ties of trade and commerce here in Winnipeg. I've also visited Toronto, I visited more recently Minneapolis and St. Paul as well as Atlanta and New York. Atlanta was not as robust a trip in terms of the meetings with individual businesses. I did visit a few sites. I'm open and we're constantly looking at where it makes sense to visit other cities. Primarily, we've been working with Yes Winnipeg and Economic Development Winnipeg on where it makes sense to go. We want to make sure that, you know, the time out of the office and the planning that goes into these trips is significant, and so while at first (inaudible), I'd like just to go to many, many other cities quickly. I want to make sure that the value for that time away from the city is well spent, and so I do want to thank, more recently, with Minneapolis and St. Paul, the consul general's office and the consul general, the Canadian Consul General was extremely supportive of lining up meetings with a number of organizations. I mentioned some of them in my opening statements but also met with Dogwood Coffee who works here locally with Little Sister and Parlour Coffee I think among others. And they have a roasting facility here. I want to see them expand their investment in Winnipeg and also an organization called Urban Organics. They have a combined facility that grows lettuce, organic lettuce, hydroponically, and they also have arctic char, and the two kind of work to support each other in a sustainable way. Again, my pitch to them was let's see you invest in Winnipeg and we'll do what we can but Calgary, as well as other cities, I'm open to and I'd welcome the opportunity to talk to Councillor Wyatt about Calgary or any other city where he or anyone else thinks that a trip would be a good time out of the office and good resources spent on promoting Winnipeg as a good place to live, work and to invest and to do business. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Councillor Wyatt: If I could get a quick suspension.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Gillingham calls for suspension to add five minutes to the clock. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The…I guess I'm just following up on the trade question on the same line. You know, a trade mission I think would be something that would have to be led, I think you rightly pointed out, with our support, also Economic Development Winnipeg, but possibly is it something that your office could start the process of initiate with EDW, with the Province, to get all the partners and players together in the room and start moving in the direction of getting this organized so that we could get businesses who truly would have a stake with businesses and relationships either…I just gave a couple of City's examples but it could be Kansas City, it could be, you know, Dallas. Whatever the case may be…identify, short list, identify and run a trade mission. The key thing, I think, is to try to get and develop relationships and sustain them, so it's just not one trade mission but possibly multiple to make…to grow our economy.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, and again, I want to thank council colleague for his question on a really important topic. That's exactly what we're doing right now. We're working with Economic Development Winnipeg. We're working with the Province of Manitoba. We're also working with local businesses as well as businesses that are looking at possibly relocating or investing in Winnipeg. It's big part of my job, is really trying to further trade and investment in our City, and one I take very, very seriously, and so Yes Winnipeg in particular. I mention them because they have been just an incredible…incredible resource for us. I don't think in previous years Economic Development Winnipeg was really leveraged as well as it could have been by City Hall. Under the leadership of Dayna Spiring, President, CEO of Economic Development Winnipeg, they're providing incredible value for taxpayers and for this city and our citizens, and so I'm going to continue to look for ways to work with them, work with the Province, local business groups as well as those in other cities. The relationship building is a really important point that Councillor Wyatt makes. That's one of the benefits of meeting with people face to face. One of the meetings I mentioned in my opening remarks, the League of Cities. This is a group of eight city mayors from the Twin Cities region, a couple of whom were up for re-election the next day and they took time out of their busy schedule to meet which was incredible and very generous of them in terms of their time. But what we met on, we met to talk about how we can increase trade, how we can increase our partnership with them. I said to them in the meetings, we've got good trade right now. We send you hydroelectric power and you give us a lot of money and your best NHL players. They didn't like that last part as much when I talked about Blake Wheeler and of course Dustin Byfuglien, but I think it's a good deal for us. We want to keep increasing trade and investment between our two cities and we want to continue to look to markets within Canada and internationally. Certainly, there's a number of groups in Winnipeg that have been suggesting that I visit other countries like China, India, the Philippines, the United Kingdom among others, to promote and build on the incredible networks we have in those countries, and so I'll keep an open mind, we'll keep looking for those opportunities, and I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for his efforts with respect to NASCO. That's a really important organization for us to leverage, and we haven't had an opportunity to sit down and go over the…what was done in Monterrey, Mexico, but I'm looking forward to having an opportunity to sit down with Councillor Wyatt and learn more about how we can support NASCO and how we can benefit from our participation with NASCO. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Final question is, as the Mayor pointed out earlier, the Public Service of City of Winnipeg reacts to motions or direction from Council or reports. Would the Mayor be open to initiating again this ball rolling along those lines, whether it be a report or a motion from himself. I'd be prepared to work with him on it or other members of Council, whoever the case may be, but to get the ball rolling in terms of developing this, because we're at a crucial time now, in my view and I think a lot of us with what's happening south of the border is a real concern. We are a trading city, a trading economy, our industry, jobs here rely on it, so we have to send a message that we're engaged and we're concerned, and something along the lines of…

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question.

Councillor Wyatt: …getting a trade corridor going, a motion or a resolution.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt. Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: I'll be brief because I see the clock ticking down. I'm open to having that discussion on what we could do to amplify our effectiveness to promote trade. The big issue right now in the States of course is the Buy America provision. If that comes up, I worry about reciprocal Buy Canadian provisions that are going to hurt jobs on both sides of the economies, so trade corridor is an important part of that discussion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That concludes question period. Moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz on the report dated October 31st.

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Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On that report, I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 4. Just to clarify, Item 1 is just on the agenda as it was a layover to the next EPC meeting so it's...sorry Item No. 5, my mistake, is just on the agenda because it's a layover to EPC so that's why I'm not moving that one. But I am…I would like to move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 to 4.

Madam Speaker: Well, we still need to vote to…it's just for information. We had a conversation yesterday as well, the Clerk and I. I asked the same question and we have been told no. It's for…it's an item to be laid over…just one moment. The clause in the Procedure By-law Booklet, 56(1), "Where the Executive Policy Committee has laid over a recommendation of a Standing Committee and has not dealt with it within a period of 30 days the Executive Policy Committee shall be deemed to have concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Committee and the Clerk shall automatically at the expiration of the 30 day period forward the recommendation of the Standing Committee on to Council for a decision. Just one moment. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, on the same point of order, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to ask, what is the difference between this lay over and a request for extension of time as we have discussed other reports, even though there was nothing coming back but asking for an extension of time, we have been able to discuss and debate. So what's the difference between this layover and an extension of time?

Madam Speaker: Sure. Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Executive Policy Committee has not made a decision on this matter, so they need to do that and then it will come forward at a later date for debate. Now, further to your question Councillor Eadie, of course we can suspend the rules and upon two-thirds, then sure we can debate or speak to the item today, but you would need two-thirds. Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Just…can you clarify for me, maybe through the Clerk, Madam Speaker, I'm not...just help me out. Extension of time means EPC hasn't made a decision as well. It's the same as a layover, isn't?

Madam Speaker: No. No, it's not. Okay, so moving on…yes?

Councillor Wyatt: Point of order Madam Speaker. With all due respect, I've read the clause, it doesn't apply in this case. This matter is on the agenda. The decision has been laid over and is being requested for more time but the Council item's on the agenda and we can discuss it. There is no...I don't see…nobody…and if you can point to a clause, I would be happy to entertain. If you could point out a clause specifically saying motions…and motions and matters before Council that shall not be discussed on the floor of Council, I'll read that.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, the Clerk is advising me that that clause is speaking to what we just discussed. We are not to discuss the item today and I am ruling that way. Also, as per past practice, I don't see any example where we have debated an item.

Councillor Wyatt: This is a new practice.

Madam Speaker: I don't recall any example. We just discussed that.

Councillor Wyatt: I'm going to move to challenge the Chair then, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: So be it. Okay, so recorded vote. Okay. Yes, I will. Okay, so there is a challenge to the Chair. Councillor Wyatt is challenging that we can speak to Item No. 5, Wilkes Avenue Alignment to William R Clement Parkway.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, given that you are being challenged, should you be in the Chair while…? You should be? Okay.

Madam Speaker: Yes. Yes, I am. But thanks for checking.

Councillor Gerbasi: The question is on the ruling itself. We're voting on whether we agree with the Speaker's ruling just for if anybody doesn't comprehend.

Madam Speaker: That is right. Okay, so a member...sure. Well, Councillor Wyatt is challenging the Chair. He is saying that we can discuss Item No. 5…we can speak to it, Wilkes Avenue alignment to William R Clement Parkway Extension. The Clerk and myself have ruled...I have ruled that we are not to speak to that item because it was laid over at Executive Policy Committee. Executive Policy Committee has not made a decision. They will be reviewing the item in 30 days. Councillor Wyatt has challenged the Chair. If you agree with him that you need to…that you can debate this item today, we'll have a recorded vote. Please rise. If you agree with...pardon me? He is challenging the Chair. Okay, we'll do it…so all in support of the Chair's ruling, please rise.
Councillor Browaty: Can you explain why it's on the agenda in the first place in that case?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk: In keeping with the Procedure By-law section 56(1) and Council past practice, when something is being held over, laid over, EPC has 30 days to consider it. The communication comes to Council only that EPC is considering this for another 30 days. The matter is not before Council and it never has been. Whereas when things come forward asking for an extension of time, those are indeed before Council. This is not asking for an extension of time this is a communication that EPC is exercising its right under the Procedure By-law to lay something over and it has 30 days.

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Chair. Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Wyatt: Based on the explanation just given by the Clerk, I decided now to rescind my motion to challenge the Chair. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Well, thank you for that, Councillor Wyatt because I am reading again the section here and it is quite clear, so thank you for that. Okay, where were we? Item number...no, so we are voting on Items 1 and 4...2 and 3 were pulled. Okay. So call the question on Items 1 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Innovation On-Street Parking Solutions for the Exchange District

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I'll wait to hear the comments of my colleagues. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Okay, and this was stood down by yourself, Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I stood this item down simply to highlight the great collaboration between the City and the Exchange District BIZ and the area councillor. I had made a motion...moved a motion at community committee about a year ago basically stating that the Exchange District has been on the cusp of revitalization. There is a lot of new retail businesses, restaurants, businesses coming in and residents as well. Madam Speaker, there is a huge need for more parking within the Exchange District. Both the east Exchange District and the west side of the Exchange District. So what this report is highlighting, Madam Speaker, is that we created a…with the help of the Public Service, a surface parking lot…a temporary surface parking lot beside the Mere Hotel on Waterfront Drive essentially at 70 Alexander and that has created 31 on-street…31 parking spots street level as well as…we've also done an angled parking pilot project, Madam Speaker, and that has added 11 parking spots. So to date, we have 42 parking spots within the Exchange District. That's huge and we are on stream to add basically another 62 spots Madam Speaker, for a total of over a hundred more parking spots within the Exchange District this year in 2017. So I just really wanted to highlight the collaboration, the good work that's happening at IRPW, thank you Chair. It was a great announcement that we had before the Canada Games. It was just a pouring day, pouring rain, we were announcing the angled parking pilot and that's gone very well. It's going to be ongoing for about eight months, Madam Speaker, to see the operational maintenance requirements throughout the winter, but the preliminary reports are showing that it's a very successful project and I'm looking forward to seeing more angled parking spots within the Exchange District. So thank you very much, Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Any further speakers? Councillor Morantz, back to you.

Councillor Morantz: I'm good, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay. I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Review of Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, on Item 3, I will wait for the comments of my colleagues. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay and this was stood down by Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I just want to rise and make sure that everybody is aware of the good work that this committee, the IRPW Committee has done and just to point out to everybody what this actual motion does. This expands drop off zones, an accelerated process to make sure that drop off zones around schools, regardless if they get bus service or not, which was how the change is really…we've added in, will be priorized. So the snowfall happens this will be...these areas will be priorized to get cleared quicker like all the other school bus ones now. And again, so, you know, I personally, of course, and I think many of us would like everybody not to use cars to drop off their children but that's not always possible. We will continue to look at other, you know, walk-able solutions. But the reality is that many parents are still driving their children to school and during the winter months when the snow comes down pretty hard, it's compounded, the concerns that schools have and this is where this came from an area school in my neighbourhood that said it just compounds the problem because a number of cars, nowhere really to park properly, kids are getting out all over the place. So it was one of those no brainers for me when they brought it up that we need to expand the service so all schools get the same service regardless if you are a private or public school where children's safety is concerned. So thank you very much. I think this is a great motion and I hope everybody supports.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz to close...oh, pardon me, there was another speaker on the list. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to rise in support of this motion. It's a very good motion. Prior to being elected in my previous years of coming to City Hall and advocating, I was part of the group that asked to do accelerated street removal...sidewalk and snow removal around schools. So at that time, we were able to get the bulk of the schools, even more schools have come on board or we didn't get these ones for whatever reason so this is a very good step forward. I just wanted to note, also, that back in March of 2016, the Public Works Committee brought forward a motion to look at improving sidewalk removal...snow removal and active transportation snow removal and that report was amalgamated into another one looking for innovative practices in removing ice and snow removal on the sidewalks. And I just, you know, we haven't had a lot of snow right now, but I just…I just want the public to be aware that we are having this report I understand come forward at the later November meeting for this month to look at the innovation on how we're going to be doing...I don't know how we're going to do this. I think we do some of the best snow removal in the world considering the resources we put into it, but we're going to see more innovation and ways to do it but it will not be occurring this year because the budget is already set, that it won't be occurring till hopefully next year. So a long process from 2016 to 2018, 2019, but hopefully, we will see a different approach and prioritization of how we remove ice and snow on our sidewalks and pathways. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Morantz to close…pardon me, Councillor Schreyer. Too many hands up.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did take a look at this and rather thoughtful consideration of what teachers, students and parents have to go through, given the nature of our climate and our winters. And so I'm in support of this. I took a look at the list and pleased to see that Elmwood is not being ignored. River Elm School, Al-Hijra and St. Gerard Schools are also included in this and very important for our Winnipeg winter and I commend those that are involved in bringing this forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Morantz to close.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do think this is also a very good initiative. I want to thank my colleague, Councillor Orlikow, for bringing it forward and identifying a problem and working with him to solve that problem and again, would just ask for you to call for a vote on the item. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to by-laws for Public Works, Councillor Morantz.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will…I would like to move that the following by-law be read for a first time, By-law No. 113/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 113/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I will move that By-law 113/ 2017 be read for a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 113/2017.

Councillor Morantz: I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 113/2017 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. Now, we'll have Question Period for the Chair. Councillor Wyatt.

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QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise. A number of year ago, excuse me, this council spearheaded and successfully put together a program of graffiti removal. We conduct right now, when the Pan American Games occurred back in 1999, the City had a great graffiti removal program city-wide, then it dropped off dramatically in terms of funding and support, then we got it going again. And it's an amazing program where the City of Winnipeg does it but we also have partnerships with the business improvement zones around the city, and the funding it supplies, but the City often will do some of the trickier tougher graffiti projects for removal, whether it be on trains or bridges or walls that have unique characteristics. And as we know, graffiti is something that you've got to stay on top of. It appears, I just noticed recently, now this is just ad hoc (inaudible) it seems that graffiti is kind of on the rise again and we haven't been able to keep up with it, but more specifically, it was recently brought to my attention that the Public Works Department had what we call a soda blaster, which is used to actually spray the graffiti off of walls such as stucco walls rather than having to paint it and discolor the stucco in light of the rest of the wall, and so apparently since the spring of this year, they've been struggling in that they have not had a proper soda blaster, so that you have basically City staff going out to projects, not being able to actually do the work. Is it possible if you could, Councillor, look into this. I know you probably have to take it under advisement but look into this to see what could be done to ensure that we're not paying staff who don't have a proper equipment to do the job at hand. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I thank my colleague for the question. Graffiti is a very, very serious issue, and sometimes graffiti can be very hurtful. We've seen many instances of late of increased graffiti around issues of anti-Semitism and hate speech and things that I know that our Mayor has spoken strongly against as have I, and certainly I agree with the Councillor one hundred percent, that we have to be constantly vigilant in combatting these kinds of messages and be very clear that we're supporting whichever community these types of hate messages are addressed towards, and I certainly stand with him in that regard. As far as his question about the process, I will take that under advisement because I need to ask the department exactly what the issue is, but I will get back to him. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Is it also possible Councillor if the administration could do a survey or an inventory of what's going on around the city, especially in our downtown. I just noticed across the street here not long ago on the container box that the CentreVenture put up, it has a big graffiti tag right on the side of it. It's been up there for a couple of weeks now. But if it is possible we could do that survey, get a survey done with administration. They don't have to report it back to us, but something that they could note and then they could then follow up in terms of attacking the graffiti especially on a lot of our train bridges, underpasses that I've noticed have gotten really bad lately.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Of course, I'm open to discussing with the department or whatever we can do to make the process better. I look forward to discussing the issue of a survey with my colleagues. I'm not quite sure what the survey would entail, but it sounds like an interesting idea and I'm certainly willing to discuss it further with him and take his ideas and see if we can make things better. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I've been hearing from residents, still having issues with the Peggo card in particular. Could you tell us specifically the issue seems to be with online reloading, auto reloading. Can you explain to us what the problem is, how it's being addressed and when you expect it to be finally rectified?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank my colleague for the question. It's a very important question. I can advise that the online loading Peggo products requires that the information on customers' cards be synchronized with the information on the bus's fare box via central data base. During July and August, the system temporarily exceeded its capacity for product loads. Emergency measures undertaken by the contractor supporting the system to rectify this problem caused the central data base to become out of synchronization for some customers' cards which meant that some products they had purchased online were not successfully loaded onto their cards. The immediate problem was addressed by the contractor, analyzing the system's data, and restoring the synchronization based on the most recent transactions they had on record for each customer. Transit has been working to resolve any outstanding issues on a case-by-case basis and refunds have been issued as required. The root cause of the synchronization issue was traced to a small error in the fare boxes firmware. This error was fixed and all fare boxes were updated in October. Since then we have seen significant reduction, over 80%, in the type of error that would cause products not to load to a customer's card. We still do have a number of outstanding cases to be resolved. Apparently there are 400 of them. Some of these could include duplications or cases that have already been resolved. Transit has assigned additional staff to focus on investigating and resolving these cases as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Madam Speaker, when I was Chair of Public Works, you were on the Standing Policy Committee, we requested regular updates on the Waverley underpass. We wanted to keep abreast of the project, new developments, scope changes and the like that were occurring. I was unable to attend the Finance Committee as I sit on it this last week to ask questions, but I understand there was a scope change to an approximate value of $3 million for a wall to protect a parking lot. I understand through media sources that a very compelling argument was presented by Mr. De Nardi to support the wall. Can…I'm asking the Chair of Public Works if he can share with all of Council what that compelling argument was to justify a $3 million scope change for a wall to protect the parking lot?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Waverley underpass project has been a very well-run project. As we know, from the Finance Committee report, the projected cost of that project is 121.3 million coming in, if all continues to go as it's going, $34.9 million under budget. When we're building a major infrastructure project that is right next to small businesses, issues will arise. This business sits really right on where we're constructing the underpass. Mr. De Nardi brought forward a concern to the Public Service and I'm happy to say the Public Service was able to work with him successfully to resolve that issue, and Madam Speaker, we try to work with all small businesses. We may not always succeed to find a solution to the problem but we try our best when our constituents or business people come forward to Council, it is our responsibility to try and assist them if we can. So Mr. De Nardi came forward and basically said this parking, which he has been using for many, many years, he's been leasing from the City, is crucial to the future viability of his business. He made that argument very persuasively and the Public Service reacted. Now, I want to say that the...with respect to the issue of the retaining wall, it's important to understand that this was a change order that was brought forward under the delegated authority of the Public Service because it is within the budget of the project. We also…I am also understanding that the Federal and Provincial governments, which are also funding this project, have also consented to funding this change order. So basically, everyone who heard this argument, not just here but at the Federal Government and the Provincial Government, felt that it was compelling enough to try and protect this business's parking, and I want to say that it's not just about a parking lot. It's about a business that employs many, many people with a pay roll of $1.8 million a year, a business that is currently suffering because of the construction going on around it, and I do think that no matter what the business is and no matter whose ward it's in, anywhere in the city, we do have an obligation to try and work with business people when we're doing these construction projects, and I would do that, I would try working for...to resolve the issues of any business person who came forward with a legitimate concern. As I

said, we aren't always able to find a solution but where we can I think this was a reasonable solution. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz. Councillor Lukes, second question.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. The Chair of Public Works has made it very clear that he has wanted MSP removed from the Wilkes/Sterling Lyon Parkway project. I'd like to ask the question, has MSP…MSP…WSP, MMM, WSP, been removed from the project, as I have not heard back yet from the CAO. I would think the Chair would know.
Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have expressed concerns with respect to this project and I really, sincerely wish that none of my colleagues have this ever happen in their wards, but the reality is that I did make those suggestions. It is ultimately the decision of the CAO to make that determination. I have not heard anything at this point as to what the status of those contracts are. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Anything further for the Chair? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have a lot of respect for the business there, Madam Speaker, and I think the owner of that business actually leases the space where the parking is that the retaining wall is going in I believe. So my question Madam Speaker, is why don't...once that project is finished…why doesn't the City just sell that piece of the property instead of just leasing it to him, sell it to him, because the project will be completed and there's no need, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Eadie for the question through you. It's an excellent question and the reality is that part of the thought around trying to resolve this issue with parking and to help protect the jobs of the employees at the Piazza was to say, well what is…what is the…is there a pay back to the City around this? The fact is that the preservation of that land allows Mr. De Nardi to either choose to continue to lease it or acquire it and pay property taxes for the rest of time, so essentially the City's share is one-third. There would be either commercial rents or property taxes derived from that property. Whether or not...the discussions have not yet evolved to the point where we know which arrangement will be in place, whether Mr. De Nardi chooses to continue to lease the land or acquire it. I am certainly open, very much open to the idea of him acquiring the land and those discussions will ensue and I'll make sure that those discussions are reported back through the monthly verbal updates at IRPW. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, regarding the same project, I haven't read it but is there any truth to the rumour that CN wants to add a third track that comes back towards what is to be the Waverley underpass?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: You know, I want to thank my colleague for the question because it just prompts me to add another dimension to this discussion which was that. Before we even sort of decided...or the Public Service decided to look at the idea of a retaining wall, the CAO was working actively with CN and Mr. De Nardi to try to arrange for the acquisition of some of the CN land that would've resolved his parking issue. This is a very important part of the story because really, that would have been, you know, a preferable option I think for the City and for Mr. De Nardi. Those negotiations ultimately were not successful. We…I have recently learned, although I don't have a lot of detail around it yet, but I understand a report will be coming forward from the Public Service at some time in the near future, explaining that CN does have a need for that land, and so as soon as I have those details, I'll be happy to share them with the Councillor.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I'm asking, will the Chair of IRPW make sure that if a third line is added at or near this project, that CN pays for the full cost as they were originally supposed to pay for the grade separation there, back in a long term agreement ago.

Councillor Morantz: I think that's a reasonable question. I really…before I could answer it though I would need to see the administrative report and have the opportunity to scrutinize it, and of course that administrative report will be available to all Councillors to review and scrutinize and ask questions of. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. Thank you. Madam Speaker, I rise to first of all just to note that back on November 2, we got...all members of Council received an e-mail.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes moves extension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.
Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you Councillor. An email from Brad Neirinck of the Public Works Department that listed 2017, 2018 local and regional streets road work to be carried over to the next year. This was the first time that we've seen anything like this. I think this was excellent, and could we make this a practice, almost a policy going forward, in terms of it was extremely...it was very well documented. It was comprehensive and very informative because often we have to chase for this information and thus the information was forthcoming to us.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank my colleague for the question and I'm gratified by the compliment because we don't get a lot of compliments around here so thank you very much. So I'm going to take full credit for that e-mail. I think that's a great idea and I will certainly recommend that we do that on an annual basis. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: An "are you aware" because I have to ask it in the form of an "are you aware" question. Are you aware as a humble suggestion of potentially maybe available, which would be the one thing that was apparently missing from the report, are you aware it was a…I could understand why…was that the developer obligations that are under way that are supervised and approved by the City of Winnipeg, were not listed in the report that are carried over to 18 and that the reason why you want to do it is because from the point of view of the public, they don't know who is building it, they just know the City is doing something right, and so thus the same sort of issue is at hand. Are you aware?

Councillor Morantz: You know, it's a good point and I wasn't aware of that but I will take that up as well with the Public Service to see if that's something that could be included in an annual report of a similar nature. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Okay, seeing none, we'll move on, Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report, no motions and no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Allard.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair, budget time is upon us and I'd like to hear from Councillor Gillingham. I know I had a meeting with Councillor Gillingham and I'd like to know if Councillor Gillingham has had the opportunity to meet with other members of Council as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Councillor from St. Boniface, thank you for the question. Yes, budget time is upon us. We'll be tabling our preliminary budget a week from today, and this year we did have extensive consultations. We began the public consultations. I know the Councillor didn't ask about public consultations but we did open our public consultations very, very early this year. That was one of the goals and the targets I had when taking on this role last year. We said that early in 2018 or in 2017, we'd begin public consultations and it was a very robust process. I want to thank again all of the stakeholders, all the individuals who responded from the public and gave their input on the 2018 budget. We're really trying to gather the priorities of Winnipeggers to...so that we can capture those priorities and do our best as a council to ensure that the City's residents' priorities are reflected in our budget and I believe that…I believe we're capturing that again and so that I appreciate all who participated in the public consultations. I also held meetings with Councillors. I extended an invitation early in the year to meet with every councillor. I was able to meet with every councillor except one. I extended a second invitation to meet with all

councillors. I believe I met with all councillors a second time except one. The reason I did that is really to try to hear from my council colleagues as to what the priorities are for the residents in their respective wards. I don't know why but the only councillor that wouldn't meet with me was the Councillor from St. Charles. Nonetheless, we still tried to capture, as I said, hearing from all of the councillors try to capture what is important to them because they are trying to represent their constituents, and so again, the budget that we're going to table next week, the goal is to reflect what the priorities are also of the Councillors because each one of us around this table, whether we agree or not on every matter which we certainly don't, I have no…no questions as to the work ethic of my colleagues and their efforts to reflect the people that they represent. So it's important for me to hear from each councillor and so that we can ensure that their…the voices of their citizens are reflected. My goal was a hundred percent, but we didn't quite get there when it comes to meeting with every councillor. And so, I do know that, you know, this budget...there's been questions about details of the budget. Obviously, I'm not going to go into those at this point. That will…those details will come clear a week from today when we table the budget. We've been saying publicly that this is a challenging budget year. I know it's said every year, but certainly this was challenging. We're dealing this year with changes in funding levels, reductions in many...in some areas from the Provincial Government's funding. We have the ongoing infrastructure deficit that we've been trying to tackle and working towards, and so we have many, many needs in our city. I think every budget is the same. There is always far more...the list of requests and asks and need is always greater than the resources available and that's something that we tackle and try to tackle every year as we walk through the budget process. And so I am looking forward to tabling the preliminary budget a week from today and I want to thank all those that did participate for their efforts and their inputs into this budget formation. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Finance Chair, do you think it's important for Councillors to be able to talk to the departments about budget items or budget issues prior to talking to you?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: There's…I guess through you to the Councillor, all of my council colleagues, I think, except the Councillor from St. Charles, were able to identify needs, the priorities of their ward, and articulate those to me in our discussions, both formal and informal discussions that we had one on one. And every effort has been made for me to open that dialogue. You know, the rest of...myself and the rest of the colleagues around this council chamber, have been able to kind of gather the information they need to have those meetings and ensure that the needs of their residents and the needs of their ward were communicated to me. Are we going to be able to meet everybody's needs in this budget, everyone's requests? Of course not. That's never...that's never I think accomplished in any budget. But all of the other...the colleagues that I have around this chamber, save one, were able to identify what's important to them and then communicate it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Sure, why not. Okay. Now, do you not also believe that if we had talked to the departments, each member of Council were able to talk to the departments, we could make a more realistic request on what could be done in our wards, if we actually knew what the departments' issues or risks were? Excuse me. That's it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I think…thank you, Madam Speaker. I think when you look at every budget year, every budget year, especially in our capital budget, we adopt an in-year budget and then we project five years out, and those projections that we take, those five year projections in every capital budget, are really a reflection of what the priorities of the departments are and the wards are so every year that we have access and opportunity when we vote on the budget to see as we look ahead, what the upcoming priorities of the Public Service are. If a member of Council is, for some reason not able to connect with or having a challenge in connecting with members of the Public Service, it's really, I guess, upon that member of Council to reach out to the department or the CAO and to ask for the information they're seeking. That's a matter right now I think between Councillors and the CAO and Councillors and the members of the Public Service. And so I do note, you know, that the Councillor has not voted for the last two budgets and so when we're talking about the priorities of the citizens of Winnipeg, we have over $105 million in the last two budget years on roads. That is a priority of the citizens of Winnipeg. We hear that consistently. We heard before, in this round of public consultations. We heard once again, that came through loud and clear. Fix the roads, fix the infrastructure. And so frankly, you know, when a councillor chooses to not vote for that, what they're doing is really in a sense, rejecting the will of the public. And so that's up to each individual councillor to decide to vote for our budget or not vote for budget depending on their reasons why, but again just to state that as far as wanting to know what the priorities of the Public Service are, one easy way to do it is to…to a place to start...doesn't get all the details but a place to start, is to look at

the capital budget, take a look at what is projected out in the next five years and that's a good place to begin the discussion.

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

Councillor Dobson: Okay, thank you very much. I keep on hearing about this reflecting out on the budget five years. It's pushed out five years. Now you have to understand that that material is the direct result of the Budget Working Group, and if the Budget Working Group is not all the members in Council, so that is basically what they put in the budget, so that may not be the actual...what's the word I'm looking for…that may not actually be what the department wants. It's what the Budget Working Group is putting out, and if not all of us are part of the Budget Working Group, and how many were involved last year? How many were in the Budget Working Group from start to finish last year? Four out of 15?

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: My question is, I am very supportive of roads. I would just like...I would like to be involved from start to finish like all councillors here, in the budget process, right from start to finish, that includes the Budget Working Group. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Yeah. I don't know that that…there was no question there that I could hear, but nonetheless, I'll respond. Just to reiterate again, all councillors were involved in this budget process. Around this table, 14 out of 15 councillors can attest to the fact that I reached out to every councillor, sat down with every councillor, gave as much of my time as the councillor wanted to hear, to listen. Those that were here will know that I took notes in every meeting; in fact, I took notes of both meetings and when I went in to the second meeting with all my council colleagues except the one who wouldn't meet with me from St. Charles, I said, you have said these are the priorities of your citizens and these are the priorities of your ward. Have I got this right? Let's go over this again. Really wanting to gather this information, so all councillors were involved in the budget process. On the matter of...on the matter of the five-year projection, the assertion that somehow those five-year projections are the...that's the work of the smaller Budget Working Group only, is…is not factual, it's not correct. Council decides on the budget. Council votes on the budget. Council analyzes the budget. When the preliminary budget comes forward, however that has been developed...and this one will have been developed with 14 out of 15 Councillors giving input. However that budget comes forward, all council can scrutinize the budget. All council gets to vote on the budget. All council gets to speak into the budget and put questions around that budget. So it's a…it's a rigorous process that all council has the opportunity to speak to. So, frankly, if...for someone to say that they support a budget or support a specific aspect of the budget, frankly, the proof is in the vote.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I rise to ask a question because I actually have a little concern, Madam Speaker, that...and I'd like the Finance...my issue, Madam Speaker, is I'm listening to this and I believe that all, if not most city councillors, Madam Speaker, aren't wanting to be participating in the budget process, only related to ward issues. Now, the existing councillors understand their wards probably the best but they also know what's going on generally in the overall area Madam Speaker, and so my question really is, does the Finance Chair, the head of the budget process, feel that he was only having board-centric dialogues in regards to the City's budget?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I thank Councillor Eadie for his question, through you to the Councillor. If the Councillor maybe doesn't recall, and that's fine if he doesn't, is that I had brought into those meetings, and in fact I think to some councillors sent ahead of time to those meetings, a template for the discussions, and the template was, and I don't remember it exactly word for word, but it was…the questions were, there were four questions. The last question, I think, was related to ward specific matters. The first question had to do with your ideas, something to this effect, your ideas overall for the City's priorities and for balancing the budget city-wide. What would be your...how could you assist? What ideas do you have? You know, it's…I realize that it's…certainly as an individual, I don't have all the ideas. You know, we're looking for the collective wisdom in the room. I mean, that's why we're elected. We certainly represent our wards but we also have a duty to make decisions on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg-at-large, and I think by and large, you know, the effort around this chamber is to do that. So one of the questions was ideas that individuals, councillors had for the City-at-large; ideas for balancing the budget, so whether that was, you know, efficiencies or expenditure reductions or ideas for revenue, just what could, you know, what could the councillors contribute? Again, that's a City-wide question. That wasn't ward specific. The third question is just eluding me but I mean, I'd be glad to, you know, send that

out to everybody and make that public, that template of the four sets of questions that I did ask. But I know two of them for sure, and I believe my colleagues around the Chamber, exempt one, will know that those questions were made available to them. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie, you were done? Any other speakers? Okay, seeing none then, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. There are no reports, no motions, no by-laws today. We will now have Question Period for our chair for Councillor Mayes. Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm just wondering if the Chairman can provide us any insight. We had a story on the weekend regarding water turned off on a home regarding an unpaid bill at another property. This caused some concern. In the article, I think it was CBC, and I did inform the incident happened in the River Heights Ward so I know there has been some follow up and thank you very much for the Chair for following this up, and I wonder if he can provide any insight on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I was in danger of not saying anything all day for the first time in my six-year career here, so thank you to Councillor Orlikow for the question, the…and it is a well-founded question. This matter did run on CBC, it was in Councillor Orlikow's ward. I have talked with our staff. They indicated that they followed a procedure whereby the individual who had moved out of the home was still registered as an owner and registered on the account at that home, and so where the water was cut off, the individual didn't live there anymore but he was still listed as one of the account holders, so his nonpayment actually was at a different property. People took that to be that the City was somehow imposing on a former spouse, the obligations of the ex. In this case, that's technically true but the ex was registered at both locations. The staff have indicated that they have apologized, that they feel they should've elevated this within the Water and Waste Department to try and deal with it. It was a unique situation. They followed the policy, but it was a unique situation where the person had moved out but their name hadn't been reversed so I'm advised that they…staff say they will be reversing the charge and the reconnection fee and updating the account details for the individual who still lives in the River Heights Ward. So thanks to Councillor Orlikow for going to bat for the people in his ward and very good response from the staff. Once I asked I got a very fast response. An unfortunate matter, we have apologized…the City has apologized to the account holder or soon will be and charges will be reversed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Any further questions for our chair? Okay, seeing none, Standing Policy Committee on Innovation, there's no report, no motions and no by-laws today. We'll now have Question Period for our chair, Councillor Gilroy. Any questions for the Chair? Next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll move report number seven Items 1 through 9.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now, move into motions. There are several.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair, I'm going to move by-laws 10…107/2017, 108/2017.

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

Madam Speaker: We will do the by-laws just after the motions. Thank you. Okay, Motion No. 6 on your desks is moved from Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Browaty. It's regarding plan approvals. It's an automatic referral to the Standing Committee. Motion No. 4, moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Browaty. It's regarding the north district police station. This is a notice of motion. It will appear on the agenda of the December Council meeting. Motion No. 1, moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Lukes regarding the Zoning By-law. It's an automatic referral to the Standing Committee. Motion No. 2, moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It's regarding Brownfield Developments. It's an automatic referral to the Standing Committee. And now, Councillor Orlikow for the by-laws.

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

WHEREAS in the past the City has conducted routine inspections of each new development for compliance with approved site plans, landscaping plans, and building elevations prior to final occupancy permits being issued;

AND WHEREAS the City also approves development agreements and developer obligations that also require the need for inspections and enforcement to ensure developer agreement compliance;

AND WHEREAS the City no longer conducts these inspections unless they receive a complaint;

AND WHEREAS every year there are many developments throughout the City that are not built in accordance with approved site plans, landscaping plans, and/or building elevations;

AND WHEREAS Council has an expectation that developers and property owners will comply with all approved plans;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service has limited tools to ensure that developers and property owners comply with approved plans;
AND WHEREAS many other Canadian cities have a broader range of tools available to staff to ensure compliance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council in 60 days on options aimed at improving the ability of the Winnipeg Public Service to ensure compliance with approved developer agreements and any approved plans, site plans and elevations required for new developments, plan development overlays (PDO's), subdivisions, rezoning's, conditional uses, and variances.

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

WHEREAS many past Manitoba provincial and Winnipeg municipal governments understood the importance of park and recreational spaces in connecting the people of the city through healthy activities (prevention land) by establishing the provisions in the City of Winnipeg Charter, Part 5, Division 5, section 205(2) (attached as City of Winnipeg charter Provisions) in regard to a 2/3 vote of all Council members to dispose of park and cemetery land, and by City Council establishing the following provision in Council policy PD-003 Property Sales:

"Council Minutes - July 18, 1979"
"Report of the Committee on Finance dated June 26, 1979"
"2. All sales of property designated or acquired for park purposes shall be subject to Section 144(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act 'approval of at least two-thirds of the members Of Council.'"

AND WHEREAS the Old Exhibition Grounds, zoned PR3 Regional Park/Recreation defined in the pertinent Winnipeg Zoning By-law definitions attached, has been a North End regional park, recreation, leisure, and amusement property serving the people of the North End and Winnipeggers for over 100 years when the City of Winnipeg's Parks Department took over the property in 1907 (a short history and legal description attached);

AND WHEREAS the current public engagement process in late summer and fall, 2017 has not consulted with the regional stakeholder neighbourhoods of the area including the traditional North End the Old Exhibition Grounds has served all these years;

AND WHEREAS the North District Police Station public engagement has been misleading the public on the issue of the City of Winnipeg's ability to obtain privately owned land derived through statements paraphrased such as "we cannot name a private property due to the price of the land going too high, and because of that, we cannot go onto the private land to inspect it for suitability for a police station" at the Thursday, November 2, 2017 engagement session at the West Kildonan Library as heard by Councillor Eadie in a discussion between city staff and stakeholders at the library;

AND WHEREAS the ability of the City of Winnipeg to obtain land for its purposes described in the City of Winnipeg Charter, Part 5, Division 5, on powers related to property from sections 204 to 206 (attached) where it states a city employee may undertake the activities to determine if the property will meet the needs for its intended purpose in the case of expropriation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's four district model requires the North district Station to serve the population far beyond the traditional North End with a need to find a minimum of five acres (East District Station 6.8 and West district 4.4) of land with access to a major road to serve the population beyond the traditional North End in District 3, requiring a 2/3 vote of Council to rezone the PR3 property to C3 as described in the attached extracts from the Winnipeg Zoning By-law;

AND WHEREAS past land deals for "protection and emergency services" facilities led to the sound advice to undertake an RFP process to find private sector land for public services as described in the attached Winnipeg Zoning By-law descriptions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service undertake all things necessary under the City of Winnipeg Charter, pertinent by-laws and pertinent policies to obtain and make ready a city owned or private property other than PR zoned properties for the new North District Police Station within 90 days of the passing of this motion.

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

WHEREAS on April 28, 2010, City Council referred the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development:

> *"WHEREAS landscaping is important to the wellbeing of City of Winnipeg residents, beautifies our City, and actively combats heat island effect and greenhouse gas emissions, by sequestering carbon and contributing to vital pedestrian environments and beautiful streetscapes;*
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> *AND WHEREAS the existing City of Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 requires that:*
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> *a) a landscape plan be submitted as part of any development application subject to the requirements of Part 5: Development and Design Standards – Landscaping and Buffering;*
> *b) installation of required landscaping and buffering be completed before the City will issue a Zoning Compliance Certificate for the principal building;*
> *c) the owner maintain the required landscaping and buffering areas in conformance with set standards;*
>
> *AND WHEREAS the existing Zoning By-law implies enforcement by the City of Winnipeg and thus the onus is not on the developer to obtain professional certification that landscaping has been completed and maintained in accordance with approved plans;*
>
> *AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has difficulty doing enforcement of said landscape plans as this city only has five (5) Zoning Field Officers and therefore, only reactive enforcement, instead of proactive enforcement, is possible;*
>
> *AND WHEREAS other Canadian cities including Mississauga, Windsor, Barrie, Woodstock and Stratford reverse the onus of enforcement of landscape requirements onto the developer by requiring:*
> *a) landscape plans prepared by a Landscape Architect;*
> *b) landscape work securities (letter of credit);*
> *c) Certificate of Inspection, prepared by a Landscape Architect.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg revise Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 to require:

a) landscape plans prepared by a member of the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA);
b) landscape work securities (letter of credit), based on the cost of landscape works and installation, as shown on the approved landscape plans;
c) inspection of the final landscape works by a member of MALA and submission of a Certificate of Inspection, for the installation, that is embossed with the MALA seal and signed by the Landscape Architect;
d) inspection of final landscape works one (1) year after installation by a member of MALA and submission of a Certificate of Inspection, for the end of one year maintenance and warranty, that is embossed with the MALA seal and signed by the Landscape Architect."

AND WHEREAS on June 23, 2010, City Council made the following decision:

"1. That the April 28, 2010 Council Motion regarding amendments to landscaping requirements in The Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006, be referred to the Winnipeg Zoning By-law review.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing."

AND WHEREAS it appears no such amendments as specified in the original motion were made;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg revise Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 to require:

a) landscape plans prepared by a member of the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA);
b) landscape work securities (letter of credit), based on the cost of landscape works and installation, as shown on the approved landscape plans;
c) inspection of the final landscape works by a member of MALA and submission of a Certificate of Inspection, for the installation, that is embossed with the MALA seal and signed by the Landscape Architect;
d) inspection of final landscape works one (1) year after installation by a member of MALA and submission of a Certificate of Inspection, for the end of one year maintenance and warranty, that is embossed with the MALA seal and signed by the Landscape Architect.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS on March 26, 2014 City Council received the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has hundreds of acres of land within the City that sits idle as said land has been negatively impacted by historic environmental conditions, and such lands, either publically or privately owned, are often referred to as 'brownfield lands';

AND WHEREAS if these lands were remediated, it would create an economic opportunity, by way of potential development and therefore increase the tax base of the City, as well as increasing density and making our City more vibrant;

AND WHEREAS the costs to remediate lands has prevented these lands from becoming productive, but that this is not uncommon within other large industrial centers in Canada, and therefore other Canadian cities have established active and effective Brownfield Redevelopment Strategies;

AND WHEREAS Our Winnipeg identified brownfields as an issue that must be addressed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg formulate a Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy for both public and private lands and present said policy for adoption by City Council.

AND WHEREAS on July 13, 2016 City Council made the following decision:

1. *That up to $20,000 in funding from the Economic Development Investment Reserve be approved as the City of Winnipeg's contribution to the development of a Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy and that the following criteria for the Economic Development Investment Reserve be waived in this instance:*

   A. *That the Reserve receives the equivalent of incremental tax revenues from projects in which it has invested.*

2. *That the Public Service be directed to explore potential partnership funding sources including Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) and Province of Manitoba Community Planning Assistance Program (CPAP).*

3. *That the City enter into, execute and deliver any funding agreements required in relation to the potential partnerships referenced in Recommendation 2 hereof, and that the Director of Planning, Property and Development be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such funding agreements in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.*

4. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

AND WHEREAS the report identified the next steps as being as follows:

The next steps in the process would be to prepare a project cost estimate based on Best Practices; identify and secure commitment of funds to deliver the project; issue an RFP and hire a consulting team. This would include confirming the City's contribution and applying for funding from other sources (e.g., FCM and the Province's CPAP). An RFP to hire a consultant cannot be issued until funding is confirmed.

AND WHEREAS based on the report, of July 13, 2016 it appears that the brownfield redevelopment strategy, may have delayed due to a lack of funding, which originally in the report was estimated at a cost of between$100,000.00 - $200,000.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg formulate a citywide Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy Policy, that will apply to both public and private lands, and that the said policy shall be presented to Council for adoption within 90 days.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing, including but not limited to the securing of required funding.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move the by-laws be read a first time, 107/2017 and 108/2017.

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

Clerk: By-laws No. 107/2017 and By-law No. 108/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that By-laws numbered 107/2017 and 108/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 107/2017 and 108/2017.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 107/2017, 108/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have Question Period for our chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Okay. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move the report and Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay, movement of the report dated November 6th, 2017. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. No motions, no by-laws. We'll now have Question Period for our chair. Councillor Wyatt.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I rise...the Committee passed its own requirement of the Public Service to come forward with an annual report on the status of the condition of parks, park playgrounds, parks across the City broken down per ward based on the needs in each park. There was supposed to be an annual report. It should've been here…it wasn't at the last agenda meeting in November. Could the Councillor let us know or could he look into when that report will be coming to the Standing Committee.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I recall the…I recall the motion. I know that the report was done in November 2015. I can certainly look into that with the department in terms of the latest information regarding the question.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, the report, I think we moved a requirement in '14, and later it came either in '15 or '16 but we haven't had the annual report that we're requesting but if…would you be able to let all of Council know, not just myself in terms of the follow up on that. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you Madam Chair. Sure, I'd be happy to do that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Two councils in the past, Madam Speaker, I asked the question in regards to the athletic fields review. What's the status? Where is it at? We were supposed to I think at this point already have the consultant's report. Their community engagement report was actually supposed to come out first and then so on. So, Madam Speaker, does the Chair of Protection, Community Services and Parks now have an answer in regards to those athletic fields review?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the question from Councillor Eadie. Yeah, the athletic fields review, basically a report did come back of what we heard. It was titled what we heard and that was after extensive public consultations that were undertaken by the department and the Office of Public Engagement. Right now, the consultant is…has provided a report to the Public Service and the Public Service is currently reviewing it and the anticipated date will be probably within the next month or so a report coming back to Council, and we're planning to have hopefully a council seminar. I'll be working with the CAO on that date.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, we were given a briefing back in February and I was under the understanding that we as all Council would be able to see this, what we heard, report which he's acknowledged is ready. When will we as Councillors actually get to examine that sub-report of what the finality decision-making recommendations are?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much for the question. Basically, the way to get to it, Madam Speaker, is to go to the City of Winnipeg website, go to the Parks and Open Space. If you type in the "Athletic Field Review", you go to the documents tab, you will see two publicly available reports, what we heard, which is dated August 18 of 2017, which is a 27 page report and you can also go into the other one which is dated what we heard so far and that was 2017 of June, June 8th of 2017 and that report is also available and that is a more lengthy report but it's…both documents are available on our website.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Final question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, we always get announcements when these announcements from our communications or whatever. How come there was no announcement that this report was available, Madam Speaker?
Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: What I can say that the Office of Public Engagement, what they do provide, Madam Speaker, is the opportunity for folks to stay connected so they can stay connected by going to the "engage" tab and they can go sign up through Facebook or through Twitter or through the public engagement newsletter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: So just along those lines, is the athletic field report complete then? Is it done?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: The report for Council isn't completed yet, but I understand the consultants have done their work, and they're continuing to dialogue with our department. Our department is providing some feedback to the consultants. Hopefully, that'll take place in a timely manner and the report will be making its way to Council within the next month or so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers…any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, that concludes our committee reports. Councillor Pagtakhan, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 11:53 a.m.