COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, March 22, 2018

The Council met at 9:35 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 Dobson.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like to now recognize our Pages for today's meeting. Please welcome Kes Gameiro who attends Kelvin High School and resides in the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward and also Avery Groeneveld who attends Fort Richmond Collegiate and resides in the South Winnipeg-St. Norbert Ward. Thank you both for joining us and for serving Council. At this time I would like to recognize in our gallery, Mr. MacKay and the 311 training class. They are here today to learn about Council proceedings and the decision-making process. Thank you for being with us today. I'll call on the Mayor for morning announcements in a moment. Just before that, I would like to say at our last Council meeting we all witnessed the passing of the torch to our new City Clerk, Marc Lemoine, by our outgoing City Clerk, Richard Kachur, who served the City of Winnipeg with distinction. I want to welcome Mr. Lemoine to his newly appointed position. The unanimous vote by Council speaks loudly to the confidence we all have in him, to take on this challenge and the responsibility that comes with it. Thank you, Mr. Lemoine. Mr. Mayor, on to you for morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do have a few remarks to share with Council today. Firstly, welcome to all those who are joining us here in person or those that are watching on television or online. Yesterday marked the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It's an important reminder each year that racism continues to exist around the world and in our community and we must continue to work towards its elimination. And I want to thank my Council colleagues, many of whom are taking, have been working very diligently on our racial inclusion efforts over the last number of years. I was pleased to celebrate International Women's Day at the Habitat for Humanity Manitoba Women Build Women of Influence Speaker Series, Madam Speaker. This inaugural event was the first of many aimed at highlighting successful and inspiring women in our community while raising funds to construct a new affordable habitat home for a family to purchase at fair market value. We celebrated another successful Festival du Voyager last month. Festival is such an iconic event in Winnipeg that allows us to take a step back in time to celebrate our proud Métis and Franco-Manitoban routes. Our voyager history is something that all Winnipeggers, I think, can appreciate and take pride in and it's a perfect example of how Winnipeggers more than anyone else know how to embrace cold weather. Madam Speaker, this month I was proud to help introduce the Open Budget site and Open Capital Projects Dashboard. Building on our Open Data Portal which updates information online and on a monthly basis in machine readable format, the city's Open Budget site takes the data from the Open Data Portal and formats it into something simple reporting tool that is both user-friendly and easier to understand. The Capital Projects Dashboard uses multiple sources of data to accomplish the same feat. And I acknowledge my Council colleague and our Council Liaison for Project Management for his outstanding leadership on both of those incredible new milestones. The following week, we were able to release a current state of the infrastructure report, along with the comprehensive asset management plan. These reports outline the condition of existing city assets, their replacement values and the remaining service life of assets ranging from wading pools to hockey rinks to firefighting apparatus and to community centres. In short, compiling this level of information and on this scale has never been undertaken in the history of the city until now. They represent a fundamental resource for Council, the Public Service, residents, our government partners, in understanding the state of our existing infrastructure. With information like this, as a front line level of government, we can better demonstrate our priorities to residents and better demonstrate to government and industry partners where we need to prioritize. Madam Speaker, it was a pleasure to participate in the kickoff of the 9th Annual Winnipeg Firefighter Rooftop Campout for Muscular Dystrophy Canada earlier this month. As if our firefighters aren't heroes enough already, their willingness and eagerness to participate in these fundraising events for worthy charities on top of their jobs is incredibly admirable. After 72 hours camping on the roof of the Osborne Village Fire Hall, facing wind, rain and snow, the campers presented a cheque of $108,000 to Muscular Dystrophy Canada, which surpasses their 100,000 total from last year, and I hope they beat Edmonton this year. I'll have to find out. Congratulations and thank you to our firefighters

for all the work that you do. I was able to participate in the opening ceremonies for the Five Days for the Homeless at the University of Manitoba and the closing ceremonies at the University of Winnipeg. It always brings me incredible joy and hope for the future to see our young people working together to make our community a stronger and a safer place. I was happy to have an opportunity to stop by both schools to offer my support and am very proud of all their hard work. Any homelessness is a cause I know each member of this Council feels very passionate about, and I'm sure we can all take time to congratulate these students on their fundraising and advocacy efforts. Just last week I was happy to stand with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Winnipeg Regional, sorry, this week, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, Main Street Project and the Salvation Army to announce a new protocol change that will add another layer of support for those that are in need in our community, and on our streets. The new protocol provides Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service personnel with an additional patient care option when responding to situations where an individual refuses transport to hospital, but needs access to food, shelter and social service supports. By collaborating on this protocol change and the key word is collaboration, we found an efficient way to help people get safely to drop-off shelters where they can access food, a safe and warm place to sleep and get connect to many different social support services. And this represents a great example of where, through collaboration of those on the front lines, common sense improvements can be made to make existing practices and resources work better for those that need it most. With that, that concludes my opening remarks. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Merci and megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gillingham for your opening remarks.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the fall of 2015, I worked with Mayor Bowman to create the role of Council Liaison for Veteran and Military Affairs and I'm very proud to have served in this role for two of the three years. I know Councillor Allard served in the year in between. The Army, Navy and Air Force has thousands of full-time men and women in Winnipeg that are living here, working in the regular force, raising their families here. We also have thousands of veterans of our Canadian Armed Forces that have chosen to make Winnipeg their home and retirement. What's not talked about very often is the fact that in Winnipeg, I don't know the number, but there are many, many men and women that serve as Canadian Armed Forces Reserve Members, whether that's in the Army, Navy or Air Force. The Reserve Force is composed of Canadian Armed Forces personnel who are enrolled for other than continuous full-time military service and most often, those men and women, if they work full-time in another vocation. The Reserve Force is based on a long-standing tradition of the Citizen Soldier Model that serves both as a strategic and operational resource for the Canadian Armed Forces. Many years ago, the previous Councils in this chamber had, I would say, the foresight and the wisdom to recognize the fact that there are men and women that work for the City of Winnipeg, full-time, in day jobs but also serve in the Reserves in one capacity or another. And so, going through the records, I know in 1978, the City Council of Winnipeg put forward a motion regarding the leave of absence for members of the Reserve Forces, that grants leave of absence by the department head where possible, to attend courses for military training and it lays out the basis here. So, it was a recognition by previous Councils that the men and women that work for the City of Winnipeg and also serve in the Reserves, do good work, work that should be acknowledged and work that we should, as the city, stand behind. And so I'm very proud today to welcome a number of men and women, they're a number of men today, it's all men, that are employees of the City of Winnipeg in various capacities but also, serve in the Reserves. We have Naval Reservists and Army Reservists today. There are currently five members of the Naval Reserve of HMCS Chippewa employed by the city working for the Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Department of Water and Waste and the Winnipeg Parking Authority. We have at least 15 Army Reservists, members of 38 Brigade Group with the Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Winnipeg Transit, Corporate Support Services. City employees, currently retired or serving or have served with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, the Fort Garry Horse, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, Seventeen Field Ambulance, 38 Service Battalion and 38 Signals Regiment. And so with us today we have four gentlemen. I welcome them, I ask them to please stand to be recognized. We have Petty Officer Second Class Jay Jaskiewicz; he is a Diving Chief at HMCS Chippewa and a member of the Winnipeg Police Service. We have Petty Officer Second Class Diego Mendoza; he is a Training Chief at HMCS Chippewa and is a Lab Technician with the Department of Water and Waste. We have Warrant Officer John Dawson who is a member of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada and is attached to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles as a Company Sergeant Major; he works in Corporate Support Services and Labour Relations. And we have Lieutenant Commander Colin Stewart; he is the Commanding Officer of HMCS Chippewa and he works with the Winnipeg Parking Authority. These men are full-time public servants in their day job serving the citizens of Winnipeg and what most of us don't know or didn't realize they are also committed to our nation, serving our country, by serving in the Reserves on their evenings and weekends, devoting their time to our nation. And so, I know my Council colleagues and the Mayor will join me today in thanking them for their service to our country and recognizing the good work that they do as Canadian Armed Forces Reservists.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Morantz, for your morning announcement.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Some of you may recall that just after the 2014 Election when we got into the 2015 budget deliberations, one of the directions that Mayor Bowman wanted us to take was towards innovation. And one of the ideas that came forward in the budget deliberations in 2015, was to establish a new program called the Innovation Capital Fund. That fund is still in place and provides much of the substance and reporting to the Innovation Committee which is chaired by my colleague, Councillor Gilroy. And I wanted to just highlight a couple of the initiatives that were funded through the program that I think we would all be interested in. So today, I wanted to talk about that Council Chamber video upgrade. So, I would like to highlight that today, as the first official use of an upgraded video system here in our Council Chamber. While the upgraded video system is used for similar purposes as the old system, that is to provide live video streams of City Council meetings to Shaw TV and online, on the internet, there are several major improvements and efficiencies that have been made. This is the first Council meeting where we are transmitting in high-definition, providing crystal clear images of Councillors. It is also the first time having without two camera men present which you would normally see in each gallery. Rather, four remotely controlled cameras have been installed and these are being controlled by one producer at the switch board, in the basement. This new video system improves the broadcast quality of our meetings, enables us to broadcast other important meetings happening in the Chamber, such as meetings of EPC, in high quality without the expense of bringing in a whole camera crew and saves the city actual dollars by reducing costs of personnel and other efficiencies. This project was made possible through funding by the Innovation Committee in 2017 of $75,000 funded from the Innovation Capital Fund and is expected to pay for itself in 12 years, saving the city over $30,000 over the next five years while dramatically improving performance and increasing service. Secondly, and the Mayor touched on this earlier, it is also with funding from the Innovation Capital Fund of $350,000, that the City of Winnipeg recently launched its in-house developed Open Capital Projects Dashboard, which gives Winnipeggers unprecedented insight into the city's Active Capital Projects of $5 million or more. This innovative tool uses financial data available on the city's Open Data portal to generate visual representations of the current status and costs of major capital projects, improving transparency and accountability in capital project management. It helps members of the public learn more about how their tax dollars are being invested and works together with a new unfunded major capital projects website that allows the public to understand the future plans this city is pursuing. It also produces savings by providing Council and the Winnipeg Public Service with easy-to-access real-time information, enabling quicker and more robust decision making with less research. Both of these projects are examples that would not exist today, if not for the Innovation Capital Fund. They are both examples of how the Innovation Fund is providing Winnipeggers with improved service, information and accountability while saving real tax dollars. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Councillor Allard, on to you for your morning announcement.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, so, I wanted to make a few announcements today. First, March is Endometriosis Awareness Month. Last year, I attended an event with the Manitoba Endometriosis Warriors, a group fighting for awareness, funding and support for sufferers of this often debilitating and terrible disease. This illness is endured by thousands of Canadian women and is poorly understood both in causes and treatment. It is symptomatic of the sometimes dismissive and neglectful disrespectful attitude towards women's health care needs in our society. In particular, I would like to recognize St. James resident, Leslee Klink Bowyer, a person who fights tirelessly for causes of human health, be it endometriosis or addictions, such as her relentless activism and support of the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre. March is also Multiple Melanoma Month. It is critical as we move towards a cure giving the public an understanding of what melanoma is, getting more donations to research and most importantly extending the life of patients by providing the Health Canada approved drugs until a cured is found. A special event will be held in St. Boniface, a first for Winnipeg, Melanoma Patient and Care Giver Meet and Greet to be held April 21st, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Access St. Boniface Centre, 170 Goulet, and the 10th Annual Fundraising Walk that takes place every September starting at the Norwood Community Centre. The date this year is Sunday, September 16th. Thank you to Jackey LaBossière for reaching out to me as one of the organizers of this important event. I also wish to mark the occasion of the opening of the much anticipated brand new Windsor Park Library, which we celebrated its grand opening last Thursday at 1195 Archibald next to Bonivital Pool. Thank you very much, Mayor Bowman, for being in attendance as well as my colleague, Councillor Pagtakhan. It replaced the much beloved, but aging Cottonwood and Autumnwood location and is the first new library to open in Winnipeg in many years. It features a beautiful, natural vista, gorgeous architecture. It is a state-of-the-art facility we can all be proud of, and links to the Bonivital Pool forming a campus for the mind and body, over a lovely little bridge connecting them. If you haven't already, please come check it out. I wish to thank Manager of Library Services, Ed Cuddy, former Councillor and current MP, Dan Vandal, who fought to secure funding for it while on Council, Rick Walker, the now retired former Director of Library Service, under whose tenure this project began and many, many others who were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. I should probably thank Councillor Mayes as well because I understand he was part of those negotiations early on. And congratulations to the Old St. Boniface Residents Association who held a successful AGM this week. I have to say, when you are committing to attend the Old St. Boniface Residents Association, you should make sure that you tell your babysitter that you will be home not at 10:00 o'clock, but after 11:00 o'clock. They always have very lively debates and this time was no exception. This organization of which I was once president has been at the forefront of community life

in St. Boniface for decades. And thank you to the current outgoing and incoming board members for their service. And in particular, I would like to thank Board Chair, Lyndsey Marshall, who is successful in continuing her term. Lastly, congratulations to Windsor Park Collegiate grad, Jennifer Jones, on her back-to-back victories yesterday in North Bay Ontario last night at the Ford Women's World Curling Championship with an 8-4 win over PyeongChang silver medalist, Eunjung Kim of South Korea and another 8-4 win over Anna Hasselborg of Sweden in the evening. So thank you very much for your attention this morning.

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

Councillor Lukes: I will be brief. We had a flag raising outside this morning. It's Pakistan Resolution Day, also Pakistan Republic Day. It's a national holiday in Pakistan commemorating the Lahore Resolution passed on the 23rd of March in 1940; and the adoption of the first constitution of Pakistan during the transition of the Dominion of Pakistan to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the 23rd of March in 1956, making Pakistan the world's first Islamic Republic. I want to thank the Winnipeg's Pakistani Business Association and the Student Association for the outstanding work they are doing to bring a broader awareness and understanding of the many beautiful aspects of Pakistan to Winnipeggers. I'm so very proud of the work they are doing and I just wanted to acknowledge them today and thank Mayor Bowman for the flag raising. It meant so much to the community. It's the first time ever we have done this at city hall and I'm very proud of them. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. We now will move on to the Leave of Absence motion for Councillor Wyatt. Madam Clerk, will you read it into the record?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

That Councillor Wyatt be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Browaty moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on February 22nd, 2018, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now hear from our delegations, if I could call Ms. Sarah Prowse forward. Ms. Sarah Prowse is with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. She is in support of Item 3 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, the report dated March 6th, 2018. It's regarding the Outdoor Smoking By-law Amendments. Welcome and you have ten minutes on our clock. Thank you.

DELEGATIONS

Sarah Prowse: Thank you. Good morning, Mayor Bowman and Councillors. My name is Sarah Prowse and I am here on behalf of public health at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I am here to express our support for the amendments to the Outdoor Smoking By-law. The city has played a leadership role in protecting the health of its citizens from the harmful effects of environmental tobacco smoke. We have promoted smoke-free patios since the Outdoor Smoking By-law was under consideration in 2010. We support the city's approach to expand the by-law to include outdoor patios and including other substances that affect air quality such as e-cigarettes and cannabis. There is strong evidence to support this decision. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has designated environmental tobacco smoke as a human carcinogen for which there is no risk-free level. Research shows that individuals on outdoor, uncovered patios can be exposed to the same concentration of environmental tobacco smoke as those indoors even if as few as four people are smoking. This represents a significant health hazard especially for people in the service industry who have the highest exposure times. Patrons with heart, health conditions,

particularly heart and lung disease, may suffer acute health problems, such as heart attacks or asthma with relatively little environmental tobacco smoke exposure. As well, we know that smoking cannabis is the most common form of cannabis consumption among Manitoba adults. While there is limited evidence to-date on the health impacts of second-hand cannabis smoke, heavy exposure to passive cannabis smoke can cause measurable concentrations in bodily fluids and have minor physiological effects. We appreciate and support the city's role in continuing to protect the health of their citizens through these by-law amendments. As always, we would be pleased to continue to work collaboratively with you, to further strengthen Winnipeg as a healthy and vibrant place to work, live, play and visit. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Prowse. We'll now take any questions from our Council members. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I truly do appreciate the research and consideration that those from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority do give to the issue of carcinogens…environmental carcinogens. In the process of bringing forward these concerns, I'd like to know what other environmental carcinogens, environmental circumstances are in the same league, if you will of outdoor smoking? I'll leave the question at that for now.

Sarah Prowse: That's a very good question. Certainly when we are looking at air pollution and air quality environmental tobacco smoke is only one of many. I can't comment specifically in terms of what would be in exactly the same league in terms of danger to health. But certainly, we're concerned about air pollution from vehicles and industry as well, but if you are looking for some specific data on that, I would be able to provide that for you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for your presence today.

Sarah Prowse: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We will now move on to reports of the Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor on the report dated March 7th.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 7, 2018

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

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 14th, 2018.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 14, 2018

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 to 3.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have a walk-on report from the Executive Policy Committee meeting that took place this morning. It is on the DMIS system. The Clerk has posted it there. That's something new for us today to make it easier for all of you to follow along. So it's been republished on the agenda. We'll now need a suspension of the rules to deal with the item. Councillor Gillingham moves suspension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor to introduce the item. Madam Clerk.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 22, 2018**

Item 1 – 2018 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you to my Council colleagues for allowing us to vote on this today. This is something that is required under Provincial legislation to support the tax...tax…the fulfilment of the collection of the education tax pursuant to Provincial legislation. I know it's not a very popular thing around this chamber or other councils, but again, just point out this is required under Provincial legislation which also requires that the City of Winnipeg send the tax bill out on behalf of school divisions to taxpayers. It's not something that I support. I wish we didn't have to do it. I think it would be much better for the accountability and engagement with citizens who are paying the education tax, to have educational school divisions or the Provincial government send the bill directly to taxpayers so that it isn't buried in amongst the property taxes which, as councillors will know, have been very modest. So, that being said, it's required by legislation and for that reason, I would ask that Council support.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I agree with what the Mayor said. It would be certainly preferable if we didn't have to send out the bill for another level of government, but that is what the legislation requires. It used to be the fashion around here it to use this opportunity to criticize spending habits of school boards. But I think we have moved beyond that over the last three years and I am proud of that. A number of us are former school trustees around this table and I think we've moved that relationship forward quite a bit in recent years. I want to thank the Mayor for creating the position of School Board Liaison. I have had the advantage of the pleasure of doing that the last couple of years. We have made some progress on areas where we can, things like, we've reallocated some staff resources here to try and get going on updating joint use agreements. We've had discussions. We developed a new protocol. Stan Dueck and the other planning folks here have developed a whole protocol to try and speed up when you have to move a portable classroom, that used to take a year or even two and we've tried to expedite that. We're continuing to have discussions on things like property tax exemptions. There's a number of files that are going to the Court of Queen's Bench where it would probably puzzle taxpayers to see one level of government fighting with another level of government but we're trying to work out, I think we recognize that the modern school system is more than just a classroom. There are, as somebody once said, it's kind of like running a miniature RHA when you run a school division in Manitoba; and there are social workers, there are audiologists, there are psychologists who are on the pay roll, and there are some issues as to those buildings where those folks work and whether they should be property tax exempt. So their staff are trying to work with some of the school divisions to simplify and reduce the combat there that's taken place over property taxes. And next week, we are, one of the things the Mayor asked me to do when he made me Liaison, was to promote citizenship, to promote civic engagement. He certainly has done a lot of that by going out and touring, I don't know how many high schools now, I think all the ones in my ward are done, but the Mayor has been to many high schools. We will have an announcement, I believe, next week, with the Manitoba School Board Association about a new city-funded initiative to reward people in the school, young people in the school system who have been working on mental health issues. I think that's something that nobody talked about when I finished high school, 30-some years ago, and now, we are doing a much better job and I think it's important for us to help promote that awareness and young people who are getting active in campaigns around mental health. So that's coming in the short-term. I cannot resist, as the former three-time Finance Chair of the Brandon School Division, to point out that people will have been reading headlines recently about a 2 percent limit on school board special requirements. If you look at some of the numbers here, you go, well this is more than 2 percent, this is the arcane difference between the special requirement, which was to be 2 percent of the special levy. School boards face the challenges, a number of my of my colleagues who have been on school boards know of, you raise money on the calendar year but you spend it on the school year. So, we used to sit there in March and think about, wow, we could introduce some new teachers for next year and we only have to pay for half of it because we don't have to pay for the bid after December 31st until next year. And then you show up at the meeting the next year and think, oh, maybe we shouldn't have spent so much. So there is always a bit of a...your hands are always somewhat tied was the motto by whatever the previous budget had been. So, this is the special levy. This is the tax that we are passing today. The special requirement is the spending on the calendar year-end, and the school boards have worked with the Province or perhaps agreed with the provincial dictate, to keep these spending increases to 2 percent. So, just if you're wondering why those numbers don't exactly line up, it's because there is a difference between the special requirement and the special levy. For anyone who actually is still listening as I go on about the arcane details of school board financing, we are pleased to, we are I think, it's a locally-elected level of government. I'm pleased to see it's still in place. We have good relations with a number of the school boards and certainly trying to build on that initiative. I know yourself,

Madam Speaker, and others have worked pretty closely with people like Derek Dabee out of the Seven Oaks School Division. A lot of good things happening and, anyway I think we are doing a much better job here in the past three years of working in collaboration. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise as a former School Board Trustee in the Seven Oaks School Division. And you know, Madam Speaker, first I want to mention something. If there is a need to go to property taxes for funding the education system, and this is directly related to property taxes, the City of Winnipeg, in our area, is responsible for the assessment of those said properties that will have a school division rate applied to it, a local one. Madam Speaker, it is very efficient, it's actually efficient. So I, you know, I don't like it when I hear people say, well they don't like it, but the reality is, Madam Speaker, that it is the most efficient way, cost-saving way, to apply other property taxes to the citizen, home-owners, building-owners of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. It's efficient, it's effective in that we handle that. And so, to say we shouldn't do it and we can debate whether or not property taxes for education is good or bad, Madam Speaker, and I'm going to speak to that in a moment. I must say that why create a separate administrative entity to collect the education property taxes? And I think we all, in this room, support efficient ways of doing things and collecting taxes, Madam Speaker. So, in that, I am supporting of course this walk-on report, not because it's mandated to us by the Province, the Province who knows that it's more effective for the city to do this, it saves money, because it's the same administration that sends out the bills, Madam Speaker. We're not creating more bureaucracy. So that's a good thing. But, I support it because one of the facts about education in Manitoba is, Madam Speaker, we can put it all on income taxes but it's clear that the Province of Manitoba, with its current mission, Madam Speaker, has no means to want to go out and take up a part of their property tax pie when they are trying to get rid of their deficit, Madam Speaker. The thing about education property taxes, and I know, you know, there are seniors in homes that are having trouble living there, but their grandchildren and our children, Madam Speaker, benefit from a public school system that graduates as many students as possible. And one of the greatest things that I liked about serving on a school board, is essentially, they have one mission, Madam Speaker, to help our kids graduate from high school, set them up so they can go on to post-secondary education, with innovative, imaginative skills to enhance whatever that child, our kids, strengths are, to enhance that, to help them have those kind of brains that are needed to survive in today's economy. That is needed, Madam Speaker. And where we're shifting to, in the future, you know, there is not going to be any of these jobs where you can get by with grade 12 to do any more. We continue to robotize things and so on, Madam Speaker. So essentially, school boards have one mission; to ensure that all the kids in their area graduate with those skills. Now locally, there are decisions made as well, Madam Speaker, some divisions will decide that music program and the instruments are free, Madam Speaker. And Madam Speaker, you and I live in that school division, where they've made a decision that is very important to build imagination skill and to want to participate in school, to be there, to do those kinds of things. So that the benefit is that there are kids that get free musical equipment, that's important, Madam Speaker. And it's important that they fund those kind of streams. That's what builds imagination. That helps, we all know that it's important. And so, locally, if they are not getting the money from the Province because the Province, you know, they are very austere, current Province and in the past as well, I have to say. I mean, they promote stuff but ultimately, they don't want to fund what they consider non-core service to students. Well, these are essential to our kids, to the growth and the Councillors and the Mayor here, we all go out to schools and we support schools and the education that's happening. Their mission is to help those kids. And so, whatever means that they need to do something, in order to accomplish those programs, I support and they should support. And I know that there is due diligence. They try to be as frugal as possible these school divisions, but they have one mission, one mission. It's very essential and it costs money; and locally, it costs money to build schools and operate those schools. Operating costs are directly associated, those buildings are directly associated to those neighbourhoods, to those properties. And even after we move out and sell our homes, new families move in and they bring their kids and it's essential that they get that education. So today I'm supporting this. I don't want to get into this whole argument, you know, shouldn't be on property taxes or not. The reality is the Province, who we are having problems with, is not on board at this point. And if they did say school divisions, you can no longer utilise property taxes for your levy, local levy, then what are they going to cut? Is that the decision that the provincial government's going to make? Tell the school divisions cut the programs that are essential to our students, to our kids, to our youths' ability to succeed in life, to succeed in the economy, to succeed and grow their own families? Madam Speaker, I support this whole heartedly. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am a little surprised at the amount of discussion on this issue that I thought may have passed without any discussion at all. Nonetheless, I heed well the remarks made by His Worship and my fellow councillors, those that have been school trustees. Councillor Mayes has made the point that in previous years, councillors would take the opportunity to be perhaps critical of the school tax issue here at Council. I was pleased to see that is not the case. In this case, we have a reversal in which, Councillor Eadie, no secret, he as a New Democrat is supporting the reasons for the tax increases for it be education system, brought in by our current Progressive

Conservative Provincial government. I myself am a student of what is now the River East-Transcona School Division and in my ward represent, two school divisions are represented in my ward, both the Winnipeg School Division in the south part of the ward, Elmwood-East Elmwood, and the north half, East Kildonan Valley Gardens, in the River East-Transcona School Division. We have this reversal today in which no one is critical. On the contrary we have Councillor Eadie making, explaining reasons for the necessity for this, regardless of the format in which the taxes are levied. And in this case, it is a pleasure, a relief, to say for the first time this term, that when it comes to tax increases that will be acquired by the City of Winnipeg, not for the City of Winnipeg but by the City of Winnipeg, for the first time I get to say don't blame the Mayor and Council. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe Councillor Schreyer's final comment, I think, is a good segue to my comments. Just rising to, just to reiterate, I think, again, that for the citizens of Winnipeg, efforts have been made over the years by our Public Service to clearly delineate on the tax bills that go out to property owners, the portion that is City of Winnipeg property taxes and the portion that is educational taxes respective of, to each local school division. And yet, there just still is a misunderstanding and so I echo and support, for what it's worth, the Mayor's sentiments that if there was a way to actually have it completely removed from the City of Winnipeg property tax bills I think that would help with providing clarity. I recall a conversation a couple of years ago with someone who, a resident that called me, I could tell by his voice and his comments he was an elderly gentleman who received his tax bill and was very upset that the, when he did the math and I can't remember what the number was but his property taxes, bottom line, had gone way, way up and I said well the City of Winnipeg's, we've limited by Council decision to 2.33 percent property tax increase. No, that's not what this bottom line is. So I tried to explain to him at some length and apparently ineffectively, that there is a city portion, there's a school education portion. I say all that to say that even after years, there is still a misunderstanding and it's because the total of the two comes on one piece of paper in an envelope on one bill. Even though I believe our Assessment Taxation Department, who's done a great job, I think they've colour coded, I think there's two different colours now on the bill, the education tax is one colour, and the City of Winnipeg property tax is another colour. So, perhaps it's fitting that some new 311 employees are here today, Madam Speaker, perhaps they will get the calls as to, and have to answer why, you know, why their, from property owners, why the bill is going up beyond the 2.33 percent that we've committed to and it's for that very reason that these two taxes are billed on one bill. They go out, as required, under Provincial legislation, by the City of Winnipeg which is required to protect it. So, all that to say that we should expect as councillors and our EAs and our 311 operators that the calls will come in again this year, asking, calls from residents asking us to explain the numbers that are on the tax bill.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I wanted to perhaps, I know we, Councillor Schreyer, I'm surprised that you are surprised because this report, I think, gets as much discussion amongst the most hot topics at city hall. I recall talking about it every year. Councillor Wyatt usually has his usual speech about how he's going to vote against the report even though he might go to jail if he does so. But I want to echo what Mayor Bowman, what Councillor Gillingham is saying. Absolutely we need to fund education as a people. Does it need to be funded through education, does it have to be funded through property tax? That's a debate that we need to have. But I must say, it is difficult to communicate how Winnipeg has a comparatively low taxation rate when compared to other cities when we have such a high percentage of our property tax bills that go to education. Thank you to our Corporate Communications people, there is a handy graph I have, which I would like to see updated at some point that shows the comparative taxation rates between major cities in Canada and it's obvious that Winnipeg is at the bottom of the pack in terms of those comparable cities. But, when residents get their annual property tax bill, there's a few reasons for the sticker shock. One is that education is part of it. The second is that it's an annual bill instead of something that's taken out, you know, at every transaction like other, like sales tax, for example, which is much smaller hit. So, this remains a challenge in communicating, and I think, moving towards a system where education was not funded specifically from property, would certainly make it easier to communicate to our residents, the stewardship that we are having in terms of their tax dollars at the city level. So I will be voting for this report, but there is certainly a sentiment in the public that it's probably not the best way of doing things. So thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to make a couple of brief points on this. I think from a perspective of proper tax policy, a level of government that wishes to raise funds through a tax levy should be responsible for collecting it. And there is a very good reason for that. You know, citizens deserve to know who, why they are paying the taxes and what they are for. When a level of government is able to say, well we're going to say how much tax we require but we're not collecting it, we're going to have some, another level of government collect it for them, there is just less transparency. And I think my Council colleagues have alluded to that already. I know in the election

campaign in 2014, it would often come up, very common refrain on the doorstep, Madam Speaker, you know, we've got to get school taxes off the property tax bills. It's a very common sentiment. I don't think a lot of Winnipeggers would even realize that we collect more money from the school tax levy than we do for property taxes. It's not a small sum. It's I think in excess of $600 million according to this report. Seems to me, when we're talking about that much tax revenue, that the level of government who is asking the citizens of Winnipeg to pay it, should be directly responsible for collecting it. I think, I don't know what the history is of this arrangement or why it's in place, but when citizens of Winnipeg get their property tax bills for the most part, I don't think it's the school trustees or the school divisions that are being scrutinized, it's City of Winnipeg councillors who are fending these calls. And I just think from a matter of principle and a matter of proper tax policy that this simply is not right. And I think you see the proof is in the results. The City of Winnipeg property tax increases have been very low, in fact, among the lowest in the country, maybe the lowest in the country over the last 20 years. The school taxes have increased by far greater amounts on an annual basis than City of Winnipeg property taxes are. And I wonder if school divisions were required to collect this tax directly, if that would be the case and I suspect that it would not be the case, because there would be direct accountability and transparency between that level of government and those who are required to pay the tax. So, of course, you know, it is a legal requirement and I will be supporting the report but only for that reason. I really think that from the perspective of City of Winnipeg taxpayers that they deserve that level of transparency and accountability from the school divisions. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, back to you for closing. I'll call the question then. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to by-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 24/2018, By-law 25/2018 and By-law 26/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Record me in opposition to 26/2018 please.

Clerk: By-law No. 24/2018, By-law No. 25/2018, By-law No. 26/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the By-law Nos. 24/2018 to 26/2018, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Record me in opposition to 26/2018 please.

Madam Speaker: Noted. Thank you.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 24/2018 to 26/2018, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 24/2018 to 26/2018, both inclusive, 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. Thank you. We now have a Motion No. 1 in front of us. It's moved by Mayor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Morantz. It's regarding the rebate of election contributions. It's a notice of motion, so it will be dealt with at our upcoming Council meeting in April. We'll now move on to the walk-on by-laws from this morning's meeting of Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor, to suspend the rule and move first reading of the by-laws.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Morantz,

WHEREAS it is undesirable to use tax dollars to fund election campaign expenses;

AND WHEREAS candidates who run for election should solicit financial support from donors based on the strength of their platform rather than on relying on taxpayer funds to rebate donor contributions;

AND WHEREAS eliminating the election contribution rebate would save Winnipeg taxpayers an estimated $700,000 in 2018;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rebate of Election Contributions By-law No. 9/2010 be repealed.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: If I can just ask for some language from the Clerks on this one, please. Thank you very much. I move that the rule be suspended and the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 22/2018 and By-law 28/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 22/2018, By-law No. 23/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws No. 22/2018 and 23/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 22/2018 and 23/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the by-law, sorry, that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 22/2018 and 23/2018 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'll now have question period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock. Seeing no questions, we'll now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated March 1st, 2018.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED MARCH 1, 2018

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move the report dated March 1st, 2018, No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions. We'll now get into the by-laws under Water and Waste. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: I'll move, sorry, I'll move that By-law No. 32/2018, By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend the Sewer By-law 92/2010 to allow for the amortization of waste water sewer connection charges.

Madam Speaker: Be read a first time, yes?

Councillor Mayes: Be read a first time, sorry.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 32/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: I'll move that By-law 32/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 32/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes on the third reading.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 32/2018 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'll now move into question period for the Chair, any questions for Councillor Mayes? Seeing none our next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There is no report today, no motions and no by-laws. Any questions for our Chair, for Councillor Gilroy? Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated March 2nd.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED MARCH 2, 2018**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I'd like to move items for consent agenda Items 1 to 5.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? 4 is pulled.

Councillor Orlikow: Oh yeah, 4. Let's go for it.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Items 1 to 3 and Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – License Amendment for current Facilities Attachment License Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and Shaw Cablesystems Limited

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow to introduce Item 4.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm very excited to hear what Councillor Allard's going to say. I've heard it before and he is very passionate about this one so I look forward to hearing his comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's clear from this report that this report is written by administrators and not communications officers. So, the title might read, "Free Wi-Fi for Winnipeggers in approximately 150 Facilities throughout the City of Winnipeg." It's not costing the city anything. It's going to mean greater quality Wi-Fi for everybody who wants to access their device when they are visiting our city facilities. And I think it's an example of how cities are that they are becoming places that are about more than bricks and mortar; they are about what you can do in the space that we have and I think this is a great initiative by our city administration. I know they have worked, I think, since Councillor Mayes and I moved the motion in 2000, October of 2015, so, this has been in the works for a while. I'm very pleased to see this very positive initiative, which will better the life of Winnipeggers at no cost to the City of Winnipeg. So thank you to everyone involved and I hope all my Council colleagues will support this report because I think it's just good news. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to close?

Councillor Orlikow: No, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 4? Contrary? Carried. We now have a motion before us, Motion No. 2; moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It's regarding operating costs for not-for-profit groups. It's an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow, on the by-laws.

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

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

WHEREAS for many years the City of Winnipeg has supported community not for profit groups such as seniors groups by not requiring full cost recovery of operating costs of buildings owned by the city;

AND WHEREAS the programming dollars for most of these groups are not covered by any city departments;

AND WHEREAS these groups provide very important programs to the neighbourhoods that they operate in;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Accommodations forgive the policy of operating cost recovery from community not for profit groups utilizing city owned buildings.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move the following By-laws be read a first time; By-laws No. 20/2018, By-laws No. 21/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 20/2018, By-law No. 21/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the second reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I'd like to move that By-laws No. 20/2018 and 21/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 20/2018 and 21/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 20/2018 and 21/2018 be read a third time and the 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? Councillor Allard.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Orlikow, I mentioned to you earlier, your ears may have been burning the other day when I was at the old St. Boniface Residence Association AGM, they were asking about the land development process and applications and how public engagement happens around these applications. I informed the residents that we are working on it and that Councillor Orlikow's taking a lead role in that and I wanted to ask him where we might be? I know we've been starting to hear from city administration about it, but where we're at and thanks for the initiative.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, thank you very much. Thanks very much for the question. The administration will be reaching out to councillors to get them some updates on a motion that we passed back at Property and Development regarding, you know, about plain language, types of posters. We even have the other motion that we already in place where we give people notification, I think I mentioned that the other day to a couple groups. They were so thankful that they don't have to wait till the Friday afternoon and hope for that they can get their groups together, people together by the weekend, because Tuesday's the meeting. So we have this longer period of time now that those reports go out, to allow people to be engaged in the file and asking questions. Right there, that is huge, because again, it's easier for some groups to mobilize quickly because this is their business, councillors, developers, maybe even some groups that are some very well organized community groups. But for the general population it's very difficult in that time span. So just doing that alone was fantastic. The other one that I know I'm very excited about hearing will be the pre-application stage that we're working on right now. This will make, this will allow, as we all know, it's very cumbersome right now for city councillors, especially me, and I guess we have all faced it, when an application comes forward and we can't speak to it, we can't communicate with the neighbourhood, we can't communicate with the developer, because we're, you know, pseudo-judges on this panel, so we need to remain neutral. The pre-application allows, a very inexpensive way for a developer to put their idea forward, get a little feedback from both the neighbourhood, the area Councillor, and the administration, prior to sign to put the application in. So again, it allows everyone to have more dialogue prior and I think a lot of conflicts we have, because we know these development applications come forward, a lot of times the hard ones are very positional, people have already dug in their heels on both sides because we didn't have that opportunity to engage each other. So, these pre-application stages will be coming shortly, they will be very beneficial. Also trying notify people when applications come forward on a website, so people will be able to see prior, so on the application as we know it, we all talk about it a bit, applications come in, we don't even know their applications in, and inadvertently you go talk to someone, but then you find out later on, they put the application in three weeks ago. Well again, it would be great for the neighbourhood to know that this is in play now, that property or that idea, again it allows them the opportunity and we shouldn't be scare of community involvement, we never should be, we should be scared when a community gets kind of boxed into a corner very quickly. But again, no one wants that kind of conflict so the idea here is to provide everybody more time, the idea there is also to bribe more collaboration before applications come forward and to do it in a way that you know, we've all had the kind of conservations well someone says, "Well, I never knew about it, no one ever told me and now it's too late." Well again, that's a horrible sinking feeling in my heart when I hear that. We want to find ways that we can engage people and let them be aware. Even though, we can't do, you know, hand bills and knocking on every door and do the check marks that some developers do right now, which is an incredible amount of time, it's fantastic. But you can't expect that all the time. But how can we find better ways to make sure people are informed about what's going on in their neighbourhood. So those are just a few of the ideas that are coming forward but the administration will be meeting with all the councillors first and then we have another round after that we'll be going out for the public sphere. It's kind of getting a little confused now, though where the problem is, we're having internally is the infill guidelines, if you've read on the website you'll see the infill guidelines on reports, they have meetings, and they go through the first tranche and you'll see a lot of the development application processes in there, so my goal has always been and it remains to make the process fair for all. This is not about empowering the community over the

developer or making councillors always be supreme. I always look at the lenses of [inaudible] so everybody is treated fairly; and so, that's what we're trying to work towards. We hope we have an infill seminar, I'm still working on that, trying to get that through in the near future. But so they're kind of, but they are kind of tied together. So we're trying to find ways of how do you keep the conversation not so confused, and focussed, so Marc Pittet is working on more the procedural parts and then Kyle is working more on the infill guidelines. So we're going to see both of these come up at the same time, but I believe it's going to the process incredibly much more fair for all, and hopefully, in this regards it will help us, you know, like the OurWinnipeg plan, it provides us with more policy statements so it'll help guide us, infill guidelines, again, it will help guide us a bit better. So because Winnipeg is growing and we're going to continue to grow, we need to grow up and we need to grow out, that's the way housing choice is very important but how we do that, I think going through the old processes, which I found incredibly positional, we need to look at a different form and how we do this. So thanks for the question, but that's where we're at. You'll get a little more update shortly from the department.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: Yes, Madam Chair, I'm wondering if the Chair could give us an update on the Impact Fee Working Group and where that's at and what's been happening?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much for the question. I was going to fish around and see if someone could ask me that question because it's going quite well, we've had two meetings but I just want to make sure everybody is aware and I just got it from, here it is, we've actually posted it, the meeting, the first meeting is posted it's at Winnipeg, on the Winnipeg website, you'll see all the members who were there, all the meeting minutes of what we've talked about and our goals at those meetings. So we just post, we've now posted them. It's always a little confusing because of the court challenge and what we can do and we have to walk pretty softly. But on the website, you'll see kind of the topics we talk about, where we're getting at. So we're getting there, we have had two, pretty good, meetings. The first one is where the state of the city is at and where we're going and the last one is we looked at is where the guiding principles of going forward for the industrial lands. So right now, we're focussing on the industrial side because that's the next tranche of possible impact fees that are going forward. We have an incredible group of amazing brains around this table, people who are really on the front line of development and they've been incredibly helpful. The insight they're providing has been wonderful, they've actually enjoyed, I think they have, they told us that the information we're providing them as well, they didn't, they're unaware of some of the stats and information we had. So again, it's sharing that collaborate approach going forward on this one and so, I would say 'yes' the meetings are going very well, the group is very well attended. We've had two meetings so far, we'll have a third one coming up, I think, in June or July, I'm not sure where that's at. But again, that's what we'll build off of last one, is what's important to that group, so economic sustainability, that was one of the pillars that we talked about, transparency, so talking about and we borrowed some of the development cost-charge modelling in other cities and looked at some of those, they don't exactly work but we've been using some of their formats. So I say the, I know when we did this Impact Fee Working Group, many people told me, you know you don't want a working group, don't have a working group, it's a bad idea, they're just going to make your lives miserable. You know what, I believe collaborating and talking to them is way more, was much more enjoyable, I met, maybe not enjoyable in all regards, we had the Impact Fee Working Group, I met with over 60 stakeholders prior to that, as far as rolling it out, again that came in they may want a little more time, some just said 'no way, we're not doing this'. So you get a little bit of in trepidation going forward, but again, I was right, having this working group has been, for me, just talking about industrial lands, is it buying land, is it leasing land, how will they play out together, who gets charged, when do you get charged, what is the industrial market. We have our Employment Land Strategy coming out shortly, and I can tell you right now what I'm seeing is our industrial lands are very limited in Winnipeg, especially service lands, very, very limited, it's actually causing a problem right now. But again, this that's all getting tied into this whole discussion and they've also been a part of that discussion as well. So I believe this is a good way forward and I look forward to it continuing. Again it's on the website, so you can get all the information you need there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Any further questions? Councillor Pagtakhan, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, Madam Speaker, the Exchange District, Madam Speaker, is a real gem within the City of Winnipeg, within our downtown, it's designated as a National Historic Site, Madam Speaker, and you know one of the gateways of the Exchange District, Madam Speaker, is the corner of Notre Dame and Albert Street. At that corner, Madam Speaker, is the St. Charles Hotel, it's been a building within our city and within the Exchange District, Madam Speaker, and it's been vacant for a number of years, over a decade at least, Madam Speaker. And I'm not sure why it's remaining vacant, there's been a lot of development around the area, The Porter House, has been developed, the Mere Hotel over the last couple of years, we have the James Avenue Pumping Station, Madam Speaker, and there's been development on Princess Avenue, Madam Speaker, there's interest in the Market Lands. I'm not sure why this building is remaining vacant, there's a lot of opportunity, our Chairman just tweeted out something called a tweet saying, "the

Exchange District is showing signs of increase demand." That is incredibly true, that is a very true statement, the Exchange District is really an area in high demand and it's just unbelievable, it's unfathomable, in my opinion, on how a building like the St. Charles Hotel can remain vacant. So Madam Speaker, I'm just, I'd like to ask the Chair if he would entertain perhaps a motion or a thought piece, I'm still trying to put some words together on that, in terms of at a future Council meeting or at his Standing Committee meeting, if he would entertain the possibility of the city looking into ways to help encourage building owners who own heritage buildings to redevelop them within a shorter period of time?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah, thank you very much for the question. I saw, again, the line of Twitter, I saw Councillor Pagtakhan's comments recently about the St. Charles, and it's not just the St. Charles Hotel, we have other buildings that have been sitting, they're boarded up or they're safe, but so they're not, they're vacant, they've been sitting there empty. This one is quite particular because it's been quite a long time and the file on this building alone, I think would probably fill this room. But again, to the simple answer is 'yes', I think we can look at it and heritage buildings, Winnipeg this last term, we've done incredible work in actually designating more heritage buildings than I believe we've ever have and now we're looking at phase two, is how do you maintain them? Is the city have a role in helping in that regards? In some of the heritage building owners have talked about that and the city talked about being a good advocate. I do know, when I talk to CentreVentre about St. Charles, it is a key linchpin in our downtown revitalization of the Exchange area, we did the Market Lands the other day, we have the Albert being bought up and the new restaurants in there. So there is a quite a large revitalization happening in the Exchange. But you're correct, the St. Charles has been sitting vacant far too long. Now we have to respect the property owner rights, you know we don't want to be, you know, taking, you know, we have to respect that. But how do we respect that but also encouraging developers to not just sort of sit on the property and let it fall into disrepair and then eventually they can't do anything with it. So yes, I look forward to it, I've actually talked to the Chief Planner already about it to see what's available. So I look forward to the motion.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just as a did you know question, Municipal Accommodations in the past going back for years and years, maintain a number of buildings that are not associated with any city departments in terms of responsibility, such as the Department of Community Services and these buildings have been utilized for years now, under past Councils, to allow community groups that are providing essential services to groups by and we've been supporting it by allowing leases where we don't have full operating cost recovery from those groups because they're trying to raise money to pay for the programs that they provide. And really, did you know that now under the new policy that Municipal Accommodations has with these buildings, that the expenses…

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

Councillor Eadie: …are full cost recovery are going to put, and are going to put these full cost recovery is going to put these important groups, like seniors groups out of these buildings and not providing services that are essential to these neighbourhoods? Did you know that that exists?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Yes, it's been existing for four years. We've had different councillors who've been impacted similar to what you're talking about. I believe it's with the one I got a letter from. Yeah, we do know and aware and we've had some many other groups have come forward and tried to appeal the fee. The City of Winnipeg has a number of these buildings that aren't actually acquired for city purpose, it depends if we had that debate, where we take about a dollar lease, we charge them about a dollar and then we also use to cover all the operating costs and just to make sure, we're all aware of, these buildings that we're not really needing, in my opinion, they're good for the community groups, we pay for the maintenance, those buildings. So a lot of these dollar lease buildings, and that was one example last year, where we spent $300,000+ on the roof to repair, a roof for a group that's paid us $1. That's difficult for the City of Winnipeg, when you look at our Asset Management Plan, a lot of those areas where we're not doing well, is in some of our Municipal Accommodations, these buildings that are, we just can't maintain them, we have a lot of them. But that said, I also understand that groups that do, many of these groups are run out of these facilities are providing incredible service. I have actually had some chats with a colleague and said we'll help and support that. Seniors centres for example, you know, that would be very nice if the province helps us out there. Can we find some partnership? I know, it's going to be difficult, but again, seniors programming is not the City of Winnipeg's core responsibility but again, like always, like [inaudible] and other things out there. The buck kind of ends at us. So what are we going to do? Kick out all these senior type? No. So we got to find some work, so I look forward to the motion I saw today, the Notice of Motion, to have this discussion at the next committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. That concludes question period for that committee. We'll now move into the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan.

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED MARCH 6, 2018

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It's my pleasure to move the Items 1, 2 and 4. I would like to stand down Item No. 3 of the March 6th report.

Madam Speaker: All right. We'll call the question on 1, 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Outdoor Smoking By-law Amendments

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just, I was standing, rising in support of this item. I want to thank the Public Service for the work that they have done in term, and I want to thank the hundreds and hundreds of Winnipeggers who weighed in on the public consultation, Madam Speaker, regarding this particular initiative. Over 72 percent of respondents fully support a ban on outdoor patios. And I also want to thank Councillor Gerbasi, who was the seconder to the motion that we moved in Council several months ago. Basically, this by-law is good for Winnipeg. It operationalizes the decision of Council, or our decision to implement the smoking ban and the, also just want to say it includes a provision for cannabis here, covers that area as well and that this, and that this by-law be reviewed after two years after it's been implemented. So, just a few record comments on the record. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Eadie. Item No. 3, Councillor Eadie, did you stand this down?

Councillor Eadie: Oh, yeah please. Sorry. Thanks, Madam Speaker. We have debated it and we have discussed this at committee level and debated it at Council already previously. It's clear now that, Madam Speaker, in this report and the by-law that is about to be passed, that patios that are provided by bars, not talking about restaurant patios here, talking about bar patios that have been set aside for smokers to be safe, such as the Northern Hotel, it is now very clear in this by-law, Madam Speaker, that these people will not be able to smoke in the protected area, in an area of the city that is improving. However, there are high risks, higher risks than getting cancer from smoking that you are going to get jumped, beat up, robbed, to go outside and have a cigarette, Madam Speaker. I want everybody on Council to realize that that's going to be the situation in some areas of this city, okay. It's not just the North End. I also wanted to speak to the idea that workers would be in jeopardy in places where, you know, basically, the people are going out and smoking. It's a door out into a space and that somehow workers are going to be exposed to second-hand smoke, Madam Speaker. The reality is when these patios are cleaned, they are going out there when nobody is smoking anyway. And, Madam Speaker, that is the reality, Madam Speaker. Now, also, what's going to happen, Madam Speaker, is and I don't know who you want to hold responsible, but the thing is, Madam Speaker, they also provide ashtrays so that you can be clean, not filthy as smokers, not letting people's perception is, oh, those dirty smokers, they make a mess. Well, you know, what happens is when smoking used to be allowed they never provided the proper facilities for people to dispose of their cigarettes and so on, Madam Speaker. What happens is when you are sent out and you got to smoke somewhere where there are no ashtrays to get rid of your mess because you are hooked. This is an addiction. Not a good addiction, Madam Speaker, I agree totally, but banning this thing on patios is not going to be the reason that people quit smoking, Madam Speaker. And as a matter of fact, there's a lot of people in the City of Winnipeg who are at higher risk to being exposed to getting addicted to tobacco, Madam Speaker. And what you are doing is now we are putting people out on the street for everybody to see that smoking, and some youth, contrary to what people believe, they will say, oh, well that's an okay behaviour, I'm seeing people who live in my neighbourhood outside smoking cigarettes and that's where they're going go, Madam Speaker, because ultimately they're not going to be quitting smoking, Madam Speaker. What's going to happen is, and I heard arguments through this thing about banning patios, for some reason, people seem to think that the cigarette butts are going to disappear along Corydon Avenue, for example, because we've banned smoking on patios. The reality is where patios allow you to smoke there are ashtrays and the people who smoke use them. They are not dirty people. They are not, they want to put their and dispose of their stuff, Madam Speaker. And the reality is, is now you're going to have more cigarette butts. I hear Take Pride talk about cigarette butts are a big problem. Well, you are now causing, Madam Speaker, this by-law is going to cause those people who were smoking on those patios that have ashtrays and places to put their cigarette butts, Madam Speaker,

now they are in a place where there is nowhere to get rid of their cigarette butts. And so what's going to happen, Madam Speaker, is there's going to be more cigarette butts out on the street. And so now you are creating, you know, you are saying, well these people, they are disgusting and, you know, I guess we'll pass a by-law to start what, we're going to somehow enforce people not flicking their cigarette butts around on the street? The reality is that's not going to happen, Madam Speaker. That's not going to happen. Our By-law Enforcement can barely keep up to what they've got already under the Neighbourhood Liveability By-law. Like so, when you make this decision, there are some fall outs here when you did not provide, allow for bars, not where they are serving food and workers are coming out there and serving alcohol and stuff, okay, being exposed to smoke. These patios are, the smokers are out there. If they do have a beer they walk out there with it. That's what happens, Madam Speaker. When these patios get cleaned they are actually cleaned when nobody is out on the deck anyway or the patio. And so, you know, the reality is yes, it's good to demonize smokers. It's you know, that's the attitude and that really, it stigmatizes smokers and actually, that contributes to the addiction. It makes them more disgusted with themselves. They will smoke more. They don't want to take care of themselves. You are stigmatizing them. That's what's happening, that will happen. But, Madam Speaker, so I'm not actually going to vote for this. If this was a provision to really allow people to enjoy a restaurant patio to have food and drink and enjoying and socialize, Madam Speaker, I would be voting for it wholeheartedly. But to actually go after the bar patios that were actually, you know what, Branch 30 Hartford Legion, they built that deck when they banned smoking inside. That's the specific purpose they built it, Madam Speaker. And now what you are doing is like, to me, when it comes to bar rooms, this is, you know, I just don't get it. And you know, and the arguments to do it, they don't wash, Madam Speaker. And so I won't be voting for this or the by-law. I just, you know, if it was really dealing with the real problem of restaurant patios and so on, which there is tons of them along Corydon Avenue and other places where you are actually out enjoying the street. But you know, the patio at the Northern Hotel, it's out the back in the back lane. Nobody is going out there to enjoy the fresh air and the scenery because ultimately it's just, it's there for the safety of the smokers. So anyway, I'll leave it at that. Thanks.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you to Councillor Pagtakhan for shepherding this through the processes and getting this place. To me the simple thing is that no employee should have to be exposed to second hand smoke. No customers or patrons should have to be exposed to other people smoking within a patio or a restaurant. And, if you look at the history of this, many of us, some of us were around as Councillor Mike was, too, many years ago when we first brought in the banned smoking in bars and restaurants and at the time it was very difficult, it was ground breaking, we were one of the first places in Canada to do so and it was very difficult. There was a lot of push back from the industry, from the public, from everyone, but we brought it through, eventually the Provincial law was changed and it was brought in place and there were no really serious effects on business. It worked out and it became the standard; and we waited a long time to bring this forward on patios. Where now we are on the cutting edge of bringing it indoor places and now we are sort of the last one in, in terms of comparing ourselves to other jurisdictions, around the world you go and smoking is not acceptable where people are being served drinks or food. So, I also just wanted to mention that there was significant public consultation done which showed massive public support for this. I represent five business zones. I haven't been hearing people complaining about this or being concerned about it. It's a positive step to create an atmosphere that people can enjoy their food and drink out on a patio and without, and from my point of view as a former Public Health Nurse as well, this has been a long time coming. So I just want to congratulate Council that this is coming forward and this is happening. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: [Inaudible] question.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary?

Councillor Eadie: [Inaudible].

Madam Speaker: Carried. So noted, thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan on the by-laws.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move that the By-law No. 30/2018 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Record me in opposition.

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2018.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that the By-law No. 30/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Record me in opposition.

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2018.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 30/2018 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.

Councillor Eadie: Record me, opposed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Pagtakhan? Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz, on the report dated February 27th, 2018.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 to 6.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on 1, 3, 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Delegation of Authority to Award Seven Public Works – General Capital Fund Contracts Exceeding $5,000,000 Including Multi-Year Contracts and PTIF Funded Contracts

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Morantz to introduce Item 2.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to the EPC's recommendation not to allow the seven projects to have the winning bidders awarded by the CAO, which is actually through the CAO. The CAO delegates authority, Madam Speaker, but is responsible. But, Madam Speaker, I am thinking about the uproar that happened last construction season when businesses were told that they are going to be experiencing another season of lack of customers because of construction, major construction on regional roads, Madam Speaker. I think this is a problem, Madam Speaker. And while it is important to have the provisions that we do that Council bids over 5 million to be confirmed, what I would point out, Madam Speaker, in the past, if something like this was to happen, nobody would hear about it. There is no public information. But, this report, by coming through IRPW, is actually making it public knowledge that these seven projects, Madam Speaker, are to be awarded. And to expedite the process and yeah, we can have

special meetings, big deal. We can have special meetings, that still takes time. There is a report system that is mandatory. This recommendation from EPC doesn't say to forgive the reporting system that's required, it doesn't say to forgive that process and move it, just have it directly come to a special meeting of IRPW and if it has to go on to Council to Council, Madam Speaker. And so, but what I'm thinking about here and for whatever reason people decided not to do it. But, I'll point out that the winning bidder and the bids to these tenders, which will be found on the Material Management System that we have, public information, Madam Speaker, we can see exactly who won the bid that is awarded because they still have to post the winning bid on the Material Management System, Madam Speaker. That's public. Anybody in this chamber can go there or other people, the city, around the city can go to a website there and check on RFPs, tenders and the winning bidders, Madam Speaker. So, what we really have to think about here, and the mission of the administration is they've been asked, how do you fix this? How do you fix the problems that happened last construction season? This is one way to fix that problem, Madam Speaker. Like, yes, there is controversy for the CAO around a number of things nowadays but really, you know, what does it have to do with these projects? What does it have to do with these projects? Nothing. What's going to happen here, Madam Speaker and I'm going to be voting with respect to the taxpayers, the business owners, the residents, who are going to have to suffer, we're talking two, if there's two construction seasons required, there is rerouting of buses, there is all kinds of different things, Madam Speaker, and the rerouting of buses, Madam Speaker, they end up going down local roads. And those buses are heavy, Madam Speaker, they wreck those roads. Regional roads are built to handle buses. Collector streets are built to handle weight. Local roads are not. The way we are constructing and renewing local roads nowadays, they are not necessarily built to handle X amount of weight. Anyway, and these are already, for the most part, some of these streets are already deteriorated and so you're just going to make them deteriorate more. So, there is a cost to businesses. There is a cost to not providing the best services when it comes to transit or whatever, people being able to walk and get to places. And so on, Madam Speaker. It's an inconvenience. Yeah, everybody wants our roads constructed. They want these things fixed. But they also don't want to be overly inconvenienced. Or put out of business, Madam Speaker. We had Selkirk Avenue, a great example. We had two businesses finally go out of business because their customers couldn't get and had great difficulty getting to those businesses, Madam Speaker. So let's do the responsible thing here. I don't understand, it's publicly accountable already, it's only for these projects, they are in the budget. We have already set budget amounts, hopefully the bids come in under so that we have surpluses that can be applied to other projects in the future. And that is the intention of our administration to get the best costs and a good product. And so, I am going to be voting against the EPC recommendation, I believe, in order for the CAO, for these seven contracts toward the bidders so that they can get in the ground as soon as possible and complete these projects. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Councillor Morantz to close.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. There was quite a respectful and robust discussion about this issue at IRPW and at the end of the day, councillor, Madam Speaker and Councillor Browaty and I felt that the request for delegated authority was not necessary, and I think if anyone wants to go back and look at the video of that meeting, they will see how thoughtful the debate really was. And I felt at the end of the day that, you know, Council has set this threshold. It was set in 2013. It was, the history of it is really that Ernst and Young had a report on the fire hall issue and had concerns because at the time the threshold was $10 million and the reaction to that motion came forward through Finance to reduce the threshold to $5 million and Council approved that. So these are the rules that we have set for ourselves and I have basically said that if we can accommodate the awarding of these contracts in a quick way, and I think, Madam Speaker, and Councillor Browaty agreed, that if we needed to we would call special meetings. I have been in touch with, of course, the Director of Public Works to let him know that we would be readily available to consider the awards very quickly. We checked with our Clerk who said that we could call a special meeting within a few hours to have it done. If the question is should we be just delegating authority on all of these contracts all the time and really that's not the question. The question is really what should the threshold be? The reality is that the administration would need to come and ask for delegated authority if the threshold were higher on some of these projects, but that's not the case. So my argument has always been, I think that we should live within the rules that we've set for ourselves. If Council has an interest in changing the threshold and making, granting the administration greater authority then so be it, but that's not what we're discussing here today. So that was really the reason for the decision. I think we can have around this Council table respectful and reasonable disagreements and at EPC, we saw as well that we weren't all necessarily in agreement on this one. But, at the end of the day, I think I'll be very interested in seeing the awards come forward. One of them that was in the report actually came in under $5 million already and no delegated authority was required for it and that could happen with some of these other projects as well. So it could be at a special meeting, it could be at an ordinary meeting of IRPW where we consider the award of the contracts that the committee has undertaken to ensure that when these awards are required, we should meet as quickly as possible. Madam Speaker, I would also like to say that, excuse me. Sorry about the distraction, Madam Speaker. Really that's my, those are my arguments, and I would be certainly supporting the recommendation of EPC in this matter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. With that I'll call the question on Item 2. Pardon me. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. It's too late. We'll now move on to by-laws.

Clerk: Item 4.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me? Yes, Item 4, yes.

Item 4 – Angled Parking – Rupert and Pacific Avenues

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz to introduce Item 4.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, did you stand this down?

Councillor Eadie: Yup. Yup. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Yes, Item 4.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am in support of this report. I think the back in angled parking is a great innovation and I know that Councillor Pagtakhan champions this. It's parking is a great difficulty in his ward especially in these areas where they have been concentrating to provide those more parking spaces and to also allow provisions for cycling and better cycling and pedestrian use as well, Madam Speaker, and so I like the idea. I just wanted to say, you know, they study it, look at how it's going to work, how many spaces can be created, Madam Speaker and there is, there was another report on the McDermot and Bannatyne, Madam Speaker. My concern is that, you know, in the reports I haven't seen anything in regards to accessible parking, Madam Speaker. In terms of it being identified that they made some of these spots accessible, doesn't have to be a lot because you know that the majority of the population don't have to use wheelchairs and other pieces of equipment that require them to be able to need parking, accessible parking, Madam Speaker. And so when we are providing for parking spaces you know, there is the private parking lots, we, city-own, we own some of the parking lots and we provide accessible parking there, Madam Speaker, that's fine. But, these are also city-provided parking spots, the city, and a number of them need to be accessible, Madam Speaker. And so, looking at the study and when they are doing this, now, looking at Rupert, I believe is the one of the streets. Now, there is a parking lot around there and there might be some accessible parking around in that space. But, I definitely know that around Bannatyne and McDermot there's not really much for accessible parking. So, in the study, Madam Speaker, it's important that they have looked at what kind of accessible parking spots are available in the immediate area to accommodate Winnipeggers. And people visiting Winnipeg for that matter. It's essential. And so, whenever I see reports like this, I want to see, is there enough accessible parking immediately in the area? If there isn't, I want to see in the report how they're going to create one or two or whatever, at least create some accessible parking spaces, Madam Speaker. So, it was my opportunity to speak at this Council. I support this report. I think that this really moves to resolve a parking problem for everybody and I want to just make sure that when we are dealing with providing parking for everybody, that sub-groups can be accommodated. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Morantz: Just go to the vote. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to by-laws under this committee. Councillor Morantz.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will move that By-law No. 31/2018 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 31/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz on the second reading.

Councillor Morantz: Speaker, I will move that By-law No. 31/2018 be read for a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 31/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz on the third reading.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 31/2018 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'll now have question period for our Chair. Any questions for Councillor Morantz? Seeing none, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report today, no motions, no by-laws. Are there any questions for our Chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Okay. And the final committee is the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Gilroy, will you move the report of February 28th, 2018 on my behalf please.

REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move Item No. 1, the proposed ward name changes from the Ward Boundaries Commission. The new ward would be now St. Norbert-Seine River Ward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We have two speakers, Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Mayes.

Item 1 – Proposed Ward Name Change – Ward Boundaries Commission St. Norbert Ward to St. Norbert - Seine River Ward

Councillor Lukes: Sure, the reason that I spoke with Councillor Mayes on this, we have done a lot of work in south Winnipeg in the St. Norbert Ward, with the wards being split, we felt it by renaming the ward St. Norbert-Seine River gave better recognition for many of the constituents who live in the River Park South area and south of the perimeter, east of the Red. We wanted to keep the name St. Norbert in it because it's very historic, one of the birth places of Manitoba and we wanted to add the Seine River because the Seine River also is very historic and from historic purposes and environmental purposes. So we thought that the combination of the two gave people an identity of where they, what ward they were in better than just calling it the St. Norbert Ward. A lot of the population is on the east side of the river and this is the reasoning we talked about this and brought this name forward. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Councillor Lukes largely stole my speech. Yeah, this was a, I want to thank Councillor Lukes. This was a very co-operative effort. When the ward boundary report chaired, I think by our new City Clerk, Mr. Lemoine, came out and redistributed the wards, you had an effort to simplify some of the ward names. I appreciate that, we both did. But Councillor Lukes and I talked and the ward that's going to be across the south, the bottom part of St. Norbert and St. Vital was given the name St. Norbert. I pointed out that more than 60 percent of the population would live east of the Red River, could we rename it to South Winnipeg? Councillor Lukes, to her credit, said, I want to maintain that historical name, St. Norbert, so we then had to cooperate and see what would be the best name. So rather than putting in River Park South, because then the people from Normand Park would ask to be included and then the people from south of the perimeter would ask to be included and then the other bidders south of the perimeter that isn't in St. Germain, it was going to get to be four or five names so we collaborated on St. Norbert-Seine River. So I'm very pleased with that. I know some good feedback from Save Our Seine who I may have mentioned once or twice over the years here. So very good support from the Governance Committee, my appreciation for that. So I think it's, the people we have talked to certainly in this ward are supportive because it clarifies a little. There has always been this incongruently of if you lived in, if you went to the Dakota Community Centre, you knew you were in St. Vital, but it's in St. Norbert Ward, so now we'll be a little clearer about what this new ward is, what it's boundaries are going to be and what it's going to be named. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Councillor Gilroy, do you wish to close? Or I can call the question? All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Eadie 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 and Schreyer.

Council adjourned at 11:22 a.m.