COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, June 21, 2018

The Council met at 9:39 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 Elder Norman Meade.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like to now recognize our pages for today's meeting. Please welcome Max Thompson, who attends St. Boniface Diocesan High School and resides in the St. Boniface Ward and Avery Groeneveld who attends Fort Richmond Collegiate and resides in the South Winnipeg - St. Norbert Ward. Thank you both for joining Council and serving today. Before I call on the Mayor for morning announcements I would like to welcome Mr. D. Ross MacKay, training and coaching coordinator for 311 who is in our gallery today, along with the current training class from 311. They are here today to observe how Council operates. Thank you for your…for joining us today. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor for morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning to everybody. Good morning to my colleagues, of course, those that are here in the gallery, including…including Colonel Cook, who will be acknowledged and recognized in a few moments by my council colleague and our Liaison for Military and Veterans Affairs, Councillor Scott Gillingham. And I want to welcome all those that are watching via the Livestream and on television. Earlier this month, I was delighted to attend a ground breaking ceremony for the Inuit Art Centre at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. And I want to say, it's wonderful to see this project finally coming to fruition because it will not only make Winnipeg a leader on…with respect to Inuit art, but it will also help further our ongoing reconciliation efforts. Madam Speaker, at the end of May, I was very pleased to attend the Big City Mayor's Caucus meeting in Halifax. This was part of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities or FCM annual conference and tradeshow where we received updates on the ongoing work of our opioid task force, the Mental Health Summit in Toronto that was led by Mayor John Tory, as well as next steps relating to federal bilateral infrastructure agreements. A major focus of the meeting was a discussion on engaging the Federal Government to ensure cities have the right tools to address future challenges. Big City Mayors along with FCM have made some very noteworthy and positive progress on the federal municipal partnership discussions and funding. We are looking forward to building upon that progress going forward into the next federal election. I was also able to join Wade Miller recently and representatives of the new Canadian Premier League for the announcement of Winnipeg's Valour FC which is Winnipeg's new soccer team which will be part of the inaugural season of the league beginning in the spring of 2019. For those of us that remember the days of cheering for the Winnipeg Fury, it's high time we're able to watch live pro soccer again and I'm very much looking forward to it beginning. And I want to commend Wade Miller and his entire team on their successful efforts to launch Valour FC. It was great to be part of the Manitoba Marathon, Madam Speaker, this past weekend to help celebrate their 40th year and 40th anniversary. With approximately 10,000 participants, including my better half, Tracy, 2,000 volunteers and an estimated 40,000 spectators, truly one of the marquis marathon events in our province. Since the event began, millions of dollars has been raised to support Manitobans living with intellectual disabilities and I want to commend everybody involved in helping to put on another highly successful Manitoba Marathon. Also, this month, Madam Speaker, I was able to attend a demonstration with the University of Manitoba's Municipal Infrastructure Research Chair. This is Dr. Professor Shalaby. You'll recall this has been supported, in fact the initiative was led by me and this council. We partnered with industry as well as with the Provincial Government to fund the position. The demonstration involved dropping a standard load on to the pavement and measuring its deformations simulating the passing of a loaded truck. This is, of course, the falling weight deflectometer, say that ten times quick, Madam Speaker. By capturing the response to the road, it's possible to estimate the remaining surface life and recommend any necessary repairs. The road doesn't suffer damage as a result of the test and the information collected will help guide recommendations to the City and its engineers on how road repairs can be done in a much more efficient manner. It's good to see some of the tangible results from our investment and it will help us to accelerate research and development in the areas of design, construction, maintenance and management of municipal

transportation infrastructure including roads and active transportation facilities. I'm very proud of this council's progress on roads, which, also includes more than doubling the investments made with the previous council. And lastly, but not least, as many of you know today is National Indigenous Peoples Day which celebrates the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of Canada's Indigenous Peoples. At the break in Council today, the City of Winnipeg will be hosting in the courtyard a celebration which I would invite all of my colleagues to attend. I will also be proceeding on to Great West Life's National Indigenous People's Day celebration which will help mark their progress on Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. And, I want to just take a moment to thank all of you and all those who have been engaged in and leaders in our community's journey of reconciliation. I feel tremendously encouraged by the way Winnipeg is responding to Winnipeg's first Indigenous Accord. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to welcome a very special guest, Colonel Andrew Cook, who is with us today. For the past three years, Colonel Cook has been the commander of 17 Wing in St. James. He is Commander of Course of the Royal Canadian Air Force. It's the only Royal Canadian Air Force base that shares an international airport so it makes it unique in several respects. It's home to One Canadian Air Division, to NORAD, to…until recently to home to 435 Squadron, it's home to 402 Training Squadron and many other larger units on 17 Wing. What's maybe not known is there are over 1200 personnel, Canadian Armed Forces personnel, at the wing working in regular force or reservists or civilian jobs and these are men and women that live among us. They live in our communities throughout Winnipeg. They are our neighbours. They are our fellow soccer moms and dads. They are the volunteers that flip pancakes beside us at community centre breakfasts. They are partners and spouses work...are co-workers in our jobs throughout the city. 17 Wing is a vital part of our community. In fact, I heard a stat that 17 Wing, the men and women that are serving the Canadian Armed Forces, when you add their families together, it represents a population impact on the City of Winnipeg of around 5,000 people or even more. The commander has a lot of moving parts under his command and during his three years. I know Colonel Cook has overseen air rescue operations as men and women of the Canadian Air Force have evacuated First Nations families from northern communities that have been threatened by fire. I know that he guided 17 Wing with a steady hand through the storm of grief when one of their search and rescue technicians died in a training accident. Year after year, he's assisted military families with the transition in and out of Winnipeg and he's built and he has effectively worked through the relationship of those who rank above him and those who rank below him, whether those in regular force, whether veterans or service civilians as well. And three years ago, two or three years ago, I know I went to the Mayor, and the two of us thank you...I thank the Mayor for this, his leadership on it, put together a role called Council Liaison for Veteran and Military Affairs to formalize the link between the City of Winnipeg and 17 Wing. And the creation of that position, I think, has been very, very important. But for it to work, we needed a really good partner at the other end and in Colonel Cook we certainly have that partner and the relationship respect, and an effort to work at this relationship, certainly has been reciprocal and we are certainly appreciated for that. And to top it off, Madam Speaker, Colonel Cook and his wife, Tracy are just a whole lot of fun. They really are just a fun couple to hang out with whether it's at events and after, you know, 27 years or so I think, in the Air Force, he's got a lot of great stories at the dinner table. It's a hoop. Unfortunately though, today we are also bidding him farewell as he's transferring out of our city. He is off to Ottawa to continue to serve our nation in a new role in the Canadian Armed Forces. He told the Mayor and me just a few moments ago, that he came to Winnipeg Ottawa Senators fan. But, after this term, he has been here before, but after three years he is going…leaving back to Ottawa as a Winnipeg Jets fan. So he's a smart man to boot and we appreciate his support in our Jets team. Today, he also tells us...today will be…looks like it will be his last flight. This afternoon he's going to take his last flight. He's a pilot. He has 5,000 hours of experience under his belly. He's a Hercules pilot. Councillor Allard and the Mayor and myself had the opportunity, he invited us up and he took us on a flight to see the flood last year. But today, he indicates will be his last flight this afternoon and so in the Canadian Armed Forces after 27 years and so we certainly wish him obviously a safe flight, but we wish him an enjoyable flight as well. So Colonel Cook, supposed to speak through the Speaker but, if I may, I'm going to speak right to the Colonel. Colonel Cook, as Commander of 17 Wing, on behalf of Mayor Bowman and this council and really, on behalf of all Winnipeggers, it's truly my privilege to simply say thank you. Thank you for your service to our city. Thank you for your service past and future to our country as well. Our nation is in good hands with people like yourself in leadership roles. We wish you and Tracy health and success as you move to the nation's capital and continue to serve our communities. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham in your remark…for your remarks in honouring Colonel Cook. I see that he is very touched. Councillor Pagtakhan, on to you for your morning remarks.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. You know, I really appreciate the prayer from Elder Meade this morning. He was talking about the summer solstice and about working together and about our great city and who we are as humans and humanity. And you know, the summer solstice really is a time of change. It's the longest day of the year. It's a pivotal moment for people. This is a pivotal moment for me, Madam Speaker. Oh, feel emotional here. But I just want to say it's been an exciting time for the people of Point Douglas come the election of

2018 when they elect a new passionate, dedicated and driven Winnipegger. Oh. Yes, Madam Speaker, I am looking forward to passing along the torch to the next councillor of Point Douglas and knowing that it's...geeze, I didn't think I was going to be emotional, but I guess I am. Just take a second here and drink some water. Yeah, 16 long years, Madam Speaker…not really long, long and fun, productive and knowing full well that you know, I'm leaving Point Douglas, I feel, in a better state than it was 16 years ago. We've seen a record number of developments happening downtown on Waterfront Drive. You look at Chinatown Madam Speaker, we have the Peace Tower there, Old Market Square has been developed. In the Centennial neighbourhood Madam Speaker, when I was still just a citizen, there was homes burning in my neighbourhood. There was lots of abandoned properties, lots of derelict homes. Now, I'm really pleased to say that there isn't one single undevelopable lot in Point Douglas...and pardon me, in the Centennial neighbourhood. We have seen incredible investments by Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, private development, a development by Kinew Housing, we now have established a residents association that is extremely active and is helping re-gentrify that neighbourhood. By the Health Sciences Centre, Madam Speaker, we have the new Manitoba Clinic that has been constructed, huge development to the Health Sciences Centre, the new Women's Pavilion has been...is going to be opening soon, Madam Speaker, within the West Alexander neighbourhood. So a lot of things that I have been proud to be part of as well as the neighbourhood plan that we just established in 2008 with regards to the Centennial and West Alexander neighbour plan so, so many things. Moving up to the North End, having an opportunity to provide some dollar transferring when Mayor Katz was elected, transferring some of the dollars that was talked for rapid transit to go into community centres. That was the will of the Council of the day. Madam Speaker, we put dollars into refurbishing the new North Centennial Recreational and Leisure Facility, which we recently renamed as Sargent Tommy Prince Place, and putting dollars to renovate the new Sinclair Park Community Centre, Madam Speaker. And up in your neighbourhood, our neighbourhood, where we kind of converge, Madam Speaker, we've seen incredible amounts of developments in Castlebury Meadows with North Point Village, Aurora, as well as Castlebury Meadows and Waterford Green. So huge amount of things that have been happening, really proud and looking…just looking back in the last four years, you know, Mr. Mayor, it's been really a privilege to work with you. You've given me a lot of leadership roles, you know, chairing the hiring of the Integrity Commissioner, Chair of the project…Council Liaison for Project Management where we've done incredible amount of work changing the culture here at City Hall with a new paradigm of doing business in terms of openness and transparency. Also with the challenges with regards to putting on the map, I think, a discussion with the arts, culture, heritage being the chair for the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Arts, Culture and Heritage. Still got a lot of work to do on that front, but you know, it's great that we're having these discussions and talking more collaboratively with that particular sector that we have now established so thank you very much for that support. And I'm going to miss, you know, all of you around the table here...you know, oh here it is. Another glass of water. It's kind of like the swan song, right? But I'm still going to be around for the next few Council meetings, but you know…you know, I'm not sure if it would be for everybody, but Councillor Wyatt….change maker, a lot of change makers here. You know, one percent for local roads, one percent for regional roads, a lot of mentoring, not always agreeing but agreeing to disagree which is great. I love that about our relationship and we both got elected at the same time in 2002. I was the youngest city councillor and I'm no longer the youngest city councillor. But we know where the laughter is coming from, but you know, and Councillor Gerbasi, another huge change maker, doubling housing investment reserves money from a million to $2 million. I don't remember when it was but I think it was 2007, 2008 or nine, somewhere around there and also with the smoking, the huge smoking by-law that we implemented here. With Councillor Lukes, you know, you advocated when you were on EPC for active transportation, we did that. Those are huge things. Councillor Mayes, I was just happy to be part of the ride for the Murray Field, that huge project that you just so single-handedly championed. And Councillor Morantz, you know, with the Innovation Capital Fund, way to go. Councillor Gillingham, just a huge rock here at City Hall and you know, multi-year budgeting is fantastic and your work with Finance on quarterly reports for major capital projects was a huge thing. Councillor Orlikow, of course, doing a lot of work with the impact fees and with OurWinnipeg documents and everything you do with Planning, Property and Development. And you know, all my council...especially my council colleagues on LSWK. We've come a long way with regards to plan reviews, rezonings, we have a really cool relationship, I think, and you know, when…I had the honour and pleasure of working with Councillor Lazarenko and O'Shaughnessy when I was first elected. Those two, I had a chance to work with them for two terms and then both of you got elected and I was kind of the senior person on the committee but you guys, we have an excellent working relationship. I'm going to miss it, but I think we've taken LSWK the way we work as a dynamic to a new level with respect to dealing with our planners and with the community and how we handle all those matters, so really happy, I'm going to miss that so. Councillor...Councillor Schreyer, I'm going to miss your singing at City Hall. So…yeah, maybe I'll have an opportunity to pen some words maybe and some memoirs or something, but you know, it's time. You know, it's something that was lingering on my mind for a while; when is the time to go? You never really know when it's time to go, but I think I'm leaving on a high note and it's on my own terms, it's my own voluntary term limit on myself and looking forward to the next chapter of my life. So I just wanted to announce that. I want to wish all of the people of Point Douglas well. I think that there will be some healthy discussion as candidates come forward. I want to wish all the would-be candidates all the best as they seek election to the seat of councillor for Point Douglas and I'll miss you guys.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan, for your heartfelt remarks today. Councillor Mayes. So on with the meeting.

MINUTES

Councillor Wyatt moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on May 24th, 2018, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move into delegations. I'd like to call forward Mr. Garth Steek. He is in opposition to Item 8 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 13th, 2018. It's regarding an Audit of the Effectiveness of the Current Systems and Processes in Relation to the Sterling Lyon / William Clement Parkway Study. We'll have ten minutes on the clock. Following the delegation's presentations, we will take questions. Following Mr. Steek will be Mr. Fred Morris, if you're here, if you could please come to the bench at this time. Welcome, Mr. Steek.

DELEGATIONS

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, good morning. Could I just have one minute before speaking to address Councillor Gerbasi and also Councillor Pagtakhan?

Madam Speaker: Certainly.

Garth Steek: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I would just like to extend a sincere appreciation to Councillor Gerbasi for 20 years of very distinguished service in the City Hall. She has been erudite, insightful, hugely committed not just to the City, but specifically to the people of her ward. When I was informed that she had been here for 20 years, that left me with the conclusion that she must have come here when she was 13. I don't think they allow that any more. But I would like to say on behalf of everybody that's had the opportunity to work with you, councillor, and from the citizens of Winnipeg as a whole, thank you. I wish you nothing but happiness in your future. Councillor Pagtakhan, what an extraordinary role of achievement. I think that you brought a huge emphasis to your ward, to the North End of the city. I think you have been a distinguished leader. Not just on this council but in the Filipino community which we know has 60,000 residents plus in Winnipeg. You have done that community exceedingly proud. And once again, on behalf of somebody who had the opportunity to work with you for a short period of time, but also from the citizens of Winnipeg, thank you for an enormous contribution and nothing but good fortune in your future. Thank you. Finally, Madam Speaker, I would just like to acknowledge Councillor Wyatt. I think that it's great to see you here. It's great to see the courage and determination that you have always exuded and I think you are a role model for so many. So I wish you nothing but health and happiness. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Mr. Mayor, members of City Council, bureaucrats, I have come to speak relative to the internal audit that was done on the Charleswood extension. After reviewing the report, I am more committed than ever that I believe that this should have been an external audit. I've read the executive summary. I read the extensive report that came down from the Auditor. It's interesting that when you look at the resolution that came out, the resolution talked about process and procedures. It was a dream resolution for a policy wonk, but there is no reference in there, really, to citizens. I firmly believe in going over it, that the essence of it is summated by the Auditor when he says that miscommunications throughout the project emerged as a consistent theme. I think what is amazing is that nowhere the Auditor says somebody was to take ownership of this entire process. There is no reference of the CAO, who I would think oversaw the entirety of this project. Something that was stunning was that the capital planning project was deemed to be not effective and efficient, and it's the same program that we've had since 1972. I would suggest, Madam Speaker, that in all fairness, what transpired on this particular file was without precedent. I note that there is scant recognition to public input, but you will remember that in September 19th, when the documentation went out to the people in Charleswood, for the meetings of two through five in October, the communication basically said, you can follow us through the expropriation process or you can fight it. Totally, totally inappropriate. The other thing I looked at, Madam Speaker, and I think really this is the essence of the audit. If you look at page six, it talks about the scope of the audit. Page 24, though, I think is the most revealing aspect of the entire audit. It talks about the fact that they were unable or unwilling to have communications with a civic employee. I think it's safe to assume that the civic employee we are talking about was the former Director of Public Works, Mr. Lester Dean. Why is that important, Madam Speaker? Mr. Dean stated in an e-mail to the CAO, "We have to restore the trust of the area residents. We have to inform them as to what's happening." Now, that e-mail came to the floor not through anything here, it came through access to information. The response from the CAO was, "I don't recall if I got that e-mail. And if I did, in my role as the CAO, I would never have looked at all the attachments." You well remember the letter to the editor that came from Mr. Thompson, the distinguished former head of Public Works who

said, “If you don't read those attachments, what are you reading?” And here is the essence of the whole thing, Madam Speaker, on the 22nd of December, in a CBC interview, Lester Dean said, “I want to be clear that any authorization to change the alignment was done so at the direction of the Office of the CAO.” Now, that's about as clear and straightforward as you can possibly be. The response, when the CAO was asked to respond by the media was, “No comment.” When the Mayor's Office was asked to respond, “No comment.” When a response was requested once again from the special group under the Mayor and the CAO's direction, once again, “No comment.” That, Madam Speaker, is the essence of this audit. If somebody came up to me and said, you know, you were involved in an accident and you left the scene and I knew full well I hadn't, would my response be no comment? I don't think so. I would clarify immediately what had transpired. The incredible thing about this audit, Madam Speaker, is when it was over, there was no mention in there anywhere of the anguish that the people of Charleswood had to endure, the fact that a hundred people stood for potential expropriation. Furthermore, there was no offer for compensation, the fact that they had to incur $40,000 in legal cost to battle the very people that were supposed to be looking after them. No mention of it. And finally, Madam Speaker, what is incredible about the audit is no one was held responsible. No one was accountable. It was as if this audit took place in a vacuum. And when the Auditor shone the light on it, everything vaporized, so we don't know who authorized this route. We don't know when they authorized it. We don't know why they authorized it. What's of particular significance, Madam Speaker, is on page nine of your report, have a look at it. In the back, this report went through the CAO's Office but most important of all is the commentary that states, "This reporting is about accountability.” What accountability? There was no accountability here. I emphasize again, Madam Speaker, this should have been an external audit. Like so many citizens, Madam Speaker, I wanted to know the truth on this file. So as I stated I believe from the outset, it should have been an external audit. It didn't happen. So let there be...let there be, Madam Speaker, no miscommunication here. Let me be direct and unambiguous. It is my intention to run for the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward in the upcoming civic election. Truth, Madam Speaker, must beat the power. As Martin Luther King said, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.” I was moved when I heard Elder Meade talk about the gift that he was given by his mother. Like many of you around this table, my father was an exemplary role model. And the gift that he gave me was straightforward and I heard it repetitively throughout my life. The truth is like a lion, you don't have to defend it, you release it. And when you do, Madam Speaker, it will defend itself nobly, courageously and in some instances, without mercy. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Steek. We will now take any questions from our delegation. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Mr. Steek, we’ve all read the audit report. I think many of us are very aware that communication is a challenge within the City. I am grateful to see that the audit report has identified many ways to improve communication. What else do you think? Do you believe you as a former councillor, have worked with the departments, you have worked with Council, you have seen how things have moved through the system. What do you think could’ve been done or should’ve been done differently?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Lukes, let me preface my remarks by stating that I believe that the vast majority of people that work in the administration here are highly committed, highly skilled and are dedicated. However, the model that is in this city council created this problem. Madam Speaker, I’ve come back from spending the better part of a week in Calgary. I had the opportunity of meeting with the Clerk in Calgary, the former Clerk of Edmonton. And she was very direct with me. The Edmonton model was taken to Calgary. Edmonton has 12 councillors, Calgary has 14. Now, in that model, in the inauguration meeting, the clerk takes the meeting, not the mayor. And City Council then elects the standing policy chairs. Most important of all, Madam Speaker, Council elects those chairs but those chairs are not paid any additional monies. It's an honour to serve as the chair. It's an honour to serve as a chair. The net result is nobody has purchased with 30 pieces of silver. They do what is right, they vote the motion. Councillor...or Mayor Nenshi, who is referenced here regularly, wins votes in Calgary through leadership, not because he can control the members of Council on EPC. But something that’s even more important, Madam Speaker, is the fact that when a council meeting like this occurs in Calgary, every one of the department chairs must be in attendance. They must be willing to answer council questions from all of you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek, let's get back to the report in front of us. Councillor Lukes had posed the question.

Garth Steek: I’m saying that the critical issue, here, Madam Speaker, is governance. This council is controlled solely by the Mayor and the CAO. What we have here is two sets of councillors, those on EPC, those who are not. The net result is, is that half of Council attends meetings here, but they really don't have any power. They really don't have any input. So in the Calgary model, you’ve got the politics of inclusion, in Winnipeg, we have the politics of exclusion. We need a change to the governance model. I stated, Madam Speaker, on numerous occasions on this floor, that I believed it would be a critical issue in this upcoming campaign. And I promise you, it's going to be at the forefront.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We just heard that it's been said in the report that there were inadequacies in the capital planning process. We just heard from our former and potential future councillor, that it's the same process we've had since 1972. Is this the process that the City has been using voluntarily that had implemented itself since 1972 or is it an issue with the Charter of the City in this case? I just wanted to know.

Garth Steek: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Schreyer. As I stated previously, Madam Speaker, the circumstances around this file are unique to this file. I believe that there are highly competent and dedicated people within all departments. What has happened here in a planning and process point of view and having been involved in that particular committee has evolved over a period of time. I frankly found it shocking to hear that our well trained employees weren't aware of it. It was simply stunning to hear in this report, Madam Speaker, that it was merely miscommunication. Nobody knew anything. None of the engineers knew anything, none of the department heads knew anything and yet in a public meeting, we were willing to talk about expropriation. Somebody had to have had ownership of this file. If it doesn't start at the top with the Mayor and it doesn't start at the top with the CAO, that's the essence of what haunts this place. I dare say if we had a different governance model, somebody would've stood up. Could've been Councillor Lukes, could've been Councillor Gilroy, anyone would've stood up and said, hold it, what's gone wrong here, without fear of being removed from a committee. We need equal representation from all 15 wards, for all 750,000 citizens in Winnipeg. It's about putting citizens first.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none. Thank you for your presence here today.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: There will be no demonstrations from the gallery when delegations are speaking going forward, thank you. Next is Mr. Fred Morris, if I could please call you forward. He is in support of Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, the report dated June 4th...June 5th, pardon me, 2018. It's regarding Facility Renaming, Pioneer Arena to Charlie Gardiner Arena. Mr. Morris is in support. You have ten minutes. Welcome.

Fred Morris: I thank you very much for this opportunity to speak. And I would like to thank Councillor Pagtakhan for bringing this matter up and spearheading the drive to rename the Pioneer Arena to Charlie Gardiner. And I'd just like to talk a few minutes about the hockey side of Charlie Gardiner. I do dabble a bit as a hockey historian to some degree. And Charlie Gardiner started...was a multi-sport athlete, but he really excelled in hockey. He started his professional career playing two years for the Winnipeg Maroons, and then after that he played seven years with the Chicago...for Chicago Blackhawks. And it was during this time that he really established himself as the best goalie in the league at the time and I think he is the best of all time, actually. Howie Morenz, who was the number one offensive hockey player of the day, said without a doubt repeatedly that Charlie was the hardest goalie to score a goal on. And then in 1958 when W. Hewitt Foster's father who would've booked down the stretch, he named 19 players as the best of all time and he included Charlie on the list as one of the two goalies and I think this speaks wonders. And the statistics speak for themselves. In the seven years Charlie Gardiner had a 2.02 goals against average during the regular season. He played every game except for part of one game. He got a shut out once every 7.5 games. And he represented the city well, of Winnipeg. And Edna will talk a little bit more about that in a minute. And he also had a flare for history. He won the first game ever played in the Chicago stadium. And then on November the 12th, 1931, when Maple Leaf Gardens opened and we've all…there's lots of stories about that, but Charlie was the number one star and he led the Chicago Blackhawks to a 2-1 victory over the Leafs stopping over 50 shots. He also played in the first all-star game, the benefit all-star game in Toronto after Ace Bailey was hurt. And his finest hour came in the 1934 playoffs when he led Chicago to their first Stanley Cup. And on that memorable night in April, it sadly turned out to be the last hockey game he played. He battled through five and a half periods with a boyhood friend, also from Winnipeg, until the first goal was scored and it gave Chicago the cup. And to this day, Charlie is the only person...goalie to win a cup as the captain of a team. And I am really excited that Councillor Pagtakhan has taken up to rename the Pioneer Arena because it is relatively accessible from various parts of the city and I really hope that by doing this we can get improved uses of it. It also has a football field right beside it which reminds us of Charlie's involvement in other sports because back in those days, there was a hockey off-season. And, you know, it has football and I believe you can even play baseball in that stadium. And it gives me a great honour to fully support this motion and I welcome any questions. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Morris. We will now take questions from our delegation. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just…more so just a quick expression of thanks to Mr. Morris. Mr. Morris does a remarkable job as a historian, certainly a lot of work in St. James. And I appreciate him shedding light on Charlie Gardiner today and so thank you very much.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And just same thing, just to express thanks to Mr. Fred Morris. He actually lent me a book on Charlie Gardiner which I had an opportunity to browse through and read several chapters to get to know a little bit about Mr. Gardiner who lived in the Point Douglas Ward on Lydia, Alexander and William Avenue, just basically a stone's throw away from the arena that we're renaming to…in his honour. So I want to express my thanks to Mr. Morris, really, for being such a strong advocate for this renaming. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Seeing no further questions, we appreciate your presence here today, Mr. Morris.

Fred Morris: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Our next delegation is Mr. Jonathan Letkemann in opposition to Item 9 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated June 8th, 2018. It's regarding the List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Trinity Baptist Church at 549 Gertrude Avenue. Following that we will hear from Mr. Brad Warkentin, if you could also come down at this time. Mr. Letkemann, please come forward, we will have ten minutes on the clock for you. Welcome.

Jonathan Letkemann: Madam Speaker, City Council, Mayor Bowman. As a representative of Trinity Baptist Church, I am here today to request a delay in the consideration of our nomination for our church to the list of historical resources and the backstory to this is on Friday, June 8th, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development voted in favour of Trinity Baptist being added to the list of historical resources and passed the matter on to the Executive Policy Committee meeting for review. We were informed of this decision late Friday afternoon and learned that the Executive Policy Committee would hear the matter on Wednesday, June 13th which would require a special vote by the EPC to suspend a City by-law requiring four days' notice for items added to the agenda. As we thought this was a little rushed on our end, we wish to bring this matter before our congregation…congregational meeting being held this Sunday, June 24th. We made a request to the City Clerks Department on Monday, June 11th, to have this hearing delayed…this matter delayed to the July 4th EPC meeting. Andrew Poitras indicated that on the June 11th e-mail that he would ensure the clerk would make a copy of this request available to the EPC on June 13th. On June 14th, we were informed by Andrew that this request was inadvertently not shared with the EPC and the committee and the City Clerk's Department took full responsibility for this matter. As such, we would like to request that this matter be sent back to the next EPC meeting for proper consideration at that level before being brought back to Council. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Letkemann. If you could just stay on the bench, we'll call you back for questions in a few moments. We'll also be hearing from Mr. Brad Warkentin, he is also in opposition to the same item. If you could please come forward, we'll have five minutes on the clock.

Brad Warkentin: Madam Speaker, Council members, Mayor Bowman, the following presentation is submitted for Council for consideration in case the Council chooses not to grant us a delay. As a representative of the members of Trinity Baptist in Winnipeg, I, together with Jonathan Letkemann, our deacon overseeing church property, are here to register our opposition to our church building at 549 Gertrude Avenue being placed on the list of historical resources in its entirety. On June 8th, we presented our case for a complete exemption to the Standing Policy Committee based upon the Baptist theology…theological position of separation of church and state. During our presentation, we argued that our church must remain free to pursue our core mandate without state interference. Our church exists to fulfil the following core mandate. I took the liberty to dig up some, from some of our founding documentation, our constitution and by-laws, the following quote, "The purpose of Trinity Baptist Church is to lead people to Jesus and membership in his family to equip the body to grow in Christ-like maturity. To use their gifts in the power of the spirit to touch others through mission and to exalt the lord in worship." Our congregation began construction of our building at 549 Gertrude Avenue in 1907 to fulfil this very purpose. And for more than 109 years, we have faithfully maintained our building to continue to fulfil this purpose. As the original builders and as the ongoing custodians of our congregation and church resources, we believe that we have a historical precedent to continue to make decisions regarding our property that would affect our ability to fulfil our core mandate. As we pointed out in our last presentation, the Historical Planning, Property and Development Department exists for a different purpose or a different mandate which is, "To regulate the alteration and demolition of buildings listed as historical resources." It is our belief that because of the different core mandates of the HPPD and our congregation that there's a high probability that at some future point, we may come into conflict in decisions we believe we must be free to make regarding our building. It's our opinion that when a congregation cannot fulfil its core mandate freely, there's a great potential that we'll begin to dwindle in size and vitality. When that occurs, the buildings belonging to those churches will often become financial burdens to the congregation as the upkeep is provided for by the charitable giving and sweat equity of church members. If that were to happen to us at Trinity Baptist and our

congregation's members were unable to maintain our building, we're left to wonder who will take responsibility for it. Is the City of Winnipeg prepared to? Perhaps we could just sell it. But who would we sell it to? As we consulted other churches and church leaders we know that church buildings that are placed on the list of historical resources often become far less attractive to other congregations looking to purchase a building for the very same reasons we are outlining today. Our congregation loves our building and because of that we are able to maintain it with limited resources thanks to the countless volunteer hours of skilled labour by congregational members. As a result over these last five years, we have been able to maintain the building at an average of about $27,000 per year. Were the City to…be required to maintain our building those costs would be significantly more. I think we would all agree that it's in all of our best interests for Trinity Baptist to continue to be able to maintain our building according to our core mandate. Having said all that, we do acknowledge that our church has historic significance and that the surrounding community has a legitimate interest in seeing it preserved. We believe that there is a compromise that may come close to satisfying both the interests of our congregation as well as the interests of the City of Winnipeg. We would like to propose that the exterior character defining elements of our building at 549 Gertrude Avenue be placed on the list of historical resources but that the interior character defining elements broadly described as church finishes and ornamental detailing be excluded while retaining the interior volume of the space. As a result of this compromise, the building will be protected from the types of commercial interests that could compromise it as a historical site while at the same time enable our congregation to remain free to make decisions about the interior worship space according to our beliefs and conscience, of course our core mandate. We hope you receive this appeal in the spirit of co-operation. We do have a sincere desire to work together with the City of Winnipeg to find a solution that will bring about the best outcome for our building in the long run. We respectfully submit this matter to you and we ask that you give your focus and sincere consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Letkemann. We'll now take questions for either of our delegations. Are there any? Okay, seeing none, I appreciate your presence here today. Thank you. We have one additional delegation today. Ms Edna Poulter, if I could please call you forward. She is in support of Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, the report dated June 5th, 2018 and it's regarding the facility naming...renaming, pardon me, the Pioneer Arena to Charlie Gardiner Arena. Five minutes on the clock, please. Welcome to you.

Edna Poulter: Thank you and good morning, councillors. I'm grateful to speak on behalf of the family for the…to the Council regarding the renaming of the Pioneer Arena in our honour of Charlie Gardiner. My husband's mother is Charlie's sister. Charlie died before my husband was born so they never met. When I joined the family in 1960, I heard about this uncle who played for Chicago in the NHL. Having grown up in the pre-television days, yes, I'm that old, Saturday nights were spent sitting around the radio listening to Hockey Night in Canada from Maple Leaf Gardens with Foster Hewitt. Those first years of marriage were tense at Stanley Cup playoffs. It seemed it was always Chicago whom my husband cheered for and the Maple Leafs, who were my team. I've since saw the light. We survived. And in 1989 when Charlie was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, I learned a great deal about him and came to appreciate and value what he had done in a very short career. Charlie was seven years old when he came to Canada with his family in 1911. When they landed in Montreal, Charlie had $3.55 cents in his pocket, money that he earned singing to the passengers, a sign of his enterprising spirit. He was introduced early on to hockey. He was not a good skater so he was put into goal. He quickly began to relish the position. He rose through the ranks, playing above his age group. He began to study ways to play the angles, to make it harder to be scored on. He was named the Wandering Scotsman because he played out of the net so much, something that was not done at that time. From 1927 to 1934, he played for the Chicago Blackhawks and established himself as an elite hockey player, winning many awards including the Stanley Cup in 1934 But there was more to the man than a hockey player. He was a superior athlete and innovator. A brilliant baseball player, a player on a championship rugby team, an excellent trap shooter, an avid golfer, a pilot, a singer, he neither spoke nor drank...smoked...did I say spoke? He was a role model. His father died when he was 12. He was in his teens when he went to work at Ashdowns in the sporting goods department and was quickly known as the go-to guy when you needed equipment. He went through hard times and not only survived but flourished. A lady named Antonia Chambers wrote a book about Charlie published in 2005. My husband acted as an agent for her in Winnipeg. We received many phone calls from men who saw Charlie play and remembered him. One of these was Croppy, the Jets fan. I'm trying to remember if he was Charlie's paperboy and I'm not sure if it was Croppy or someone else. This spring, a gentleman named Robert Grogin donated a hockey stick signed by Charlie to the Sports Hall of Fame. I spoke to Mr. Grogin last week and he told me how his mother urged him to take the stick to Mr. Gardiner to be signed. He did so one noon hour. They lived in adjoining apartment blocks and Charlie pulled out his fountain pen and signed the stick. Mr. Grogin was nine years old at the time. He is now 93. And his memory of that moment is still vivid and emotional. Charlie died two weeks later, a tragic death for one so young and at the peak of his career, death of an illness that in today's world would be easily cured. Last week, Wednesday, June the 13th, was 84 years since Charlie died. Much has changed in the world in those years. My oldest grandson asked me what's Ashdowns? Anyone here ever used a fountain pen? In Tuesday's paper another goalie, Joe Daley, was quoted about his feelings on receiving notice of induction into the Hall of Fame, words that would echo Charlie's thoughts. Daley said this is the greatest because I'm a Winnipegger, I'm a Manitoban, and to be honoured by your city and your province, people who made the

decision that you are worthy of being honoured is very special to me. Antonia's book was named, 'Before the Echoes Fade', the title taken from a poem by A.E. Housman to an athlete dying young. The echoes are still here. Don't let them fade. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms Poulter. We'll now take questions. Councillor Schreyer. Okay, any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for your presence here today. We'll now move into committee reports. Mr. Mayor, on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 6th, 2018.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 6, 2018

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

Madam Speaker: Okay. I'll call the question on Items 2 through 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief on this one. Firstly, I want to thank the public service as well as the support of my council colleagues and the broader community for our ongoing work and our ongoing journey to reconciliation. Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord has been a new initiative, one that is being watched across Canada with great interest. In fact, internationally with great interest and I'm very proud of the work that's happening in the community. This report highlights a tangible progress that we've seen over the last year. You know, the...yesterday we had our second annual signing ceremony where there were approximately 40 new partners to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. I want to thank all of the new participants and thank my council colleagues who were in attendance and whom have also signed the Accord. What the report that we are receiving as information today does, however, is it...it does outline some of the tangible outcomes that are resulting from the ceremonies and the efforts which are ongoing. And some of the highlights that Winnipeggers will see in this report include 1800 collaborations with Indigenous Peoples were reported by over 65 percent of accord partners, over 1600 employees from 31 accord partner organizations have participated, as well as over 5,000 members of the public service, Winnipeg's public service have participated in reconciliation training as have, I think, many if not all of my council colleagues. Over 60 percent of accord partners are practising traditional territories acknowledgements as part of their daily announcements and at events, meetings and gatherings as we have begun to do here on this floor of this council as well as at committee meetings. Over 180 policies and practices have been amended or are newly adopted by 32 partner organizations to recognize Indigenous rights, reflecting Indigenous priorities and improve Indigenous access and inclusion. Over 670 students from one school division, Madam Speaker, are participating in Ojibway and Cree language classes and over 42,000 students from five school divisions are learning age appropriate curriculum on residential schools, on treaties and Indigenous People's history and contemporary contributions to the growth and development of Canada. As I mentioned yesterday, we had the second annual signing ceremony. It was a beautiful ceremony and there is...as this report indicates, there is planning for…for the next gathering of accord partners for their work. There's preparation of a five year strategy for growth and retention of accord partners and commencing plan development in June in collaboration with the Asper School of Business for ongoing efforts. And so I want to commend our Indigenous Relations Division for their ongoing work. I want to thank and acknowledge the ongoing efforts of elders, including Elder Norman Meade who spoke with us this morning and is a member of my Indigenous Advisory Circle and I want to thank Kimberly Puhach as well as…she's the Chair of the Indigenous Advisory Circle and each of the members of that circle for their ongoing guidance and support for the City of Winnipeg's efforts. And I am very pleased, of course, to see that in a short...in one year, that the outcomes that have been delivered and continue to be delivered throughout the community. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to provide an opportunity to say thank you the Mayor for his work on the Indigenous Accord. I think the Mayor really has done a lot to change the tone here with regards to reconciliation in the City of Winnipeg. And you know, really pleased to be part of the ongoing initiatives with respect to the Indigenous Accord renaming the North Centennial Recreation Facility as the Sergeant Tommy Prince Place and recently, Madam Speaker, as renaming one of the parks in the Centennial neighbourhood as Giizhigooweyaabikwe Park is Anishinaabe for 'Painted Sky Woman' and that is to honour the Painted Sky Woman,

Madam Speaker, who is Leslie Spillett. A really…really, such an outspoken and strong advocate...strong, powerful woman, Indigenous person, and a great way to honour her and the fact that she is still around to tell her stories about her advocacy and the work that she has done in the community by naming that park after her is such a huge honour. So thank to you the Mayor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. We'll hear from Councillor Wyatt followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It was a pleasure to attend yesterday and to be part of the ceremony and also last year's ceremony. The Indigenous community, I've learned over the last little while, has a lot to offer us in terms of our community. I…you know, I've learned a heck of a lot about the culture. I was telling Councillor Allard yesterday about the seven teachings and he was asking me and…about them and I only learned about them just recently. And…but you know, the community has an amazing thing to offer us in terms of what we need as a city, which is healing. There's a lot of folks out there who are suffering, a lot of folks who are in pain, and I heard some amazing stories, Madam Speaker, over the last number of months. I became friends with a gentleman who lives not too far from Winnipeg who is in his 30s who is Indigenous and I became...well, we became very good friends, almost like brothers and he...his story, he told his story to us and his story was horrific in terms of the past and what happened to him, a broken home and it's amazing how that community...his community has been able to rise up and overcome these things and these challenges. He gave me courage and I think he gave a lot of us courage when he told the story about what had happened to him. The stories that the community has told over the years, Madam Speaker, are stories that I think we've heard or maybe we haven't. We've chosen not to hear. There's stories which are hard to hear because of what has happened in the past. But the one thing that I think that community offers us that I think our western society falls a little short on at times, and that is love and compassion versus judgment. And that judgment is something that I think eastern culture, the Indigenous culture, they seem to emphasize more of the compassion. And so the teachings that the Indigenous community teach that are founded on ideas such as the buffalo respect, the turtle wisdom, the turtle truth, the beaver wisdom, the bear courage, the eagle love, these are teachings, Madam Speaker, that give me encouragement every day. And I think if we can somehow...the Mayor has moved us very far in terms of this agenda. The challenge I think we need now to do is to encompass these ideals into all of our practices and it's not easy to do but I had the opportunity to attend the education program put on by Allen Sutherland not long ago, and my executive assistant, recently. And you know, it was amazing to listen to the history and I've heard the history before but to understand, Madam Speaker, how much this community has undergone these challenges but are still standing with us, still calling us brothers and sisters is really remarkable. And I can only say one thing, that is, we can't do enough to reach out to the Indigenous community to assist and to help, but also to learn from everything that they have gone through, but also to learn from their traditions and from their values and from their teachings. These teachings are very fundamental to all of us. Sabe, honesty, the wolf, humility, very basic, we learn them as children. But then there's sometimes we can forget them along the way as we get older. So if there is one thing that we can take away is the ability for all of us to appreciate those teachings and to learn from them and adopt them in our own personal lives. So I think this was an...I wanted this…this was an opportunity...I wasn't going to talk about these things but this is an opportunity for me to do so today because this was on the agenda. And my brother, who went through a heck of a lot and is still here, a good man, who has had lots of challenges, problems, but is still a good man, and we are born good. It's just this world that layers us up a bit and throws us off. So this is a great opportunity to talk about these things Madam Speaker, we don't do enough of that. So I want to thank this council for this opportunity. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will try to be brief. Well, maybe I shouldn't be brief, but the Indigenous Accord, Madam Speaker, is a great vehicle to move ahead the agenda of reconciliation. The education of the general population of Winnipeg and the people that watch us and what we are doing is very important. I'd like to thank the Mayor for his leadership on this along with his Indigenous Advisory Council, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to rise, Madam Speaker, I...having grown up in an area where a lot of Indigenous people moved in from the various reserves because of the problems that are happening there and the problems that are happening as we see them exercised by some of the population of Indigenous people, Madam Speaker. I've lived with those people. I've understood...well, as I've gotten older, Madam Speaker, we learn and we start to understand why some things are the way they are and how we might move ahead and changes those things, Madam Speaker. And we really have to change the whole perspective on Indigenous people, and I think that this mayor and this council, Madam Speaker, have done a great job and this second signing of the accord with 40 more signing aboard demonstrates the leadership. So I think that's really important. Every day I work as a councillor, I did sign on in the first round. But you know, I signed on but just because I had never signed on before, Madam Speaker, I've always tried to move forward the agenda of reconciliation and trying to make sure...people who are basically my friends, Madam Speaker, people I grew up with who…when you get older and they start to tell you the stories and you start to really get a feel for what their families have gone through and how things can continue to be very difficult if we don't take measures to resolve these issues, to reconcile, so that people can move on with their lives and be a part of it. But I just wanted to...and the only purpose I actually rose today Madam Speaker, is I

have done this in the past and worked towards trying to improve things for young Indigenous people and I just want to say, Madam Speaker, it totally surprised me that Councillor Pagtakhan would decide to retire from City councillor position. But Madam Speaker, I wanted people to know that I don't think he mentioned some of the great things but I just wanted to say, when I first met Councillor Pagtakhan in his job, one of the roles he was, is he was congratulating a number of young Indigenous people who were going through learning about how to do various kinds of work with the City of Winnipeg. And that was back in...I believe it was like 2004 maybe, shortly after he was first elected. And so Madam Speaker, I just wanted to acknowledge that Councillor Pagtakhan has also been working towards trying to resolve the problems for many of the Indigenous youth who live in the North End in which both Councillor Pagtakhan and I share a responsibility for as city councillors so thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to say a few comments on this. I think…I agree with Councillor Wyatt that we sometimes don't spend enough time talking about the really big and important things that happen. And I think the work on reconciliation that Mayor Bowman has led I think with grace and dignity and inclusion in our community has been one of the highlights for me of this term of council. You know there's been work on this issue over the years. I've been here…the first Municipal Aboriginal Pathway Strategy was the first strategy in Canada, where a city developed a strategy on municipal issues and Councillor Vandal and I chaired that with Mayor Murray way back when. So the work started a long time ago on that scale and I was part of that, but still I feel that this term of council, the focus that...you know, with the timing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations coming out, the stuff happening on a national level, and starting with the McLean's article earlier in the term when Winnipeg was called the most racist city in Canada. And instead of being defensive, instead of the usual response, there was a dignified, respectful, inclusive response and to me, that was one of the best moments of my political career to see that and be able to be part of that. So I really think the Mayor deserves a lot of credit for leadership on this. I also want to acknowledge Cindy Gilroy leadership on this in particular. Cindy has been part of all this work behind the scenes. Often women are part of these things quietly out of the spotlight, and you know, Cindy and I both were part of the committee but I know in her role as Citizens Equity and other things. She's really shown leadership this term of council on this issue and I think that's important to acknowledge. And yesterday, the second signing of the accord, we've seen the process of the accord. Last year the original signing, which many of us were a part of, and this year again, I felt 40 new signatories coming on and each of these people are going back. People or organizations are going back to their organization and working on changing their culture which will spread throughout the community. So this is how the work of reconciliation is done. I think it's a great example as the Mayor mentioned, it's being noticed in other…across the country. It's an impact...you know, we make these decisions in this council chamber and we receive a report and we're getting an update and that's really important because it formalizes that process. But the really exciting part for me is that out there in the community this stuff is happening and it started last year through the accord process and it's going to continue to happen. Some of it was happening already, but this provides a way for people to say hey, I'm going to start focusing on this and I'm going to come together with other partners and people and have a mechanism or a framework to do that work. And that work being done is what really matters and so…like I think all of us go into public office because we want to change the world and we want to make it better and our city, you know, there is trauma, there's suffering, there's generational damage that happened as everywhere in this country and as we are seeing new instances of that that were happening in the south with the recent taking of children from their parents. So this type of damage, it needs to heal as was mentioned, and it's a long process and we are only beginning that process and nobody's saying that we've done the job and we are finished. There is so much more work to do but the fact that we've…in this term of council, created a framework from the City's point of view showing that kind of leadership, I just can't say how important that is and how gratifying it is. You know, myself, leaving Council, to know that that work will continue. So I don't...I think it's something that is done with...as Elder Meade talked about this morning, from a good place. It comes from genuine caring and trying to heal our community and make Winnipeg a better place. It's not about political gain. It's not about all those things, it's about doing the right thing and I hope the citizens of Winnipeg are looking at that when they think about the work that this council has done over the last term in the future. So with that, Madam Speaker, congratulations to everyone. I want to thank…everyone on Council has been taking the training on the residential schools, has been engaged in this. It's wonderful. This is something we are doing together, but not just as a council, with the broader community at large in a real way and that's rare to be able to do that, to connect with so many groups and to bring them together and do the work together. So I think it's something we should all be very, very proud of so thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I too want to congratulate the Mayor on the work on the Indigenous Accord and also establishing the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Council. Councillor Gerbasi and I are fortunate enough to sit on that advisory council and it's amazing the experience that we get from the people that are in the room and what we could be doing in our own work. So it's a tremendous, I think, a tremendous thing that we're doing in terms of reconciliation. And I think...when I listen to the 40 new signers yesterday and what they were going to do, it really reflected that it's challenging each and

every one of us whether we're an individual, whether we're a business, whether we're government, it's challenging us to see on what we can do in terms of reconciliation and I just really think that this is a really exciting thing and especially as we're seeing more and more people sign on. And so thank you Mayor Bowman for doing this. I think it's...like he said we are being looked at globally on what we are doing here. So thank you for the work on this and thank you to each and every one of you for supporting this initiative.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Back to you, Mr. Mayor to close or I can call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, Mr. Mayor on the next report dated June 13th.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 13, 2018

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduced the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 8.

Madam Speaker: Five has been pulled. Seven, eight. Okay, we'll call the question on 1 through 4 and Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 5 – Multi-year Budgeting

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This was…this was an item in the mandate letter that has previously been made public with respect to our Finance Chair. I want to thank him for his efforts to work collaboratively with the public service so that we have this report before us. It certainly sets us on a path for greater long term planning and look forward to the discussion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to speak in some detail to this item. I spoke and voted against it at EPC where I stood alone and I may well again today, but I want to record my comments for the future. I want to praise the Mayor to start because when the Mayor was first elected right out of the gate we did some, I think, important, commendable things. We undid the freeze on the budget of the Winnipeg Arts Council. We moved right away to do that. We restored the cuts that had been made to the budget for the museums. We did a couple of things very quickly and I think commendably. That would contrast with the direction of this document, I have to say, which contains the plan to set a budget all the way through the 2023 year, the year after the next civic election. It contains the phrase, straight out of the report, "It would permit Council to avoid budget deliberations after the election." I would submit that that, in fact, is not what elections are about. Elections are about the people electing those representatives who reflect their priorities. The Mayor, I think, took the vote he got as a mandate for change and began to make that change right away. What he didn't do is get in and say, well I guess I have to sit around for a year and then get going on some changes. So it's important to look at what is being proposed here. I want to commend the Finance Chair who is...as I think I said in OB, one of the most decent people I have ever worked with in my adult life. I don't think Councillor Gillingham's doing this for any hidden agenda. I think what this is, is an attempt to bring some sort of planning discipline to the operating budget. There is no proposed change in the five year capital budget. It does seem to me though that we should be fully aware of what is being proposed here. We see right out of the gate the report says, well best practices are to do multi-year budgeting. That from an unelected group, I would point out it is not the practise of the federal government. It is not the practise of the provincial government. It's not the practice of the school boards in this province to do a multi-year budget. What you do is an annual budget. Now this does say, oh well, there would be some sort of annual review. An abbreviated annual review that would be done and perhaps most troubling of all, the public service would review tax supported budget projections annually and propose adjustments as required for Council approval. So what we will be doing is considering what the public service thinks is required for Council approval. I would prefer the current system, messy and time consuming as it may be, in that we consult annually with the public. I have a town hall meeting every year in my ward. I get the information from people. What we should not be doing, I would submit, is looking at tying our own hands and then voting annually on what the public service says is required. I sit here and I'm lectured about how we need to be more nimble and more flexible and then I'm handed a document saying, we however also need to do a four-year budget. I do not see how these two things run together. I sit here and I'm told we have created the Office of Public Engagement, yet I'm told we should be doing a four-year budget with abbreviated annual review. I do not see how that really hangs together. I look at a document that says multi-year budgets are appropriate where revenues are

predictable. I look at the Finance agenda and see now that we get a monthly update from Mr. Ruta on the latest vagaries of the provincial budgeting. This is even going backwards. We don't even know what we were getting last year from the provincial government and yet we are embarking on a path that would say, we know ought our revenues are predictable. The second biggest source of revenue is the provincial government. We would embark on a four-year plan which would in fact take us through the next provincial election and through the next municipal election in setting a budget. I appreciate what Councillor Wyatt has talked about here in the past which is the need for strategic planning. I would fully endorse a proposal that the day after the election if I'm here, the people who are elected would sit down and start saying, okay we've got four years. The Mayor, I think, could rightly say, I am the only one elected city-wide, here were my priorities. We could discuss priorities. What I feel is a very definite move towards greater civil service control of the budgeting proposal is a plan that says, in essence, you will have one shot in 2020 for the next four years. Madam Clerk, you have word, Madam Speaker, you have worked extremely hard to get the 33 Maples in as an operating expense. Year after year, this has appeared at your initiative and about four tries in, you got it. I would submit that if we have one giant session in 2020 in which everyone has to go all in, we're going to have a very difficult budget process indeed. I do think we do need to be nimble. I think we need to adapt. I brought in the issue of transit security in 2013, it was rejected. I brought it back in 2014, it was accepted. Had I had one shot for four years, I don't think it would've gone in. As I mentioned at EPC, we may well have councillors elected in by-elections who are told, yes, you reflect your ward, you've just won an election, unfortunately you don't get a chance to vote on a budget for another three or four years. We will have situations, I'm told repeatedly that we need to be ready on projects like the eastern corridor in case the federal government comes in with…and demands shovel ready projects. Well, if we're going to embark on a major capital expenditure like that that will obviously have implications for the operating budget. Any additional debt, for example, we would have to service it via the operating budget. So our ability to make four year plans, I have to say, this looks to me very much like if I bring something up, it will be called an amendment and I won't be able to bring it. If the public service brings something up, it will be called 'tweaking' or a 'required amendment' and I have grave concerns over that. The document also talks about the need to...well, the need for certainty in revenue as I have talked about and I don't think we live in an environment where we have that. I do appreciate some of the decisions that were made after the last election reflecting the priorities of the elected officials. I want to commend the Mayor for supporting...it took me a couple of tries, but I got in the two-year pilot project on the Youth United of Winnipeg, a very important reconciliation project. The Mayor came to the launch. I thank him for that. I don't think it would have happened without the Mayor's support. God help you though if you want to go forward with a two-year pilot project under a four-year model because you'll never get a chance to see if it succeeded or not, it will simply vanish after two years. So I think what we are embarking on here for those of us, and I hope to be here in 2020, is an incredibly long, difficult process in 2020 in which everyone will have to bring everything they want to the table and try to get it in. Otherwise, you risk undoing the annual compromise that is the budget each time out. So I appreciate Councillor Gillingham's decency and honesty in moving forward with this. If this was phrased as we need to have a four-year plan, I think I can appreciate that discussion. The idea though that we will set tax rates four years in advance and then say, we'll have revenue certainty, I think is, frankly good in theory but not really how we operate here. It is how we could operate the utility, yes, because that revenue is from…is only from the...is not from the tax supported side. One could argue we could set the police budget that way and that we're simply setting a global figure and we leave it to the Police Board to fight it out internally, though I'm not sure the Police Board would be amenable to that. But I think to say overall we're going to have operating budgets that will stream past the next provincial election, past the next municipal election, I think is frankly not the direction in which most of the public would want us to go. I don't think it allows us...

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

Councillor Mayes: I will try to wrap up, Madam Speaker. I don't view this as a criticism of the Mayor. I don't view this as a criticism of Councillor Gillingham. In fact, it is somewhat ironic that we were told here earlier today that we all…it's the Mayor controls Council and it's all a block vote. The EPC just marches on in the lock step. Apparently not, as I lost 6-1 at EPC and may well lose again today, but I do think this is an important philosophical point about the advantages of getting annual input from the public and the phrasing here, I have to say, does cause me great concern when I see that we will be permitted to avoid budget deliberations after the election. It's seen here…it's given here as an advantage that Council will have less time on the budget. And I'll end by saying, Madam Speaker, the advantage would not to be have less time on the budget. The advantage would be to have more time on the budget. Surely one of our jobs here is to have more scrutiny on a billion dollar budget, not less time on a billion dollars budget. So I would encourage us to perhaps go back and look at something I voted against which was Councillor Wyatt's plan for a strategic review at the start of a mandate of council and from that, we could go forward, I think, and look at budget items. But I have to say, Madam Speaker, I'm proud of the work that we did in the wake of the last election making some changes and frankly, I want to see Handi-Transit's operating budget extended to cover all parts of the city. If I have to raise it in 2019, I will. If I have to raise it in 2020, I will and I'm going to keep raising that and some other priorities because I think that's what I am elected to do. Thank you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I see both sides of this issue. There are definitely reasons why. I think there is a need around this council table to work together to establish sort of those macro, long term visions and goals as a full council. I think that's a positive exercise that we perhaps don't do enough of. There's too often, you know, we'll see a shiny project over there or an idea over there of the day and you know, we'll spend all sorts of time and energy and money chasing over the flavour of the day. On the other hand, sometimes we are in the middle of projects, we're spending money, we're doing things in a particular way and I think we need more scrutiny, not less scrutiny of the way the City operates things down to a finer grade detail. So there's arguments on both sides of this issue. I think we can, however, make a point...starting with the next council of coming up with more of a council vision, a strategic planning exercise which we've talked about, and at the same time, still doing more thorough exercise of the budget both through the public as well as EPC, you know, meeting with all the departments, getting all the submissions and having, you know, more in depth conversations with them. Have a budget committee that perhaps includes members not on EPC. I have seen different models and been involved with different models here at Council. I think it was best when all of EPC including the Mayor, spent many a day, you know, meeting with the departments, you know, hour after hour, getting into those fine grained details. Members of Council could make the argument for particular projects in their area and you know, sometimes they didn't get put forward, sometimes they got put into five-year of the capital budget. There is still that opportunity, but especially on the operating side where I'd appreciate this is really crunch time. There's not a lot of new money out there and I think we do need to take a look as the next council...whoever is here or whoever is on this next council to set that vision and to determine priorities. So again, I think we do need a long term exercise but I don't know if setting the budget for four years is necessarily the best plan. So I will be voting against the motion before us today, but I think a lot of the best ideas on this should be incorporated separately from it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Next is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am rising to speak to this kind of, Madam Speaker, of the same perspective as my fellow councillor from North Kildonan. What I wanted to first express is that there is a recommendation here to go to four year budgeting but it is strictly acknowledged, it is...there is nothing in here asking the Province requesting them to change the charter which says, the charter basically...so we would set a four-year budget, yes, and we would project what we think the property tax increases would be. I'm sure we would be talking...nobody wants to mention it. What services are we going to cut? Because there is this kind of a municipal structural deficit in that you can't really call it a deficit in that, Madam Speaker, municipalities and cities have to balance a budget by law, by law. So we always have a balanced budget, okay. Well, there was a little argument about that last year regarding ambulance contract and so on. But Madam Speaker, the issue is one of...that it can be changed every year. It's in the charter, it doesn't request to have the charter changed. Now, for me, projecting out that deficit, that's about...you have to also talk about what services are you cutting? We, Madam Speaker, found some things, some people wanted to call inefficiency, which are not inefficiencies like a cutting of the service of the street sweep on various streets…yeah, they'll do a spot sweep here and there, Madam Speaker. But you know, our beautiful trees hopefully they keep living and surviving. We have those problems, but…and that's a budgetary item we've got to project out into the future as well. So projecting into the future is a good thing and projecting out so the exercise for four years would be that we show that we have a balanced budget. Because right now when we vote on the…when we voted on the 2018 budget, we had two more years of projections but it's not balanced, Madam Speaker. There is a gap there which we are calling a structural deficit. So if we plan to deal with the reality ahead in four years, saying we are he going to have a balanced budget, I don't want to give...Councillor Mayes brings up a good point. I'm not going to, you know, willy-nilly give administration…we'll pass a four-year budget and then they could tweak it, no, no, no. Council must always be the supreme thing in deciding what the budget is absolutely, absolutely. We can't be giving away a long we go, but I'm very concerned, Madam Speaker, though about going to the four year because I know some of the people that want to go to the four year projection, they're going to be afraid to say that this is what we would have it do in the future. But you know what it would do, Madam Speaker? Better financial management planning. Madam Speaker, I am not dissing any administrators here or anything but I have to say, Madam Speaker, when it comes to financial management, borrowing debt and the by-law that we have and managing that into the future, Madam Speaker, I have to say, we have really blown the bucket here. Interest rates continue to go higher and if we continue to get presidents of the United States like we have, inflation is going to go crazy. That means interest rates are going up. Then we'll end up back like we did in the late '80s which is how we're managing our finances now, Madam Speaker. We're managing our finances as if it was the 1990s when Winnipeg was in a debt crisis. But they were borrowing money…Madam Speaker, the huge interest rates that we were paying, big problems. We just missed some time because we're not planning...and so if you're looking ahead four years, let's look at doing some things better, Madam Speaker, like you know, I don't know, it's inter-generational. When you do a total reconstruction of a local road, it's supposed to last 30 years if it's asphalt and 50 years if it's concrete. Why aren't we borrowing 20 year money, we use the dedicated money that Councillor Wyatt, thank you so much, for starting the building of our...solving our infrastructure problem, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the person who has really moved that ahead. And yeah, it's doubled or whatever and we can claim that we are doing better than the previous term, but it was the building blocks that started it, Madam Speaker. Because that was a future plan. Plan. Financially planning. But we should be looking at borrowing long term money for total reconstructions of residential

and regional roads on 20 year money…they're supposed to last 30 to 50. Then that money still sits in that fund, 20, 30 years later for our kids to be able to use money to manage to keep our roads well. But no, we don't manage things like that. What are we doing Madam Speaker to solve this imbalance? We did some short-term borrowing that was ridiculous, Madam Speaker. We should never do short-term borrowing for things…like, I couldn't believe it, Madam Speaker. What an awful mess that 2018 budget was and there are service reductions in there. People want to call it efficiencies, they were service cuts. So if we are looking at forward and continuing and saying, what services, and we're honest to the people and you show a four year budget maybe things are more tenable, Madam Speaker. But let's get managing things a little bit better here. So Madam Speaker, I like this looking forward to four years, but if the actual budget process itself continues the way it has, it's not going to work, it's not going to work. Because people don't believe our administrators when they tell you there is nothing left. They don't, Madam Speaker. So let's get really involved. Let's understand it all, people. Let's really understand financially because this election, Madam Speaker, is not going to explain to the citizens of Winnipeg. It's over a billion dollar operation. You have to examine and look really close and work on this stuff and Madam Speaker, if we don't do that and we don't manage things properly, so I...I'm actually going to vote for this and I'm going to pray that whatever that process is that goes ahead, Madam Speaker, will work. When we talk about things…so you know I propose the idea that we had more money for grants to, you know, keep good prevention programs like the North End hockey program or running a 24/7 youth. We were talking about that today. It's a great idea. Throw it into the budget process. It's kind of gone. Who knows what's going to happen with it but what I can tell you, Madam Speaker, because on one certain budget I get to work a lot on it and look into the future, what are the problems going to be, because there's some big problems coming down the pipe, Madam Speaker. When I look at that, the budget process already started. By the end of June, departments have to have in what...while it won't be what you're considering the new body for the budget, departments are already preparing by the end of this month, they have to have their budget, zero-based budget submissions in. Now, they won't…those won't be considered by Council until after the election, but that's being done now. So to add in anything…

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

Councillor Eadie: So you know, the processes are already really weird, Madam Speaker, because to add in anything now, this .25, it says to consider in '19, so hopefully administration puts it there but the department that handles whatever grants that would have to be made is already submitting their budgets, it's already submitting their budgets. They're not considering if there was an additional this or additional that. Doesn't matter which one it is but I just want to point that out, Madam Speaker, that if we're going to go to four year, we're going to have to improve the process and involve councillors more. I'm actually going to vote for it. I just pray that things work better and you know, at the same time this is happening, we're having a governance review. And the governance of City Council involves how we govern and how we do budgets. That should be part of it as well. How much power does the Chair of Finance actually have? Is it all the Mayor or is it all the CFO? Who is actually running or handling the finance stuff? It's a big job actually, and Councillor Gillingham has done a lot of work and Councillor Morantz before that. Chair of Finance, no. Anyway, any Chair of Finance, you are looking at that…you're only seeing reports but that Chair of Finance is not really empowered, it's the Mayor's Office is empowered through EPC. EPC works together as a team, Madam Speaker. That's how it works and when I hear people talking about a compromise budget, most of the compromising happens with the people on EPC and then we get a budget thrown at us. That's how it works right now, Madam Speaker. That needs to improve as well. There is nothing in this report that covers off those kind of things, but in the governance I'm hoping it does. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good discussion so far on this. Appreciate the...I certainly appreciate all of my colleagues that have spoken and they know that. I appreciate working with them. For Councillors Mayes and Browaty, this is one role we're going to end up on opposite sides, obviously, of the vote on this and certainly seeing this matter differently. First and foremost, I want to make very clear in no uncertain terms that Council is supreme. Council remains supreme whether we continue to adopt a one year operating budgets or move to four year budgets in operating. Council remains supreme. The model that is before us of multi-year budgeting includes the need for Council on an annual basis to still vote on the budget as per the charter that we operate under right now. That vote would still have to occur. Discussion would still be part of the process. Just...if I could just address maybe a couple of things that I heard, maybe concerns; the first is that Council will not be constrained. It's not like you would set a four-year budget and then leave it alone and not come back to it until, you know, late in year...the third year of that four year term. If, for example, a Federal Government opened up a program or funding program to give municipalities funding for any infrastructure or any program or anything like that, again, because this is an annual adoption of a budget that we've set a course for, that still gives the opportunity for Council to respond to and access that…those funds. Those...that may be available from another level of government. On the flip side, if a level of government dials back their funding to the City of Winnipeg, we still have the opportunity as we remain supreme and still vote on the budget on an annual basis, to respond to any decrease or changes in funding, whether it's from the level of government...the Federal level of government or the Provincial level of government. This really ultimately is about doing a better job of managing

taxpayer's hard earned money by moving to what is best practice and considered best practice by certainly the Government Financial Offices Association and it's a practice that is embraced by several Canadian municipalities. Moving to multi-year budgets would allow, and Councillor Eadie already touched on it, it would allow not just allow, it would force Council...this next council to have very robust discussion, very rigorous discussion on matters that we really need to be discussing. And I don't believe that we are discussing them to the length that we should be in the current process of kind of pulling a rabbit out of the hat to balance a budget every year. And by that I mean on the revenue side, we need to be talking about all things. We need to be talking about property taxes, fees, rates, frontage levies. We need to be talking about the use of debt. We need to be talking about the use of the utility dividend. We need to be…continue to have dialogue with our government partners, I'll talk about that in a moment. We need to be talking about any other funding source and not just year over year, but we need to set a long term projection as to how this city and servicing…providing services to the city…citizens of Winnipeg, how we're going to fund that through the long term. We already kind of set a projection of five year kind of forecast on our capital programming. This would allow us to, in many ways, dovetail that. It would also allow us to talk about the fact that we do have OurWinnipeg plan which will be updated. And we have our new Capital Asset Management Plan that has just been updated. And to take those planning documents and with any other planning documents that we may have and long term planning and determine where we believe as a council by setting priorities that this council is elected to do, we need to be going and then to fund that accordingly. On the expense side, and similar to what I just said, we need to be talking about services. Are there services that the City of Winnipeg provides right now that we shouldn't be in that are not core services to the City of Winnipeg, that we cannot afford the luxury any more to provide? That's a discussion that should be had and would have to be had. We should be talking about the grants that we provide. We should be talking about efficiencies and innovation. We should be talking about our cash to capital. We should be having all of those difficult discussions and I envision that if this passes and this is the direction that Council would move and I would certainly support that, that the next term of council as they gather together for round one, it will be very difficult discussions, very hard discussions but the discussions that we are elected to have, to make decisions and to show leadership on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg to continue not just to maintain but to build this city for the future. And so rather than doing them year by year, one by one and which contend at times to kind of allow us maybe to sometimes zone in a little bit maybe too much on just our local issues, we have to do that. But we have to be always thinking on the broader level. We really, in a sense, operate in many ways as others have said, like a board for the entire city and all of us have that responsibility together. Every councillor in the new term of council would certainly be…been selected. We would be part of that discussion. That very good, very needed, but very challenging discussion. Multi-year budgets would force City Council to clearly articulate really the future. Not just year by year, but the future in at least a four year window. When it comes to discussion about well, you know, how would we know what the levels of funding would be from a provincial or federal government because those can change and those can change within a year and we do see that. But let me say a couple of things; if I can, you know, if you'll allow me to be kind of optimistic and very optimistic, I don't know if this will happen yet or not, but very optimistic. For the provincial government that has been public about their desire to see us provide, you know, a longer term planning, this would provide that long term planning for our funding partners. I know with this mayor and previous mayors, Mayor Bowman and previous mayors as well, have talked about the need for a new funding model between the Province of Manitoba and the municipalities of Manitoba including the City of Winnipeg. This would allow, I believe, opportunity...a prime opportunity for discussions to ramp up with the Province on a new funding model that is long term, predictable and growth oriented. It would allow our funding partners, the federal government and the provincial government, to see where the City of Winnipeg is going and make it much easier, I would argue, for both levels of government to identify areas that they can and will fund and to understand because we're making a priority document, that's what a budget is, to understand very clearly what the priorities of the citizens of Winnipeg are for not just one year but for future years as well. So I believe this will give greater opportunity for our funding partners. It will give...it will enhance their ability to fund the City of Winnipeg. And again, those discussions with those funding partners would be also...would be robust as well. But just to kind of...just to summarize ultimately...

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

Councillor Gillingham: To summarize ultimately, we do certainly rely on the input and the advice and the work and the analysis of our public service, that wouldn't change. But in no uncertain terms, Council remains supreme. We are still obligated as councillors, we should feel obligated anyways, to be consistently consulting with our constituents. To be consistently getting feedback from our residents. And I see opportunity for the Office of Public Engagement to continue to provide that as well, and you know, again, Council could through our discussion in this rigorous process provide guidance to the public service and aspects of which our Office of Public Engagement continue to talk to and be engaged with and get feedback from the public. Of course each councillor…most of the councillors around this chamber do their own public engagement as well on a regular basis through their own channels and networks within their communities. So we'll continue to hear from our communities because we are the representatives of our communities. But I see this as being best practice. I see this as being...taking a longer term view giving the citizens of Winnipeg greater certainty as far as service levels and the cost to those service levels, which would give us the opportunity to project further than we are projecting now in doing just the one-year budgets. And so I'm certainly asking all of my council colleagues to support

this motion, to adopt this report. And then for those that have the privilege of being back here after the end of October, after this next election, if we approve this, the great work will begin and very difficult work but I think it's important work and I think our citizens deserve it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Seeing the hour, I believe there is a motion.

Councillor Gillingham: I would move, Madam Speaker, that we break for...until 1:30 or so. This is National Indigenous Day and I know the ceremony is going on in the courtyard so I would move we adjourn at this time.

Madam Speaker: Okay. There is a request for suspension of the rules to adjourn now and reconvene at 1:30. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 21, 2018, at 1:37 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene the Council meeting of June 21st, 2018. I'd like to recognize Councillor Wyatt on a point of order.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I have requested just to say a few words before the meeting begins. I have a lot of new expressions that I have started to apply in my life. One of them is, when everything changes, change everything. It's been an honour to be able to serve the people of Transcona since 2002, but it's one of the decisions that I've made amongst many decisions in my life recently and it's a tough decision, but a decision not to run again as City Councillor for the Transcona Ward. Since 2002, I've had the honour of serving in this chamber with everybody here. And Mike and I got elected in 2002, yeah, and it's been an amazing journey as an elected official and serving here, Madam Speaker. When I first got elected, I won't take too long, but when I first got elected, I remember the area of planner, John Wintrup, saying to me, don't worry Councillor Wyatt, nothing ever happens in Transcona. And I said, well John, we're going to change that. And together with his help working together, with the public service and with the community, we did a lot of great things in our community and for our city. I just want to say that I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without the support of my family. Politics is in my blood, Madam Speaker, I don't think you can take it out, it's there. I remember my mother voting in the 1979…taking me when she had to vote in the 1979 election, I said, mom, who are you voting for? And she said, I think Mr. Clark should have a second chance. And I remember my father running in '83 and campaigning with him in Transcona with the bag pipes and shaking hands out at the Safeway at Crossroads and it's just…something that I just...you know, I fell in love with. And still love politics and the ability to be able to help people and to make change happen and real change happen in our communities and in the lives of our citizens and make a better society. I know it's been…in terms of doing these things over the years, working with various mayors and members of council, there are just so many people to thank, and the public service. You know, I know we often get into logger heads with them, but they have...you know, the reality is, there are so many amazing City of Winnipeg public servants who do so many amazing things for us. And I just want to also thank my constituents. My community has been very, very loyal to me and I'd like to think that I would have been just as loyal as well in return. They've always been there for me, always supportive for myself and my family. And that loyalty I will never forget. And it allowed us to do some amazing things together. Everything that was done I might have just been the person in the front, but there is a whole pack of anxious and excited and hopeful people working together, making things happen. And that's what it should be all about at the end of the day. So I was just part of a big team and so it's been great. I look forward to the future. I want to help people with addictions. I want to help people who are...there's a lot of pain and suffering in our city, I see that. It's something that really affects me when I help them, it makes me...it helps me, actually. So I want to do more of that. But I'm always...I always will love politics and it's always going to be there. So who knows what the future and…will hold, but I'm not going to be seeking re-election for the ward of Transcona in the coming general election. And I know I changed my mind on this before. I want to make it very clear that I'm not changing my mind, so just for the record but this is a decision. I'm going to be sending out a little newsletter to my constituents prior to the cut-off, still following those rules, just to give them some updates about all the different things that have been going over the last number of years and to thank them as well, just a little note to thank them all for all of their kindness and support and generosity over the years. And I want to thank this chamber, all of you. This is an amazing city. We have an amazing future. We have challenges like any city, but if we roll our sleeves up and work together, we can accomplish anything we so desire. You know, we have…we are on the precipice of greatness, I believe and the future is really up to us and it's up to the leaders of the city and the citizens of the city to make that greatness happen so that everybody can be part of a great Winnipeg, everybody inclusive. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt for the surprise. We'll now continue with our speakers under the item where we left off, Multi-year Budgeting. Councillor Gerbasi, you have the floor.

Councillor Gerbasi: Well, I don't want to start any more trends happening, but I think I might have started one here that we're going to have a lot of new faces on Council. So congratulations to my colleagues and I also made my announcement to my constituents. I didn't actually make any comments on the floor of Council specifically about not running again and I just...so since everyone else is doing that today, maybe I should say a couple of words to get the formalities out of the way if people don't mind me taking the liberty given the circumstances. This is a big change on our council we're going to have. There's going to be a lot of institutional memory among our colleagues, these two were here since 2002. I have been here since '98. That's a lot of institutional knowledge so I still have to get my two cents in on multi-year budgeting while I can because that's just what I do. But I did want to...I've already released a statement talking about not running but I did want to just take a moment to say what an amazing 20 years it's been. I didn't plan to be here 20 years. I went through each election thinking of what I wanted to do in the next four years and each time I still felt there was something more to do and something I can contribute. And I think there is something to be said for making space for new people, for younger, not to be ageist because I don't think it's necessarily about a number, but to make space for somebody who hasn't had a chance to be here before, of all ages to bring different diversity and different experience and I think it takes courage and I applaud my colleagues as well for saying we've had an amazing time here. We're going to move on to other things and we're going to make space for new people, you know, with perhaps new ways of thinking. And hopefully we are able to be mentors and others could learn from our example and remember the work that we did. So with that, I...there's many other things I could say but I just felt it was appropriate to say something on this day given what's happening. So back to the work which is what I've always been about, since I have been here is just getting...can I say, getting shit done because that's really what it's always was about for me when I first went into politics, it was about getting stuff done and it was tackling what was in front of us; urban issues, transit and active transportation. I just maybe should mention a couple of things that have been really important to me while I have the opportunity. The Access Advisory Committee, I chaired for my first 12 years until Councillor Eadie was elected and I felt he should take that on, having been an activist on disabilities for so many years prior to his time here. And so I…we did some really great work on accessibility, which is really important to me before I was here, for those who don't know, I was a community health nurse and an activist on home care and worked with persons with disabilities. But I think the urban vision that I've come to believe in over these 20 years and champion is really important I think for young people. It's important for our future and I guess I want to take a chance to urge all of you to think beyond your four year term if you're coming back, to think about what kind of a city we want to build. If you go to other cities, if you travel the world, if you travel Canada, they have rapid transit. They have intersections that people walk across. They have really good cycling infrastructure and they're going in those directions because those are the kind of cities people want to live in. And transportation is so important part of it, the way we design our cities, urban planning and to do all those things properly, we have to be willing to make those investments and we have to be willing to do the long term planning. And so I will now go back to I guess the three-year budgeting is more short-term. I'll try to go back to that but I guess I wanted to leave you with that idea of looking more long term when you're making these kind of decisions. But back to the three-year budget debate that I'm supposed to be talking about right now. I just wanted to mention, I was actually here when we did a three-year budget. It was '98 to 2002. So I think I'm the only one here who was actually here when we did that in Mayor Glen Murray's first term. And we did start out with a strategic planning exercise. We were in the middle of doing the new at the time Plan Winnipeg, so the idea wasn't that…it wasn't done perfectly, but it was done…was to connect the Plan Winnipeg with the strategic planning with the new council with the people who were there and then going forward with the plan for that four years. And all this is is planning, there's nothing to be scared of, it's just planning. We're still going to have a budget meeting every year. We're still going to have whatever kind of public input. The council choose…of the day chooses to enable and we're still going to have councillors voting on it, making amendments and having meetings and discussing what they want in the budget. But what this is is a plan and it's exactly what we do with the capital budget already. We already have a five-year capital projected plan that's balanced. That's all we're doing. And when I say that's all we're doing, I don't mean it's easy because it's going to be really difficult because I think that the challenge is the structural deficit and that we know that that's real, and that every year we have a huge gap to fill and we have to find ways to do it. And we have as Councillor Gillingham said, continued to pull the rabbit out of the hat every year and managed to do that. But wouldn't it be better to put some longer term, deeper, more intense thought into how we're going to do that in the future and try to come up with a way to deal with that structural deficit. I probably would take a different view than Councillor Gillingham about divesting ourselves from services and some of these other ideas that he might have but there's other ideas. If some of us attended the alternative budget launch this week, and they had a bunch of ideas. Now, you may not agree with all of them. You may like some of them. They may be something to inspire other ways of looking at those things, but they were looking at all...and I think it was very bold that this group of citizens was put together, ideas for us to consider, and they have to do with revenue and new ways of doing things like you know, whether it's polluter pay or things like that, to change the way we finance things and to have the costs of things being paid for by the costs of growth paying for growth and things like that. So those are some ideas you may or may not agree with and there's another whole set of ideas that I'm sure Councillor Gillingham might have that are different than some of those ideas but we can…the future council will have that conversation and

they should have a strategic conversation and they should have...face the fact that we have this structural deficit. Face the fact that we need to raise more revenue one way or another, whether we want to do it through things that affect the way the city develops, whether it's through the standard tools of property tax increases that we've had freezes for a long time, can we…is there room for that? And what are our different issues? But that's the conversation the council's going to have and going to a three-year plan in no way makes that more difficult. It's just making it a proper planning process that this council really needs to do. And I don't think it can continue to be put off year after year to face those problems because we've hit a wall. As we know, we have to make some big decisions or the future council I should say will have to make those big decisions. And I know at the beginning of the council, working with Marty was actually me and my two conservative friends, Marty and Scott Gillingham and we spent hours. We spent the whole summer trying to figure out how to do this. And it would've made sense to do if there had been a sort of council support already for this notion. It would've made sense to do it this term of council to have a three year approach. But with the new council, you can start with a new mandate, you can start with who is here and they are the legitimate ones who are going to have to make those decisions for the next four years. So efforts were made to try to address the structural deficit this council and I applaud Marty and Scott and everyone else who participated in those processes of trying and it's not easy. But we need our administration to bring forward a budget proposal for us to decide what we agree with, what we don't. Like seriously, I don't think any one of us is going to put together a whole budget ourselves. Our administration's going to do that. That's how councils do it. Most councils do it that way. The administration brings forward a budget and then we review it very rigorously. And the tough...the challenge is making those tough political decisions that we haven't always been willing to make as an election is looming or whatever else. But the point is as Scott said, there will still be an annual budget process. It won't really change that much, it's just that we'll have a plan and we'll have put a lot…have an opportunity if the next council is willing to put a lot more thought into how we're going to tackle the challenges we face including changes to government funding from other levels of government and opportunities from other levels of government because there's some new big opportunities too for building rapid transit. There's money dedicated to transit for the first time ever and we are still talking about the same approach to road projects, you know, Kenaston and Chief Peguis and all the things people want, and I understand they want it, but we have to deal with climate change. That's another thing we don't talk about very much. I hope the next council spends some time talking about climate change. Please do. I spent some time with my colleagues, Councillor Allard and Cindy Gilroy and we brought together a plan to structurally improve the support for having...having a Climate Change Office. And we're doing a Climate Change Action Plan. But we really need to start recognizing the importance of that and dealing with it. There's many opportunities to do that in Canada right now. We have government funding going towards initiatives that do that, that make...and that includes transit, it includes composting. Like, these are things that the…I hope the future council is going to look at. And to do that you have to plan. You have to put it in a bigger context. What are your strategic goals and how are you going to plan for that. And you don't do that from a year to year knee jerk reaction of what do I want in my ward or whatever. I mean, we all want things in our ward and we all work on those issues as we're going through the budget process but we also have a responsibility to look at the big picture of the city and those bigger goals of where we want to go. So I would urge Council to support the idea of doing more planning. You're still going to have a budget every year and it is going to be hard work. It's going to be hard work in 2018 no matter what...and 2019 budget. No matter what, it's going to be hard, but I urge you to try to do it right. So I would be supporting this approach of trying to do a longer term budget planning. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Next is Councillor Wyatt followed by Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Gerbasi for her words there and I share a lot of her views as well. You know, multi-year budgeting I think is a very good idea. It's a…Councillor Gillingham was kind enough to reach out to me about a week or so ago prior to going to EPC to talk to me about it. I think it's an excellent idea. And I also…but I also agree with Councillor Mayes. And I agree with Councillor Mayes in terms of what he mentioned about strategic planning. You know, at the beginning of this term I did bring forward early on a motion about strategic planning. Ultimately, it's...when you write a budget...a budget…the first thing you really need to do is to set your priorities as a council. And priorities are really what will drive where you're going to spend your money and how you're going to spend it. And so until you have that priority, your priorities together as a council you're not going to…you're not going to...you're going to have a harder time writing your budgets. So the crucial thing I think is...it's interesting, I read the report and it said how other cities do multi-year budgeting, but what the report didn't say is other cities also do strategic planning as a council. I recall talking one time…meeting with former Mayor Steven Mandel of Edmonton, and he...at the time I was in Edmonton and he just lost a vote. He lost a vote on...he wanted to build archways coming into the city of Edmonton on the roads coming in and he got defeated and I said, you know, I says, mayors in Winnipeg don't lose votes. He says, tell me how that system works? I said, no I'm not going to tell you. Anyways, so, you know, it comes back to the governance model. Somebody said that earlier. I don't know who it was who was talking, governance is crucial. And if I agree with Scott, Councillor Gillingham, on terms of multi-year budgeting but in terms of Council being supreme, I've heard many mayors say that, but until a budget is actually defeated, Council truly isn't supreme. It's really an advisory council for all intents and purposes and this is where we can make some real…some potentially great changes with the governance work that's going on right now. And I want to thank EPC for

bringing that motion that I moved in 2016 forward and for moving forward on the initiative because governance will assist us in terms of working together as a council. Another mayor, Pat Fiacco, former mayor of Regina, a boxer by...he actually went to the Olympics and coached...or reffed. Amazing guy. He said to me one time, he says, Russ, he says, I'm going to get a unanimous vote on my budget. I said a unanimous vote Pat, really? He says, yeah. I said, how do you do that? He said well...he says…I said, do you have conservatives, do you have liberals, do you have NDPers? I think you had enough some socialists on your council. He says, you're not getting unanimous vote…he says listen, we sit in a room together, we sit there every Saturday in January and if necessary Sunday and we work together and we write the budget. And I go to every councillor and make sure every councillor, you know, what is important you've got to get done in your community? What do you need in your community? As long as you need it, it's not crazy idea, I will move mountains to help that councillor get that done and I get unanimous votes on my budget. And I remember relating this story to a former mayor who didn't believe me. He had to phone Pat to ask him for confirmation. But you know, it's amazing what we can do. And so I guess when it comes to this idea of multi-year budgeting, absolutely, but you do need to have a strategic plan by…pulled together by all of council at least at the beginning of a term, you know, when you come back, to write that strategic plan together, come up with your priorities. You'd be amazed actually how common...how much you have in common with each other in terms of your priorities whether it be the mayor, members of Council or members of Council to other members of Council. You might have some unique issues and concerns in different parts of the city, different ideas, but overall, that the priorities can actually align quite often. And yeah, sometimes it involves everybody compromising a bit and putting a little bit of water in their wine so to speak. But at the end of the day, you are able to do some great things together. And I would give the example of the Council in '98, which did strategic planning after that '98 election. Councillor Gerbasi was here then, I wasn't, but they decided to make downtown first a priority. They made downtown first. That council came together and said, we're going to…amongst other things; the aboriginal initiatives were at that time, one of the top priorities but they said, we're going to make downtown first a priority. And indeed, that's exactly…if you look at downtown today compared to 20 years ago it's night and day, night and day. And that was the vision…that's what can be done when a council works together as a team. And you know, we're always going to have our differences. We're always going to have our debates, but if we can somehow come together with strategic planning because whoever...if you're still going to have EPC doing...I'm not sure what governance will…the governance reform or review will suggest, if we still need EPC or not. Whether EPC is a thing from the past from the larger 29 member council and 50 member council before that or whether or not another vehicle could assist with delivering the budget. I had a great meeting with Mr. Lemoine about governance and shared some thoughts and ideas. But you know, at the end of the day, whatever you do...how you decide to write that budget, it comes down to what your priorities are at council. Councillor Gerbasi mentioned a number of them but it really means bringing council together to do that at the beginning. Yeah, you're going to have at the end of the day a debate about different ideas and at the end of the day as well, whoever the mayor is, the mayor will be able to…just by the fact that the mayor is elected at large, have the ability to speak and carry a strong message in any council, no matter what the governance model is. So I just wanted to add that. I would welcome any amendment in terms of having strat planning tied to it because I think that would help us a lot in terms of the multi-year budgeting. So thank you. And I actually mentioned that to Councillor Gillingham when we met. I said, you've got to do strategic planning first, that's the crucial thing and then the multi-year budgeting…budgeting, whether it be multi-year or single year, it just…it will be a lot easier and you will have less conflict on the floor of council. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Next is…pardon me, Councillor Wyatt. Next is Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I rise to speak to this motion that's in front of us and I want to thank Councillor Gillingham for doing such a diligent job on this and looking at multi-year budgeting. In the very beginning I believe it was Councillor Morantz I had talked to about multi-year budgeting, the concept of it and the ability to plan and to lay a direction going forward. I think we have heard a lot of very insightful perspectives here today from Councillor Mayes, his perspective which I've had the honour of being on EPC for two terms...or two years and I've had the great pleasure of not being on EPC for two years. So...and in that period of time, representing the largest ward in the City of Winnipeg, slightly above Councillor Allard's, very slightly, it's been interesting the amount of input I've been able to have and not have into the budget process. And I think that on behalf of the citizens that I represent, from what I've seen under this current governance model and we've talked about it today, but we do operate under the strong mayor model and we do operate under EPC and non-EPC members. I think Councillor Gillingham, you're headed in the right direction. We've talked a lot about consultation and how we can do much better consultation within the community and community leaders' engagement on this topic and I appreciate the work that you've done to this point, but I really believe that until the governance model changes and we have equal input into the budget process that this is a great start to talk about it until we have a strategic plan. Not this past FCM but the previous FCM I went to, sat through some strategic planning sessions and was just shocked at how many cities do strategic planning, basically, you know, so many, so many do. Yes, we have OurWinnipeg, but it's a very high level document. And I also am not comfortable with the fact that we were to do a four-year budget, with one year being in a new council's term, I don't think that that is really fair to the new council. And I think we're headed in the right direction, I just don't think we are there yet. I think we will get there when we have the opportunity to have equal input into a budget process. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Next we have Councillor Morantz. Oh, excuse me. Okay. We have an amending motion for this item. Shall we proceed with the mover? Would you like to speak after, maybe? Hear the motion first, Councillor Morantz?

Councillor Morantz: I am ready to put my comments on the record if that's okay. I can just take a quick look.

Madam Speaker: I think we have the motion before us we'll have to deal with it at this time. Councillor Morantz, I'll come right back to you.

Councillor Morantz: Sure, okay, sounds good.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so what's being circulated right now is amending Motion No. 5. It's moved by Councillor Schreyer, seconded by Councillor Wyatt. I'd ask the Clerk to read it into the record, please. Mr. Clerk.

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That before we initiate the process of implementing a multi-year budget approach, the administration provides an exhaustive report on Construction Inflation, so that Winnipeg City Hall, and all Winnipeggers, may have a real understanding of what has been the greatest rate of inflation affecting the City's contracts over the past generation, and which appears to have a similar impact on budgetary restraints today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer, your opportunity to introduce your motion and then we will continue with speakers. Those that have already spoke, can also speak again to the motion at this time if you wish. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you to Councillor Wyatt for indulging on short notice this amendment to the motion regarding multi-year budgeting. And for those of you who've been paying attention to what I've been talking about this entire term, for at least three years, construction inflation has had the...I would say the big...caused the biggest budgetary constraints on our city, especially this term due to it being the largest rate of inflation over the past generation. Larger than any other contracts the City has signed, whether it be with any unions, including the firefighters, and Winnipeg Police Service over the past generation, certainly with…certainly much higher than the contracts with CUPE over the last generation, especially in the last term. Madam Speaker, so I wish to bring this forward and consider a few things. One, I am willing to consider the issue of strategic review and planning. Basically that's what we do at City Hall, including the process we have now for creating our budgets. We have to think long term all the time. Our current system allows for us to think long term. The very first budget I saw, it had projections for years into the future beyond this term. Now, Madam Speaker, every day is budget day for me. I believe every day is budget day for everybody in Council. Whenever I talk with people, they talk about their concerns. They almost invariably involve financial implications, whatever their priorities are. We have to deal with our budgetary…our financial priorities. Therefore, every day that I talk with people about whether it's fixing their curb or getting a tree off the sidewalk in safe timing, as far as I'm concerned Madam Speaker, we are constantly dealing with the budgetary constraints. I don't mean to trivialize this by mentioning these things, it's just that I can't get past the point where we are reducing services in certain sectors in order to do what, Madam Speaker? Because we are lowering taxes? No. Madam Speaker, we're raising taxes. We're raising rates, we're raising fees, we're raising fines, we're raising parking meters. We're raising basically everything. Why is that Madam Speaker? Because we are raising all aspects of City services? No, Madam Speaker, we are not. That's the problem. But what is the singular consistency over the past years and the past decades, Madam Speaker? It creeps up on you, year after year, decade after decade. And look where we are now, Madam Speaker. The rate of construction inflation that we have to deal with is at the city level and I'd say in societal level not just in Winnipeg, but I would say throughout North America, and especially Canada, is dealing with our construction contracts, Madam Speaker. Now, our current system allows for multi-year planning, multi-year forecasting. We already work with budgetary projections. Now I guess the problem with our process now is if we change our mind in the short-term, councillors change their mind from the agreements they've already made or elections get in the way, democracy gets in the way, there is no perfect solution to this, Madam Speaker, but we have to deal with our realities if we are going to deal with long term budgetary forecast or budgetary planning to which I guess the intent of this motion that we've been offered today, is to sort of force us to be compliant with an original decision a few years earlier, otherwise, what would be the point of this motion? But Madam Speaker, if we're going to be bound to any degree, that this motion has any...this original motion offered to us today, Madam Speaker, if it is any substance to it, it is to bind us to one degree or another, to a previous agreement for a longer term budgetary forecast. Madam Speaker, we deal with long term contracts all the time. We deal with long term financial commitments all the time. We deal with 20 year commitments all the time, Madam Speaker, at City Hall. So we wish to put another layer of constraint of no going back. I

understand, Madam Speaker, we still get to vote but we're putting...this motion is here for a reason. It's to bind us to something. Otherwise it wouldn't be here, Madam Speaker. So if we're going to further bind us to longer term financial decisions, let's find out what factors are creating the financial impediments more than anything else. Madam Speaker, it's construction inflation. Now I know, Madam Speaker, I have been saying this for...well, over three years now. But I'm the only one. I believe I'm the only person at City Hall that has published any notable report of understanding on the issue of construction inflation. I did earlier this year, by the wrap to the Herald…Genstar Herald for northeast Winnipeg and published a brief and preliminary report to give Winnipeggers an understanding, at least in my ward of northeast Winnipeg, an understanding of what construction inflation is and how it has been impacting the budgets of Winnipeg for the past, well, decades and including in this term as well, Madam Speaker. So why should I be the only one talking about construction inflation? Why should I be the only one that's published any report of any sort, of any substance, on construction inflation for people to look at? I don't want to be the only one, Madam speaker. It's inadequate. We should all be…the City of Winnipeg should be doing this, not just me. And Madam Speaker, if we're going to bind ourselves to another mechanism for long term budgetary planning, I don't believe we're in a position to do so at this time. Because we as a city, we as a government, have not demonstrated our understanding of what has been the greatest rate of inflation on contracts at City Hall. That being construction inflation. Madam Speaker, other cities have done reports. I understand the City of Calgary did a report on construction inflation. I found out in my first few months here. Mysteriously, Madam Speaker, you can't get a copy of that report. I don't understand that, Madam Speaker, I was never given an explanation as to why I can't get a copy of Calgary's report on construction inflation. Well, Madam Speaker, I believe Winnipeggers can do better than that. We at City Hall can do better than that. We can provide ourselves, so we understand…we can provide Winnipeggers with an understanding of how construction inflation is creating the restrictions on us that force us to raise every sort...basically, essentially, every sort of tax, levy, fee and fine that we can do it, Madam Speaker, to the substantial degrees that we have. Madam Speaker, at the same time we're not increasing services. So Madam Speaker, you know, I don't like being sensational, but we need to show leadership on financial issues first before I'm willing to commit myself to something like this and we have not done that, Madam Speaker. We have not shown leadership on our ability to look seriously at long term forecasting when it comes to construction contracts. We haven't even been serious about looking at the past 20 years of what has been impinging on our budgetary constraints, Madam Speaker. So we're weak. We're weak on financial vision, on budgetary vision. We're weak on understanding it. We're weak on our analysis. We're weak on directing the administration to give us that understanding. We're weak on providing that understanding to Winnipeggers. But now we want to go and create another layer of binding us to further multi-year planning when it comes to finances, when it comes to budgets of all things, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, if we were serious about this, we already would've done this. We already would've provided ourselves and the people of Winnipeg a report on construction inflation. Madam Speaker, I'll prove my point; we've done the opposite. Not only have we provided...not only have we not provided people with an understanding of what has been the greatest rate of inflation of Winnipeg's contracts over the last generation and what appears to be...may very well be the same for the next decade 20 years to come. We don't know. We say that there is a projection that construction inflation will drop right now. That may very well be the case. That doesn't mean that it still won't be the highest rate inflation.

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

Councillor Schreyer: So Madam Speaker, the opposite is true. We have not provided leadership on this very important issue, this crucial issue if we're serious about long term budgeting. In fact Madam Speaker, we've done the opposite and this is how. We have been using construction inflation as a standard by which we measure our budgets and our contracts. We use it as a standard. We don't question it. It's the standard by which we measure. Madam Speaker, that's wrong. We need to analyze it. It's our obligation. It's taxpayers' money, and that's our job to analyze these things. But we did the opposite. We say, actually I'm not going to analyze it. We're not going to show where the problem is that this has been the highest rate of inflation. We'll just use it as the standard and compare whether we are above or below this highest rate of contract inflation at City Hall for decades. Madam Speaker, that's not long term budgeting. That's not wisdom, that's not vision. That's irresponsibility. And on that basis, Madam Speaker, after speaking about this for three years, after putting out the first preliminary report, I believe from anybody at City Hall this term, I believe we should all participate in this and if we're serious about this extra aspect of long term budgeting, we should incorporate this first so that we know what we're doing. Because right now, Madam Speaker, we don't. Proof is, we use it as a standard, not recognizing it as a problem that we have to deal with, Madam Speaker. And if there is no problem, let's see that in a report. But Madam Speaker, it has been the highest rate of inflation for the past number of decades. It continues to be, to my understanding right now, and when we deal with other contracts with the City saying we've got problems with our labour contracts, with our union contracts, fine. We have problems, we negotiate. When it comes to this, we don't. We don't say it's a problem. We say it's the standard. That's the opposite of what we should be doing because it's the major constraint on our budget right now. It's the reason we are raising all our taxes, rates, fees and fines. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Next is Councillor Morantz followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am rising in support of the Executive Policy recommendation as currently stated, un-amended. There are a lot of good things in here and particularly with respect to the idea of trying to address the structural deficit. That's something that I really started talking about as soon as I got here and I was chairing Finance. And I think that's very, very important. We can't go year to year, trying to you know, balance budgets by you know, hoping there is money in a reserve somewhere or clawing back on cash to capital or using debt somehow or hoping, praying that there is a surplus. We need to have more stability in terms of our long term view of our City budgets. And so, I really like that part of it. I want to be clear though that I don't think that we can actually pass a multi-year budget that is enforceable. It's my view...I'd like to get the perspective of Legal. I had...pulled up the section of the charter during the break and it's pretty clear it's 284(1) says, "Before March 31st of each fiscal year, Council must adopt an operating budget for that year." That's the law. That's the law that we operate under. So we have to do that every year. I don't think we can actually pass a long term budget document. What we can pass is a budgetary plan. And that's also what I like about the wording here, it doesn't say, a multi-year budget, it says a multi-year budget approach. So we'll have to talk about what that approach is. I think and you know, I'm prepared for our lawyers to tell me that I'm wrong if I am, but I don't think we can actually pass a budget for even two years that binds a council. I think the charter is pretty clear on that. But the exercise…and which Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Gillingham and I, we actually took a stab at it back in our Budget Working Group and it's difficult, it's complicated, it involves a range of choices and options around revenues and services that will be very, very difficult for future councils to land on. But I think it's a process that we have to go through. I don't know if this allays anybody's concerns but I think I'm correct in my interpretation in that, no matter what we do in terms of multi-year budgeting, whatever we land on, what approach which the motion says we land on, it doesn't take away from our statutory obligation that every year we have to pass a budget and we're going to be debating and discussing every year, just like we always have been, what's going to…what are the priorities going to be for that budget. So I am supporting it, but I want to just highlight that difference so that there isn't a misapprehension out there that all of sudden we're completely changing our approach and we're saying, no we're not passing a budget each year, we're going to pass a budget now that's going to bind council for three years or four years. I don't see that happening. But I do see hope in the idea of a plan, a budget plan that shows balance in future years. That's really the goal, a budget plan, a projection that shows balance, not the plan we currently have where we show two years in advance where we've got 80 or $90 million deficits we're going to have to tackle. So that's really I think the goal of this exercise in my mind and that's why I'm supporting the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee as stated, un-amended. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll first maybe speak to the amendment and just touch on Councillor Morantz's comments. I appreciate his comments. I will not be supporting the amendment. I think simply put because as the City does currently, we pass a balanced budgets with a six year capital program. The first year, of course, that capital program was adopted by Council and the five year forecasts are adopted in principal and revisited each year. Those five year forecasts already include construction inflation projections. So construction inflation is built into the projections. They're built into the capital program. Of course, anything in an out year...in fact every year, we've had this discussion at...the day we voted on the budget. As we build a budget and we adopt a budget, we adopted a forward-looking budget. Of course we don't adopt a budget after the year is passed, we adopt a budget before you know, the…that's going to take us through the months ahead. So everything within a budget to a degree is a forecast. And so in developing a multi-year budget, we'll again be working with administration and each year we'll be…there will be elements that are forecasted. So whether it's consumer price index, interest rates, construction inflation, all of those will be forecasts that will be built into the budget and all of those will be analysed by our administration. As to…I appreciate Councillor Morantz's comments in drawing our attention to the charter, with respect, I certainly…we would welcome...I would welcome also, you know, clarity on that. I see that it's...my interpretation, it could go actually either way that nothing in here precludes Council from adopting in this charter...from adopting a four-year plan as stated earlier. Each year though, Council will have to come back and adopt an annual budget. I think Councillor Morantz is right though at the end of the day, the goal is ultimately to get away from the year by year kind of miracle work of taking what we have right now, which as far as next year we are projecting for 2019, I think it's a 89-$90 million deficit that we are looking at. And as the case is every year, basically we take 12 months to kind of close it…close that gap and reduce that deficit so that we land on a balanced budget which we are required to adopt at Council every year. It would get us away from that. And instead, we would be adopting four years of balanced budget or balancing the budget….operating budget for four years, which again to reiterate, I believe is an important thing to do. Will require a lot of work on behalf of all of Council, and I think it is moving towards best practice and a prudent approach to fiscal management on behalf of the taxpayers and the citizens of Winnipeg. So certainly we'll welcome clarity and need to get, you know, we want clarity on the interpreting this note in the charter, section 284(1). I think it could go either way. Nonetheless, the goal ultimately is balance for four years in operating. So I do want to thank the Mayor again. The Mayor, again, articulated this in the mandate letter that was given to me and has been very supportive of this work and so look forward to the future discussion and I won't be supporting the amendment because we include construction inflation already but as to the main body, obviously will be supporting the report.

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

Councillor Mayes: Speaking to the amendment, if everything people had indicated were accurate, the amendment would be out of order because we are not changing anything I keep hearing. We're not changing anything. Why are people saying we're changing something? Well, here is what we are considering. And I think the amendment is at least in order in that something is being changed. The City is recommending implementation of a multi-year budget commencing in the 2020 budget year. The public service will be seeking Council approval of the 2020 budget and approval in principle of the 21-23 budgets involving an abbreviated annual review in each of the latter years. Involving an abbreviated annual review is not the same. It is abbreviated. We will be doing less budget work. There will be less opportunity to review, I would submit, there will be much less opportunity to put forward an idea like the 33 Maples or some other operating issue that has come forward because there will already be a budget. You come forward with an idea, what will you take out? Whose ward will it be in? That is the debate we will have, so we will have a very interesting and vigorous 2019 and 2020 budget for those who are still here because after that you will essentially be faced with a budget in principle in which if you have an idea, a pilot project, transit security has become an issue, you will be running up against a budget in principle and you will be faced with an abbreviated annual review. Secondly, the first year of Council's term allows Council to orient and coordinate priorities which permits Council to avoid significant budget deliberations after the election. The disadvantage of this approach is Council might find it difficult to initiate immediate change to the budgets after an election. That is the text I am reading. The staff are being clearly. Who's ever elected will find it difficult to initiate immediate change. I mean, I like to think the people are supreme and they elect a representative council who can make changes not being bound by the decisions of a previous council. As to the issue of construction inflation, I would point to the April 8th e-mail I got. I don't know if all councillors got it from Tyler Markowsky, our City Economist, which talked about implementing a three percent annual construction inflation rate to us. I asked why is this always running ahead of CPI? He talked about the components that go into the calculation of construction inflation. So I appreciate…this obviously has been a passion of Councillor Schreyer's, but I do think there's been another report. I do think our Economist actually cares about this issue. I do think it is timely to raise this because my suspicion is we're going to see some reports from the City staff that actually use a higher rate than three percent and I assume Councillor Schreyer will call that out as will I, saying, why are we being given a figure by our Economist and then a different, higher projection is being used in certain other projects? So I don't think it is…I don' think we need a comprehensive report in that I think we're actually getting a pretty decent report from Mr. Markowsky, our Economist. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak to the amendment, which actually leads to an additional comment I wanted to make about the four year methodology because it isn't the four-year budget, I think Councillor Morantz, used the proper term. It's a process that projects one budget that is what's being voted on and three balanced budgets over the next projected balanced budgets. Madam Speaker, this amendment, I do appreciate the sentiment in that are we considering construction inflation? Yes, we are, Madam Speaker. When we passed a capital budget, it does reflect the inflationary costs at least for this year's process, so but the real problem lies in that we have both a revenue and an expenditure side on operating and on the capital budget. They all feed through to each other and they all have an effect, Madam Speaker. So the issue then is...and this is the problem when you don't have strategic planning, Madam Speaker. You come up with...somebody comes up with an ill-conceived policy that we shall not raise property taxes more than the inflation rate. So if the inflation rate is low, Madam Speaker, guess what? Guess what, Madam Speaker? The inflation rate is low, that means people have more money in their pockets. Now we have Mr. Trump and he's pushing up inflation through tariffs and who knows what else he's going to come up with that's going to influence the whole world economy as well as this North American and Winnipeg economy, Madam Speaker. And so what happens is when inflation is high, people have less money in their pocket. That's what happens, Madam Speaker. So if you want to consider inflation, you have to balance it out when you're looking at the revenue side and where you are getting that revenue, how you are getting that revenue and then there are inflationary factors on the expenditure side including the cost of labour, Madam Speaker. I would say that the cost of construction inflation has probably been more because technically now, everybody says...used to say, how much? Oh, City workers are overpaid. They are not overpaid. You get paid more in the private sector now than you do in the public sector. I'm sorry, that's the reality. That's the reality, Madam Speaker. So you know, but anyway, I don't want to get into all that, Madam Speaker. What I wanted to mention is that when you are strategic planning and you have a new council, technically the strategic plan that we have to put together in order to do this four-year budgeting process, that strategic plan, Madam Speaker, it's going to take some time with the new council because it will be the new council that's coming up with the strategic plan. So let's say, we're looking at…so 2022 is an election, but we're…let's say we do in 2019, look at these budget...and remember, we're not passing the next three, there are changes according to the charter, we're just voting for that one year budget and March 31st is the deadline. You can pass that budget any time before then you want to, Madam Speaker, well any time prior to March 31st. There is timelines in order to prepare for property taxes and other kinds of billing that happens, Madam Speaker. But ultimately, in 2023...well, 20…last two months and 2023, it's going to take some months for that new council to come up with their strategic plan. So I don't subscribe to the problem with that you know, the following

year from an election, which is only two months after the election, Madam Speaker, they're going to need time to work together as 16 people not as an EPC and mayor and then, you know, we'll tell the others after as if each member on council doesn't represent things that the population are asking for. We all campaign. Yeah, I don't campaign the whole city, but that's what it is. So when you're looking at inflation, that is something. Also what has to happen is that strategic plan, and going into a four-year budget, you also have to plan for growth. The 33 needed to be extended because of the huge growth in Old Kildonan Madam Speaker, you know that. So ultimately, a budget has to plan for that growth and deliver the services we told those property taxpayers, those taxpayers we said that we would give them. So we have to consider it. So the growth factor is in there, that's proper budgeting. There's all kinds of other factors, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to say though, on this amending motion I'm not...like I understand the principle of why it's there, but it's all...it's all inter-balanced and in order to do four-year budgeting, you're going to consider the expenditure construction inflation and hopefully we consider what an inflationary effect that has on the demand for revenue in order to meet those needs rather than picking some inflation number out of the air that doesn't reflect us being able to deliver the services Winnipeggers expect. And I just also wanted to end by just saying this is here, it's only one aspect. I believe that Councillor Gerbasi…totally agree with her statement about different people have different ideas why you're going to a four-year, but ultimately, whether you want to get rid of or you want to add or you want to enhance or you want to deal with growth, either way, you have to plan. And I'm voting for that plan that meets the kind of things that Councillor Gerbasi is talking about. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, Madam Speaker, I am going to make a few remarks in French. Give my colleagues the heads up.

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Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers before closing? Councillor Schreyer to close on your motion.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I've heard from a number of councillors since introducing the amendment. I don't see any contradiction between what I am trying...the intent of the amendment to do an extensive, exhaustive report on construction inflation. And what the councillors were saying or why they're supporting the original motion. In fact, Madam Speaker, I don't get the logic at all. You know, in brief, Councillor Morantz says that we can't go year to year hoping that there is a surplus. That's true. Therefore, we have to understand what our costs are, the hows and whys, Madam Speaker. We purportedly balance our budgets while we've gotten rid of our reserves because we didn't balance our budgets in that respect. We take loans because we didn't balance our budgets. Madam Speaker, I know there is a formula and a protocol by which we have to adhere by our charter, by which we say we balanced our budgets. Madam Speaker, let's face it, it's not as simple as that. And as a matter of fact, Madam Speaker, not only you know, have we…have more debt now than before, we continue to raise our property taxes, our frontage levies, our water rates, our fines, our parking...what have you, Madam Speaker. Basically whatever we can to deal. But Madam Speaker, we're not really...no one has ever said why. Why are we doing this? Because of our cost, the things we are doing. But we are never talking about why the costs are going up. Madam Speaker, we put a lot of resources into negotiating our contracts. We put a lot of analysis and pay a lot of people a lot of money to negotiate our labour contracts, Madam Speaker. Let's compare that to what we've just heard just on the floor in the last 15 minutes in terms of what we've called construction inflation reports being built into the budgetary forecast. Madam Speaker, I've talked with the Chief Economist and he told me that he was going to come out with a mention of construction inflation. He told me, he said it would be about a paragraph. Well, Madam Speaker, when you mention construction inflation in terms of a budget forecast for any particular project, that's not a construction inflation report, that's a sentence or it's a statistic. It's a number. I'm not talking about that, Madam Speaker. We've got a severe problem in our society and Winnipeg's part of it. We share that problem, but we're not doing anything about it, Madam Speaker. I'm not talking about mentioning a sentence, saying all these things do Madam Speaker, is admit that it exists, that's not a report. We've just heard from these councillors saying, well…they're saying construction inflation, they're forecasting it. They're going to say that the construction inflation is this or it is thus now. That's not a report, Madam Speaker. That's a stat. That's the problem. We don't know why and we don't know how. Madam Speaker, if we were built into these analyses and these forecasts a real construction inflation report that we, every single member of this council can understand, then answer this Madam Speaker, did these reports deal with this issue, Madam Speaker? We know that oil, as an example is a major factor in construction. Has any construction report coming out of this city from the administration directed by this council ever explained in any way that we can understand...because we have to understand. It's our job to understand. It's our job to permeate this information to the rest of Winnipeggers so that they can vote on this stuff, so that they can discuss this stuff, Madam Speaker. Did they ever explain the fact that in recent years when the price of oil went down by 40 percent, which is a major factor in running the equipment, the heavy equipment and in the roads themselves, that there was no corresponding decrease in the rate of inflation or the costs of construction? Madam Speaker, there was no

corresponding decrease in the cost of inflation based on the...to the extent at which that was a factor in the costs. Madam Speaker, construction inflation remained at the same rate of inflation. It didn't go down. It didn't flatten. It stayed at the same rate of increase. Do we have an explanation for that, Madam Speaker? Are we incapable of this of getting that report from the administration? It is irrelevant? Madam Speaker, we're going into the future based on the fact that our provincial government is in debt. Our Federal Government is in debt. The deficits are, well, teetering. They might be going up. They might be going down but they're not, Madam Speaker. What we are dealing with...oh, we deal with our labour contracts, our union contracts and we put a lot of our resources into it but Madam Speaker, the most we've got in terms of a construction inflation explanation is a sentence or a paragraph. That's it. That's not a report, Madam Speaker, and that's not an understanding by anybody in this room. It's not. But yet we are supposed to do multi-year forecasting or multi-year planning to a greater extent than we do now. Madam Speaker, we already have construction contracts for bridges and bus rapid transit that are 20, 25 years long and we are beholden to these things and we don't know why. I know no member of this council has ever explained to me why. Madam Speaker, here's another one, bitumen. Of course, we all know bitumen. We are dealing with day-to-day budgetary issues here, so we all know bitumen when it comes to construction, right Madam Speaker? We can all talk about bitumen. We know what it is. Okay. We don't. But we're not getting a report from the administration either and it looks like we're not even going to ask for one. Madam Speaker, we are talking about the greatest rate of inflation of a city for the past decades and presumably for the next to come but we don't want a report. As long as it has a state…a stat saying, oh, construction inflation is set to be this amount. Not good enough for me, Madam Speaker. It never was and I said that from the beginning of the term. But trying to bind us to some level of greater binding to longer term budgeting commitments without this understanding, Madam Speaker, let me finish with bitumen by the way, because I've talked about it before. I haven't heard anybody talk about it yet. Nobody from the administration that I have talked with ever talked with me about it or given me their insights on it, so I'm the only one bothering to give insights onto these factors which is the greatest cause of inflationary pressures on our budgets. Madam Speaker, it's sort of embarrassing that I got to talk about bitumen again three years later because no one else is talking about it. But it is what you call that, it's the poor cousin to oil. It's a derivative of oil. We used in our asphalt, Madam Speaker. When the price of oil went up, so did bitumen at basically a similar rate. Madam Speaker, when the price of oil went down bitumen didn't. Why not? Okay. This isn't important? This is where our costs are going. This is why we're raising our taxes, our levies, our fines, our water rates. This is why but it's okay to say, oh, just this sentence will do. The sentence does nothing but admit that construction inflation exists. Well, that's nothing, Madam Speaker. That's just admitting the fact that we are spending money on construction and it's costing more. That's all we're saying, Madam Speaker, when we look at these statistics that we are saying is a report. It's not a report. It's just letting us know that construction inflation has run amok, basically, slowly, creepily, creepily Madam Speaker, over the past number of decades and continues to do so and we do not have the will to do anything about it unless we vote for this amendment which is more important than the main motion because if we're going to deal with long term financing and budgeting, we need to deal with construction inflation more than this motion can help us. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, Madam Speaker. I want to thank all members of Council for the very interesting discussion and some great points made. I won't be supporting the amendment for reasons that were set out by our Finance Chair. I want to thank him very much for his incredible collaboration with the public service to get us to the point where we have this report to vote on and I think it sets us on a path to have greater long term dialogue with members of Council on budgetary matters, of course. I also recognize that there is annual...there is an annual update and vote that would be required, consistent with our governing statute of course. But I think this is a good step in the direction. Something that's been talked about for many, many years and so I think it will go a long way to continue to compliment the other work that this council has made on asset management under Councillor Pagtakhan's direction as Council Liaison for Project Management and many other asset management and openness and transparency measures that this council has led on. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I'll call the question on the amending Motion No. 5. All in favour? Okay. Call for a recorded vote, amending Motion No. 5 that was moved by Councillor Schreyer. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillor Schreyer and Wyatt

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 2, Nays 13.

Madam Speaker: Motion 5 is lost. Now I'll call the question on the main Item No. 5, Multi-year Budgeting. All in favour? Call for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 9, Nays 6.

Madam Speaker: Item 5 passes. Mr. Clerk on to Item 7.

Item 7 – Reimbursement of UFFW President's Salary and Benefit Cost to the City of Winnipeg

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 7.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Shifting gears now for our focus. This is a motion that gives Council the ability to provide direction to the public service on how to implement one part of the new collective agreement with the United Firefighters of Winnipeg Local 867 or UFFW. The City of Winnipeg negotiated as members of Council will know, the City of Winnipeg negotiated a new collective agreement with the UFFW which was ratified and I'm pleased unanimously supported by Council in April 2017. That agreement has come forward for my signature but before I execute the agreement on behalf of Council, I feel it's important Council be given the opportunity to provide direction to the public service on how to proceed with implementing and updated provision related to the UFFW union's president's leave and reimbursement of costs associated with that leave. The motion that we're considering today outlines how prior to 2014, Madam Speaker, the City of Winnipeg used to pay 100 percent of the UFFW union president's salary and benefit costs with no reimbursement by UFFW, recognizing that all other City of Winnipeg unions do in fact reimburse the City of Winnipeg for full for each of their president's salary and benefit costs. Direction was provided by Council to the public service through a letter of understanding back in January of 2014 before this council was elected, to have them come up with an a agreement regarding union president's leave and reimbursement of cost to taxpayers from UFFW. In March of 2014, again prior to the life of this council, an agreement was reached between the City and UFFW which provided reimbursement of 40 percent of the UFFW president's salary and benefits costs from the UFFW. The motion that we are considering here today identifies that the 2017 collective agreement includes an updated letter of understanding that has been fully executed by the current president of UFFW and presents an opportunity for the public service and UFFW to arrive at an agreement representing a better deal for taxpayers by recommitting them to an agreement for reimbursements of costs. I want to stress that the motion will not and does not seek to amend the collective agreement nor does it attempt to revisit the collective agreement. I will in fact sign the collective agreement as negotiated by both parties and voted on and ratified by Council including myself back in April of 2017. However, I believe it's in the best interests of both parties that direction be provided by this council to the public service on how to proceed with discussions pursuant to the updated letter of understanding, prior to executing the collective agreement on behalf of Council. After Council, which we're now getting, after Council has been given that opportunity to provide direction, I look forward to signing and formally executing the collective agreement. I do want to also stress that the value of the work of the women and men of the UFFW is incredibly valued I know by every member of this council and by our City of Winnipeg staff as is the collaborative relationship that we have with the union itself. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers on Item 7? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Actually, I asked to have Item 7 stood down. I rise to start off...well, I'll explain why I'm not going to vote yes in favour of this particular report, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I believe that

the best deal we should have is the best deal the City could have as it does with the other presidents of various unions that the City of Winnipeg has collective agreements with and works with. So you know, I think that would be the right thing to do. By no means am I opposed to Alex Forrest or anything. As a matter of fact, I think he is one of the best representatives that the firefighters have had. He's obviously been there for a number of years. I remember talking to him in 1998 when I ran. I think he had just become the president or maybe about a year before, Madam Speaker. So he does a great job for his firefighters, paramedics…for his firefighters. And so that said though...and I think that the City should have the best deal. But here's my problem, Madam Speaker. There's all kinds of letters and memorandums of understanding with all kinds of various collective agreements, Madam Speaker. This has been turned into a political thing and you know, somebody...we're not…us not getting back his full wages if he is only working on behalf of his firefighters that way and not putting out fires which apparently he did many years ago, that's fine. However, so why is this coming to us as Council? I didn't get to vote on a whole bunch of things. As a matter of fact Madam Speaker, when we entered into the collective bargaining season, Madam Speaker, the Mayor's Office is very clear, he has a lot more responsibilities than I as a city councillor. And the Mayor appoints their team, EPC. EPC and the Mayor, the Chair happens to be the HR Committee. So when our administration goes into negotiating collective agreements, the bigger agenda...I'm sure there's meetings where they set forth to whoever is negotiating, this is what we would like to get out of our collective bargaining agreement and that's how it works on the other side too, Madam Speaker. However, I don't remember when Council ever other than to vote on ratifying a collective agreement, at what point has Council ever voted on specific initiatives in a bargaining process because the letter of understanding says yeah, okay, so, yes, it's yet to be negotiated. The Mayor should just simply say to our administrator, whoever deals with this, Madam Speaker, should simply say it's in the best interests. We're going to negotiate this which is we get remunerated back from the firefighters union for Alex Forrest's wages. So I can't vote for this in these terms in that somehow now we're going to change up things. Why aren't we voting on all? Why wasn't I invited to a closed door meeting to talk about setting an agenda for collective bargaining, Madam Speaker? Why? So while I agree with the sentiment that we should be negotiating under this letter of agreement which just simply says we need to negotiate a new deal, you know. I support that we try to work on that, but I am not supporting this motion because this is just a political whatever. We're moving in…it's silly season. That's what's going on. So I'm not voting for this because I don't think it is the proper way. According to the way we have this city council structure and how it moves forward, in the past, even over the last three years or whatever, Madam Speaker. I've never been as a councillor outside other than to vote on ratifying a collective agreement. Have I ever been asked…until all of a sudden it's a big political issue. I think that HR issues should be negotiated behind closed doors. That's the way it should be. You can't have fair, back and forth negotiations in the public. I'm sorry, you can't do it. The best deal is the one that the Mayor is recommending here, however, I just want to say I'm voting no because I just…it's just a political thing. I don't believe it's in good faith.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, Madam Speaker. Sorry, I'm kind of taken aback by hearing comments that the best deals are done behind closed doors. The intent is that the details of a collective bargaining agreement do come to Council and are voted on by Council as a whole. This material item wasn't presented to Council or myself. It is part of the collective agreement and will be acted on by our public service in the course of implementing the collective agreement. I believe that Councillor Eadie and every other member of Council should be aware that this agreement will be sought now in furtherance of the collective agreement. I believe that Council should have its say on the direction that is provided to the public service. I reject the idea that it is something that should only happen from the mayor to the public service, and that each member of Council shouldn't be aware and have a say in how this matter will be directed. For someone who is often...and he is not alone, wants a greater say, you have it now. That's what this is. It allows every single member of Council to have a say in how that direction will be provided to the public service. And I'm pleased that once that direction has been provided, I will execute the collective agreement very soon and the public service can go strike…have at least the opportunity in furtherance of the collective agreement to strike a better deal. But I think it's fundamental that these matters be at least brought to the attention of and that Council has the opportunity to have a say on these matters. And so I would…I would urge obviously my council colleagues to support this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the vote on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Record me in opposition.

Madam Speaker: Okay, noted. Thank you. The vote's already been called.

Mayor Bowman: Can we have written into the record what the votes are? I'm just not sure what they were.

Madam Speaker: Okay, the vote's been called. There was no recorded vote. We can rescind the vote and have a recorded vote if that's the will of Council. Okay.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I would just like to know what the votes were, that's all. If we have…if the Clerks can advise us of that and it's read into Hansard, great. If not, then I would ask for a recorded vote.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie has been recorded in opposition, correct? Okay, good. Moving on…

Mayor Bowman: Does that mean…in favour…that every other member voted in favour?

Madam Speaker: That's right.

Mayor Bowman: Okay, I just want that noted in the record please.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Item No. 8.

Item 8 – Audit of the Effectiveness of Current Systems and Processes in Relation to the Sterling Lyon / William Clement Parkway Study

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, to introduce Item 8. This was stood down by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Just to say, I understand that we're passing this as information. I don't know what to say, Madam Speaker. I am still incredulous over the process here, both what happened and the explanation of it. And I can't support this. I don't think this is how City Hall is supposed to work. I've seen some mighty differences in terms of focus of scrutiny on things that actually don't cost the taxpayer anything compared to this and the effect this has had on the community. I just don't think this is proper process. I just don't think we went through true due diligence on this, Madam Speaker, that's all and I wish to make my point of opposition to this, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Okay seeing none, Mr. Mayor do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 8. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Okay, we now have motions we are dealing with. Motion No. 2 is a notice of motion. It's an automatic referral to EPC. It's moved by Councillor Browaty, seconded by Councillor Lukes...pardon me, this is a notice of motion, Motion No. 3...Motion No. 2, it's a...it's regarding a...the issue of Portage and Main being added to the election ballot. It's a notice of motion. Yes.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has increased the amount of public consultation it has done in recent years, including the establishment of an Office of Public Engagement;

AND WHEREAS there is strong interest amongst the public to have a fulsome debate and to have a say on the opening of Portage and Main to pedestrians that will have a significant impact on the future of their downtown;

AND WHEREAS no public input on the proposed opening of Portage and Main to pedestrians has occurred;

AND WHEREAS soliciting public feedback by placing a question on the October ballot is a cost effective way to consult the public and allow debate and discussion on this topic to come to a close;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council direct the City Clerk to place the following question on the ballot of the 2018 Municipal Election:

Do you support the opening of Portage and Main to pedestrian crossings? YES/NO

Councillor Gillingham: Maybe it's just…mine notes EPC but does it…it's a notice of motion so it would come back directly to Council next month. It would not go to EPC, would it?

Madam Speaker: No.

Councillor Gillingham: Okay, all right, just to be clear on the process. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: It's a notice of motion. It will be at the next Council meeting of June 21st. Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Next is the Motion No. 3 moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Dobson. It's regarding social media advertising during the election and this will be an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. Motion No. 4 is moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It's regarding our governance review. This will be an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee.

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

WHEREAS social media now makes it possible to pay for targeted ads to a limited audience;

AND WHEREAS the essence of elections is an open and democratic debate of ideas within the entire electorate;

AND WHEREAS paid candidate advertising and third party advertising can have a significant impact on the debate of ideas during an election;

AND WHEREAS historically, advertising during an election could be viewed by the entire electorate, however, social media platforms now allow for targeted paid advertising to specific parts of the electorate, that may or may not be viewed by the electorate-at-large;

AND WHEREAS such targeted advertising, as has been seen in other elections, can work against the idea of an open and democratic elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City election rules for the 2018 Municipal General Election, and for all future elections, be amended to require that all candidates, for either the office of Councillor or for the office of Mayor, must file a full hard copy of any advertisement made either via social media or traditional advertising methods, with the Clerks Election Office, and this must be done within one business day of the issuance of the advertisement.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City election rules for the 2018 Municipal General Election, and for all future elections, be amended to require that any third party group or individual, must file a full hard copy of any advertisement made via social media or any other traditional advertising methods, with the Clerks Election Office, and it this must be done within one business day of the issuance of the advertisement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all said hard copy advertisements, filed with the Clerks Election Office, be made conveniently available to any member of the public to view.

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

WHEREAS Council is now conducting a Governance Review;

AND WHEREAS the Police Board has an Indigenous Advisory Council;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor has an Indigenous Advisory Council;

AND WHEREAS the advice Elders can provide would be helpful to all members of City Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the present Governance Review underway should consider the establishment of an Advisory Council of Elders to provide advice to all members of Council.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to by-laws under EPC, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 50/2018, By-law 51/2018, By-law 52/2018, By-law 53/2018, By-law 54/2018, By-law 55/2018, By-law 59/2018 and By-law 60/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 50/2018, 51/2018, 52/2018, 53/2018, 54/2018, 55/2018, 59/2018 and By-law No. 60/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move that By-laws numbered 50/2018 to 55/2018 both inclusive, 59/2018 and 60/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 50/2018 to 55/2018 both inclusive, and 59/2018 and 60/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 50/2018 to 55/2018 both inclusive, and 59/2018 and 60/2018 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I'd like to now call up the Deputy Speaker to take over for question period just while I excuse myself for a few moments.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Browaty, did you want to begin question period for the Mayor? Councillor Eadie, I have you next.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Last month's Council meeting, I asked through you to the Mayor, regarding the proposed Active Transportation Bridge from Fort Rouge to McFadyen Park. At that time, the Mayor didn't seem too familiar with the file and I asked him at the time if he felt it made sense fast-tracking this project when there were probably better ways of investing the current Active Transportation funds towards a downtown bike grid or other more-worthy, perhaps better bang for the buck if you will Active Transportation investments. Had you a chance since last month to consider that?

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, the Member of Council did raise the question regarding the new pedestrian bridge, potentially or the new pedestrian bridge I believe in your ward. I did indicate at that time that I'd be happy to provide guidance to Councillor Browaty on who he could meet with within the Public Service to better understand the status of that particular project. I have not received any further dialogue from Councillor Browaty, nor have I initiated any of this topic. We've seen each other numerous times over the last month. And again, if he still needs some direction to whom in the Public Service, he could speak with to get more information on a project that I trust he is very interested in, in your ward, I'm more than happy to facilitate that. I'm sure our chair of IRPW could also facilitate that dialogue as well. But it's not a project that I've spent a considerable amount of time on and so I'd be more than happy to point him in the right direction to get some of those questions, the question that he raised last month, I'd be more than happy to help point him in the right direction.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Browaty, you're lucky I'm neutral right now. But go ahead and continue questioning.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Again, I've certainly visited the City website and I know, I have a lot of respect for the City's Active Transportation Coordinator even though we disagree on perhaps this particular project. My question is though specifically to you, do you believe this is the highest priority? I mean you, EPC, led by yourself, sets the budget. This would be a future budget priority. Do you think that moving this forward, sending to do the research, the planning and the public consultation, which sets the public expectation that this project will happen, do you feel that this is still the best use of taxpayer funds, yes or no?

Mayor Bowman: My number one priority is fixing the roads. I'm glad to hear Councillor Browaty has asked some questions about Active Transportation. That's a change from the time he used taxpayer dollars to launch attack ads on me for leading the charge to have a long-term 20 year Active Transportation Strategy. That strategy as we said at the time, and I'm sure members of Council and the public compels the Public Service and Council to vote on an action plan every single year. That Action Plan is being implemented as have a massive increases for Active Transportation certainly in the last two years, in the double-digits. I believe last year's increase was 46%. This year it's 20 or 30%. I think it's over 30% increase year over year. As I've mentioned both last month and this month, this is not a project that I have been following with any detail. And so, my support is for the Action Plan as voted for and approved by this council. And so long as the Public Service in a future year comes back with the implementation strategies by way of an action plan, Council will have a say on whether or not it wants to prioritize this specific project.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Deputy Speaker. Madam Deputy Speaker, my question for the Mayor is has the Mayor, his office and/or Human Resource Committee members provided detailed input as to what is to be negotiated with any Collective Agreements since the Mayor was elected?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Members of Executive Policy Committee follow their responsibilities under the Charter to provide a mandate to the Public Service at the beginning of their negotiations with respective collective agreements. Those collective agreements are then negotiated with regards to…or with respect to respective unions, and ultimately that's brought forward for Council for approval. Those discussions and those responsibilities, which I might add, which is a huge responsibility of Executive Policy Committee and Mayor, have been carried out by previous councils and by this council. I do note what is different is the gains that have been made on behalf of taxpayers. We have had significantly more sustainable collective agreements as a result of the leadership and direction of this council. Notably, I want to commend Councillor Scott Gillingham for his incredible collaboration on this file as well as many members of Council, both on and those that are not on EPC. This year alone, there's approximately over $20 million in savings as a result of much more sustainable collective agreements and that's been because of the diligence of my colleagues and the focus that I've put on negotiating better deals. And I might add, it takes two parties to negotiate deals. We've worked very hard, certainly we benefit from a new chief negotiator, Robert Kirby and senior members of the Public Service who have worked very diligently to not only get these agreements but improve the collaboration with our unions. They do really…they do incredibly important work. The fact that we've been able to negotiate these collective agreements, especially when binding arbitration could have been sought, is really a testament to the relationship with these, with the respective unions, and I want to thank them for being willing to negotiate hard but also in good faith to achieve greater deals for taxpayers and I believe for the members of respective unions.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I understand the responsibilities and okay with that, Madam Speaker, Madam Deputy Speaker. Madam Deputy Speaker, my final question on this issue is has the Mayor, his office, and/or Human Resource Committee members brought to Council the advice their giving to the negotiator before the agreement has been negotiated?

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: I just want to make sure I'm following the question. The actions of Executive Policy Committee and setting the mandate have been consist with our responsibilities, and we've carried them out diligently both existing and previous members of Executive Policy Committee during this term of office, and I want to thank members of EPC both present and past for their efforts.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Third question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Final question, has the advice provided to the negotiator ever been brought to Council to vote on before the collective bargaining agreements have been brought back for ratification to Council?

Mayor Bowman: I believe I just answered that question. But I can repeat it again for the Councillor. The mandate and the responsibilities of Executive Policy Committee are to establish the mandate, that mandate is carried out in, obviously

in the best interest of taxpayers. What we've just voted on is the implementation of collective agreement, which the same councillor criticized for having a say in providing that direction right now. So it is hard to follow his line of questioning. But I'm doing my best to answer.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Lukes. Councillor Lukes, please.

Councillor Lukes: Speaker. I'm wondering if the Mayor could give us an update on the process of the annual evaluations of the City Council's four statutory officers? I know a working committee had been formed and I'm just wondering if he can give us an update.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I can undertake to follow up with the Councillor on the current status of that effort.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Lukes: Yes. In that follow up, if the Mayor could anticipate and provide a delivery date about approximately when they expect to deliver a public report card because part of the process was delivering a public report card. I know this was a motion Councillor Allard brought forward, probably one of our first Riel Community Committee meetings four years ago, so it would be great to have an update before the end of the term.

Mayor Bowman: I'll certainly look into that. In terms of the steps that this council has taken with respect to those evaluations, I want to thank Councillor Allard for his initiative on this and support of my council colleagues to really modernize how we're providing that feedback. You know, certainly a lot of effort goes into to building collaborative relationships with our public service while still providing the direction that it is Council's authority and responsibilities to provide to the public service. Again, I want to acknowledge and thank my members of Council for those ongoing efforts.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, I was kind of surprised when this aspect of voting on the council floor was offered to Council to have a direct decision. I hope it's not surprising that I was surprised…I don't think I'm the only one who's surprised that we had a chance to vote on some aspect of a mechanism for reimbursement of the President's salary of the UFFW President's salary and benefit costs to the City of Winnipeg. I haven't seen anything this specific before in terms of the Council's direct involvement to make a decision right here on the council floor and a vote. So you know, people are sort of suspicious, why was this one aspect brought out? However, I don't want to look at it negatively. It's just that if this is to be consistent or meaningful, I would like to ask the Mayor, how else we will be bringing forth these types of issues regarding contracts, including construction contracts to the floor for us to be making these direct decisions.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: I'm not clear on the question that was asked. If perhaps the member of Council could be specific with the question.

Councillor Schreyer: We were brought to my surprise, and not just to my surprise, a very singular aspect of labor negotiations I guess and contracts brought to the floor of this council chamber for us to make a decision. I've never seen this before. But I don't want to be…I don't really want to be suspicious about it. I'm assuming that it's part of a consistent approach so I'm asking His Worship if he's bringing this forward for us to have a direct vote on the council floor in terms of labor negotiations or contracts, what else will we be bringing forth in this what looks like a new pattern of direct vote from Council.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I believe…I mean we're playing clean-up on this matter and this is… and I'm grateful that members of Council supported the direction and the motion that was brought forward. This is a unique arrangement with one particular union leader and the…what we're trying to do and what I'm grateful for the support of my council colleagues on is we're trying to fix things. We're also trying to not make the same mistakes that have been made in the past. In January of 2014, there was this agreement to agree, never came back to…never saw the light of day, never came back to Council, nor was Council given the open and transparent ability to direct the Public Service on what kind of arrangement would be sought by the City of Winnipeg and so I'm…I've, you know, in reviewing the collective agreement and seeing that once again that provision is in the current collective agreement that the parties including the President of

UFFW have signed off on this, we will work to reach an agreement, believe it was incumbent upon me to ensure that members of Council and the public were aware that that effort would be carried out as soon as the collective agreement is executed on my part. And I think, you know, giving members of Council a say in providing that direction on that specific... that specific item in the collective agreement is something that I wish had been done the last time. I think many of us were surprised to learn of the current arrangement. I've been very open and on public record with the fact that I would like to end this arrangement as soon as possible and now that the collective agreement will be signed and the Council has had its say on the direction that our public service will take at the table, the parties can sit down and hopefully hammer out a much more sustainable go-forward arrangement for taxpayers and so it is unique circumstance. My understanding is there's no other union leader that has their salary compensated in this way or at all, and so I can't envision this happening with another collective agreement for that reason.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker, and through you to the Mayor. We now have an announcement from the federal government. We know October 17 is the day that marijuana or cannabis will be legal to purchase. I know, Madam Speaker, Madam Deputy Speaker, under your time as FCM President, FCM did a lot of work in trying to assist municipalities, cities to get ready and what to anticipate and one of the focuses was on costs and the potential costs. So I know the federal government also with their work in excise tax has made room for provinces to cost-share, revenue-share with municipalities some of the revenues from cannabis that could help offset the costs. And so you know, we're anticipating, Madam Speaker, cost to the City of Winnipeg. And so I'm just wondering if the Mayor could update us on the status of the discussions with the Province of Manitoba as per the revenue-sharing, any revenue-sharing or even to help off-set the cost to the City of Winnipeg so that taxpayers aren't subsidizing the choice of individuals in this case.

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

Mayor Bowman: Through you, Madam Deputy Speaker, I thank my council colleague and our Finance Chair for the question. There will be significant costs for municipalities, provincial governments and the federal government with the implementation of legalization of cannabis. I believe all levels of government recognize that there will be those costs. Unfortunately, what's unique in Manitoba is that there are no revenue tools that have been made available to-date from the Provincial Government. I note that after lengthy discussion and dialogue between the federal and provincial governments that the federal government vacated space of the excise tax for the purposes, and they were very public about this, for the purposes of ensuring municipalities could at least have that one revenue source available when the industry begins in, now we're learning, October. Unfortunately, our provincial government has not indicated that they're vacating any space to-date. I've had discussions as recently as this week with the provincial government and there have been zero dollars and zero commitments for any revenue model to date. Now I did see in the newspaper today that Minister Stefanson had indicated that the negotiations are underway. We're not aware of any negotiations that are undertaking right now with AMM. Spoke…we spoke with them this morning to see if there were any negotiations, and we're advised no. City officials have advised that there's no negotiations and I'm not aware of any negotiations. There have been discussions and the discussions have been in the interest of obtaining a model that serves the public policy objectives of all three levels of government, and obviously there's a lot of work that has to happen at the City of Winnipeg, at the provincial level and at the federal level and my concern is that we have the revenues in order to certainly ensure that we're protecting to the greatest extent possible public safety as well as the financial obligations that we have to balance a budget under provincial legislation. FCM has put out, probably the best documentation that we've seen to date on the effects, the financial effects on municipalities as it relates to cannabis, and they've identified approximately 17 departments where most municipalities that will be affected. It's not just law enforcement. It's not just fire and paramedic services, but it's zoning, its by-laws, it's licensing. There are many departments which will be affected. And you know, we've seen in the Province of Ontario, the Ontario Government indicate $40 million will be flowing to municipalities to help those costs, recognizing that no level of government can say with any certainty exactly what the revenues or the expenditures will be, but what's unique, unlike the provincial and the federal governments which will immediately begin collecting PST and GST and excise tax and a whole bunch of other taxes. The municipal government sadly does not currently have any revenue source. And so we continue to urge the provincial government to work collaboratively with us to ensure that we have the right tools to work with them and the Federal Government to ensure that we protect public safety and that we don't have to incur the costs or refer those costs to property tax payers. The industry in my view should pay for itself, much the same approach that we took with ride-sharing. What I don't want to see is I don't want to see property taxpayers having to pay for a new industry when that industry should in my view be paying for itself, Madam Speaker. And so, we'll continue to urge the provincial government as mayors across Canada are arguing with their respective provincial governments for a revenue model that makes sense for everyone.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Anything further? Any further questions for the Mayor? Okay, that ends question period for the Executive Policy Committee. So we now move on to the report of the Standing Policy Committee on

Protection and Community Services dated June 5th, 2018. And we have reports 1 to 5 for Consent. Does anybody wish to pull any items?

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED JUNE 5, 2018**

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much Madam Deputy Speaker. It's my pleasure to move the report of June the 5th Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as Consent.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Gilroy. Sorry, No. 2? Any other items? Okay. So we'll move Item 1, 3, 4 and 5. All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried. Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce Item 2 or the Clerk to introduce Item 2.

Item 2 – Neighbourhood and Community Safety

Councillor Pagtakhan: I will wait to hear from my council colleagues.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I just want to thank Councillor Eadie for bringing this motion forward. I think Councillor Schreyer may have second it. And I do want to support Item No. 1 that's looking at us through the destination marketing reserve, look at ways that we can improve neighbourhood safety and I think it really coincides with a lot of the work that we are doing in regards to Canadian municipal network on crime prevention which Winnipeg is part of. The Winnipeg Committee for Safety, the UN Safe Cities Initiative and as well as a motion that went forward this last EPC to look at what we are doing in terms of poverty reduction and how we can further...what we can do further to reduce poverty. And I think that this really coincides with a lot of the work that we are doing so I really want to support that and I also want to thank Councillor Eadie because I think this is a very exciting…exciting work can come out of there. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Are there any other speakers to the item? Councillor Pagtakhan, did you wish to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Just call the question. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? It's carried. Moving on to by-laws for Protection and Community Services.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'll move that By-law 56/2018 be read a first time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? That's carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 56/2018.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that By-law No. 56/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? That's carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 56/2018.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that the rule be suspended and the By-law No. 56/2018 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? That's carried. No motions. Question period for the Chair, anybody? No, seeing none, I will turn the Chair back over to Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: We are now moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Allard on the report dated May 29th, 2018.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MAY 29, 2018

Councillor Allard: I'd like to report…I'd like to move Items 1 and 3 and I would like to speak to Item 2.

Madam Speaker: Pull Item 2. All in favour of Item 1 and 3? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Active Transportation Network – Winter Maintenance Strategy

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard to introduce Item 2.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you. I just wanted to recognize the work that's being...that's been done here in terms of the snow clearing report. I think…thank you to Councillor Janice Lukes who originally moved this quite some time ago and we have...we've got action on our active transportation network so we now have a snow clearing report that tries to tie our entire AT network together. We have a network that's not yet complete. We're working on building it. And as the Mayor said earlier today, we now…we now build parts of it every year and review parts of the network every year. So in the meantime, as we work towards building a complete network of active transportation facilities, we do need to connect those facilities through our road network and so that's what this report does. It adds snow clearing for active transportation facilities. It also links those active transportation facilities through the road network in order to connect those. So I think this is good news and it's an enhanced level of service and as we grow to be a city of a million by 2035, we absolutely need to find ways to get people to make other transportation choices like active transportation, like taking the bus. So this is definitely I think a big step in the right direction and I hope my council colleagues support this report because I think it's good news for Winnipeggers. One of the presenters was at EPC recently. I know this has been through the committee system. There was a graph there and it spoke to snow clearing in a way I had never thought of it before. And it was snow clearing in the lens of having a more equitable society and the graph there was at EPC, essentially demonstrated that the lower income that you have, the higher the chances that you will use active transportation and bus service. So for the first time, I saw snow clearing policy in terms of an issue that I think supports a more equitable distribution of our services as a city. So anyhow, I don't want to get into a left versus right debate necessarily, but I think the practical report that we are voting on here if we do...for my colleagues to…just want to clarify that the report says that basically if we have the money this year that we should start implementing this policy this year. And so there is authorization there to allow our administrators to implement this policy this year if we have the cash available. And so I think this is a great, positive report and I hope that you will join me in supporting this report that I think is good news for Winnipeggers. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise on this. I'm reading the report. It appears that...I don't know why the Transcona Ward got singled out in the report but it appears it has in terms of the lowest amount of funding being supported into the community. But there is also a reduction being made not only in the Transcona Ward but it appears…and I would be interested to hear what the Chair has to say, but it appears to be a reduction in terms of street maintenance...street snowplowing in terms of P3s and money is being moved from existing P3 routes that are being reduced to active transportation routes. I'm all in favour of increasing snowplowing on sidewalks and active transportation paths. I think everybody in this room would be in favour of that. But it appears from what I have been able to read in the report that priority 2 routes which are collector streets, snow clearing is being reduced. P3 routes are being eliminated and that money is being transferred over. So it's a bit of a shell game going on. It appears to increase it there but…so I am a little concerned about that. Of course if you're going to do that, I suppose the best time to do that would be in the middle of summer when it's plus 30 out. Nobody would really notice. But I hope the Chair can add some light to this. It's interesting we've added more active transportation paths with our growth, our new taxes being added to the tax rolls of the City of Winnipeg in Transcona with the boom that's under way. We're adding active transportation paths in virtually very little in terms of improvements for the funding for AT has been included in this amount in this budget, but so those are my concerns, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've got my concerns about this. I do want to mention something that I didn't mention three years ago when we were discussing the issue of active transportation. And two things that bothered me terribly in terms of the active transportation plan that was brought forward...well, one in particular was that it included in the report...I don't know why it was there and I was very suspicious of it. I didn't think it would...it needed to be there but some seemed to think it needed to be there despite the fact we wouldn't act on it. And that was that the City abdicated their responsibility for the maintenance…winter maintenance of sidewalks. Now Madam Speaker, we were just talking and Councillor Allard...and I'm glad he mentions the issue of equitability and empowerment and those that use what methods of transportation. Madam Speaker, back three years ago when we dealt with the active transportation issue, I made the point consistently to the extent that I was actually...and I was told this directly face-to-face, upsetting people that were promoting the active transportation plan and that was that sidewalks are over 90 percent of our active transportation system. And I will say that to anybody and if they can prove me wrong, I'd like to hear it. We should all be explained how sidewalks are not over 90 percent of our active transportation system. Madam Speaker, I think when it comes to issues of equitability, when it comes to issues of empowerment and poverty, maintaining our sidewalk system is vital. And although I voted for the active transportation plan in the end because I was persuaded by people like Councillor Gerbasi who assured me that despite the fact it was in the active transportation plan, the issue of the City abdicating its responsibility from maintaining sidewalks in the winter time that it wouldn't be acted upon. So I thought it was rather kind of silly that it was in there. I don't think it was silly what I did in promoting the fact that we had a problem with the active transportation plan before that point was made in this council. Rather strange but I took a leap of faith and I voted for it anyway despite the fact that I was the only member of the Council that voted for the active transportation plan that voted to allow more than two amendments to the plan which is consistent with a logical reading of our points of order here, Madam Speaker, and our process as written. So Madam Speaker, when it comes to maintaining our sidewalks, vital importance, why? Because of people that walk for a living, walk for their life, walk to school, walk to work, walk to the store to buy their food. People that are older, the most vulnerable people in our society, children and seniors, what they have to do to get about their lives, they use the sidewalks, Madam Speaker. Maybe they are more dependent on it than anybody else and in this great cold city of Winnipeg, highly important. Madam Speaker, so when it comes to equitability, maintaining our sidewalks is of vital importance to me because sidewalks are over 90 percent of our active transportation system. And I will say it again and again and those that are bothered by what I say should agree with me first and explain how it's true because we are also talking about interconnectivity to streets and to other aspects of active transportation, trails et cetera. And this is also people get to the bus, Madam Speaker. People that take the bus to work to get on through their lives, they use the sidewalk as well, Madam Speaker. So that's very important. And Madam Speaker, we're in a dilemma here. We're taking money away from maintaining our streets in the winter time for the purposes of equitability but Madam Speaker, I do hope that Councillor Allard will give some clarification on this that I can live with. I did get clarification last three years ago by which I did vote for the active transportation plan. But Madam Speaker, if this is our state of our city that we're reducing services to maintain our transportation system, our infrastructure, basically our streets and sidewalks Madam Speaker, then we've got a big problem. And I think Madam Speaker, I'm going to blame construction inflation as being a major factor in that. Why Council does not want to get a report on...which is a problem and for which we could find perhaps some solutions, I don't understand, Madam Speaker. But in terms of taking funding away from maintaining our streets when it is consistent with the issue of maintaining our streets, we maintain the quality of our streets, our pavement so that it works in the summer time, Madam Speaker, but if you don't maintain them in the winter time, Madam Speaker, it's a moot point. We're really not maintaining them. So if we say our priorities are streets, well, you are not really making use of your asset if for days of the year or weeks of the year, we've got these problems by not maintaining them properly. Madam Speaker, people expect that City Council considers maintaining our streets, enhancing our streets as priority number one. But maintaining them in the winter time I think Madam Speaker, Winnipeggers assumed that was part of it, too. So I need that dealt with by Mr. Allard before I make my decision.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise and thank the Public Works Department very much for the effort that they've put into this report. I know that it appears that things are maybe just shuffling around, but one thing the Public Works Department has said is that they will work through this first season and I'm sure every season with councillors because it is a big shift in how we're cleaning our sidewalks and pathways which is really important for the mobility, the health, the welfare, the betterment of people in Winnipeg and basically for the impact on our provincial health care bill. So I think that they've done an amazing job. They had done this amazing job probably a year and a half ago, but due to whatever reasons it got hung up and it's come forward and I think that if we can all work with them, work collaboratively, seems to be the word of the day, work collaboratively with the Public Works Department to get our trails and pathways cleaned in the winter, they are going to help us and I think we're all going to be pleased, especially the residents with the end result. So huge kudos to Jim Berezowsky, Ms Anderson and other people in the department. I just wanted to put that on the record because they have been doing an amazing job. It has been a challenging situation, this report, but I'm glad to see it here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Eadie and Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Mayes: As you know, Madam Speaker, I am of course a great champion of long term planning. There was a number used earlier...this will be relatively quick; a number used earlier, we'll be at a million people by 2034-35. Corrected Angela Matheson when she said this, I'm going to keep being the lone voice on this. Our budget says our population by 2040 is 922,000. That is, none other than Tyler Markowsky, you may not believe me, but surely you'll believe Mr. Markowsky's numbers. The census metro area though will hit, it is projected a million people in 2034-35. Important differential there that if we are talking a lot about planning today, we should not be off by a hundred thousand people, it is in fact, Mr. Markowsky's projection that we will hit a million people in the City of Winnipeg at roughly 2050 as opposed to in 18 years, 17 years from now so just important to keep that in mind. I'm sure we will hear that number again as we hear certain other numbers, but I will keep raising it in the hopes that, as I repeated here so many times, the Seine is the second longest river in the City of Winnipeg, the people began citing that correctly. So just for the record, our projection, 922,000 people by 2040 within the City of Winnipeg, but a million in the census metro area by 2035. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I'm only rising to speak in support of this report. I had my meeting with Public Works and I'm glad that we delayed it so that I could understand it, Madam Speaker. The only reason I rise today is I was quite concerned too when I was looking at the reduction in the P3 residential street sidewalk plough, was going down and I thought oh my goodness, they are doing less of that. But it was explained to me and I have great confidence in how it was explained to me and who explained it to me and everything and it was explained to me this way Madam Speaker, that actually there were a number of residential streets where they upped the actual removal of snow, clearing of snow. And so...which included some active transportation but also included some streets where the sidewalks are indicated on a green way. There was the issue of the school so Madam Speaker, I was assured that no, it's not a reduction in P3s. This is a plan that will ensure that active transportation considered areas…important areas, have their sidewalk snow cleared in a more…in a better way. Thanks.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to briefly comment on this report because it came to IRPW when I was there. It is an immensely complicated report because it really is an overview of the entire city. It is…I just want to make very clear because these words haven't been used yet with respect to this report, this is a service enhancement. This is an increase in our snow clearing budget of over $800,000 a year and it's a significant service enhancement and Councillor Eadie is correct. Essentially what the public service did is they went through the entire city and they tried to look for issues of connectivity where P1s that get ploughed first and P...are next to or adjacent to P2s or P3s and they essentially reclassified P2 and P3s…three streets to be consistent with streets that they were adjacent to. And that's what created that connectivity for people who are riding or walking in the winter time. So this is a very good news story for active transportation in Winnipeg. And I also want to…there was a lot…there were a lot of questions as I recall when I came to the committee and the committee actually made the determination instead of approving the recommendations at that meeting, which I think must have been in maybe April, something like that. We actually laid the report over for a month and the reason for that was to give Ms Anderson and Public Works a chance to reach out to all councillors to answer their questions about the report. And I'm sure that some of you if not all of you took her up on that explanation. So I just wanted to point out that this is a…this is a very good thing for the city. It's a service enhancement and my hope is that we have sufficient resources this fall to implement the program before 2019. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you. Just briefly, I think this should not go unnoticed as an extremely positive report. As Councillor Morantz just pointed out, this is a service enhancement, this is improving the ability for mobility for people walking and cycling through in the winter time. People still need to walk in the winter. If they are going to take a bus, they need to walk. They need to get to where they're going and they need to have a connected route to get there that's safe, that's accessible. It is a social equity issue. Not everybody owns a car and we support snow clearing for roads. We also need to support it for other modes of transportation. We're talking about modes of transportation; walking, transit and cycling. And we need to support those modes and we're moving in a progressive direction to do that and I think that's what our citizens expect. When you…when we have surveys and consultation, they want to be able to walk and cycle as well as drive in our city and we need to support all of those things or we're not providing accessibility to our citizens. And I also just because we are talking about active transportation, we are going forward in the future to be making new investments in active transportation according to our active transportation plan and I just wanted to offer any councillor who wants to...while I am still here I am happy to meet with councillors who want to remove projects in that plan from my

ward, it would be appreciated if they would speak to the councillor in the area about those things. There's been a lot of discussion in our community. I know there's planning going on throughout the city, things like the Chief Peguis Trail is being planned, things like Kenaston are being planned, and things like a very important connective bridge in Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry is being planned just like all the other infrastructure that are being planned and then will come forward to Council for and due process and consideration for funding. So I just…since it keeps being said, and I have been left out of that conversation as the councillor for the area still for another four months, I'm just saying that I'm willing to talk to anyone who has concerns about planning that project. I don't know why that one is being singled out but that is in my ward and there's been lot of work going on with our residents and they're very excited about the planning just like many of the other projects that are currently being planned that we don't have funding for yet that a future council will make decisions about. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to get that in while I had a chance. Thank you.

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

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to kind of take a different tack on this. There are many cyclists out there, children, adults, seniors. But the vast majority of them cycle in the spring, summer and fall, not in the winter. Our city is not running a surplus. The money for this program has to be borrowed but if we insist on borrowing upwards of a million dollars and if you want the greatest impact for cyclists in this city, then I suggest you fix the potholes which has a huge impact for cyclists as they risk their lives moving in and out of traffic dodging the potholes during the spring, summer and fall seasons. The sidewalks and trails are very important and I am in favour of clearing them in the winter. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge the work of a number of members of Council. Our former IRPW Chair, Councillor Marty Morantz worked on this. Councillor Lukes raised this sometime ago and should be thanked for her efforts on this. Our current Chair of IRPW, Councillor Allard and a number of my council colleagues and staff. The process that we are voting on here, it clearly identifies the need to reprioritize snow clearing on pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to ensure they are provided with uninterrupted and effective connections between various neighbourhoods, transit facilities and the downtown. And this is the first AT or active transportation snow clearing strategy in Winnipeg and the motion that was moved at committee accelerates the implementation of this plan in 2018 if the funds are available. That was a balance between competing public policy objectives, of course, of making sure that we balance our budget and manage taxpayer dollars wisely while also charting out a path in the future to make sure the massive investments that we're making on active transportation are better utilized and accessed by Winnipeggers in every area of the city. That connectivity for those that do cycle, myself included, you need to have that connectivity in the routes and you know, the fact that we are a winter city really begs for this kind of effort. The...the potholes that were just referenced are being fixed, I might add by $116 million investment in road renewal. Historic funding, 200 road projects that will fix 150 lane kilometres of road work. That's from Winnipeg to the Ontario border this construction season alone. And that will go a long way to complementing this AT, active transportation network winter maintenance strategy, all of which is to keep the city moving, to make sure that we are moving our citizens by public transportation, active transportation and yes, by driving as many of us do in a way that is efficient and safe. And I am very appreciative of the work. This is a good example of where members of Council can work collaboratively together and with the public service. We can get some work done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Seeing no further speakers, Councillor Allard do you wish to close?

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I wanted to address some of the comments made by some of my colleagues. In terms of Transcona and it is a very large report. There is a lot of moving parts to it but I want to drive the point home that this is an enhanced level of service. This is more snow clearing, not less snow clearing. So Transcona is getting 5.5 new kilometres of P1 taken from P2 in terms of Transcona's street. So that's bringing street priority of P2 up to P1 and as we know, that is a higher level of service. So in that case, there is more being added to P1 in Transcona. In terms of sidewalks and pathways, an additional 2.9 kilometres are being added to the rolls in Transcona to enhance active transportation. So in the Transcona case, there is a higher level of service on the roads which also includes sidewalks as my colleagues likely know a P1 street, our snow clearing policy says that the P1 sidewalks are cleared at the same time. Our policy is P1 streets, P1 sidewalks, they are to be done at that level of priority. In terms of...Councillor Schreyer had some concerns he wanted to ensure that he was...what he was getting in this report, so in the case of Councillor Schreyer's ward, we see another major increase in service, getting over 21 kilometres of P2 and P3 streets that are being upgraded to P1. So those are…you were talking about, Madam Speaker, Councillor Schreyer was talking about sidewalks so that upgrade includes a higher level of service for those streets that have sidewalks. I wanted to...I think I've addressed...I know there was quite a few comments but I think I've addressed the substantive concerns of Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Wyatt. I wanted to just get through my notes here because I know there is quite a few…quite a few questions. I did…I failed to recognize Councillor Morantz, thank you very much, for the work that you

did on this report. I was just recently named and the report was essentially, you know, almost done by the time I was there. So thank you very much Councillor Morantz. Councillor Dobson, in terms of roads and potholes, I know Councillor Morantz had made a tradition of announcing how many potholes that we filled. We do fill potholes. We fill lots of potholes, and the most recent update I have is that Public Works has repaired approximately 63,662 potholes to date in 2018. And that's work that's over and above a record investment in roads that we have made as a council, $116 million in 2018 is more road renewal than any council ever, so I think we are addressing the issue of roads. We heard loud and clear from Winnipeggers that we needed to fix the roads. We're fixing the roads. In the meantime yes, we still have potholes. We're filling those potholes. In terms of building an active…in terms of building a city for…Councillor Mayes, a million people by 2035 or perhaps another number, if we're looking at our budget documents, we do need to get people using active transportation, using our bus service. We have good bones in Winnipeg with our arterial and regional road network. We're mostly built out. So I think…I think our transportation policy really needs to….really needs to focus on those other modes and we are focusing on those other modes, and this report puts our money where our mouth is in terms of building a city that makes active transportation a better option. And we're a winter city so part of that is clearing the sidewalks and the AT pathways that we're building in the winter. So with that, I hope I've addressed my colleagues' concerns. I hope you support this report. It's a progressive report and it's also a report that will better our transportation system in the winter for Winnipeggers, so thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. With that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Call for recorded vote? Okay, all in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any opposed? Please rise.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 2 passes. We'll now move on to by-laws under Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Allard.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Allard: I move that the following by-laws be read a first time, By-law No. 57/2018 and By-law 58/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 57/2018 and 58/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard on the second reading.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I move that By-laws numbered 57/2018 and 58/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 57/2018 and By-law No. 58/2018.

Councillor Allard: And I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws numbered 57/2018 and 58/2018 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 will now have question period for the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Schreyer.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Allard mentioned that we've got a record funding for street repair. Does…is Councillor Allard aware that given the rate of construction inflation, the amount we put in our last budget, is a lesser value than this term's first budget for street repair due to construction inflation?

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

Councillor Allard: I thank you for…thank you Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Schreyer. Thank you, Councillor Schreyer for the information about construction inflation. I am aware that construction inflation is…has been high in recent years. I'm also aware that we are unequivocally spending the most we've ever spent of any council ever on roads. That's a $116 million. We've spent over 400 million since we've been elected on this term. We are fixing the roads after decades of neglect and we've heard Winnipeggers loud and clear. They made roads and accountability I think, they're top...well, roads for sure, accountability I think, they're top priorities. We're acting on those two priorities and I don't know how to explain it any other way than we are spending lots of money on roads. So thank you very much for the question, Councillor Schreyer. And I do…I do understand the construction inflation is putting pressure on our roads budget.

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

Councillor Lukes: Councillor Allard, I'm not sure how much of the details you're aware of on this file but I would like to know if you'd be open to sitting down and discussing the process that currently is in place and ways to improve on how the Public Works Department takes over developer-developed properties and assets. There's a large disconnect in how this is unfolding and part of it has to do with provincial legislation that has changed over time. I'd like to know if you'd be willing to work collaboratively together to sit down and go through some of the issues and familiarize yourself with them and look at possibly a new, improved way of dealing with this issue.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, thank you Councillor Lukes for the question. Certainly, I'm interested in talking to my colleagues about public, any Public Works related issue. I'm not sure that this is a Public Works issue. It may be a P&D issue, but I'm happy to talk to my colleagues about the issues. I understand there's certain issues particularly affecting St. Norbert Ward. But I would be happy to talk to Councillor Lukes about her concerns.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none. Let's move on to Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED MAY 23, 2018**

Councillor Mayes: I'll move the report dated May 23rd, 2018. There is just the one item.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Any questions for the Chair, for Councillor Mayes? And we have no motions either under this committee. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. We'll entertain question period as there is no reports. Any questions for the Chair? Next committee is the committee on Property and Development. Could I…

Councillor Pagtakhan: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED JUNE 8, 2018**

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'd be happy to move this on behalf of Councillor Orlikow, the Chair. So…of the June 8th reports, Items 1 through 10 as Consent.

Madam Speaker: Okay, all in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws under Property and Development.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, Madam Speaker, I'll move that By-law No. 65/2018 and By-law No. 66/2018 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 65/2018 and 66/2018.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that By-laws numbered 65/2018 and 66/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 65/2018 and 66/2018.

Councillor Pagtakhan: And I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 65/2018 and 66/2018 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 Chair. Councillor Pagtakhan, will you be entertaining the questions? Yes.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I will try.

Madam Speaker: Any questions for our acting chair today? He surprised us. We should surprise him. Okay, seeing none.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Oh, touché, touché! Good one.

Madam Speaker: Seeing none, we'll move on to the last committee. I'd like to call the Deputy Speaker up please, so I could address Council for this committee.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, so we're now on the report of the Governance Committee of Council dated May 2nd, 2018 and I will call on Madam Speaker to introduce Items 1 and 3. And we have a motion on Item 1 as well.

**REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED MAY 2, 2018**

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm pleased to introduce the report of the Governance Committee of Council dated May 2nd, 2018. I note that Item 1 has an amending motion as you've mentioned so we'll pull that and I will move adoption of Item 3 as Consent.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of Item 3? You want to pull it down? Okay...you are voting in favour? All those in favour? Any opposed? Item 1 was pulled because there's an amending motion. Item 3 is the amendment to the

code of conduct for members of Council. At this point it has been pulled now so there will be a debate on Item 3 as well. Is that what's just happened? Or are we just…no, we're just calling the question, sorry.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Deputy Speaker, I did not call it down.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Nobody called it down. Okay, I'm sorry I got a bit mixed up. So Item 3 is for Consent on that item. So I was just calling the question. All those...unless somebody wants to pull it, okay. All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried.

Item 1 – Councillors' Ward Allowance Policy Amendment (CWA) – Councillor Code of Conduct to apply to Executive Assistants

Madam Deputy Speaker: So we start with introducing the item and then the motion. So Madam Speaker, on the clause.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am pleased to bring this item forward on behalf of the Governance Committee. The item before us includes changes to the councillor's ward allowance policy and the Mayor's Office expense policy to have the new code of conduct for members of Council apply to all staff working for either the Mayor or a councillor. This is significant as it means that Council will now have fully complied with all of the recommendations that came forward from our Integrity Commissioner earlier this year on February 22nd. The effect will be that the staff in our offices who do so much of the day-to-day work in helping to serve the citizens of Winnipeg are now bound by and must follow the same code of conduct as all of us here in this chamber today. I am also pleased at the recommendations before us calls for the posting of the Mayor's expense policy online on the City's website at winnipeg.ca. As I understand it, the Mayor has in fact already complied with this and has published his policy on the website prior to the adoption of this item and I commend him for that. This posting, Madam Deputy Speaker, is significant as it helps to promote true openness and transparency. The two expense policies along with a listing of all expenses incurred by each elected official here are now together on one page of the City's website making them easier…easily found and accessed by all. While I am disappointed that the Mayor's Office expense policy is not going to be adopted officially by Council today, this does not diminish the good work already mentioned. As well, the Mayor's Office expense policy is not a static item. In the same way Council brings forward changes to the CWA policy on an annual basis to improve and grow the policy based on audits and other changes I expect that the Mayors' Office expense policy will continue to evolve and change to best meet the needs of the city and its citizens. I did have some dialogue with the Mayor on this report and am pleased to second and support the motion that Mayor Bowman is bringing forward today to alter the recommendation around an annual audit. Madam Deputy Speaker, while Council is not adopting the Mayor's Office expense policy, the motion, if adopted, will mean that an annual audit will be required of the Mayor's Office expenses ensuring that this will occur in the same manner that councillor expenses are audited each year. The motion also puts control of the audit back in the hands of the City Auditor resulting in reduced costs by allowing the audit to be done internally. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay. And I'll call on the Mayor to introduce the motion. Is that correct?

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

THAT Item No. 1 of the Report of the Governance Committee of Council, dated May 2, 2018, be amended by deleting recommendation 2.C and by adding an additional recommendation as follows:

> *"That the City Auditor be directed to undertake an annual audit of the Mayor's Office Expense Policy, similar to that undertaken for the Councillor's Ward Allowance Policy."*

Mayor Bowman: Sure. I'll just…I would like to thank my council colleagues. There has been some good dialogue on this. And I'd like to thank Councillor Sharma for her support for this amendment. As members of Council will know, when I was elected, the Mayor's Office didn't have a policy and certainly wasn't online and so we have made some great strides to create a policy, have it audited, have it available online. And this…there…the amendment that's being made here today was a good suggestion from Councillor Sharma. I fully support it, that's why I've introduced it. And I want to thank her for the dialogue and the collaboration on this. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, so we have the amendment and the motion on the table for any discussion. Councillor Lukes and then Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Lukes: I just…I just want to put this on the record on behalf of myself and residents of the South Winnipeg - St. Norbert Ward. I want it noted that for this budget year, the Mayor's Office budget is to the value of $1.8 million and I would also like it noted that the current mayor developed an office expense policy and that it is online and that that has never occurred before and that's a positive first step. But the office expense policy is not Council adopted and it could be changed at any point in time, any day, any week, tomorrow, you name it. It can just be changed at any whim. Councillors on the Governance Committee proposed the Mayor's Office expenditure policy become an official policy of Council and that the Mayor's expense guidelines be a Council approved policy to safeguard taxpayer dollars today and in the future. We've seen what happened in the past. There is the future. So I think that we have this opportunity to do this. I'm really disappointed that this isn't occurring and that he's not willing to have...I mean, $1.8 million is a lot of money and I think that it is disappointing in this era of openness and transparency and collaboration that he is not willing to have this office expense policy adopted by Council. That's...I just wanted that on the record.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Deputy Speaker, Madam Deputy Speaker who is also a member of Council from 2010 to 2014 and was part of a group trying to make the Mayor's Office more transparent, open and accountable. So I'd like to just put this on the record that actually...and I don't know why the work didn't continue and it took a number of years, Madam Deputy Speaker, in that, 2013 a motion was moved that an expenditure policy developed, similar to a councillor's ward allowance policy. And the issue being that the mayor is a member of Council, a member of Council. There are 16 members of Council. There is a much bigger responsibility absolutely with the Mayor's Office. That's why the Mayor's Office has a much bigger budget, Madam Deputy Speaker. It's very important. And you know, whoever the mayor is who is elected, it's good to have a policy to follow in regard to expenditures because you know, this is not to say about any one mayor, actually, Madam Deputy Speaker, any mayor may or somebody within their office because quite often especially with the mayor, the mayor is quite busy I am sure. Most of the finances are handled by somebody in his office. And you know, there has to be good guidelines because mistakes have been made. I'll just call them mistakes, Madam Deputy Speaker. I'm not going to say there was any insidious things done. I heard that people are talking about, well, that it might be political about the spending. Well, you know, I'm not going to judge how the mayor spends the taxpayers' dollars that are allocated to the Mayor's Office. There needs to be a policy though. There needs to be. That's why I moved the motion in the first place. Really should be. And following similar...but you know, the Mayor has other things that the Mayor's Office needs to spend money on. There's definitely way more employees. And I say employees, Madam Deputy Speaker, one thing that should be really noted here, the Mayor's Office's employees are City of Winnipeg employees as Councillor Lukes found out last year I believe. And thus, being City employees, they are actually and were, now they are not, but they were subject to the employee code of conduct of the City of Winnipeg. And guess who...the employee code of conduct, Madam Deputy Speaker, you probably know this, but that is actually a council policy. It's not an administration policy. It is a council policy. Go look at it. It's on the list of Council by-laws on the website. So the Mayor's Office was already subjected to council policy. To say that the expenditure policy shouldn't be a council policy I think is very strange. You know, I've had people...we all spend our ward allowances differently, Madam Deputy Speaker. I like to give grants to organizations who are accomplishing good things for the people in the Mynarski Ward and sometimes that goes a bit beyond, but they are still serving and trying to help people in the Mynarski Ward. Now, I've been criticized in the newspaper about it so did that make it political? Well, whatever. You know, people...it is the taxpayers' money. It's not my money. I like to make sure it's doing good. I don't want to necessarily advertise myself. I want to...I just want to make sure that, you know, if it's only a little bit of money they need, I can do that. The Mayor's Office I've noticed has been doing that. That's a good thing. There is nothing the matter with that. I am not going to criticize it. So for any mayor or anybody to think that the expenditure policy of the Mayor's Office and remember, we have the discussion when it comes to ward allowance policy, our esteemed Speaker Sharma, were consulted by the Clerks. We are consulted by various people. We are consulted about the changes. If this Mayor's Office expenditure policy was a council policy, it's not going to be changed without consultation of the Mayor and I'm glad that the Mayor felt that he was creating an expenditure policy on his own initiative. But you know, the point is, is that when we did get a mayor who's done a lot of good things for openness, transparency and accountability, I find it very strange that all of a sudden, a council policy, no. And so I am afraid I have to vote against this thing and there's…these are good things, it's okay. I think the Mayor's Office...the employee...those are employees of the City of Winnipeg who are now having to live with the Council code of conduct, which is better than the employee code of conduct. We're still waiting for the changes for the employee code of conduct which is inferior, needs to be changed. It is a council policy. I don't know why we're not pushing that. I have been asking about that because I moved motions on that the previous term, Madam Deputy Speaker. And I believe you actually seconded it, Madam Deputy Speaker, because you too were for openness, transparency and accountability. So in the end, even though you're going to make it subject to the City Auditor and thank goodness because why would we spend extra money if we can't trust our own City Auditor to do an audit. Like really? Come on. But I just can't support it because…this motion, because it...this report, because it...the Mayor's Office expenditure…it should be a policy of Council. It's a simple thing. It's not a big deal. I don't know why...anyway, whatever.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I will be supporting this motion as amended. I first of all want to thank…through you, thank Councillor Sharma for her work as the Chair of Governance and her efforts with her committee to do the best and to continue to make improvements as far as governance matters for this council. I also want to acknowledge also the Mayor's efforts. And I…when I look at this, I think about what I've heard, where we have come from, where we are today and the future, you know, has yet to obviously to be seen. I think it's safe to say and some have acknowledged it already is that under Mayor Bowman, this council has really moved the needle significantly on openness and transparency. Good heavens most of us around this room in 2014, four years ago, right about now started going door to door to talk about, you know, if elected I'm committed to openness and transparency. And I think the…you know, the record shows it's evident. There's been good work done by each one and certainly much of it led by His Worship. So we are going to have an external auditor review the Mayor's expenditures. The Mayor does…I know he does publicize them online, all the expenditures. I mean, we do keep in mind too that every expenditure I think from you know, the smallest dollar amount, we just made the decision to kind of dial that back a little bit and to a $50 limit but the smallest thing...I know the Mayor brought that forward. I got a key chain…a key chain not that long ago and I know that because we had agreed to that, I sent a picture I think at that time to Clerk Lemoine to be recorded. Fair, that's fine. So I think that we do have a new policy that the Mayor's Office has brought in a policy, established a policy where one wasn't before. The policy was made public online. I think we are certainly moving in the right direction. I'm comfortable with where we are today and I want to commend the work of all parties because I think it's in a better place today than it was years ago. And so especially if the external auditor is going to prepare an annual audit of the Mayor's Office expenditures, listen, when the audit comes forward in due course, if problems are identified, this council has the authority to make changes at that time or demand changes at that time and make things different. But I think we keep in mind that we have made significant progress around this chamber that shouldn't be lost. I don't think it is lost, but I just want to articulate it again, it shouldn't be lost on anybody and so I will be supporting the motion before us as amended. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Are there…before we close on the motion and the clause, are there any other speakers? Then Mr. Mayor, you don't wish to close? Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council for their input to this process and especially to thank our Integrity Commissioner, Ms Sherri Walsh whose report and recommendations to Council around the code of conduct back in February of this year were the genesis of this report. Ms Walsh has been invaluable in helping this council to become more aware of its responsibilities around conduct including how we manage and spend taxpayer dollars. I asked Council to join me in supporting this item. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, it's time to call the question. All those in favour? Any…

Councillor Eadie: Nay.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Oh, wait, sorry, I'm calling on the motion first, on the amending motion. All those in favour of the amendment? Any opposed? It's carried. On the clause as amended? All those in favour? Any opposed?

Councillor Eadie: Nay.

Madam Deputy Speaker: We'll record Councillor Eadie in opposition. And that is passed and done. And I believe that's the end of our agenda if Councillor Gilroy would move adjournment. That's done. Have a great evening, everybody. Roll call first. Thank you.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 4:33 p.m.