

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Thursday, September 20, 2018

The Council met at 9:45 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Gerbasi.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like to now recognize our page for today's meeting, please welcome Max Thompson. He attends St. Boniface Diocesan High School and resides in the St. Boniface Ward. Welcome. Thank you for joining us and assisting Council. Before I turn it over to the Mayor and colleagues for morning announcements, as the term of the 14th Council of the City of Winnipeg draws to a close, I would like to thank all of my fellow colleagues, council members for their efforts over the last four years on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg. I would as well offer best wishes to those not returning to Council next term and good luck with the next phase of your careers. I would especially like to single out Councillor Pagtakhan who has been on community committee with me for the entire eight years that I have been on Council. Councillor Pagtakhan, you have brought professionalism and much caring to meetings and your presence will surely be missed. Congratulations to each of you on a successful four year term. Mr. Mayor, on to you now for your morning announcement

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you for those opening remarks. I also want to thank you and my council colleagues for supporting the treaty acknowledgment that is now part of our processes at committee meetings and of course at City Hall. It means a lot to me personally and I know it means a lot to many in our community who are certainly are taking note of the reconciliation efforts of this council. I do have a few remarks to share with Council today and I want to begin by welcoming all those in the gallery and those that are watching via the Livestream. It's been a great summer since the last council meeting in late July. We experienced one of the hottest and the driest summers in decades and while there were certainly some drawbacks to this heat, one thing was for sure, Winnipeggers were out enjoying the beautiful weather in full force. It also helped that I personally banned mosquitoes this summer like last year. I attended many festivals and gatherings over the summer months as did many of my council colleagues and I had the opportunity to continue to meet with Winnipeggers from all over our city. As with previous years, I made it out to every Folklorama pavilion and met some of you at those pavilions as well. There were 43 pavilions run by 22,000 volunteers and Folklorama estimated over 445,000 people attended this year's celebration. It's always a fun gathering to learn about cultures that make up our city and I undoubtedly gained a few pounds as a result of all the wonderful food. Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers, the sponsors and, of course, the attendees who put Winnipeg's growing and beautiful diversity on the map each and every year. Earlier in August, Madam Speaker, along with key community organizations, I was happy to announce measures being undertaken to address and reduce the occurrence of unsafe panhandling. As was presented in my State of the City address earlier this year, there is a growing concern for many Winnipeggers and I'm encouraged by the short-term action and long-term goals that have been put into place with the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ and End Homelessness Winnipeg taking lead roles. This is a complex problem and the collaboration on display by many of the organizations involved will result...or will lead us towards better results. It was also a very inspiring...it was also very inspiring to attend the Volunteer Build Day, Madam Speaker, at the future site of Canadian Tire's Jump Start playground at the Pan Am Pool site with my council colleague Councillor John Orlikow. The Canadian Tire Jump Start Charity is dedicated to helping kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in order to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities and ages. Once again, I'd like to extend a warm thank you to Canadian Tire for this incredibly generous gift that is aimed towards ensuring children of all abilities can enjoy sport and play together. The 10,000 square-foot universally accessible playground will be one of the largest in our city and is expected to be completed in the fall of this year. Finally, at the end of August we marked and recognized International Overdose Awareness Day with a difficult and a very emotional ceremony here in the courtyard at Winnipeg City Hall. I admire the strength of the families who came out to help build awareness even as the pain and sorrow from their personal connections to it were on full display. I'm encouraged by those in our community who are standing up and trying to tackle every aspect of this very complex problem. This is an issue that requires a willingness to employ innovative thinking, new approaches and collaboration from all in our community. We have much work to do but I am optimistic that through a concerted approach that includes all voices in our community we'll find a positive way forward. In closing, Madam Speaker, I'd like to reflect on...a little on how far we've come in this term of council. A little under four years ago, we had our first official council meeting to handle the regular business on December 10th, 2014. It was fresh off the largest turnover of council members in our city's history and it was a time marked by change as we started down a new path with a more positive tone. In the time since that council meeting, we've had many discussions and debates around this table about moving our city forward, and away from the dysfunction that had been far too often a hallmark of

the previous council. We moved away from a place of audits and investigations and towards fixing processes and creating measures that prevent us from going back to that place. During the swearing in ceremony on November 4th, 2014, I spoke about the mandate given towards fixing our roads, creating opportunities for all of our citizens, a city that better embraces innovation and a city hall that is more open and transparent. This council would go on from that day to create many firsts for Winnipeg including the creation of Winnipeg's first ever Integrity Commissioner, a new Lobbyist Registry, changes to the Board of Revision...well, a Board of Revision practices and procedures, a new Transportation Management Centre, and of course, the first ever Winnipeg Indigenous Accord. There is much more to do to ensure our city doesn't return to the days of audits and investigations, but we have begun to turn this ship and put it back on the right course. And over the course of this council's term, we have encountered many topics of great concern to our city and our citizens; topics that generated impassioned debate with many different points of view here in this chamber. While some of these topics were divisive, democracy was in full action and on display at Winnipeg City Hall and I think that's great for the citizens that we have the honour of serving. Because that is what council should be. At the end of the day, we've been able to move forward to make positive changes on issues that matter to Winnipeggers. One of those issues I'm most proud of is this council's prioritization of funding towards Winnipeg's number one priority of fixing our roads. Aside from the accelerated regional roads request that will be voted on at today's meeting, this council more than doubled the level of investment into our roads than that of the previous council. And if approved by Council today, the accelerated regional roads request will significantly improve our ability to fix roads in the coming years. I would like to thank my council colleagues for their efforts in this term of council. To those who are leaving for greener pastures, I wish you all the very best as you decompress from the stresses and rigours at Winnipeg City Hall. To those who are running for re-election, I'm hopeful that I get the opportunity to meet at this table with you another day. Thank you, merci and megwich.

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

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did want to take this, being my last meeting, I wanted to say a few words to put on the record. First of all, I want to thank the residents of Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry for electing me. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as a member of Winnipeg City Council for these last 20 years. Being elected for five council terms and serving with three different mayors has been an incredible journey that I am grateful to have experienced. Since first elected in 1998, I have been passionate about many issues and I'm proud of the progress that has been made on many fronts. Some key areas I have championed with all my heart include heritage preservation, ethics and accountability measures, climate change, public transit, cycling infrastructure, preserving green space, neighbourhood planning, downtown and neighbourhood Main Street revitalization, the arts, housing, crime prevention, accessibility for persons of all ages and abilities and supporting diversity and reconciliation efforts. I've always tried to take a big picture view of our city, imagining how our decisions today will impact future generations. At the same time, I have been committed to being responsive to constituents through problem solving and providing support to assist residents and community groups within Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward. Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry has five Business Improvement Zones, and I have had the privilege to serve as a board member on all of them. It is gratifying to see the positive impact that the BIZs and other community volunteers have made on making our neighbourhoods more beautiful, safe and fun places to be. I have also stood up for publicly owned and operated services and for our public servants. I believe in a respectful workplace for all that values people and their rights. I fought to preserve our Water and Waste Department from being privatized as well as speaking up for our custodial workers and against contracting out garbage pick-up. On the national scene, I have had the honour to serve since 2007 on the board of Federation of Canadian Municipalities which is truly the voice of local government in Canada. It was an amazing experience to serve as president of such a respected and vital organization and I will treasure the friends I made along the way and the work that we did together. I also learned a lot from representing Winnipeg Transit on the Canadian Urban Transit Association Board Members Committee for over 10 years where we advocated to the Federal Government for funding and policies to support public transit systems across the country. It's gratifying to be part of national efforts and see ground breaking results from successful advocacy to the Federal Government for municipal priorities such as housing, infrastructure, transit funding and so much more. I want to say a deep thank you to all my council colleagues over the years and especially to our staff, to the dedicated members of the public service at the City of Winnipeg. Thanks. Sorry I'm getting a little emotional. And to the media who cover City Hall and all those volunteers and friends who helped me through five election campaigns. There are no words to express how much I thank all of you as well as my family and friends who came along for this amazing ride. The future looks to be very bright for our wonderful city and yet there is much work left to do so I look forward to embarking on my next adventure on life's path. Thank you.

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And yeah, this is my last council meeting. I'm looking forward to my next chapter in life. You know, Madam Speaker, when I decided to run for Council in...it was kind of like the winter of 2002, I looked at all the councillors and I phoned up Councillor Gerbasi and asked her for some advice. I spoke with her at length and I also had a chance to speak with her executive assistant and she gave me some great

pointers. It was...she's a councillor that I've always looked up to. She's just been a great mentor my first term of Council. Really sad to see her go but also happy that she is very satisfied with the work that she has done and I want to wish her well in her future endeavours. Yeah, I'm really proud, Madam Chair. I wanted to prepare some remarks but I just kind of ran out of time last night so I'm just going to wing it. When I first came to Council, it was really hard to speak in public. It was something that was really hard for me to do but I think that over 16 years of practice, it gives you that little bit of confidence to be able to do that. It was always kind of hilarious because when I first spoke I'd be holding a piece of paper, sweating profusely but you know, those days are over, but really happy with some of the work that I have done. I fondly remember this past term of office. I want to thank the Mayor for allowing me to be his Deputy Mayor for the last...in the first couple of years of this term and then as Chair of the Protection Community Services. It's been a great ride over the years working with Mayor Murray, Mayor Katz and recently with Mayor Bowman. Had the chance to travel across the world on many different initiatives with the...going to the Philippines on a sister city mission, Madam Chair, in 2005 and Mayor Katz sent me to South Africa, to India with a trade mission with the Premier and even to Mexico. So some really cool things and I've also had a chance to travel to Israel on a leadership mission during Mayor Katz's time. So it's...you know, this job is really what you make it and I've made some incredible connections. I want to thank my family, first and foremost and all my supporters in the Point Douglas Ward and across the City of Winnipeg. Remember, creating housing opportunities was a huge thing for me, Madam Speaker. When I first ran my neighbourhood, of the centennial neighbourhood was kind of up in flames. It was just after 1999 when the neighbourhood was really up in flames, and I moved into the neighbourhood in 1997. I worked with the then councillor to try and clean up the neighbourhood and making sure that buildings were boarded up properly and that ones that were unsanitary and derelict were torn down. And my desire at the time, Madam Speaker, was to try and clean up the parks and the playgrounds which were full of graffiti and needles and vandalism and there was lots and lots of empty lots in the centennial neighbourhood. Pleased to look back now, Madam Chair, and we've redeveloped many parks and playgrounds within the neighbourhood. There isn't any more vacant lots in our neighbourhood and many new houses that people now call home so pretty proud of that. And on the recreation front, Madam Chair, I fondly remember the support of this council...the Mayor and council for the North End Boxing Club and fondly remember the exhibition match that took place between Councillor Eadie and Councillor Morantz and it was great to see a vision impaired guy going up against the Chair of Finance at the time. And I had an opportunity to go against big bad Matt Allard who scared the bejeesus out of me but you know, I took every punch that he had and he still hit me in the liver. What a guy, what a guy. But you know, those are some of the things that I look back to and fondly remember and some really ground breaking changes being also...being appointed by the Mayor as chair of the...as Council Liaison...as Council Liaison for Major Projects...or project management. We've had to make...we've made some incredible, monumental, cultural and a paradigm shift here, Madam Speaker, in terms of doing major capital projects that we have to have a Class 3 estimate that we have now major capital reporting, and finance and you know, some really good work and that's...that is...that's huge, Madam Chair, and kudos to the Mayor for appointing me as that. And I really enjoyed the work with the public service on that front. So you know, it's a rare privilege to be able to serve on city council, Madam Chair, and I feel really lucky and I wish my successor whoever that may be, the best of luck. And I'm going to miss you guys and you know the best...all the best to those that are returning and for those that aren't returning, best of luck to you and your future endeavours and of course Winnipeg will always be my home, I love this city. I came here in 1973, I've lived here for 45 years and still living obviously, and look forward to working with the future councils in the days and years to come. So thank you very much, Madam Chair and all the best and I'll end off by saying, Unum Cum Virtute Multorum, which is one city with the strength of many.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I rise Madam Chair to let the Council know that we have received a commendation from the Business Women's of Canada and it commends the City of Winnipeg for joining the United Nations Women's Global Flagship Initiative, Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces. The City of Winnipeg's efforts in ending sexual violence so that women and girls can feel safe and live free from violence demonstrates the leadership on this important issue and other Canadian cities to follow. And I just...I want to thank...I've had the opportunity to serve as the co-chair of the UN Safe Cities and I want to thank the Mayor for allowing me that opportunity. It is a partnership with the Province so I've worked closely with Minister Squires on this file and we've done amazing things and I also want to thank the Mayor. I know that a lot of his initiatives, his safety initiatives has come from me voicing my concerns and hearing from the UN Safe Cities Initiative and we're very happy to see that there's other cities to follow now. So London is now a member of the UN Safe Cities and Edmonton. We're having a global forum coming up in October to talk about the many issues and Winnipeg is going to be at the forefront talking about all the wonderful things that we're doing. So I just want to thank the members of this council for their support on this file. And I also want to thank all the committee members because this really...I get to stand up and then get the award and there is a lot of people that do a lot of stuff behind the scenes. A lot of committee members that have spent lots of time making sure that we have some really great policies coming forward. So I just want to thank everybody for their support and thank all the committee members.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. I too just want to stand and congratulate all of this...councillors and the mayor on this first term of Council. I think really, this...half of this table was new as of 2014 and collectively, I think especially for that half, we were drinking from the fire hose the first couple of years and a steep learning curve. So expression of my appreciation to the veteran councillors who have helped us along, there has been good debate, we learned a lot and I do want to just...particularly express appreciation to Councillors Gerbasi, Morantz, Pagtakhan and Wyatt who will not be returning and I'm confident that their contributions to...not just to this council but to building this city will bear fruit for years to come and so I wish particularly those four councillors, Madam Speaker, I wish them all the best for a future that is both successful and healthy. Thank you.

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

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I haven't really prepared any formal remarks, but just I guess a few thoughts. Firstly, I also want to thank the residents of Charleswood-Tuxedo-Whyte Ridge for electing me back in 2014. And I've done my best to serve my constituents and they've always been foremost in my mind. Just thinking back to that time after I won the election in October of 14, my father passed away a few days later and his funeral was in Los Angeles and I was...so I was actually in Los Angeles during the first council meeting when everybody was sworn in. I was a little bit worried that I wouldn't get to sit because I missed the swearing in but we sorted that out later, I got sworn in in a separate ceremony. I jest. But I do remember...I'll never forget this time in my life where I was about to get into a car to go to the funeral and my cell phone rang and it was Mayor Bowman asking me if I would chair the Standing Committee on Finance and it was certainly a bittersweet moment but you know, it was one page closed in my life and a new adventure began and I came back to Winnipeg and was sworn in in the Mayor's foyer and I immediately went to meet with our CFO, Mike Ruta, and that was an eye opener, I have to say. But I think over the two years, I chaired Finance I believe that we did very good work. I think we improved how we do budgeting in the City of Winnipeg. We kept spending growth to very low levels. We maintained property tax increases that were devoted entirely to capital projects as opposed to operating. We brought in efficiencies. We...one of my pet projects as everyone knows is the Innovation Capital Fund which I think is innovative in and of itself, encouraging the public service to come forward with new and innovative ideas that actually have a cost savings to the City, just like the new cameras in this chamber or the cameras that we purchased for illegal dumping. I also was very happy when the Mayor asked me if I would chair the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee. That was a tremendous learning experience and over our term, of course, we spent I think it's \$427 million on roads more than ever before, over 500 lane kilometres, the distance between Winnipeg and Regina, and that was because we listened. And listening is the most important thing we can do as elected officials. There is so much more I could say. I just want to thank each and every one of you. I consider you...although we don't always disagree to be...agree I mean, we don't always agree with each other, we...I consider you all friends. And I think everybody here, although we come from different perspectives, has something to offer and add to the discourse that we have here. And together as a group, we make things better and we're all here really for the same reason, which is to make life better for the citizens of Winnipeg. And I hope that I have helped to move that goal forward and I know the next council will do that as well. So Madam Speaker, in particular I want to thank you. You administered this council with great skill and wisdom over the last four years and I think you have done a tremendous job as well. So thank you for your service.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to rise and thank everybody in the council chamber for working with you all, I have enjoyed it. I have been here for four terms and I want to thank most importantly, the community. In 2002 when I got elected, the campaign theme at the time was fighting to get our fair share of taxes in Transcona. We always felt as a community that ever since Unicity we never really got our fair share and I can tell you, Madam Speaker, that when you look back on it now, it's a feeling that I think we have done a little bit better. If you look at the improvements in the community I think we have made some great improvements thanks to this council and previous councils as well and getting those investments into the community. So I would just like to thank the people of my community for the opportunity to serve and also to encourage them that whoever is elected on election day, what I have found hugely important and hugely crucial to doing the job here was having that full support of the community. Receiving tremendous support in the community allowed me to stand up on the bully pulpit so to speak and pound the table for the community. Throw your support behind that new councillor, whoever it is. Give that person full confidence and support so that they can come into this chamber and stand up for Transcona as I have done, I believe. So it's been an honour to be here. It's been an honour to work with all of you. I wish you all the best and thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That brings our morning announcements to a close. We now have a condolence motion, right. And we...waiting for the meeting to start, we still need to put roll call on the record. Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Madam Speaker: And now we'll have a condolence motion for former Councillor George Marshall. It's moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Schreyer. Madam Clerk.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor George Marshall, which occurred on August 7, 2018.

Mr. Marshall served as Councillor for the Transcona City Council from 1966 – 1971 and Councillor for the City of Winnipeg, Transcona Ward, from 1986 – 1989.

This Council extends to his family, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Councillor Eadie moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on July 19th, 2018, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to delegations. I would like to call forward Mr. Ian Rabb. Following that, we will hear from Ms. Marion Willis, if you could both please come down. Mr. Rabb is representing the Aurora Recovery Centre. He is in support of Item 14 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 12th, 2018, regarding the meth crisis. Mr. Rabb, welcome and you have ten minutes.

DELEGATIONS

Ian Rabb: Thank you very much.

Councillor Mayes: And this is addendum delegations? I'm just trying to sort out where we are.

Madam Speaker: This is the first delegation I have listed. Mr. Clerk, can you clarify?

City Clerk: Yes, Madam Speaker, the delegations are ordered according to the appearance of the item on the agenda. So Mr. Rabb is listed first and we have eight delegations all together.

Madam Speaker: I think that is the past practice.

Councillor Mayes: But we have on our screens two people as delegations and then a great many as addendum delegations. So I'm not...and that has certain restrictions to it. Is everyone just appearing in delegation?

City Clerk: In terms of the addendum delegations, we list them as they appeared after the agenda was first printed, however, people had until 4:30 yesterday so they are all valid delegations and then we just order them in the proceedings document, the first document on your screen in the order in which they will appear.

Madam Speaker: We'll proceed with this delegation and then I'll take your question, Councillor Lukes. Mr. Rabb, welcome, ten minutes.

Ian Rabb: Thank you, thank you very much. Mr. Mayor, Council, first of all I would like to thank you for your service to the City of Winnipeg. It's greatly appreciated. I know what it takes to be in service and as this being your last council meeting, thanks. I really feel honoured to be able to speak to this motion. I first of all want to say that I am a 17 year survivor of methamphetamine. After a career as a doctor and ending up on the streets of Denver, Colorado, my dad brought me back to Winnipeg where I got clean and sober and have been advocating for a number of years around services around mental health and addiction. I think this is very innovative on the part of the Mayor and Council to move forward on such an important issue. This is not just an issue of methamphetamine. Methamphetamine or drugs are not ever the problem when it comes to people like me and those like me that have fallen to drug addiction. It's a bigger problem and it doesn't matter where you come from in the city, doesn't matter what social economic background you come from, it's something that can hit you if you are obviously...usually in most cases, affected by trauma as a child and ultimately the gene of addiction. The importance of this bill...or this motion really is that I have been sitting by for the last 17 years watching a province and a city kind of let it get to this point, and unfortunately, you know, we're maybe two feet behind in trying to prevent and help people with addictions. But most importantly besides saving families and saving lives and saving people, we don't have the resources in place necessary to provide those services for people to get help. And I think this task force...the creation of this task force and...I would suggest that whether the Feds and the Province get on board or not, that it's a city dilemma and we really have to look at its seriousness, but the positioning of this force could absolutely take action in creating some fundamental changes around the way we look at people with addiction. People with addiction are people that...I often say when I speak publicly that we would be doing everything possible for people with cancer. If people have kidney problems, we make sure they get dialysis. And people with the diseases of addiction are for some reason treated as second class citizens. And I think that coming out front with some recommendations and taking action and having the ability to make some changes around what we look at as the typical drug addict is a really important, important message that this community needs to hear and someone has to take leadership. So I really...I really want to firstly applaud Council for taking that leadership and I think that the new council should look at it very square in the eye whether or not the Province or the Feds come to the table. It's affecting our city in so many ways. This is not just a family disease that affects someone like me and ultimately my family and brothers and sisters, but it also affects every service that we provide in the City of Winnipeg. I talk to paramedics daily that are rushing to situations of drug addiction, whether it be methamphetamine or car fentanyl or fentanyl. We talk to the emergency rooms where they are packed, 80 percent almost, with people with drug addiction and alcoholism. And it's...so it's affecting all of our city services and provincial services. And unless we take a leadership role and speak loudly around what the answers are and what actions we can take, we're going to be continuing in the same cycle over and over. We are calling this a meth task force because meth is the problem of the week. But really, drug addiction is not the problem of the week, and solutions for people like myself that need help and need to be...need to have some kind of continuum of care around entry points into help, entry points into help, continue of care into treatment and then sober living facilities for them to carry on and live their life as full, tax paying, good citizens is necessary to transform lives. Often people talk about what is recovery, you know. What is recovery from? And recovery is really recovering the fundamental relationship with yourself and with your family, and with whatever power you believe in. And I think it's really important that we bring people back to that place where they have an answer to addiction. And we have the answer. This has to be a grass roots driven by all means, this cannot be...with no disrespect, this cannot be government driven, it has to be grass roots driven by those people that have been affected by and are on the streets, fighting this day in and day out. And I'm hoping that as we move forward and if this passes, that we can create a committee that ultimately can speak loudly to what is needed and we can take action and make changes around drug addiction and methamphetamine. So thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Rabb. If you could still stand down, we'll take questions in a few moments. Yes, I'll call the next speaker up, that's Ms Marion Willis. Is she here? She is the Executive Director...is Mr. Robert Lidstone here as well? Yes, welcome. And you're on behalf of St. Boniface Street Links. They're also in support of the same item. You have five minutes and then we'll take questions.

Marion Willis: Good morning. I'm here this morning really for two reasons and my first reason is I want to thank you. I want to thank you very much for your collective efforts to come up with some ideas and a strategy to address this city's methamphetamine crisis. In my view that puts you a head of the Province and just about everybody else. Thank you and thank you, Mayor Bowman. We feel encouraged. We're feeling a little more encouraged. I also wanted to speak to the importance of the non-profit sector as being key to effective intervention and service delivery to the affected population. It is the non-profit organizations like St. Boniface Street Links and there are others, okay...sorry here. We are the ones with the feet...who have feet on the ground, who deal directly, every day, with a range of social issues, including, the ever escalating methamphetamine crisis. We are well positioned to inform, to mobilize and to act. The problem is we're not providing any financial support to do so. St. Boniface Street Links has an extensive media file that speaks to the work that we do and the challenges we face. So far the services we provide have been free. Our organization receives calls daily from everywhere in this city and we do, from every neighbourhood in this city, St. Boniface Street Links is the organization to call. We receive calls daily from other cities and towns across the province of Manitoba where St. Boniface Street Links is a small organization in St. Boniface with Morberg House and really doing our best to respond

the best we can. But we're doing that really with no support whatsoever and that needs to change. You know, the non-profit sector, whether it was intended to be or not, has become the service delivery arm of government for years. That changed with the new government and we need to revert back to that because we are well positioned to inform, to mobilize and act, and you need to understand that we are your most valuable resource. If the non-profit sector were valued and we were resourced to work with everybody to develop a strategy and it has to be from the ground up, we're the ones that know the population, we work with them, we understand what's going on, and we have some very good ideas about how to address this. And I will say that if we could come together and support the need for drug stabilization units, attached to that, high support, transitional living programs, you know, that are at least four months in duration, moving people into permanent housing, with ongoing supports for up to two years, we could solve this. And if we would do this and support the sector that knows how to do this, you wouldn't have to worry about putting more money into policing because you want to know something? We would be taking the stress off the police. We right now in St. Boniface are the only resource the police have. And you know what, yesterday the police brought me nine people in one day. Nine people. You know, we're an organization with seven employees. It's getting really tough. So I feel...I know I sound...I'm not upset with you, I'm just upset with the whole situation. We've been trying so hard, you know. It was really St. Boniface Street Links that brought the meth crisis to the forefront almost two years ago, you know. And bringing it forward and speaking the way that we have has cost me everything including my housing first agreement. So there is lots for the city and I to have a conversation about, but I'm going to leave it there, okay, and please, we have to come together, we have to build this from the ground up and we need to do this together; the City, the Province, the Federal Government, and the non-profit sector, we need the key...the leading role. Thank you.

Robert Lidstone: Just very briefly, there is a lot of media discourse right now about meth psychosis and of course that's a very alarming phenomenon, something that I have experienced personally. Not all of us are violent, but there are very high needs associated with that. But what happens after that's over? What do people go back to? And I just think that the housing piece is so critical and supportive housing. Housing first is a great improvement over homelessness but if we are putting an active meth user in their own home, what happens to them? And I just think we need to think that through, going forward. And I also...well, I know a number of people with various stories but I have one friend who actually went to the ER for assistance and while he was in psychosis and they were not able to help him. He was released to the streets essentially, and he committed a serious crime, an aggravated assault. This is not a violent person normally. So we...so these kinds of things are crime prevention measures...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie suspends rules for extension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Robert Lidstone: Thanks. I was almost done. If we think beyond the immediate crime problem and talk about crime prevention, supportive housing is such a key piece of it. So we have places like 210 Recovery, Morberg House and we need more of those, and that's all I wanted to say. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Lidstone. We'll now take questions if there is any for our delegations. If I could ask the delegations to come forward once again, take questions from Council. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for...to all the delegations for coming and speaking on this matter this morning. Thank you for the Mayor for moving this motion before us today. My question is to Mr. Rabb. Mr. Rabb, thank you for your presentation. On July the 23rd of this year, the Mayor and the Chief of Police held a press conference and they were the ones...they recognized and they called this a crisis. And you know, hearing that from the Mayor and the Chief of Police I think is quite significant. The crime statistics for Winnipeg actually had to...there had to be a new chart written because our statistics actually went right off the chart in terms of national averages and beyond every other city, based on what's happening. And...but ironically as was mentioned by another delegation, the solution is not necessarily in policing. Policing is dealing with the issues as they arise. You mentioned something in your opening comments about trauma and people dealing with mental health and trauma, trauma related to childhood. Could you elaborate on that a little bit?

Ian Rabb: Thanks for the question, Councillor Wyatt. We know from statistics...I have been doing this work for 17 years and we know very clearly from statistics that two things are...create a fertile opportunity for people to become addicted or alcoholic and that is childhood trauma and often a gene of alcoholism or addiction. And when those two things are combined, it doesn't matter what environment you grow up in, you are prone to becoming addicted. So ultimately when I talk about trauma, I talk about the fact that we need to have places to heal people. I mean the biggest problem I find in the City of Winnipeg is that there is no place to access immediate care. The emergency rooms turn people away. They don't know how to deal with it because they're worried about the psychosis. The police don't know how to deal with it because we're dealing with people that often can become violent and you don't know what's going to happen. On every level, we are not knowing how to deal with it. And in my work, I have sober living houses that I started many years ago and then opening Aurora Recovery Centre, we have a full medical withdrawal unit open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. And it's not so difficult to deal with the initial stages of addiction. And ultimately it takes medication and some

counselling to initiate some of the healing and then ultimately, long-term care as we heard from Marion and other people. So the continuum is really important and to heal that trauma doesn't happen overnight, and/or the mental health issues. The other big issue with crystal meth is amphetamine psychosis which is a hundred percent common in every single person that ends up using crystal meth and every time they quit and they start again that psychosis gets worse and we don't know which psychosis is going to affect which person. So a perfectly normal person like myself even though I am not normal, a perfectly normal person like myself could be acting out like a schizophrenic or someone with OCD or someone with manic depressive. And so we really need to stabilize people on a mental health front first and then ultimately start working on the healing and the addiction part and ultimately get to the answer, which is wholeness. So I hope that answers your question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you very much. I think it's notable that it does affect people no matter where they are or what walk of life. I'm a walking, living example of that. I never had...I have an addiction and never thought I would be taking a sabbatical from Council because of my addiction, you know. It's amazing. I have another question in terms of the crisis. The motion that went to...from community committee to EPC called for the City to set up the Mayor's call for the Province and the Federal Government. You mentioned in your presentation whether the Province and the Feds do it, we need to do something. Could you elaborate a bit more on that as well? Thanks.

Ian Rabb: I think the word "crisis" says a lot. If there was to be a flood, we would be creating sandbags and sandbagging the city from the flood. Well our flood already exists. We are already seeing...we've seen the crime rates go up. We see the death rates gone up. we see the hospital visits go up and we're not doing anything about it now. So that's...that's why I made that comment, whether or not the Province and the Feds come on board, I think it's a...we're in a city crisis that needs an immediate answer and unfortunately, I know politics work slow, but there is no time for working slow when it comes to people's lives and deaths, incarcerations and families of all neighbourhoods being affected by this disease. We've treated at Aurora Recovery Centre over 750 people, about 70 percent from the province of Manitoba, that's private treatment that are mostly middle class people. Everybody thinks private treatment is for people that are rich, but really, mostly it's affecting middle class that are digging in their pockets trying to save their kids' lives. And the truth is, is that we are only affecting a small number of people. We only can...you know, 10 percent of the people that call us can afford treatment and afford effective ways of getting healthy. And then we have the other side, my charity, which is Sober Living, which is...was spoken about, which shows even greater success. If we keep people that are addicted in a sober living facility for up to 12 months, the recovery capital is about 83 percent. For every \$1 spent on addictions, we get 12 in return. Now that means nothing to politics...or political organizations or city council but it would mean everything to a business. Unfortunately, in the city and provincial funding, we spend all of our money, so they don't see a \$12 return. But there is a \$12 return for every dollar spent on addictions. So this would not be money not spent well.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. My final question is, the Mayor referred to earlier this morning about panhandlers and aggressive panhandlers and I used to drive past panhandlers and not pay any attention to them, now I stop and talk to them. And a lot of them are suffering from addictions in our city, across our city, what is...is there anything specific...we are calling for a task force with the Province and Feds, if they say no to that, what can we start doing here now? Is there any examples of steps that we can take? We are a government, we have tremendous resources and I've seen when we are faced with a crisis whether it be a flood or a calamity facing the city, I've seen the public service and this organization mobilize like you have seen nothing before. If it's a crisis, we haven't seen a mobilization yet. What can we be doing now to start dealing with this matter?

Ian Rabb: So what I would suggest is to a start, is for safe detox. We...I know that City Council and the Province funds Main Street Project for alcohol detox and beds over night for people that are struggling with alcoholism. The drunk tank I think it's called. We need effective places for people to go immediately that are ready and acknowledged that they have a problem. And even if that's...you know, my immediate response would be some kind of operated...not like Main Street Project and I don't want to get into the politics of it, but you need an absolute space detox where people can initiate their start into recovery. And if you can get, you know, two out of every ten people there on to a path of recovery, 20 percent is a high percentage. And ultimately as we create more resources around treatment and after care living facilities, we can ultimately get those people into a full continuum of care. But the initiating start would be somewhere to have counselling, have a medical team to be able to get people some kind of...some straight and then some services that they could rely on.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a couple of questions for both delegations. Firstly, I want to thank all of you for joining us here today and adding your voice to a topic that you have been working on for many, many years

and I think I speak for all of my council colleagues in thanking you for your life-saving work that you continue to do for citizens who need it most. First question I'll ask has to do with stigmatization. You mentioned that. I have...I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of parents who have lost their children. My son broke his arm a few years ago and people tripped over themselves to sign the cast. People wore it as a badge of honour to sign his cast. I can't imagine how horrific it would be if one of my sons became addicted to meth or opioids. And the conversations that I have had, have revolved around the stigmatization and the harm that has caused to families and those who have a health issue. It's been profoundly disappointing to see the level of debate by people in our community who should know better about this issue when this council has tried to act on a matter of provincial jurisdiction and I'm speaking specifically with regards to the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre. That was one way in which this council tried to help and I would like to know if you could speak about the consequences of the stigmatization and how that affects your efforts to help so many in our community.

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

Ian Rabb: Very good question. I think that I have dealt with, in opening through sober living houses and Aurora, such concerns as everybody has gone through around the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre. And the stigmatization is painful. And I think that you know, when I asked my parents years ago if I could speak publicly about this issue, it took them some time even to get over the stigmatization of me being, you know, a doctor that lost everything that ended up on the street, coming from a good home. I think we have to ignore the stigmatization. We have work to do. If I get caught up in the stigmatization and not just speaking out about what addiction really is, that's why I talked about...a little bit about addiction at the beginning of my conversation with you. It's not a matter of the drugs or alcohol that are the problem, it's really a problem of wholeness, 99 percent of the people I've worked with in 17 years all have had the feeling since childhood that something was wrong, something was missing, they were different, they were a square peg trying to fit in a round hole. They were consciously separated and disconnected from even their family and when I speak I often tell people I felt adopted into a perfectly normal family. The disease of addiction is not a drinking problem or a drug problem it's a thinking problem and even though everything looked perfect on the outside of my world when I was growing up, everything in my soul said different. We have a mental, emotional, physical and spiritual problem that ultimately, really...and this...I'm going far and saying this publicly, but really only has a spiritual answer. Addiction is cancer of the soul. That's what it is. And so when healing people, we have to heal them on all of those fronts, on mental health, addiction, spiritual and also physical. So stigmatization to me, people can call me what they want. You know, we need more examples or people to speak out like me that have been speaking out for years, to maybe get a solution and that might be the answer. But we're always going to have an MB, it's always going to exist and shame on those people.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll move on to the next delegation now. Thank you for your time. Next we'll hear from Mr. Josh Brandon, if you can please come down, following that is Mr. Carlos Sousa. Mr. Josh Brandon is here in opposition to Item 15 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 12th, 2018. It's regarding the True North Square Inc. and Northland Properties Funding Agreement. Welcome, Mr. Brandon you have ten minutes.

Josh Brandon: Thanks so much, Madam Speaker and thanks so much to Mayor and Council and staff for giving me the opportunity to speak today. I just want to speak a little bit about the True North Square project and the proposal that was passed by EPC last week. We are providing fairly significant subsidies to a program that as I understand it, will not even provide affordable housing. And that's what I want to talk about today. Here in Winnipeg we're a growing city and we're often told that we're on track to become a million people here in the coming years. Downtown development is an important piece of that growth and helping us reach that target and so, too, are the tens of thousands of newcomers who come here each year as well as the hundred thousand Indigenous residents who make Winnipeg the largest Indigenous community in Canada. However, we should remember that one million is just a number and much more important than how much we grow and how quickly we get there is the question of what kind of city do we want to become? Do we want to live in a city that is inclusive, where we work together towards our shared prosperity or will we heighten the divides between rich and poor as we build exclusionary enclaves for those who can afford them while keeping others out. And where does the True North Square project fit in this vision? So I ask Council to think first about the people who will be excluded by the True North Square project. Here in Winnipeg, we have a severe housing shortage for thousands of low income residents. Over a hundred thousand Winnipeggers live in poverty. Earlier this year I was part of the Winnipeg Street Census Project where we interviewed over 1500 people experiencing homelessness, over two-thirds of them were Indigenous residents. End Homelessness Winnipeg's estimated that it will require approximately 7,000 units of housing that are available for low income people to solve the housing crisis and break the cycle of homelessness that we have in our city. There is more than 35,000 households in Winnipeg who are in core housing need and that's housing that's unaffordable, in poor repair or overcrowded. And to be clear, even without the TIFF exemption that's being given to True North Square, a broader housing strategy is needed. Even if affordable housing were included in the True North Square project, the people I met in the Winnipeg Street Census would not find housing there. Under the affordable housing program, for example, a two bedroom unit rents for up to \$1,147 per month and that's hundreds of dollars more expensive than people on social assistance or who are surviving in the informal labour market as many homeless

people are surviving. According to the Province's program income limits the affordable housing program is geared towards individuals earning up to \$56,000 per year or families earning less than \$75,000 per year. So these are middle and moderate income families that will be excluded from True North Square. And those are the families that we need to actually attract downtown if we are going to see downtown have the kind of economic development that we're expecting from the project and that will really create a city that's inclusive for more than just the rich. So who then is the True North Square project being developed for? The True North Square, as its promoters themselves highlight, is one of the largest residential and office projects to be built in downtown in recent years. The footprint of this \$400 million project will extend far beyond Graham and Hargrave affecting the contours of our downtown for many years to come. The decisions made by Council today could set a precedent for future developers who will rightly ask why favours extended to True North Square were not equally extended to them. Prior to the proposed changes in the subsidy program, the City was already providing millions of dollars towards this project. The additional \$8 million, 20 year tax holiday for True North Square will amount to an enormous subsidy for building luxury housing. It's worthwhile comparing this support to the often inadequate funding, community grassroots housing and community development efforts received from the City. Too often community groups are told there isn't funding available. And I think about the efforts earlier this winter which, although we ultimately were able, thanks to the Mayor, using discretionary funding, we were able to get funding for cold weather strategy for people experiencing homelessness. But that was only temporary funding. And community groups had to scrape together the resources for that. I also think about when community housing groups like Old Grace Co-op put forward proposals and we'll hear more about this from the other delegation today. They were told that they were outside the TIFF area and I wonder why we're bending the rules of the TIFF program to benefit multimillion dollar corporations and every effort seems to be to make those rules more flexible for those corporations. This is a perverse ordering of principles. We have been told that the impetus for the last minute changes in the proposed subsidy are that the Province is also making additional contributions. But we should remember that the Province is also making severe cuts to its housing programs to rent assist and raising the rates for Manitoba Housing tenants. And just yesterday, I was at a Manitoba Housing seniors residence where seniors were being given notice that their housing contributions were going up from 28 to...to 28 percent and one of the residents there told me that one of her friends in the building's going to have to cut back how many meals she is able to eat per day. And when I told them about the City, they are planning to offer \$8 million of subsidy for a luxury housing project, people there couldn't understand where the priorities are coming from. So across the city, there's no interest that I see in offering private developers an accommodation for helping build luxury housing. So I want to conclude by going back to what I was talking about at the beginning about the vision for what we see as Winnipeg. And over the last year...over the last three years, our city has been grappling with the demands set out in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and I thank Mayor Bowman for his leadership on this. We've come a long way in this city. The mayor and council committed two years ago to live up to the promise of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with the promise to undo the legacy of colonialism and not repeat our mistakes. But unfortunately, I do see with the True North Square project, we're pulling us...we're pulling away from that promise. When thousands of Indigenous Winnipeg residents suffer in poor housing or in homelessness, we must conclude that subsidies for luxury housing, the few Indigenous residents can afford, run counter to our promise of reconciliation. So I hope this council will deny the exemptions to affordable housing that were proposed last week. Thank you, megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Brandon. We'll now call Mr. Carlos Sousa, also in opposition to the same item. You have five minutes, sir.

Carlos Sosa: Thank you. And before I start, I'd like to clarify the spelling of my last name. It is not S-O-U-S-A. It is S-O-S-A, for the record. Today, I appear here as a private citizen who is also a resident of Old Grace Housing Co-operative, a past co-chair of the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities, a past second vice-chair of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities and a current board member of Inclusion Winnipeg formerly known as the Association of Community Living Winnipeg, in opposition to item 15 of the Executive Policy report. Item 15 recommends that the City of Winnipeg waive the requirement that 10 percent of the 194 units planned for True North Square be waived. This is extremely concerning to me as somebody that lives in an affordable housing unit. Affordable housing is extremely critical especially social housing, is extremely critical in this city especially if we look to address issues such as meth, homeless crisis and poverty, poverty reduction. It appears that the City of Winnipeg is providing corporate welfare to an exclusive club while community groups who want to build affordable housing, struggle to get their projects off the ground and old Grace Housing Co-operative is a perfect example of that. This proposal is extremely concerning as it appears that we are giving a free pass to a project, receiving \$8 million to support the construction of luxury apartments or condos. And when my co-op was on the drawing board, there were some times where we didn't even know if we were going to get off the ground, but we did and that was a victory. It is absolutely essential that the City of Winnipeg take leadership on issues of affordable housing especially social housing for the most vulnerable in our city. And...and that includes the construction of new units. It's extremely disgusting that the City is putting the needs of the most wealthy ahead of the most vulnerable and that needs to stop. Old Grace Housing Co-operative where I live is located at the corner of Arlington and Preston, which has been open for six months and has 60 units which 30 of them are affordable, 12 which are rent supplement, seven which are fully accessible with every unit being visitable and four more three-bedroom units which will be ready in the next couple of months. The project happened because of hard work of volunteers and \$2

million from the previous government with no TIFF assistance from the City of Winnipeg. The only City assistance that the co-op received was help with landscaping. It seems that when somebody who is well known and connected, who has money, there seems to be money for their project, but no money for our project, no City money for our project or barely any City money. If my co-op received TIFF funding, our share prices probably would have been able to reduce especially for the rent supplement members and some of them struggle to save up money to pay for their co-op shares. And some of them had to rely on family members and some are just watching pennies. And I think that's just a shame in our city that we...that this does...that, in our co-op, affordable housing chairs range from \$24,000 for a three bedroom, \$20,000 for a two bedrooms and \$16,000 for a one bedroom and for a person in poverty who may be on rent supplement, it would be difficult to afford the situation. I'm fortunate. I was able to afford to pay for the one-bedroom affordable share. But for many people with disabilities, that is simply not the case. And we would've appreciated the TIFF because it would help make things a lot more affordable and life more stable for some of the lower income residents that live in my co-op. It's quite concerning that it seems that it's just Peter stealing from Paul for the benefit of the few at the expense of the masses and that approach needs to stop.

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

Carlos Sosa: I want to live in a city that takes pride in accessibility, inclusion and reconciliation. The proposal that we have on this table goes against these principles. And if we go ahead today with this proposal, this will be a major step backwards to creating major inequities in the system between those who have money and those who do not. I thought that the Executive Policy Committee valued these principles and I ask that you vote against this proposal and to take a more solid leadership on issues of affordable housing and to consider the needs of the most vulnerable before developing any more plans or policies on this particular issue. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Sosa. We will now take questions. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's just really an, 'are you aware', question and you may not be because of our processes here. But there is a motion on the floor this morning put forward by Councillor Cindy Gilroy, seconded by myself that, in effect, as True North Square providing a cash contribution to the City of Winnipeg in a manner...well I'll just say the clause, "Satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer that is equal to 10 percent of the projected incremental municipal property taxes generated from the residential developments to be constructed at 220 and 225 Carlton, for the first five years after occupancy and final assessment is obtained and that this contribution be used to support construction of affordable housing in Winnipeg in a manner to be determined by Council." So Councillor Gilroy, myself, hopefully with the support of our colleagues are doing something to address the concern you have raised today. I thank you for coming here. I think because of our processes, the public may not be aware that there is something in place to address the concerns about lack of an affordable housing requirement because it is something many of us care about very much as well as you. So I just...it's a really an, 'are you aware' question. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Josh Brandon: May I answer?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Brandon.

Josh Brandon: Thanks Councillor Gerbasi for the question. I was just handed the motion just now and so I haven't had a chance to fully analyze it. It strikes me that there are a couple of concerns I have with the motion. One is the terms of...that are being given to True North Square, five years of affordable housing for a 20 year tax exemption strikes me as being inadequate on that level. It's also a really expensive way of creating affordable housing if we're thinking about \$8 million to create...to put towards affordable housing, this...the money that we would be getting through this would be insufficient return on our investment in that regard. The other concern that I have here is we are still creating these exclusionary spaces and we are saying to the people of Winnipeg that we are going to support housing that's exclusionary for a certain class of Winnipeggers and that the vast majority of Winnipeggers won't even be able to afford to live there. I think we want to try to build types of housing in Winnipeg that integrate different classes of people, different social classes that we can learn to live together and to say to True North Square, that that's fine, you can build housing that's only for the rich and as a city, we're going to support you and prop you up towards that project, would still raise concerns for me. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Brandon. Any further questions for our delegation here today? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am not sure whether Mr. Brandon or Mr. Sosa would like to respond to this. We just had an important meeting a couple of days ago on this issue. I learned that when the City puts wording in regarding an implication of intent for TIFF and for revenue to go towards affordable housing, that doesn't mean it's going to happen. It doesn't mean it's in the agreement with the company, the condominium company, let's say,

and the Provincial Government. It doesn't mean it's going to happen to the extent that the City had to take the wording out of the by-laws because we were told it would be disingenuous to imply that there would be any TIFFs or any concrete agreement regarding affordable housing for this residential development agreement, which means it wasn't going to happen, necessarily just because we put the words in. I just learned this. This means that any future agreements...my understanding, taking place downtown Winnipeg in which the City of Winnipeg is involved with, with subsidies or contribution, it doesn't mean, to my understanding, that there will be affordable housing or TIFFs involved even if the wording is in the by-laws that we move at City Hall. Are you aware of this? What do you have to say about this Mr. Brandon and Mr. Sosa?

Josh Brandon: I wasn't aware...I wasn't aware of what Councillor Schreyer was saying about if it's in the agreement, it doesn't necessarily mean that it's going to happen. But I...it does strike me that we need to implement a broader housing strategy here in Winnipeg. And I've heard as well over the past few days, that there are elements of the TIFF program that have expired and the Live Downtown Program is no longer operational and we're trying to fit the agreement into programs that have already expired. And so we need to develop a clearer strategy going forward before we entertain any notions of development and how we're going to be supporting housing in this city. So it seems to me that the problems with this proposal and this agreement are part of a broader picture of a lack of clarity around what our city's doing around housing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow? No. Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for your presence here today. Next I'll call up Mr. Don Woodstock. Following that is Ms Jessica Floresco. Mr. Woodstock is here. Yes, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I'm wondering if we could suspend the rules for two more speakers please, Madam Chair. I've had a request for Mr. Dave Hill and Mr. Andrew Marquez to have the opportunity to speak to an item on the agenda.

Madam Speaker: Okay. And I think there are other names as well. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I would like also to move the motion to suspend the rules to allow for Vicki Rempel to speak in delegation.

Madam Speaker: Vicki Rempel...that is...which item Councillor Schreyer, regarding?

Councillor Schreyer: Vicki Rempel would be regarding...excuse me a moment, Madam Speaker. And this would be...

Madam Speaker: We'll come back.

Councillor Schreyer: Regarding True North.

Madam Speaker: Okay. And Councillor...

Councillor Schreyer: Item number...is that 12 or 14?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, you have an additional delegation?

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I'd like to invite Dave Sauer to speak to the Climate Change Action Plan.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, Councillor Lukes was asking that an individual speak but I wasn't sure which matter that relates to.

Madam Speaker: Yes. So that was Mr. Andrew Marquez you mentioned, Councillor.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I'm sorry, I'll pull it up here. Just give me a minute here to get the right number.

Madam Speaker: Is that the P and D agenda Item 17?

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I'm working down here. Yes, you are correct. Yes.

Madam Speaker: That's the Parker Lands?

Councillor Lukes: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay. I am going to ask the City Clerk to speak but I understand that our Legal Department is advising...sorry, Mr. Clerk, you go ahead and I'll add my commentary in a moment.

City Clerk: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just in regards to delegations on Item 17, I have been advised by the Winnipeg Public Service that that item is still considered to be...have a proceedings before the courts continuing. Section 51(9) of our Procedure By-law states that neither council, a committee of council or a sub-committee of thereof shall hear any delegation or representation with respect to a matter which is presently the subject in the action or proceedings of which the City or any of its boards or committees are party to or may be directly or indirectly affected. Mr. Marquez reached out to us, asked to be heard, we advised him of this that we could not register him at the present time because of ruling in the Procedure By-law. Certainly council can in its wisdom suspend the rules to hear him if to so chooses.

Madam Speaker: Right, right. So we can suspend the rules but in the Procedure By-law, if a matter's before the courts, then we wouldn't be hearing delegations on it. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: My understanding is the court decision has been made as of yesterday.

Madam Speaker: You can ask for suspension of the rules.

Councillor Lukes: Okay.

Madam Speaker: So what we have...

Councillor Schreyer: Suspend the rules if the court decisions have been made already. It hasn't been made?

Councillor Eadie: Point of order. We suspend the rules under the Procedure By-law all the time. This item that our Clerk has correctly identified is in the Procedures By-law which we as council can...

Madam Speaker: Yeah. So thank you. On that note, I will be asking for council's vote on suspending the rules to hear four additional delegations as noted. All in favour?

Mayor Bowman: Which four?

Madam Speaker: The ones we just heard. It was Mr. Andrew Marquez, Mr. Hill, Councillor Schreyer mentioned Ms Vicki Rempel...

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, can we get further clarification on the legal matter? In fact, I wouldn't even mind calling on the CAO to give clarification if necessary. Because this is...we understand the court...some events happened yesterday but that it is still considered, we were advised, to still be a legal matter and I think we need to be cautious in that regard. Could we get a further explanation whether or not it is still a legal proceeding? Yeah, it should be severed, yes.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi, thank you. You wanted to ask a question of the CAO on a time sensitive matter before us, so I will ask the CAO to come forward at this time.

Councillor Gerbasi: Do you want me to ask the question now or...?

Madam Speaker: He'll come forward if you just give him a moment. Which microphone can the CAO use? That one there? Okay, Councillor Gerbasi your question.

Councillor Gerbasi: My question is just that I think Council requires the clarification of whether or not the Legal Department...what the advice is, as to whether this is still, even though there was some court action recently, yesterday or today, what is the status? Is it still considered something that is before the courts? Where is it in that process?

Madam Speaker: Mr. McNeil.

Doug McNeil: Mayor and Council, yesterday we did receive a decision from the Queen's Court Judge. The order from the court has not been issued to the City yet and so we are therefore, still within a legal proceeding.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, my concern is whether...I would like to seek the advice of the CAO or legal advice on whether in this case we should be proceeding on this issue on which we may not even receive the council of delegation.

Madam Speaker: Can you restate your question, Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: I'm not sure, ma'am. It looks like we're going ahead to make a vote on something in which people may not provide delegation and their information to Council on that.

Madam Speaker: The CAO has advised that he feels it's still before the courts. That closure hasn't come to the City of Winnipeg just yet. Council does have the ability to suspend the rule to hear the delegation. Are there any other further questions of our CAO on this matter? Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: I just wanted to clarify that right now we're dealing with the issue of delegation and whether to hear. Later in the meeting we'll be dealing with whether we proceed or what we do with the matter on the agenda. So I'm just trying to...

Madam Speaker: The matter is on the agenda.

Councillor Gerbasi: It's on the agenda, and what we do with it is a later decision.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I just would like to also seek clarification and I want to make sure this is clear. I intend on voting to allow Mr. Marquez to speak. But Madam Speaker, that person is not allowed to speak about hearing items related to that report. He can speak to the report in terms of what the decision is or not but I would just like to make it clear, like if he is going to speak, he's not going to be speaking to the...you know, the qualities of their proposed development agreement and so on. So I just want to make sure that's very clear.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Just a question I guess then for the CAO or the City Clerk even. If...we know a decision from the Court of Queen's Bench is en route, if that decision were received, would that be...would the matter then be no longer to be considered to be in front of the courts or would we go into an appeal period at which point it would still be considered that particular matter to be before the courts?

Madam Speaker: Mr. McNeil.

Doug McNeil: You basically have to let this play out. We do not have an order from the court. We just have the judge's decision. The lawyers for the plaintiff and for the defendant have to agree to the order. We're actually seeking some clarification from the judge on part of her decision and so this is still playing out before the courts, and so all I'm saying to you is this is still before the courts. The Clerk has eloquently indicated what that means in terms of allowing delegations.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: One more point I would like to ask the Clerk. Is it a two-thirds vote of council to hear something in a situation like this?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker and apologies for just getting back into the room so I may have missed what the Clerk had said, I wonder if the Clerk, perhaps...I'm worried about the appropriateness of whether...I don't see it being appropriate if the matter is still before the courts or we don't...it's not finalized, I don't see it being appropriate that the delegation be speaking. That's my thought.

City Clerk: Thank you, madam...Councillor Gillingham, through you Madam Speaker. I simply wanted to point out that the Procedure By-law does contain that ruling that does not allow us to register people as a delegation in regards to matters that are currently before the court or subject of a court proceeding. I can't speak to the appropriateness, but that's the way the ruling is. Mr. Marquez did reach out to our office yesterday and asked to be registered. We advised him that he couldn't be registered and then we worked with Winnipeg Public Service last night to determine that the matter was still a proceedings before the court and that we could not register them. As mentioned, Council can choose to suspend any rule of the Procedures By-law by a two-thirds vote. So you should really be suspending two rules; one, that he was not on the agenda in time for the matter and then one that the matter is still before the courts. But that's up to Council.

Madam Speaker: And the matter is on the agenda later on in the meeting as well. I don't know if you were here for that conversation, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Are we going to be voting on each individual separately or on...I think you mentioned all four at once.

Madam Speaker: We can vote on them separately. We can.

Councillor Orlikow: I will make that request, please.

Madam Speaker: Sure. All right, so Councillor Lukes that will close off any more questions for the CAO.

Councillor Lukes: When we get to 17 on whether we can actually even vote on that, so. If it's before the courts.

Madam Speaker: Right. Okay, great. So we will deal with suspension of the rule for hearing Mr. Marquez and Mr. Hill regarding Item 17 of the Property and Development agenda regarding the Parker Lands. And we're going to be suspending the rules; the item is not on the agenda and also given Section 519 of the Procedure By-law as the Clerk read out to us. So we'll have the vote of two-thirds council. All in favour of allowing Mr. Marquez to speak and Mr. Hill, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillor Eadie, Lukes and Schreyer

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 3, Nays 13.

Madam Speaker: We will not be putting those delegations on the agenda today. Next is Ms Vicki Rempel to be heard regarding True North...the True North item. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Dave Sauer regarding climate change. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now get back to hearing from Mr. Don Woodstock if you could please come forward. He is in support of Item 18 of the report of the Property and Development Committee dated September 4th, 2018. It's regarding Readyding the Former Public Safety Building and Civic Centre Car Park Lands for Redevelopment. Good morning Mr. Woodstock. We'll have ten minutes on the clock for you.

Don Woodstock: Good morning. The chair is very comfortable, you know, beat those ones up there. Ladies and gentlemen, Madam Speaker, Mayor Bowman, I bid you all good morning. I am in favour of this Item 18, redevelopment of the site, but I got some concerns and I think I would be just not correct in sitting down and just letting it be. I've lived there long enough and I've been at city council meetings quite a few times and I've listened to where these reports go back and forth. But I have to ask the question, how well have we document...or how well we make use of our...how well we analyze everything that's going to happen with this project from the perspective of us spending taxpayer dollars. Too many projects that we have seen over the years that seem to be just be bloated. Too many inefficiencies. And all we're told is overruns. I was in Ottawa recently and I was shocked of the fact that in Ottawa, when I have a project of any sort is given out, they have a clause in that contract and that clause is, if you are late on the project, who pays? I know they are not smarter than us in Ottawa. I know that much. And so yes, we need to do something with that site, yes, we need to do something creative with that site. My wife thinks it should be something very cool. And I support her in that. Some

people say affordable housing. Well, whatever it is, can we not have the same clause in our contract, in our agreement with the developers here, that you bid on a project and if your bid is a million dollars and if for any reason that project turns to \$10 million, instead of the City of Winnipeg picking up the tab for another \$9 million and later found out that there has to be some impropriety or investigation of some sort, could we not have it built in, like Ottawa, that if you are late on the project for whatever reason, you, Mr. Developer, you pay. What's wrong with that? I see nothing wrong with that, Madam Speaker. Councillors, I see nothing wrong with that. It's high time we stop almost giving up on the concept that we have to treat taxpayers money as if we...water, we turn on the tap. I run a small business. I'm the authorized dealer for ADT in Manitoba. I have to be responsible to ADT. I have to be responsible to my customer, and I would like to see some responsibility on the part of the documentation, the council, the language, the contracts that hold every single developer accountable so they don't end up with another police station mumbo jumbo. I'd like to see that happen. And I'd like to think that there are councillors here who want to see that happen. Yeah, let's develop the site, no problem with me. Go for it. But let's not have another police station mumbo jumbo. It looks bad on us, ladies and gentlemen. The world is watching us. And in Ottawa, cab drivers are the eyes and ears on the ground and you know what they think of us? I'm going to put it mildly. The councillor is corrupt. That's their thought process of us. I know you are not corrupt. In your heart, I know you all, I know a lot of you. But for whatever reason, we seem to just let good sense go out the window. I don't run my business that way. I can't be responsible...I would not have an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau if I run my business the way how some of the council run this operation. It's not right. It's not fair. And I think we need to start holding developers accountable for their actions. And so I'm saying yes to it, develop lovely site, you do whatever you want with it. But do not, please, do not let this one go by without putting strong language in there that demands accountability as if it was your business. As if it was your home. Taxpayers' dollars need to be respected a little bit more than just a vote. We have to do better and so far we have not done a good job of it. And let this be an example. Let this site be one that every single one of us can look back and say you know what, we got it right this time. There is no investigation after it was done. There is no mumbo jumbo after it was done. We got it right, what the community want. Whatever the community decides, and the project was finished on time, on budget and no overruns. It can be done if we have the language in the document that states that. So I'm not a lawyer, and if a layperson can see this and recognize it, why can't we? If the average Joe can realize that something is wrong with council and their average way of thinking, why can't we take a look at ourselves in the mirror and say, did we do the right thing here? Don't give it to a developer just because. Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for your time in listening to me and I hope we will get this one right for the sake of our community, for the sake of the taxpayers of this city and most importantly, for your sake and mine. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Woodstock. We have a few questions. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Regarding cost overruns in construction contracts here at the city, I wish to make the point again that I am the only person at City Hall this term to publish any real report on construction inflation beyond a paragraph this term, having done so in the community newspaper, the Herald, this winter. I would like to ask Mr. Woodstock if he was aware that construction inflation or the conflation based on private construction contracts is the highest rate of inflation for the City of Winnipeg this term and this decade at least if not the last generation, by far, two to three times higher than those who are CUPE workers, even higher than the police and the firefighters, essentially all term and all decade. Mr. Woodstock, are you aware of that, sir?

Don Woodstock: I wasn't aware of how high it was, but I was aware that it's high. And thank you for that clarification and I look forward to reading...I somehow missed that in the Herald so I will make sure to look for that. But on that note, think of it this way, ladies and gentlemen, if you are building a fence and somebody gives you a quote for a thousand dollars to build a fence and halfway through the fence the guy comes back and says the fence is now \$5,000, would you pay it? Would you pay it? None of you would say yes. Not one of you in here would say yes would you pay it because the first thing you would ask the question is, what are you doing to me? Are you trying to rob me? So why can't we ask that question of our council? You have a contract out there and you put it out because the average person would not bid a thousand dollars for a fence that was \$5,000 and still get the job and if you did, the Better Business Bureau would be hearing about you all day long. And so your name would be mud, sooner or later. Our name in Ottawa for how we do business is in mud. And let's not play around that fact. We can do better at demanding, demanding that this council hold ourselves and the responsibility that we...the oath of office that we took. Have the public's interest in mind 100 percent of the time and not 10 percent of the time and then go to the public and say please vote for me. That needs to change. And that's why 60 percent or more of the population don't care about...don't care about civic politics. It's too much for them to fathom. The housing shortage...and we give away millions of dollars to people that fund our campaign. Whose joke is that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Woodstock for answering that question. Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for your presence here today.

Don Woodstock: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Ms. Jessica Floresco, if you could please come forward. She is the General Manager of Mother Earth Recycling. She is in support of Item 1 of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, the report dated September 6th, 2018. It's regarding Mattress and Box Spring Recycling, the Pilot Project with Mother Earth Recycling. Welcome. We'll put ten minutes on the clock.

Jessica Floresco: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mayor Bowman and City Councillors for allowing me to come speak today. I saw the link of your agenda so I will try to make this quick for you. You should have all been given a blue folder that has our full presentation in it. I am not going to go through it slide by slide, that would take up way too much time but I will give a brief speech about what we're trying to do here. I'd like to start by recognizing the encouragement and support of the City Water and Waste staff who have been critical in this project and getting it to where it is. I'd also like to thank the City Councillors who have come down to Mother Earth Recycling to see what we're doing, specifically to Councillor Mayes who has been a huge help in getting this project going. I'm sure he is sick of seeing my name pop up in his e-mail. Hopefully that will stop soon. I'd also like to thank the support and dedication of our shareholders who are here today in getting this business to where it is. I would also like to quickly thank Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Pagtakhan. I live in Fort Rouge and I work in Point Douglas so thank you very much for all that you have done for our city. So the proposed pilot project you will be discussing later today is a very important step in the collaboration between our city, social enterprises and our Indigenous community. Mother Earth Recycling is an Indigenous social enterprise located just a few blocks from here in the Point Douglas neighbourhood. We provide jobs and training opportunities to Indigenous youth and women in our community who face multiple systemic barriers to employments. We are able to provide these job opportunities by operating labour intensive and financially sustainable recycling programs. Specifically today, we're talking about the mattress and recycling of...mattress and box spring recycling program. Mother Earth Recycling was established in 2012 when Neeginan Centre, the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development and the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg came together with a vision of creating economic stability in our Indigenous community. Over the past five years, Mother Earth Recycling has injected over \$2.7 million into our local economy, 1.6 million in wages alone creating 45 full time equivalent jobs. Mother Earth Recycling is a significant economic force within Winnipeg's social enterprise sector and has a potential to become one of Manitoba's few profit generating, self-sufficient social enterprises. When excess revenue is earned by our business, we re-invest it back into the operations to expand and increase the services we provide and create more jobs. Once our mattress program is generating a stable revenue, we will be looking to expand our recycling services into furniture, child car seats, VHS tapes and plastic re-manufacturing. We primarily hire unemployed or low-income earners moving many of them from no income or being on social assistance to employment. By creating these job opportunities and providing wrap around support services, we see a reduction in dependency for government services, crime, recidivism, homelessness, family disruption and physical and mental health problems in our community. Our mattress recycling program has been operational for 33 months. In that time we have diverted 9,000 units from the landfill at a rate of 95 percent commodity diversion. We have partnered with retailers like Ikea and Sleep Country as well as university dorms, care homes and the general public. Most notably we have partnered with 12 rural municipalities from southern Manitoba. All of these suppliers pay us a \$15 recycling fee per unit and transport all of their units to our facility in Point Douglas. Across Canada we can see different regions operating full or partial diversional programs through their municipalities with third-party processing, the rates from mattress and box spring recycling across Canada range from \$15 to \$30. For example, the City of Edmonton has a city-wide diversion program that diverted 40,000 units from their landfill last year alone. All these units were processed for a fee of \$20 per unit by their local social enterprise. It is estimated that approximately 35,000 mattresses and box springs go into our landfill every year in Winnipeg. That's a significant volume of materials that could otherwise be removed and recycled, therefore reducing the overall cost to the landfill, greenhouse gas emissions and decrease landfill leaching while creating jobs for those in our community who need it the most. The cost of land filling mattresses and box springs is not exact. There are significant savings to be had. The calculations are very open to interpretation depending on things like compaction rates, operational costs, machine down times, loss of tipping fees and the environmental cost and impacts. As mentioned previously, Mother Earth Recycling is a 100 percent Indigenously owned and operated social enterprise. With the City's dedication to reconciliation, Mother Earth Recycling is a prime example of the inclusion of Indigenous participation in the business community. Mother Earth Recycling is focused on call to action 92 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action which is to ensure that aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training and education opportunities in the corporate sector. We appreciate the hard work that the City of Winnipeg staff have invested into developing an operational model for the proposed pilot project. We believe that we have developed a workable and viable model for the next phase of the project. The City of Winnipeg mattress and box spring recycling project is not only about keeping mattresses and box springs out of the landfill, it's about promoting environmentally responsibility for the city and its residents through diversion. It's about reinforcing the City's commitment to reconciliation and the Indigenous Accord. It's creating meaningful employment, improving lives and socioeconomic conditions of our Indigenous workers as well as building a stronger...community economies while solidifying Winnipeg's social enterprise sector. Thank you very much and I look forward to getting the project started.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any questions? Councillor...yes. We'll take questions in just a few moments if you want to stand down. We have another delegation on the same matter. I would like to call back Mr. Don Woodstock to present on the same matter. He is also in support and then we'll take questions concurrently after. Thank you.

Don Woodstock: Okay. Fun subject for me. Now Mike Pagtakhan, I want to thank you. I had an opportunity to say it the last time but I want to thank you for listening to me. In 2008, 2009, and we brought that motion on the floor and we had Council decided on a vote to change garbage day to recycle day. I want to thank you publicly for that. It's that vision that we needed to get...do more of. We needed to be more progressive, you know. This should be something that we should have a list of companies that the City does business with, and I support what Council is doing now in respect to Mother Earth Recycling to get out of the bin...out of the landfill, to get the mattresses out of the landfill and other stuff. But we can do more and we need to do more. Recycling is an opportunity for us to grow our economy, to employ people, and most importantly, grow a tax base. And if we take a moment and think about it, there are other municipalities and cities across Canada that is currently way ahead of us. In 2009, I never imagined it would be eight, nine years later and we haven't had a recycling plant here in the city, a real recycling plant in the city, that actually recycled things through one door and finished product out the next, employing hundreds of thousands of people. I never imagined that we would not use the methane gas that is in the landfill for some use, a huge project, Waverley West, tons of methane gas. So we need to do more of this, ladies and gentlemen and while I applaud you for this, I'm suggesting that we put our thinking cap on, we need to house our people, we need to increase our tax base, we need more companies like Mother Earth Recycling and the work they are doing, because some of the folks that are employed there, some of us won't even say hello to them. But they find meaningful employment and by meaningful employment, they get to stay out of trouble. They get to stay out of the realms of the law. So kudos on the Council for doing this but please, we have a far way to go. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Woodstock. Are there any questions for either of our delegations on this topic? Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I have a question for Ms Floresco. Thank you for your comments. Just as a point of order, I am not sick of seeing your name in my e-mail inbox, not at all. Nor anyone else from Mother Earth and I do share your thanks to our City staff. There was some talk after the EPC about the budget and how it had been allocated and our director, Moira Geer, said, we're going to make it work. So we don't need to amend what's before us here, I think today, but both you today and Mr. Cowan, what he has presented, talked about the shareholders and we have been very diligent about...as we were trying to work this out reporting back to the shareholders. I wonder if you can just briefly describe for Council who the shareholders are for Mother Earth Recycling.

Jessica Floresco: Our shareholders are Neeginan Centre, the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development and the Aboriginal Council; so Marileen Bartlett, the Executive Director, and Damon Johnson, the President of the Aboriginal Council, are here today. They invested \$300,000 in 2012 to get this organization up and running and have supported us ever since and I'm sure will continue to support us going forward.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Okay seeing none, thank you for your time today. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Speaker, I just want to reprise on a personal note just to recognize up in the gallery some supporters and my mother and father, Reg and Donna Wyatt, who have joined us here today and some very close friends, Barb Culverts and Murray Rougeau, Steve Mymko and Barb's friend Dorothy and I just thank them. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for my mother and father, so...and...no, you know, it's one of the down sides of sitting on this side of the chamber my back is turned and so I couldn't...I didn't see them. They were right behind me. So thanks everybody for coming and being here. They were a big part, of course, of me being here and being...my father...I remember my father ran for politics. It's all your fault dad. You ran it in 1983 for Council and I was 12 years old and I remember the bagpipes outside at Crossroads Shopping Centre and shaking hands with people coming out of the Safeway at Regent and Lagimodiere there, the old Crossroads. And I think...that was one of...how I got the bug, you know. It was amazing to be able to be part of that. So thanks for coming down today, guys, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next we will hear from Ms Erin Welk, communities consultant with Urban Systems. Ms Welk, you are here? And she is in support of Item 2 of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, the report dated September 6th, 2018 regarding Winnipeg Climate Action Plan. Please come forward and we'll put ten minutes on the clock. You're not Ms Welk. Is Ms Welk here? No. okay, so we'll move on from that delegation, my apologies. Is Mr. Steve Strang here? Call you forward, sir. And he is in support of the same item I just read out.

Councillor Browaty: Madam Speaker, in the absence of the original delegation, I would like to move that both Mr. Steve Strang working with his guest there receive the ten minutes.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour with that? Contrary? Carried. It's already been passed. Mr. Strang, the motion is to give the delegation ten minutes instead of five if you so wish.

Steven Strang: Yes, thank you Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: If you feel you need more...okay. So Mr. Strang is here in support of the item I read out, welcome. And you are?

Hank Venema: Hank Venema.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Are you listed in the delegation?

Hank Venema: Yes, I am.

Steven Strang: He is part of my presentation, Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Sure. Okay, so you'll make the presentation concurrently. Has he registered with you?

Councillor Gerbasi: Excuse me, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if Erin...is that Erin? She is here and stepped out for a moment so I believe still wanting to speak.

Steven Strang: We would do that.

Madam Speaker: You just stepped out for a moment there?

Erin Welk: I did. I apologize.

Madam Speaker: Is it the will of Council to go back to Ms Erin Welk and honour the ten minutes? Okay, Ms Welk, welcome, you have ten minutes on the clock.

Erin Welk: Thank you. Good morning Mayor and members of Council. I apologize, I stepped out for a moment so thank you for allowing me to be here to speak today. I'd like to begin again by acknowledging that we are on Treaty 1 territory in the traditional homeland of the Métis nation and I was pleased to hear that acknowledgment this morning as well. So my name is Erin Welk, I'm a community consultant with Urban Systems and my team and I have had the great pleasure of working closely with the City of Winnipeg and the Office of Sustainability over the past 12 months to create the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan; planning for climate change, acting for people. Climate change represents one of the world's greatest environmental challenges. Responding to growing global concerns around climate change governments at all levels are taking actions to both mitigate their impacts on the environment and adapt municipal plans and infrastructure to meet the physical demands of a changing climate. This plan offers an important opportunity for the City of Winnipeg to align with all levels of government and join cities in responding to this serious issue that affects people and our planet alike. The Climate Action Plan has been created alongside the voices of citizens and draws on professional expertise from local stakeholders and residents as well as across City departments. Engagement for Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan consisted of two open style workshops, open house style workshops, and one live online event. A climate action advisory group made up of professionals from industry, academia, social and environmental organizations and public agencies and across departmental climate change working group made up of senior public service members. The feedback we received from this engagement is reflected in the plan. At a high level, those we engaged expressed a desire for the City of Winnipeg to invest in climate mitigation actions because they are essential to the well-being of our children and future generations. Share leadership and climate action, walk the talk in the city's own operations and contribute to actions today that will build momentum towards realizing long term change. Indeed, other winter cities in Canada are demonstrating that small changes can lead to big impacts. Building on the success of their Energy Transition Plan completed in 2015, the City of Edmonton is leading a movement called change for climate and it's a call to Edmontonians to take action and work together to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions. This type of movement is only possible with sustained and meaningful leadership from the city government. For example, the City is encouraging residents to evaluate the energy efficiency of their homes and is offering a rebate program to encourage small upgrades. Together these changes can add up to large reductions in energy use. Similar programs are underway for businesses at the City of Edmonton as well. And so what's really critical and important is that the City has used its Energy Transition Plan to align its decision making throughout the City's sphere of influence to support climate mitigation. So what this means is that decisions related to land use, neighbourhood revitalization and transportation among others, are mindful of climate impacts. This is one of the key things about the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, the power of aligning the city and its citizens to a vision and a series of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The aspirations for climate change action in Winnipeg are grounded in traditional world views of Indigenous

peoples and in harmony with their distinctive spiritual relationship with the land and natural resources. Our actions today need to have sustainable implications for the energy, water, natural resources and people seven generations into the future. The plan's vision builds on Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord vision and I'll read a sentence, the first sentence from this vision, "The City of Winnipeg is a place where everyone has a voice, a place where people and environment come first and where everyone has fair access." And so building on that, the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan vision is as follows; Winnipeg is recognized as a leading winter city in greenhouse gas emissions, reductions and climate action, by approaching climate mitigation through the lens of all things being connected, Winnipeg realizes holistic co-benefits from climate change action that increases jobs and economic activity, improves health outcomes of citizens and increases social equity and affordability for Winnipeggers. The built environment in Winnipeg is highly efficient and maximizes opportunities for energy efficiency and renewable energy resources and Winnipeg facilitates compact development and healthy neighbourhoods that are connected through a network of active and transit-oriented mobility options. This means that the City is strategically integrates climate action within both land use and transportation decision making. And Indigenous relationships and excellence enable a low carbon future in the true spirit of reconciliation. Building on this vision, the plan offers targets to guide the City in its greenhouse gas emission reductions. The targets are as follows; 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Both of those are relative to levels measured in 2011. These targets are in line with international science-based evaluation of what is required to avoid catastrophic climate change impacts and they are also visionary, reflecting the required City leadership expressed by citizens and stakeholders. Mayor and Council, the plan includes a series of strategic opportunities, key directions and more specific actions to achieve the vision and targets. Many of the actions incorporated in the plan have been identified during our engagement activities. All have been vetted and informed through analysis where greenhouse gas emissions come from this community and where the greatest opportunities for reductions are for the City of Winnipeg. The actions align with actions and directions with provincial and federal governments and draw on best practices from other opportunities. The strategic opportunities identified in the plan are as follows; opportunities related to incorporate leadership or "walking the talk", empower community leaders and collaborate with stakeholders, advance sustainable transportation, facilitate compact, complete development, increase density. Low carbon and energy efficient buildings, waste reduction and diversion, community climate resilience. The comprehensive package of key directions and actions within each strategic opportunity area is intended to support and advise Winnipeg's planning and capital investment decisions as well as the ongoing operations and maintenance activities required to help enable these climate actions. A long term vision requires significant investment and an implementation strategy that prioritizes actions, identifies accountability and integrates continuous learning through monitoring and reporting. The implementation strategy for Winnipeg Climate Action Plan is based on the following principles that the City will consider as it moves forward with implementing the actions. The Climate Action Plan is the first step, not the last step. The Climate Action Plan is a flexible and living document. Corporate collaboration and alignment are key components of implementation. And climate action involves the entire community. I am hopeful for what the City of Winnipeg can achieve to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions. It is possible to make a difference, however, achieving the vision and targets in the plan requires increased funding levels, staff resources and improved corporate collaboration across all City departments that's been started through the Climate Advisory Working Group. As well, it requires continuous...continued collaboration with communities...community members, citizens and other professional stakeholders. We look forward to watching the city thrive as it embraces climate actions. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms Welk. I'll call now forward Mr. Steve Strang.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: I'm going to...out of an abundance of caution, declare conflict. I would like to leave the room for this delegation.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. He would like to recuse himself because he is declaring a conflict, just to be cautious. Thank you. Mr. Welk...Mr. Strang.

Steve Strang: Strang, but that's okay. You can call me whatever. Madam Chairman, thank you very much, Mr. Mayor, Council, so do I have the ten minutes? It was given to us. Just wanted to ask that question.

Madam Speaker: It's five minutes.

Steve Strang: Nobody's saying no so I'll try to hurry along. I just want to take a second. I know many of you and...I've had an honour to work beside a number of you over the time. As a previous mayor for St. Clements and I have to say, I was the first person for the Manitoba capital region to ever present in front of this council in 2006. I want to say thank you to each and every one of you. To serve your city is certainly a privilege. To serve it through the time where you feel

it's time to find another path, I think it's a wonderful thing so congratulations to all of you and even though I am outside and part of the Manitoba capital region, of the metro Winnipeg region, I am very grateful for what you do here so thank you very much. Erin did such a great job presenting. I'm not going to try to go over everything. I just want to talk about where the basin stands and the importance of what the basin can bring to the Climate Action Plan that the City is working on right now. A briefing would be that first of all, the Red River basin is part of the City of Winnipeg and you can see from the presentation we have a long list of members. The representation of those members carry over to other partners such as Hank here, who works with us on a number of different projects, everything from our Indigenous pieces, to our LIDAR pieces, to our Netley Marsh renewal pilot project. All the things that we do mostly can be brought in to this presentation today and brought in to your consideration to the Climate Action Plan. I really feel it's important right now as Council because you have a great opportunity. When I came here in 2006 and presented, the City didn't really look outside their boundaries. But they certainly do now. You understand the importance of what happens around you can affect this city. And I believe that this plan is giving that consideration, but I encourage you as council, as when you work through this plan further, please make sure that the outside regions are considered because what happens to the south and to the north, affects the City of Winnipeg greatly and if you were to introduce and you were to follow a climate action plan, it needs to be part of it. So some of the things under the plan that I want to talk about is first of all the Indigenous piece which is I believe 1.9 of your plan. The Red River Basin Commission is very proud to be partnering with a number of the Indigenous communities, The Southern Chief Organization. Recently this January we put on an event called the Spirit of Water. Mr. Mayor, you were at that event and we were very grateful for that. It was the first time that the Indigenous communities came together with federal, provincial, municipal leaders and other interest groups to talk about the importance of water and what it brings. When we left that meeting those Indigenous community leaders felt heard. I believe that the basin can bring that to the city as well. Also, I want to talk about the LIDAR. Presently we are working on two LIDAR projects, one in the south and one in the north. And I'm very proud to tell you that the north is being led by the City itself and your administration is working alongside of us. But I want to get into some details of the importance of what LIDAR brings to the table for this climate action plan and Hank, if you could come up please. I'm going to ask Hank who is a lot smarter than I am on this, to explain the value that this brings to the table. Mr. Venema.

Hank Venema: Thank you. And yes, so we are obviously supportive of Erin's presentation here and what we're speaking about specifically relates to Recommendation 7 of the City of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan which refers to investing in a climate resilience strategy. And my colleague, Mr. Strang has asked me to speak a little bit about the importance of data to this end and how it enables urban climate resilience strategies generally having myself just led an urban climate resilience strategy for Calgary and Edmonton. So LIDAR is high resolution, high quality environmental data. It helps us understand where and how water flows and where it can be stored, and the type and quality of critical ecological features like our tree canopy which will be so crucial for reducing heat stress associated with climate change. As Winnipeg confronts its critical climate risks, the increased frequency of floods and droughts, increased frequency of long duration heat waves which disproportionately impact the elderly, the poor, the infirm, we'll need to build a sophisticated climate resilience strategy and we'll need the enabling data and LIDAR is a big part of that story. It enables smart investments in environmental management generally including cost effective methods for improving water quality and reducing phosphorous loads. So I would...

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

Hank Venema: Thank you. I would simply encourage the City of Winnipeg to continue and strengthen its engagement with the Red River Basin Commission to complete the LIDAR acquisition in the capital region and the north basin as integral to a regional resilience strategy. This is building the system resilience as recommended by the Insurance Bureau of Canada very recently in a report released this week, and as encouraged by Moody's Bond Rating Agency which is at this time, warning American cities that they will downgrade their debt if they don't invest in a climate resilience strategy. So LIDAR is integral to this. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you.

Steve Strang: And if I may, I'll just close, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: We will now take questions. Sure, you have a minute to close if you like.

Steve Strang: I appreciate that, thank you very much. So in closing I just want to reiterate the partnership. The City of Winnipeg has been part of the Red River basin since the beginning. We celebrated our 36th annual conference this year. We reach far down Minnesota, North Dakota, what happens there does affect you here. And we need to be prepared and I believe that you are totally on the right course, so I'm asking you to look at the value that's before you, continue to utilize the basin as that vessel which will help you work on your climate change...or climate action plan. And as we move forward together, the partnerships that we bring to the table as a basin not only a tank, you saw the list. The list is much, much longer. So collectively together with our Indigenous relationships, with our business and partnership

relationships, I believe we have a lot to offer to assist you on doing even a better job. We need to work together. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll now take questions. Councillor Wyatt followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you to the delegations and Mr. Strang, thank you for your leadership on this. Last October I think it was, you led a delegation of folks to the mouth of the Red River at Lake Winnipeg. I was...had an opportunity to attend that which was very interesting to see the impact of the last hundred years of activity on Netley Marsh and the importance of restoring it. Could you just elaborate a bit on that and just the benefits to...because often Winnipeggers see that as separate you know, that's out there, it's a rural issue, it's not us. But yet we are directly linked to climate change and Netley and the health of Netley Marsh and the work that you have been doing.

Steve Strang: Yes, thank you very much Councillor Wyatt. We actually had another event on September 13th so we duplicated again this year. We have the opportunity to...I think you probably all might have received an invite, but we celebrate Marsh Day and what it allows us to do is to give an understanding of the value of what the marsh brings. If you want to look at the benefit of the marsh, you know the ability to store the carbon, the ability to reduce phosphates. But I think the biggest part in our mind is that for the City to become a partner within the Netley Marsh Renewal Project allows the opportunity to give consideration to perhaps other avenues. We've met with your staff and we talked to your staff about utilizing the marsh in order to reduce the pressures that are upon the city. This year in World Water Day, the theme with 'Let Nature do the Work for You.' We have a tendency to build things, to manage things, to repair things and to eventually life cycle things. But nature doesn't need that. Nature just needs a little bit of encouragement and it will do all that for you. So we can't stop treating sewage, I'm not saying that, but at the end results, maybe the level of polishing the water that comes out of the sewage plant can be changed over and enhanced and done by nature, which is the Netley-Libau Marsh. Within the presentation, the Netley-Libau Marsh has the opportunity if healthy to take up to or more than 6 percent of the nutrients out of the system, that is more than what the city of Brandon, the city of Winnipeg and the city of Selkirk is contributing. As the city continues to grow you need to look at other alternatives and being part of the Netley Marsh as a restoration and the ability to use it as a natural cleaning mechanism for Lake Winnipeg, I think is important. You need to be there and you need to be part of that solution. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Many years ago I had the wonderful opportunity to take a canoe trip with the former MLA for Radisson, from the north perimeter at the Red River to Matlock on Lake Winnipeg. Excellent three day canoe trip spending an afternoon canoeing through the marsh delta at the mouth of the Red River at Lake Winnipeg. Truly edifying for me and I just wanted to make that point. Madam Speaker, in terms of getting some data from the former mayor of St. Clements, I just have a question regarding development and watching a residential development in St. Clements my entire lifetime, just have a question whether there is data on this, whether developing residential communities on farmland has increased the number of trees on that farmland?

Steve Strang: Yes, I can say to you that most of the lands that are in St. Clements have already been cultivated. As you know, the history of the Red River, many of those lots were long and narrow. They did market gardening and at one time as your family lived in that area, you would go up and down the road and it would be nothing but one person after another selling their vegetables and fruits on the stands. I don't think much has changed that. I don't believe that we need to consider that to be something like urban sprawl or something that's creating pressures. I can tell you that in 2014, I was to...I had the opportunity to put sewer and water in east Selkirk because they had a water boil advisory. And the sewage was coming out of the field and leaching down the side of the wells and it contaminated the aquifer. That had to be fixed. Doing the right thing isn't always welcoming and as you know that I am now the Manitoba director of the Red River Basin Commission, things change. However, I believe we have an opportunity...I want to go back to what I said about Water Day. And give thought...you know, the simplicity when you talk about trees and planting a tree and give consideration to that tree, I mean, that makes...will make a huge difference if everybody gave that consideration and started to plant trees everywhere they could, that would make a huge difference to climate change and the ability that we have to create climate action and as Hank had talked about earlier, the importance of the City to protect that is huge. So you need to make every opportunity...I know I kind of waved through that but it was the answer.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham, followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I certainly want to thank you Mr. Strang for your presentation and your colleague as well. Just wondering, I do want to ask the question related to, you know, what you said a moment ago about the potential value of the marsh in reducing a nutrient loading to the lake. I do see it on one of your pages here. You talk about the fact that the marsh has the potential to take up to 60 percent of the nutrient load

coming from the Red River which of course, the city of Brandon, certainly the city of Winnipeg and city of Selkirk have been working through sewage treatment plant upgrades to reduce the load to the lake as, you know, the number has been out there. There were...the City of Winnipeg is facing potentially a \$1.4 billion capital project to the north end sewage treatment plant that must be done to meet provincial requirements. My question is, have...has...have you been able to perhaps quantify...are you able to put a dollar value on the potential savings to municipalities by investing in the marsh, if the marsh could do what you aim for it to do, is there a potential dollar value, savings to municipalities? And I would say specific to the City of Winnipeg. I don't know if you have a number like or not, but I would certainly be interested in hearing that if you do.

Steve Strang: Yes, I...well, first of all, I want to say, you said municipalities and I know I'll answer to the city as well. I want to say that when I was the mayor of St. Clements there was a natural wet lands attached to the lagoon up in Sunset Beach and what they found eventually is that water came through the system, the water that was coming out of the natural...the manmade wetlands was cleaner than the water already in creek. I think that's important. If you look at Denauder who is leading the technology and putting filtrations systems within place are they're coming up with the same result. For the City of Winnipeg we had the opportunity to meet with your staff a number of times and really tried to focus down on what that value would bring and I think at that time you might have had a Class 3 estimate, looking over at your CAO, but I can't recall which one it was, but the numbers came back on the fact that we focused in on what you would have to do versus what could be saved. And the biggest part of that came down to is that you would...you could be able to reduce the size of the infrastructure overall. It's not that you could eliminate it, but you could reduce it. And the reduction of that savings depending on the overall cost could start at approximately \$30 million and up. I don't know if you want to add to that.

Hank Venema: Well, there are important Manitoba examples where so-called natural infrastructure could be expanded, developed, that would provide phosphorous reduction opportunities as a complement to the hard infrastructure investments that are still important. Steve is right about the cost savings. The Insurance Bureau of Canada released a report, which I mentioned earlier this week, and it was focused specifically on this point that municipalities can start investing in so-called natural infrastructure because it produces a range of benefits, including water quality, including flood risk reduction, including drought risk reduction. And that is often a very, very competitive if not significantly better investment than hard infrastructure. So this is an interesting evolution of the idea that the Insurance Bureau of Canada is now advocating this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty your question.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Today we are dealing with our Climate Action Plan. What role would the Red River Basin Commission play in plugging into that?

Steve Strang: What I would like to say is, that first of all, again, you are the Red River basin and Councillor Browaty, you are sitting as one of my directors. And the value of being connected to that organization as an international body is I think very strong. And everything it brings. There's that list I gave you today, that list only represents the Manitoba side and it would probably be two times longer if we had listed everything. The partnerships that we bring, the people that we know, and the respect that we have, our organization is respected throughout. And to bring that to the table I think is quite helpful to the City of Winnipeg. The other thing, too is, when you look at our partners, Hank here, you know, Hank was part of developing the Calgary, Edmonton climate resilient plan. It was just completed and it's those partnerships, those relationships that brings value to the table for the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question. Seeing no further questions, thank you for your presence here today at council.

Steve Strang: I wish you all well. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: And with that, it's time for council to recess.

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, there's only two delegations left, I believe, with five minutes each. Maybe we should just finish the delegations.

Madam Speaker: There is more than that.

Councillor Gerbasi: There is more than that?

Madam Speaker: There's three, yes.

Councillor Gerbasi: Oh...there's no questions...it's just a thought that we could continue to 12:30 or so.

Madam Speaker: Okay, is that the will of council to continue? Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next I'll call forward Mr. Don Woodstock who is here on Item No. 1 of the Governance Committee. Yes. We'll just wait for Councillor Allard to come back to the room as well. Mr. Woodstock is here regarding Item 1 on the Governance agenda. It's regarding election candidate advertising. And that's...he has ten minutes on the agenda actually. He had contacted our department, it just didn't make the proceedings. Ten minutes on the clock.

Don Woodstock: Okay. I want to thank you again, good morning, ladies and gentlemen, the mayor, council, Madam Chair. I am a little bit disappointed in Mr. Eadie's move on this motion here with respect to dealing with election advertising. As far as I know, as far as I can see, and having been actively involved in several campaigns in Winnipeg, Manitoba for quite a number of years, elections are very fluid, and so things happen on the course of the campaign trail that you have to somehow change direction or you somehow gather new information. So, I don't know what was the intent and I'm not sure if whether or not Mr. Eadie was thinking that there could be a possible Russians interference in our election here in Winnipeg, Manitoba, or some outside force. But I can see where on the campaign trail I would send my written material in to council for their approval or for the election officers for their approval before I can print it or before I can send it out. That's just plain straight ludicrous because everybody will tell you that they don't have their biases or they don't have their favourite person or who they want to win. Well, having gone through several elections, I can tell you that that is just baloney. Every one of us have ingrained biases in us and every one of us have needs that we want to fulfil one way, shape or form. And I am not going to be involved in an election that say that I have to send my printed material to the Clerk's Office, so that the clerk can then pass that information on or don't pass that information on, I don't know. But I am not going to take that risk because that tells me that somewhere along the line, somebody is trying to control and manipulate the democratic process. And if the democratic process is that I have a free will to express myself, then why do I need someone's approval in print or otherwise, to express myself? I think the fact that we could even put it on the agenda as an item for 2018 and future elections, tells me that something is wrong with the model of governance that we currently have here at city hall. It is not possible for any one of us in our rightful mind and thinking to assume that you are going to start an electoral process and end the electoral process with the same thought. With all good intentions, you go to the door, you talk to people, you get different views and opinion, you formulate your ideas and opinion over time, years of working with the community, but at the end of the day, depending whether or not Mr. Markus speak or not, makes the news. And that's a decision that the council made this morning so the newspaper run out and talk to him because he didn't get a chance to speak. How would I on god's green earth know that that would have happened? Tell me how any one of you here would know that that would have happened? So the result of that, the same amount of respect for your voice that you expect us to believe that you have and you want us to respect it, I am saying for this one, you cannot expect and you should not expect that anybody, who is on the campaign trail, is going to want to stop for a moment and send out printed material to your office so that you can peruse it and approve it. That's just horse hockey they say. But what troubles me is that we even put it on as a discussion paper to be voted on. Whose idea this was, Mr. Eadie? I'm not sure. And for me, it is...not only is it offensive to think...

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, point of privilege. I think he is referring to me and I don't know why, Madam Speaker.

Don Woodstock: Were you not the one who seconded the motion?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Woodstock, if you do want to address any member of council, you will do it through the Chair and if you are not sure who moved the motion then refrain from calling anyone out in particular.

Don Woodstock: Okay. Well, anyway, the motion is on the floor. But I think it's wrong that this is on the floor. Whoever put this on as a motion to be discussed or to have our campaign material be sent in, I think that is just wrong. Wrong, wrong, wrong in every single way possible and I don't find it funny that we are in a democratic society, that we have free speech, and I have to be subjected to a censorship of printed material responding to the public's need. I think it should never have been brought forward and I think it should never be something that we, in this modern time, even look at to analyze it. And there is no Russian interference here in any election in Winnipeg, Manitoba, so we don't need to go there. Thank you for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. There is no questions...oh there is questions for this delegation. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker I do have a question on this for Mr. Woodstock. I surely appreciate his logic on this. It explains the fact why we have our current system. Nonetheless, I do appreciate the words. I would like to maybe mention one thing that maybe Mr. Woodstock could comment on. Mr. Woodstock made the point, and I don't want to put words in his mouth, I hope I'm paraphrasing adequately, that you know, freedom of speech, why should we have to bring everything to the Clerk's Office when we live in a free advanced democracy...freedom of

speech. And I guess in this case it's because the campaign materials are tax subsidized because of donations to elections are tax receiptable and so there is a distinction, perhaps, and I'm just wondering...wanting to know if Mr. Woodstock would take note of that distinction when something is paid through or for a tax deducted or tax receipted, donatable campaign fund.

Don Woodstock: Yes, so in long and short if I get this right, what you are saying is that because it is tax subsidizing in a way shape and form then it should be subject to some measure of control?

Councillor Schreyer: Just asking.

Don Woodstock: Yeah?

Councillor Schreyer: Just asking.

Don Woodstock: Yeah, but is that the understanding?

Councillor Schreyer: Yeah.

Don Woodstock: Yeah. Okay, well if that be the case, then all of our salaries here are somewhat, some way...100 percent of our salaries here are somewhat, some way taxed...out of the tax pool. So, do we get to control what you say? Because I'd love that. I would love to be able to control what some of you think. And since I can't, then I don't believe that we should ever have a system in place that infringe on our democratic right at the same time trying to pretend as if we, you know, we are doing some good for the public. I think that part of it is the danger and that part I don't want to see, because the last thing I want is what happened in Toronto with Doug Ford, happen here. Don't want to see it.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Just this motion that's here, when things are going on on Facebook, you can't always stay on top or find out what people are saying in terms of their advertisements and I'm just wondering, Madam Speaker, how the delegation here feels about how he just advertised to the streaming public that somehow I was at fault for that? How do you feel about that kind of advertising?

Don Woodstock: Do I answer that?

Madam Speaker: Yes, Mr. Woodstock.

Don Woodstock: Sorry, Madam Chair. My sincere apology, that I think I read somewhere that it was...the motion was carried or seconded by Mr. Eadie and I am man enough to say I sincerely apologize if that was not the case. But, somebody else brought it up on the floor and first and seconded it so who that person might be, Madam Chair so that I can appropriately correct my...and direct my remarks to that person?

Madam Speaker: I think you can check that offline later, Mr. Woodstock. Anything further you would like to add?

Councillor Eadie: Just a follow-up question; apology accepted but do you understand if you submit the advertisements...does the delegation understand that that then gives the ability of false information as being spread around that people may be able to find what may have been said. Does the delegation understand that?

Don Woodstock: You know, there is a lot of false information that sometimes people put out there and it is wrong to put forth information out there. But we have a possible and the apology is...and the corrected verbiage is used, I stand by my decision to say that yes, I read it somewhere and yes, Mr. Eadie I did say your name but I sincerely apologize if that wasn't the case. However, it does not give us the right to try and censor it because of those facts. If we're going to use those facts to try and censor it, then god help us.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, thank you Mr. Woodstock for your delegation today. Next I will call Ms. Vicki Rempel. Following at that, Mr. Dave Sauer. Is Ms. Rempel still here? Yes, welcome, you are. And you are here to speak on the True North item.

Vicki Rempel: I am.

Madam Speaker: And are you in opposition or in support?

Vicki Rempel: I am in opposition. I want to first of all open by saying I am here because of the Equal Voices Event that encouraged women to participate more fully in politics and I want to thank the women who were politicians from every level of government and from every party, where there were parties, who encouraged and enabled, people like me, who hadn't thought of it, to come forward and to participate in the system in this way. I want to thank Councillor Schreyer for motioning an exception to today's order of business to enable me to speak. And I want to speak to you today about housing, low income and affordable housing, downtown and in every part of our city from the position of child poverty. There is a lot of homelessness becoming a growing problem in Winnipeg and because I work with churches and charities I see whole families, the parents are both working, minimum wage jobs, and they are moving constantly, looking for a better rooming house that will take all of them. Or looking for housing of some kind and they need social housing. They need low income housing and they aspire to affordable housing. They are employed. They are working every bit that they can but their work is precarious and therefore their housing is precarious. They keep moving and moving hoping to find something and sometimes there is nowhere else to go but the street. Now, number 185 Smith Street was closed because it had a fire and the damage was too great to repair. But we had empty units standing while people were freezing to death. It's closed and it's sold. It sold to make condos. It sold to make apartment blocks not for low income, not for necessarily affordable housing, we don't know which way that will go, but those units for affordable and low income housing are not being replaced at the same rate that they are being sold. We have among us the lowest minimum wage in the nation here in Manitoba. Now that's not city council's fault. But, we have to protect our most vulnerable citizens by having a housing plan in place. I want to tell you about a family that I met at a church at Garnet and Ruby, they were real gems and that joke is intentional but it was a single father and his little daughter and they were on a constant quest for a better place to live so that she could go to school. I'm running for school board trustee and I want to make sure that kids have the stability of having a place to live and a place to go to school. She missed a lot of her schooling because she was on the move constantly as he was constantly looking for a better place for them to live where men were not propositioning her, where they didn't have to go up too many stairs and where she didn't have to keep on changing schools. Poverty can stunt a child's potential for life. We really need to get a handle on this as compassionate and caring members of a community that has been known for its response to disaster and caring such as when we had our great flood and such as other times, now we're standing up for the meth crisis but we also have a really deep crisis of child poverty. And when we speak of child poverty we're speaking of family poverty. Because the mother and father aren't rich and living in Charleswood or you know, St. James-Assiniboia while their kid is down in the derelicts. They're all in it together and we are too. That's what I have to say today and that's why we need to make sure there is affordable housing and low income housing in every part of the city not just for individuals but for whole families. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms. Rempel for your presentation today. Next I will call up Mr. Dave Sauer. He is speaking on the Climate Change agenda item. Mr. Clerk, if you could let us know what report that's under and the date. I don't have that handy at the moment.

City Clerk: It's the Item 2 of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment dated September the 6th regarding the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Welcome Mr. Sauer.

Dave Sauer: Thank you very much Madam Chair. I am here to speak in favour of this climate change report. But I do want to actually sort of branch out a bit on that. There is an alternate purpose that I came down here today to do but I'll try to keep it steered properly so I'm not called out of order by the Chair. But I do want to give a lot of...you can all watch me, too. Just careful. But, I do want to give some kudos to Jenny Gerbasi, for 20 years being a city councillor here and on the topic of climate change I can't think of any councillor over the last 20 years in this chamber that hasn't pushed as hard for climate change and environmental regulation here in the city of Winnipeg. So I do believe that that is something that needs to be recognized. Whether it was rapid transit, whether it was the climate conferences and all sorts of groups that she was able to bring here; cycling infrastructure, please, anything to get them off the sidewalks, I'm totally in favour of that, and her work as FCM President too, and the amount of work that she did across the country. I do want to just tap on some of the other things that she talked about earlier, but the accountability at city hall, very, very tough going for a long time but Jenny was there and she was fighting back very hard for proper auditing of our fire halls, police headquarters, helped stop the water park at the fork...Forks, excuse me, and all around just a very good advocate for good city planning and good urban planning and I think that's something that really needs to keep going forward because this is an urban centre expecting more than a million individuals and we need to have a very good urban plan for how we're going to get that done and Jenny has been a leader on that. From worker's perspective we have always been supportive of Jenny. She has always been endorsed by the Labour Council when I was the past president. Past presidents, also I'm here on behalf of them, Paul Moist and Larry Pelser, just giving some greetings and thank you for your work over the years. The final thing I want to talk about though is the most important thing and I think this is important going into the next election is the push that Jenny made for having more women involved in electoral politics. Sixteen seats here gentlemen, there's four women, that needs to change. I know Jenny is leaving and I know there are

some women running for her position in Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry, but thank you Jenny for that all of that work you did. Congratulations on 20 years and I'm sure we'll all miss the haikus. Thank you, take care.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Sauer. Thank you. And with that, council will now recess. Shall we reconvene at 1:45? 1:30? 6 o'clock tonight? We'll reconvene at 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 20, 2018, at 1:43 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. Good afternoon, I would like to reconvene our council meeting of September 20th, 2018. We are now on the reports of the Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 22, if I could pull Item 14 and 15 and 13 and 12. Sorry I'm going backwards.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt

Mayor Bowman: I can do that again.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Pagtakhan you had your hand up?

Councillor Pagtakhan: 1, the Centennial BIZ. Sorry, just trying to get me...no, okay.

Madam Speaker: West Alexander BIZ. It's Centennial?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, I want to pull that one.

Councillor Eadie: 21 please, Audit on William Clement Parkway.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Mayor shall I call the numbers for you?

Mayor Bowman: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We'll call the question on Items 2, 4 through 11, Item 16 through 20 and 22 as consent. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Pilot Project for Centennial West Alexander BIZ

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

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to hear from my council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I wanted to stand this down just to give kudos to the Centennial Community Improvement Association who has been working along with me over the last couple of years soliciting with the businesses...the local businesses within the Centennial neighbourhood. And seeking support for the establishment of a merchants association and a ward Business Improvement Association. The area is changing, Madam Speaker. There's more people living in the Centennial neighbourhood, more new houses that are being built and just on Ross Avenue there is the building of I think 32 different...32 apartments and just behind that is the Red River College Innovation Centre. There's a number of small businesses and industrial businesses that are establishing as well, within the Centennial neighbourhood and the residents association is also developing capacity with their housing and wanted

to do some more good community development by reaching out to the local businesses. And so, we had a chance to speak with folks from economic...our city's Economic Development Branch and they are very much in favour of providing some small dollars to help facilitate a pilot project to establish a Centennial West Alexander BIZ and so I just wanted to speak in favour of that, Madam Speaker, and asking for the support of council.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Land Dedication Reserve Fund – Gas Station Arts Centre – Common Space Safety and Enhancement

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to hear from council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker. Just briefly, just wanted to note...I wanted to thank council for supporting this. It's the Gas Station Arts Centre is a non-profit that's very important in the Osborne Village area and across the city hosting the Comedy Festival and other great things. But they have public space that's privately owned by a non-profit but really used as public space so we needed to waive the rules to support it with land dedication and I just wanted to thank everybody for supporting it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 12 – Revised Accelerated Regional Street Renewal for Federal Funding

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will provide some opening remarks on this. Firstly, I want to begin by thanking my council colleagues. Some time ago this council spoke in a united and clear fashion with regards to an accelerated regional roads program. The number one priority for Winnipeggers is fixing our roads and this council, all members of council, should be very proud of the work that we have been able to lead with historic funding into fixing our roads. As was mentioned earlier this morning, well over 500 kilometres of roads have been repaired during this term. That can take you from here all the way to Regina and that's a lot of roads. This summer, this construction season alone, 200 projects, fixing 150 lane kilometres, that will take you from Winnipeg to the Ontario border. Continuing to find available funds is always a challenge and it's been through a very deliberate and concerted effort that we've been able to ensure that we are putting historic funds into roads. On top of that we're also looking at how we can spend that money wiser and get better results for it and that includes supporting the municipal infrastructure research chair, Dr. Shalaby, at the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Manitoba. It means also getting a procurement...getting our procurement out earlier than ever before and it's continuing to look at ways in which we can respect the tax dollars that we are entrusted to oversee. The accelerated regional roads program and what we are voting on here today is a program that will add \$100 million to our regional roads renewal program over the next number of years, and I want to thank the support of the Provincial Government, I also want to thank, obviously, the Federal Government for providing access to a hundred million dollars. In particular, I want to thank the Prime Minister of Canada who I had...have had extensive dialogue with over many, many months, about the need to repair our roads. Quite often when I have an opportunity to speak with the Prime Minister we talk about our reconciliation efforts here in Winnipeg and he has been very supportive of those efforts. But also, the need for these federal funds to come in it compliment provincial funds as well as our funds that we are making available. So, this is...this is a huge step in really building...in rebuilding our roads. And so very proud of it. I would ask that my council colleagues once again support this and let's continue to build Winnipeg for the future. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise just to congratulate the Mayor and to thank members of council who started this process over a year ago in the summer when the Mayor issued a policy and a statement, a press statement which he asked me to be a part of. And just a couple of thoughts to leave the council in the event that many of those of you here do return and if the Mayor is successful in his re-election bid, you are at a point right now in terms of the funds that we created, the local street renewal, the regional renewal, you're at 1...5...1 percent, 1 percent, generating over \$10 million a year into that fund, new money coming in every year. You have over \$60 million in the fund now annually and you are at a point right now where you potentially could look at the concept which has been

advocated before by many, including industry, including some parts of our public service of creating a roads authority, local street and regional street roads authority that would have the ability to independently borrow and you could deal with your financial management plan that way. You could potentially start borrowing over the long term and be renewing roads over the next 20, 25, 30 years based on that borrowing authority. And...and you would allow you potentially to do two other creative things which is something we have never done for local roads or regional roads. Number one, you could create a civic owned and operated bidding agent that could bid against the private sector and construct the roads themselves. And that would do two things; it would allow you to keep...help keep construction inflation at bay. The private sector would not necessarily be excited about the civic government entering into the bidding process but it would keep the private sector inflation at bay. And the second thing it could do, is you could then entertain the concept of doing public/private partnerships because you could do that over a long period of time now that you have an access to cash flow, and you could actually ensure that the private sector or the civic government, who is allowed to bid in the P3 model with their own construction agency, could actually bid and maintain the roads as required through the P3 model no different than the private sector. So you could do two unique public policy initiatives at the same time by creating an authority, which, by the way, under the previous Provincial Government we did get the ability recognized that as long as we set up a separate board of directors that that would be considered a separate borrowing line item to our overall debt capacity as a city. So that is something that could be considered after the election I assume, or you can announce it ahead of time if you want, but you know, it's...we're at a position now where we have cash flow to be able to do some unique things. Rather...right now what we're doing is we're just paying as we go, paying as you go, and as you know, any successful business you know, ideally uses other people's money to make money and that's why they have banks and we as a government have the ability to borrow at reasonable interest rates better than anybody else. Interest rates are still comparatively low. They are talking about them moving up further, but, they are still low. So these are just some thoughts I want to put on the record but it's good to see this. I'm happy to see Pandora Avenue West...or sorry, Pandora Avenue East from Day Street to Wayota in the lineup to be repaired in 2020, thank you very much for having that. I know it's not political. I know this is administrative driven so thank you. And yeah, on that, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to...you know, over the years, you know, we have ups and downs with the public service, there's that stress that, you know, I kind of like the making of a diamond, right. You've got the pressure. I think that's normal, that's natural. But I just want to say, the Clerks and the public servants have done amazing job and I have enjoyed working with them all. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, I will be obviously supporting this this report. But just to kind of maybe just share a quick story of what...two conversations this week. One was from a business owner in St. James who came to me...came to my office just complaining about the condition of the road that she is on. It's a regional road. And I was able to point her to this report. I said, well as a matter of fact, at council this week we're voting on a hundred million dollars from the Federal Government that will ultimately allow us to do several roads and the very section of road that her business is on, that she, as a business owner and in fact her clients are complaining about, that section of road is in this report. And as Councillor Wyatt just pointed out, the report as is put together and the roads that are listed in this report as accelerated regional roads to be covered have been established and chosen through the asset management process system to determine which roads and which sections of these regional roads need to be done. But there is something very practical. We talked about it, you know, we read reports and we vote on reports and we see lists you know about potential roads at the end of the report. But this individual who is a business owner who's invested in St. James, who set up shop in St. James many years ago who is frustrated with the condition of the street that she is on and the sidewalk, and the infrastructure around her, was very pleased to know that because of this program, because this council unanimously voted to call for these funds, that section of road will be redone sometime within the next five years. So, I just wanted to kind of give a practical kind of day-to-day example of the impact that this decision makes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Mayor Bowman: Could you record it please? Could it be a recorded vote?

Madam Speaker: Yes. Call for a recorded vote on Item 12 – The Revised Accelerated Regional Street Renewal for Federal Funding. It's unanimous. Do you want to call the names out?

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 16, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Vote is unanimous. Thank you. Madam Clerk, next item.

Item 13 – Whistleblower Protection

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

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, I'll be brief Madam Speaker. Whistleblower protection is something that exists at other levels of government. It's a very important part of providing protection for our valued employees but also protecting taxpayers. And so, I want to thank my council colleagues for the work on this to date and, of course, I thank the Province of Manitoba. Minister Warden recently advised that the Province of Manitoba would consider making changes to provincial legislation to provide such protections for City of Winnipeg employees. With the approval of council this afternoon, we would provide that indication to the Provincial Government so they can make changes in the coming months. This is a very important step to build a stronger government here at Winnipeg city hall building on top of a number of firsts including Winnipeg's first ever Integrity Commissioner as well as the Lobbyist Registry, in addition to our open data and open government initiatives which are being recognized nationally. So, I...I am hopeful everyone will have an opportunity to support this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would like to compliment the Mayor for moving this motion forward and to the Province of Manitoba for the needed changes in legislation. Just a sort of a question to the Mayor, I understand a lot of municipalities, the contact person for PITA issues is going to be the CAO. I was wondering if as the Auditor currently handles the fraud and waste hotline and other similar matters if it would in fact be the City Auditor in Winnipeg's case?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Browaty. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 12. All in favour? That was Item 13. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 14.

Item 14 – Methamphetamine Crisis

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to open this item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. There is...there is a crisis across Canada with regards to opioids and meth. And it is also a crisis that we have here in the city of Winnipeg. There is incredibly important work that's happening right now by a number of organizations and health care providers in Winnipeg but it's simply not enough at this stage. We need more focus and more resources to provide a long term treatment for those suffering from mental health and addictions in our community. And this is a motion that is attempting to get all three levels of government in the same room, working collaboratively together on something affecting our citizens. Granted, health is not an issue or an area of responsibility for municipal governments, we still have a role to play as we've demonstrated through our support of the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre and also through the support of our Winnipeg Police Service who has introduced and is now carrying out the implementation of an illicit drug strategy that focuses on enforcement, intervention and education. But, we all know there is more work that needs to be done and this is an attempt to work collaboratively with all levels of government. There is an amendment that has been proposed by Councillor Wyatt, which I will be supporting and would encourage others to support. The amendment which I'm sure he will speak to in a few moments, Madam Speaker, is one that moves us in the direction of more action and that's something that we should all be supporting. The other part of the motion that I want to draw everyone's attention to is with regards to border protection. We're advised by our law enforcement officials at Winnipeg Police Service that much of the meth that is brought into Winnipeg originates in Mexico. Mass assembly plants in Mexico is where the meth is being produced and anything that could be done by our federal partners to have greater enforcement at the border would also be something that would assist. But let's not lose sight of the fact that as long as they're...as we heard from one of our delegates, from Mr. Ian Rabb this morning, as long as the underlying root causes of addictions aren't addressed through long term treatment and healing, that...whether it's

meth or some other drug, sadly, there is going to be folks in our community that are not going to get the treatment that they so desperately need. And so that was the intent behind this motion and I'm hopeful that council will support it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Wyatt, to introduce the amending Motion 7.

**Motion No. 7,
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,**

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 14. of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 12, 2018 be amended by adding the following new recommendation:

"3. That in the event the Provincial and/or Federal Governments fail to create an intergovernmental task force on the methamphetamine crisis within the next 60 days, as of the adoption of this motion, that the City of Winnipeg shall create and lead a Crystal Meth Crisis Taskforce.

and the remaining recommendation be renumbered accordingly.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker and I'll speak to the other clause. I just want to thank the Mayor for bringing the initial motion that we have that we're amending. Initially this also was moved...motion was moved out of community committee, calling for us to set up the task force and the Mayor's motion calling on the Province and the Feds which hopefully they show leadership as you pointed out to call this task force and to get this moving. We heard the need. Recently I had the opportunity to tour the north...the Main Street Project on north Main here and saw the need first hand. As was pointed out by Mr. Rabb, they have a total of 23 beds for men and 23 beds for women for detoxification but they are really not geared for methamphetamine, they are geared towards those suffering from alcoholism. And the need is huge in the city all of a sudden with regards to this. It's developed over the last number of years. The biggest part of this task force I believe, Madam Speaker, will be the importance of starting the conversation and by starting the conversation hopefully we can start to reduce the stigma associated with what's going on. It means moving away from a society where you have it based I am shame versus there is shame from the past or from your childhood or things that happen but people are coping with drugs and alcohol to attempt to get through life. You know, I look at my own community, you know, downtown Transcona in a two block radius we have no less than not one, not two, not three, we have four drinking establishments. And I call them drinking establishments because that's what they are. They are hotels. But not one family therapist. Not one councillor. Not a city councillor, counselor s-e-l. So we as a society, you know, have to start moving in that direction. And they say in recovery, if you don't start to feel you won't start to heal and if you don't start to reveal, you won't start to heal and it's the secrets that kill you. And we as a society have to start this process and maybe this is a way to do it. It means moving away from one of judgment which is tied to stigma, to one of compassion and understanding and trying to look at it through their eyes. I was one of those people, Madam Speaker, who, you know I passed that intersection virtually every day when I parked in the civic parkade, Main and Higgins, and I would see these folks out on the street corner and wonder what's wrong with them. Why are they there? Like, why are they...you know, why can't they get a job? This sort of thing. As a matter of fact just the other day at Regent and Lagimodiere, I hand out granola bars now, and at Regent and Lagimodiere, there was a woman, you could tell she was...in the problem she had...we say, "in the problem" means drugs and alcohol. Her hands were black hands and her...she was young but she looked terrible. She held up a sign, you know, "give me anything, god bless you" and so I handed her two granola bars and just then I looked forward, I was at the front of the line of cars ready to queue to make a left and a woman was walking across and she yelled at this woman, "Get a job! What's wrong with you?" And that would have been me probably a year ago saying something like that. And so I...you know, I can...I now see a bit of the trauma. I have heard, I have talked...I talked to folks in recovery and I see what's happened to them, I see what happened to me. And if we can start that dialogue and let people know that's it's...you know what, you're okay, it's what's happened to you, all of your past that you are dealing with, and I realize this is more health care and Provincial and Federal but the reality is, it's happening to us and we are on the front lines here in the city. It's our services, our police, our firefighters, our paramedics, that are being impacted directly and if we can start this process, Madam Speaker, of reducing the stigma to eliminate it and help people who are on the front lines who don't know how to get help, a lot of these folks out there just don't know how to get it and I was one of them. So, you know, it's hard. When you think you're okay but you're not in terms of addiction. And if we can somehow start this up and have that conversation so we can get folks healthy again...or on the right track. As Mr. Rabb who was a big part of this work that brought us here today and I thank the Mayor for supporting the amendment and all members of council. And I know Mr. Rabb has been a huge leader in our community when it comes to addictions and he has done amazing things because a lot of the time parts of the 12 steps, or a lot of the 12 steps, of course, require anonymity and I get that, anonymity is important because it's part of the reason why they are so successful and why they don't necessarily have leaders, there is no ego. I get that and I respect that anonymity of everybody else. But I spoke out earlier this year because I felt I had to tell my constituents something when I went into rehab. And you know, the reality is ironically it's also that anonymity that, you

know, we have to start...you know, when people like Mr. Rabb have the courage to come out and speak and say that they were once an addict that's huge because it shows courage to others who are still suffering with the problem and I hope that I can do that some time too, as I get better. So I just wanted to thank this chamber and thank you for supporting the motions and thank you to the Mayor and his staff for these efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I of course am in support of the amendment from Councillors Wyatt and Schreyer as the Mayor is. I think it's essential, and I also, Madam Speaker, would like to just start off by thanking the Mayor for taking leadership for all of us and moving this motion, calling on the other levels of government which is our mayor's responsibility and the Mayor is taking some responsibility to resolve these problems that we are experiencing in the city, Madam Speaker. I would also like to say, being on the Winnipeg Police Board, Madam Speaker, we continually through our meetings and our governance of the Winnipeg Police Service, because it is the Winnipeg Police Board under provincial legislation that is governing the police service, the city council takes care of the budget, but the governance is supposedly from our citizens on that board and those citizens on the board on Friday, September 14th at our last formal meeting, wholeheartedly endorsed this motion, calling on a task force. And it should also be noted and we heard a little bit about what the police service is doing for Ms. Willis and from others and the police services, the Mayor's announced, came up with a strategy that falls within one of the core sections of the Winnipeg Police Board's strategic plan for the Winnipeg Police Service over the last five years, which is now going to be renewed once we get into a new term, the Police Board will be moving forward on coming up with a new five year strategy. But...so...and our Winnipeg Police Service has taken leadership...they don't need any...they are trying to deal with the situation as it has formed on the streets for the last couple of years, along with the fentanyl and all the issues that are happening with our society, because our society, they'll talk about causes but really, addictions of these sorts happened because individuals have a loss of hope. That loss of hope might not necessarily be trauma when you were younger, it could be a loss of hope that's occurred some point along your life, Madam Speaker. But, I digress. The police service has been working with various agencies, not-for-profit agencies, who do know how to provide services to try to deal with the element of people who are already addicted on these substances, methamphetamine especially is bad. The police service has worked with the Main Street Project. You know, again, Mr. Rabb didn't want to get into the debate but somebody has to provide some kind of space for people who are strung out on meth, if they are in a position that they are actually committing crimes while on methamphetamine, that's a different situation that has to be dealt with, Madam Speaker. But for the most part, when people are all strung out on methamphetamines and they are kind of...they are very scary, Madam Speaker. And it is across city. I was at a wedding at Patricia's Ballroom over Tuxedo shopping mall, a very well-dressed person, bare footed, couldn't even speak he was so wasted away. We were trying to figure out, like how do we help this gentleman? Like wow. It's just amazing, Madam Speaker, how it's gone across the city. But, there can be a loss of hope anywhere, doesn't matter where it is. It's not only in the North End, it's not only in Daniel Mac, it's not only in places...it's all over the city right now, Madam Speaker. And it's so cheap. We have issues that we're dealing with, loss of property, crime is happening all around the city as a result of people trying to get that money to buy that very cheap methamphetamine. It's so cheap that, Madam Speaker, when they ditch a place they are leaving behind little bags of it. They are so wasted and it costs so little that they don't care. They just leave it with the needles that they have been using to shoot it up. It's crazy. But...so...and we did introduce a motion and I noticed the Mayor has in his platform something about dealing with safety in the streets and a hundred thousand dollars. We do have a motion though where a number of neighbourhoods need to have safety strategies, Madam Speaker. We've passed that motion. These are things the City can do, but it's my hope that some representative of the Winnipeg Police Board would be involved on this task force, Madam Speaker, because they are of governance and we do create the strategic plan for the Winnipeg Police Service. And so it's important. But, the City can do more in different places and that's the amendment we have from a Councillors Wyatt and Schreyer that the other levels of the government don't see fit to come to the table and figure out what their roles are as a Federal and as a Provincial Government, Madam Speaker. We're going to move ahead and there are more things that the City of Winnipeg can do. We heard the flood analogy that was there and actually, when we have floods, the Province jumps in and they provide certain services that are required for us to deal with floods as well. So does the Federal Government if there is damages. So the reality is, is that a flood is a multipronged approach as well and it is actually those not-for-profit agencies who are actually dealing with it, but, Madam Speaker, my platform over in my ward talks about us as a city. We have to deal with the prevention. So we're trying to deal with these people who are already addicted. What are we doing and it's within our charter, there are many things we can do, Madam Speaker, to ensure that our youth and that people do not end up in a place where they have lost hope and they feel they have no other way of getting away from it than getting wasted on this methamphetamine, this awful drug. And there's other awful drugs, they're still there, the police service deals with it. Crack is still out there. It is. Fentanyl is still out there too. So methamphetamine, I don't think we're dealing quite right yet with fentanyl, or with these other things. The police service is doing what they can at their level and they are doing a great job. They have a great leader in Chief Smyth, but, you know, there is more the City can do and so I really, strongly support this as does the Winnipeg Police Board and the citizens who sit on that board who care about Winnipeg and put in a lot of time, Madam Speaker, in terms of ensuring that the police service can deliver what they can, but we all need partners,

Madam Speaker, and those partners have to be strong, we have to strengthen those not-for-profit agencies who are actually providing the real services. So let's get it done. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's my honour to second the amendment, this good amendment to what is a good motion to deal with the drug and addiction epidemic that we have in this city. The reason for the amendment is to ensure that we can account as a city that we are doing something just to ensure that we are dealing with an issue that might not be dealt with to our hope, if, in the original motion, you know, the other levels of government don't do what we're asking. So, just to make it simple, this is to ensure that if they don't, we will anyway. I'll just leave it at that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt, do you wish to close on your motion? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I want to thank my council colleagues for some excellent comments. A couple of final points in addition to my opening remarks; one thing viewers of our proceedings should be aware of and just to remind my council colleagues, FCM has been playing a very proactive role in this national crisis as well. In February of last year, in 2017, FCM's Big City Mayor's Caucus launched a task force to share best practices and hopefully, save more lives across Canada. And so the task force on the opioid crisis is one that at the table I have been asking the...obviously, inclusive of meth, and there has been a reception to that at the table given that meth is obviously affecting many people in many Canadian cities. The comprehensive recommendations have been published on the FCM website which I would encourage people to view if they haven't seen already. But in terms of next steps, what the FCM task force is calling for is really a coordinated nationwide response to the crisis and is really advocating and lobbying the Federal Government to really guide a national response to a national crisis. That being said, there still is a role for our Provincial Government and our efforts with this motion are to really get a co-ordination amongst all three levels of government. This is something that obviously, as Councillor Eadie rightfully noted, municipal government can't do alone. And it goes even beyond the three levels of government. There are community partners out there right now and others that want to play a constructive role in the community that we need to better engage and support in those efforts. I mentioned the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre, but also, I know this council has recently supported the plans of the Main Street Project. There are many other groups that...with leadership and with commitment by this council and future councils, hopefully in concert with other levels of government, you know the...I read in Hazel...Hazel's book, of course, the former mayor of Mississauga, the Federal Government has all the money, the Provincial Government has all the power and municipal governments do all the work. Well you know what, we do a lot of work, this is one where we need work being undertaken by all three levels of government and we can do that and we help a lot more of our citizens out than we're helping right now. And so, I'm very encouraged by the dialogue that we have had on this amongst all members of council, as well as advocates in the community, some of whom spoke here this morning. I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to have that dialogue with the Provincial and Federal Governments hopefully with the support of council this afternoon. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. With that I'll call the question on Motion 7. All in favour...recorded vote on the amending Motion 7 moved by Councillor Wyatt. 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, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Councillor Wyatt and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 16, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Motion 7 passes unanimously. Now on to the main item, as amended. Call for a recorded vote. All in favour of the main Item No. 14, as amended.

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, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Wyatt and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 16, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Item 14 – Methamphetamine Crisis passes unanimously, as amended. Item 15 – True North Square Inc. and Northland Properties Funding Agreements, Madam Clerk.

Item 15 – TN Square Inc. and Northland Properties Funding Agreements

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. True North Square and the efforts of True North to date is transforming our downtown for the better. I understand there is an amendment that Councillor Gilroy and Gerbasi are bringing forward which Councillor Gilroy will speak to in a few moments. I will be supporting that amendment. I think it addresses the concerns that the councillors and others have raised regarding affordability...affordable housing in our downtown and in Winnipeg. But, with respect to this particular project, for many, many years, this council and previous councils have wanted a hotel connected to the Convention Centre. Previous council has provided a significant multimillion dollar loan guarantee to the Convention Centre which supported their expansion plan but all of that was hinging, of course, on an adjacent hotel to support the business development efforts of the Convention Centre. Madam Speaker, this transformative project is introducing a \$550 million transformational project in the heart of our city. It is already positively affecting the surrounding area. It includes a public square and plaza which the public will have access to, of course. And it's really helping us modernize and provide additional options for residential in the heart of our city. I am very supportive of this project. I am thankful of the investment that others from outside Manitoba are making in Winnipeg in its development. And the skyline in downtown Winnipeg is changing before our eyes. We see a crane up at Portage and Main for the first time in a generation, the Artis development, \$165 million development, many others that we have been witnessing in recent years have been, again, transforming our downtown for the better. A big part of improving our downtown, improving the vibrancy, improving safety, improving the liveability of course is providing options for our citizens, whether it be for commercial, for retail, or for of course residential. And this does it all and it does it in a spectacularly first class way. I'm very proud to support this project. I would urge my council colleagues to support this project. The return on investment will be a gift for taxpayers for many, many years. Once the TIF is exhausted, of course, we will be left with a legacy of a stronger downtown but also a tax base that's increased as well as supporting the efforts of the Convention Centre. And so would wholeheartedly ask my council colleagues to support this. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gilroy to introduce your amending Motion No. 2.

Motion No. 2

**Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,**

WHEREAS the True North Square and Northland Property developments are transformative, once-in-a-generation projects that will contribute greatly to the on-going revitalization of downtown Winnipeg and the growth of our city;

AND WHEREAS in March 2017 City Council approved the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to support investments in streetscaping, skywalks and up to 1/3 or \$3.15 million towards the construction of a public plaza at True North Square, subject to the Province of Manitoba providing at least an equal contribution towards the plaza;

AND WHEREAS the Province has recently committed to match the City's TIF investment in the aforementioned skywalk and streetscaping enhancements and has gone further to support up to ½ of the cost of the public plaza on True North Property, subject to the City of Winnipeg matching this contribution;

AND WHEREAS the Province has also advised the City that it will provide provincial TIF grants over 20 years to support the residential developments at True North Square at 225 Carlton Street and Northlands property located at 220 Carlton Street;

AND WHEREAS the provincial TIF grants for the aforementioned residential developments are not conditional on these developments containing any affordable housing units;

AND WHEREAS on September 12, 2018 Executive Policy Committee (EPC) approved additional municipal TIFs to match the provincial TIF grants for the public plaza and the residential developments;

AND WHEREAS contributions to affordable housing are consistent with other programs supported by TIF;

AND WHEREAS City Council wishes to see more affordable rental housing in Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 15. of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 12, 2018 be amended by adding the following new recommendation:

"6. That TN Square Inc. provide a cash contribution to the City of Winnipeg in a manner satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer that is equal to 10% of the projected incremental municipal property taxes generated from the residential developments to be constructed at 220 and 225 Carlton Street, for the first 5 years after occupancy and final assessment is attained, and that this contribution be used to support construction of affordable housing in Winnipeg, in a manner to be determined by City Council."

and the remaining recommendations be renumbered accordingly.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes. I would like to amend the motion that the True North Square Inc. provide a cash contribution to the City of Winnipeg in the manner satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer that is equal to 10 percent of the projected incremental municipal property taxes generating from the residential developments to be constructed at 220 and 225 Carlton for the first five years after occupancy and the final assessment is obtained. And that this contribution be used to support construction of affordable housing in Winnipeg in a manner to be determined by city council. And my comments are I really do support the True North project. I am an inner-city city councillor that represents part of the downtown and I think this project is vital to the vibrancy and safety of our downtown. I believe we need to get more people to live, work and play in our downtown. I think this project does that. Another thing that I think we haven't really talked about is the public use amenities that we are building here. And I know that I have a seniors group that does all the walkways downtown and this is going to add to the seniors' ability to get around downtown. And you know, not just our seniors, but all Winnipeggers and that's something that we're creating and I think that that's important to be able to generate a buzz and to get people to come, live, play and work downtown. And another thing I do want to talk about is the hotel. I think the hotel is really important. It's the economic engine of our Winnipeg Convention Centre. It really needs that development to happen. And we need bigger conventions to come to the city and we need that hotel. So I think that those are very, very vital. But I also am somebody who has been a real champion on housing issues here at city hall, and I'm fortunate enough to be on the Housing Steering Committee and I want to thank Councillor Gerbasi because as she is leaving, she has left...she has done a lot of work on affordable housing and I get to sit with her and Councillor Orlikow on the Housing Steering Committee and there is some great work coming forward. The City is looking at affordable housing and what tools that we may have available to encourage affordable housing. We are looking at our regional corridors, we're doing some pilot projects, so there is some exciting opportunities that is coming forward with the city and you know what, this amending motion will just help that. We do have to look at different ways, you know. We all here I think understand the need of affordable housing. I think we have heard the community speak about the need of affordable housing and I think that this motion does that here today. So I hope that you support the amending motion and the motion overall. I think this is a really, really great project for the city as a whole.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, I've had a bit of a running joke in a way or a sparring with the Mayor over the years, he will get up and say, well, when I came here everything was a mess and then I was one of the members of the council from the previous term and I'd say, well what about this, what about that and it goes back and forth. It's good natured. But I want to sort of highlight the fact, we heard some examples from earlier today, Councillor Wyatt, of course, has been the one who brought in the 1 percent and then the 2 percent in the budget to deal with roads which I think was to Councillor Wyatt's credit under the former council. But here we have a matter that sort of bridges both councils and I want to commend the Mayor for getting this to the finish line at this, the last meeting of this council, because I think I'm one of the people who was surprised that the hotel and some of the other aspects weren't dealt with at this equivalent meeting in September of 2014. And we have had as a result, four years of back and forth over this. Councillor Orlikow memorably summarizing one agenda as Centreventure, Centreventure, Centreventure, because that's what the agenda was. Lots of back and forth on this over the four years so I don't want to delay it. I think this is the hour that we have to vote on this. Some have called for us to delay it, I don't think that's the right thing to do. I think we need to make a decision on this. I intend to vote in favour. For me this is different than...we had a vote a while back. Councillor Eadie and I were the only ones who voted against the Sky City proposal for slightly different reasons. Councillor Eadie's probably being more eloquent than mine when he talked about the idea of the working poor in his neighbourhood being asked to subsidize the condo tower at Sky City. This, to me, is very different and Councillor Gilroy who has really put in a lot of work on the affordable housing component...Councillor Gilroy talked a bit about that, the public realm improvements that are part of this to make for a better downtown; the streetscaping, the square, the creation where they have a new public space that will be with the city for decades. So I think on balance this is a very good project with...as the Mayor says, hundreds of millions being invested in the downtown part of the city. When we began this term, this issue of the hotel hung over us, the Convention Centre having been expanded yet, we had no hotel

to help with that expansion and I want to commend Councillor Orlikow and the Mayor for putting in really a ton of time over the years to try and bring this thing to a conclusion. And it is fitting that we have it here at the last meeting of this council because I think it is an achievement not of the previous council which frankly left something behind but of this council to get this to the finish line here today. There is something here for all who might want to criticize but on balance, I think it's not a public relations problem, it's not an affront to people who want affordable housing, we brought forward the amendment or rather Councillor Gilroy has, to try and deal with that important issue. A lot of misconception, a lot of miscommunication about what was done at EPC and we had waived something; really the Province had asked us to do a program in a particular way and we had responded and since then we have listened to the public and are now taking steps to promote the affordable housing part of this. So on balance, I think this is, this is something that the previous council left behind for this council to deal with. In my view, I intend to vote both for the amendment and for the motion as a whole. I think this is a significant achievement for the downtown. I want to commend the True North folks, Jim Ludlow and others, who have been working on this and a number of different partners. It is very important to get that hotel. It's the irony of course, it's like the Canada Games. The municipal level has to make these things happen and then we don't get the GST or the PST money we get maybe a little bit of a lift off of hotel tax or something like that. That's part of building a city, I suppose, is you do the work. And similarly here, I think we're building a better city with this development. We may not recover immediately any of the tax revenues that some of the other levels of government do, but, I do think this is a historic opportunity to solve that issue that's hung over us really for four years with the hotel and the Convention Centre and to do something bigger and greater than that. So, I am...I will be voting in favour of the report and in favour of the amendment. And again, I want to commend the Mayor and Councillor Orlikow who have really put the work in over the years to make this thing happen. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise, I will be supporting the motion as amended. I just wanted to say a couple of things maybe that have been stated already but the project before us ultimately does represent over \$500 million...550 million I believe, in private investment, private investment into our downtown. So that should not be lost on this council. And I don't believe that it is. And it has been stated by a couple of others, critical to this overall project is the construction of the hotel, taxes of which will go towards paying down the City's portion of the debt on the Convention Centre and those two, as contemplated by the previous council, were, you know, linked completely linked as one needing the other, to work and to reach its full potential. The project includes the public amenities such as a new sky walk, street-scaping and public access to a brand new square. And there has been much talk about the residential development that will attract more people to take up residence downtown. And to clarify, again, there has been...over the last few days it's been interesting and frankly at times frustrating to watch what's gone on. There has been so much misunderstanding that's led to misinformation and I think well-meaning people, well-intentioned people reacting. And in part it's obviously a failure. It's been a failure in some ways to communicate the facts clearly. Early September, September 10th, the Province requested city council to consider entering into a tripartite agreements on all the components of the True North Square development initiative. An affordable housing component was never considered for this project because the Provincial Government never requested that the city council consider an affordable housing component for this project. What probably complicated things the most, Madam Speaker, for...even for council and certainly for the wider audience of the city of Winnipeg was that the live downtown program referenced in the report is in fact expired. It is no longer an active program and was fully subscribed back in 2016. So therefore, as Councillor Mayes just articulated, EPC did not waive the criteria for 10 percent of the units to be affordable housing units as many critics have stated and perhaps by...reflective of their misunderstanding and that's fair. But, just to reiterate, the affordable housing component was never a part of this project. It was never contemplated. And even further, though there is a by-law in place currently as I understand it, I have asked several people just to be crystal clear, there is no affordable housing program with the city that requires a percentage of new residential units constructed in the downtown to be affordable units. There is a by-law, but there is no current vehicle. No program. And if I've got it wrong, though I have asked many people, please, I'm glad to be corrected. So finally, it's fully subscribed and finally, perhaps more importantly...and this I'll swim upstream a bit from some of my colleagues today, though the City has participated in affordable housing programs in the past and perhaps in the future will again if council...future council determines it to be so, housing is ultimately the responsibility of the Province of Manitoba. Yes we've participated in the past, yes we participate but ultimately, housing is not the jurisdiction of the City of Winnipeg. And so while I do appreciate...and I do appreciate sincerely the passion and the commitment of those who've e-mailed councillors and the many delegates who spoke even today about the residential aspect of this program, respectfully, I would ask that they also direct their comments, their queries, their questions, their concerns to the Provincial Minister of Families and Housing. Because though we have been participants ultimately, housing is not the ultimate responsibility of this level of government, it falls to the Province of Manitoba. And so I bear in mind also, that True North, the central proponent in this extensive project, is a homegrown corporation with a proven history of investing hundreds of millions of dollars into our city. What also came to mind as I contemplated whether to support this is the fact that their dedication to Winnipeg and to enhancing our community through significant and sustained charitable efforts has factored into my decision today and they have

done so for many years and I foresee that they will continue to do that. And so, all in all, I think Councillor Mayes captures it, this is an important project. It's an excellent project on the whole that will change the face of the SHED District, that will change downtown. And so, though not perfect in all of its ways, it is important and I will be voting in favour of this report as amended.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. First I'll talk about the overall...Madam Speaker, the overall project is really...it is good for Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, the whole program. We have been asked to change a little bit in coming up with an agreement so I want to talk first of the components of what we're talking about at 220 and 225 Carlton and I believe there will be some kind of Hargrave address involved at some point, Madam Speaker. So, first of all, I would like to say that I do support incremental financing when it comes to covering the cost of public amenities; the walkways, the open court yards and so on, that Winnipeggers will use, the improvements to the streets that all Winnipeggers will use when they come downtown into this area, Madam Speaker. So we have some incremental financing going towards that. I think that's great. That's important. The...and I do support the whole concept, the hotel which is what the focus was back in '14, this whole thing about the hotel covering off part of the expansion cost, not covering off all of it but it's covering off what the Convention Centre had to borrow in order to do a full expansion that it did, because there was some accommodation, accumulated accommodation tax that did go directly, cash ready, go in and do that expansion, Madam Speaker. So, of course I am in support of that and the expansion requires more hotel rooms in downtown Winnipeg to make conventions better. We hear...and I heard in the past in '14, it's a hundred years coming up next year, a hundred years of the general strike...of the Winnipeg strike. So, what...you know, CUPE National would love to have a convention here. The Convention Centre is big enough but where are the hotel rooms, Madam Speaker, right? Like, you need to be able to accommodate all these people close enough to the area where you are having your conferences and stuff. Staying way out at the airport and having to come in every morning for the events of the day is a real pain, Madam Speaker. So, anyway, I digress. So now, we are discussing what's become very controversial is that this report comes out...well no, let me step back. Let's be clear. We are hoping that the portion of costs covered for public amenities would have been shared approximately two-thirds to 33 percent being that municipal taxes are less than the education taxes which the Province controls...section and we have been delegated the ability to control the municipal portion. So we're going 50 percent now. Okay that's fine. Okay. Province has asked us to go 50 percent on everything. Alright. So then I look at the apartments now. Now we're talking about the...I believe with the two towers, there will be 324 towers...apartments, rentals in these two towers, separate from commercial, separate from parking, separate from hotel. And it would be treated the same under this request. The apartment towers will be separated away from everything; property taxes, taxes will be calculated, figured out, da, da, da, da, da. So now...so, at first I heard well, 10 percent of the units have to be affordable. That's ten...I'm just saying...no, no. Don't worry. I am going to get to that. Don't worry. In Edmonton I believe it's 10 percent of the rental units have to be affordable. But anyway I digress. So, it's 10 percent. I don't know. You can say the 32 or whatever you want to say. I also heard that over five years to go at the median market rate it's...the estimate is about 20,000 over those five years. Just doing all these calculations because we've got this amending motion here and it's saying what is accurately expressed in the by-law, it's 10 percent of the property...of the taxes, which I believe is \$8 million. So what we're talking about here is over five years of that \$8 million...the \$8 million is 20 years of TIF, to be clear. That's 20 years of TIF, \$8 million. Five years if you do the calculations according to this and the numbers that we have available because they are not absolutely the numbers as that's clearly specified as well, that we can't really calculate it till we know what the possibility of raising money for rental properties because that's how we assess rental properties for property tax, it's the ability to make money. So, looking at this, this motion is basically \$200,000. After the apartments are all built, everything is in there, everything is ready to go, that's what it is. So it's \$200,000 according to using 8 million over 20 years. So, if it was 10 percent of the units, 32 times the estimated cost of 20,000 over...to the owners of over five years that would be 640,000. That's better. I hear there is a rumour around that we want to amend and go to ten years instead of five years, so that would make the 200,000, 400,000. So we're throwing around dollars here. And we're talking about this. But, ultimately, I am not going to be supporting the amending motion and I am not against affordable housing, you know what, my problem in my part of town, in the Mynarski Ward, is we need affordable housing, we need people to even build housing that's affordable, in the North End. 200 grand ain't going to cut it. Ain't going to cut it. And maybe we could do incremental financing outside and I know there's plans looking at doing this in the future on major corridors. Well, you know, because there is more than downtown Winnipeg that we have to worry about affordable housing and I understand why we created these TIFs, it was to...we have a separate condo thing and then we got this rental property thing. That was so that the private sector would build family units in downtown Winnipeg so we could grow the population. And you know, that's a good goal, too, okay that's fine. But here is what really bugs me about this whole thing, is we were told by the Province, I guess, that in order for the margins to work for these private companies, the margins, the margins we are talking about is the profit margin in the end. That's what we are talking about. Profit, Madam Speaker. And so let's be clear...

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

Councillor Eadie: Nowhere in this report do I hear what kind of profit margins these two private corporations are going to realize because we're helping out with the building of this thing with \$8 million over 20 years for those two apartments. And those apartments are going to be affordable basically by people who are making really good money, Madam Speaker. Really good money. And that goes to what Councillor Mayes about what I was talking about with those condos, which was a...I don't want to get into that. Anyway, the 300...300 Main Street sounds like a great project. I think I might even have voted for that. Anyway, but it does have affordable housing built into it. It will be good. So, Madam Speaker, just to conclude, I note in my time I got a little extension, Madam Speaker but, nowhere...the Province hasn't told us what profit margin these two private companies want to see. Nobody. I have a lot of respect for Mr. Chipman but he is running a business and he wants to make profit. That's what business is about, Madam Speaker, profit. So nowhere in here...I am asked to vote on something, are they making a 10 percent profit margin? A 15? Or are they more like a grocery store and they're only making a 2 percent margin...profit margin? I don't know. It's not even explained in here. So help me out. I think...I just want to say, I seen on Facebook some of the comments, too. And you know, the attitude...I know this isn't Mr. Chipman's attitude, but the attitude of people, well if you have affordable housing you're going to bring all the drug dealers in. That's what...I seen it on the Facebook, they are making that comment. The only one who's going to be able to afford to pay rent there is the drug dealer, the one selling, not the one buying, okay.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A lot of things have already been said so I won't speak too long, but I just want to say this is a really important project for downtown. And I don't think we can underestimate the significance of the amount of private investment going in here. There is a lot of money going in here. We need that hotel for the Convention Centre development to prosper, all that's been invested in that and to make that whole. The public spaces are going to be an incredible enhancement that would just not be happening if these other projects weren't being built. You have to look at the whole project and it is the word 'transformational' has been used and it is and it will be. I mean, we're going to be having those whiteout parties in that public space. You know, it's going to be really exciting and this is a huge positive that this has come together with this level of investment. It reminds me of when the MTS Centre was built. It was kind of the same thing. It was mostly private investment and it couldn't have happened if it was up to us to build it, we wouldn't have a downtown arena and all the excitement and fun we've had with that. We are also responding. We're responding to an offer...a huge offer of private investing...investment. We're responding to the Province who is willing to invest at a higher level and we are stepping up to the plate. So it's important and it's important for downtown. The public space is going to be spectacular. The walkways, the street-scaping, these things would not be happening and we use...we throw the word TIF around a lot and I don't know if everybody knows what...everyone here knows what that means, but we're talking about taking the incremental taxes from new development that wouldn't necessarily be happening without this stimulus and just taking that. So we're not losing any money from our ongoing budgets, we're taking some of the additional tax we would be getting for a period of time and then after that period of time it's a hundred percent coming back to us. So this is a long term investment in our downtown and in our city's future and the downtown is the engine of the city which is I imagine why the Province is stepping up as well. The affordable housing piece is unfortunate. Obviously I would love to see more and we found a way to work with the proponents to put money aside the equivalent...as if they were...the same amount of investment if it was Live Downtown or one of the other programs we have had. So we have made that whole and there is money that's going to be handed to the City by a private developer for the City to use as it sees fit in affordable housing initiatives. I don't see a downside to that. And I want to thank Cindy Gilroy who has championed this and pushed for this along with others. We...you know, we are trying to meet a wide variety of needs. This is a totally positive project and I'm really pleased with the amendment. I think it makes the whole thing whole and I'm happy to support both. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I know a lot has been said already. I just want to say that the first I heard of this project, I just saw it as being so transformative to the city. You know, looking at the report...like we're talking about a \$550 million investment in our downtown. Since I have been paying any attention to municipal politics, Councillor Pagtakhan earlier mentioned when he was first elected his ward was on fire. You know, we have learned from that and I think one of the best success stories of government...of local government recently has been the restoration of our downtown in Winnipeg. The Province has been on board, the City has been on board, Centreventure has been on board. The amount of change we have seen in our downtown has been really phenomenal and transformative. And this is just, I'd say it's the cherry on the cake but it's bigger than a cherry. It would be bigger than the cherry on that cake in terms of downtown development. And I don't know if any of my colleagues have had the opportunity to see the Ted Talk and Councillor Mayes, I invite you to watch this Ted Talk, it's learning to plan like a farmer. And in this Ted Talk, it's only ten minutes, and it may change the way that you look at how we do planning in terms of city planning and what it does is it compares the...well, it makes the analogy, obviously, of how you would farm your land as a farmer, you were an urban planner and you were building buildings. So in this Ted Talk they very convincingly demonstrate that if you look at the amount of taxes that are generated from suburban development, suburban commercial development, even the best suburban

development, when you compare it to downtown development in terms of the net taxes per acre and let's face it, property tax is our biggest ticket in terms of revenues as a municipality. So I know I invited Councillor Lukes to watch it, I don't know if you had the opportunity to, but to me it made it...I mean, I had an understanding of some of these issues in terms of how to better leverage our tax systems as a municipality, but to me it made it crystal clear about how important this type of development is. So not only after the incremental taxes are paid off in 15-20 years, depending on what portion of the project, after that, it's all gravy for Winnipeg in terms of our bottom line. But not only is it gravy in terms of our bottom line but, look at the project. It's amazing. It includes the hotel that we need to support our Convention Centre. It includes people living downtown. It includes commercial spaces that are going to be bustling. So anyway how, the project from a fiscal perspective, yeah we're taking a bit of a haircut for the next 15-20 years, but we've got a private investor coming in with half a billion dollars and in terms of what it will do to our Winnipeg downtown, it's going to bring however many people to the downtown, half of one of my neighbourhoods in St. Boniface are going to live in a downtown city block that's going to be the eyes and ears on the streets. It's going to mean probably less in terms of...you know, if you buy into the theory that more eyes and ears on the street means less police, well I buy into that theory, it's going to make a living, vibrant downtown. And it's the last piece that we need to really have our downtown take off, to have people there at night so that people can feel safe. So kudos to Mayor Bowman. I know...I know there has been a lot of chatter about this. I know it's been compared...you know, we compare big projects in Winnipeg. Everybody remembers the Esplanade Bridge and there was a lot of criticism of the Esplanade Bridge back in the day. I don't know if I should mention the Taché Promenade Project. It's not as big in scale, obviously, to the Esplanade Bridge or this project, but I think projects like this just make our city...they just make our city better. When people talk about which city that they visited, they don't talk about which city has the best...you know, the lowest tax rate for single family homes in the suburbs. They talk about which cities have the best and most thriving and interesting downtowns. And this is going to be a big piece to that. And then in terms of you know, the suburbs versus downtown debate, I don't know who got...who had a chance to read the former Mayor Glen Murray's piece weighing in on the topic, but we all benefit because it's good for the city's bottom line which means we can hold taxes in line. And we heard...I know Mayor Bowman promised to hold taxes at 2.33 percent. So, if we're going to grow this city, if we don't want to be looking at things like...in the absence of raising taxes, what tools do we have left? Well we have tools like this that are going to make us a more efficient city in the long term in terms of our...in terms of our fiscal situation. And then finally, I want to commend Cindy Gilroy for her work on this. This amendment really brings it all together. I know that when we...when we in very short order had to vote on this at EPC last week, there were media reports and the affordable housing issue came to the forefront and I think Councillor Gilroy answered that call in a practical way that I believe will get results for Winnipeggers who care about affordable housing. And so we have this great project and on top of having this great project, which after the incremental tax benefit is over, we're going to be reaping huge benefits fiscally from this, not to mention the other benefits of having a city that's really a destination. And so, with that, thank you Mayor Bowman for last week, handling media inquiries on this and thank you Cindy for the amendment today. I know I had...I know people were asking me what was going on affordable housing. Maybe just one last note, and maybe this...it's one of the lessons I have learned in these last four years at city hall, is that the...seems every time at city hall that you're promoting a great project, someone comes up and talks about another issue that is just as important in different ways but not the issue that you are actually talking about. And so, I don't know that affordable housing was ever a part of this project. It became part of it as part of the discussions that occurred. And I'm happy that we are able to probably get a big win for affordable housing in Winnipeg on top of having this great project. But I don't think it was...I don't think this project was ever about affordable housing. And by the way, I don't think Sky City was ever about affordable housing, we didn't have that discussion back then and we didn't have the discussion back when we were TIFing...we were TIFing Parmalat in north St. Boniface even though there was a huge residential redevelopment opportunity there too. But all that being said, I think there was an opportunity, we grabbed it and I'll be supporting the amended motion. And I will be supporting this full project which is going to be transformative, great for Winnipeg and after 15-20 years, it's going to be great for our finances.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We should consider the history of what the Winnipeg, Manitoba taxpayer did to create the impetus, decades ago, for which we can all...including the private developers, grow from. This started in 1970, with a budget of \$35 million. Do you know what \$35 million is, 50 years later if you consider construction inflation? We are talking almost half a billion dollars that the taxpayers put in to create the Convention Centre, create the impetus by which we could continue to grow the downtown area over the decades and the generations, by which...by virtue of the taxpayer investment over the decades, encouraging private investment, encouraging private industry in the area. Madam Speaker, it just seems to me, Madam Speaker, as we're looking at further subsidies for what is a continued great project, that the taxpayer has continued to invest in over the decades, this term as well, Madam Speaker, that it looks like when we...just as an example, Madam Speaker, it used to be called the Winnipeg Convention Centre, now it's called the RBC Convention Centre because of corporate sponsorship. So now it's called...because they sponsored it. They paid for the sponsorship. Madam Speaker, it looks like we're subsidizing the sponsorship. And that's weird. I would like to have a greater understanding about how it isn't the fact that we are subsidizing those that are

sponsoring the advertising of their name on the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Essentially paid for by the taxpayers of Winnipeg and Manitoba and Canada, whatever...whatever funding...basically, Winnipeg and city and provincial funding, Madam Speaker. Those private industries who have had the advantage of being able to tap into this amazing tax-paid investment have profited from it, Madam Speaker. Good for them. Good for all of us, Madam Speaker. That's what we do with our tax money, we invest it into our economy and thus encouraging private industry. Madam Speaker, we have been doing it for decades and generations, two generations right at that spot and we continue to do so right in this term, Madam Speaker. So I know there's people that are good...have good intentions, let's say, as it has been said on this floor, have good intentions but, Madam Speaker, we have been working with good intentions on this before this term, last term and the very beginning of this term. I remember kind of being stymie in terms...in the beginning of this term in terms of what we do to try and rectify the situation so we put some money into it. What is an excellent project. Madam Speaker, the taxpayers of Winnipeg have made an excellent investment. We have done it already. We did it. Now, Madam Speaker, let's take a look at the project. Well, let's take a look at the profit margin. Oh, we can't. We don't know what the profit margin is. The taxpayers of Winnipeg and Manitoba have been creating this point in Winnipeg over decades, two generations, for which private industry has been able to profit and gain government subsidies for the investment but let's take a look at it. Well to really take a look at what the taxpayer has done for private industry, from which we all benefit, because we're all part of it in this mixed economy, especially when it comes to this, we don't know. We are told we weren't told. I don't even know if we asked, Madam Speaker. So I'm not sure where our due diligence is in terms of trying to contemplate what our public return, the official return is on our investment. We know the taxpayers of Winnipeg and the taxpayers of Manitoba have been craving something great here. We have done it and we have done it this term. So, we know that there is going to be great benefits derived from this project. There will, by the public and by the investors. Primarily, Madam Speaker, not to say half, because the taxpayer investment put in here over the decades, over the years, the decades in fact, over the generations. I voted for money for this already. What I'm really worried about is a precedent here. We are saying that it was never the intention to have a set up for affordable housing here, alright. But yet we did take the wording out of the by-laws, Councillor Gilroy's concerns, thus the amendment. What I would hate to see, Madam Speaker because if I'm re-elected we'll see what happens over the years, regarding the Forks, I don't want to hear, oh, but in that case, even though it doesn't apply to this one and this one, at the Forks development for the thousand unit residential development, we'll make...we'll include affordable housing on that one. Madam Speaker, I don't want to hear it. If we can't do it here where the taxpayer has put in so much money, so much investment, by which the rest of our economy can benefit and private industry and private developers can benefit from our decades long investment, I don't want to hear about it at the Forks. That's disingenuous. It will be political...merely political strategy. And so I'm saying it right here, years before it happens, that...well, I'll just use the word 'disingenuous' for now and we'll see where we're at when they try to pass Forks thousand year...Forks residential development which includes a private parking stall per suite saying it's in the name of affordable housing. Madam Speaker, Councillor Gillingham did say today, in the last meeting of our term, that affordable housing is primarily the purview of the Provincial Government. Madam Speaker, I have been glad...been honoured to participate with the Mayor and this council on the challenges of homelessness and thus affordable housing. Obviously we're talking about affordable housing. And Madam Speaker, I have been saying all term, of course it's the Provincial purview more than anything else and the Federal, there is not much the city can do about it so, let's not pretend. We know what governments are capable of doing, what the conventions are...it is the purview of the Provincial Government, Madam Speaker, homelessness and affordable housing, we know what a Provincial Government can do. We've had a government that, in eight years created 16,000 affordable housing units in eight years. Madam Speaker, I think the City has done 85 in the term for downtown. I mean, there is more to it than that but, Madam Speaker, we're just not in the same league and I'm glad at least in this case that Councillor Gillingham was willing to make that statement. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Any other speakers on this item? Seeing none, Councillor Gilroy would you like to close on Motion 2?

Councillor Gilroy: I remember not too long ago, I forget the day and I forget what we were actually talking about, but I do remember Councillor Wyatt actually was doing a really good speech on the need for affordable housing and it started a really great discussion on the need for affordable housing right here. And we heard today that this was not an 'ask' of the Province in this project. We heard that. We heard today that the City does not have an affordable housing strategy right now. We don't have that. We heard today that we are also working on that, that the City will be coming forward with something shortly and that will be up for the new council to debate. So, today, I don't want to get into the debate on the affordable housing program and all that is this enough, is this not enough because today what we have in front of us is an opportunity. This was a project that was never asked for affordable housing. It came to the forefront and now we have the ability, us right here, right now, to add some money into the pockets for affordable housing. Now, is it enough? Absolutely. I wish I could have a lot more money. But you know what, we're...this is something that's gotta get pushed forward. This is 550 million, half a billion dollar project. This is a huge project for our downtown. And in this, in light of us doing major infrastructure to plazas and to walkways and to making sure that we have a hotel downtown, we are able to generate some money for affordable housing and it's not enough. Well you know what, we don't have the plan. I'm pushing for that. I'm hoping that we're going to have that debate coming forward. This is an opportunity now for us to do

something about this. This is something that is in consideration of the project as a whole and I hope that you guys take the time to consider that. We will be doing more on affordable housing. My hope is I think that we'll be having that debate. It won't be up to us today, it will be up to the new council. But this is an opportunity to add a little bit more money so that we can do something in the future. And that's what I hope that you consider here today. I think this is a worthwhile project. I know that it's going to be a huge asset to downtown. I think it's going to bring a lot of jobs to the downtown where we're looking at having more conventions coming into our downtown, we're looking at more people being downtown and as an area city councillor, I want to see that because the more people means more safety. So I'm asking you today to consider. We have an opportunity to...it's maybe not the ask that we all wish to have but there is some money that will be made available for affordable housing and I hope that you're going to consider that and I hope that you consider the project as a whole, it's a really, really great project for our downtown. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Appreciate the comments by my council colleagues. It's important we have a broader vision for our downtown. And let's keep in mind 225 Carlton was a surface parking lot, just a number of months ago. And in the meantime, there has been a massive injection of investment from local investors and national investors in our downtown. And what they're saying with that investment is they have confidence in the direction that this city is going. They have confidence that they can invest in the city of Winnipeg and that this city council and our community will support and will collaborate with them so they can realize that investment in a way that not only benefits the investors, but also benefits the community at large. This is that opportunity. And I appreciate Councillor Allard's comments about some of the other...some of the other projects that have been debated at this council chamber both during this term and previous councils that required some vision. It required some confidence and collaboration along the way. Especially with a project of this scale and this magnitude, it has been...it has consumed a considerable amount of time and energy by members of our public service who acted very professionally and diligently in respect of their dialogue with the Province and with True North. And I want to thank them for that, in particular John Kiernan and his team. I also want to thank and appreciate the work of our Property and Development Chair, Councillor John Orlikow, and all of my council colleagues who have been working for some time on this project. Some of which, of course, did work in the previous council with respect to 220 Carlton. And so let's never lose sight of the fact that this project is transformative. It's important that we say to those that are investing and putting their dollars...their dollars into building our downtown that we can work collaboratively with you. We can protect the public interests. We can work with our provincial partners and together we can build a stronger downtown. And that's what we're doing here today with a positive vote, is we are sending that clear message to investors, both these investors and other investors who are looking at Winnipeg's downtown and Winnipeg more generally, as a play to invest. We want to see more of that. I want to acknowledge the provincial support. Of course the request ultimately came from the Province with regards to the TIF that we are considering this afternoon. And it is only appropriate to thank the Provincial Government for supporting a project in the heart of our city and helping to support this investment being realized. I also want to note that True North is an incredibly strong corporate citizen. I do object to...I heard Councillor Eadie say it moments ago that we shouldn't...and I'm paraphrasing, we shouldn't stigmatize those that are in affordable housing. Well so too, we shouldn't stigmatize those that are putting their dollars and putting their own skin in the game in terms of investing in our community. That's what we want to see more of. And so, this is an opportunity to support those efforts in a way that in the long run is going to realize a good return on investment for our tax dollars as well as for our city. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy and Councillor Gerbasi for their efforts to work collaboratively with council colleagues and partners to address the concerns that they've raised regarding funds for affordable housing. And, I know Councillor Gilroy has, as has Councillor Gerbasi for many years, worked diligently to build a safer downtown. Councillor Gilroy has served in a very honourable way with the UN Safe Cities Initiative. She has fought for a low income bus pass as has Councillor Gerbasi and others around this table and of course for affordable housing. And I want to thank them for their collaborative efforts. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. With that I'll call the question on amending Motion No. 2 put forward by Councillor Gilroy. All in favour? Call for a recorded vote. All in favour of amending Motion 2 please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillor Eadie.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 15, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Motion 2 passes. Now on to the main item; Item 15, as amended. All in favour? Call for another recorded vote. All in favour please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillor Eadie and Councillor Schreyer.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Item 15 – True North Square Inc. and Northland Properties Funding Agreement passes. Onto the next item, Madam Clerk.

Item 21 – Audit of the William R. Clement Parkway / Sterling Lyon Parkway Extension Project – Supplemental Report

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce? Would anyone like to speak to item 21?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I asked to stand this down. I'm actually voting for it, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to...Madam Speaker, so we're coming to the end of this term, Madam Speaker and you know, Madam Speaker, our current mayor and our current council together, we all did it, we all worked to improve the accountability, the transparency and openness of our city operations. Council, not just...it's not just about the politicians, Madam Speaker, it's about the administration, it's about the people we contract with to produce or to build things and so on, Madam Speaker. And in the past term we had all these fiascos and we're still dealing with the...we're still dealing with the police headquarters today, Madam Speaker. The fire hall thing, well it's kind of gone away but we do have reports, recommendations are continuing to be put in place, Madam Speaker, to protect the taxpayers' dollars. That's really what it's about. People are putting their hard earned money in. They should expect to profit with services and facilities that serve them. That's what they should get for their money, just like the private sector does deserve to earn money on their dollar. But what margin would that be, I don't know. Anyway, Madam Speaker, you know, if I sell...I sell some candy floss, my profit margin's a thousand percent, I guess I deserve that, thousand percent. Can I sell some to you? Anyway, Madam Speaker, so, what I really like about this report and we were dealing with this...and I think you know what, a lot of...a lot could have been resolved, my colleagues who were on the last term, some of you aren't coming back. I want to say a number of things could have been dealt with if the Auditor at the time and council at the time and Legal Department at the time realized that the Auditor has the power to utilize certain sections of the Evidence Act to subpoena records and people. And I say kudos, congratulations to the Auditor we hired in this term for utilizing that power...it's still meant that his...that the report...the Auditor's report doesn't really change any substantive way. But, past audits done on fire halls, on police headquarters, if utilized, which we had the power all the time in the charter, as I always said, some people say no, Legal Department is like oh no, you can't, well it was used, the report is complete, nothing...I believe the end result of that report was there was no so-called foul play. There is some recommendations that came out of it but ultimately, it wasn't a fiasco like the fire halls and the police headquarters. So, Madam Speaker, I am in complete support of this report and again, I'll conclude by congratulating our existing Auditor for using a power they have an ability to use, in circumstances where it's warranted. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Seeing none, I'll call the question on Item 21. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. That concludes the EPC meeting dated September 12th. Now we're on to a notice of motion and that was moved...

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Speaker. Because of potential conflict, I'm going to step out of the chamber on this item.

Madam Speaker: Sure. Thank you. This is a notice of motion moved by Councillor Gilroy seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan, it was brought forward at the July meeting for consideration today. It's on electronically on the screens. Councillor Gilroy to introduce the motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION
PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Gilroy: This motion is just asking the Provincial Government to look at our charter to allow us for a paid leave of absence if you are charged with a violent incident. And this is just making sure that we have similar policies to what we...we have the same expectations in our public service and many other businesses in Winnipeg. So we just want to make sure that we have similar policies. And you know, I think that as councillors we are held to a high regard and this should something that we should be...that we should have a paid leave of absence during this time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise with some reluctance to speak against this and as always at the risk of being subsequently denounced on Twitter for disagreeing with this, for therefore being in favour of a violent assault or other matters but I think someone needs to clarify. The motion actually doesn't say that you will be given a leave of absence only if you are charged with a violent attack. That is actually not what it says. If it said that, that would be commendable I think. And I think there is a way of coming back to this motion perhaps and amending it to try and address some of the very real concerns about sexual assault. And earlier drafts of this that I remember seeing talked about the ability to invoke having someone else present at a meeting if you are meeting with a councillor who has been charged. But, it would be easy simply to agree. But if you look at the last paragraph it doesn't say just charged with a violent assault it says, "Paid leave of absence...mandatory paid leave of absence while facing criminal charges including, but not necessarily limited to, assault and sexual assault." I've got to say, as a non-practising lawyer that what that says is, you take a mandatory paid leave of absence if you're facing criminal charges. That's what it says. That's the way the commas are placed. The way this reads is, if you are charged with possession of marijuana in the next few weeks, you are off on paid leave of absence. If you are like Bob Ray when he was leader of the opposition of Ontario charged because he was involved in the Temagami Forest protest which incidentally, I think time has proven he was right trying to save the old growth forest, he would be on paid leave of absence during the 1990 election which he actually won. My political hero, Jim Johnson of Indiana, also arrested for trying to protect old growth forest, you would be on paid leave of absence. That's what it says. I didn't write it but that is what it says. I think we would be better off with a motion that tried to speak more directly and exclusively to matters of sexual assault. I appreciate the intent. I appreciate the work Councillor Gilroy has done, but I also think we would be better off trying to work with the Province because it's simply a request to the Province. The Premier has already said, I believe strongly in the presumption of the innocence and you'd have to do a lot to move me off that. I think to paraphrase the Premier, wouldn't we be better off to try and engage in a dialogue with the Province and try and come up with something that actually is passible by the Province and actually does speak solely to matters of sexual assault? I don't need to denigrate, Councillor Gilroy has put a lot of work into this and I'm sure there'll be speeches now where I'm accused of being soft on sexual assault or some such thing, that's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is that if you don't write the motion correctly it means something else. What this says is, you take a mandatory paid leave of absence while facing criminal charges. That's what it says. Not necessarily limited to means it could mean anything and you are on a paid leave of absence. You know, and it does make mention of, you are innocent until proven guilty. And you know, I was thinking, we are the home of the Human Rights Museum and one of the, I think it's number 13 in the UN Declaration of Human Rights is the presumption that you are innocent until proven guilty and it's not always easy, I was talking to Angela Cassie from the Human Rights Museum about that is not always an easy thing to defend. And obviously, one member of our council is charged. It's not a secret matter. So I don't think any of us are defending people who are charged but it's a fundamental core value of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. It's a fundamental core value of our entire legal system that you are innocent until proven guilty. So, with some reluctance I am not in favour of this as drafted. I would like the chance to come back to it at some point and see if we can do what I think the intent is which is try to give some protection to other employees or civil servants who are...have concerns if they are meeting with somebody charged with assault or sexual assault. But what this does is say, no you will not be able to represent the people who democratically elected you if you are charged with income tax evasion. It could take years. As we heard earlier today, we consider any matter that is under appeal to still be a live matter. We did hear that earlier today on a very different matter. So one of my predecessors was convicted on an income tax matter, I don't mean to slander anyone but that happened. You can appeal matters to be before the courts for years. We're all familiar with that. So I think to say no, the people of your ward will not have any representation because you got arrested trying to protect a tree in the Bois des Esprits and got criminally charged. No, they will not have representation because you were charged with driving under the influence when in fact it was somebody else who was driving it turns out two years later. I think we're setting perhaps a precedence we don't want to set with that. So I would suggest the better course is to come back to this, if any of us are still here, and try to rework it so as to address the evil, the problem that is at hand, which is sexual assault and violent assault. I understand that people are put on paid leaves of absence if you are perhaps a transit operator. I have defended people, I've...in my career as a labour lawyer, I had to defend people who were charged with various offences but, this is a democratically elected position. You could deny people a vote. We do have votes here that hinge on one vote and to say to someone, well, no, your representative

is not going to be present for that because they were charged with possession of hashish and they thought it was marijuana and it was legal. That's a pretty severe penalty to the people of any given ward. So I appreciate the severity of the issue at hand and I would like to address it, I would like to address it in a way that focuses on that very issue which is assault or sexual assault. If we could come back even later today with some better wording I would be in favour of that. But with great reluctance, as this motion stands, I don't think it addresses the issue, the very serious issue which it is trying to address. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, like Councillor Mayes I reluctantly stand up and have to say, sexual assault, these are not...I don't condone that, but...and it says paid leave but you know, even if they are paid, Madam Speaker, I think we have to evaluate what is the circumstance of that sexual assault, first of all. Did it happen while the person was working? Did it happen...working out in the community? Did it happen with somebody internally within the City, a sexual assault of somebody who works for the City? That's a different circumstance. Police officers are quite often put on paid leave. Potentially if you have somebody that's guilty and they are sworn under oath, by serious oath, sworn to uphold the law and so on, how could that person actually do their day-to-day job? And how could I as the manager of the above person trust that that person could do the job? I couldn't. In the circumstances of a city councillor we have actually a code of ethical conduct. I do believe the Integrity Commissioner has...and we have moved a motion that talks about being able to utilize certain penalties, related to a councillor's conduct or the mayor, a member of council...a member of council's conduct. I think that that moving ahead and dealing with this kind of stuff, I mean a charge is a charge, right? So there was...supposedly there was enough evidence to file charges and they are going to have to appear in court, Madam Speaker. You know it's interesting in that we have a former colleague from the last term, Madam Speaker, who was charged with an assault, paid the price in an election, paid the price in an election. Turns out in the end there is no decision that that person was either innocent or guilty. It was stayed, I guess, I believe for whatever reason court cases get stayed for, I don't know. There was no plea bargain or anything like that that I know of, Madam Speaker. So we are to serve the people and we get elected to do so, so technically, I think in this specific circumstance, like this is...this didn't happen when that person was doing their job, I have to help somebody, I'm not going...like really, Madam Speaker, I just think this particular motion is a reactive one in which hasn't been thought out clear enough for us to make a request of the Province in the first place, Madam Speaker. I think that our Integrity Commissioner is moving forward to have the ability to be able to utilize and for council to utilize certain means to deal with various unethical conduct. I think that's good enough. Let's let that progress and if somebody wants to file a complaint and say that a particular city councillor is not able to do their job, there is an evaluation, there is a separate arm's length person who will make that interpretation on our behalf, I think that's a better model and that's already proceeding, Madam Speaker. Anyway, I'll leave it at that. I just...I'm totally opposed to any kind of assaults, sexual assaults, whatever. But I just think this is...this motion is just too reactive in a time when we are hearing about all of these sexual abuses of women. Even on Facebook, Madam Speaker, I noticed Alesia Dacey was attacked, attacked by some idiots because she was just texting out items of a news release, Madam Speaker. That's awful. That's awful society. But I just...I can't support this motion in that I think we should allow the Integrity Commissioner, who is trying to get the ability for council and for her, to be able to utilize appropriate measures for various circumstances that are beyond our ability to do in the City of Winnipeg Charter. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Next is Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We're talking about a very serious issue. It's been brought up now at council by virtue of timely issues. It was done, I'm not going to say hastily, it was done quickly and it was a reaction otherwise it wouldn't have...it's too much of a coincidence to say it wasn't done as a reaction. It was done as a reaction, that's fine. We do things here, we react to things to solve problems and that's okay. But in the process, it's a little quick and for two main reasons. One, what Councillor Mayes said is true and there is no way around it. So, we need to change the resolution clause, the 'therefore to be resolved' clause to be consistent with the 'whereas' clauses. The 'whereas' clauses make sense if you are okay with the idea of doing this, but we have to be careful with what we're doing in terms of the intent of this, because if this is only for city councillors based on the explanation of the 'whereas' clauses, we're in a severe breach of consistency in terms of intent of why we would do this in the first place. And Madam Speaker, no offence to me and my fellow councillors or the Mayor, we are not the only ones in a real position of power or perceived power or real power here at city hall. There are people here who make more money than I do and make more money than anybody sitting at this table. And we need to...if we are going to deal with this, if we are going to say, this is important enough to have this resolution, I'm going to read these whereas clauses and to see where I'm wrong. Each one is wrong if they don't include senior admin members of...senior members of the administration, Madam Speaker. "Whereas members of the public service and members of the public have a right to feel safe when interacting with an elected member of council as well as senior members of the administration. And, whereas elected members of council and senior members of the administration are in positions of power." Our power, we get paid so much. Others get paid more than us and their power is implicit and there is less openness and accountability in the process, Madam

Speaker. And therein lies the danger when the majority of the people that work here are on the other side at the Susan Thompson Building and I'm not saying this to incriminate anybody. I didn't bring this up. It's just that if we're going to live with this, what do we mean by all these 'whereas' clauses and how can we say it only applies to members of council? Is there any member of council that believes that? It's okay, we just need some amendments coming in...friendly amendments, hopefully, coming in right away regarding the last clause in terms of what the issue is about and who is in these positions of power, and whereas elected members of council and senior members of administration, who are charged but not yet convicted with sexual assault, have no obligation to take a leave of absence. And whereas in some instances employers may require employees, charged but not yet convicted with sexual assault or any other assault, to take a leave of absence. Consistent with that whereas clause for that to...it doesn't imply it, it is it. Senior members of the administration fall directly into that as well and if they don't, well...well it does, it's not an opinion. And if we think it doesn't, what do we think is the power dynamic here at city hall or just the working dynamic at city hall? And whereas an individual has been charged with allegedly committing sexual assault or any other assault is innocent until proven guilty. That applies to senior members of the administration as well. But we have got to deal with the issue here is positions of power and that people feel safe. Don't...I don't believe it. What people working here at city hall believe that if there is an issue of sexual assault, that it's solved in terms of addressing their needs for safety and addressing their needs of power that it's addressed if we are only dealing with the city councillors or members of council. Who believes it? Do you believe that the people that work at the Susan H Thompson Building believe that? It's for them and the people in this building. Okay, so we're getting into something delicate here and I respect that. But bear in mind what we have just done, if we do it like this and leave it like this where basically it's just been an incrimination on a single individual because of a single charge, if this is going to have meaning and I'm going to say it may, it can, let it be consistent and let it be realistic, and let it be to the intent of what it says it's meant to be for the safety of the people that work at city hall. And that will be how to do it. I do expect some friendly amendments. As Councillor Mayes pointed out in the 'whereas' clauses, that it has to be consistent with the...sorry, the 'therefore be it resolved' clause be consistent with the 'whereas' clauses. If we as a council are meant to vote on this and feel comfortable in terms of at least what the intent is because that intent isn't mentioned until the 'whereas' clause. Secondly, if it doesn't mention...include in every aspect where it says members of council, if it does not say at the same time senior members of the administration, we're kidding ourselves but more importantly, we're kidding the people of city hall that work here for which this is intended. So I'm just going to leave it at that and I do expect those as friendly amendments and then I will reserve my judgment. This is a very...we haven't done this before. I'm willing to consider it as long as it's fair. And considering how this has come about, I think we should be very sensitive in terms of what the document says. The implications here are pretty heavy, some of which as Councillor Mayes pointed out. We better do this right. Everyone deserves it and including the people that work at city hall. For those that mean to pass this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to point out that the reason this motion is before us today is because there are different rules for elected officials or a lack thereof for elected officials than there are for our staff. I know the previous speaker went on at length at senior officials. If any senior administrative official had a charge of sexual assault they would be put on a leave of...they have that power to do that and that's what they would do. The reason this is before us today is that, given what's happening, we realize that we don't have any authority to ask somebody to go. You know, they...it's up to the individual councillor. In the last term of council we did have a member of council who was charged with something as Councillor Eadie mentioned. They took...actually took a paid leave of absence. They...until the issue was dealt with. I believe that's what happened.

Councillor Eadie: No. Councillor Steen attended all council meetings, he just did not attend Winnipeg Police Board meetings.

Councillor Gerbasi: Oh.

Councillor Eadie: Which has a totally different...

Councillor Gerbasi: Did he take the leave of absence? Anyways, I don't want to have a debate with my colleague here. That's what my understanding was, but regardless of that, the point...regardless of that, that was what I had thought had happened, innocent until proven guilty, yes. What we're talking about in this motion is treating elected officials the same way other employees are treated. And we don't have the power to do that. The only mechanism is to go and ask the Province. That's what this is doing. I can understand the wording, it doesn't just specifically...it says...it leaves it a little bit open. I think the intent is fairly clear in my opinion. But I think the point is that this is a work place and elected officials are treated differently than other employees are treated. They don't have the same checks and balances, that's why we brought in an ethics commissioner, yes, but there's really no way to deal with this other than to have the Province make changes in the Charter. There is no way to deal with this other than that. And you know, it's a workplace...and you know there has been a lot of talk about women in politics and why they don't want to run for politics. This is one of the reasons

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because elected officials are not held to the same standards and accountable as they are in other work places. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm standing up to refer the matter. And can I speak to that matter now?

Madam Speaker: You can speak for a few minutes Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Okay, thank you. I just wanted to make sure.

Madam Speaker: And then the mover could rebut. You would have up to three minutes.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. So I want to begin by thanking Councillor Gilroy for bringing this matter forward. Councillor Gilroy has worked diligently to try to make improvements city-wide to create safe spaces for our citizens, notably women. Her work on the UN Safe Cities Initiative in collaboration with the Province has been absolutely outstanding and I want to applaud her for also bringing this forward. We do have an obligation to take steps to provide a safe and inclusive workplace for everyone and sometimes that means looking at the rules that govern members of council. That's what we are doing here today. I also want to thank my council colleague, Councillor Mayes for raising his issues and concerns with respect to the presumption of innocence and ensuring that our actions are consistent with the values of human rights and those obligations that flow from that. And so I would like to refer this matter to EPC so we can gather some further information from the public service to better address the concerns that have been raised here today while honouring the intent of the motion, which is obviously commendable to provide a safe workplace, and in a manner to the extent that it's appropriate as consistent as possible with employees that work for the City of Winnipeg as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gilroy, do you wish to rebut?

Councillor Gilroy: I will be supporting the Mayor's motion. And I just want to really...I want people to understand that this is also...we need to understand is, people in our workplace that are victims themselves. So we have to be mindful of that. Sometimes we think, well, you know, we have a safe place but we're not thinking it through from the victim's lens and I want to make sure that we are thinking about it through that way. And if there is a way I can improve this to help gain support, I'm willing to do that so I will support the Mayor's motion here today. I think this is a really, really important piece. There is something that we should be held to a higher standard and right now we're not, and so I think I am in support of doing a little bit more work on this in order to get my council colleagues to come along. So I think this is important for our staff that work with us, to know that we are thinking of them in terms of the motions that we bring forward. This is something that would think of the staff that we have. So, thank you for the Mayor, for doing that and I'm looking forward to working with my council colleagues on bettering this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. So motion in front of us is to refer to Executive Policy Committee. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: And Councillor Wyatt can return to chamber.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS
FIRST READING ONLY

Mayor Bowman: Should I wait?

Madam Speaker: Go ahead, it's by-laws.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that the By-law 89/2018 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 89/2018.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on all three readings under EPC.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 83/2018, By-law 84/2018, By-law 85/2018, By-law 90/2018, By-law 91/2018, By-law 92/2018, and By-law 93/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 83/2018, 84/2018, 85/2018, 90/2018, 91/2018, 92/2018, and 93/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension and the third reading...second reading, pardon me.

Mayor Bowman: No problem. I like the fact that you want to keep things moving along, Madam Speaker, thank you. I move that the By-law...By-law Nos. 83/2018 to 85/2018, both inclusive, and By-law Nos. 90/2018 to 93/2018, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 83/2018 to 85/2018, both inclusive, and By-law Nos. 90/2018 to 93/2018, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 83/2018 to 85/2018, both inclusive, and By-law Nos. 90/2018 to 93/2018, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Put 30 minutes on the clock. Any questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, we will move on to Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. We have no reports but we have Motion 1. That's moved by Councillor Morantz and seconded by Councillor Gillingham. It's regarding applications to the Innovation Capital Fund. It's an automatic referral the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. Okay. We have no by-laws. Are there any questions for our Chair for Councillor Gilroy? Okay. Seeing none, next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated June 25th, 2018.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATIONS
MOTIONS

Motion No. 1

Moved by Councillor Morantz,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS the Innovation Capital Fund was established on March 23, 2015 to facilitate investment in new and innovative ideas brought forward by the Winnipeg Public Service to reduce costs, as well as improve service.

AND WHEREAS increasingly, some applications for funding, although innovative and possibly worth pursuing through other means, do not meet the criteria of reducing cost to the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all future applications to the Innovation Capital Fund clearly identify in the administrative report what the tangible financial return on the investment is and how long it would take for that investment to be realized.

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**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
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DATED JUNE 25, 2018**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent Item 7.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me?

Councillor Orlikow: Did I miss something?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, you did not...yeah, that was the one item right? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow on the next report.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you Madam Chair. I would like to advise that Item 5, an extension...oh right, sorry, Councillor Wyatt

Councillor Wyatt: Thanks Madam Speaker. I would like to stand down Item 13 but in the meantime I need to...I have in the past voted in a potential conflict for Item 5 so I want to be consistent.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We will deal...just one moment, we'll see what else there is. Item 5, Councillor Gerbasi?

Councillor Gerbasi: 15 and 17 if we are doing that. We haven't done it yet. Okay, sorry.

Madam Speaker: We are all moving along but go ahead.

Councillor Orlikow: I know we're eager, I know we're eager. Madam Chair, I would like to advise that Item 5, an extension of time to complete a secondary plan is no longer required as all requirements have now been met and moved that item be filed.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you for clarifying. We are pulling Item 15.

Councillor Orlikow: Wait, I haven't introduced the other ones yet. Okay. Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 to 4 and 6 to 18.

Madam Speaker: Okay. 1 to 4, 6 to 18, sure and we want to stand down 15 and 17? Yes. Okay. So I'll call the question on Items 1 through 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll deal with Item 5. Madam Clerk...or I guess we'll call the question. Okay. Call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Wyatt's number was?

Councillor Orlikow: 13 I believe?

Madam Speaker: Was it...too many numbers. Just a moment. Councillor Wyatt's was No. 5 was it not? 13? Yeah, right. Yes, Councillor Wyatt, you wanted to pull 13?

Councillor Wyatt: I think so. Councillor Gerbasi did too.

Madam Speaker: She pulled 15.

Councillor Wyatt: Oh did ya? Okay.

Madam Speaker: Is 13 pulled?

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Alright, so the next one, Madam Clerk. Of 6? Okay, so I'll call the question on the remainder; 6 through 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 13 – Local Area Planning Initiatives for 2018-2019

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Orlikow: No, I'll be more than happy to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I just wanted to add some comments on this, Madam Speaker. This is an important document. It was actually council policy which required this to be filed prior to February of every year with council. Prior to that there was no local area planning initiatives being recorded. Sometimes a report would come forward and sometimes it wouldn't. And so I believe it was former Councillor Gord Steeves who actually required this policy, to have this annual report which is great. One thought or suggestion to be...is a lot of these reports are being generated from the City on the major items you see here before us, the infill strategy, the Waverley...the eastern corridor. A lot of them are also driven by the development community, therefore, by their very nature, the areas that tend to get precinct plans or area plans are areas that are...tend to be greenfield and to be developed by developers and so they have the means and the financial means available to do this type of planning. In the future though, I think it would be crucial to not only do this planning in the existing but also in...in new areas but also existing areas. We have done that. We used our planning resources to do that. We are often struggling to use our planning resources and so my suggestion would be, you have the impact fee. I realize that it's been frozen because of the lawsuit, but, it will only make sense to use the impact fee towards those types of planners...planning resources for the City to drive those sorts of plans. There is no doubt that if we do that, the City would be by and large benefit from that by intense...increasing the density of development in older neighbourhoods and that's something which I think would be very positive for our city. But of course that doesn't happen unless we have the resources available to our Planning Department to actually do these area plans. So I know the Mayor had announced on Monday, \$4 million under the impact fee towards a rec facility in Waverley West which is great news. I hope we have similar announcements in north east and north west Winnipeg for rec facilities, too, considering that we are generating our fair share of the impact fee dollars into that fund as Waverley West is. And so, I hope...but there is an example of where we could be using these dollars to generate even more impact fee dollars in the future. Thank you.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Just close to...just before everybody gets too excited about the impact fee revenue, including our mayor, we do...the by-law was very clear on making sure that we have a process in place on this one. I believe that the Waverley West Rec Centre, the...putting money towards...putting money towards better...more planning resources, I can tell you the Planning Department needs those resources. They are stretched pretty thin right now with doing the OurWinnipeg review and the infill plus all the other precinct plans, however, but it really requires...the process to determine what money, if we decide to spend the money, is done for it, that the first step is that the CFO will provide a list of projects that would then go to the working group that would then review those projects and then bring that for consideration of council and then council would then...they could choose anything off the list or not, but I think we're going to have some interesting discussions if people choose things that aren't on the list. I understand the intent that everybody's going for, and I totally agree with Councillor Wyatt's position on having some more funding for area plans. We are...Winnipeg is growing both up and out, and the out, I think, we have decent, because as Councillor Wyatt said, we have developers that are able to participate in sharing that cost. But, as we're finding as well, that developer led plans also have some pitfalls for us as well. We lose a little control on the timing and how it works so we have to actually decide as a council in the next term if we want to continue on with developer-led plans or should they all be City plans. So, I just make that as a cautionary note at this point. But, the impact fee, it is very important in regards to providing some direct benefit for those neighbourhoods that are growing considerably, but we must also keep in mind that the impact fee is city-wide, it's not just for the areas that are presently with the impact fee. It's actually...it's supposed to go to the impact that those new residents have throughout the whole city. Again, not saying that...with that said, there are so many projects that we need to fund, especially the new neighbourhoods and all throughout the city. So we need to wait until the city...the CFO provides that list, which would have to be on the direction of council which would be in the new year. But I believe showing the people that are actually generating the impact fee at this present moment and returning some of that funding so they see the direct benefit is good governance for those people. They see the reason why, they see the benefit why, that we need to have growth...help pay for growth, but they also need to see that that growth payment is actually being reinvested back in their neighbourhood as well. So kudos to you all. I like to see that we're now embracing the impact fee and it's something that will help our city grow, not just for certain areas but for the whole city of Winnipeg. So I just want to put that on the record just to keep everybody remembering how the by-law is

set up. It was a difficult by-law to get through, but I believe with the development community and the public and us as well as councillors, we did break it down into certain sections, so we could see the revenue being generated and that's important, so people can see that return on their investment. So I completely agree with Councillor Wyatt. We need to find a way to be able to support our Planning Department more. I think we have a Planning Department 1/10 the size of Edmonton and with the amount of...just in this last couple of years with the growth that we're having, this unprecedented growth that we're having, it's really stretching the resources of the Planning Department. This is...there is so much development going on, not just downtown, but throughout the whole city of Winnipeg, but the corresponding increase in the Planning Department's budget has not increased. So we're seeing a lot of our team are stretched pretty thin, just writing reports a lot, and trying to get this stuff through. They're doing an incredible job with very few resources, but we just have to be mindful of that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Any further speakers? I guess Councillor Orlikow...sorry, was closing on that. So we'll call the question now. Making sure you are awake Councillor Schreyer. All in favour of Item 3? Contrary? Carried. We also need to go back and I will call the vote on Item 14, 16 and 18. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 15.

Item 15 – New Heritage Conservation Districts By-Law

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Orlikow: No, I believe Councillor Gerbasi, who has been incredibly diligent over the last couple of years bringing this up, pushing it as fast as she could, will have many things to say about it, so I will leave it for that for now.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you Madam Speaker, I'll be brief. I just wanted...I didn't want this to go by without council noting the importance of this and what it is about. It's really exciting. After years of work, and I would like to thank the staff in our small but vital Heritage Department, for the years of work, consultation with the community, studies and diligence to get to this point. And what we have in front of us today is a new Heritage Conservation Districts By-law, which enables us to create the first Heritage Conservation District in Winnipeg. Right now, we don't have one. We have individual heritage properties that are designated. This is creating heritage districts. Now, the Province changed the Charter a few years back and gave us the authority to set this up. First came the new Heritage By-law and then this. So it's all connected work. And the next step, what you are going to see, I'm hoping, expecting probably early in the new council in November or December, is you're going to be seeing Armstrong Point coming forward as the first one in Winnipeg. Heritage districts are something that exist very common in other cities. So...and those of you who know the enclave of Armstrong Point know the incredible heritage value we have there. And this is a mechanism for rather than designating each individual property, taking steps to preserve the character of an area and protecting something around it. And it's done in conjunction with the residents. And this is something they want very much and they've been working on with the City; meetings upon meeting, years upon years. So this is the by-law that will be in place and then coming soon, I won't be here to see it, so I don't know if I will be in the south of France or where I'll be, but think of me in November when the...think of me when Armstrong Point comes forward. Think of the neighbourhood. It's really exciting for them. And it's exciting for our city. This is not just about Armstrong Point. Armstrong Point is the pilot, the first one. There's many other neighbourhoods that have expressed interest in this. And it's setting the stage and the policy framework for this to happen. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Orlikow: I'll just close...this is, I think Councillor Gerbasi can put another badge on her vest of pride to getting this one through. This Heritage Conservation District By-law, it was an enormous amount of work to get this by-law in place, first testing kind of the procedure and how it works in the Armstrong Point. The Armstrong neighbourhood was incredibly gracious in working through with the City and how do we do this? What do we mean by heritage designation? What does that mean? Are we putting a bubble over top of the neighbourhood and it will never change ever again? No. But how do we do it...so it's kind of like a heritage building. Once it's gone, it's gone. You know, it's kind of like a green space model. Once it's gone, it's gone. So you have to be very careful when we decide to go look at these neighbourhoods because really, a neighbourhood is a sense of place. A sense of place that's attractive to things such as...all neighbours are different. But in historical neighbourhoods people are moving into these areas because of the sense of place, which is in many cases, our tree canopy, the linear sideways...they're all different and that's why this by-law has to be, you know, kind of fluid. But, again, we want to preserve the best that Winnipeg does have and we have an incredible heritage stock that really, people who come to Winnipeg are amazed at how we still have some of these heritage buildings and some of these heritage neighbourhoods still surviving. Other cities, they don't have this as much. They have gone through other growth moments. And as we know, Winnipeg is now growing at a very fast rate.

So I think this will allow these neighbourhoods to grow, but in a way that allows the neighbourhood to retain that thing that they're so proud of, which is their sense of place and being. So, again, I just want to commend Councillor Gerbasi. This would have unlikely never happened without your incredible work to make this happen.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Orlikow. I will call the question on Item 15. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 17.

Item 17 – SP 1/2018 – Parker Lands Major Redevelopment Site Secondary Plan (First Reading)

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow to introduce the item.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll introduce and wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Madam Speaker, I would like to move a layover of this item. As we know and was discussed earlier, the public service received a legal decision, but the legal team immediately undertook to review the decision and time is still required to ensure it's complete and that all options are considered. The public service has advised that they want to avoid putting members of council in a difficult position, as you've not had the opportunity to fully review the decision that we talked about early this morning, as you are aware. In addition, this item is still the subject of legal proceedings, which I think is the key point. As the order referenced in the decision has not been filed in the Court of Queens Bench and the public service has requested clarification with respect of the decisions from court. So I've asked that we lay this over indefinitely until the legal matters are resolved. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Gerbasi: Wait, we're on layover motion, so?

Madam Speaker: Yes, I know. She had her hand up. So I'm not...

Councillor Gerbasi: But it's not...it's not debatable like a normal debate. It's one...isn't it one person can speak or?

Madam Speaker: Are you looking to speak Councillor Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: I'm just wanting clarification from the CAO on information.

Madam Speaker: What is your question?

Councillor Lukes: My question...my question is, has there been any new information that has come forward today that we should be aware of on this item from the courts and from the Legal Department?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Our CAO did take questions this morning so this is an additional question, so I will ask you to answer it Mr. McNeil.

Doug McNeil: Am I on? Alright, so yeah, our lawyer did reach out to the judge this morning to ask for clarification as to whether or not the...her decision was asking for the committee on November 13th to hold a public hearing or just hold a public meeting. If it's a public hearing, then the...then council's required to do first reading. And so that was problematic. She did come back and clarify that it's a public meeting. Now that doesn't change in our mind and my recommendation to council doesn't change the recommendation that we should still lay this matter over. The decision is her decision, but the order has still not been received. And I'm learning this process myself, so it's good questions about it. And typically the lawyer, excuse me, I will just mention Dave Hill. It's up to him to draft...excuse me. Up to him to draft the order because the decision was in his client's favour, then he shares that with our lawyer. There may be some back and forth. If they disagree, they may have to go back to the judge. So really, it is still a legal proceeding. It's still in a sense before the court. And we still have to assess this overall and determine what our next steps are so that's why the recommendation doesn't change. We should lay this over. The last thing...I mean, we don't want to ignore the court order, but we don't know what that court order is at this point in time. So the best course of action for council is to lay this matter over.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so Councillor Gerbasi moved layover. Councillor Orlikow, you have a chance to speak to that if you wish. Okay. I will call the question on laying over Item 17 to the next meeting of council.

Councillor Gerbasi: Not to a specific date, that's what I was recommending.

Madam Speaker: Do we need to have a timeframe Mr. Clerk? So just indefinitely?

Councillor Gerbasi: Because this will be ongoing.

Madam Speaker: So when will it be brought forward?

Councillor Eadie: We're referring it back till it's ready.

Madam Speaker: So layover indefinitely? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Move into by-laws.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, just for the record, was that unanimous? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I move that the following by-laws be for a...be read a first time; By-law Nos. 1208...

Councillor Wyatt: On By-law No. 81/2018, declare...it's related to Item No. 5.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, sure. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that by-laws be read for a first time; By-laws 1/2018, 5/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 1/2018 and By-law No. 5/2018.

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

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Interesting, okay. Just following my little script here. Council...I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law Nos. 75/2018, 77/2018, 78/2018, 79/2018, 80/2018, 81/2018, 82/2018, 86/2018, and 87/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws 75/2018, 77/2018, 78/2018, 79/2018, 80/2018, 81/2018, 82/2018, 86/2018, and 87/2018.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-law Nos. 75/2018, 77/2018 to 82/2018, both inclusive, and By-law Nos. 86/2018 and 87/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 75/2018, 77/2018 to 82/2018, both inclusive, and By-law Nos. 86/2018 and 87/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. I move that the rules be suspended and By-law Nos. 75/2018, 77/2018 to 82/2018, inclusive, and By-law Nos. 86/2018 and 87/2018 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for our Chair. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Mr. Clerk, we'll get Councillor Wyatt as well. Councillor Schreyer, do you have a question?

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

Councillor Schreyer: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, just a little question, I think it's a little question but sort of important. I just remembered in my 83 year old house in Elmwood, having to pay for renewing the electrical, getting rid of the knob and tube and putting in modern and really excellent and safe wiring and I can't deny that's what we did. Having said that, one thing that I was frustrated by and worried me is that the electricians that were renovating the electrical circuitry for the house kept referring to "The Code" and they weren't referring to, they weren't talking about the code, they were talking about insurance standards; and through the conversations, and this is before I was even elected to City Council and dealing with codes, as such, but nonetheless as a citizen, my concern was that they had the impression that the insurance industry was driving the codes for electrical standards in our city. And despite the conversations and stopping them, you know, being confused, "why are you talking about the codes, you're not talking about the codes, you're talking about insurance standards"; they couldn't get it out of their heads, they kept referring to the codes. They couldn't change the terminology in discussion and it made me concerned that the industry, the industries involved might not have a full perspective, I know it's lazy language and that's fine as long as you know what we're talking about and we're talking about the rules, whatever. But I just wanted to ask Councillor Orlikow if he has any experience with this at all regarding insurance standards as opposed to codes, two different things and if he has any insights into that given his capacity in this Chair of this committee?

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you for the question. I do have a little bit of information as I've been working with our permit department and our building department and also as a homeowner that still has some knob and tube in it. Yes, it is the work that needs to be done has to be done to the Building Code. So when you remove your knob and tube wiring, which you need to do for insurance because you will not be getting insured or you no longer will be able to sell your home with knob and tube in it. The work needs to be done based upon the new Building Code. So I, if that doesn't answer your question, I recommend that you give Stan Dueck a call and he'll be able to help a little bit more.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Any further questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan, your last committee.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to move...we have an amending motion for Item No. 4. So on the September 11th PCSP, I would like to move Items 1, 2, and 3 and stand down Item No. 4.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour of Items 1, 2, 3? Contrary? Carried.

Item 4 – Museums – Special Operating Agency.

Madam Speaker: This is...Councillor Pagtakhan, if you will introduce then there's also an amending motion.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS on September 11, 2018 the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services made seven recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee regarding Museums – Special Operating Agency:

AND WHEREAS Recommendation 4. was inadvertently omitted in forwarding the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following recommendation be added to Item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated September 11, 2018:

"4. That the WAC be directed, in consultation with museums in Winnipeg, to determine thru appropriate policies & processes for distribution of the Museum Grant Funds to all qualifying museums in Winnipeg in time for the calendar year 2022, and to administer and distribute those Museum Grant Funds annually thereafter as per a transparent, juried process open to all qualifying museums."

and the remaining recommendations be renumbered accordingly.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yeah, Madam Speaker, I would I like to ask for suspension of the rules to deal with...I don't have to? Okay. So what it is, basically there's an amending motion. There was a clause that was inadvertently omitted when this item was approved at PCSP, Standing Policy Committee, and it went to EPC and there was...it needed to include Item No. 4. So basically Item No. 4 is just stating that Winnipeg Art Council be directed in consultation with museums in Winnipeg to be determined through appropriate policies and processes for distribution of the museum grant funds to all qualifying museums in Winnipeg in time for the calendar year of 2022 and to administer and distribute those museum grant funds annually thereafter as per a transparent jury process open to all qualifying museums.

Madam Speaker: Just a moment. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Talk about items left over from last council four years ago. This has been around for at least four years that I remember, so I want to thank Councillor Pagtakhan for bringing this ship into port here and getting this resolved on the museums. Not much noted maybe in the public, but this is actually quite a significant achievement and has been around for a couple of years. And I should also say, no one...I can't think of another councillor who has used poetry as much and as eloquently as Councillor Pagtakhan, so as he heads for the exit...he unfortunately didn't do that in his own remarks, so thus it is left to me to say something in praise of Councillor Pagtakhan. And my source is the great Filipino hero Dr. Jose Rosal, who you will know of course, Madam Speaker, Jose Rosal said, "It is a useless life that is not consecrated to a great ideal. It is like a stone wasted on the field without becoming part of a great edifice." So I would like to say, I think Councillor Pagtakhan's career very shone, he wanted to be part of and has been part of a great edifice. I commend him for his work, for his tirelessness and for, really his commitment to the city and to his neighbourhood. So I wanted to send him out with something poetic and something Filipino as well. So my thanks to my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Councillor Pagtakhan to close? I'll call the question on Motion 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And the main Item 4 as amended. All in favour? Contrary. Carried. We have Motion No. 4, which is moved by Councillor Mayes and seconded by Councillor Gillingham. It's a motion regarding a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for expenses related to the First World War Digital Memorial Project. It's an automatic referral. I understand you are looking for suspension of the rules, Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Yes.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Madam Chair...

Madam Speaker: I'm going to make you stand up, yes.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Just a point of order, Madam Speaker. We have a Motion 3 that also needs...do we need to deal with it in order, or? Okay, sorry.

Madam Speaker: Yes. So Motion 4, Councillor Mayes, you're looking for suspension of the rules to deal with the item today?

Councillor Mayes: Yes

Madam Speaker: Okay, and we also need a two-thirds vote to carry the item because we're waiving criteria. Councillor Mayes...first of all, I will ask for suspension of the rules to deal with Motion 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes, to introduce Item 4.

Motion No. 4

**Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,**

WHEREAS in 2015 Heritage Winnipeg Corporation received Community Incentive Grant funding from ten different Wards totaling \$30,000 for the First World War Digital Memorial Project, with the requirement that the city's contribution could not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost;

AND WHEREAS the total project cost was subsequently reduced from \$60,000 to \$40,000, resulting in the application no longer meeting criteria, as the city's contribution now exceeded 50% of the total project cost;

AND WHEREAS on July 13, 2016, Council waved the requirement that the city's contribution could not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost;

AND WHEREAS due to unforeseen circumstances, the completion of the project has exceeded the maximum allowable two (2) years from the date of the award of the grant, and there are outstanding funds to be paid out;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the July 13, 2016 adopted Council Motion approving a Community Incentive Grant to Heritage Winnipeg Corporation (Minute No. 489) be rescinded and replaced with the following:

1. *That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, namely:*
 - A. *The project is a capital improvement or the purchase of a capital asset that will be retained for more than 1 year*
 - B. *Total City of Winnipeg contribution is 50% or less. (The applicant can access this funding at 100%)*
 - C. *Projects must be initiated and substantially completed within two (2) years of award*
2. *That a Community Incentive Grant in the total amount of \$30,000 for capital or other expenses related to the First World War Digital Memorial Project be approved as follows:*
 - A. *Riel Community Committee total of \$10,000, funded as follows:*
 - *\$10,000 from the St. Vital Ward allocation;*
 - B. *City Centre Community Committee in the total amount of \$2,000, funded as follows:*
 - *\$2,000 from the Fort-Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward allocation;*
 - C. *Assiniboia Community Committee in the total amount of \$13,000, funded as follows:*
 - *\$1,000 from the St. James-Brooklands-Weston Ward allocation;*
 - *\$2,000 from the Charleswood –Tuxedo –Whyte Ridge Ward allocation;*
 - *\$10,000 from the St. Charles Ward allocation;*
 - D. *Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee in the total amount of \$3,000, funded as follows:*
 - *\$2,000 from the Point Douglas Ward allocation;*
 - *\$1,000 from the Old Kildonan Ward allocation;*
 - E. *East Kildonan – Transcona Community Committee in the total amount of \$2,000, funded as follows:*
 - *\$666.67 from the Transcona Ward allocation;*
 - *\$666.67 from the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward allocation;*
 - *\$666.67 from the North Kildonan Ward allocation*

be approved to the Heritage Winnipeg Cooperation to assist with the cost of the First World War Digital Memorial Project , subject to the following conditions:

1. *Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the City of Winnipeg*
2. *The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg*

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you to my colleagues for agreeing to waive the rules on this. And this matter has now lasted almost as long as the First World War did and I thank all of...many of you for contributing. It's...even if you don't want to support me, if you want to support Cindy Tugwell from Heritage Winnipeg, if you want to support Cindy Fernandez from our Community Services, please vote for this. This has been a very long procedural schmauzle. And this hopefully will resolve it. We'll get the \$30,000 to Heritage Winnipeg before November 11th when the thing comes down. This is the World War I display that's been up at Union Station for three years. This has been a challenge in terms of getting the money out to Heritage Winnipeg. So would welcome the support. And it's worth noting, 10 councillors did support this and not to go on and on, but we have the unusual situation, probably the first time since '92, that we have two councillors running against one another, thus neither of them can really give any sort of farewell speech. So I just wanted to thank both Councillor Dobson and Councillor Gillingham, both contributed to this very generously. Both have been very good colleagues to work with in my experience and both have also very generously donated when we passed the hat, so to speak, for the Habitat for Humanity build with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. Both of them got in right away and I appreciated that. Speaking personally, that...that meant a lot to me. So I thank them both, for their support. We can't all give farewell speeches. That would take all day. Certainly mine would. So instead, I just want to thank them both for their support on this item and for some other projects that I think we've been able to work together on as councillors and that's it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close?

Councillor Mayes: I think I will not take away any further from that soaring rhetoric about Jose Rosal and will simply ask people to support this so we can move on.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of Motion 4? Contrary? Carried. Motion 3 on your desks; moved by Councillor Pagtakhan and seconded by Councillor Eadie. The motion is regarding the 2018 grant to Seven Oaks House Museum to operate the museum. It's an automatic referral. Okay, and the voting would just be a majority. All in favour of suspending the rules to deal with Motion 3? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Eadie to introduce...or Councillor Pagtakhan, pardon me, to introduce.

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

WHEREAS on April 26, 2018, Council approved the re-allocation of the 2018 grant for the Ross House Museum to the Seven Oaks House Museum in order to ensure the Ross House Museum would be open and available to the citizens of Winnipeg for the 2018 season;

AND WHEREAS the above decision included Condition 1.A that as part receiving the grant, Seven Oaks House Museum be required to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the condition has not yet been met and the City of Winnipeg and Seven Oaks House Museum continue to discuss the issue and process of a lease agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Property & Development Department and Legal Services will continue to work with Seven Oaks House Museum and other museums located in City of Winnipeg facilities to develop lease or management agreements that will protect the interest of the museums, the City and the citizens of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Ross House Museum season is drawing to a close and Seven Oaks House Museum has successfully operated the Ross House Museum in 2018 and should be provided with the 2018 grant in the amount of \$31,077 minus any applicable deductions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recommendation 1.A of Item 2 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated April 10, 2018, as approved by Council on April 26, 2018, requiring that Seven Oaks House Museum enter into a lease agreement with the City of Winnipeg in order to qualify for the 2018 Ross House Museum grant be rescinded in order to provide the 2018 grant.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much Madam Speaker. Basically, this is in Councillor Eadie's ward, it's a museum that he's supporting. I'm also on the board and through the Seven Oaks House Museum...essentially what it is,

is it's just looking for...I will read the resolution; "Recommendation 1.A of Item 2 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee dated April 10th as approved, requiring that Seven Oaks House Museum enter into a lease agreement with the City of Winnipeg in order to satisfy the grant be rescinded in order to provide the 2018 grant."

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: The Ross House Museum was open this year, managed by the curator from the Seven Oaks House Museum. It was actually, I thought, a...quite a successful season for the Ross House Museum and this is just an administrative semantics to deal with it, but our City-owned Ross House Museum was open to the public and saw a number of visitors and participated in a number of community events.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close? I will call the question on Motion 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws under this committee. Councillor Pagtakhan

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

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, Madam Speaker. I will move that By-law No. 72/2018 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 72/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'll move that By-law No. 72/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 72/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 72/2018 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. Any questions for Councillor Pagtakhan? Okay. Councillor Gilroy.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Will you be enjoying your time when you're no longer on Council?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Well, thank you very much for that question through you, Madam Speaker to Councillor Gilroy. I will be and looking forward to the next chapter in my life. It's been an enjoyable time, I want to thank all my colleagues, I want to thank the members of Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services, for your time and efforts and I'll never forget our budget meeting that we had in 2000 and what was it? 2015. We went until what time? Two o'clock in the morning, it was crazy. But it was, three o'clock in the morning, yeah, it was three o'clock in the morning, Mr. Jack was telling me to stop the meeting and it was like, we just kept on going. But I'll never forget that meeting, and so was Councillor Lukes, so. But thank you very much for the question and I'll keep in touch.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Maybe we'll see you at this podium as a delegation. We'll now move on to the next committee. If I could call Councillor Gerbasi up to take the Chair, we will get on to the next committee. A few items left and then we'll be done.

Madam Deputy Speaker: So we're on the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. So I call on who? Matt Allard, you're new at this...you're still new at this. Councillor Allard to introduce the report.

**REPORT OF THE
 STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
 DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

Councillor Allard: I guess I would like to pull items...I believe my colleague wants to speak to Item 1, I'd like to speak to Item 2. Amendment for 1? Amending motion. So I want to move consent agenda 1 to 4, I want to speak to 2 and there's an amendment motion for No. 1.

Madam Deputy Speaker: So, okay. So, 1 and 2...wait sorry, can you repeat that?

Councillor Allard: Alright, thank you Councillor Eadie.

Madam Deputy Speaker: You are moving...okay. Really? Okay, 1, 2, 3. So we're just moving...anything else? We're just moving 4? All those in favour? Any Opposed? Carried. Item 1

Councillor Allard: I'll wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I believe there's an amending motion...or, go ahead Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Free Access to all Transit Service for all Armed Forces Veterans and Serving Personnel Annually on Remembrance Day

Madam Speaker: So we have an amending motion. Would you like Councillor Allard...I guess I'll just then go to Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Gillingham on the amendment.

**Motion No. 6
 Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
 Seconded by Councillor Mayes,**

WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit has completed an analysis and cost estimate to expand the scope of free access to Transit Services on Remembrance Day to include Cadets and Reservists.

AND WHEREAS this adds an estimated 15,550 eligible personnel who would each be able to bring a companion, which would result in a net increase from \$12,482 to \$21,340 of lost revenue and Handi-Transit costs, which would be absorbed by the Department within the existing approved Operating Budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated September 7, 2018 be amended by replacing Recommendation 1 with the following:

"1. That armed forces veterans, current serving personnel, including cadets and reservists, be allowed to ride Winnipeg Transit buses (including Handi-Transit service) for free annually on Remembrance Day while wearing a military uniform or presenting a military identification or CF1 card at the time of boarding."

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, the amending motion really would extend this free access to transit service for the armed forces veterans and serving personnel on Remembrance Day. It would extend it also to the cadets and to the reservists as well. And I appreciate the...appreciate Councillor Mayes being willing to second this motion. I've been working with Councillor Mayes on another project, the World Remembrance Project, which of course is displaying the names of World War I soldiers at city hall right now. But this motion has been costed out by our Transit Department as well so I appreciate their efforts and our CAO's efforts to get that information for us so council can make an informed decision. And final comment on this is that, I can tell you in my work as...in the role as Liaison for Veteran and Military Affairs, appreciate the Mayor's efforts to help co-create that role and put it in place, that the...both the veterans and the current serving personnel and our reservists as well, all have expressed appreciation to this city

council, the Mayor and council, for our intentional efforts to collaborate with them, to support them, to acknowledge their work, to try to do what they can to make the City of Winnipeg a greater partner in the work that they do and so the efforts that we are making are not going without notice. This seems like a relatively small thing, but it speaks volumes to our men and women in uniform, both past and present, and the young cadets as well. So that's the amending motion. I ask my colleagues to support that.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Are there any speakers on this? You will get to close, Councillor Allard or you could speak to it now or you could close. Any...seeing no speakers, would you...any further? No. Councillor Allard to close.

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I just wanted to take a minute to make a few comments in French.

French Spoken

Alors, oui, je suis repouvoir considérer cette proposition aujourd'hui qui reconnaît nos vétérans et ce et celle qui travaillent dans nos forces armées. Je pense que c'est vraiment un montant d'argent qui est vraiment pas considérable étant donné le service qui est rendu à notre patrie à notre pays et puis je pense que c'est un très beau...un très beau geste de reconnaissance qu'on peut faire comme municipalité pour reconnaître leurs efforts. J'aimerais aussi reconnaître mon collègue Scott Gillingham qui a été représentant ou liaison aux affaires militaires et aussi j'aimerais remercier le maire Bowman de m'avoir nommé dans ce poste là que j'occupé pendant à peu près un an où j'ai vraiment appris beaucoup par rapport à la contribution des familles militaires à Winnipeg et aussi j'ai découvert qu'il y avait un très grand...un très grand lien francophone avec ses familles militaires. Plusieurs d'entre eux se joindre à nous du Québec et aussi j'apprends que le français est vraiment quelque chose qui est très valorisé au niveau de service militaire. Alors, une expérience que j'aurais pas pu avoir si je n'avais pas été nommé le représentant de conseil aux affaires militaires. Alors je pense que c'est une très belle...une très belle façon de finir le terme, de reconnaître les hommes et les femmes qui ont fait...et les familles, où dans certains cas, le sacrifice ultime à été fait de la vie de certains de ces membres de famille et je pense que c'est une très belle façon de reconnaître leur service et puis c'est un geste qu'on peut faire ici à la ville de Winnipeg. Alors, merci au maire, merci à Scott Gillingham et je suis heureux d'approuver ou de voter pour ce rapport aujourd'hui.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. So first, I'll call the vote on the amendment. All those in favour? Any opposed? That's Carried. And now on the motion as amended. All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried. Okay. That's done. Now No. 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Negotiation of U-Pass Agreements with University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg and Red River College

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Allard, would you like to introduce, or?

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I wanted to highlight this before because I think it's...much of that heavy lifting was done in prior councils and want to see...want to recognize how well the program has worked and how great an opportunity is to also include the Red River College students in this program. And something that's maybe not necessarily referenced in this report, I think is about...I mean, we know that there's been great uptake with the program, but I think something that is maybe not mentioned is how programs like this, getting people on the bus when they're in their formative years can be making bus riders for life in some cases. And I think we're looking at the dollars and cents of the program here today and we're seeing the success of the program, but I also think that this is a program that long-term for our city is going to be great news because some people are going to be making the choice to not drive a car and get on the bus and every time...every time somebody makes that choice, it's one less car that's jamming up our streets, especially around rush hour. So I wanted to thank everybody who has been involved in the creation of this program prior and I think it's...again, another great way to end a term is to see an expansion of a very successful program and that will be of great benefit to Winnipeggers.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Any other speakers on this item? Seeing none...oh, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I'd just like to make the point, based on what Councillor Allard said, the idea that every time we get someone on the bus, it's one less vehicle. I have to say, if you really look when you're driving, and you notice how many people are in maybe your vehicle and the vehicles beside you, yeah, often, it's just the driver. And so to the extent that we can encourage people using public transit, absolutely. Of course, Councillor Allard, unbeknownst to him, just opened up a can of worms, but of course, these things are complicated politics involved so the issue is to what extent. Those elected in the next term will deal with, you know, to what extent we raise bus fares and stuff like this to what

extent it is prohibitive to what extent it encourages us to use public transit. And I will leave it at that. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Are there any other speakers on this item? Seeing none, Councillor Allard, do you wish to close? All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried. Okay, next we go into Item 3. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Capital Budget Amendment and Delegation of Authority to Award General Capital Fund Contract Exceeding \$5,000,000.00 for Empress Street and Empress Street East – St. Matthews Avenue to Portage Avenue for Bridge Rehabilitations, Pavement Rehabilitations, Pavement Reconstructions and Riverbank Stabilization

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'll wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Who wished to speak to this? Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, thank you very much Madam Speaker. I will be quick. I know that some, including Councillor Eadie, has another meeting to get to. But in fact, I do want to stand it down to give thanks to him. Part of the...what we're moving here, the funds are going towards accessibility features on this project. This project is in the very eastern part of the St. James Ward. And when it was initially designed, it looked fantastic. Great new project, but one thing was glaringly missing, and that was accessibility features to aspects of this bridge. And that was...I know it was brought to my attention and I know that Councillor Eadie and others on the Access Advisory Committee really did bring this to our attention as well. And so, it's an important decision we're making today. I believe it's the right decision to make today and so I want to thank all who had a hand in helping this kind of...amend this and ensure that this infrastructure will be accessible to all people. So I'm glad to support this motion and again, want to express appreciation and gratitude to those who've helped us get here.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on that item? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: It was the...Madam Speaker...Madam Deputy Speaker, pardon me, Madam Deputy Speaker, you also today, wow, what a council meeting for you today. The Access Advisory Committee was empowered by the Deputy Speaker for a number of years from 1998 till, I think, I was put on...until I got elected onto city council in 2010. And she did a lot. But, yes, it was the Access Advisory Committee. There was an open house. A number of people volunteered. They went down there. They checked out, considered, and you know, the realization was that it wasn't going to be accessible. I don't know that...I think it's requesting an extra \$6 million if I recall. But I don't know that all \$6 million of that is directly related to the accessibility. But what is really great is that Councillor Gillingham shepherded this through his EPC and Finance, and so we must thank him. And anyway, it's a very worthy project. And, wow, Empress and Portage, and the overpass and all that, it was quite old. It needs its serious renovations. So there it is. And it's accessible.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Councillor Allard to close...do you wish to close?

Councillor Allard: No, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, no motions, no by-laws. We'll have question period for our Chair. Any questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes:

Translation of French Spoken: 4:41:58

Merci. Est-ce qu'il y a une date pour l'achèvement...la fin des travaux de la Promenade Taché? Projet importante pour conseiller Vandal et surtout importante pour conseiller Allard.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard:

French Spoken:

Alors, je crois que la question était quand **achète**(??) les travaux de la Promenade Taché? Oui, ou c'était un commentaire? Okay, c'est beau. Merci au conseiller Mayes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? No further questions for the Chair? We'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report. No motions. No by-laws. We'll have question period for our Chair for Councillor Gillingham. No questions? Okay, moving on, Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes.

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Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I think both 1 and 2 will probably be...I will pull 1 and then we only have No. 2, so. Yeah, so we'll deal with No. 1 first then I guess.

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 – Mattress and Box Spring Recycling Pilot Project with Mother Earth Recycling

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Very auspicious that we would deal with this in our last meeting. And first, I want to commend the Mayor for creating this committee. This was something Councillor Lukes and I, I think, both lobbied for, creating a Water and Waste Committee as a separate committee from Public Works. This has, I think, been a success. And as they say, no one who's held the job as Chair has ever died so it's a wonderful position. As I'm the only person to hold the Chair, so it's been a wonderful run and I thank the Mayor for that. Item No. 1 is the item we heard several hours ago and I want to thank Jessica Floresco for still being here, the only person except for Jay Cowan who has now arrived from Mother Earth. Jay obviously having put in a work day. This is a terrific project, much thanks to Councillor Gilroy for her support on this as well. It's...it's social enterprise. It's environmentally friendly. There's indigeneity in terms of the employment of the workforce. This really is something that I am very proud that we worked to make possible. And as I said at EPC, on a personal level, four years ago, I might have looked at this and just looked at the numbers, but the Mayor has been quite diligent, quite skilled, I think, in talking about looking at things from a reconciliation lens. And certainly personally, I think I look at things a little differently as a result of that. So I want to commend the Mayor for that. And when viewed through that lens, certainly it is important and it is commendable that we would go forward with the one-year pilot project and I hope we go considerably further than that. And, again, thanks to our friends from Mother Earth who are here who are very good at, after the initial consideration of this, working with us to try and come up to a...to get this to conclusion and Moira Geer, who's been terrific to work with as Director took the attitude of, you know, we want to make this work. We want to make this happen, so it looks like we're going to. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I just want to rise in support of this. I think they're really...Mother Earth Recycling does really, really great work. I was able to go on a tour of their facility and they do a tremendous amount of work. But I also want to really congratulate Councillor Mayes on pushing this agenda forward. He did an amazing job and now we're working with the social enterprise, which I think is really, really important. So thanks for everybody for their contribution.

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

Councillor Mayes: No, that's fine.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Item 1 – Mattress and Box Spring Recycling Pilot Project with Mother Earth Recycling. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Winnipeg Climate Action Plan

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, out of an abundance of caution, I would like to declare a conflict.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes to introduce the item.

Councillor Mayes: Very briefly, I look forward to hearing others comments, I will probably save my remarks for closing, other than to say Lindsay Morrow from our staff did some terrific work making this happen. So want to make that noted. And look forward to hearing others' comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know it's late in the day, but I am going to make a few comments on this one. This is a very big issue. Again, there's a lot of things on this last meeting, a lot that I'm very excited about. Prior to this term on council, Winnipeg had lagged in its efforts to tackle climate change. And while some work was being done, it wasn't embedded in our administrative framework or lens and resources were minimal at best to get the job done. While work has been done on setting up plans and strategies for our corporate emissions, meaning the City of Winnipeg's own internal greenhouse gas emissions, we've lagged far behind other cities in doing the planning for community-wide action and climate change. This term of council, I was honoured to be appointed by Mayor Bowman, to Chair the Climate Change Working Group along with my colleagues Councillor Gilroy and Allard. As part of the working group, I met with many stakeholders and found that there is a deep passion and energy in our community towards doing something about climate change. People want to see their city taking action on this and working with community partners in doing so. One of our key recommendations of the Climate Change Working Group was to proceed immediately with the community-wide Climate Change Plan. This project was facilitated by a \$94,000 green municipal fund grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. And the report in front of us is entitled, "Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan; Planning for Climate Change, Acting for People." It provides a framework to proactively, meaningfully and effectively mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It is the culmination of years of work by the City, community leaders, stakeholders, technical experts and the public. I want to stop for a moment and thank the staff for their dedicated work on this report. It is their commitment and hard work that made it possible that such a comprehensive vision for climate change work is coming forward in a relatively timely fashion and under the leadership of our senior team, this was not one little department. This was done across departments in our city. As part of my work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, I had the...I was able to attend, with other local government leaders, Cop 21 in Paris and also Cop 23 in Germany last year. A big focus of those meetings and the reason mayors and councillors were there in force, was to emphasize and cement the essential role of local governments in addressing climate change. The case has been made and is better understood now that the local level of government must do their part on climate change and be given the tools and the supports to do so. In fact, without local government actively working to address climate change, national and international targets cannot be met. Cities and communities produce the lion's share of greenhouse gas emissions through the infrastructure and activities within our cities, be it transportation, buildings, waste disposal, or the way we plan and develop urban sprawl versus compact urban form. Winnipeg has some catch-up to do on our work on climate change, as it has not been an issue that council has really been comfortable tackling. And in the past, we've been limping along without a comprehensive community plan. And why is this issue so important? Of course, the obvious reason is that changing climate is likely the most serious threat to our survival as a species in the future. Doing nothing should really not be an option. But aside from that, there is a positive effect on people's lives when we do the things that result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions. To quote Michael Bloomberg, former New York City mayor and UN Special Envoy for Climate Change, "Most of the things that make a city better, healthier and more economically productive, also reduce carbon emissions." This is about livable, walkable cities, about urban density and mixed-use neighbourhoods, about a robust small business environment and a strong local economy and is about healthier living, all achieved by reducing carbon pollution in the air we breathe. The report today points out that working together with community partners to reduce emissions, the city can realise a number of co-benefits, including but not limited to; creating a more prosperous, innovative and diverse local and regional economy. Constructing more complete neighbourhoods and revitalizing the livability of all communities throughout Winnipeg. Improving the efficiency of transportation networks and reducing traffic congestion. Building and maintaining healthier buildings to live and work in which are less expensive to operate and enhancing the connectivity of green spaces and parks throughout Winnipeg to support bio diversity and natural systems. We now have as a result of the Climate Change Working Group recommendations an Office of Sustainability and inter-departmental Climate Change Working Group. Each department will be plugged in and engaged and using a climate change lens in the work we are doing in the city. The next step is to do the economic modelling and determine the resources required, costs and benefits of our plans. This plan we are hopefully passing today will be in the hands of the next council and I'm looking at you, some of you, to respond to the administrative direction, once those costs and benefits are identified. I want to thank the Mayor for his support and all members of council. Thank you in advance to all of you who will be here in the future

council, carrying the torch and ensuring we go forward working towards a more sustainable and resilient city, one that is acting for people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Bowman: I don't want to go after that. That was an outstanding remark from Councillor Gerbasi, who I know has really spent decades fighting to combat climate change. It's sad that in this day and age one still needs to acknowledge that climate change is real and that's it is caused by humans, but it is. And as a result, it is up to political leaders at multiple levels of government to do more to combat climate change and of course, greenhouse gas emissions. I want to acknowledge and thank the leadership of our committee chair, Councillor Brian Mayes, for moving this forward, and for his leadership in the difficult task of a really heavy portfolio with some of the biggest dollars to City projects involved. The city and this council should be really proud of some of the, I would call them environmental initiatives that we've let on in recent years, whether it's the \$78 million for combined sewer overflow conversions over the last four years, whether it's the massive investments by previous council for the west end water treatment plant. I know there's ongoing work to the south and there's a larger price tag involved with the north end treatment plant. There's been investments made in active transportation. There's been investments in many other initiatives including ongoing work to improve our public transportation system, all of which help with GHG emissions. The one thing I do want to say is this Climate Change Action Plan will help coordinate and create a process moving forward for us to be even more effective. So it's going to build on the positive momentum of the last four years and building on the work of previous councils to make these key investments. This was an action plan that involved extensive consultation and input from leaders in climate change in our community, given the extent...if folks that are watching these proceedings, take a look at this plan. You will see the listing of all those organisations who have been working for some time on climate change action plan and GHG mitigation steps. This really pulls us all together and says to the community, we want to work with and we want to help with our own actions as well as help support actions in the broader community. I've seen some of the modelling in terms of climate change as it relates to Winnipeg recently. There's experts at the University of Winnipeg that were kind enough to sit down with me and show me some of their modelling that they've previously made public. It is stark and it is really concerning. If you take a look at the modelling for prairie cities in particular, the three key concerns I have, if collectively humanity doesn't effectively deal with climate change, for Winnipeg, it means increased flooding that will be more frequent and more severe than we've seen in the past. It means health issues, notably asthma and other ailments for us and for our kids. And it also just means we're not building the kind of city and environment that we're proud to call home. And so for that reason, I strongly support the Climate Action Plan. I want to thank everybody involved, starting with our Chair, Councillor Gerbasi, and everybody else involved here and in the broader community. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. Just talking about a very important issue. It's really important. And, you know, we're a progressive society. People here that I was raised with dealing with the issue of climate change and inevitable changes in the 21st century regarding climate change and ironically at the same time, the challenges of changing from a fossil fuel-based economy and when we look at that, we should look at it not just in terms of sort of operating, you know, the magnitudes of massive machinery, transportation, things like that, it's more than that. Madam Speaker, I endorse the plan, but what I've said before at standing committee is that we can't always address things as being urban and rural. And it's unrealistic. That's just not the way we are. As an example, Madam Speaker, I want...I would like to say Winnipeggers metaphorically, but that can be confusing. Urban...the majority of North Americans, majority of Canadians, live in cities. And therefore, the majority of the people...the majority of the food consumed in Canada is consumed by people in cities. Agriculture tends to be international. We have a North American market agriculturally. There are exports and imports for sure. As I've learned only as a member of this council, by virtue of being on the unofficial agriculture committee, I did learn, it's important. I can't believe how much is actually sort of affected conservation and perspective on a couple of issues, that by virtue of Councillor Brian Mayes' door...on a poster on his door, that Canada is the largest producer of peas and lentils in the world and the largest exporter. That tells you something, Madam Speaker, why is that the case? And I will come back to that in a bit. But Madam Speaker, we are talking about carbon emissions. And we're talking about transportation. Madam Speaker, in Manitoba, and there's no reason not to deal on a larger perspective in terms of who we are and what we can do as a society, it's not merely as a city, and we can't deal merely like that and merely as a city. As good as this program is, this plan is, the fact is, Madam Speaker, that...and how we affect it as a city, as consumers. Agriculture is the largest producer of carbon emissions in our society. And the...by far, the largest factor in that is livestock, Madam Speaker. However, there's many other aspects, important aspects, of oil and fossil fuel use and agriculture, Madam Speaker, the entire agricultural industry is based on fossil fuel, it's based on oils, it's based on carbon. We're not just talking about the livestock and the methane they create by flatulence, that's just the way it is, whether you talk about the city and transportation...or agriculture in the country, you're talking about gas, essentially, Madam Speaker. That's just the fact of it. Fertilizers are made of oil. Pesticides are made of oil. Insecticides are made of oil. Running the farm equipment, running the massive machinery in agriculture is oil-based. I've seen visiting Fort McMurray as an example in terms of mass machinery working outside,

working open pit mining as an example. I've seen an electric-powered mining machine. I can't call it...a loader, essentially. So massive, but it was hooked up by a giant cable. It was a fascinating thing to see this piece of machinery. I don't...and yet they try it there, it's more of a showpiece, conversation piece, it's a good thing, to look at these things in terms of progress. Madam Speaker, we can't operate our agricultural industry at this point...I don't know how we could operate it on electricity. We need to prioritize our energy resources. I believe we're going to need to prioritize them to agriculture, having said that, Madam Speaker, it's not going to be that easy. We're dealing with two related issues; one, coming to the end of an essentially unlimited supply in terms of how much we can even produce in the last 100 years, coming to the understanding that there are limitations to fossil fuels that we have to contend with in the 21st century. At the same time, contending with the fact that factors seem to indicate that it's affecting our climate. And so, Madam Speaker, my point to all this is when it comes to a plan for affecting climate change and dealing with reduced energy...fossil fuel energies for two reasons; one, dealing with our limitations and ensuring we prioritize them to the right place for just the security of our society, as well as dealing with the effects of fossil fuel production and use on the climate. Madam Speaker, we have to look at ourselves as consumers, not...of agricultural commodities, eaters of food and not just producers, but eaters because as consumers, we drive the production, the agricultural production. I would like to say metaphorically in rural Manitoba, from Winnipeg, but that is simplistic. As urban dwellers, we affect the rural economy, the rural production. And therefore, we can't separate ourselves, Madam Speaker, from city or rural areas, of agricultural areas because we do it together, Madam Speaker. Consumers drive production and producers influence consumption as well, Madam Speaker. And we have to look at it that way, in terms of if we're really going to deal seriously with energy consumption and carbon emissions. Madam Speaker, I mentioned before lentils and peas, and the reason is, I just mentioned the other day at the Nanak Darbar Gurdwara Sikh Temple in Valley Gardens, the fact that Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries in the world, large population, however, they are...they managed to import peas and lentils from Canada to support an efficient protein diet. And they're willing...they're able to import it from Canada, which cannot be cheap, Madam Speaker, and yet they're able to do it. And this is how they deal with the issue of protein. Madam Speaker, I'm very serious when I say that we as consumers are going to have to deal with the issue of climate change, not just producers, but how we affect agriculture, because we do so as primarily people that live in cities and it's not a separate issue. And so I'm just going say that, although I endorse this, I would just say on the record again, it is incomplete because it doesn't address how we affect the agricultural industry, Madam Speaker, and we will never address the issues of carbon emissions, limitations in fossil fuels without dealing with our responsibilities towards the agricultural sector. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I just want to thank Lindsay in the Office of Sustainability. This is a really, really great document and also Councillor Gerbasi for her leadership on this. I know that she was...while she was in Paris, I got to come and take part in the community consultations that were happening on the Climate Action Plan on her behalf and it was great to see so many community members out there supporting this plan and giving their thoughts and opinions to how we could make our city more sustainable. And I just want to read to you a little bit what it says here, "The plan provides a framework to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation, land use, buildings, waste sectors as well as through community collaboration and corporate leadership. Furthermore, planning for climate adaption and resiliency are identified as important short-term actions and complementary to mitigation actions identified in the plan." And I just want to really...I think this is a great plan and just want to thank all those that have contributed to it. Thanks.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I can't believe I have to stand up and speak to this. Just really quickly, I just wanted to say, we do need to take responsibility for climate change. We do need to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. But alls I'm going to say about this is the semantics of how you pay for the various means to reduce greenhouse gas is of the utmost importance to the city. We all do have to take responsibility, but some of us only have an ability to deal with a certain amount of paying. People who probably will not benefit from jobs that are created as a result of the number of actions that we heard our speaker speak about. And so I just leave you with that concept. Remember, it's the semantics of how you pay to deal with it that is of the utmost importance.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Are there any other speakers? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I just want to thank Councillor Gerbasi for leading this charge. I know she's been consistent on this. It's been a long, long, long time coming in terms of getting here. And I just want to say this as we were members of the Rapid Transit Task Force, Councillor Gerbasi and myself, Councillor Pagtakhan, the worst thing that we could possibly do in the future going forward after this term as a city would be to abandon rapid transit. The worst...you want to set this policy back, you want to set back climate change, abandon rapid transit. It's the worst thing that can be done. I mean, rapid transit to me...and transit, period, to our city I think, in terms of reducing...you look at this report, read the report,

moving folks out of their automobiles to buses, one of the greatest ways we can reduce greenhouse gases as a community. If we abandon rapid transit, it's been a debate in this city, back and forth, back and forth, it would be a huge setback. We're about to open the south west rapid corridor...rapid transit corridor, we've got to build more of them. The Mayor campaigned on that...but there has to be more throughout the city. Whether it be rail or bus, bus or rail, just do something for rapid transit and do things for transit. Because setting us back would be...you might as well forget this policy then, because if we're going to abandon that after this in November, this policy will be just words. And in the meantime, let's be positive. Let's see it going forward and hopefully that won't be the case. Hopefully we'll embrace rapid transit as the years go on. Thanks Madam Speaker.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers on the item? Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Just as we inherit some items from prior councils, so we leave this to be implemented by future councils. It is important that we have this plan to try and synthesize some of what has been said. Pleased to support Councillor Gerbasi's trip to Paris with a grant from my Chair budget that I'm given, so I was pleased to support that. Councillor...the Mayor has touched on many of the environmental initiatives that we've begun in this term. \$200 million into the southwest...into the south pollution control plan, which is often overlooked, major environmental initiative. What the Mayor missed, which Councillor Schreyer caught, we started up the Food Council and Councillor Schreyer has been a very active member of that. And some important issues raised there in terms of...it's not just transportation. It's not just buildings it's not just ag, it's not just waste disposal. It's all of these the four things that kind of swirl around and present a challenge to us. We will debate here, those of us who are still here, we will debate items like compost in the next council. We will debate other issues, but I think there's a willingness to keep moving forward on this file. We'll almost undoubtedly debate rapid transit, as Councillor Wyatt has said. But I think there's been much achieved over the past four years in terms of the environment. Always more we can do with this document, as Councillor Gilroy, has said, some very good work by the staff in terms of laying out a plan for the future. The details, however, and the affordability of some of these projects will have to be debated here, but I think there's some good work that's done and more that we can do certainly. It will be up to the next council and future councils to try and sort out what it is we want to do on these different projects. But to close out, I think it's something we can be proud of in terms of some the projects that we've voted for; AT, as the Mayor has said, double tree budgets for several years, we've doubled...Councillor Orlikow has taken the lead on Dutch Elm and Emerald Ash Bore. There've been a number of environmental initiatives here that I've been proud to support and look forward, hopefully, to being back here in the future, where we can continue the debate on what to do on these various different factors. And with that, I will close.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay. All those in favour? Any contrary? That's carried unanimously. Okay, we have...now we move onto question period for Water and Waste and the Environment. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Seeing none, we move on then to the Governance Committee of Council dated September 6th. There's Items 1 to 4. We have a motion on 4. No. No, it's a stand-alone motion.

Councillor Sharma: I was going to ask about question period for the Chair.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Yeah. Do we have the motion...Councillor Sharma to introduce the report.

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DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

Councillor Sharma: Thank you Madam Deputy Speaker. I will introduce Item 1, 2, 3, and 4 as consent.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Can I just confer with the Clerk, I'm just...

Councillor Sharma: Motion 4 can be dealt with after.

Madam Deputy Speaker: After? Okay. So Item 1 to 4 as consent. Yeah? This is the time.

Councillor Allard: Is this the report on social media? Okay. Can I pull 1?

Madam Deputy Speaker: You'd like to pull item 1?

Councillor Allard: Yeah.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay. Anything else anybody? Item 2 to 4. All those in favour? Any opposed? That's carried. Item 1.

Item 1 – Elections - Candidate Advertisements

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay. Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I think the reason Councillor Allard has pulled the item just to request some clarification. So this motion before us originally came forward at Council and went through EPC on to Governance. And it was asking to look at the advertising rules around this municipal election and going forward. So we are not making any changes to advertising during this campaign period that we're in right at the moment. So if you look it says, "1) that Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the following as part of the 2018 election review." So sub-bullets of A, B and C will be looked at after this election is finished and looking at if it's possible and how we might undertake these things. So nothing is being implemented at the moment.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Are there any speakers on the item? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. That's great to hear. I know this is an issue of clarification. It's just that I will read what A, and that says, "The City election rules for the 2018 municipal general election and for all future elections be amended." So it is saying that it would amend the rules for the 2018 municipal general election. Therefore, that's my point of concern. So how do we assure that what Councillor Sharma says will be the case? Because here it says, somehow they're going to deal with the 2018 municipal general election. I think if we took that out, we would all be on the same page. If not, I need clarification about how this applies to 2018 as it says, if I'm told just now by Councillor Sharma, that it is not.

Madam Deputy Speaker: She can close on the item. Is there any other speakers, though? Councillor Allard, did you wish to speak?

Councillor Allard: Yeah. I mean, I heard from the Speaker, I've checked in with the Clerk. I wanted to maybe...and I guess Madam Speaker can close, but there is some chatter going on in the Twitter-verse. I have been saying that nothing...the report, if passes today, nothing changes for this election. If the report passes today, we will review as part of the 2018 election what happened and see how these items can be considered in terms of recommendations for the next election. So that's clear to me. I was hoping that it would be become clear to all of my colleagues on council and the Twitter-verse.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Are there any other speakers on the item? Okay, Councillor Sharma to close.

Councillor Sharma: I think the important thing is here like any other reports we have in this chamber is to look at the history of where it started and what happened at EPC and then it went on to Governance. Nowhere in here does it say that we're taking the directive of changing any rules around advertising midway through the campaign period that we're in right now. And the actual clauses of A, B and C are taken from the original motion. The directive is very clear there in Item 1. We don't go and revise the wording with every report. This one is a little bit tricky, but again, it's on Hansard and I think our comments today will be as well. So thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question then. All those in favour? Any opposed? It's carried. Okay, we have a motion here to...Motion 8.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MOTIONS**

Motion No. 8
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is a member and supporter of Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM);

AND WHEREAS on November 1, 2017, City Council appointed Councillor Jeff Browaty as the Council Representative to AMM;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Browaty has been a strong supporter and advocate of the AMM and the services it provides to Manitoba Municipalities for many years;

AND WHEREAS the AMM has an Executive Committee, consisting of the President and two Vice Presidents;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Browaty has expressed interest in sitting as part of the Executive Committee of the AMM;

AND WHEREAS the Nomination Process for the Executive Committee requires that a Council's endorsement of the nomination;

AND WHEREAS the deadline for submission of a nomination, including Council endorsement, is November 5, 2018;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That Winnipeg City Council support and endorse Councillor Jeff Browaty to run for the position of Vice – President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.*
2. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Deputy Speaker.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Just one moment. So this would...motion be automatic referral to...normally to the Governance Committee. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Deputy Speaker. I would like to move suspension of the rules to deal with the item now.

Madam Speaker: And that requires a two-thirds vote. All those in favour? Those opposed? Okay, I think we need to have a recorded vote because you really couldn't tell. Okay, all those in favour, please rise...in favour of suspending the rules.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillor Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Lukes, Schreyer, Wyatt, Sharma.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Madam Deputy Speaker Councillor Gerbasi.

City Clerk: The vote Madam...

Madam Deputy Speaker: The motion is...oh, sorry.

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City Clerk: The vote Madam Deputy Speaker, Yes 7, Nays 9.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Defeated...it will be referred then to the Governance Committee. Is that it, folks? Move adjournment. And roll call. Deputy...or, Speaker Sharma rule...I'm getting delirious. Adjournment and roll call. Thank you, everybody.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 5:18 p.m.