COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, December 13, 2018

The Council met at 9:40 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 Browaty.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, and Councillor Schreyer.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I would like to now recognize our page for today's meeting. I welcome back Max Thompson who attends St. Boniface Diocesan High School. He resides in the St. Boniface Ward. Thank you for assisting Council today. We will now move on to morning announcements. Mr. Mayor you now have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good morning everyone. Good morning to those that are attending in person, in the gallery as well as those that are watching via Livestream, as well as on television. This is, of course, our first full council meeting for the year and also our last full council meeting before we break for the holidays. And I just have a few brief remarks to make at the outset. First, I want to welcome returning members of council who have been re-elected as well as members of council who were newly elected. Congratulations to each and every one of you, including you, Madam Speaker. I'm sure the next four years are going to be productive. We've got a lot of work at hand that we will be working on together and I'm looking forward to what we can do to move this city forward and grow it for the future together. Madam Speaker, last month's Remembrance Day marked 100 years since the end of the First World War. As part of recognizing the significance of this year's centenary I was honoured to attend the legacy stones unveiling at Vimy Ridge Park in November. The legacy stones are part of a beautiful monument that exists thanks to the amazing dedication of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, one of Manitoba's premier infantry units. The Winnipeg Rifles have a proud history, a lasting legacy in our city and together with all those who have served and who continue to serve, Madam Speaker, they represent a great deal of what makes up the identity of our city. To help spread the holiday spirit we held city hall's annual Christmas tree lighting in November. Guests were treated to a performance from the RCAF brass band quintet, and got to witness the ceremonial lighting that takes place every year. I would like to thank Sergeant Dean Minneu Munoz-Perez, a resident of Windsor Park, for generously donating the beautiful 45 foot Colorado spruce tree. It's done a great job serving as our Christmas tree this year, I'm sure all members of council and Winnipeggers will agree, it's absolutely spectacular and for those that are watching these proceedings, if you haven't had a chance to come down to city hall to check it out when the lights come on, there is just approximately 9,000 LED lights that are on it. It's absolutely spectacular. So I do want to thank him and thank of course our public service for getting the tree ready this year. Of course it wouldn't be Christmas time in Winnipeg without the Santa Claus Parade. Thanks to all those who helped organize the parade this year and thank to you everyone who helped Santa get a new sleigh this year. Because of you, I am thinking Winnipeg will absolutely make the nice list with Santa this year. Earlier this week, I along with Police Chief Danny Smyth as well as Fire Chief John Lane presented…presented to the Parliamentary Committee on Health as part of their examination of the meth crisis in Canada. And during my presentation, Madam Speaker, I called on the Federal Government to do three things. Firstly, create a national strategy on illicit drugs that includes meth and not just opioids. Secondly, strengthen border protection since much of the meth coming into our country and our city is coming in, so we're advised, from Mexico. Stronger borders can mean less drug supply. And thirdly, and I think more importantly, a greater focus on mental health, addictions and homelessness here in our city. We're doing what we can at the civic level but more support is absolutely required from other levels of government. Madam Speaker, the meth crisis, it isn't just stretching Winnipeg's resources, it's stretching Canada's resources, too. The City of Winnipeg will continue to work alongside all levels of government to reduce the impacts of this crisis. Finally, Madam Speaker, I want to wish all members of council, all the very best over the holiday season. I hope everyone is able to enjoy a safe Christmas and I hope those celebrating have had a joyous Hanukkah, and just an overall enjoyable season with your family and your friends and your constituents. As well, I want to extend a holiday greeting to all of our valued City of Winnipeg staff, Madam Speaker, and Winnipeggers across our city. Please remember to plan ahead, if you're drinking or consuming cannabis, don't drive. That's probably the first time that's ever been uttered on the floor of this council. As well, I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of our emergency workers and responders and thank them for helping to

keep us all…as well as our loved ones safe over the holiday season. We're incredibly grateful. You are there for all of us over the holiday season and all the best to everyone during the holidays. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I rise today in honour of the 16 days of activism against gender based violence that takes place every year from November 25th to December 10th. The Global Campaign raises awareness about the prevalence of violence against women and girls and encourages each of us to take a stand against these injustices. As co-chair of the Winnipeg Safe City's Initiative, I am proud to support the strong efforts being made across this great city. We know that sexual assault is one of the most under-reported crimes in Canada. In April, we announced third-party reporting, a coordinated system in which survivors of sexual violence can confidently report their experiences to community organizations, such as Ka Ni Kanichihk Community Health Centre, Mount Carmel Clinic and Prairie Ellice. Specially trained staff will work with the survivors and they choose…and then those that choose can do it anonymously, reporting the incident to Winnipeg Police Services. This will help Winnipeg police identify perpetrators and track trends of sexual violence that may have gone unreported otherwise. Most importantly this will help survivors feel supported through what can be a very intimidating process. We know that supporting survivors is an important part of changing our culture but prevention is also key. The Winnipeg Safe Cities Initiative in partnership with the Province of Manitoba recently released a public awareness poster that directly challenges victim blaming messaging and puts the onus on sexual violence on the perpetrator. In October, delegates from Winnipeg travelled to Edmonton to the UN Women's Global Leaders forum to connect with our global partners. We shared with the work of Heart Medicine Lodge, an indigenous led healing program for indigenous women who have been impacted by sexual violence. We also shared Winnipeg Transit's efforts in providing awareness training to all new bus operators on how to recognize and intervene if they see sexual harassment or violence. I rise today in honour of all the victims and survivors across the city and the province with a clear message. Sexual assault is never caused by what a person was wearing or where they were or how they knew the offender or how much they had to drink. The onus of sexual assault is always on the perpetrator. As elected officials, it is our responsibility to lead by example, to raise our voices and join the community and government partners in Winnipeg and around the world who seek to make our city safer for all women and girls. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to highlight an event that was launched last night in St. James. And I was glad that…to welcome Councillor Chambers, who was there in St. James in his capacity as Deputy Mayor, for the launch of the Light Up a Life 2018/2019 Campaign at the Brummitt Feasby ALS Home. Of course, ALS as many around this chamber will know, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a disease that affects the motor neurons of one's body. And what's really unique in St. James is that the Brummitt Feasby House is the only home of its kind in all of Canada, in fact, in all of North America, where individuals living with ALS can have a place where they are cared for and watched over and treated with grace and with dignity. The house actually is right in the middle of the residential area of St. James. It backs on to the beautiful Sturgeon Creek. The house was a gift to the ALS Society of Manitoba by Lynn Brown and Faith Johnson whose stepmother died of ALS. It was renovated in 2001 to specifically meet the needs of people living with ALS and the renovations of this house were done through donations, materials and labour from generous Manitobans and Manitoba businesses. It's a wonderful home. There is 24-hour care provided at the home and persons living in the home, they can come and stay for respite, for a day or two. There is one individual who ultimately lived there for a year and a half before passing from ALS. So just to highlight the great work that this home does right in the heart of St. James for people of Winnipeg and for all Manitobans, in fact, there's individuals that come from as far as places in Saskatchewan to live in the home. So, it's a unique home, it's an important home and as I said, just last night it was the launch of the Light Up of Life Campaign where the…through donations people can basically, you know, pay to light up a tree and that's put on the property temporarily for the Christmas or holiday seasons…holiday season, and it was good…as I said, really good to have Councillor Chambers there last night to launch this great event. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Well after the seriousness of gender-based violence and ALS, it's somewhat a lighter announcement. My predecessor, the St. Vital Councillor Gord Steeves was a Dakota Collegiate graduate as was former Councillor Pagtakhan, as am I, and Gord Steeves used to talk about, it's a great day in St. Vital…and we had a great day in St. Vital last week with provincial volleyball championships being one from the varsity boys from Dakota, varsity girls from College Jeanne-Sauvé. But I wanted to just mention that we have with us today in the gallery, as my guest Phil Hudson, often described as the legendary coach of the Dakota boys varsity volleyball team, winner of 5 provincial championships with Dakota, and it was pointed out to me this morning, also winner twice with West Kildonan prior to the Dakota era that started in 1988. It appears once Councillor Pagtakhan and I moved out of Dakota, then the quality volleyball era began. So we are delighted to have Mr. Hudson with us here today. We had a chance to meet with the

Mayor beforehand and talk about some of the progress that's been made at Dakota in recent years. So I wanted to thank Mr. Hudson who's also been a great champion not just for volleyball, but for the whole St. Vital community and some of the projects that we've done there; soccer, football and in particular his championing of a project that I have really backed, the creation of a running track there. So you know, it's sometimes…perhaps it's the end of an era at Dakota but then again Mr. Hudson, Phil's son, is taking over as the coach next year and Phil's son coached the junior varsity boys at Dakota to provincial championship. So as has been said, in some places it's not a rebuilding year, it's a reloading year next year so I wish Phil well in retirement after 31 years at Dakota Collegiate and coaching. He is stepping down on a very successful note so we congratulate him and thank him for all he has done for the St. Vital community.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Speaker Sharma. Last night I joined His Worship Mayor Brian Bowman, Mr. Ian Rabb and Ms. Samantha Hampton from Aurora Recovery Centre and friends and their family for the first annual well-briety tree of hope in Winnipeg. The tree and the white bison ornaments that festoon the tree and there are ornaments for each and every one of you and each and every one of you in the gallery, are meant to raise sobriety consciousness. There is a white bison, like I said, for everyone here and everyone in our gallery and I encourage you after today's council meeting to visit the tree and indeed festoon your name on the ornament. I want to thank those that organized the first annual event last night including the community liaison and the Office of Protocol as well as many thanks to the traditional knowledge keeper, the elder, the drummers, and the speakers and even the babies and children for their contribution to the spirit of the event last night.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Rollins. Councillor Santos, your morning announcement. Final announcement this morning.

Councillor Santos: Thank you. Yes, so I just want to take this opportunity to talk about what has currently happened in the Exchange District which belongs in my ward. I attended a Red River College public forum, just I think earlier this week, and we had some really good discussions about the safety in the downtown Exchange. As you know, one of the faculty members just here in the Exchange was severely injured and I'm glad to say that he is now safe and will be going back to work soon. But, I did make some, you know, progress…or some announcements at that forum saying, you know, how the council in 2000…or in July, had concurred with the EPC on bringing forward a multi-year downtown public safety strategy. So I made that announcement there and they were all appreciative of that, and hopefully we can start implementing that as soon as next year by increasing the lighting in the downtown, as well as providing some more enhanced communication co-ordination between the Winnipeg Police, security and outreach workers as well, expanding the Safe Walk Program for additional staff through the Watch Ambassador and Exchange Patrol Program. So I just wanted to thank council for doing that earlier this year. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Santos.

MINUTES

Councillor Allard moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on September 20, 2018, November 6, 2018 and November 14, 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move into delegations. I would like to call forward Mr. Paul Newsome, if you are here today, welcome. Mr. Newsome is representing the Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. He is in opposition to Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated November 19th, 2018, regarding the Proposed Sale of City-owned land, commonly known as the Murray Industrial Park Spur Line. Welcome, sir. You have ten minutes on the clock, please.

DELEGATIONS

Paul Newsome: Thank you very much. Thank you everyone and as was said, I am Paul Newsome, I am General Manager of the Vintage Locomotive Society. Now, let me give you a little background. First of all, the Vintage Locomotive Society owns and operates the Prairie Dog Central Railway, which is a 1900 era vintage steam train. It has operated the train since 1970 and has delighted over 300,000 people from Winnipeg and other parts of Canada and the world. Approximately 36 percent of the 11,000 passengers come from outside of Winnipeg. Because of this, the

operation of the PDCR contributes to the hotel, restaurant, and retail industries. The VLS is a registered charity in a not-for-profit organization. In 1999, the PDC became a short line railway with the purchase of a 17 mile portion of CN's Oak Point subdivision. The transition to a short line railway required that steps be taken to supplement revenues because of the cost of operating a short line railway which cannot be sustained by the sale of tickets on the vintage train. The operation of the PDCR relies heavily upon the volunteer membership base of the VLS to help contain the cost of operating a short line railway. It is unrealistic for us to expect that annual operating grants are available to support the PDCR. Raising ticket prices to break even is also not an option because it would result in fares that would be over three times the current cost and that would drive away all of our business. Had it not started engaging in commercial rail operations, the PDCR would have ceased operating in 2009. In 2012, the VLS created Prairie Rail Solutions Limited, which is a wholly owned, for-profit company. This company was created under Canada Revenue Agency regulations and this permits some revenues to be directed to the PDCR to offset annual operating losses. Now to our current situation, as a rail service company, PRS is able to offer a limited range of services, including; car storage, industrial switching, light locomotive maintenance, track maintenance and signal maintenance. The headquarters for PRS and PDCR is located on Prairie Dog Trail, which is just off Centerport, Canada Way and north of Murray Industrial Park. In its car storage work, PRS has an operating agreement with CP, which enables PRS crews to routinely enter the CP Rail yard to pick up or return rail car storage traffic. It has been doing this type of work since 2009. Now to our concerns, we became aware of the proposed sale of Murray Industrial Park Spur Line through the media on December 5th. Until then, we did not know that this spur line was available for disposition by the City. In its report, the standing committee stated, “Given the specialized nature of the subject City property, interested purchasers would either be extremely limited or nonexistent.” Clearly the standing committee failed to identify that PRS is a qualified rail service company capable of undertaking the ownership and servicing of the Murray Industrial Park Spur Line. PRS has not had access to any of the information regarding the servicing frequencies or revenues or the anticipated tax levy on the identified property, although we have to believe that Cando has been provided with this information already. Given that Cando has indicated that they would be prepared to take over this servicing based on the CP agreement, it may well be that PRS is able to provide rail servicing to Murray Industrial Park Spur Line at a more competitive cost to the customer than is presently the case. PRS has an interest in considering rail servicing of Murray Industrial Park because it represents potential income which would be used to help sustain the PDCR vintage train operation. Our recommendation, the VLS requests that city council delay the sale of this property until the VLS is able to complete its due diligence on this potential opportunity. I thank you and I would ask if there are any questions that need clarifying.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Newsome. Any questions? Councillor Schreyer. All questions will come through the Chair. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's an important issue in terms of due diligence. Mr. Newsome mentioned that Prairie Rail Solutions, PRS, be allowed due diligence but it's also a question of due diligence on behalf of the City of Winnipeg itself. But the question must be asked, I believe here, given the seriousness of the consideration that will be taking place today on the sale of the rail line on the spur line, and for the benefit of the councillors here today that need to make a decision, I would like to ask Mr. Newsome, how can we be sure that Prairie Rail Solutions is qualified to run the spur line?

Paul Newsome: Thank you very much, sir. What I can answer is the following; Prairie Rail Solutions has been doing car storage and commercial work since it was formed in 2012. The PDCR has also been doing commercial work since 2009 of this nature. PRS has two locomotives one of which, a picture of one I have included in the handout which each of you have or should get. We also have 6 qualified personnel who routinely go over to Canadian Pacific when we do car storage work. We have an operating agreement, as I said, with CP. And so we are qualified and recognized by Transport Canada, by the Province, and by CP and by CN in terms of being a short line railway capable and willing of taking on this work. What we do not know, and just one more thing, what we do not know is what revenue base is and what the tax levy will be if it were made available.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. Can Mr. Newsome assure council that the City did not attempt to contact Prairie Rail Solutions and in terms of showing full…due diligence in contract negotiations for selling of the spur line?

Paul Newsome: Sir, yes, I can very definitely assure council that no attempt was made to contact us in any form, in any such way.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for your presentation. This is the first, as the area councillor, first I've been aware of certainly your interest and the first I have seen your presentation, appreciate you bringing it to us. Just to be clear then, did you state then that Prairie Rail Solutions, you believe you are in a position to assume…you could be in a position to assume all maintenance and servicing costs of the spur line?

Paul Newsome: Sir, yes to Mr. Gillingham…Councillor Gillingham we can, because one of the things that we do do ourselves on the line that we own is our own track maintenance. We have the equipment, we have the personnel and so, if it was from a business standpoint, prudent for us to acquire, in some fashion, the Murray Industrial Park line, we have the personnel, we have the equipment to take on and maintain it to work. We made no assumption, although I did make reference to it, we did make reference to it in our presentation, we make no assumption that anybody but ourselves would be looking after the maintenance of the rail line.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: You indicate that you learned about this through the media, appreciate that. Since learning of it have you been in contact with the department regarding this?

Paul Newsome: No, sir, I haven't. Because this five…seven days ago…eight days ago that we learned of it, literally, and had we known before we would have made an overture to address it somehow.

Madam Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. You are aware that it's up on the agenda later on so we have a few moments here to make a determination, but thank you very much.

Paul Newsome: And thank you very much. Thank you Council, Your Worship, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: One further question. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. By being here today you have raised an important point. The fact that this is a sole source which is concerning when you hear that there is another party interested, possibly. I'm not sure if you have the qualifications or not, that's not for me to decide, that'd be up to a tendering process. I guess my other question though is with your knowledge of rail lines, which I have very little of, is there potentially other parties, you have Cando, yourself, could there be other short liners or other parties that may be interested as well?

Paul Newsome: The other…the only other one, and I'm shooting from the hip here so you'll excuse me, would be Lake Line Railway…Railroad, which runs from Winnipeg to Gimli. And I can't comment on their interest or whatever, but that's the only other one, to answer your question, GWWD would not be interested. If it was, it would be coming under the city anyway.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Just for clarity then, because I received some correspondence a couple of days ago from Vintage Locomotive Society, we don't have two competing alternatives here, Vintage Locomotive and Prairie…this is one entity that's.

Paul Newsome: Vintage Locomotive Society is the umbrella organization, it's the legal entity, it's an organization, Prairie Rail Solutions is owned solely by Vintage Locomotive Society and was set up as a for-profit company, sir.

Councillor Mayes: Okay, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Point of order Madam Speaker, I waited until the questions were done. Just if we could get a reminder, Madam Speaker, that we are to address the Speaker directly on these. The last three councillors didn't seem to.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, noted. Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for your presentation today, the item will be dealt with later on. On to committee reports; Mr. Mayor, on the report of Executive Policy Committee dated November 28th, 2018.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 10, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Santos? Item 7 has been pulled. Seeing no others, I will call the question on items 1 through 6 and 8 through 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 7 – Sponsorship Agreement with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for Naming Right of Musical Instrument Lending Library

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you Madam Speaker. I think this is a good news report. I am looking forward to hearing from my council colleague, Councillor Santos.

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

Councillor Santos: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I just want to take time to speak to this item, the Sun Life Musical Instrument Lending Library and provide my supporting comments. I have recently been appointed to the Board of the Winnipeg Library together with my council colleague here, Councillor Schreyer, and we just met last month and discussed this very matter. I just want to take this time to thank the Winnipeg Library Board and Library Services Division for all they do by providing a safe and trusted space in every community here in Winnipeg. As we all know, public libraries offer free access to books, information, experiences and ideas as well as expert professional advice and support, which we all need to help us find the resources we want and to use them effectively. The fact that we now offer another free program to our Winnipeg Library card holders, the opportunity to check out a musical instrument, such as a guitar, mandolin, violin or portable keyboards in addition to borrowing books and library materials, speaks volumes to the great work that the public library is doing, as well as the entire city as a whole. Musical instrument lending library supports community, musical literacy and provides access to musical instruments for those who cannot afford them as well as Winnipeggers whose want to learn to play an instrument without making a purchase. And I also…so, leading up to that, I want to take this time to thank Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for sponsoring this program for the next four years. And in addition to providing the funds they are also providing the library with 150 instruments, cases or gig bags, accessories and display cases. I hope my council colleagues will support this program as much as I do. If so, I believe the Winnipeg Library will launch the program in the spring of 2019 at Millennium Library and I welcome you all to support. I just thought of this right now maybe we can create our very first council band. Anyways, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Santos. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 5th, 2018 noting we do have an amending motion on Item 4.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED DECEMBER 5, 2018**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. Yes, I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 7. As you've referenced, Madam Speaker, I will pull matter 4 as well as 6 and 7.

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on Items 1 through 3 and Item 6…Item 5, pardon me. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Human Rights Committee of Council – Terms of Reference

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 4 and at the same time I would like to call the Deputy Speaker up to take the Chair momentarily so I can also address this item. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a matter I am thankful to members of council for their support in fulfilment of commitment I made to Winnipeggers during the most recent election which is to continue to build on the

investment that our community has made in terms of assets like the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Arthur Murrow Centre for Peace and Studies at the University of Manitoba. We have an emerging cluster of academia, study and policy development in the area of human rights and we want to obviously better align the marketing efforts to attract tourists and visitors to the city of Winnipeg to support these emerging and growing institutions in our city. Furthermore, there is a desire to make sure that we are doing everything we can on the ground to ensure that we are building a city that better protects human rights in a much more proactive way. And so, this is to…this report sets the terms of reference for a new Human Rights Committee of Council. There is a lot of work to do and this really just provides the structure for us to start those efforts. Some of the efforts that we anticipate the Human Rights Committee of Council helping with is a newcomer and welcome policy, among many other things. And I really invite and welcome the input from members of council as well as members of the public on how we can be as effective as possible within our existing resources, of course, and I said that for our Finance Chair because he is very conscious of that, but within our existing resources so that we can really continue to build a community that welcomes newcomers and is a place we're all proud to call home. So I understand there is an amendment, which I'm supporting, from Councillor Sharma and again, just want to thank everybody for their assistance. I do want to note and I think I mentioned this at Executive Policy Committee, Councillor Eadie provided input and I want to thank him for his input and other members of council have been very supportive with this effort. As have the existing coordinators of the…of some of the committees which were dissolved and their work will need to continue through the framework of a Human Rights Committee of Council. So like I said, this is will be an evolving process. We want to make sure we get the model as right as possible to be as effective as possible, but I think there is some good work that we're going to be able do over the coming years. Thank you Madam Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker Lukes: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Sharma, if you would like to introduce your amending motion, please.

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

WHEREAS on November 14, 2018, City Council consolidated the Citizen Equity, Access Advisory, and the Mayor's Age Friendly Seniors' Advisory Committees into a new Human Rights Committee of Council, to focus on human rights, diversity, equity, access, peace and inclusion;

AND WHEREAS vacancies in the Access Advisory and Citizen Equity Committees were previously, advertised in accordance with the Council Policy on Citizen Appointments to Boards and Commissions, and the appointments were made by Council;

AND WHEREAS the terms of reference identify the Human Rights Committee of Council as an advisory body to City Council;

AND WHEREAS the terms of reference identify the Human Rights Committee of Council as charged with receiving referrals from Council and monitoring the progress of City Council in implementing its recommendations;

AND WHEREAS it is beneficial to maintain a consistent approach to appointments to Council's Boards and Commissions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Recommendation 1. of Item No. 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 5, 2018 be amended to read as follows:

"1. That the attached terms of reference for the Human Rights Committee of Council be approved, with the following amendments:

- *Section 5.1 - delete "appointed by the Mayor" and replace it with "appointed by Council, and advertised in accordance with the Council Policy on Citizen Appointments to Boards and Commissions."*

- *Section 10.1 - add the words "for submission to Council for approval" at the end of the bullet.*

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. I am very supportive of the creation of the Human Rights Committee of Council and to move amending Motion 1 to this item along with my seconder Mayor Bowman. I really appreciate the Mayor's support in making these amendments outlined in the motion and most importantly, for spearheading the creation of this committee in the first place. Human rights are an increasingly recognized and

important area of concern for the citizens of Winnipeg. It's an excellent evolution that Winnipeg will be the first Canadian city with a committee devoted to ensuring that the human rights of all our citizens, Madam Deputy Speaker, are considered in the actions the City of Winnipeg undertakes. The City has made some great strides in this area through our existing Citizen Equity and Access Advisory Committees of which I had the opportunity to participate with Councillor Eadie. He was the most recent Chair of the Access Advisory Committee. We worked with the citizens in addressing the challenges faced in these areas and I look forward to the next steps this committee will undertake. This new committee is truly a committee of council. The mandate of the committee is to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and to city council on human rights, equity, diversity, peace and access and disability related issues. And also look at emerging trends as they affect Winnipeg communities, Madam Deputy Speaker. As well, the terms of reference identify the Human Rights Committee will receive referrals from council and it will also monitor progress of city council and implementing recommendations made by the Human Rights Committee. So for these reasons it is really important that council appoints the members of this committee and also proves any future changes to the terms of reference in front of us. This motion makes those two changes and I ask council to vote in support. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker Lukes: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I rise, Madam Deputy Speaker…good to hear your voice. Thank you. I rise in support of both the motion to create the Human Rights Committee and the terms of reference and as well I rise in support of the amending motion, Madam Deputy Speaker. And I wanted to note, with the amendment, it is…it's a good practice for the appointments to come through council. I'm not sure, that might have been the intention, I know that the Mayor's staff worked quite quickly and had to put it together quite fast and it was just something probably that was missed. But, I think that the amending motion makes, of course, the terms of reference much better. But I rise on this terms of reference, Madam Deputy Speaker. And I just wanted to comment, Madam Deputy Speaker, first of all, I appreciate that our Mayor Bowman has committed to more collaboration with council and council members as things move through council and through the city. And so I appreciate first of all the consultations that did happen with myself and the Mayor's staff who did a really good job putting these terms of reference together along with the Clerks of course. The Clerks have a lot of expertise in creating terms of references for committees, Madam Deputy Speaker. And so, I really the…I just wanted to mention this terms of reference how the collaboration has changed it to make it so much better. It's so much firmer, it deals with all the issues that we need to deal with as human rights, Madam Deputy Speaker. And I really appreciate a Human Rights Committee because this allows the City of Winnipeg, Mayor Bowman's idea here to create this committee, it allows us to…and this committee to consider requests that we have from the citizens and new immigrants from the city and people who act on their behalf, Madam Deputy Speaker. In that, we all know and I think we have all been approached this concept of access without fear to city services. I'm not going to into great detail about it but this is definitely something that falls under a human rights lens and I think that we as a city can move forward on many human rights issues and deal with them the way society has evolved, because society, Madam Deputy Speaker has evolved to the point where we do acknowledge human rights. There are a lot of violations across the world but there is no reason why the City of Winnipeg and this council can't respect the human rights that have been developed over many years of jurisprudence and many other initiatives that allowed our society to be more respectful of each other. And I think the Mayor again for coming up with this idea. It creates two permanent sub-committees. I think that is really good because ultimately, most of the work happens at sub-committees and the volunteers who will be working along on this and it's not just necessarily the board members, I think the terms of reference is for the two permanent committees will allow for other people to be involved in helping to analyze and look through things because that's, Madam Deputy Speaker, where the work happens. And so, I'd like to thank the Mayor and the Mayor's Office for putting together what I think is a great initiative and of course I support the appointments coming to council and I know there are so many qualified people in this city of Winnipeg to sit on this new Human Rights Committee. So I have no fear that we would…there will be a lot of good people working on our behalf and bringing good initiatives to council. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie, are there any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and thanks to Councillor Eadie for kind comments. The intent with the initial drafting of the terms of reference we looked at the three committees that are being dissolved. At least one of them had just the appointments made by the Mayor. At least one also had it come through council, the way that this amendment will realize. So I want to thank you Madam Speaker for a thoughtful amendment and I am looking forward to seeing what we're able to do with this committee going forward but I just want to thank everybody for their support on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that I'll call the question on the amending motion. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And the item as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – 2019 Transit Fare Freeze

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 6.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Also appreciate the input from members of council on this matter. As we've learned, one of the more difficult decisions if not the most difficult decision of the previous council certainly for me, was to increase transit fares by a quarter. This was in response to the Province of Manitoba changing legislation to unilaterally end the 50/50 cost sharing arrangement that had been in place for some time. The projections of the public service necessitated an increase in transit fares as well as additional revenues to come from elsewhere in our budget. Previous council, I thought, took a balanced approach, did the best we could with the information that we were provided, but as we've recently learned, there wasn't the projected decline in ridership that was anticipated. That resulted in a surplus. Some of which I think this motion recommends be utilized to freeze transit fares for the next year. Annual inflationary adjustments of a nickel occur every year in absence of this motion coming forward beginning January 1st, the transit fares would go up by a nickel. This allows council, Madam Speaker, to direct the public service not to increase this year. I think transit riders have paid enough and obviously, with transit under the leadership of our committee chair, Councillor Allard, we have a lot of work to do in the year ahead. Obviously, the budget is going to be a key opportunity for us to direct our attention to other needs within the transit service, including safety. But there is a longer term initiative that is under way which of course is the consolidation of a number of studies and the operational review so that we can better position transit for a growing city to make significant changes that really haven't been made in a generation and so there is a lot of work ahead for us. In the meantime, given that the transit fares were set to increase by a nickel in a matter of weeks this allows council to simply make this freeze for the next year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this motion. It's a good idea. It does mention in the 'whereas' clauses that we do have among the lowest fares in the country among major cities in Canada that is the case, as it should be. We have got one of the lower costs of living in the country. There has been a higher burden in recent years in the last 15 years I would say in terms of the relative percentage increase in things that are important to people that have affected the budget of poor people. The poorer you are in Winnipeg and in North America, the harder it's become in the last…over the last decade. One reason is the comparative percentage increase in real estate and that means people's mortgages, that means people's property taxes and that means as well people's rent. And it's gone up disproportionately to people's income, especially if you look at the graph, disproportionally or in disproportionally to one's income. It's unfortunate, I would say it's unfair. And I don't know to what extent well, I have said on the record here already, Madam Speaker, that I question sustainability of this as a society in general. When we look at food costs, Madam Speaker, the increase in food costs do not match…they are out of proportion to the increase in income and disposable income especially of Canadians, Winnipeggers as well, especially the poorer that one is. Madam Speaker, people that need to make a go of things, that need to get to work, that need to advance their education to sustain their lives for themselves and for their families, Madam Speaker, they need a break when they can. I see this as a good and positive break, Madam Speaker and that is a 5 percent or effectively, a transit fare freeze for the year, Madam Speaker and it's a good thing as we go about trying to address as a society, not just city council, but as a society, the disproportionate increase of the costs that are so important to people. One, their lodging, where they live, how much it's costing, especially the poorer that one is, and the cost of food, Madam Speaker, at least when it comes to the cost of public transportation in the city of Winnipeg, this shows that we are doing something about that for which I am grateful. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Next speaker, Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this motion and thank the Mayor for it. Just wanted to reiterate some of what the Mayor said, of course, the budgeting exercise is an exercise in forecasting and as Council, what we rely upon is the information provided to us, the estimates provided to us by the respective departments. At our Finance meeting when this report was brought forward…we're going to vote on it actually in a few minutes here, the quarterly update, and it indicated that transit is projecting a $7.8 million surplus. We did have discussion with the department and asked, you know, basically, you know, how was it that they…their forecast was so off? And they did indicate reasons why. You know, they're basing the 2017, pardon me…based their budget projections for 2018 on a similar decreasing ridership trend that they had seen in 2017. That continued decrease in ridership did not materialize in 2018, which led to higher revenues. Further, there was also a savings in bus parts and other aspects of the operations of transit, combined with the savings and the increased revenue, puts them at a projection of a $7.8 million surplus. So, it was difficult to, I guess in a sense, not difficult but, it was the right response, I believe, to, you know, entertain a motion here for a fare freeze for 2019, given that we had just raised fares 25 cents and now, ten months later, we are told we are looking at a surplus in the department of $7.8 million. One thing we did…our committee

did impress upon the Transit Department in our Finance meeting, was the need for more accurate forecasting information to the degree that that's possible. So, Transit indicated they will do all they can to improve their forecast and budget projections for future years, but I'm certainly in support today of this transit fare freeze for 2019.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise also to support the transit freeze and to acknowledge the Mayor for his direction to the administration to take a review of the full transit system. I think I could quote the Mayor on the radio as asking Transit to look at our system as if we didn't have one in place today and provide what they thought was the best and most efficient and effective system which I think is a great push forward and a bold…a bold step. I also acknowledge Councillor Gillingham's notes on the financials and the proper forecasting and projections. I think those are all important. But I think what we…the question that I ask is, while we are doing a review of operations for efficiencies and we're looking at improved financial forecasting, all good business options, but I think we need to take this opportunity while we're addressing transit to do a price analysis. I'll note that we do have some of the lowest rates in the country but we need to do a true price analysis of what that is so we are not making judgments based on 5 cents a year or 25 cents a year and going back. We haven't found the appropriate number. And I think it is important for us, as councillors and as leaders to say, look, we need to find the right price and we'd ask…I would ask that we add that to the motion or we add that somewhere in the planning of financial to say, put together a cost analysis for us, let's look at exactly what every other city is doing and what is the right price for us going forward, and why would we have an increase. I understand it's the Province and such, but a little more detail on that because really, you can't make this decision based on that without having a true price analysis to…for the years ahead.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 7 – Winnipeg Food Council – Council Appointments

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thank you, Madam Speaker and speaking of appointments, this appoints Councillor Mayes as Chair of the Food Council as well as councillor representative, Jason Schreyer. I want to commend Councillor Mayes for his leadership with the Winnipeg Food Council. This really was an initiative of Councillor Mayes and is something that during the last term we spoke often over several years about its creation and now that it's up and running, his willingness to continue providing leadership in respect to the Winnipeg Food Council is something I just wanted to applaud, and note, as well as Councillor Schreyer's willingness to continue to serve. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thanks to the Mayor for those remarks. I have said I am an unlikely champion on this and that I have never gardened once in my life, I think. But this is a good policy direction that last council took and glad to see it's carrying forward. I just wanted to commend or recommend perhaps Councillor Schreyer's appointment as well. He was very good addition to that council as we started off last year and we had some disagreements that we cleared the air on and after that, frankly, it's been a very good working relationship and would just ask for support from council for Councillor Schreyer to be the council appointed representative. And we meet tomorrow, actually, and we are considering some new things, community gardens is continuing to be on our agenda. So we're trying to move forward with the resources we have and look forward to continuing that work, along with Councillor Schreyer.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank His Worship, first of all, for having created the Food Committee. There is a few initiatives this term or the last term, excuse me, that I think are very worthwhile, and some of which I've had the opportunity and the honour to be involved with by virtue of my appointment by His Worship, one being the homelessness agenda, as well as the Food Committee. Councillor Mayes says that he doesn't have much experience with this, nonetheless, he has been an excellent leader in this. The Mayor said that it was Councillor Mayes' initiative. I consider it to be the Mayor's. But, he says that Councillor Mayes led in terms of bringing forth the initiative of having a food council of sorts. Bear in mind, Madam Speaker, that Councillor Mayes, I would say I would give my unofficial vote for Councillor Mayes to continue to be the unofficial chair of the unofficial agricultural committee of council, which I found unto itself, just the unofficial existence of it has been beneficial to me and information that I have learned just from that itself, and I hope it continues this year, with the unofficial membership as well, of Councillor Gillingham and any others…any other members of council that wish to join the unofficial agricultural committee, Madam

Speaker, because it's important. It was important to me, the information that I have learned from Councillor Mayes and from the Food Committee. Madam Speaker, I have talked about this before, I'm going to talk about it again. But when we think of the major debilitating factors in our society, when we think of the major causes of death in our…early death in our society, when we look at a federal issue of terrorism versus a local issue or it's society-wide but as we deal with as a city that of crime and murder, Madam Speaker, the issues of preventable disease by virtue of how we eat, is off the charts in terms of that being the primary factor, Madam Speaker, in debilitation and in early death. That's a fact of life, that's a fact of our society, Madam Speaker, and there is no way, there is no purpose, we gain nothing by ignoring that, Madam Speaker. And on that basis, I commend His Worship and Councillor Mayes for having created the Food Council. We all have our own perspective on it, Madam Speaker, and that's one of the virtues of the committee, as a matter of fact, is the different people that are involved in the committee. And I have learned a lot as it has been with the homelessness initiative. I have to admit, while being the Mayor's representative on that committee as well, I have to admit, Madam Speaker, I learned much more than I provided or offered these initiatives in the case last term, last year, with the Food Council, I have learned and I have been given greater perspective, something to follow up on, that I do, in my free time, it's so important to me, than I have offered the committee and I admit that, Madam Speaker, and that might be the case for the next year. I think it is, Madam Speaker, but, I do intend for this information to have meaning as much meaning as everything else we deal with here at city hall and that's how important it is, Madam Speaker, because you can't get away from the stats, Madam Speaker. Preventable disease by virtue of how we eat is the biggest cause of debilitation of life and early death, then I would say every other causes of debilitation of life and early death combined. And that includes what we deal with here with crime prevention. Madam Speaker, absolutely no comparison, Madam Speaker, and I will be a little more specific, I have done this before. I don't have the stats with me right now but I will say it again in the future, Madam Speaker, because it's something that we're dealing with at city hall because we now have the Food Council to prove that I am not wasting time here talking about it, Madam Speaker. When it comes to the manifestations, Madam Speaker, as just one example of diabetes, Madam Speaker, we can reverse the manifestations of diabetes especially in its earlier stages in less than a month. Fact, Madam Speaker, not my opinion, that comes from doctors and physicians and surgeons. Yes there is debate within the medical industry on this, but I think if you look at the evolution, Madam Speaker, of research in this century in the last ten years, it's all going in the same direction, Madam Speaker, and that is the preventability of diabetes, which, Madam Speaker, is we know it's preventable yet we know it has such an effect on our society. Such a debilitating effect on our society as a whole and for those individuals involved that are very…they are all around us, Madam Speaker. We're talking people that are right around me and it could be me, Madam Speaker, as well. So these things are very important. I'll leave it at that for now, Madam Speaker. And I thank His Worship and Councillor Mayes for their initiative of last term that we are continuing this term and it is my honour and it is my pleasure to continue this upcoming year as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to simply congratulate Councillor Schreyer and Mayes and their passion and interests in food security in Winnipeg. I want to also state that I have incredible resources in the Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward with respect to food security, urban gardening, and urban farming, and I would invite them to come and see the great work of people like, for instance, the Sustainable South Osborne Community Co-Op, who have held workshops for those interested in urban farming and urban gardening. So I just rise simply to congratulate them and look forward to their work.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I wanted to thank my colleagues but I also wanted to do that in French, as a heads up. And to my colleagues who are new, we've got this live interpretation system if you want to follow in French that way.

Translation of French Spoken:
I would like to take the time to thank my colleagues Jason Schreyer and Brian Mayes for the work that they do on this committee. I can personally appreciate the value of their contribution. My office had thought of one idea with regards to the production of fruits and vegetables at home, but it had to do with a commercial production. We had proposed this idea to the Riel Committee, who forwarded it to the Standing Policy Committee on Property, Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, but because the resources of this committee are limited, they referred the matter to the Food Planning Council. The Food Planning Council recommended to City Council to modify the zoning by-law, so that citizens could grow fruits and vegetables for commercial purposes on their property. I tried to explain this concept by saying it was like AirBnB or Uber for gardens. It is illegal. Technically, it is still not legal, but the amendments to the by-law that the Food Planning Council is proposing could make this a reality in Winnipeg. I know that, in other jurisdictions, where the idea was implemented, some derelict properties have turned into properties that are productive and financially profitable for their owners. It is also of course very beneficial to have fruits and vegetables produced locally, as it helps with food safety in the municipality. So, I wanted to take the time to recognize this effort from the Food Planning Council that is just one of its many contributions to City Council. So, thank you to Brian and Jason for your work.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; 95/2018, 96/2018, 108/2018, 109/2018, 110/2018 and By-law 111/2018, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Would you please record me in opposition to By-law 110/2018.

Madam Speaker: Noted, thank you. Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: By-law No. 95/2018, By-law No. 96/2018, By-law No. 108/2018, By-law No. 109/2018, By-law No. 110/2018, By-law No. 111/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Excuse me, Madam Speaker. I'm trying to hide the fact that I've got a cold today and the high-def cameras are probably not doing me any favours right now. I move the By-law Nos. 95/2018, 96/2018, and 108/2018 to 111/2018, both inclusive, be read a second time, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 95/2018, 96/2018 and 108/2018 to 111/2018, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor on the third reading and suspension.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 95/2018, 96/2018 and 108/2018 to 111/2018, both inclusive, be read a second time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Noted, thank you. We will now have question period for the Mayor. We'll have 30 minutes on the clock. Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Eadie.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like, I was wondering if the Mayor can give us an update about his visit to Shoal Lake?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Through you, Madam Speaker, I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for the question. I had the opportunity to visit Shoal Lake First Nation 40, for the second time as Mayor and this is, in this occurrence it was an opportunity to participate in an annual tripartite agreement meeting that takes place annually. This was the first time since the agreement was initially assigned in 1980 that it was held at Shoal Lake, the reason being the opportunities to travel into Shoal Lake First Nation 40 have improved significantly over the years. Freedom Road is being constructed, it is being partially used right now until it is officially open. I've had the opportunity to travel on the road, to see the ongoing construction work, which is significant. The scale of the construction is significant. And I want to thank all those workers that are helping build a permanent access road in and out of Shoal Lake First Nation 40. I also want to thank previous Council and those Members of Council, who helped support the funding that the City of Winnipeg has made available for the construction of two bridges; the second one, of course, has in August, was officially open; Formal Councillor Jenny Gerbasi was in attendance and quite, you know the, I just want to also commend Chief Erwin Redsky, his leadership under very difficult conditions; they've had a boil water advisory in place for about 21 years. It's unimaginable to most Canadians, and so, the reason I remain engaged and have traveled to Shoal Lake First Nation 40 on two occasions, is

really to underscore the respect that we have for the community members and the leadership. Minister Jeff Wharton was also in attendance, I think it was his first time that he's visited Shoal Lake First Nation 40 and I want to commend him for also making that trip. I know it was very well received by all parties. And our public service in Water and Waste have been doing great work as well, with their ongoing interactions with the province as well as with Shoal Lake First Nation 40. This is something that, just on a personal level, it means a lot, I know it, you know, the City of Winnipeg and I know, in conversation with Councillor Gilroy, it's important that we act honourably in relation to the First Nation, which resides in the location where we get our drinking water. You know, I think it was yesterday, we opened Councillor Mayes, Councillor Lukes, and Councillor Chambers and I were at the officially opening of a new skating rink at the Jonathan Toews Dakota Site; and 100% of the water, 100% of that ice, is Shoal Lake water. You know, you have some of the conversations with some of the children, we've had an opportunity to visit the school on Monday and you know, was really, I hadn't had a chance in the past to visit the school. But that conversations with the children was very heartwarming and I want to wish everybody at Shoal Lake First Nation 40 all the best in the holiday season and I know when the road officially opens in the new year, it is my hope that all Members of Council can join me and members of the community for it's official opening. I think we should all take great pride in the partnership that we've had with Shoal Lake First Nation 40, as well as the Province of Manitoba, both previous and current provincial governments in supporting this very important initiative. And I want to thank my Council colleague, Councillor Gilroy, for her support as well as the question, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, today I was going to ask the Mayor a question regarding his first term in cleaning up City Council and the City, in terms of all the problems that were occurring where there was conflicts of interest and so on and so forth, or perceived. And so, Madam Speaker, and EPC and the Mayor are the head of the Human Resource Committee as well as the Employee Code of Conduct is a Council Policy; and I would just like to ask the question, this is the final thing we need to get done in order for the City of Winnipeg to be perceived as moving forward in an ethical manner. And I'm just wondering when we can expect the revamped Employee Code of Conduct for Council's consideration?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you, I want to thank Councillor Eadie for the question, as well as his interest in really, better strengthening openness, transparency and accountability at City Hall. I can undertake and get back to him with an estimate of timeline in terms of those reviews and statutory officers. But I do want to highlight, of course, the fact that previous Council took some very positive strives at building a more open, accessible, and accountable City Hall than we had even in the past. And I just, I know the creation of the first-ever Integrity Commissioner, the first-ever voluntary Lobbyist Registry, the Council Code of Conduct, which was strengthened of course, is a significant step in the right direction. I actually think there's going to be the need for ongoing vigilance in work, in strengthening the checks and balances and the openness, transparency, accountability in City Hall. And so, I think there's much more work that has to happen during this term, but it was a significant undertaking in the previous Council. I'll also highlight, especially with the new Council, you know, the policies and procedures and the checks and balances are incredibly important; so too, is having the right people. And this Council, you can have policies, but if you don't have the right intent with folks, obviously that could pose challenges and it's really incumbent upon all of us to continue to be vigilant to live up to the expectations of Winnipeggers, well beyond policies and procedures. And so, I know, that's taken to heart by all Members of Council and I think there's much more work that we have to do over the course of the next four years.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, we will now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Gilroy on the report dated November 22nd, 2018.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2018**

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I would like to move consent of the Items 1 through 7, please.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer number?

Councillor Schreyer: 2.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes? Okay, 2 and 4 have been pulled. I'll call the question on 1, 3 and 5 through 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Single Source Negotiation and Award of Contract – Manitoba Hydro Power Supply Agreement Associated with North End Sewage Treatment Plant Biological Nutrient Removal Upgrade Project

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy, would you like to introduce the item?

Councillor Gilroy: No, I will wait to hear from council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. As a member again of this Standing Committee of Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, in our last standing committee meeting, as it shows in Item 2, single source negotiation and award of contract that the authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to approve single source negotiations and in this case, the future power supply agreements with Manitoba Hydro for all of other City of Winnipeg owned facilities. My point Madam Speaker, is I just want to make the point as I did bother to make the point privately to Councillor Klein, that the…that I share a concern as others do, in a…my concern being in a pattern that can cause lack of diligence on the part of council itself on the city councillors. I say this, Madam Speaker, because Councillor Klein did make a point, did express his concern as a brand new councillor and I'm glad he did, Madam Speaker, of council divesting itself of its responsibilities and to give consideration to the councillors that are in a position to give due diligence and insightful consideration to these negotiations and to the contracts. And I would not rule out to Councillor Klein being fully capable of…and others being fully capable of looking at these contracts and contributing to them. And I just want to make that point, Madam Speaker, as I have last term, I am being consistent in that council should not be complacent in its creating sort of a too strong a pattern of authorizing or delegating the authority to the Chief Administration…Administrative Officer in contracts for which ultimately, the spirit being council being responsible. But I raise that because Councillor Klein did and I really appreciate that. The question is, what do we do about it? Where do we go from here? How do we express our concerns over council divesting itself, if you will, of its ultimate responsibility towards its contracts. And this is what the City does. It enters into contracts, important contracts, expensive contracts. Contracts that raise our taxes on an annual basis and so I just want to make the point that Councillor Klein's concerns…I'm glad that he made the point. The points were made last term as well to which I'm witness, and I would like to continue that conversation this term, here at city hall, with my fellow councillors, with His Worship, with the Chief Administrative Officer and with Winnipeggers in terms of what is council's responsibility towards these negotiations and these contracts. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes. Just so everyone knows, it is common practice that when we deal with Manitoba Hydro that Manitoba Hydro is the person that needs to carry out that work so it's common practice. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Any further comments are closed at this time. Councillor Klein, the Chair of the committee has closed on this item so I will be calling the question now. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Award of Contract for Construction of Trunk Sewer and LDS Separation – Cockburn and Calrossie Sewer Relief Works

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

Councillor Gilroy: I'll wait to hear from the councillor.

Councillor Gillingham: Councillor Mayes, you had stood this down.

Councillor Mayes: I stood this down, this was one that didn't get awarded when I was chair of the committee and just, it's worth noting one of the numbers in here which is that there is $118 million set aside over, I believe, 6 years in the capital budget to deal with combined sewer overflow and basement flood management strategy. I'm sure Councillor Gilroy is learning that one often gets calls to do interviews when every time there is a sewage spill into one of the rivers and we get asked about why aren't you doing something, and we are doing something. We're pouring tens of millions of dollars over time into combined sewer. This is a file where we have a pretty good rapport with the Province who have given us a knock of a couple of decades to do work on the combined sewer. This is the seemingly perpetual work at Cockburn and Calrossie that messed up traffic for the last few years near Wildwood and probably will for a while yet, but that's an area with a big basement flood issue and with the combined sewer, so this is an issue that's part of the older part of the city including parts of my ward, the northern parts of my ward, where there is a $1.3 billion combined sewer problem that we are addressing over time. So it is just worth pointing out. I don't take any credit for this, this is something that's in the budget that we have been trying to slug away at this end of the Mayor and in the past several budgets to try and do some more work on this combined sewer problem that's part of the older part of the city. So this is a good example of where we are taking some concrete action to address this problem that we have with combined sewer overflows into the river system.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I just wanted to thank Councillor Mayes for all his work on this file and as well on helping me to transition into my new role. He has been very, very helpful and his comments are…it's important that we do the combined sewer work and his comments are very well received. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. No further items. We will now move on to the by-laws. Councillor Gilroy.

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

Councillor Gilroy: At this point I would like to I would like to move that we take…that By-law No. 107 be referred back to Legal Service. Just so everyone knows that it is not the same wording that is in our report under Appendix C. So what we're doing is we're just going to move that item and send it back to Legal so it's the proper wording. It is the proper wording under our reports, so if you go back and you look under the reports it is the correct wording under the reports that we just voted on, but it is not the correct wording under our by-laws so I would like to send that back to Legal.

Madam Speaker: Okay, moving on to the other by-laws.

Councillor Gilroy: Oh yes, sorry. And then I would like to move By-law 106 be read for the first time.

Madam Speaker: Just before we do that, Mr. Clerk, shall we…we should vote on the referral I guess. Okay, so on that note, Councillor Gilroy made mention of the referral. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. On to the next by-law.

Councillor Gilroy: That By-law No. 106 be read for the first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 106/2018.

Councillor Gilroy: That By-law 106 be read for the second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 106/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: By-law 106/2018 be read for the third time.

Madam Speaker: And the rule be suspended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period for our Chair. Any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Councillor Eadie. Could we turn the clock on, please? Councillor Eadie. Councillor Eadie, do you have a question?

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

Councillor Eadie: Oh, I do have a question. Yes, Madam Speaker, the question I'm about to ask Councillor Gilroy, is the new Chairperson of Water and Waste. And so, my question is early, I'm hoping she can get back to me after consulting with the department. But Madam Speaker, there usually is an annual report on a contract that we have with Veolia, to provide us with advice and a lot of information and assisting us with dealing with the sewage issues in the City of Winnipeg. And usually, there's an annual report that reports how that contract is doing. Because there is a financial agreement in there, in which it usually recalls reports, Madam Speaker, and I don't recall being able to have read it in 2018. I've been watching for it all year, and I'm wondering if the Chairperson can find out from Water and Waste when we will be seeing that annual report of how the contract for services regarding sewage processing and disposal?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gilroy?

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to thank the Councillor for the question, and also too, we just under our last reports, Item No. 5, Winnipeg Sewage Treatment Program 2017 Annual Report Program Agreement Between The City Of Winnipeg and Veolia Winnipeg Inc. So that was on Item No. 5, but I can get, maybe the department to give him a call and if he has any questions on it, we can go a little bit further.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, the next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated November 26th, 2018.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

Councillor Orlikow: I believe there is one report. I'll move Item No. 1 please.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Would you like to speak to it? I already called the question. Contrary. Carried. Question was already called. Okay moving on, next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes. Pardon me?

Councillor Mayes: We've got a couple of…

Madam Speaker: Just a moment Councillor Mayes. Yes, I missed the question period for Innovation. Yes, Councillor Allard, I will duly be noting you now. Questions for Councillor Orlikow, 15 minutes on the clock. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Klein.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Allard: Alright, well it's going to be an 'are you aware' question. Councillor Orlikow, so are you aware that I wanted to communicate that I'm very supportive of this initiative. I, you know, having participated in deliberation of budgets over the years, it's becoming you know, increasingly clear that we have a structural deficit and that we need to find ways to address the structural deficit and we need to find and this motion, I think, is loaded with all sorts of questions in terms of, you know, what is innovation, how do we save this city money? I want to commend you for moving it forward and commend Councillor Morantz at the time and Councillor Gillingham, who I find myself agreeing with more than I would have expected, before my first election in 2014. But I do want to perhaps give a bit of a commentary on the motion and that, I think we've done some great work in terms of asset management, in terms of finding out exactly how far we are behind in terms of the billions of dollars of investment that is required in our facilities; and I think kudos should go to the Mayor for that; we've done some good work. Part of our asset management lens now, I think it's great that we're having it. The criteria that we for what is a good project, what is a bad project, it's very long and I think the longer you get, the more subjected you get and the interpretation of what value is and if I have some feedback to this process, I hope that we can have a very high value placed on things that are going to benefit the City's bottom line.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: So I'm almost, I'm getting to it. So Councillor Orlikow, my question would be, would you please… Councillor Orlikow? Yeah, would you please consider placing a high value in terms of the City's bottom line in consideration of the criteria as we move forward on the criteria of what is the benefit to the city when we have longer and longer matrices that consider what is good for the City. So would you please consider it, the city bottom line, in terms of this question? I think that's what I meant to ask you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: As much as I'd like to have a nice debate about this. The actual, the intent of your question, about the bottom line is absolutely, that's what this motion is intending to do, is to put that on that what is the saving criteria; because some of the innovation ideas in the past, we weren't too sure if we were tracking that. So, absolutely, the answer is yes, absolutely we'll be looking at the financial return. But we also want to be very clear, that we're not only, this is not the Finance Committee, as you can see the motion is by two fine and present and a formal Chair of the Finance Committee. This is the Innovations Committee. So what are we are looking at ideas that are innovative, things that may actually in the beginning costs us more, but in the long-term will give us a return on our investments. But it's not the, it's the intent of the Innovations Committee is not just to use or to allow departments or individuals to do system upgrades, but I would question is that innovative? And so, we actually at the committee and Michael Legary is working on it, is defining what innovation is. I know it sounds like we all have our own interpretation, I could probably go around this room and everybody's going to tell me what innovation is and they'll probably be, you know, 12-13 different answers in there. So not only do we need to look at the financial return, we also have to make sure that we're pushing our departments to be innovative. Not just say, "okay, we'll scan these pieces of paper and makes it a little bit better", I personally wouldn't consider scanning documents as innovative, it could be, but again we have to start questioning both those together. So the Innovation Committee is not the Finance Committee, it is the Innovations Committee, to allow groups to come by with ideas that we look at, that not only are the bottom line but also allow us to move the ideas that maybe are today, we're looking at, autonomous cars, there's solar, we're doing right now. Other ideas that we have the bottom line, but what is the future of that innovation for the city's bottom line as well, and it could also be environment as well, it could mean improving service, it may be the same cost, but the service increases. So those are the kinds of ideas, we're still flushing that out a bit but you'll get a report shortly from the committee that will outline a little bit, on that process on how those innovative processes are advertised and so people will have a better understanding when they bring ideas forward.

Councillor Schreyer: Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: [Inaudible] and productive question and answer this morning. But I've been reminded constantly last term, I'm to address my address my questions and answers to the Speaker, and I just want to make that point again.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Duly noted. Councillor Allard, any further questions? Okay, Councillor Klein?

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I, too, support the concept of the innovation and I certainly applaud the, much of what Councillor Orlikow had to share with us about what will be considered and such. And I think innovative ways of saving money is something we have to look at, it's something, Madam Speaker, that I talked about some months ago using Wi-Fi in the buses as an example that possibly, as opposed to spending the 500k we could trade advertising as a way to save some money and utilize some of our services. So I am quite excited to hear about the committee and the work they're going to do. But I guess, I'm just trying to find out how we are going to characterize the qualitative and quantitative information that's come in. Now and I appreciate that including the selection of economic payback is consistent with the original intent of the wording that was set up by the committee. I'm wondering if it will narrowly constrict the committee, Madam Speaker, if the sole purpose of the Innovative Committee is to find costs savings in the current operation and perhaps it's not innovation solely that it should be named. And that's why I appreciate, Madam Speaker, what Councillor Orlikow said, and I also want to note that it's nice to ask for a payback timeline; but I'd like to know, Madam Speaker, how this will affect the nature and the type of projects to be approved and who will pay for that evaluation? And finally, Madam Speaker, will the bottom lines, multiple bottom lines be a part of the equation as well as social value and administrative efficiencies be quantified, will that be a part of what the Innovations Committee looks at?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Klein and generally councillors have three questions during their segment.

Councillor Klein: That was pretty much one.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, thank you. I was just talking to Councillor Gillingham, so I just wanted to make sure that I put that out there. Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. Well that information is pending, Madam Chair. When we see the, Michael Legary is going through that process. He's actually done some work already. So you'll be able to see, and I haven't seen it yet either, what and how they're actually going to quantify the return on investment and also what the investment is and what's the benefit to this innovative idea, to the taxpayers, generally. So that all would be put in to the RFP, what people apply to the fund, they'll have to go through this list, the exact what the criteria is and the waiting on that. I'll have to get back to you on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein, do you have any further questions?

Councillor Klein: No, ma'am.

Madam Speaker: Okay, any further questions for the Chair? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Last week at the State of the Province Address, Premier Pallister talked about how their Fleet Management Agency was able to reduce the size of their vehicle fleet by 20% by using GPS tracking the vehicles. The City of Winnipeg, not to long ago, made an investment through the innovation capital fund to do similar GPS tracking of our vehicles. I was wondering if you could report back perhaps next month, or at some point in the not too distant future on the progress of that project and if we're seeing similar savings with our investments here in Winnipeg?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow?

Councillor Orlikow: Absolutely, and I'll get back to you on that and we'll probably just bring the report straight to the Innovations Committee and that'll go through the proper processes. But that and a number of other projects, we are reviewing past projects as well, all of them, to see that, one for example which I would say is not that innovative, but it actually saved the city a lot of money, which is the scanning of the documents and some of the permits done that there. So we're going to bring, there's some pretty good news that's come out of this, we're going to bring that forward, so people can see, some are very high savings, some are kind of questionable, we're not too sure where the savings is, because it's hard to quantify some of them, but again, we have to get a shot at that. So what will happen, Legary, Michael Legary will be looking at probably the last year's one and try to put that framework over there, so we can go forward. But regardless of that, specifically on the GPS with Fleet Management, I'll get back to you on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, we will now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Mayes on the report dated June 25th, 2018.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'll move Item No. 7 left over from the previous agenda.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes on the next report dated November 19th, 2018. There is an amending Motion No. 3 on Item 4.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

Councillor Mayes: I will move items 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10. So that would pull…

Madam Speaker: So we're pulling 1…I see 1 for Councillor Gillingham. Item 2 and 4 is pulled.

Councillor Mayes: 3 and 4 are of a piece.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me?

Councillor Mayes: 3 and 4 go together so we would need to pull both of those.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers, 1, 3 and 4. Yes?

Councillor Mayes: And 6 is pulled.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so we'll call the question on Item 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, correct? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We're dealing with Item 1. Item 1, Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Proposed Sale of City-owned land, commonly known as Murray Industrial Park Spur Line

Councillor Mayes: I think I'll defer to Councillor Gillingham before I speak to this.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Yes, Madam Speaker, in light of the information…the new information and interest provided to me by the delegation earlier, I move that we lay the matter over for 60 days to let Prairie Rail Solutions dialogue with our Real Estate Department. I do acknowledge, however, that I am not aware what if any potential impact such a delay may have on Cando's plans as indicated within the report, nor do I know an impact that may or may not be on the operations of the business serviced by the rail provision in Murray Industrial Park. However, the…a layover of 60 day will also give the opportunity for council to greater understand the department's rationale behind the recommendation that they submitted to us and to see if anything was…more information is needed or...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham, when you move layover it needs to be with instructions. You are verbally…so we've heard what you have had to say. Councillor Mayes, you deferred to Councillor Gillingham there for a moment, what would you like to do?

Councillor Mayes: Happy to move forward with that layover. I was going to say, there was a time in this fair land when the railroad did not run. But the railroads have been running for a very long time and prairie is part of that so it sounds like we've got some confusion here so I think a layover is probably best.

Madam Speaker: So we'll call the question on the layover. Councillor Orlikow? Yes, so we're going to call for the vote right now. There's no more speakers on the item. No. That's right. And there were no written instructions, 60 day layover. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2, Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Encroachment Agreement between Kildonan Crossing Shopping Centre Ltd. and the City of Winnipeg to allow for the use of City Right-of-Way at the Northwest Corner of Regent Avenue West and Lagimodiere Boulevard

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce Item 2.

Councillor Mayes: I think Councillor Schreyer pulled this so I will await his comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. It just happens to be in my ward and I was just asked if I was in support of this for the administration to go forward in negotiating an encroachment agreement. And I stand this down only to make a point to members of my community, and Winnipeggers in general, just that we note that our area of Kildonan Place, Kildonan Crossing, that commercial strip near Lagimodiere along Nairn and Regent Avenue West has developed notably in the last…well, in the last decades. I mean, I remember when Kildonan Place was first constructed decades ago and from then on, this area which is technically, believe it or not, for those that are concerned in North Kildonan, people don't know that, but it's in North Kildonan. If you look at the old municipal boundaries, North Kildonan comes down between Panet and Plessis all the way down, I think, to the Mission Line Railway. So this was the old rural municipality of North Kildonan up until it was amalgamated with the city of Winnipeg back in 1972. However, just given how ward boundaries go by virtue of proportion of populations it's now considered to be well, in Transcona. It's in the Transcona Ward which is a transient term for what's going to be in there but it's been in there for a number of years. Councillor Wyatt's done great work in terms of the development that's taken place in the last decade in the area in terms of his guidance and his insight in terms of how things should be development…developed. I just want to make the point, Madam Speaker, that the area continues to be developed commercially. It's a busy area for the commercial enterprises in the area. Lots of people going through there and so we've had an agreement…they've had an agreement with the City, the company that runs Kildonan Crossing for years. And that Councillor Browaty and Councillor Nason and myself are very aware as a community committee that the development in the area especially in the Transcona part continues. Councillor Nason has his hands full as we continue the agreement with Genstar in terms of residential agreement which will be putting further pressures, if you will, on parking and driving in the commercial areas around Kildonan Crossing and Kildonan Place. And I just wish to state that for the record for the benefit especially of those that live in the area. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers on item 2? Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close?

Councillor Mayes: Call the question.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now deal with Item 3 and 4. I will first ask Councillor Chambers to leave the chamber. I understand you have a conflict as you appeared as a private citizen previously.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, Madam Speaker. I appeared as a private citizen in the September 12th Riel Community Committee where I voiced my opposition to this development. So in the interest of preserving and protecting the integrity of this good council I would recuse myself from this vote.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And if you could come back after we've dealt with these items and we will be dealing with No. 6 when you return. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Closing – Normand Avenue, West of St. Mary's Road – DAC 1/2018

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, I pulled this knowing that Councillor Chambers would be declaring conflict. 3 and 4 go together. I think I've said this at EPC so I will try and be brief. Very big development proposal, very far south on St. Mary's Road, west side. Interesting issue in that it was Councillor Lukes' part of St. Vital but when we were debating this we had the full knowledge that it would be part of the newly created St. Norbert-St. River ward so I just want to commend Councillor Lukes who put in a lot of time and effort on this to try and come up with a compromise, try and come up with a plan that would work. I think Councillor Allard and Lukes and I heard this one till 1:30 in the morning. A lot of public input in on this and hopefully we've got something that will work for all sides. So I'll move…the two of them go together so I'll move number…well, that's my opening remarks on No. 3 if anyone else cares to speak to it.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes shall I call the question? All in favour of Item 3? Contrary? Carried Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 1982, 1984 St. Mary's Road; 2, 44, 66, 88, 108 Normand Avenue – DASZ 6/2018

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, if you would introduce the item and your amending Motion No. 3.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS on September 12, 2018, the Riel Community Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service, as amended, and recommended to Council that a Subdivision and Rezoning for 1982, 1984 St. Mary's Road; 2, 44, 66, 88, 108 Normand Avenue (DASZ 6/2018) be approved.

AND WHEREAS the amendment to the Winnipeg Public Service recommendation 2.A.iii, was not accurately captured in the Recommendation to Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 2.A.iii of Item No. 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated November 19, 2018 be deleted and replaced with the following:

"2.A.iii. That the maximum height of any building shall not exceed 45 feet east of the northeasterly limit of 81 Mardena Crescent (Lot 15, Block 2, Plan 46437)."

Councillor Mayes: Yes, perhaps reflecting the lateness of the hour when we voted on this at community committee there was an amending motion that deals with particular numbers on adjacent streets, height limits, again, a lot of detail work done by Councillor Lukes. So I will move No. 4, as amended. I should also point former Councillor Kaufman was part of this trying to make this all work so we should briefly touch on that. But yeah, the amending motion is largely clerical in nature in trying to reflect what we wanted to say at 1:30 in morning back in September.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the amending motion or the main item? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes do you wish to close? I'll call the question on the amending Motion No. 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And Item 4 as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Just wait a moment, Councillor Chambers is returning. Mr. Clerk Item 6.

Item 6 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 1493 Magnus Avenue – DASZ 9/2018

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

Councillor Mayes: I think we are referring this back to committee…to PPDD, the lengthily named Property Development, Heritage and Downtown Development Committee. Councillor Santos has done her job and raised some issues. So we are moving to refer back to committee.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Referral is moved. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay we will now move into by-laws under this committee. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law No. 99/2018, By-law 100/2018, By-law 102/2018, By-law 103/2018, By-law 104/2018 and By-law 105/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 99/2018, By-law No. 100/2018, By-law No. 102/2018, By-law No. 103/2018, By-law No. 104/2018 and By-law No. 105/2018.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes on the second reading.

Councillor Mayes: I will move that the By-law Nos. 99/2018, 100/2018 and 102/2018 to 105/2018, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 99/2018, 100/2018 and 102/2018 to 105/2018, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I will move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 99/2018, 100/2018 and 102/2018 to 105/2018, 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. I will now direct your attention to Motion 4 on your desks. It's moved by Councillor Mayes and seconded by Councillor Lukes. It's regarding adding additional meetings to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. This is automatic referral…or is…try to suspend the rules? No this is automatic referral to the committee. Thank you. We will now have question period for our Chair. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Lukes.

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

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 Schedule of Meetings be amended by adding the following meeting dates for the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, to consider appeals under the Standing Committee jurisdiction:

March 18
May 13
July 15
September 23
November 25

Meetings are to begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Building.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I'm just wondering if Councillor Mayes could elaborate on how the 2018 increase in construction inflation, did lead legalities and if the City to had authority to implement it, as I read through all of these by-laws and these changes. I'm just wanting you to clarify, I believe it's because of the months, but if you could just clarify if the 2018 increase for construction and inflation was legal, and how?

Councillor Mayes: There may be others and perhaps Councillor Orlikow or the CAO, who are more familiar with this. But it is my understanding that we've had to make a chance to the by-law today, in that what we have previously passed at staff direction in 2016 did not incorporate a prevision that the CAO would be allowed to increase the impact fee, the inflationary increase, and flexibility was needed to increase it beyond Consumer Price Index. So, while many of our fees and charges go up by CPI, this one goes by construction inflation, which traditionally has been a higher rate than the Consumer Price Index. That does not answer the question yet, though, the question was, okay what happened last year? So it's my understanding that because not a full year had past that the CAO had more flexibility to increase by, I believe it was 5%, which obviously was in excess of CPI. I will take that back though, if I'm in error on that, I will inform

the Councillor. But it's my understanding that there was no breach, given that not a full year had past when we last considered this. The intent is not every year to, at this forum, haggle out what exactly construction inflation is, or to haggle out exactly what the increase should be and the impact fee. The idea was to delegate that to the CAO to be based on a reading of construction inflation. But if I'm in error in that interpretation, I will get back to the Councillor.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Question through you to Chair Mayes. I think we had some discussion on this, but I just was hoping for maybe for confirmation on the floor of Council here. Will Councillor Mayes look to request that the public service, on an annual basis, make public the construction inflation number, by the end of November for the upcoming year?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Yes, thank you for the question. An undertaking has been made to the development industry that the inflationary number would be provided by November 30th of any given calendar year, obviously that did not happen this year. It appears the reason why is because it was discovered that an error was made back in 2016 and that in fact we would need to take steps to-date to confirm that number. So in an abundance of caution, staff didn't provide that number to the industry because, at least in theory that number could've been adjusted here today. So yes, we will be moving at the next PPD meeting to introduce a prevision that the inflationary index, the inflationary number would be provided to the development industry by November 30th of each year. It's, I think, a fair request in that adjustments have to be made to their pricing as they go forward each year. So it's something we're still trying to work through, the impact fee, being relatively new and in fact still facing a legal challenge. But I think we're trying to improve implementation each year. Councillor Orlikow has done a lot of the heavy lifting on this. But yeah, that's the proposal is that we'll move that committee to start setting up a November 30th for a deadline for a notice to the development community.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to see that I'm not alone on this issue of construction inflation this term. Right off the bat, in this first meeting, we have Councillor Lukes asking about construction inflation. It warms my heart as we enter a cool season. It happens to be, Madam Speaker that Councillor Mayes did give an explanation to it and that works for me. Not our entire consideration of construction inflation of course, far from it. Having said that, my understanding was that construction inflation, the increase in the development impact fee would be based on construction inflation up to 5%. I'm not sure if Councillor Mayes, made that point, I just as we move forward on this, my question is does Councillor Mayes agree that it was, or if he can correct me that it was construction inflation up to 5%?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I'll have to take that under advisement, actually and get back to the Councillor. I can't, I'm not sure if we set a cap for 5%. That's not my memory of it. The first year was 5%. Councillor Schreyer, may well be right. Councillor Schreyer certainly raised construction inflation a number of times, in this body, so it's a fair question. I'll try and research that, still relatively new in the role, so that's a fair question. It is meant to be an annual calculation, the rate of construction inflation by our calculation does seem to have slowed. We were using 3%, since that's what the number provided in April of this year by our staff. It appears as the year neared completion that the staff rejigged that to be 3.5%. But it's a fair question from Councillor Schreyer, so I'll try and get back to him.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein?

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just one question, to through you of course, on the determination of that rate of inflation for construction inflation. My question would be, Madam Speaker, who is it that is actually making that decision? Is this just the City administration, if so, what are they basing it on. So I'm just kind of looking for some more detail on who makes that, and what, I guess, qualifications they have to do so.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: This appears to be my opportunity to use the word 'algorithm' on the floor of City Council. [Inaudible] division, it's a number of, I don't make to mistake that it's a staff measure number of construction-related costs, related to bids, related to input costs, basically over the course of a calendar year. There's been some requests for more exact data from the development industry. Our staff today, does not have been comfortable provided that. Perhaps when the legal challenge is over, there'll be a little more transparency, I'm not sure. But at this stage at least,

we have a lot of data accrued from various bids and the input costs in essence are measured over the calendar year and then an inflation adjusted figures used, it does make sense in that as our costs to do capital projects increase, the costs we're charging as an impact fee would also increase. But early days still on this [inaudible] and still wrapped up in the courts. So I'll try to get a more exact answer for Councillor Klein. It's a fair question. But at this stage it's perhaps algorithm overtakes the complexity of it, but it's measuring a number of costs by City staff to try to get as an exact an estimate as possible.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further questions? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins on the report dated November 23rd, 2018.

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Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I want to move the adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 to 5.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein, 5. Okay. I'll call the question on 1, 2 and 3. All in favour? 5 was pulled. Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Increase to the Capital Budgets for the Cornish Library Project and St. John's Library Project

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins to introduce Item 4.

Councillor Rollins: Sure, I will wait to hear from my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, of course, in support but I just wanted to, at this point, thank the Winnipeg Library Foundation for raising money for keeping the heritage of libraries here in Winnipeg, which now is what is it now, we had I believe it was 2014, was a hundred years so now we are into 104, going on 105 years of public libraries in Winnipeg. And I just wanted to acknowledge the work and where they've raised more money to go into the Cornish Library and the St. John's Library. We of course as a city have invested in this and my St. John's Library being in the Mynarski Ward, is of interest to myself and to others and this improvement, these improvements to the St. John's Library and more than likely the same at the Cornish, these improvements and even an extra 20,000 here and there and more money that we can put into it, the more we increase the capacity of these libraries to serve the people to which they are meant to serve, and of course there is a lot of accessibility built into what they are doing now with the two libraries. So I just wanted to rise and thank the Winnipeg Library Foundation for the work they have done in raising money and convincing other levels of government to chip in on this project as well. And I will leave it at that. It's a great news story.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers on Item 4? Councillor Rollins, do you wish to close?

Councillor Rollins: I would like to echo Councillor Eadie's comments. In 2017, the city libraries had a satisfaction rating of 95 percent and so it is with a grateful heart to those who work in Library Services for this high rating and I can't wait to hear about 2018, then of course, the new year, what a good new year in 2019 most likely. Libraries remain well use and valued because they are more than just about borrowing books. For instance, the second floor of the Millenium Library, community crisis workers are available for information on shelters, housing, social assistance, employment counselling and so much more on Wednesday, Fridays, Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday to Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. In the main, of course, this increase to the capital budgets for the beloved community library's Cornish Library project and St. John's Library projects really increases the value of the library refurbishment and redevelopment program in the existing infrastructure with funds that have been received for these projects from the Winnipeg Library Foundation, Carnegie Campaign, and as Councillor Eadie mentioned, other levels of government, Social Development Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund. The need for library facilities I think we all agree to be flexible, green, universally accessible is growing in demand and the libraries built today are really esthetically pleasing, safe, welcoming and community-based. Sometimes as we see with the Millennium Library with community workers. The Cornish Library Project and St. John's Library Project as well as those mentioned earlier and addressed by Councillor Santos aligns with OurWinnipeg policy to provide library facilities that are safe, convenient and accessible in the community.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that I will call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 5.

Item 5 – Single Source Negotiations and Award of Contract Extension – Active Network Ltd.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, do you wish to introduce the item? Item 5.

Councillor Rollins: I do. Item 5 is a single source negotiation with the award contract to the Active Network Limited for the collection of all credit and debate payments processed through the active hosting software. And this item is to delegate to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of other such agreements that he deems necessary, in accordance with the report that you see before you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Rollins. I believe this was stood down by Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Speaker. Just a question, through the…obviously, Madam Speaker; I'm wondering if an RFP process, tender process was considered because as I look at this, another example of having a single source negotiation, I certainly can appreciate the Hydro reference that they are the only one we get hydro from but it does beg the question, how I would explain to taxpayers why this organization was chosen. It is over a million dollars. It is…it may quite possibly be the most efficient and the most economical service to use but there is no supporting data of that. And to me, it goes back to one of the things that I have strongly supported the Mayor with when he talks about we need to be more open, I would like to know if, again, through the…through you, Madam Speaker, if an RFP process…tender process was considered, if so, why they didn't proceed with that and we have to once again go to a single source contract?

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And yes, perhaps our Chair can maybe interpret…I wasn't at the meeting and maybe further pursuant to Councillor Klein's comments, when I read the one paragraph in the report here it indicates that the contract with Active automatically renews every 3 years, it requires written notice of termination 12 months prior to the end of the contract term. The initial 3 year term ends November 2nd, 2018, notice of intention to terminate was required by November 2nd. Then it says that this notice was not provided, so I'm…and the contract has now automatically renewed for an additional 3 year term. So was it not…was the notice not provided because there was an error and they just…the department missed it and missed the deadline? Or was it you know, intentional…was it the intent of the department to bring this forward as recommendation for a sole source? Just wondering if there could be interpretation maybe in closing comments in regards to this notice was not provided if that can be interpreted or help council understand that please if possible. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Any further comments? Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you Madam Speaker. The one question I would have pertaining to this is that single source contracts tend to lead itself to lazy accountability. I would like to see or ask if there is a possibility of getting a full report of single source contracts, if that's possible.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Nason. Any further speakers? Councillor Rollins, your opportunity to close.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillors, indeed, all the questions that you posed have been asked and it was a case of it being missed. And for operations sake this has come to the committee of Protection, Community Services and Parks as a single source. And for all the reasons you stated, it's not ideal. In terms of a practice, it's something that we want to avoid. So in…I appreciate the questions, Madam Speaker, of my colleagues. They were ones that I asked and posed myself. With respect to the questions on full report of single source, I think that's out of the scope of this item because I would have to ask clarification from my colleague, Councillor Nason, if he meant, you know, something more than beyond the scope of that which the committee of parks and protection, community services and parks and something more along the lines of. But I can take that back to committee if he so wishes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I will draw your attention to Motion No. 5 on your desks. It's a motion moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Rollins. And it's regarding bicycle registration. It will be an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and Parks. We have no by-laws. Any questions for our Chair, for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Mayes

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

WHEREAS the crystal meth crisis in 2018 has resulted in a huge increase in bicycle thefts;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service cannot identify a stolen bicycle if the serial number is not recorded anywhere for them to check a bike's status;

AND WHEREAS a police officer working in the North End (North Point Douglas) has indicated a great solution to ensuring serial numbers are registered by having a bike registered in the City of Winnipeg's online bike registry at the time of purchase;

AND WHEREAS the voluntary online bike registry only has 2,052 bikes registered for the whole city of approximately 730,000 people;

AND WHEREAS registration of identifying information works in dealing with theft and other problematic issues for automobiles with vehicle identification numbers (VIN) and pawn shops under the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service undertake a consultation with retail outlets, specialty shops and the company that maintains the online bike registry for the purpose of identifying how bicycles can be registered at time of purchase in Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back to City Council with the required amendments to the Doing Business In Winnipeg By-law and plan to implement bicycle registration at time of purchase.

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Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We don't often talk about outdoor pleasure rinks that the City provides here, but they actually are pretty important to a lot of residents. As you will remember, March 20, 2012, you, Councillor Browaty, and I voted for the 2012 Operating Budget, which included an increase of $150,000, $10,000 per ward to fund an additional outdoor rink, we were all consulted on that, where we wanted them. I was advised this week by staff that the rinks in my ward have been reallocated due to ward boundary changes and that the rinks that have been in place for several years are no longer going to be maintained or operated by the City. I was not consulted, maybe it's just my ward, but I wonder if Chair Rollins could look into this and get back to us at some point on. These are important to people. We, the councillors, will get a lot of calls and complaints, I'm sure because rinks that we thought would be back, where they have been for years, suddenly are not going to get back. I don't know the extent of this. It's not every rink in my ward certainly, but I wonder if the Chair could at some point get back to me on basically, I think in future years we need to do better than that in terms of getting feedback from our staff about where they propose, since the rinks that were added back in 2012, what was very much a collaborative process with the Councillors as to where they wanted that additional rink.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins?

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I rise as a proud hockey mom, and the outdoor pleasure rinks, there's nothing closer to my heart as a mom who likes to see the kids in the community skate and make sure that they are exercising, getting out in the winter time and are really calm and needing to sleep when they get home. So, I will take my colleague's question and look into it. I want to make sure that it is clear where the community outdoor pleasure rinks are this season.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Allard on the report dated November 20th. Noting we have amending Motion 2 on Item No. 3.

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Councillor Allard: I would like to move consent agenda and maybe I will pull 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay. 1, okay. 1. Okay so we…I will call the question. 1 and 3 have been pulled. Call the question on 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – 2019 Pedestrian and Cycling Program – Action Plan

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to pull the item to basically celebrate it. So this last council put into, or adopted the active transportation strategies and this is one of the reports that shows how we are building it. And I'm particularly excited by the opportunity to vote on this today and I'm hoping everyone supports the report. And I think I want to also speak about the need for active transportation in this city. As we move to be a million people in the next 20 years or so, we really do need to provide a range of transportation options to our citizens. We…you know, we have an opportunity, I think, in Winnipeg in that we don't have freeways but we do have a very solid arterial road network and this these strategies are looking at what we have and how to connect the entire city in a network where basically, anyone will be able to get anywhere in Winnipeg using active transportation. So that's essentially biking and walking so we are not…there is still a lot of work to do but now that we have annual reporting with the strategies, we are building a complete network year by year, piece by piece and I wanted to pull the report to, well, to talk about the importance of it and that we are doing it. And to share also that I do believe this is essential in our transportation policy going forward. Our roads aren't getting any bigger. I mean, we widen the occasional road here and there but generally speaking, our roads are what they are and we need to find ways to move a million people. And this is part of that solution. So thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to the report and thanks to my colleagues who have supported the strategies.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, too, to celebrate this report. It's been many, many, many, many years and effort in the works and I want to bring particular attention to the northwest Hydro corridor and the amount of work that's going on on that. The northwest quadrant of the city is the most underserved area from an active transportation perspective and this Hydro corridor pathway has been in the works again for a very long time and working with Hydro has, you know, been a wonderful process to get this in place and it finally is in place and it's proceeding and it's a huge cause for celebration. And I know, Madam Speaker, you have worked on this very diligently to see this happen because again, we have no pathways, no corridors like what's being put in in the northwest quadrant of the city and that's a huge reason for celebration and I look forward to supporting this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yes. I, too, want to commend Councillor Allard in terms of the growth of the active trail way system. But I would like to ask a question if that's possible, in terms of…and I have noted that Councillor Allard does actively take his bike to work even through the winter months. And with the snowfall that we have experienced over these last couple of days and even last night, what accommodations are being made to continue cycling throughout the winter months in terms of the active trail ways and snow removal?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Just procedurally, just to let everyone know, you can certainly phrase questions in your speaking time, there will also be question period at the end of this committee session where you can pose your questions directly to the Chair. Thank you. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in favour of this as I did in fact stand in favour of last term's the initial active transportation plan. I had concerns about it and given deliberations serious and locked deliberation that we had on the initial active transportation plan, 3 and a half years ago, I think it was in May-June of 2015. I did in fact vote in favour, in the end of the active transportation plan. My major reasoning for concern about it was what the active transportation plan said and what it didn't say. One being and I proved it, there is no doubt about it that when it came to the consultation process that took place, it was never emitted beyond the scope of the consultation open houses, beyond that it never was. And I'll explain to anybody who doubts it, it never was beyond those consultation open houses with all the resources put into broadcasting by media including telephone calls and polling, and telephone surveys, never was broadcast, the cost…the initial cost of the active transportation plan. I thought that was unnecessary. But also, that

it did not prioritize, what I say today, I said last term from the very beginning of it I know it annoys people but it doesn't matter because we all have to agree on this because it's not an opinion. That the vast majority, and I will say, I'll go out to be judged on this, over 90 percent of our active transportation system, and I think that's a conservative estimate that will continue to be the case in another decade from now, that over 90 percent of our active transportation system based on how we wish to define it in the optimistic sense, in the feel good sense, the very real way it is true, Madam Speaker over 90 of our active transportation system is our sidewalks and we can't ignore that. There is no point, Madam Speaker, because that's the vast use of how people use our rapid transportation system and it will continue to be so. Absolutely, there's nothing that compares to people walking on sidewalks to get to…their going about their business, to do what they have to do, Madam Speaker, to what they have to do, Madam Speaker. That means going to their local grocery store. Madam Speaker, in terms of active transportation, it's the sidewalk, Madam Speaker, nothing else compares when it comes to people using our public transit system, to access our public transit system, Madam Speaker. To do so people use our sidewalks, Madam Speaker, there is no way around it. Basically that's how we do it. It cannot be underestimated in terms of our use of our public transit system is our sidewalk system. That is again, Madam Speaker, proves the point. The hugest, vastest majority of our active transportation system and let's not trivialize it, because then we're trivializing people walking to get food. We're trivializing people walking to the bus, let alone people…walking to work. Walking to the community club, walking to wherever they have to go, Madam Speaker. And I would say that therefore…I say the sort of vigilance, Madam Speaker, because I was the only one to raise it last term at the beginning of this debate in 2015. I'm not saying this for the sake of argument, Madam Speaker. Anyone who wants to disregard what I say or argue, I would say is arguing for the sake of argument because they might have a vision for why they are in favour of active transportation and it might be for bicycles, and that's fine. But that doesn't mean what I say isn't true. We all have to agree on facts. We can disagree on opinions, we can disagree on perspective, Madam Speaker, but if we can't all agree on the fact that sidewalks are over 90 percent of our active transportation system, we can be in trouble, Madam Speaker, not just in terms of understanding what active transportation is all about, but also in terms of planning to meet people's needs. Madam Speaker, the problem that I had…I still have a problem in terms of vigilance on the issue, is that the active transportation plan did include looking at the City divesting its responsibility to maintaining sidewalks in the winter time. Madam Speaker, since we know that sidewalks is the vast majority by far, nothing compares to people walking on sidewalks, including in the winter time, we depend on people walking on sidewalks in the winter time, people depend on walking on sidewalks in the winter time, Madam Speaker, the idea that it still is it's there in the action plan. So I say this, I was told by other councillors, including Councillor Gerbasi, that there is no way that we would pass the idea of the City divesting its responsibilities to maintaining sidewalks in the winter time. But having said that, Madam Speaker, Councillor Gerbasi is no longer here, Councillor Gerbasi is no longer here. So I maintain the vigilance on this issue. Active transportation…basically in our city, will mean sidewalks and we can't get rid of it. That's just the way it is unless we really wish…have a plan, have a vision, have an agenda for…to get rid of early seasonally by the City divesting itself of responsibility. We can talk about, it, Madam Speaker, other cities do it. But I was told, Madam Speaker, in this chamber, that's not going to happen. And on that basis, I vote in favour of the active transportation system. But make no mistake, it's not an opinion. It's a statistical fact and I believe it will be…this is a projection not an opinion, I can be proved right or wrong in the future, that it will continue to be so as we implement and complete, if you will, the active transportation plan. So I say this because it's really important. We don't give up on people walking on the sidewalk and then talk about a great active transportation system we have, because the important part of it is people walking down the street…essentially, walking down the sidewalk. And I will not give up on this, Madam Speaker, and I mention that out of vigilance in this new term, what active transportation's about. Primarily, we can't get rid of it, it's about walking. It's great that we can ride…we have the connectivity to ride our bicycles around the city and downtown, that's good. Madam Speaker, what's great is that people can walk because that's the vast majority of how people will use our active transportation system. Not out of choice, Madam Speaker, basically not out of choice, it's just the reality of life, that's the way the world works including here in Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. For the vast majority of neighbourhoods that have sidewalks, it's really important. All very well for the new neighbourhoods that don't have sidewalks that are supposed to walk on the road, those roads are well maintained…better maintained, that's great. But are we saying…it's never stated in the active transportation plan that the neighbourhoods that have sidewalks, people are supposed to walk down the street if we consider the City divesting its responsibility towards sidewalks. Madam Speaker, sidewalks are our active transportation system for the most part. Let us not forget. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Madam Speaker, I'll be much briefer than my colleague from East Kildonan-Elmwood. My comments today are, again, I will be voting in support of this plan. There's a lot of very good things going on here. Winnipeg is adopting…Winnipeggers are adopting more active lifestyles, they are using active transportation, there's a lot of good things going on out there. Winnipeg is remarkably flat. You don't have to be in very good shape to be able to get on a bike and drive to work, go to the store. I mean, you look at cities like Quebec City where…Halifax or whatever, where you're going up and down, you need to be fairly fit just to move around your community. Winnipeg has a natural advantage by being very flat. We are, however though, a winter city. And you know, while, you know, I know people that actively ride to work and that during the summer, but in the winter they take a bus, they drive, they do

various other things. I don't think Winnipeggers are going to embrace winter cycling. And the cost of snow removal on some of these dedicated bike lanes that we are adding to streets like here in the Exchange District on McDermot and Bannatyne, and what I'm concerned about in this year for 2019, Maryland and Sherbrook, it's going to make snow removal more difficult and more costly for very minimal benefit. I have seniors in North Kildonan that would much rather see their sidewalks ploughed right to the concrete so they're not slipping and falling. I think that's a better investment for snow clearing than it is for the additional incremental costs to have to deal with these now protected bike lanes. Why not do the temporary bike lane that worked downtown? I've advocated for this before. You put it in…and do it every year. Do it seasonally. Put in these lanes down Sherbrook and…sorry, down here in the Exchange District, Bannatyne and McDermot, middle of October, end of October, pick them up, put them away, try again next year. That way you don't have the snow clearing costs but you have the benefit and the safety and the improved access to people who want to cycle during the summer. I just…I mean, with apologies to my colleague from St. Boniface who's…you know, this week's weather's not been too bad but you know, for the majority of people who are biking in the winter, they are the extreme. They are the extreme cyclists and I don't see that changing. So again, I will be supporting this motion today. There is a lot of good things going on but again, these protected lanes that are permanent and year round, I'm still not buying that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to suspend the rules so we can continue the meeting past 12 noon?

Councillor Orlikow: Do I? I feel there is consensus for that, so yes I will.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Carrying on, Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I just want to acknowledge Councillor Allard in the short time that we have shared the office area, I have watched Councillor Allard bike in in some great conditions and some bad conditions and I just shake my head in amazement. So I know that this comes from a very good place with him and somebody who is very committed to it for many reasons so my congratulations to Councillor Allard. A couple of things that I have in addition to the cycling improvements that are city-wide, I didn't notice any in Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood. So I would just maybe put the question through, Madam Speaker, if this was an oversight, if it is in there and I missed it, I apologize, but I am concerned that we've left out an area…and I know deer don't use bicycles, but they might, so we should have space for them. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Klein. Any further speakers? Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, I am standing in support of this. My ward apparently is realizing significant amounts of this money and it is highly used in our area by seniors, youth, all ages. They love the network and of course there is always a need for more. But, there's a couple of things we need to get out there and talk about more and that's safety. I, too, have seen Councillor Allard riding his bike and I have cautioned him that he should have a reflective vest. There are some mandatory things, I've spent some time in Calgary. Calgary has a requirement of bells and I believe there is actually active enforcement if you don't have the bells there, is respect on the pathways. We want to make sure it's safe for everyone that's using them so additional instruction pertaining to leveraging our pathways is probably overdue or should be done in a remedial fashion. Further to Councillor Browaty's comments on snow clearing, I noticed a few of our trails that were pushed in, I think it was late in either 2008-2009 in my ward, it was put right beside existing sidewalk. And I know Councillor Schreyer mentioned about the importance of sidewalks and, you know, how the, you know maybe the trails are sort of secondary to pedestrian pathways, but I think we've got some redundancy in some areas and I had hoped that in future iterations we look at how if we're placing these in areas that are already existing sidewalks that we perhaps look at removing the sidewalks in support or expanding the sidewalks so that we don't have duplication of service. That's all I would like to put on the record today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. I wasn't going to rise to speak to the report. This is the action plan. These are the projects that are listed to go out and now we're having a dialogue about some bigger picture stuff here, Madam Speaker. So I just rise to speak and I of course am in favour of this report. There is some noteworthy projects happening across the city. There is a demand and a need for cyclist provisions out on our right of ways and providing for that healthy style living. And Madam Speaker, for those who don't know, prior to losing my eyesight when I was 24, I never actually purchased or owned a motor vehicle in my life. I owned a ten speed which at the time you couldn't get nice tires to ride in the winter. But I rode that bike to work 3 seasons, spring, summer and fall. You wouldn't want to ride 10 speed tires in the winter or it was pretty difficult in the rain even, Madam Speaker, and I rode the bus. And Madam Speaker, we're talking about Councillor Allard, and I like that he was convinced in the last term that he should really take the bus and he does take the bus a lot, too, not just ride his bike. So I just want to clarify some stuff in speaking to this

report. As the councillors from the previous term know, there was new and improved snow priority system or process put into place, Madam Speaker, and we were all consulted about that and that sidewalk priority…street priority, and I believe it also had priority for active transportation paths so that we could better figure out how to accomplish good snow clearing for the 3 kinds of uses we have; motor vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. And Madam Speaker, just for the education of people, through the Access Advisory Committee over the years there has been a great difficulty in trying to ensure that there is a separation between pedestrians and cyclists which is the same problem between motorists and cyclists in that it is quite dangerous. For example, for a person who is totally blind to walk on a combined trail and there's no appropriate way to determine which is the cycling path and which is the sidewalk path. So there isn't a lot of synergy necessarily between a sidewalk and an active transportation trail necessarily, it's mostly provisions for cyclists to make it easier unless you can define quite adequately where pedestrians are to go, which would include wheelchair users and so on, people using walkers, Madam Speaker. So we always need to consider the accessibility needs of those pedestrians. And I would just maybe just close by saying that I noted there is a reason I didn't vote for the pedestrian cycling plan originally, Madam Speaker, and the reason I didn't vote for it was, I was quite concerned about some of the ideas that were pitched from certain groups and stuff about where active transportation paths should be located in the Mynarski Ward. Very concerned about that because I don't think it realized that balance that we need to strike between motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Thanks. I will be voting for this report.

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

Mayor Bowman: Given the hour, I will be brief. I just want to thank Councillor Allard for his work on this and all members of council. When Councillor Eadie just mentioned the original pedestrian cycling strategies which was a difficult political debate and effort, the City of Winnipeg, in my view, in previous terms had not put as much emphasis on building active transportation amenities for those that choose to cycle or walk, of course. And the long term 20 year, award winning plan that we are now implementing was adopted by council on the insurances that on an annual basis members of council would have an opportunity to vote on an action plan and that's what we are doing here today. And so I'm pleased to hear some members of council who oppose the plan now supporting the action plan, I think that's obviously very positive and I hope and trust that's given the opportunities for meaningful input. The one thing I would say is that as we build…as we connect or…as we play catch up to other cities, Calgary was referenced by Councillor Nason, other cities that I think are far ahead of us in terms of building active transportation amenities, we are playing catch up. And so building meaningfully connected networks for those that choose to cycle 12 months of the year, I think is going to…it's going to require continued financial commitment by the City of Winnipeg. As we grow to a million people we have to move people around safely and efficiently through various transportation means, cars, of course, a primary mode of transportation, but also public and active transportation. Those two will become increasingly important as we grow our community. I learned a few things today. I'm going to be taking a look for reindeer or deer I should say, over the holidays in Charleswood cycling thanks to Councillor Klein's comments. I typically cycle and walk with my family on the Heart Line which is a beautiful amenity that we're blessed to have in Charleswood. I don't think Councillor Browaty was representing winter cyclists as extremists, I think he was saying they are on the extreme but maybe he could clarify there. I just think it's good that we are actually implementing these action plans and I would just applaud all those that have helped developed it for council's consideration today. The one thing that we will have to be mindful of is when these active transportation amenities are built that meaningful dialogue occurs with adjacent businesses and property owners and so the fact we're…we can kind of focus our efforts on the how are we implementing, I hope, you know, through the committee we will be able to look at ways in which we can continue to improve how we do it but the fact that we're actually building it is incredibly positive for the growth and development of our city. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker. So I'm going to try to acknowledge a few of the comments made by some of my colleagues. So Councillor Schreyer, thank you for your diligence on sidewalks. Yes, sidewalks are a very important part of our transportation system. Maybe remind everyone who was here and for those councillors who are now joining us and Councillor Chambers, I think you referenced it in your question earlier, but this council did vote to support enhanced snow clearing. And what that means is that Public Works came up with a report showing how we would link the active transportation network given the current infrastructure that we have. So this report was passed by council and thank you very much to my colleagues for support there. And so the motion that we passed, those who were here, said that if monies were available we would be applying the enhanced snow clearing in this snow season. My understanding is that the…that that budget was not available for this snow season. I am looking for clarification on in terms of when specifically that enhanced service will occur, whether it's immediately in 2019 or if it's going to be the next snow season. So I am looking into that for…on all of our behalves. Thank you for the question, in Councillor Chambers. So to Councillor Nason, thank you for the advice on how to winter cycle. I actually stopped, further to your advice, cycling when it's dark until I get that protective vest that you were talking about so thanks for the feedback. I would like to chat with you further on what you meant specifically on sidewalk consolidation. I mean, personally I think we should have sidewalks everywhere but I guess that's a matter of opinion, perhaps there are opportunities to explore there.

Councillor Klein, your question about no projects in Charleswood, if you are aware of any projects that you would like to champion, please let me know. I think part of the reason the strategies were passed by this council is that it was a pragmatic document that looks at the need and the interest for councillors to build facilities in their wards and also building a network that makes sense. Our active transportation people will tell us how important the core part of the network is particularly the downtown. And so, there is a priorized system where some of our wards may not be necessarily at the top of the priority for the specific projects but if you are aware of a project, certainly we want to see the network built throughout the city. And Councillor Eadie, thanks for your clarification on the plan and for some of your comments about the interaction between cyclists and the accessibility issues particularly for those who are visually impaired. And then Councillor…saved the best for last, well, I can't say save the best for last yet, you are not last yet but Councillor Browaty, I know that…I am going to try to speak to your sometimes auto focused heart in terms of the value of the snow clearing for our network. So, just want to share…I just want to share an experience…like so, since I've started winter cycling, this is my first time, I found that I actually block an entire traffic lane when I have to use a facility that's not a protected facility. So my pitch to drivers as a cyclist is, if we do have the facilities that are being properly up kept in terms of snow, it's going to mean less bikes sharing the arterial road network. And I tried…on Provencher Bridge, I tried sticking to the curb but I found that my safety was compromised because cars would almost touch me. And there's a campaign going on saying, give a metre from MPI right now which is good, but the reality is, if you're not going to take the lane, personally, I feel like you are putting your safety at risk. So I take a meter of the lane to try to show, look, I'm not trying to blocking the lane, but I have to for my own personal safety. So that's an example where if there were protected facilities on the north side of Provencher Bridge, I wouldn't be blocking the motorists. And in terms of the enhanced snow clearing that we all passed as a council, because a large part of our facilities are not yet connected with protected facilities, much of that enhanced snow clearing is actually for roads and sidewalks to Councillor Schreyer's point. And our snow clearing policy is road gets cleared sidewalk gets cleared. Now, that doesn't always happen perfectly in practice, but that's our policy and if you are aware, Councillor Schreyer, or any councillor at the table of situations where that's not occurring I would like to know because I would like to follow-up with Public Works. So, I do see…I think everyone benefits with our new enhanced snow clearing package that we voted on as the last council. And in terms of protected facilities, everyone wins because everyone…the cyclists can have a protected ride and the motorists aren't sharing the road with the cyclists and they're not getting slowed down. So I think it's a win/win across the board in terms of how we're doing this. And Mayor Bowman, thank you for your leadership in stewarding this plan through council and it's a real pleasure to be in a position to be Chair of Public Works right now where I get to see actual projects getting built so thank you for that. And on a personal note, in terms of where…in terms of how I did get to winter cycling a good friend of mine, his name is Ian Walker, his dad was unfortunately diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in January of…or in 2017. He is not able to winter cycle this year and so the bike that I'm riding today, it's a single-speed bike, studded tires, it's Ian's dad's bike and the reason I am not riding it is because his dad can't, unfortunately. And so it's a very personal connection to the bike and I feel like, on that personal level, I am more committed to doing this because of the personal connection that exists there. And so far, someone said, I can't remember who said it's cold in the winter, it was Councillor Browaty. It really is not cold in the winter if you're dressed properly to winter cycle. And I know you look a little bit like an astronaut when you are dressing to conditions when it's -40° outside, but it really isn't cold. So with that, thanks to everyone for your comments and I hope you can support these strategies. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard. With that I'll call the question on Item 1 – 2019 Pedestrian and Cycling Program Action Plan. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Results of the May 23, 2018 advertisement of the proposed Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement local improvement project (Highfield Street, Coniston Street, Claremont Avenue and Ferndale Avenue)

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard, your opportunity to speak to the main item and your amending Motion No. 2.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

WHEREAS the Draft By-law attached to Item No. 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated November 20, 2018, titled "Results of the May 23, 2018 advertisement of the proposed Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement local improvement project (Highfield Street, Coniston Street, Claremont Avenue and Ferndale Avenue) contains an error in the project description;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 2 of the report be deleted and replaced with the following:

2. That a By-law to authorize the proposed local improvement outlined in Recommendation 1 of this report, be enacted in accordance with the attached draft By-law (Schedule "A"), amended as follows:

Delete the following:

"(a) Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement - approximately 16 feet wide (5 inches thick) on the first lane east, between of Ferndale Avenue and Claremont Avenue, from Highfield Street to Coniston Street."

and replace with the following:

"(b) Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement - approximately 16 feet wide (5 inches thick) on the lane in the block bounded by Highfield Street, Coniston Street, Claremont Avenue and Ferndale Avenue."

Councillor Allard: Right. So I understand this is really a house cleaning item coming forward from the Clerks. And so with that adding to the main item, Councillor Mayes and I have been talking about how great this program is. Basically it's…we have a fund that leverages local improvements where the City pays a bit more than half of local improvements of gravel lanes that are upgraded to asphaltic lanes. And whoever has either gravel lanes or gravel streets will know the number of complaints that come from citizens and so this program has been a huge benefit to…in particular, I think, to citizens of St. Vital Ward and of St. Boniface Ward, some in St. Norbert Ward as well. But it really is leveraging home owners' dollars in a way that's very efficient and creates superior infrastructure in Winnipeg. So with that house cleaning amendment, it's my pleasure to move this report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers on the amending motion or the main item? Seeing none, Councillor Allard do you wish to close or I can call the question?

Councillor Allard: Question please.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of amending Motion 2. Contrary. Carried. All in favour of Item 3, as amended? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws under this committee, Councillor Allard.

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

Councillor Allard: I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law No. 97/2018, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize the undertaking of certain local improvements, By-law No. 98/2018, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize…I just said that. It was read twice. Is that so moved then?

Madam Speaker: So you'll…yeah, you'll move By-law 97 and 98, yeah. 2018.

Councillor Allard: Oh 98, right. I'm sorry.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 97/2018 and By-law No. 98/2018.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard on the second reading.

Councillor Allard: I move the By-law Nos. 97/2018 and 98/2018 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 97/2018 and 98/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard on the suspension and third reading.

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 97/2018 and 98/2018 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 have question period for our Chair. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, this is more of a 'did you know'. So that now we've got Michael Cantor, who's our new Manager of Streets Maintenance. I posed the question to him about the reprioritization of the sidewalks and active transportation pathways and snow removal for this year, because the motion indicated if they had excess they might consider it. But they don't and this will not occur and I think it's really important that the public be aware of this because we have been working on this for going into 3 years that Mr. Cantor said that the clearing is moved to the Public Works operating budget process. So I hope that in the budget review that the EPC, plus Deputy and Acting Deputy Mayor are going through that the operating funding to support the sidewalks and active transportation pathways for enhanced snow removal be included in the budget. So again, just to be clear it won't be happening for this 2018/2019 Winter. Mr. Cantor has indicated if it's approved in the budget, it will be 2019/2020 Winter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, do you wish it respond?

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Thank you for the 'are you aware' question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I remised to ask a question, but I am very hungry so I hope we are adjourning for lunch immediately after this question period. Madam Speaker, I rise about a concern that happened after our first major snowfall, I guess you could call it and that concern, Madam Speaker, is I'm very concerned in that we never changed the priority of sidewalk plowing on regional streets, which are to be, those sidewalks are to be plowed basically the same time that the actual street on the regional is being cleared. And Madam Speaker, I'm wondering first of all, if the Chair of IRPW knew that it was days after the plow of the regional roads happened that they started to plow the sidewalks? And for this particular pedestrian who walks quite a bit, I know that the priority did not seem to align on streets like Main Street and Salter. So, did the Chair know that it was days later that regional sidewalks got plowed?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Since my rebirth as an active transportation and bus-riding person in Winnipeg of January, it happened in January '17, I have noticed that there is not always congruence in terms of our street plows and our sidewalk plows, even though our policies says that they should be done at the same time. If anyone is aware of situations where this is not occurring, I know I have been seeing some of that and personally following up with our City administration. My understanding and my understanding is that P1 street equals P1 sidewalk, so if that's not happening I'd like know and if anybody has ideas on how to better align with that. I know that I've had discussions with our Director and I think I am aware and I think the Director is also aware that there is not always alignment, but our policy says that there should be. So please let me know if there ever any of these situations coming forward.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I can't recall, Madam Speaker, but I'm trying to find out, are our regional sidewalks plowed by City crews or by the contractor who has the contract to plow the actual roads?

Councillor Allard: I'm going to have to follow up, but my understanding is that it's primarily City, but that it's not entirely so. I will have to follow up with you, or for you, Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again we just talk about the Active Transportation Plan, we learned about Councillor Allard, his propensity to ride his bike including in the Winter time and take the bus; these are great things. I, myself, wish to mention preamble given my approximate, I might be the Councillor that lives the closest to City Hall. I'm not sure, but I live close enough that I, for me, it's a half-hour walk. So I do walk, even in January, -30, I'll walk to City Hall. The disproportionate alternative, if you will, or resource-efficient cost effective form of transportation for me is ride-share, real ride-share, Madam Speaker. The ride-share we acknowledge by it's term 'ride-share' for which the City acknowledges what ride-share is that being when you share a ride; presumably not-for-profit, but you do save on

gas. Madam Speaker, and I do that a lot, I get dropped off at work or I drop off my brother-in-law, who works at the Canadian Grain Commission very close. Today I dropped him off, we dropped off the kids at school, I dropped off my brother-in-law and then I come to work. It's great and it's an efficient way for us to share resources and ride-share. This proportionately, I like to given my proximity in that I can walk, I do something in between cycling and walking maybe. I like to rollerblade every once in a while. I'd like to ask Councillor Allard, if he's ever rollerbladed to work?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question, Councillor Eadie, and thank you. Sorry. That's a weird Freudian slip. Thank you for the question, Councillor Schreyer, and thank you for the interest in my commuting from all of my colleagues. But in terms of rollerblading, I have rollerbladed in the past. I have not rollerbladed to work, but it's a challenge that I may take up one day.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll now move on. Yes.

Councillor Schreyer: Would he consider when the weather gets better to that we rollerblade to work together from his place? I'll pick him up and meet him on the sidewalk.

Madam Speaker: He may. Moving onto the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. No, it was…Councillor Eadie, we just have a committee…very short two committees left. I do have a…I do have the Clerk coming over to you, he'll speak with you in a moment. Standing Policy Committee on Finance. Councillor Gillingham, the report dated November 27th, 2018.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for Finance. Any questions for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, again I am remised that I extend the time here and I'm actually anyway. My question, Madam Speaker, there was a release about the budget process starting out and in that budget release it indicated who the Budget Working Group is, which is fine with me, it's the Mayor's prerogative. We can work the budget the way it's been working now for a number of time. But I just had a little concern. I'm not, and I don't think it's a huge issue but I'd just like clarification, Madam Speaker. In their refer to consultation with those who are not part of the EPC group to discover the financial or budget interest of the residents in each Councillor's ward. Madam Speaker, I just want to clarify, I was elected to City Council and I'm concerned about all of Winnipeg, always have been, always will, and I'm just concerned I hope that ideas that will resolve issues not just for my ward but ideas that I have will be considered in the 2019 and it will be a four year budget with the first being in 2019 and then we're going to project budgets that are zero in terms of a deficit. In other words, we're going to come up with a four year budget confirming only the 2019. But, I hope that our ideas and I just like the Chair of Finance to confirm that they will be considering from Councillors who don't happen to be in power, have an ability to input on the bigger picture for the City of Winnipeg.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you, to Councillor Eadie, thank you for the question and I'll try to answer it quickly to two aspects of the question. First, certainly my intention is to consult with all of my colleagues whether they are on the Budget Working Group or not on the Budget Working Group, to hear from all of my colleagues both budget priorities for their respective wards, which you each are called upon to represent our respective wards. But also to provide Councillors the opportunity, in fact to seek input from my Council colleagues as to ideas for both either revenues or controlling expenses ultimately to balance the budget, so to think more on a city-wide

perspective because of course, though we are each elected to represent our wards, we make decisions, all of us make decisions, collectively on behalf of the City. So yes, I'll welcome all input and be seeking input from everyone to that end. Just maybe I'll try to clarify, I don't know if I misunderstood the Councillor's question, but the intention for 2019 is to balance the 2018 budget that's of course required under provincial legislation. The first year of the multiyear budget that we, the previous Council adopted moving towards, would be 2020, so it will be 2020, 21, 22, 23, that will be the four year, multiyear operating budget that we're aiming for but if the Councillor has further questions we can discuss certainly.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions? Seeing none, we will move on to the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Orlikow, will you move the report of the committee September 6th, 2018 on my behalf please.

REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Councillor Orlikow: So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We do have a motion…pardon me? Yes, oh, sorry, one more report. Councillor Orlikow, November 21st, 2018.

REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2018

Councillor Orlikow: So moved, Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I will just ask the Clerk to bring me the motion. I don't have a copy, it was taken off my desk. Thank you. We have Motion No. 6 moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Gillingham. It's regarding the ward name of the Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward, a request to change the ward name. Yes Councillor Klein?

Councillor Klein: Yes, Madam Speaker. Do you require me to put forward a motion to suspend the rules?

Madam Speaker: Yes, you're interested in dealing with this item today?

Councillor Klein: I am interested in dealing with this item today but in a quick manner.

Madam Speaker: Then you would be asking for suspension of the rule to deal with the item today. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Klein to introduce Motion 6.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS the report of the Winnipeg Wards Boundaries Commission in December 2017 concluded that the Westwood neighbourhood, previously contained in the St. Charles Ward, be moved to the Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward;

AND WHEREAS the Westwood neighbourhood identity is not reflected in the name of the Ward;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter provides City Council with the power to change Ward names;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED:

1. *That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law and forward same to City Council to amend the name of the electoral ward of "Charleswood – Tuxedo" to "Charleswood – Tuxedo – Westwood".*

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker and also, thank you to all of my colleagues around the table for giving me this opportunity. I will do this quickly, I am just killing time to find the right piece of paper. I would like us to put forward that it be resolved that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law and forward the same to city council to amend the name of the electoral ward Charleswood-Tuxedo to Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood. I believe it was just…we were remiss not to include it when the changes were done previously and it is something that I feel is important to the many residents of Westwood that have very…a lot of pride in their neighbourhood to be included in the official ward name.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers? Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I am glad to second the motion on behalf of Councillor Klein and I can appreciate his efforts here. The river that is kind of the natural boundary between Westwood and Charleswood in some ways makes them feel like two different communities yet the councillor is representing one ward. So I think the inclusion of the name 'Westwood' is fitting and appropriate here and I certainly support Councillor Klein's efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, I will call the question on Motion 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. Councillor Chambers, will you move that the meeting adjourns.

Councillor Rollins: Can we have any questions for governance?

Madam Speaker: No, there are not questions for that committee. On to adjournment, Councillor Chambers would you like to move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Just before we call for roll call, I would like to invite each of you to join the Mayor and our CEO, Doug McNeil, and myself at the bake sale that's taking place at the Susan A Thompson Building till 1:30 this afternoon. It's being hosted by the City of Winnipeg Charitable Fund. So I hope you can all find a few minutes to come out there. And I would also like to join the Mayor in wishing each of you well during the holiday season. I hope you take some time to rest and recharge as we have a budget to pass in the New Year. Merry Christmas, happy holidays. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Councillor Schreyer.

Council adjourned at 12:46 p.m.