COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, March 21, 2019

The Council met at 9:35 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Gilroy.

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, Madam Clerk, and welcome as you join us for your first Council meeting. I would like to now recognize two first time pages for today's meeting. Please welcome Pearson Montgomery from Kelvin High School who resides in the Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood Ward. And we also have Ruth Seyoum from Gray Academy of Jewish Learning and she resides in the St. Vital Ward. Welcome to you both and thank you for assisting us. We will now move into morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning. It seems like only yesterday we were debating the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets. I know everyone's been working very hard lately and I'm pleased to be back in the chamber again today for our regular monthly Council meeting. And welcome to all those that are watching in person or via the livestream. This last month has been a busy month. Not only for members of Council, but for many in our community and our public service. I want to thank members of our public service starting with our CAO, Doug McNeil who has as I mentioned in last week's state of the city address, has agreed to stay on a little bit longer. He had a very quick retirement and is staying on an additional month during the flood season to help work collaboratively with the Province of Manitoba whose officials I know are working diligently to monitor the flood threat to the City of Winnipeg and the province. So I want to acknowledge and I want to thank Doug for agreeing to stay on just a little bit longer. And I want to thank our public servants as well as those at the Province of Manitoba as well as elected officials of the province for all their efforts during flood season. Secondly, I want to also just acknowledge and thank everybody who has helped support our library redevelopment efforts over the last number of years. And I was pleased to be joined by, of course, our committee chair, of course, Councillor Rollins as well as the local ward councillor, Councillor Shawn Nason, at the opening of the beautiful new Transcona Library. It is a spectacular facility. I would encourage all Winnipeggers to visit beautiful Transcona and visit that spectacular library. We have been making some really positive redevelopment and renewal efforts of our libraries, really where community comes together. And I was very pleased to help officially open the Transcona Library on March 7th. I was also very pleased and honoured to host approximately 130 community leaders here for International Women's Day on March 8th. It was an absolutely incredible, inspiring event to be surrounded by such strong leaders in our community including Councillor Devi Sharma, Councillor Sherri Rollins, Councillor Vivian Santos, Councillor Janice Lukes and Councillor Cindy Gilroy, all of whom I have the pleasure of serving on this council with. And I want to thank everybody for all of their efforts in our broader community to recognize and mark International Women's Day on March the 8th. I also want to mention over the weekend, I had the pleasure of attending and participating in the Dreams Take Flight gala dinner. Dreams Take Flight is an initiative of Air Canada's employees. They started this initiative, I believe, 26 years ago to take deserving children for a one day trip to Orlando, to Disney World. So they get everybody up and at the airport at about 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning, you fly down, you spend the day with some just beautiful children and volunteers, and then return home much tireder…more tired by the end of the day. The Dreams Take Flight has really been taking children to one of the happiest places on earth, each and every year. And I want to thank everybody who helps make that happen, starting of course, with the volunteers and the employees at Air Canada. They actually…they don't get the flight for free, they raise the money to charter the flight themselves and that's what the employees do. It's really an incredible effort. Couple more points I just want to make in opening statements, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge and thank all members of Council for yesterday's deliberations and budget vote. The budget vote, I was very pleased that we were able to receive the support for the budget including the amendments. I want to acknowledge and thank obviously our councillor…our Finance Chair, Councillor Scott Gillingham, and all members of Council and the community who helped participate and craft that budget as well as, of course, members of our public service. Now I'm looking forward to implementing it. And there's a lot of good things in there including the low income bus pass which I'm very proud to have supported and finally made that a thing that's going to come into reality. And I want to acknowledge and thank Councillor Gilroy's leadership efforts

specifically on the low income bus pass. Finally, I know a number of councillors had the opportunity to attend my State of the City Address. This was my 5th state of the City Address. I was very pleased to be back for four more. And I acknowledged in the opening comments of the state of the city address last week, Madam Speaker, three historical events that we mark this year. Of course, Canada's participation in the Battle of Normandy, I also acknowledged 100 years ago, the General Strike and the historical significance of that and really, what it represented for me, looking back as a student of history. It showed that Winnipeggers were prepared to fight for fairness. And it's something that we should always be reminded of in this council chamber. And lastly, this week, we mark 100 years since the opening of the aqueduct from Shoal Lake. We should never forget where our water comes from, Madam Speaker. Very proud of the efforts of this council to lead and the previous council to lead in the construction of the bridges and, of course, Freedom Road, which as I mentioned in my State of the City Address, very proud to announce it will be officially opening this year. And I hope that all members of Council will join me for that official opening when the data is determined. I think it's something we should all take pride in. And I think Winnipeggers expect to us continue to honour Shoal Lake 40 and Chief Erwin Redsky and that relationship which has really deepened and grown over the last number of years. In the State of the City Address, I did also mention our ongoing efforts and my commitment to try to make Winnipeg an internationally recognized leader in the protection, the promotion of human rights. Today, of all days, is a day that I wanted to mark and remind members of Council and invite all members of Council, in fact, all Winnipeggers to join us in these efforts and to join so many others in our community, Canadian Museum For Human Rights, the Arthur V. Mauro Centre of course, at the University of Manitoba and many others that are working day in and day out to better protect our citizens' human rights as well as to promote them across the country, and in fact, around the globe. Lastly, and just on a lighter note, I will acknowledge that I was not part of the purple tie memo that apparently went out. I know if there is a division on this council it is those that were left out, but I know that there is a mayor in Calgary whose heart is very warm right now with the amount of purple here. He, of course, is Mayor Nenshi. He ran on the purple revolution and I can see that revolution is going strong here in the City of Winnipeg. I will proudly wear my blue tie today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Klein, your morning statement

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just two quick ones; it's with great pride that I officially recognize the young ladies of the Oak Park Raiders Varsity Girls who completed an incredible three year run on Monday night by capturing the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Varsity Girls 4A Basketball crown with a 85-52 victory over Sturgeon Heights Huskies at the Investors Group Athletic Field. Also during this three year span, it's important to note that the number one ranked Oak Park compiled a 94-5 win record while also winning the championship as noted in 2017 and 2018 and the provincial titles in 2017, 2018. And I'm thinking because of this and some other things that have happened, Madam Speaker, it might be time to change the sign coming into Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood to say, "Welcome to Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood, the ward of champions." And we will look at that later. One other quick thing too, Madam Speaker, is…if I may, being the referee in chief or referee in chief with Winnipeg Minor Hockey, I want to take a moment to congratulate all Winnipeg Minor Hockey players for a great season. There are a few teams that remain in the last couple of games of the finals so I wish all of them luck. But I want to thank all the young women and men who make up the on-ice and off-ice officials here in Winnipeg. These are very talented young ladies, young men that are working very hard to learn skills, learn leadership management and do their best, game in and game out. So I'm very proud of all the young officials that we have in Winnipeg that worked tirelessly, of course, to ensure safety for all players. So I want to thank them and I hope each one of them returns next season. I also acknowledge the hundreds and thousands really of hockey parents who spend their winter driving to and from arenas at all hours of the day.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. We have several additional statements that members wish to make. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We occasionally get to…well, it's a mixed feelings thing. I want to say thank you to my…you're rubbing off on me…my long time EA who is getting a promotion, moving on to Saskatoon, a better position for Christa. So it's been a very good run. It's been six and a half years…six and a half years, a very good run. We've had…we were talking, we outlasted everyone except Councillor Orlikow and Georgina Sabesky and Councillor Eadie and Aaron McDowell. We were talking the other day about something that occurred. We realized with Councillor Steen five years ago. So it has been a very good run. It…well, I'll leave aside most of my remarks because otherwise we'll be here all day as some of my colleagues would say. But it's been six years, five offices, four office moves, three councillors from Tuxedo Ward alone, three different mayors and one very memorable day where we drove every gravel lane in the ward of St. Vital. And if you think I have heard a lot about gravel lanes in the ward of St. Vital, Christa has heard far more than me. So I've received some very good advice from Christa over the years including some I should have listened to like, you're all worked up and swearing and you should go home, you should go home now. Which I didn't…thank you…but I should have listened to and didn't. But I think I once…one of the election campaigns I described Christa as indestructible and incorruptible and I stand by that and wish to thank her.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes, very heartfelt. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Madam Speaker and my colleagues in Council, I rise for two items today. My first item is to recognize that today is the International Day for the Elimination of Racism. I'm proud to live in a city which has taken proactive steps to be a leader in human rights through the establishment of the Human Rights Committee of Council and through the opportunities like the Welcoming Winnipeg Initiative that responds to the national dialogue that re-examines historical markers and place names. Last week Friday, we all awoke to hear about the horrific act of violence against innocent worshipers in Christchurch, New Zealand. We readily acknowledge that these cowardly, senseless, unprovoked acts of racism and xenophobia have no place in our society and should be condemned at every level of government. I stand in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters against hatred and racism and ask that we all rise and stand in a moment of silence to honour the fallen and in support of those who continue to grieve the loss of loved ones. Thank you. My second item of note is more of a celebration as I rise to acknowledge the St. Norbert Collegiate Junior Varsity Women's Basketball Team who visited us yesterday here in Council. This team captured the provincial AAA basketball championship and created their own March Madness. Like Larry Zonka of the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the JV women's team also made sporting history by having an undefeated season of 25-0 losses the entire season. They advanced to the provincial championship in Brandon, with a victory over powerhouse Westgate Collegiate and went on to beat Stonewall, St. James Collegiate, you're going to have to do better next year, Scott and finally, Edward Schreyer. No, no, not Jason's father, Edward Schreyer Collegiate in Beausejour to complete a perfect 25-0 season. Members of the team include: Ava Bernier, Fatima Ibrahim, Sophia Johntson, Mercy Lasu, Hannah Olagbodi, Raquel Oni, Tanesha Ouskun, Brianne Ouskun-Chornoby, Sam Shemeluk, Posi Sogeke, Charlize Stansel and Katrina Stefaniuk. Coaches include Rafael Borelli, Quinn Morris and Lisa Hocking. I would also like to thank Mayor Bowman for graciously accommodating us yesterday morning based on a councillor rookie scheduling error. Please join me in congratulating St. Norbert Collegiate Junior Varsity Women's Basketball Team and their coaches for an incredible season of accomplishment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Councillor Gilroy followed by Councillor Nason.

Councillor Gilroy: I rise today to share my deepest sympathy for the Adao family. Jamie Adao was a 17 year old boy from Tech Voc High School who tragically passed away in a home invasion and it's something that has impacted the Filipino community, but it has also impacted my community and I think Winnipeg as a whole. We all really felt what happened and I think I want to…I think we would all like to share our deepest sympathies with the Adao family. And I also really want to thank the members of the Winnipeg Police force. They were there within four minutes of this tragic incident and had to act immediately. And also on the line was 911 operators that had heard everything that was happening and I just want to send my thanks out to them. But I also want to…today is a day of emotional things here. Today I also want to acknowledge my councillor colleagues, Councillor Klein and Councillor Chambers who came to my community and there was a lot of people there with questions and concerns and they heard them. And they sat down with them. And I want to thank you for that because I think that meant a lot to my community and it means a lot to the people that need to heal. And I know that you have been doing many of these, and I know the Chief of Police stood by the community and spoke about the incident right away, acknowledging it, and I just want to thank the work of the Police Board, the Chief of Police, all our Winnipeg Police Service that do things every day that we can't imagine, and of course, some of the people that we do forget is the 911 operators who are having to deal with some of these tragic incidents as they are occurring. So thank you very much

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Nason and Councillor Schreyer

Councillor Nason: Good morning Madam Speaker. On March 12th the Murdoch…Transcona's Murdoch McKay Girls Clansman Hockey Team, I want to thank them on their win in their inaugural season of play. It's a very challenging accomplishment and one to be proud of. Also our Transcona Railer Express playoffs are rolling down the line. They are on the right track for game three set for tonight at East End Arena while deadlocked at one game apiece. Hitch your caboose and go watch some great hockey. Hey, I'm trying to follow our area MLA with his little quizzoms. On March 8th, I was pleased to attend the DC Three spirit of Ostrabrama repatriation ceremony at CFB Winnipeg with local and international representation from Poland and those of Russian…sorry, Polish decent, pardon me on that bad mistake there. Canada had the honour and privilege to transfer this very important World War II plane back to Polish ownership and support its transportation back to Poland as a reminder of that country's huge sacrifice during the last world war. This plane was flown by Polish air men under the Royal Air Force Banner and used to ferry a Polish general to the front lines. And just this week, wing commander Colonel Eric Sharon reached out to me and wanted to extend his personal thanks to the Mayor and all city officials who support reservists daily. It is great that an employer and an employee can work together on the ability to serve both their country and their employer without fear or worry about employment allowing those members to focus on the job at hand while deployed or in preparation and/or training. While not all employers are able to realize this return on investment, the City of Winnipeg is leading Winnipeg. And I believe we have a duty to try to and inform our community of this opportunity and enrich their respective business and employee base to

hopefully expand the opportunities to serve. Now, the reason Colonel Sharon reached out to me is to inform me of a matter…inform me of the matter that over 400 employers and educators were nominated for awards in this regard and the City of Winnipeg was one of these award winners, specifically for Manitoba, as a most supportive employer in Manitoba, and was nominated by commanding officer, Colin Stewart of the HMCS Chippewa. As a national award winner, the award will be presented at a ceremony in Ottawa on May 9th of this year. Congratulations to the City on this award. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Councillor Schreyer and finally, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I knew given the light agenda today that there's going to be an inordinate number of statements. And again, I wasn't planning on it but just given what people have been talking about, I, in this case, inspired by His Worship's words and his announcements, a couple of items that His Worship mentioned. One is that our CAO, Doug McNeil is staying on during the flood and I just want to say a couple of things about this because it's really important. I happen to…well, I was technically…Doug McNeil was technically my boss for a few years because I was technically seconded from the department to the Office of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation in the office of the honourable Steve Ashton for a few years. At that time, I worked…my office was one side of the minister's office, and Doug McNeil's offices were on the other side and we at that time that I worked for Minister Ashton, we had two major floods. Floods happen all the time in the province but we had two major floods in which I worked in the Office of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation while Doug McNeil was the Deputy Administer. Doug McNeil had come directly from the floodway if I'm not mistaken, directly from the floodway to the…to become the Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Transportation and then later on it amalgamated with emergency measures for which we were also responsible. So you can imagine during a time of only three or four years, two major floods. Floods happen all the time, two major floods in an office for which the Deputy Minister is responsible for infrastructure, transportation and he can't get away from emergency measures. So I was busy I was directly responsible…I was a case worker for the entire province for people's concerns, citizens…direct concerns where they call the office for concerns case work they have over infrastructure and transportation and emergency issues. Well I was busy. You can imagine the department that had to be run by Doug McNeil and his staff and the minister's staff. Two major floods, Madam Speaker. This is the reason we had a controversial…in the micro history, a controversial issue, that being the raising the PST by 1% because we had two major floods. Madam Speaker, what I want to say is of course, we should not trivialize this because having dealt with people on the phone directly from around the province when it came to all these issues, we're dealing…when it comes to floods, Madam Speaker we're dealing with people's lives, their livelihoods, their families, their communities, their property, their farms and their families. It's traumatic for people. They are literally expressing trauma to me on the phone. And this is what the Province had to deal with. In conjunction, sometimes with different communities, municipalities, the City of Winnipeg, also the Federal Government, Doug McNeil and Minister Ashton had meetings with military generals and staff, coming into the legislature in full khakis because this is the extent, this is the gravity of the problems we were dealing with. I just want to say that politics has its conflicts and Doug McNeil has, you know, bothered to stick it out in politics on the bureaucratic side. I'm very glad that Doug McNeil is willing to stay on during this important time for Manitobans and Winnipeggers because if there is any bureaucrat in the Province of Manitoba for which we should be grateful staying around for a little while during a very important and problematic and traumatic time for people in Manitoba, it's during this flood. And thank you very much to Doug McNeil for that. As well, I would like to mention that His Worship has mentioned certain timelines regarding the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and our country of Canada, in terms of 100th anniversaries including the 1919 general strike. I do want to mention something, part of our common history and dear to me because it shapes my life directly in more ways than I can fathom. Happened to be…it happens to be this year. And we will talk about this later in on the year as well in June; that this is the 50th anniversary of the election of the very first New Democratic Party government in the history of Canada which took place right here, in Manitoba in 1969. And this was the 50th anniversary this year. At the time, it was the 50th anniversary of the 1919 General Strike. And now it's the 50th anniversary as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1919 General Strike. I just want to mention a few things about my father's first term as Premier of Manitoba. I believe if you look at the records, you will see it's the busiest term in terms of passing legislation, passing bills and creating works, in the history of Manitoba at least in the 20th century and maybe in the 20th century of Canada. And Councillor Markus did mention that it is the Day for the Elimination of Racism. I do want to make the point that it's the 50th anniversary of Folklorama. My father's government made sure that Folklorama became an annual event. Breathed life into Folklorama being an annual event and gave incentive to the communities to continue on. We had no idea back when I was a kid that Folklorama would be going on for 50 years and bigger and better than ever.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Schreyer for your morning statement. Thank you. Councillor Allard and then we'll move into reports.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you very much. So warning to my colleagues, we do have interpretation. I will be getting into some…into the other official language of Canada.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: I would like to recognize that yesterday was the Journée internationale de la francophonie. As part of the campaign, one could change one's picture on social media to identify oneself as francophone. I did that yesterday. I did not have the opportunity to mention this event yesterday because of other deliberations and the special meeting on the budget. So I wanted to mention the Journée internationale de la francophonie today. I would also like to highlight that the 2019 budget includes $15,000 so Winnipeg can host the Réseau des villes francophones et francophiles des Amériques (network of francophone and francophile cities of the Americas) in 2020. Winnipeg is a member of this network. Winnipeg also has a francophone liaison, a position that was put in place by Mayor Bowman. I am currently filling this position. The City of Winnipeg is also a member of the Réseau des villes francophones et francophiles des Amériques. And the purpose of this network, for your information, since I represent you all in it, is to focus on the francophone presence in francophone and francophile cities of the Americas. The idea is to be able to rely on the francophone presence, and to explore opportunities, especially when it comes to economic development as it relates to tourism. It's also a tool with which we could really capitalize. One of the ideas is to create a linguistic tour that would show all the connections between our cities. Connections are important. They can be of a generational nature, or relate to identity, or to culture. And there are also many differences. Francophones from Louisiana, Québec and other places where people who speak the language are a minority. This network is rather new. It was created by the mayors of Lafayette and Quebec City and from New-Brunswick. I wanted to tell you about this network. I also wanted to thank Mayor Bowman who will be raising the flag tomorrow at the Old St. Boniface city hall, at 219 Provencher. We will be celebrating Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie, which honours the Journée internationale de la francophonie on March 20. This event which celebrates French as a language is happening all across the world. One of its goals is to raise people's awareness of French language and culture. So, this time is also a time when French-Canadians take part in about 1,500 activities that have been organized by Francophones and francophiles in Canada only. It will entail community gatherings, ceremonies, shows, plays, movies, contests, educational opportunities, and essentially everything that one can come up with that justifies celebrating being francophone. On that note, I thank you very much for your attention. I wanted to share the 2019 budget news with you, as well as the news of this annual celebration that will take place tomorrow. Mayor Bowman will raise the flag in St. Boniface. And so on that, I thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard.

MINUTES

Councillor Gillingham moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on February 28th, 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We had one sole delegation listed, Mr. Alex Boersma. He can no longer be present today with us so he has withdrawn. We will now move into reports of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 5th, 2019. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 5, 2019

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 and 2. This of course is the report of March 5th.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the report dated March 12th, 2019.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 12, 2019**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2. I'm going to pull both and speak to the first one first if I could.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – 2019 Business Improvement Zone Levies

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Great, thank you very much. I just wanted to note for the record, of course, this is approval of the 2019 BIZ zone budgets and setting of the zone levy for each of the zones. For all of my council colleagues, just note for you that we have at Executive Policy Committee, made an amendment which requires the CFO to ensure that each board is in fact in compliance with applicable by-laws prior to the payment of the funds contemplated in this report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie, do you wish to speak to this item?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I do, Madam Speaker. I just rise, of course I support the report. I'm not sure about requirements that you are supposed to follow the by-law rules, absolutely, Madam Speaker. But you know, I have to talk about…these are people on this…on these boards are volunteers, Madam Speaker. And volunteer business owners who, in my particular two Business Improvement Zones, Madam Speaker, they are pretty well they are running and doing their own business and it's very difficult, often, for them to make meetings and so on, but they are volunteering and doing the good work that, actually, Madam Speaker, this is kind of related to the budget we passed yesterday. You know, I should mention that there are many, many, many businesses, over 50% of the businesses on Selkirk Avenue and Main Street are at 33,300 are already receiving an offsetting credit. And so when they get their levy from the City, there are issues. And oddly enough, Madam Speaker, over, you know, over probably all the budgets I have been involved in, there has been look at reducing street beautification. These are things that business owners are concerned about that their streets are welcoming to their customers. And we have been constantly reducing our support to various initiatives that make those streets more inviting for people. And in this last budget, there was a reduction in the amount of money that is available for enhanced street elements doing things like planters, those kind of things, Madam Speaker. And there is a whole number of different elements that Business Improvements Zones deal with. Now, what's going to happen is these already received these…these businesses who are…received the offsetting credit so that they don't pay any business tax, their levies are going to have to go up to pick up what the City isn't helping them cover. And it's really a down loading on to the levy payers. And, of course, the Business Improvement Zones do allocate their own money. The City doesn't tell them what to do, as long as they follow the rules under the by-law, everything is good. And so I just wanted to point out that, you know, there are difficulties. And without…with less money from the City, there is an inability to leverage other money, the Province has been reducing various grant opportunities as well. Neighbourhoods Alive is often one that helps businesses renew their store fronts, for example, in my ward. So these levies that are set today, they were in recognition of actually, I can say absolutely for the Selkirk Avenue BIZ, I can say that, you know, there was an expectation of the utilization of a certain amount of money from the fund under P and D that was available for those street enhancements. This is a Business Improvement Zone, Madam Speaker, that you know, struggles. It's a small one. But you don't want to do too high of a levy and so the levy there is not the highest in the city but you know, it's there and we try to do that. And really what's happening is they are going to have to look in the future at how they are going to deal with keeping their streets enhanced. You know, every year the BIZ…many of the Business Improvement Zones hire green team workers. That's remained flat from the Province, however they are still supplying enough money. But really, what those green team members are doing, they are doing what City workers used to do, Madam Speaker. And the less we do as a city, the more the business improvements have to do. So let's get all the relationships together. We've got to look at the big picture here within the city when you start talking about business tax, business levies and so on. So I just leave that out for people to contemplate when we talk about how to proceed to make our city a better place to do business. People don't want to invest their businesses on a street that, frankly, looks like well, you pick a word, but if it's not looking good, why would they want to lease open, vacant commercial space if that's the situation, Madam Speaker? So, you know, we've got to make our place a better place…many of the Business Improvement Zones better places to do business. So I'll leave it at that. I support the levies and simple as that. Okay.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, based on what's been said before us here, I do want to make a couple of comments. As well as Councillor Eadie, I'm basically in favour of this but we're talking about Business Improvement Zones and bear in mind something, Madam Speaker, if you look at where the improvements are taking place in this city, it's disproportionate. The south, as Councillor Santos made the point yesterday, is getting vastly more funding for improvements and development and in many respects, justifiably so because we're creating new development. However, that doesn't explain it all, Madam Speaker. And again, I don't exaggerate here, I understate and I'm putting it mildly. Councillor Santos actually, you know, pretty much hit it on the button yesterday, for which we should all be grateful. And having said that, Madam Speaker, as Councillor Eadie just pointed out, we need to keep the entire city in fair development for businesses to want to come here. We depend on the entire city for the strength of our economy. We depend on the entire city for businesses to have the confidence to move here. We depend on developing the entire city for which, to maintain our sense of civic pride and identity. We talk about doing developments in the city because it's great for our city, for our reputation, for tourism, for, you know, for our reputation outside the city for our national, international reputation, Madam Speaker. You know, yesterday, we decided that we weren't going to put an extra $10 million into fixing or replacing our streets, which is a high necessity. We all know that and we know that it's a consensual value of our city. Madam Speaker, when I think of what affects our reputation as a city, if that's what we're concerned about…you know, I'm not concerned about the fact that we don't have, you know, the biggest buildings or we don't have…we don't have the same landmarks, I'm not concerned about that exactly. People choose to live in this city. People choose to continue to move to this city because it's a great city. That's our value. But Madam Speaker, what I do know when people come here and when I go to other cities, the biggest comparison I see is the state of our streets. Madam Speaker, last year, many councillors were in Halifax for the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Madam Speaker, I drove around Halifax yet again in my life, drove around Halifax now as a city councillor. And in the city proper of Halifax, I didn't see one block of street…I didn't see one block of street that had the potholes and cracks as we do on any street in Winnipeg. Not just my ward, like throughout the city. And I challenge everybody in this room, I challenge everybody listening, if you get a chance to go to Halifax, just happens to be something I noticed, just a fact, as I see it, a perspective, that there wasn't a block in Halifax that compared to what we know in Winnipeg as being the denigration of this important infrastructure of our city, and that's being our streets. Not one. And if you want to call me, if you want to say this is the first time that Councillor Schreyer is exaggerating in this room, well you know, check it out and show me that block in Halifax proper. So what did I notice going to another city in Canada? That their streets were great. If you go to Ottawa, it's really pretty good. Yeah, it's true, we don't have the budget of Ottawa and it's really hard to compare to a city like Ottawa when it comes to infrastructure. And Calgary, we don't have their budgets. But why does Halifax have pristine streets? Now okay, you can call pristine an exaggeration. I will offer…I will temper the term in terms of being relative and being the way it felt when I saw them. I am impressed. What is it about a city like Halifax that they can afford streets so incredibly consistent that we can't, Madam Speaker? So I'm going to leave that with you when we talk about Business Improvement Zones, to bring it back to my justification for why I'm given a few minutes to speak on this issue, Madam Speaker. It's really important. We need to maintain a consistency as Councillor Eadie has said, in terms of maintaining the infrastructure and the quality of our city, throughout the city, if we want business investment. Parts of the city are falling apart. It's not good for us as a city, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Back to you, Mr. Mayor for close. Okay, I would call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Netley-Libau Marsh Pilot Project

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, I would like to recuse myself for a potential conflict interest.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, noted that. Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: I will have a few comments but I'll wait to hear from council colleagues. I suspect a few may have some comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any speakers on this item? Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to thank Councillor Browaty. He is on the Red River Basin Commission and he represents the City there and he brought this project to my attention and I think at the meeting it was Councillor Gillingham and I that attended. And this is going to be a really, really good project and something that could help deal with some of the issues that we're having around the North Winnipeg Treatment Facility. And I just want to talk about, you know, working in partnership with the basin, working in partnership with different levels of government, are so vital to saving Lake Winnipeg and this marsh is potentially something that can help mitigate the phosphorous and nutrients that are going into Lake Winnipeg. And I just want to thank him for his work, thank him for bringing this to my attention anyways, because I think this is a really, really great project for the City of Winnipeg to be a part of. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Browaty followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. The City of Winnipeg has been a long-time partner with the Red River Basin Commission and a long-time member. Water, hydrology, doesn't know political lines on a map. The reality is the Red River and the entire basin is rather unusual in North America in that water flows north. So there's parts of it that go to…touch South Dakota but primarily Minnesota, North Dakota into Manitoba. Because of the political boundaries, this organization is really important because it keeps…it brings everybody together. It allows people from the municipal level, from the state and federal, provincial levels, as well as both political folks as well as hydrology and climate experts. And it's really an important organization to keep everybody's communications open. So when there is a flood coming, when there's water quality issues, the catchments and the people are already known to each other. This particular project here is a pilot project to help restore the Netley-Libau Marsh. Over the years, because of water levels and the end of the dredging of the channel that goes from the Red River into Lake Winnipeg, the marsh has been dying. Years where the water levels have been low, we found that the water quality levels in Lake Winnipeg improved because the Netley-Libau Marsh and the vegetation starts coming back and dramatically improves the water quality and the amount of nutrients being taken out of the water going into Lake Winnipeg. This is an opportunity to try and do some limited dredging work using the provincial (inaudible) fleet and recreating shelves in the Netley-Libau Marsh and the Harbin Lake. This will allow the restoration of some marsh area and to demonstrate the feasibility of doing it perhaps on a larger scale. Again, Winnipeg are going to be spending hundreds of millions of dollars in the upgrades to our sewage treatments plants, it's an important thing. We're an important source, we need to do that. But this is a way perhaps to get an even bigger return for one of the largest fresh water bodies in North America, Lake Winnipeg, and to even do more to do our part. So I thank my colleagues for your interest and thank EPC for their support and I'm quite happy to be moving this forward today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I rise and thank EPC and the Chair of Water and Waste, Environment and whatever…Riverbank Management, thank you. The work here, it just makes total sense where the money is coming from, from Water and Waste. It's an important project and I just wanted to say that for me, it's amazing how that marsh area around Libau and Netley Creek have…Netley Marsh, have changed so much from the days of fishing on the Netley side. And actually, I used to swim on the Libau side because it was kind of interesting that you could, for me, as a person who is blind, swimming at Libau, I was able to follow little channels of water. But what kept me in line so that I knew I wasn't going the wrong way was a number of the marsh plants and stuff that stuck up over the water. And it was really helpful, Madam Speaker. And so it's really important that we do this. It is also part…and the south basin of Lake Winnipeg is important to…and the marsh and is all very important to the municipality of St. Andrews, the municipality of St. Clements, and a number of those. And they are also part of our metro region, Winnipeg metro region group, and you often, when I have attended meetings there, I remember having great discussions with Mr. Forfar, who is the reeve/ mayor of St. Andrews, and bringing to my attention how much it had really changed and I'm glad to see that we're progressing with a small project here. We have a much bigger project but I think it's really essential that we do something to try to get that marsh to grow back and do all the good things that it does…a marsh does for the environment. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I just wanted to salute former Councillor Wyatt who was a champion of this. Certainly brought it forward to me last year, for whatever reason it didn't go forward last year, but a change in the lineup this year, pleased to see it going forward. I also want to point out what I think is a positive development, that many people here say, well we shouldn't…we should have fewer grants, we should reduce the amounts of the grants. So I'm very pleased to see support at EPC, support hopefully here at Council to get around that policy a bit, to go forward and say, no, we do some good partnerships. We do have some grants that have made a real difference out in the community. We do grants to University of Winnipeg for the Youth United Program. We do grants to U of Manitoba for their infrastructure program. We do grants to different school divisions. We do grants to any number of agencies, many of whom appeared before us. So, you know, there has been talk of, well we need to…I think the former mayor actually used to talk about getting rid of the grants or cutting them down. I am pleased to see we're going a different way on this and looking at opportunities where we can't do it in-house but other groups are looking to do that and I think that's what the grants give us the opportunity to do. We have done some very good work on a number of different fronts, and I don't think we would have been able to do that without having some ability to do that through the grant program. Often here things get put in the vast sea of the operating budget and kind of disappear over time. I have had that experience, but I haven't had grants disappear. So pleased to see this one coming forward and it's a pilot project. Perhaps it's only for the one year, we'll see. We do some good work through some other grants Water and Waste gives out, notably Save Our Seine which is a grant implemented a few years back and now we have three councillors who touch on the Seine River with their wards, so it's becoming a more important part of the City of Winnipeg I think over time and we should take some pride in the grant that we give to

Save Our Seine that wouldn't have a staff person if we didn't fund that. So I'll be supportive and again, very pleased to see that we're moving forward to create a new grant to work with our partners in the community.

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

Councillor Nason: I want to rise and just speak to my history with regards to this project. Last year I had the opportunity to attend in my former role of Special Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations to a spirit of water event that was held that brought together First Nation and civic leaders to discuss the importance of saving Lake Winnipeg and ensuring that the commercial and the historical and cultural importance of it is retained and put back to the way it was, and the way it should be. And restoring the Netley Marsh is an important first step in that and also one on our path to reconciliation. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and through you I want to applaud all of the members of Council who have spoken to this matter. I, too, want to just acknowledge the work of Councillor Jeff Browaty on the Red River basin. I know the work and the collaboration with our neighbours is incredibly important to the health of our rivers and our lakes. I have, in my office, like many of my council colleagues, I have pictures of my spouse, my children, but I also have a picture in my office that I look at every day of my grandpa Thomas. My grandpa Thomas was an entrepreneur in the truest sense, residing at Victoria Beach where my mom is from. Family at one time owned the Moonlight Inn, operated the parking lot, operated the ice house before there was, you know, electricity at all the cottages out there but he was also a commercial fisherman for a period of time I believe in the '30s or the '40s. And I have a very old picture in my office that has, of course, a picture of my grandpa and his crew, on a boat at the mouth of the Winnipeg River. It looks like the Whiteshell but it's apparently taken in Lake Winnipeg. And I think about it every day and I look at it every day when I come in, to just remind me of the importance, of course, of the livelihood that many earn that depend on the health of the river, not to mention the other environmental benefits of doing our part. I really want to thank and applaud a number of councillors, some of whom, current and past, have already been mentioned. But I know in terms of our waterways and the environment, Councillor Brian Mayes in his former role, did some excellent work in a very demanding portfolio, Councillor Gilroy is continuing that work especially as it relates to combined sewer overflows and the massive investments that we voted on yesterday which I'm very pleased about. And, this is one where we know there is a lot of work to do. This is a modest investment, but I'm hoping and I'm expecting that it will go a long way in terms of doing our part to work collaboratively with our neighbours. And I want to thank Councillor Jeff Browaty for advocating for this and working collaboratively with members of Council to bring this forward here today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We could have Councillor Allard back to the chamber. We will now move on to Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 19th, 2019. This item was not published 96 hours prior to the start of today's meeting. The Clerk has posted it online on our agendas. So Mr. Mayor to move suspension of the rule to deal with the item today.

REPORT "A" OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MARCH 19, 2019

Mayor Bowman: Sure. This is…yeah, this is the mill rate for education support levy and special levy. So I'll move suspension of the rules.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Allard, is he coming back to the chamber? Okay. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – 2019 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I spoke at some length at Executive Policy Committee. I'm not going to repeat what I said there. But just for the benefit of my council colleagues, this is a matter which is…typically comes to council at a time that requires under provincial legislation that we suspend the rules and vote on it. The timing of when the levies are set by the respective school divisions is something that happens very late in our monthly council cycle. And so as a matter of course, as we have done in previous years, certainly during my time as mayor, we vote on this by bringing forward suspension of the rules. I was somewhat stalling for my council colleague to get back here for the vote,

of course, but I also want to…I want to just say, I'll be voting for this. I put some comments with respect to this on Hansard at Executive Policy Committee and will let those comments stand.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Every year this is controversial. Should the City of Winnipeg be dealing be school board taxes and other elected bodies around the City of Winnipeg? But I rise, Madam Speaker, just to speak to it because, you know, we keep talking about efficiency around here and Madam Speaker, as you personally know, I was quite involved with one of the school division, the Seven Oaks, for a number of years as a trustee. And one of the things I found refreshing with schools is that really they only have one mission that they need to accomplish and that is to ensure that our kids get the proper…the education that they need in order to succeed in life. And that includes a well-rounded education, not just the basics and so on. So this is one of the tools that they have to try to achieve some of the good things that they do. And I know others are former trustees around the table here as well. So I just wanted to mention that. But, you know, and according to provincial legislation we do have to do this. And the special levies and that, that's based on property, Madam Speaker, based on the assessed values of the properties in the area. It's not all of the money that the Province of course puts into education but often school divisions, if the Province is experiencing austerity this is their only ability to provide the kind of education that people expect for their kids, and grandkids for that matter in the various school divisions. Some school divisions are lucky. They have a bigger assessment of commercial, and so on and so forth. Anyway, there is a balance there. We'll see what changes over the next while. As I understand it, Madam Speaker, there is a review of education. Don't know what's going to happen there. But what I want to point out, this review is being encouraged by the new Provincial Government of which we are having great difficulty in dealing with in terms of City funding. Now, what's really interesting here is that the efficiency, of course, gain, is that it's one bill sent from one administration. If you had to create a separate administration to do the school taxes on property, like, you know, it would cost you more money, Madam Speaker. Let's be efficient. So that's really why this is here. The people who set up property taxes as a methodology many years ago, established it because property is stable as compared to growth or progressive type taxes and stuff like that, which are up and down. But what I wanted to point out is there is an education tax credit. And I don't know if you are seeing what's happening with the Province of Manitoba, but they are doing a number of things against seniors, Madam Speaker, against seniors, that really causes it great difficulty for them to continue living in their houses. So they've reduced things like rent assist, and they have reduced other things that…there used to be, you know, if you were 65 and up, you could get dispensation on the education tax, you know, whether you agree with it or not, it was there. But the other thing that happened last year, and is happening again this year, is there are a bunch of homes on streets like Flora, Manitoba, Magnus Avenue, whose education property tax and city council property taxes seem low. However, these are…we're talking about people who are poor, in homes whose values are around 100 to 150,000. What used to happen, Madam Speaker, is they would get the whole 700 education tax credit applied against their property taxes. But their education tax was only, say, 3 or $400. What the Province of Manitoba, this new government did, it said, well, we're going to enforce the rules because a lot of people understood that this existed, Madam Speaker. Because what happens is if you get to 700, not only does it cover off the cost of the school taxes, it also covered off a good portion of the City of Winnipeg's property taxes. This is an…you know, these things are attack on poor people, Madam Speaker. That we're creating a two cities, there's two different ways. Either you are wealthy or you are not. If you're poor, good luck. Good luck to you. You know, like the people who are poor actually had to pay that extra 25 cents, 14 million. That's who actually did and paid for all that security stuff on the buses. Let's be clear, it wasn't us. It was those people, customers who paid a lot of money. Anyway, I digress, I'm off this topic. But so what's happened now is there is this huge pressure and I get the calls in my office. I'm not sure if Councillor Santos has gotten any, but they are just starting to notice these seniors and people who are really on low income, and have no ability to pick up all that extra cost. And often they are getting tax penalties because they didn't pay their property taxes, you know, by June. And maybe they have been disqualified because their TIPP payments bounced or whatever, and then all of a sudden the demand is you've got to pay all your taxes. This is the result of things. So under what we're voting for today, now, is we're having to confirm the Provincial Government's attack on poor people, and I just want people to be clear about that because of what's happening. And I'll leave it at that. Of course I'm voting for it because the school divisions need to deliver the education that they do. My kids received a very good education and are doing quite well and succeeding in life. And it has a lot to do with the great teachers and administrators who oversee that whole education system in the Seven Oaks where I know the people are getting value for money when it comes to the school taxes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'm not going to go and get into the politics of collecting taxes and that, but I mean, there is a reality that you know, when you go door to door, people think of the property taxes you pay the City of Winnipeg and they do believe that it all goes to the City. Obviously that's not the case. What do I want to just point out is I really do hope that the Province of Manitoba takes this opportunity to look at the current school division structure. There are some big discrepancies. For the first time, the North Kildonan Ward stretches into two

school divisions by crossing the Red River. We now are into the Seven Oaks School Division. And again, I'm not blaming the management or the operations of the school division or the trustees. It's often to do with the tax base. If there's more commercial properties, higher or lower assessed properties, it can make a big difference. But the reality is, at this point, a house near the city wide median, $300,000, in River East Transcona School Division, their education tax bill before the credit is $1,813.86 and Seven Oaks School Division that same bill is $2,257.88 a difference of $444 for the same house on either side of the river. To me that makes no sense at all. Seven school divisions in Winnipeg, different, you know…Seven Oaks has the lowest commercial industrial tax base in the city so again, it's not fair. I really do hope that during the education review that the Province of Manitoba takes the opportunity to look at school division funding. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? With that I'll call the question on Item 1 – 2019 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into motions. We have a notice of motion moved by Councillor Lukes, seconded by Councillor Klein. It's regarding budgets for strategic planning and a governance review. This will appear on our Council agenda for the April meeting. Okay. We'll now move on to by-laws under Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS on December 12, 2017 Council approved the 2018 Operating Budget which included $175,000.00 for external consulting services to conduct a review of the City of Winnipeg's current governance framework;

AND WHEREAS after being issued, the request for proposal (RFP) for a governance review was not awarded;

AND WHEREAS on March 20, 2019, Council approved the 2019 Operating Budget which included $100,000.00 for external consulting services to undertake a strategic planning session involving all members of Council with the goal of establishing City wide priorities and a process for developing the 2020 multi-year budgets;

AND WHEREAS the review of the City of Winnipeg's current governance framework should include a requirement for annual strategic planning sessions involving all members of Council, to set Council priorities, including the development of budgets;

AND WHEREAS combining the request for external consultants for these two projects into one, will result in an optimization of tax dollars, allow for a more strategic approach, economies of scale, and could attract more qualified bidders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the $100,000 included in the 2019 operating budget, for the procurement of external consulting services for a strategic planning session involving all members of Council for establishing City wide priorities and a process for developing the 2020 multi-year budgets, be included in the budget for the review of the City of Winnipeg's current governance framework.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 21/2019 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 21/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 21/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 21/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the rule be suspended and By-law 21/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move on to addendum by-laws under the Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and the following by-law be read a first time; By-law 31/2019 and By-law 32/2019.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 31/2019, By-law No. 32/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-laws No. 31/2019 and 32/2019 be read a second time, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 31/2019, By-law No. 32/2019.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 31/2019 and 32/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into question period for the Mayor. If we could start the clock. Any questions for the Mayor today? Seeing none, next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. It's the report dated February 26th, 2019. Councillor Rollins.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Councillor Rollins: The committee and I move the report of Protection, Community Services and Parks and just note that the Winnipeg Humane Society is doing good work.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That is report 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: I have two absolutely unrelated questions so I suppose I should ask the first and sit to see if others have questions. First is on the budget provision that passed yesterday in regard to parks buildings, Little Mountain Park. We've come to a stage now that it takes Parks Department and they're open about it, which is good. It takes Parks Department about four years to build a structure. If you think I'm embellishing, I would point to the February 2014 announcement of a toboggan slide project in St. Vital Park which opened almost exactly four years later, December of 17 and Councillor Lukes unnecessarily reminded me of her own work of December 2015th…December 2015 budget for a washroom building in La Barriere Park only now coming near completion in 2019. So in this term of office, we'll see one building completed it looks like and that's at Little Mountain Park. However, that building is in a park that's outside of

any ward. I wonder if you can undertake to update, I'll volunteer Councillor Sharma and myself to take updates on that one. We probably have done more on Little Mountain than anyone else. I think that's fair to say. Councillor Lukes has had to ride hard on that La Barriere project for several years and glad to see it's finally coming together. It's going to open this year. Some concerns that if we don't keep an eye on Little Mountain, it won't get done and/or it will get capital closed out as we've had the experience with the toboggan slide in St. Vital Park and I had a huge fight just to keep the funding in place. So just wondering if you can speak to the provision about Little Mountain Park.

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

Councillor Rollins: Well, I'd like to thank my colleague for the question. And I think in part his question pretty much answers what needs to be done and he…there's been much analogies today with respect to parenting. So I will throw another one where he suggested that you, Madame Chair, Madam Speaker and he…are adoptive parents of sorts for this park. It does take a village. Not to extend that analogy any further to keep an eye on how parks are proceeding and structures are proceeding. He noted two instances in this meeting with respect to keeping an eye on progressive projects. That is our role as councillors and I will note (inaudible) desire to see this one on track and on time and substantially get back to him with progress reports.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Any further questions for our chair? Councillor Mayes, second question.

Councillor Mayes: All right, unrelated to the first, related to the budget, the Mayor and I have had some light hearted discussions over the years about whether things were a total mess in 2014. But one thing we do seem to be able to agree on is the Community Centre Renovation Grant Program which was introduced by former Mayor Katz. I think October 12th, I think he voted for that one, Madame Speaker. So did I, so did perhaps some others who are still here. That program has been doubled now to the credit of the Mayor in…it was something he ran on, doubling this program that begun in 2012 or 2013. When will that take effect?. Are we going to get that money flowing this year? Can we get some indication if not today but at some point, how quickly that's going to be moving out the door. It's a very good program, glad to see it double. It's up then number of community centres across the city so just want us to make sure it's moving forward.

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

Councillor Rollins: I really love the energy of my colleague. We passed the budget just yesterday and he's up asking when will the money substantially flow as if it's the next day and I'm going to take that as just incredible enthusiasm for our community centres, our parks and open spaces and generally the portfolio. And I didn't yesterday have an opportunity to thank the members of the committee, Councillor Santos, Councillor Eadie, Councillor…my adjacent amigo, Councillor John Orlikow with respect to (inaudible) my approximate pal, Councillor John Orlikow on their work on that committee, protective community services, parks and open spaces. Enthusiasm for all of them including what we did see this year with the investments last year in Councillor Gilroy's ward, just how far that particular grant on building envelopes, how far it's going to improve whether it was LED lighting in the case of the Daniel McIntyre Ward and the community centre there. And I'm excited like Councillor Mayes, in terms of how far the doubling up of that funding will go and will endeavor to again do a progress report to Council with respect to the timing of that money flowing. There is a regular intake with respect to those projects and we can imagine that it will work substantially the same going forward, but happy to get back to him on super specifics of what day. Also, though he will know from being on Council previous years that…of when precisely we embark in the next fiscal year and that will no doubt form part of my answer.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Speaker. This is a question probably to be posed to everybody on the Standing Policy Committee. I understand that communication is key. It's important for all members of Council and it's important to share communications back to our taxpayers. I'm wondering if…as the chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee, that they can prepare and provide a weekly update on major projects that may be happening. I know that they're often made aware of issues that are happening within the City that aren't shared throughout the entire Council Chamber. So is there an opportunity for the Standing Policy Chair to take a leadership role in sharing on a regular basis communications that are given to them from the departments on various items of importance?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Directed to you, Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Absolutely and I can give you some instances where I've been communicating with other Councillors or talking to the Administration about doing so. For instance, yesterday on social media, Councillor Nason posted a beautiful video on the Transcona Library and used it on his social media. That, you know, that is just one

example of where that communication I think that Councillor Klein is thinking of with working out from committees through the good leadership of the Administration and out to Council. Can more be done? Absolutely and the answer in terms of a weekly summary, what a good suggestion, Mrs. Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none. Let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. There is no report today, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Allard? Councillor Lukes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. Last Council meeting, Councillor Allard, we had…I had asked if you get back to us regarding the temporary Traffic Control Plan Manual and what the status was if the department had only one inspector who inspected the traffic control devices or if we were going to be using the Police Service or if we were going to be using Winnipeg Parking Authority. I'd like to know how many inspectors the Public Works Department has to make sure that these traffic control devices are put in place for road work. So if you can get back to, and I'd ask all of Council, if you could get back to all of us on that, just so we understand, that would be great. And I have another question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you Councillor Lukes for the question. I don't yet have that number, but I will get that number as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, second question.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. In January of 2017, the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Standing Policy Committee moved to develop a road safety strategy. They directed the Winnipeg Public Service to create a road safety strategy for Winnipeg, which takes into consideration the principals of to a zero and to report back in 365 days. It's March 2019, and I know you've been having verbal updates at the committee I believe every quarter…

Madam Speaker: The question Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: What's the update?

Councillor Allard: Thank you very much for that question. I can…I think I'll answer the question. I expect there will be other questions related to pedestrian and traffic safety. There are…there are three reports, two motions and one report that come to Public Works recently. And I'm just going to…I'm just going to share one of my (inaudible) with some of my colleagues who've had some questions on this. I mean specifically to your question, that situation I think predates my being in the chair, so I have been asking questions along (inaudible) the lines and I do have…there are a few reports in the system, but I will specifically ask for a specific answer around when we expect to have answers on that specific motion. But in terms of what we've done recently, so the last Public Work Committee meeting, there was a…there was a report to look at and I'm happy to share these for…with my colleagues electronically to make it easier. But so I am looking at March 6, 2019, it's the report, agenda Item No. 5. So one of the things that we're doing, and this is my understanding that it's the first that we're doing it. The title of the report is, Lord Roberts Community Traffic Study. And it takes a neighborhood approach to a traffic study and I think that's a novelty and understanding from the Administration is or Public Service is that we're going to see how this goes and look at how we can scale up that type of approach to a…to a more city-wide kind of situation. So that is happening. In terms of omnibus type, in terms of comprehensive type reports that we're expecting I think along the lines of what you were asking about Councillor Lukes, I asked on November 20th, 18 for the Public Service to report on Traffic Calming Initiatives, that's Item No. 30. And the request was that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure known Public Works direct the Winnipeg Public Service to review the best practices and report back in 240 days with a comprehensive report on traffic calming initiatives and tools, including (inaudible) such as speed tables and speed humps as well as technologies criteria and processes involved. So that's currently in the system as well. Another report that's currently in the system is our last Public Works meeting prior discussion meeting I think. It's March 6th, 2019, Standing Policy Committee recommendation that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Public Works direct Winnipeg Public Service report back to its May 28, 2019 meeting. The background information regarding changes the Highway Traffic Act and interjurisdictional analysis on how other municipalities have their speed limits. And from I guess…from a Ward level, I have moved for a traffic study on Marion, Marion and Goulet Streets. The outcome of that traffic study was that Public Service was recommending a reduction in the speed there, from 50 to 60. Back in the day or back…prior to March 1st, the Province of Manitoba still had power

over provincial roads. And so our request was though, I sent it up through Riel and we sent it up to Public Works, twice it was denied once then denied a second time with no explanation. So Marion and Goulet currently, even though our Public Service has recommended 50 there, it's still 60. And so we're expecting that report soon on how we might look at speed specifically on our streets. I know that there's a number of things happening in other jurisdictions. I read that Montreal recently decided to go to 30 kilometres an hour. And I think that's what we should do here. I'm saying we should have that conversation about what we think, how we think we should approach. These issues, I think Calgary has set a different approach. My understanding is that Calgary had the debate around 40 km/ph, like I don't know if someone at the table knows what finally happened there, but I know that debate occurred. And I also know that different jurisdictions, different municipalities, different councillors all have different ideas on how we can make our streets safer. And I think we don't want a situation where Councillor X thinks traffic controlled device Y is what we should do at this specific location. I think there are probably cases where installation of specific traffic controlled device, though it may seems like a good idea, it might actually make things worse, not better. So I think we do need to…we do need to consider traffic, pedestrian, cycling safety, I think we need to be careful, I think we need to be systemic on our approach, which is why I've asked for these couple of reports. And I want to thank Councillor Lukes for your work on this. I will be asking for an update to see where things are at. And I have had conversations with colleagues about, like how do we keep working on this. How do we keep making Winnipeg safer for our cyclists and pedestrians and I think we're going to keep having that conversation. So right now we're waiting on a few reports.

Madam Speaker: (inaudible) hands up, many of them. I think the question has been answered. Thank you. Can we move onto…

Councillor Allard: I wonder about that. Is that a ruling from the Chair?

Madam Speaker: We need to keep the meeting moving.

Councillor Allard: No, I appreciate that, but I mean it does seem a little bit…

Madam Speaker: I think you've answered the question, Councillor Allard, and there's a number of different councillors that…Councillor Rollins, Councillor Gillingham…

Councillor Allard: I mean…may I ask the Clerk if this is customary to…for the Speaker to decide when a person is done speaking or not?

Madam Speaker: The question's been answered I believe. You've answered it in a few different ways and you said, anyways, can you wrap up your comments please?

Councillor Allard: Why, I'm just kind of a bit off track now, so I appreciate your intervention. I think I still have some things to say but, I'll take some additional questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question, Councillor.

Councillor Allard: With all due respect, Madame Speaker, my colleague who's…Councillor Schreyer, you know, at times you're a little bit (inaudible) in your interventions. I don't recall the Speaker routinely intervening in the questions, in the speaking times of my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, there's a third question.

Councillor Allard: I was still on topic. I was still answering the question.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Lukes. Third…yes.

Councillor Eadie Point of order, Madam Speaker. I hope the clock was stopped on the question period while this discussion keeps going on.

Madam Speaker: There's room for an extension, Councillor Eadie. Thank you. Councillor Lukes, your third question.

Councillor Lukes: Councillor Allard, the Road Safety Strategy has been working through the system for two years. The question I have to you because they're verbal updates, would you provide to all of Council, the length of the verbal updates that have been given. You've been Chair for almost two years, I'm shocked that you don't know.

Councillor Allard: (inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, the question.

Councillor Allard: (inaudible) time flies.

Councillor Lukes: The question is…I would like to have…you provide to all of Council the length because their verbal updates, the length with the time when the verbal updates start so we can try to understand how the City of Winnipeg is moving forward on a Road Safety Strategy to provide the length…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, the specific question.

Councillor Lukes: To provide the lengths of the verbal reports.

Councillor Allard: Madame Speaker

Madam Speaker: Can you restate the question?

Councillor Lukes: To provide the length to the verbal reports of the Road Safety Strategy for the City of Winnipeg because he can't remember where we are at on this strategy. So I would like it for all of us to be able to have the length so we can read it and listen or listen because it's only verbal.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Did you want me to answer the question?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: Okay.

Madam Speaker: If you wish.

Councillor Allard: So I think all of our offices have staff resources. I will see if the Public Service has that information handy. I think everything since Mayor Bowman was elected. One of the ways that we've increased transparency at City Hall is by live streaming Committee meetings and they are now archived for posterity. Anyone can review them, any city councillor can review them. I will ask Administration if they have that information handy and if it's readily available. I will share it and I will pose the questions to the Public Service, but I would remind all of my council colleagues that all of our committee meetings are live streamed, archived and if we have a specific policy area of interest, I would encourage you all to check those committee meetings and to work with me, outside of question period at Council. I'd be happy to follow up as well as during question period at Council. But there is, you know, there's a month between these meetings, we don't have to wait till question period to ask questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Santos.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I was actually trying to find the procedural provisions that you've enforced that Councillor Swandel so loved, that answers had to be briefed and to the point, but of course, I can't find it now, but it is in the procedure by-law. My question is this, I would like to…pedestrian safety, mentioned the news of late. In my time here, I've put in a couple of pedestrian crosswalks paying for them out of my Land Dedication Funds, one, in conjunction with Councillor Allard at Carriere. I was advised earlier this year, seven years after the fact, seven years after having to go to Council and get approval for putting in additional money because I was told my predecessor had not put in enough money. Seven years later I'm told oh, we didn't need any of the money you put in. Councillor Steeves had said that it was more than enough money, $17,000 returned, no explanation, no apology, no interest. Similarly the one you and I cooperated on Councillor Allard in 2015 at Carriere, $12,000 returned, no explanation, no apology, no interest. If we don't know how much crosswalks cost to put in, it becomes rather difficult to put them in. If we don't know…if we actually had an accurate costing of crosswalks, we could then possibly, out of our Land Dedication, put in the blinking lights that approved in my experience to be effective. That would've helped frankly at the one Councillor Steeves had put in, $17,000 sitting there, that we could have done something with for a crosswalk for seven years. Can you ask the department please since I seem unable to get it, what has happened with these amounts and B) can you find out, and I know your assistant to his credit, has been trying to find this out, Ryan's been putting in time trying to figure out what exactly does a lighted pedestrian corridor cost the City? I know that will vary between two lanes, four lane roads, but what does it cost with a better idea of our ability to put them in and our ability to upgrade them. Because I cannot express the frustration of being told seven years after the fact, you never had to go to Council and get all this money when we told you had to go and get.

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

Councillor Allard: Thanks for the question. Yes I will attempt to find that information. I know that we have…from my office I've have heard different numbers and probably related to different sizes, different street configurations. We're also looking at the possibility of cost savings with solar powered crosswalks which we talked about at Innovation. So we will follow up and we will try and get that information for you, Councillor Mayes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Santos, followed by Councillor Gillingham, Councillor Nason and then Councillor Rollins if there is time.

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Chair. So I guess we're kind of on the topic of pedestrians but in light of the most recent events that happened in my ward over at Isabel and Alexander. It's kind of an as you are aware question. Might have a bit of a follow-up to the Chair. Are you aware that my office has been working with Traffic Management to actually convert the crosswalk lights to actual traffic lights and are you aware that the report that came back back in 2017 saying that there was no…the criteria was not met to have the crosswalk lights being converted to traffic lights. And I guess my follow-up question is, what can we do now with the recent events that have happened, a tragic event that happened at a different crosswalk, but it's still close to the same intersection. What can we do to now create pedestrian…could we now…is this where we're going to be now able to do, a…convert the crosswalks to…sorry, traffic lights? Or can we now do something more at this intersection by maybe even putting flashing lights. I think there's been talk about having flashing lights just above the crosswalk signage as opposed to being it on the overhead…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Santos, your specific question is?

Councillor Santos: So my specific…so those are kind of the two specific...are you aware that there was a traffic study done? And my second question is…

Madam Speaker: It's just one question. Councillor Eadie, are you moving extension? All in favour?

Councillor Eadie: Yes.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you Councillor Santos for the question, thank you for the background and your are you aware questions about this specific intersection. I do recall having responded as a ward councillor with specifically…where pedestrian safety following up on accidents. I do recall Public Works does review these special (inaudible) of police report. So I think that work will be happening, however, I will welcome if you want to move a motion or I can do so on your behalf. I can do so as Public Works Chair at the next Standing Policy Committee meeting asking for formal update. Also in terms of just wrapping, I want to come back to the motion, the omnibus that I moved back in November 2018. I asked for a comprehensive report because a lot of questions like this come up, and so I asked for a comprehensive report on traffic calming initiatives and tools including measures such as speed tables, speed bumps as well as technologies criteria and processes involved. So I'm expecting a substantive report from the department. But any ideas, please reach out to me, it's your motions at your community committee meeting or we can do so as well at Public Works. But I do know that when there's a police report involved, that our Public Works Department does follow up.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Did you have a second question, Councillor?

Councillor Santos: Question would be to the Chair is I guess we could bring this forward to IRPW as a motion.

Madam Speaker: And I just want to clarify second question, there's no preamble. Let's get right into the question.

Councillor Santos: Okay, could we install a flashing light above the crosswalk sign at both of the intersections at Isabel and Alexander as well as Isabel and Ross because there are two crosswalks?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I will ask…I'll refer question to the departments. Could I have extension? Or is it okay if I answer the question?

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

Councillor Allard: So I recall the terrible situation that happened in St. Vital where the pedestrian got struck there. Sadly, I just read an article where the pedestrian struck there was from the same community that where the child died again at this year. I want to recognize the terrible tragedy that has occurred there. In the case of the St. Vital crosswalk, Councillor Mayes called for a report. The report did come out and as a result, we now have a pilot project there for low mounted crosswalk with flashing lights. We're waiting for the department to analyze the results from that pilot to see if they have a recommendation there. But to your point, I will put the question to the departments and would like to ensure that we are making an appropriate response, given what's happened here and want to make sure that we're going to be using the right approach to ensure public safety at this location.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Allard. Can the Councillor please provide an update on Transit Plus and how the Department is addressing the problems that we've all been receiving emails and correspondence on regarding Transit Plus?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Gillingham. I want to thank Councillor Gillingham for asking a question on reporting at the last council. Councillor Gillingham, for in case you don't…in case the Chamber doesn't recall had asked, is it possible to get weekly updates on Transit Plus. I have been getting periodic updates from the Department. The latest is from March 15th, and so it says, Councillor Allard, call wait times are down to an average of seven minutes. The average wait time was 13 minutes in the last week of February. Can I have extension?

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Our highest call volumes continue to be experienced between 9 and 10 a.m. Sorry, 9 and 11 a.m. with 11 a.m. being the cut off for booking trips for the following days. We have also increased our trips providing by an average of 120 per day since the last week of February. We have another Driver Training Course scheduled for April 5th, 2019 to assist contractors with additional drivers. I have also asked about the question about providing periodic updates or weekly updates to Council. The Director is looking to see if there would be a…like a way to automate it so that anyone can check at any time. I am doing some work on that to see if there's some kind of back and tool open data type approach that we can apply to this for now and provide with periodic updates. And also for this chamber, I don't know if you had the opportunity to see the CBC lately and if I can pull out the article, as long as I'm still in order, Madam Speaker. I would like to provide additional update on Transit Plus. Well, I was answering the question last time, that's why I'm asking but anyhow. Okay so the CBC article, and there's…okay, I'm not going to refer to the article because we do have provisions not to site media in this chamber, is that right, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: That's correct.

Councillor Allard: Okay, so I won't site the media article, but if I could just find the reference. Okay, so part of the new information since the last council is that, this Transit Plus has seen an additional 480 registrants this year compared to last time, to this time last year. So we're looking into what's going on, why there are so many new registrants, so that's information the Department is working on. And I think that would be my update for Transit Plus for now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That'll all conclude our question period for this committee. Moving onto the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We have no reports, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Gilroy.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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Councillor Gilroy: There was a recent announcement that the Province is changing the City of Winnipeg Charter. I was wondering if the…Councillor Gillingham can give us an update.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Gilroy, thank you for her question. Yes, there is just a recent announcement that came out March 19th, that the Province is proposing to…proposing

amendments to the Municipal Act and the City of Winnipeg Charter to improve transparency, reduce red tape. As of late, it seems that a lot of our discussions in this chamber or from City Hall regarding the Province are sometimes…this differences in opinion and disagreement over certain matters. But this is one where I will stand and commend the Province and thank the Province for this proposed amendment. What it centers around really is property taxes and specifically appeals. Currently when a property owner appeals their assessment and they're successful in their appeal, then the City must pay interest on the excess taxes paid by the property owner. The implications really are, is that we carry about $800,000 annually in our budget to cover the liability and it's in the liability account for Municipal Board appeals. The changes being proposed in this charter would really assist the City of Winnipeg. The impact of the City of Winnipeg is that all outstanding appeal, if this is passed, all outstanding appeal refunds will be paid out of the 4.75% interest until June 30, 2019. That's a substantial interest rate considering what other interest rates are right now. And this really…this matter has not been looked at for several years in the Charter. So any appeals paid out after that date will only accumulate interest to June 30, 2019 and then it will be 0 or no interest payable on the remaining time that it is outstanding. As I said, we currently budget about $800,000 per year for the interest payout in the liability account for the Municipal Board appeals. And so, I do want to thank the Province of Manitoba for looking into this. I'm not just looking into it, they are responding to a request that the City has made. I know that certainly our administration has made to the Province some time ago to look at this because as I said, it has not been reviewed in decades. And so this is a direct response by the Province to request from the City of Winnipeg and it would really assist the City. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, raising the issue of this is an element of market value assessments, discrepancies and proceeds on, some things can take some period of time, Madam Speaker. But when the court decision came down that changed the Municipal Assessment Act, I think it's called or it might be a bit longer, sorry, I haven't checked the name, Madam Speaker, for a while, but when it was changed to a market value and in the early 90's, there was a huge problem in terms of assessments and there was a liability set up that as I understand, the last time I had a discussion with the CFO in regard to this liability. I can't remember if it's 10 or $20,000,000 or what the amount of money is that was set up as a liability. And I'm wondering if the Chair of Finance can find out what that amount is and what we as the City, are going to do with that liability that still sits on our balance sheets somewhere.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, through you I want to thank Councillor Eadie for the question. Yes, I will gather that information and I will email everybody on Council once I have that information compiled. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Seeing none. Moving onto the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Gilroy.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED MARCH 7, 2019

Councillor Gilroy: Please move Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There is no motions, no by-laws under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Councillor Lukes.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. I know that we're going to be getting a full update on the flood situation in the near future but I understand there's activities going on right now and I'm wondering if Councillor Gilroy can give us a little brief update on what's happening.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, the City's Flood Response is being led by Dave Wardrop so if we have questions, that's the person that's taking the lead on that. The Water and Waste Department is really busy right now. We're reviewing our flood protection measures, we're making preparations for temporary and permanent pumping, we're closing river gates, we're sealing the manholes, we're steaming frozen catch basins, culverts and inlets, clearing ditches and improve drainage, we're preparing sandbags. And in fact I just got a note here that the City began sandbagging production on Tuesday morning and about 30,000 sandbags have been made so far. So the preparations are ongoing. I know that they're meeting constantly on flood preparations. They're working closely with the Province and I know that there's going to be more information coming soon on what they're going to do…that we're looking…the provincial government is looking closely at the latest snowfall and how that's impacted the communities and that water flowing into Winnipeg. So I want to thank Councillor Lukes for the question. And there will be a council seminar I believe on April the 5th so hopefully we'll even be getting even more information then.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just…a quick question for Chair Gilroy. The…and we've talked about it before. It's just an update on Wellington Crescent. We know that we have an issue with the Wellington Crescent behind the Rady Centre. And I'm just wondering if she can maybe direct the Department to keep us updated on that particular issue on a regular basis.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Absolutely, I know Councillor Klein has mentioned this before and I know that they are keeping a close monitor on that location. So I will definitely get him an update on that.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. In many of the floods of past in Winnipeg, there's been…floods cause erosion of our unstable riverbanks along the Red River and Assiniboine River. It doesn't sound like there's a flood coming up for the Assiniboine River. But Madam Speaker, I know that parts of St. John's Park have fallen away in past floods and I know that there's a whole bunch of issues along the Red River. So my question is, I'm asking if the Chairperson who is the Chair deals with riverbank stabilization and management, if we could actually get a…as after the flood if we could get a…what is the cost or further jeopardy for all these various unstabilized riverbank pieces that the City has responsibility for.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I…maybe I can talk with Councillor Eadie further on this. Maybe this is something that could come forward at Committee. We could have a person that's in charge of riverbank management come forward and maybe discuss this further. So I'd like to thank Councillor Eadie for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Any further questions? Let's move on then to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There's no report, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, Councillor Orlikow? Okay, seeing none. Next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Mayes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED MARCH 4, 2019

Councillor Mayes: I'll introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda for Items 1 to 5. Item 6 was laid over by EPC to the April 9th, 2019 meeting.

Madam Speaker: So Item 6 is just here for information. All in favour? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I was going to ask, may I stand down six?

Madam Speaker: Yes, or no, we're not speaking to Item 6. It's just here for information. Yeah, okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, by-laws, 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. 20/2019, By-law No. 22/2019.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 20/2019, By-law No. 22/2019.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-laws No. 20/2019 and 22/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 20/2019, By-law No. 22/2019.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 20/2019 and 22/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for this committee. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Lukes.

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

Councillor Lukes: Councillor Mayes, the Parade of Homes was going in high gear. And there's been calls and discussion on why the City by-law officers are tagging and fining Parade of Homes signs. The Parade of Home signs have been up for…we do it every time the Parade of Homes is on. So I'm wondering if you can maybe enlighten us on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I wish I could do more to enlighten but I first heard of this this morning, thanks to Lanny McInnes from the Home Builders for raising this. I got emails that are to our City staff trying to figure out what is going on in terms of Enforcement that may be different from the last 29 years. When I have an answer of any sort, I will relay that to Councillor Lukes. I think this Parade of Homes wraps up Sunday so I'm not sure what exactly is going on. It's a pretty long standing tradition. I know that in certain parts of my ward, it's a pretty active thing in Bona Vista and Sage Creek certainly so. Once I know more, it's a very fair question raised by Councillor Lukes, so I'll be happy to reply.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Seeing none. Councillor Lukes, will you move the report of the Governance Committee?

**REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

Councillor Lukes: Sure. Madam Chair, I'd like to move Items 1 to 3 and move adoption for Consent Agenda.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'd like to pull Item 2, please.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so all in favour of 1 and 3? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 - Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner for the period of April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

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

Councillor Lukes: No, I'll wait to hear from Mr. Mayor.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wish to speak to this matter to really remind Winnipeggers and all members of Council of how far we've come since the beginning of the last term. One thing is that…one of the positions that had been long advocated for by members of Council including former Councillor Jenny Gerbasi was I think it was then referred to as an ethics commissioner, now of course, Integrity Commissioner. I do believe the educational opportunities that I think all members of council have benefited from over the last year since Sherri Walsh was appointed in the role and this position became something that councillors and citizens have come to rely upon here at City Hall. I think it's been a positive step in creating greater openness, transparency and behaviour that is expected of all members of Council by the citizens we serve. And I just want to applaud past and current members of Council for continuing to support these and many other efforts that we are doing to strengthen the trust between citizens we serve and City Hall. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes, do you wish to add some remarks?

Councillor Lukes: No, that's fine.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Klein, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, roll call please.

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 11:33 a.m.