COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, April 25, 2019

The Council met at 9:34 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 Klein.

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 Schreyer.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. I would like to now recognize our first time pages with us today. Welcome to Sham Abdullah, who attends Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute and resides in the Daniel McIntyre Ward, and also Jasmine Do who attends Seven Oaks Met School and resides in the Old Kildonan Ward. Thank you so much for joining us today and for your service.

We will now move into morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor. And I see you have some interesting attire you have pulled out of the back of your closet for us today.

Mayor Bowman: It gives me no pleasure to rise with this beginning announcement. Firstly, good morning to my council colleagues and all those that are joining us in the gallery and watching via live stream. Madam Speaker, Winnipeggers are known for a lot of things and honouring friendly wagers is one of them. I made a friendly wager with the mayor of St. Louis, Mayor Lyda Krewson, a few weeks ago at the beginning of the first round of the NHL playoffs. The bet, of course, was that the losing team's mayor would wear the jersey of the other team at a city council meeting. Well, Madam Speaker, we have seen the results of the first round and sadly for Jets fans here in Winnipeg and across Canada, we're not continuing on. I want to congratulate the mayor, I want to congratulate the St. Louis Blues on a hard fought series win. I want to also thank my council colleague, Councillor Markus Chambers. As Deputy Mayor, he approached me in the moments after the loss of the season to the St. Louis Blues, and given his godson is Ryan Reeves, who of course plays for the Golden Knights, and so too is on the golf course today, was kind enough to loan me his former Blues jersey, and so, I want to thank Councillor Chambers for doing his civic duty and facilitating me wearing this jersey here today to make good on this friendly wager. I want to thank Ryan Reeves also. This is somebody we should all be very proud of here in Winnipeg. He is somebody who has had a tremendous career starting with, of course, the Brandon Wheat Kings and continuing to play for teams including St. Louis and, of course, the Golden Knights, and I want to wish him all the very best with his ongoing career as an NHL player. I will say this about this jersey and this is a comment that I'm making specifically to his wife, Alana. If you follow her social media feed, you'll understand this joke; this jersey may be fresh, but your husband is in fact a bad, bad man. I want to thank True North, the entire organization, of course the team starting with our captain, Blake Wheeler, on a tremendous season. I know they fought very, very hard for our team and, of course, for our city, and we should all be very proud of their efforts, and we want to wish them all the very best in the off-season and of course, we'll be ready there…we'll be ready next season for another Winnipeg whiteout to cheer on our beloved Jets. And I want to thank all those organizations and individuals who helped with the Winnipeg whiteout street party starting with Dayna Spiring and her team at Economic Development Winnipeg, True North and all of the partners including the Winnipeg Police Service in making sure we had a safe and enjoyable exercise. Now that I have made good on honouring the bet, I can show my true colours, of course Madam Speaker, Winnipeg's Jets. What I wore underneath was not part of the bet.

I do have a few other announcements, Madam Speaker. Shortly after last month's council meeting, I was very happy to attend the 2019 Smart Cities Summit and Expo in Taipei along with Councillor John Orlikow, Marshall Ring, who's the Executive Officer of the Manitoba Technology Accelerator. It was a whirlwind week where I attended many meetings to help promote Winnipeg's businesses and business advantage. I visited with our sister city in Taichung, Taiwan, in an effort to strengthen ties and economic relationships. Taiwan has been represented in the Intelligent Communities Forum or ICF, top 7 intelligent communities every year since 2011, Madam Speaker, with Taichung, our sister city, having been awarded the ICF's Top Intelligent Community of the Year in 2013. Winnipeg has been selected as a Smart 21 City seven of the last nine years, reached the top seven in 2014, 2016 and 2018. We should all be very proud of that. Part of Taichung is also known as the Golden Valley and boasts 633 hi-tech plants with an annual output of $38.9 billion,

Madam Speaker. It's a hub of advanced manufacturing equipment, strong aerospace industry which, of course, is a very interesting prospect given Winnipeg's strong aerospace industry. We also supported and met with officials and local media, together with Ryan Moran from the National Centre of Truth and Reconciliation here in Winnipeg, to promote our reconciliation efforts and to learn from our friends in Taiwan about their own efforts with their indigenous peoples. It was a successful trip. I'm looking forward to positive outcomes as a result.

Madam Speaker, in April I was pleased to meet with both Mayor Funk of Steinbach and Mayor Chrest of Brandon, in an effort to discuss areas of mutual interest. Like Winnipeg, Steinbach and Brandon are both cities that are experiencing growth right now which is great to see. And as a result there are similar issues that will be faced by our growing cities and communities. We have had very interesting discussions about the growth fees and cost development charges that have been instrumental in growth of both of their cities and I believe there is great value in learning from growing cities around us and sharing some of the lessons that we have all learned along the way.

Madam Speaker, at the beginning of April I was proud to take part in a big announcement with one of Winnipeg's biggest private sector employers, a trusted institution that's been around almost as long as Winnipeg itself, I of course…that's Great West Life. After 128 years, Great West Life made the decision to rebrand itself as Canada Life. With over 3,300 local employees and a Canadian relationship of over 13 million, they are truly a Winnipeg institution and a pinnacle of the Winnipeg business community. We're proud of this company and the great things that it continues to do for our community.

Wrapping up, Madam Speaker, I was honoured to once again take part in the Dreams Take Flight trip. It was both a…it is a flight that is…that gives physically, mentally and socially challenged children an opportunity to take a trip to one of the happiest places on the planet, and of course that's Disney World. I want to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors of that incredible annual trip. It was a pleasure to once again be asked to join them.

Finally, tomorrow is the National Day of Mourning for workers who have been injured or lost in the line of work. These are wounds of our collective psyche that remain and it is important that we come together to remember. It's an important day for the families, for the friends of workers who have been injured or lost and it's vitally important that we come together to reflect. It serves as an important day to reflect but it also…it's an important day to create awareness about healthier, safer work places, and I hope all of you will be able to join us in the city hall courtyard tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, finally, it gives me great pleasure to be able to introduce Di Brandt. Di Brandt is Winnipeg's inaugural Poet Laureate and she will be reading a poem. I want to let you know a little bit about Di. She, as I mentioned, is a city of Winnipeg's first ever Poet Laureate. Other communities have taken this step as well and we want to welcome her, of course, to the role. She is a nationally and internationally celebrated author and editor of more than a dozen books of poetry, fiction, creative essays and literary criticism. Di Brandt has collaborated with numerous artists in other languages and media, including Winnipeg visual artist, Diana Thorneycroft and Anathea Dyck, and I hope I pronounced the names properly, Madam Speaker, and French St. Boniface poet and translator, Charles Leblanc, as well as Canadian composer, Paul McIntyre, Jana Skarecky and Kenneth Nichols and others. Di Brandt's poetry collections include the best seller, 'Questions I Asked My Mother', recently reissued in a 30th anniversary tribute edition, an after word by Tanis MacDonald, and "Agnes in the Sky" which received the McNally Robinson Manitoba Book of the Year Award. Congratulations for that. Her book, "Glitter and Fall", and I'm going to let her pronounce it in full if she'd like, has been short-listed for the McNally Robinson Manitoba Book of the Year Award which will be announced at the Manitoba Writers Guild Manitoba Book Award evening at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on May 3rd, Madam Speaker. Di Brandt has been busy at our inaugural Winnipeg…or has been very busy as our inaugural Winnipeg Poet Laureate writing poems for the city and giving poetry readings at public and professional literary events. She recently hosted her second annual UNESCO inspired Multicultural World Poetry Day event featuring a range of Winnipeg citizens from ages 7 to 80, reading and reciting cherished classic poems in their heritage languages. You may find some of Di Brandt's Winnipeg poems including, "Winnipeg Pedestrian Blues", not to be confused with the Blues jersey I was just wearing, or "Thirteen Ways of Crossing Portage & Main", I need to read that, and "Three Winnipeg Winter Sonnets" on the Winnipeg Arts Council's website. So I would ask my council colleagues, let's give her a huge welcome, and, of course, the floor will be yours in a moment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Welcome.

Di Brandt: Thank you Your Worship, Mayor Brian Bowman, honoured city councillors and ladies and gentlemen. It is an honour for me to present a poem to you here this morning as part of National Poetry Month and indeed, to serve our lovely city as the first Winnipeg Poet Laureate. Congratulations to all of you for honouring poetry in our midst as the magical inspiring creative language that it is and for making a place for poetry in the civic matters of leading our city which you are all doing with such intelligence and spiritedness and aplomb. And thank you to Carol Phillips, Executive

Director of the Winnipeg Arts Council, and her talented staff, some of whom are here today; Dominic Lloyd and Trish Cooper, for coordinating the program with skill and imagination. You have made this appointment a lot of fun.

Now, it is true that Winnipeg was a bit slow in appointing a Poet Laureate compared to many other cities across the country and the country itself. But we need not be embarrassed about this when we can boast a very prestigious poetic history for our city, the most prestigious poetic history of any city in the country, perhaps. Consider that the father of Manitoba, Louis Riel, was a very fine poet whose work is still read and recited and studied and enjoyed today. Check out especially his fine celebration of the beautiful Métis maidens destined to become the mothers of Canada in his haunting ballad, "La Matisse". These mothers of Canada, as we all know, have not been adequately celebrated and acknowledged in our public cultural life; so I think for example, we should have beautiful statues in their honour in front of every city hall, so I'll leave you with that idea here. Riel's political opponent, Charles Mair, was also a published poet. Mair was sent from Ontario to quell the high spirits of the Métis Red River Settlements and got himself famously horse whipped from a party for his trouble by a matron, so it is said, who disliked the way he was flirting with her daughter as part of his eastern infiltration scheme. At some point, Charles Mair was arrested and stuck in Riel's prison from which he escaped through an upstairs window and walked on snowshoes in 40 below weather all the way to South Dakota and then made his way back to Ontario to gather reinforcements for his cause. Given the heroic shenanigans of our forefathers, I think we should not allow ourselves to complain about winter weather unless we have endured an ordeal of that sort. Mair's poetry appears in many prestigious poetry anthologies and I encourage you all to look him up when you get home, especially his famous poem, "The Last Bison". It will give you the shivers and you will never ever forget it, I can promise you.

Winnipeg is also where Canada's foremost and much celebrated modernist women poets grew up; Dorothy Livesay and Miriam Waddington. Indeed, Winnipeg was known as the poetry centre of Canada from the time of its inception in 1873 until at least the mid-20th century and is still considered so by many, and certainly by me. Witness the many great poets this city has produced recently and given a home to, from Robert Crouch and David Arneson to Jan Horner and Katherine Hunter and more recently the amazing award-winning headline-making Katherina Vermette. How lucky I was myself to grow into poetry here in a city dripping with poetic residences and festivals and literary mentors, and publishing houses and fine literary magazines. Given our prestigious poetic history as a city, it seems to me that we should set a firm requirement for the leaders who hold office in our city and province. They, that is you, should all be fine practising poets yourselves. I'm thinking, for example, next April for National Poetry Month, we could celebrate here in city hall by having a poetry faceoff by our venerable mayor and whoever is the premier then and maybe the new Poet Laureate as well. In the meantime, I'm delighted to share one of my own poems with you. The poem is called "Stalwart Protectors of the Deep", and appears in my new poetry collection, "Glitter and Fall", published very elegantly by Turnstone Press last fall, and the book looks like that. I should mention that the poems in this book are not entirely original. They are creative translations or trans-inhalations as I call them, of poems from an ancient classic Chinese text called the "Dao De Jing", which I have transposed into contemporary meditations in the mode of the Canadian prairie feminine. So the scintillating moments, the sublime and lofty concepts in the poems should be attributed to the Laozi, the original author of the Dao De Jing, and the clumsy efforts to transpose them into our contemporary home context should be attributed to me. So, here is "Stalwart Protectors of the Deep"

"Most living beings have not forgotten the generosity and power of the grandmother. They honour their relations with one another. They keep their part in preserving the great harmony. The deep blue sky remains translucent and calm. The round blue green earth holds her precise place and motion intact in the turning galaxy. Oak trees and cherry blossoms, foxes and cows and songbirds and humans each preserve their form. The mothers and sometimes fathers and others take tender care of the young. The great oceans remain stalwart protectors of the deep. Presidents and prime ministers and queens direct their people to get along and practice reciprocity in their negotiations and transactions, and mayors and city councillors as well. The world over, people sing and dance and tell stories together. None of this could happen without the sweet harmonious oversight of the great mother, in whose humming, cradling, spinning, singing embrace we are held. For without translucence, the sky would rip and shred. Without precision and steadiness, the earth would wobble and spin out of control. Without the stalwart protection of the oceans, the deep would get clogged and dry up. Without the care and kindness of all living species towards their young, life on earth would cease. Without considerable wisdom and honour in their government of the people, prime ministers and queens and mayors and city councillors would immediately be overthrown. All the sympathetic resonances of earth and heaven are part of the great harmony. Let's proceed with humility, remembering our small part in preserving the shimmering, vibrating, live, breathing network of the great hall."

Madam Speaker: Miss Brandt, thank you for your presentation in honour of National Poetry Month. Thank you. Moving on, Councillor Klein for your morning statement followed by Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I wish to recognize a leader in our city, Arnold Frieman. Mr. Frieman passed away recently at the age of 90. A member of the Order of Manitoba, he was best known as the genius,

if you will, behind Advanced Electronics which he bought in 1962 and turned into the largest independently-owned electronics retailer in western Canada. Mr. Frieman was a Holocaust survivor, born in Hungary in 1928 he was one of 6 children. His philanthropy and community service in Winnipeg is well known. He was a quiet, reserved, soft spoken man and a generous donor to charitable causes throughout Winnipeg including some of his favourites which were the Symphony, Ballet, Conservatory of Music and the Air Cadet League. We will certainly miss Arnold Frieman and his incredible passion and generosity for our city.

The second, Madam Chair, is I had the pleasure of attending the Manitoba Museum Tribute Gala this year. Many Winnipeg community and business leaders were in attendance as this year's events paid tribute to Bob Silver, his partner Ron Stern and the entire team of the Winnipeg Free Press. It seems fitting that the Free Press was honoured during the 100th anniversary of the general strike of 1919. Although the faces of ownership, editors and journalists has changed over these many years, although I think Aldo Santin has been there since day one, the commitment to report the truth, integrity, fairness, humanity has not changed. In these changing times for media, I applaud Mr. Stern, Mr. Silver, who said that night that the Free Press began as an act of commerce, but became a community service and one they are proud of. I also want to acknowledge all the other journalists who represent the many local providers of news in Winnipeg, each and every one of them play an essential role in our city. They protect our democratic process, they hold elected officials accountable, and they tell the stories today that become part of our history tomorrow. So, Madam Speaker, through you, I would like to thank and applaud not only the Free Press but all journalists in our city for the work they do. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Good morning, Madam Speaker, Mayor Bowman, council colleagues and community members. As you may know, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Manitoba. As co-chair of the Winnipeg Safe Cities Initiative, I rise today in honour of the survivors of sexual violence across our city; those that have told their stories and those who may never share their experience. We understand that reporting sexual violence can be challenging. Our response can make an important difference. In partnership with the Winnipeg Committee for Safety, 311 supervisors will be attending Klinic Community Health Centre training, sexual assault awareness, compassionately responding to disclosures. This will help ensure that 311 staff are equipped with the skills necessary to handle the sensitive nature of disclosures related to sexual violence. The City of Winnipeg has also updated its Respectful Workplace Policy and will be sending managers from Human Resource to take part in investigation training. This will help ensure that the City of Winnipeg employees are supported if they experience harassment. We all have a responsibility to set a positive and proactive example for other jurisdictions and how they respond to disclosures of sexual violence. To survivors, our responses can be the…make the world of difference. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Gillingham, will you move that the minutes of the meetings held March 20th and 21st be taken as read and confirmed?

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Yes?

Councillor Eadie: I wanted to make…

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Sorry I missed that. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pardon me, for I came to you this morning. Anyway, I rise today to speak of the 100th anniversary of the Winnipeg…of the Ukrainian Labour Temple. Of course, this building that exists in the Mynarski Ward at the corner of McGregor and Pritchard, was built some 100 years ago in the same year in which we experienced the 1919 strike, Madam Speaker, and tonight, they will be celebrating those 100 years. This building has served Ukrainian Canadians and many other people of the North End for years, in terms of being able to speak and present culture, arts, politics a little bit, and also to reflect the concerns of people who laboured back in 2019…in 1919, and even into today, there is concerns and always respectful of the people who work and keep our city moving and working properly. So, Madam Speaker, we should really congratulate them. They are getting heritage status from the Federal Government as well, and I hope that they serve…this building can serve the future for another hundred years for Ukrainian Canadians as well as others in the community in which they do share their hall and allow for community concerns that arise to be dealt with. So congratulations to the Ukrainian Labour Temple, and that's it.

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

MINUTES

Councillor Gillingham moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on March 20 and 21, 2019, be taken as read and confirmed.

We'll now move into delegations. I would like to call Ms. Catherine Mitchell forward. She is representing the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. She's in support of Item 3 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 9th, 2019, and it's regarding the Federal Gas Tax Funding. Thank you, Ms. Mitchell. You have 10 minutes on the clock.

DELEGATIONS

Catherine Mitchell: Thank you Madam Speaker. Good morning Mayor Bowman, councillors, thank you for having me here this morning. As mentioned, I would like to speak to the discussions you will be having regarding the allocation of the federal gas tax top-up and expected approximately $44 million as I understand it that will come to the City of Winnipeg this year for use in infrastructure projects. MHCA president, Chris Lorenc, would have liked to have been here this morning. I trust that you all received and perhaps read the e-mail he sent to Mayor and council regarding the gas tax top-up motions before you today and details on the capacity of the industry…in the industry for bidding on the work that exists right now. As you are aware, there are two motions city council will discuss. One from IRPW recommending the full $40 million be allocated this year to the local streets renewal program, which was reduced by 42 million in the capital and operating budgets due to the shortfall in 2018 from the Provincial Government's road commitment. The other from EPC would allocate 19.25 million to the local streets budget. And I see as well that you have another motion before you that you will discuss this morning, being moved by Councillor Gillingham, and I didn't come to speak on that one but we certainly would encourage and support at least the spirit of that motion. I guess what we would add to the resolution is that the words "roads project" be inserted there. First, the MHCA stresses that once again, that it sympathizes with city council, particularly the Finance and the EPC committees in the difficult decisions that had to be made to reconcile the shortfall in the 2018 budgeted revenues and with the fact that the Provincial Government has not renewed the five year roads funding agreement. That has played havoc not just with 2018 but with the years 2019-2024, we recognize that. To the point, finally spring has arrived and with the pothole season we are seeing, you know, evidence of the work that's before us. Potholes appear, sink holes appear. We all feel that every day in our daily commutes and some of us who use other modes of transportation to get to work or our daily destinations have a more intimate awareness of what we're talking about here. Potholes and sink holes. Sink holes are an extreme example of decay, but it is what our residents have to deal with, what they have to see and I'm sure it's a tired metaphor that we're dealing with of Winnipeg and one that we want to put behind us. I raise that only to make that point. Certainly Winnipeg has made headway, no doubt about that; the result of some hard work by this council in finding the revenues needed to address our road renewal. There is a long way to go, however, to address the infrastructure investment deficit and we would stress that we cannot afford to slip backwards. The City of Winnipeg had…has, I would assert, a well thought out plan to deal with the infrastructure investment deficit to get to the point where annual budgets for street renewals are at sustainable levels. That plan gave rise to the 2 percent annual tax hike, revenues that are to be dedicated specifically to the street renewal program. That plan set out 2021 and 2022 as the years at which the City would achieve budget levels that were considered to be sustainable for our roads. It's not an easy plan to stick with, we acknowledge that. It's not easy to dedicate multi-year funding levels when there are so many competing priorities. We understand that. That is made doubly difficult, we should also stress, when funding partners without warning do not hold to their commitments. The MHCA has worked diligently with city administration and with city council as well to improve the procurement process to ensure full value of the local and regional street renewal program is realized each year. There has been notable progress and that work continues. It was a blow to our industry to see the local street renewal program reduced, gutted, due to the Provincial Government's shortfall…funding shortfall. We offered suggestions, respectfully, on how to buffer that blow to restore some funding to residential street repairs this year. The surprise announcement from the Federal Government of the gas tax top-up was as welcome to us as it was to city council and to all Winnipeggers. It seemed a logical and practical solution to use that $44 million windfall to fill the hole that was left this year, but, we understand realities. There are a number of competing priorities as I mentioned on council and on councillors' menus, agendas, and given that, the MHCA endorses the EPC recommendation to put 19.25 million towards the local street renewal program this year with the remaining 20 million to be allocated to the local street renewal budget, active transportation and road safety in 2020.

Finally, I would just like to restate and to stress that there should be no concerns as to whether the tendering of this additional work this season will draw strong competitive bidding from the industry. Let me assure you that the City of Winnipeg will get full value for that 19.25 million in tendered road construction work. Our industry is hungry for work. A quick scan of the tender awards that the City of Winnipeg is seeing now will back this up. It's not uncommon to see six or

more companies bidding on a tender with very tight price differentials that are well below cost...construction cost estimates. The city administration can verify this for you. This is a result of reduced public infrastructure budgets. It is the natural fallout when the provincial highways capital budget falls from what was a high of 628 million to 350 million in three short years. Pent up capacity and hunger for work. Some recent tender awards that the City of Winnipeg is now seeing have been 15 to 20 percent below the department's construction estimate. Our repeated comments and communications about the impact on our industry of a severely reduced city local streets program have not been hyperbole. In these conditions, project owners win. With that I would just say that the MHCA respectfully encourages councillors today to support the EPC recommendation to allocate 19.25 million to the local street renewal budget for 2019 and the remainder in 2020. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms. Mitchell. Are there any questions for our delegation? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. Our delegate made the point that bids have been notably below administrative estimates. And she also said that because of budget reductions for construction there has been lower bidding. First of all, I would like to know if she is making the point that the administrative estimates have been off…notably off base because she said that the estimates have been notably lower.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Ms. Mitchell.

Catherine Mitchell: Thank you, Madam Speaker. No, I would not be making that case at all. The case or the point that I am trying to make is that the margins are very, very tight for our industry right now, and when you have less work you are going to have greater competition. So, everybody is shaving all of the possible ways in order to get that work. The construction estimates, and this certainly is not my area of expertise, but the construction estimates as I understand it, they are based on best, I wouldn't say guesstimates but on the best information available and the industry knows that, because of the competition right now for work, that they are in tight races and that's why we're seeing the bid prices coming back as they are.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Are we saying, therefore, that to get our best value for the taxpayer money for construction contracts we should reduce our construction budgets?

Madam Speaker: Ms. Mitchell.

Catherine Mitchell: No, I am not at all asserting that. What I'm saying is that city council…or the City of Winnipeg will see more work done for the value that it is allotting this year, for the 19.25 million. That's the win that public project owners get when the competitive environment is very tight. You can get more work done for the same value.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Final question.

Councillor Schreyer: To clarify, that is because of a reduced construction budget?

Madam Speaker: Ms. Mitchell.

Catherine Mitchell: No. That is a direct result of greater competition.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our delegation this morning? Seeing none, we thank you for your presentation today.

Is Ms. Sherry Mooney here today? Yes, if you could please come forward. She is the Vice President of Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre. Ms. Mooney is in opposition to Item 6 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. The report dated May 4th…March 4th, pardon me, of 2019. And it's regarding City owned property located at 5014 Roblin Boulevard. We'll put ten minutes on the clock. And welcome to you Ms. Mooney.

Sherry Mooney: Thank you for the opportunity to present. I would like to recognize our President, Agatha Rose, and our Vice President…past president, Dan Graham, are also here with me. The presentations, I hope, are now on your desk, and we have some additional information that you can look at after. The mission of the Charleswood Active Living 55+ is to enhance the quality of life for those 55+ by providing the resources that enable and assist them to enjoy a more active, social and creative lifestyle in our community. Our beginning was in 1999 when Myrna Driedger and 20 other people laid the foundation for recognizing that there was a lack of services for 55+ in the Charleswood community.

Permission was granted in 1999 to create a drop-in centre opening in 2000 in a classroom at Royal School, with the mission as above. The goals for the centre have been ongoing in those 20 years. Currently, our membership has ranged from between 425 to 525 members over the past 20 years. In 2018, we had 458 members, 16 percent of whom are 55 to 64; 65 percent who are 65 to 79; and 19 percent of our membership is over the age of 80. The majority of our members live in the Assiniboine south area of the city. Our membership services for 2018 included 100 fitness classes, 2,000 plus hours. That is almost as much as a full time job. Fifty special events, 50 special interest groups and classes, with 550 participants per month in those classes. Our classes vary from sit and fit to higher level barre classes, yoga, tai chi, zumba, circuit training, cardio fit classes. They are all taught by instructors with specialty training for older adults and specifically for chronic conditions. Special events include movies, murder mystery parties, book clubs, card games, bridge and too many others to name. Today there is an Ipad training class. Special events focus on health and education such as the four part series just delivered in March for the prevention and management of diabetes. As you can see from the number of programs and hours of fitness classes and the 550 participants per month, we are a very busy centre. We do those with 2.5 EFT staff positions, about 1,500 volunteer hours with 85 to 100 volunteers from vary…varying from one day to the next. We do these things with a limited number of paid staff and a multitude of volunteers. I think it's fair to say that the City has not provided 55+ services in the Charleswood community and we have taken on that responsibility for you. There are no other recreation services offered in the community of Charleswood for people 55+. Using the operating model that we have, we have a volunteer board, part time staff and many volunteers. We are able to provide a vast array of programs in a very cost effective manner. Because the board are all members of the Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre, we see directly the kinds of programs that are needed. Our centre provides fitness, recreation services, transitional support, social networks and volunteer activities, and we are the sole provider of these. The City provides some services in St. James and in River Heights at their pools and recreation centre but nothing in the Charleswood community. Members come from Charleswood, Tuxedo, St. James, Linden Woods to take part in age appropriate health and social activities. It has been long standing and clearly documented that fitness recreation, social and volunteer activities provide older adults with health benefits that enable them to remain in their homes independently and in better health than those who do not participate in these activities. Social support networks have long been known as a determinant of health with greater supports from families, friends and communities being linked to better health. The service cost in 2018, the Charleswood 55+ Living Centre delivered fitness, education and social programs previously mentioned for a cost of $68,716. The revenue generated from programs, membership, merchandise and interest, bake sales and all kinds of fundraising activities, was $69,200, leaving a program balance of $484. You can't get too much closer to non-profit than that. These expenses do not include our overhead or facility costs and they do include our salary costs. If you look at the salary of one City recreation worker it would cost significantly more than $68,716, and one recreational worker could not deliver all of these previously mentioned services. When we look at the cost of service delivery by the Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre you can see we're providing a huge cost benefit to the City of Winnipeg, for you or who has the recreational service responsibility to services in your mandate. In the Winnipeg Recreation and Parks Strategy Public Engagement Summary from January 2019, listed barriers to being active in our city included cost and access for our members. In this document, it also stresses the need for the City to make collaboration and partnerships. With limited resources available, the City developers and community organizations need to work collaboratively. Opportunities for partnership and sharing of resources could improve the services and that's from page 5 of that document. We are here today to ask you to follow these recommendations by including us as a community partner who can and does deliver cost-effective, well utilized, and satisfactory services to the older adults in Assiniboine south. Please invite us to your table as a partner, share information and help us to help you deliver services to the 55+ community.

The eviction from the library in June of 2018, and there seems to be some discrepancy about whether we were actually evicted from that building, so we have copies of our letter of eviction for your review. The loss of that space resulted in the loss of our men's club and workshop. We had been fortunate to receive a number of donations from community members relocating to 55+ housing of their workshops and so we had an amazing workshop there for men to come together and work on projects. It's also clearly known that men are not the primary membership in our organization, and a special kind of program was needed to bring more men in. We lost that workshop. We lost all our equipment. The loss of the fitness equipment, we also had purchased fitness equipment so people could come and exercise on their own while during open hours. That we had to sell as we had no space left. The loss of the games, afternoon and drop in sessions, loss of designated space for our music group; we've had to move many programs and we have no space for supplies, and so some groups have to take their supplies home and bring them back. We also have the situation now where two groups have to share a limited space which has resulted in interruptions in programs, tensions and some conflicts because of the overcrowding.

The path forward, we would like to review the loss of significant program space. If the library is sold, we will also lose parking and we have not…we do have a parking lot designated by the City for our use, but, we have a couple of neighbours with no parking who use our parking lot and it's not unusual for members to come to the centre and not be able to get parking because of our neighbours. We have, without success, tried to work with the City to restrict those

neighbours from using the parking lot. It has not been effective. So the loss of that front parking lot will further complicate our members' access to the facility.

We would like to review the plan to seek cost recovery on City-owned buildings. We would like you to seek community consultation on community properties providing service. And as the City of Winnipeg document says, invite us to be your partner in the planning, delivery and development of recreational services to the 55+ community in Assiniboine south. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Mooney. Questions? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair. Thank you very much for your presentation. A couple of questions, Madam Chair; I would like to know, do you share the building that you are currently in with another City service? Is it the Arborist?

Sherry Mooney: Yes. So the actual presentation that I thought I was going to give you on the PowerPoint included the others that we share a space with. So we share space with the City Arborist, we share space with the Historical Society, the Horticultural Society, the Friends of the Hart Trail, and the Charleswood Toastmasters. And so those groups have also lost that space because we shared the library space with them for meetings and for community events, and so that is no longer possible as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein, second question through the Chair please.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair. Through you, I'm wondering if you…if the group could tell us if they were ever approached by the City? They talked about a partnership, they talked about wanting to be at the table. So, were you approached and notified the building was going to be sold right away when you were asked to be evicted, and asked if there was a way you could work together?

Sherry Mooney: No, we were not approached about…we were given an eviction letter and told that we needed to be…we needed to vacate the premises on June the 30th which is now 8 months ago. So it sat empty, rubbing salt in our wounds every day as we go to the centre.

Madam Speaker: Final question, Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Through you, I do note that it was a unanimous vote at the Assiniboia Community Committee and at PP&D and I thank Councillor Lukes and Councillor Rollins, Councillor Mayes and Councillor Gillingham for that. I do want to clarify though, through you Madam Chair, to our speakers and presenters. Does the organization receive regular grants from the City, given they offer services that the City should be offering but are not. Are they compensated for that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Ms. Mooney.

Sherry Mooney: No. We do receive contributions from our councillors, from our City, Federal and Provincial representatives in form of gifts and supports but we do not receive any grants from the City of Winnipeg. We do receive grant support from the WRHA for staffing, for partial staffing. It doesn't cover our staffing costs.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I just want to clarify; I believe the last question, just to clarify, that the City doesn't provide you any supports?

Sherry Mooney: No.

Councillor Orlikow: How much money do you pay for rent?

Sherry Mooney: We have a lease that we pay $1 a year.

Councillor Orlikow: And you don't consider that a contribution?

Sherry Mooney: We do consider that a contribution, significant contribution.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, councillor. Any further questions? Councillor Gillingham and then back to Councillor Klein if there's no others. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you for your presentation. In regards to your PowerPoint deck here, you certainly…you know, we'll want to take probably across this council chamber would welcome any group to provide input and you know, work with the City of Winnipeg. The question is specific to the Province of Manitoba; you indicate the Province through the WRHA has provided funding…or provides funding for staff. Have you been speaking with the…with your MLA or anyone at the Province about finding space or assisting you with finding space as well and if so, what have been the results of that discussion so far?

Sherry Mooney: We have met regularly with both Minister Driedger and with Dr. Olson and they are aware of our space limitations but they have not been able to provide any concrete assistance to this point.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank the group for the presentation and I'm somewhat troubled because we have a similar issue with our Transcona Retired Citizens Centre in Transcona. They were evicted from their place, they're on a leasehold situation. They provide much the similar operation, much similar lease situation, the $1 lease. I don't believe they pay any operating costs but they provide congregate meal programs as well and I'm just curious if that's another service that this group in Charleswood provides?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Nason.

Sherry Mooney: I couldn't hear your last…the last part of your question.

Councillor Nason: Do you provide congregate meal programs?

Sherry Mooney: No. We provide occasional meal supports but we do not have a congregate meal program or regular meals.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Nason. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: The letter to you dated April…and I've got it to the group dated April 19th from the City of 2018, talks about interim use. You were offered an interim use of the facility. Was that your understanding that it would be an interim use?

Sherry Mooney: Yes. That was before my time on executive, but it wasn't before these two people's time and we did understand that it was interim.

Councillor Mayes: Okay. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Many senior…seniors on (inaudible) in my ward are under duress at the moment as well. The City has ordered in the past lower leases, Madam Speaker. I'm wondering…and what I'm wondering, if the Charleswood seniors group is networking with the other seniors groups to actually lobby the Provincial Government, rather than just as one individual organization, but as a bunch of organizations to try to figure out how they can supply money through their programs?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Ms. Mooney.

Sherry Mooney: So, we have been working with the provincial…our provincial representatives and we are also involved in the Manitoba Association of Senior Centres. Connie Newman had planned to be here with us today but was called away at the last moment. And so yes, we have been working with them. Now our understanding is that the services we provide are a City responsibility for the most part. So the recreation services, the leisure services, those, and so that's why we have come before you today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Sherry Mooney: But we are working with the Province, yes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Ms. Mooney. Ms. Neuman did make it here today, I see her in the gallery.

Sherry Mooney: Oh, there she is right there.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yeah, I was just wondering, I know that in my area and I know that it is an issue for all the senior activity centres throughout Winnipeg and I hear what you're saying on that, and I know the West End Active Living Centre, in my ward, they work out of the community centres, and I have a huge interest in making sure that our community centres are used full-time throughout, you know, throughout the day and in the evening. I was wondering if you have had the opportunity to kind of work with the community centres to see if there's an opportunity for to you run programming in the local community centres?

Sherry Mooney: We rent space from Westdale Community Centre for our pickle ball. They treat us as they would any other person who wants to rent their space, so we pay the full amount of money. We in the past have had some contact with some of the other community centres and they are also bursting at the seams and have daycares and so on in them and they don't seem to have any extra space as well. We were told that they had some responsibility for providing recreation services to all ages, but, we have found that that's not really the case, and we're wondering who it would be that would tell them that, if that's the case, because I don't think they're going to listen to us.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you for your presentation. I just wanted a clarification. We have a policy that prohibits, really, contributions…city contributions when a dollar lease is given. I just wanted to clarify, do you receive city grants of any kind?

Sherry Mooney: No. No.

Councillor Lukes: Okay, alright.

Sherry Mooney: If there's special grants over the years, we have applied for special grants. We don't receive anything on an ongoing basis.

Councillor Lukes: Okay, thank you.

Sherry Mooney: It would be for a specific need, issue, and so over the years we have. But we have no grants at present other than the reduced amount of rent.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein, anything further? You had your hand up.

Councillor Klein: No. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, seeing no further questions, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. Thanks very much for coming in here today. We're neighbours.

Sherry Mooney: We are neighbours.

Mayor Bowman: I appreciate the work that you're doing and the group that you're doing is undertaking. Our understanding is the history as you've described it, what we're hearing and my understanding deviates a little bit from what you're saying. I appreciated the work of Councillor Marty Morantz. I know when the initial transition to the new library occurred, there was deference and collaboration extended to allow for the use of the old library which was always intended as surplus and is…the intent is to use those dollars to help with library renewal in other locations in the city, not just in Charleswood. I just want to make sure you are aware of that.

Sherry Mooney: Well, very interesting you say that. I'm not sure if you were home yesterday afternoon but Mr. Morantz…Mr. Morantz paid me and our street a visit as he was campaigning.

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

Sherry Mooney: And so I did hear about the history of that and yes, we are aware that it was a temporary lease, yes, we are.

Mayor Bowman: I'll follow up. The one thing I would encourage you to do is to direct correspondence to city hall and not my personal residence. I'd just like to ask…I received correspondence during the campaign at my residence, something that our family doesn't make public. We go to great lengths to not make public for security reasons with a young family. So I appreciate you coming in here today and maybe I'll just ask how your visit was because this is a question. How your visit was with former Councillor Marty Morantz?

Sherry Mooney: It was fine.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yes. I appreciate your presentation this morning. As a person that just turned 55 myself, I am now moving into that vein of trying to keep active even though I don't look 55. The Province announced increased funding for grants. Have you been able to leverage any of that funding?

Sherry Mooney: We're looking into that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, appreciate your presentation here today, Ms. Mooney.

Sherry Mooney: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We will now move into reports. We'll hear from the Mayor on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 9th, 2019. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 9, 2019

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 4 and I'll pull Items 3 and 4, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay. I'll call the question on Items 1 and 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Federal Gas Tax Funding

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 3. And I will note…just one moment here. No, nothing. Go ahead Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I simply rise. On this matter I really want to thank my council colleagues for the level of dialogue. I also want to acknowledge Councillor Browaty brought forward a motion I know I think is on the agenda later today. I appreciate his efforts and those of my council colleagues to try to make best use of the federal funds that are coming in unexpectedly for the purposes of road renewal and other matters…areas of priority in the city. Canada's Big City Mayors have been lobbying the Federal Government for some time to allow for more direct funding to municipalities. This is an existing program with the federal gas tax which was doubled this year for a one time transfer. Certainly want to just say thank you to FCM, my peers across Canada who, like myself, have taken time to bend the ear of our federal counter parts to try to encourage them to liberate some more dollars to our city and cities across Canada. I want to thank Minister Jim Carr in particular because he certainly heard from me for some time about the need for more direct funding to municipalities to help with the priorities as set by council and municipalities across Manitoba and Canada, and certainly, you know, this is a one-time doubling. We want to be able to move as quickly as possible in advance of the federal budget. Keep in mind, this is in advance of the federal budget which is expected to pass shortly. Obviously when that occurs, this is to allow for work to occur as quickly thereafter. I have been advised that the expectation is once the federal budget does pass, that within days the funds would flow through the Province to the City of Winnipeg as is the case right now with the gas tax funds. So I just want to thank everybody for their work on this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise this morning in support of the recommendation here from EPC. And I would like to thank EPC and the Mayor for recognizing the opportunity that's here. We've got a one-time opportunity for this one time…the equivalent of doubling the amount of money in the gas tax with this a one-time opportunity to go towards what I believe and what I heard on the doorstep is Winnipeggers' top priority, investing in our roads. I mean, it's not as fun as swimming pools or libraries or recreation centres, but I mean, you have to look at the condition of our roads. Just go out there today and recognize the potholes and everything that's out there. I mean, is 20 or $19.25 million going to do a lot of roads this year? No, but is it a step in the right direction? Absolutely. So again, I appreciate the recognition that again, this is money that we are getting very quickly and we took the opportunity to move on this quite quickly so I do appreciate it. I mean, we did have the whole…we did have an expectation that we were going to be doing more so our staff are ready to move with this money, so this is quite an opportunity. My preference again was to do it all at once. We could have two elections before we are dealing with passing our 2020 budget and there may have been opportunity to see more transfers from other governments, but again, step in the right direction and I am supportive. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Browaty. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I just rise. I am in support of this motion that was introduced by EPC who really is the…is the standing committee or the committee that deals with budget changes, Madam Speaker, and as we had debated actually in our budget, the federal money was there. We were all concerned. We could have changed maybe what was in the budget at the time but, Madam Speaker, I as one, always knew that we could amend a budget after the fact, so this is really good. Really appreciate that the Federal Government has provided increased gas tax money, I believe for every municipality across the country wherever these agreements exist, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to note, we do receive two payments. I believe we receive our first payment of gas tax around July 1st, around there, and another one in December. I don't know how it's portioned, Madam Speaker, but it's clear that cash flow…this increased cash flow will be here in July and that's important.

I just wanted to also note that we know that in our budget, under our local road renewal program, we know that in preparation, there was a whole bunch of streets, Madam Speaker, that were all of the proper prep work was done, they are ready to put out the bids, put out the RPs for all of these projects which was paid for out of the people who were astounded to hear that what we were going to spend, the engineering costs that were there, that was in preparation, and so, by no means does this 19.25 and the active transfer, by no means does it pick up the $63 million that local active transportation was…or not 6…about 40 million worth of work was actually reduced. So we're picking up some here, Madam Speaker, and I think that's important. I know that…and I pray that some…in the Mynarski Ward, there's some really bad streets and I believe the Mynarski Ward has the most failing streets, residential streets. But anyway, Madam Speaker, I know that our city administration will make decisions based on the importance and the need, and so I agree with this and actually, I think it is prudent because the 20 million going to 2020 and we'll have that cash on hand and we'll be able to go and tender. So, tendering as our presenter…delegation presented, right now, because of the huge reduction in provincial road works, as well as reductions we have had to do at the city as a result, does mean there's a lot of competition in the market right now to get that work, and so we will get good prices for the 20 million this year and then the 20 million for 2020 we're scheduled, so we'll be able to get those tenders out early and I think that's really important because we have dedicated and have indicated that that 20 million will be spent, so I see no reason for us not to be able to get out and tender early, get out before the Province does or anybody else does and when they are tendering contracts, so…putting out for contracts. So, I have no concerns about having to pay more when…and I also wanted to say, when I've seen the reduction in our road budget because of the Province, the…a lot of people, workers, work in this industry in Winnipeg, and I know a whole bunch of people who work in road construction for private companies who are trying to live and raise their families in the Mynarski Ward, and so, we also have to consider that, so I would like to thank the Federal Government as well for doing that increase in the gas tax. We have spent gas tax money, goes right now to pay for the Chief Peguis Trail extension east. We have had money paid for the gas tax money going to pay for Disraeli. We have used, Madam Speaker, in the past, we have used gas tax money, I believe it's going in to one of the…I think the first new police station, east district police station, I think, was one that was chosen that does receive existing gas tax that comes through. So, I understand the sentiment, we're lacking in a lot of infrastructure problems. But I just wanted to say, we could have used it for a down payment on replacing the Arlington Bridge. Sounds like it's in really bad shape. I'm afraid it's going to have to be closed down soon, and we have to find the money, Madam Speaker, to do something with that bridge. Like, it's bad. Anyway, thank you, Madam Speaker, support this motion. I guess it came from our Chair of Finance, Councillor Gillingham, and I think it was prudent and I would like to say…and I appreciate that $2.5 million has been sourced to actually make sure that our roads are safe because that is part of our roads, Madam Speaker. That's well spent money. So thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Santos, followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Santos: Thank you Madam Speaker. Yes, today, this morning, I'll be speaking to the EPC motion on the federal gas tax funding. We all know that there is a desire from Winnipeggers to not only invest into local roads and active transportation infrastructure but to also invest some of the $40 million gas tax fund into Winnipeg's community service facilities and park infrastructure. I believe that this EPC motion neglects other key priorities. I have been very vocal about investing in affordable recreational services and redeveloping green spaces. We all know that our City Community Services Department has always provided a safe, fun, healthy and affordable core essential service all year round. These are much needed for building better, healthier and safer communities. Our libraries, recreational centres, playgrounds, parks and pools are wonderful places for families of all income levels to enjoy. Again, I'm very passionate about investing in our communities, but I know that finding the funds to make it all happen amid many other worthy competitive civic parties will be challenging especially for our upcoming multi-year budgeting process. Assuming that this one-time, $40 million is approved, this additional federal gas tax has the flexibility to make strategic investments across 18 different project categories. Besides local roads and bridges, we can invest it in sports, recreation, public transit, culture, even tourism can even make good use of this $40 million. I know that we will always be investing in our road infrastructure deficit. We are never going to stop. I want to praise Mayor Brian Bowman for, in his first term, for committing to fixing our roads. Last year we had so much construction and investment into our roads that Winnipeggers were actually complaining. We also have a commitment of 2 percent of the property taxes strictly for local and regional roads, active transportation and bridges and I want to thank Mayor Brian Bowman for that as well. And just to be clear, I do support recommendations numbers 1, 2, and 3 where in 2019 we will be investing approximately $22.5 million in road renewals, active transportation and the road safety strategy. It's number 4 where the remaining $20 million will be invested in road renewals and active transportation to be determined as part of the 2020 multi-year budget. My point is, I don't want us to forget or neglect what also matters to Winnipeggers; our children, who are our future leaders. With all the crime, gangs, trafficking and drugs plaguing our youth today, this is the time and the need to support our families. With this $20 million in 2020, we can invest it back into our communities with proper, healthier and stronger community facilities and parks infrastructure, and I'm not just talking about our current City facility assets. I know there are specific wards that need new recreational facilities and new gymnasiums to support their growing neighbourhoods. We can use some of that $20 million to help with that. I can't say this enough. We need to start supporting our youth now. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Santos. Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Allard: So I thought I could take this opportunity to speak la langue de moliere a little bit.
Translation of French Spoken:

So first of all, I would like to say that I will support the recommendation of the Mayor's Executive Committee. Then it is true that there are... so many priorities on which we would all like to be able to work, but in my opinion there is no doubt that in the 2019 Budget's deliberations, the big problem that we had to solve was the 40 million dollar worth of lost revenue that was arbitrarily cut by the Province of Manitoba for projects we had already carried out. So this is the problem that we had to solve. I think that Winnipeggers expect, given that the federal government has essentially found a way to support Winnipeg with the same figure, it's the same, figure, essentially, as the lost revenue. I think that a majority of Winnipeggers expect that a great majority of these dollars will help restore our program of road repairs. I would also like to point out that this proposition, in the program and the Provincial budget cuts, there were significant cuts to our active transportation program which is important for so many reasons including greenhouse gases to address climate change which will indeed affect future generations, to refer to Councillor Santos' speech. So in my opinion, it is really important to try to restore part of the funds that were dedicated to active transportation. I would also like to thank my colleague Jeff Browaty, who seats at the Public Works Committee, for originally proposing to use federal government monies to seize the opportunity, given the coming federal elections, and for collaborating with me to have a proposition that we were both able to support at the Public Works Committee. I think that originally, Jeff would have liked to see 100% of the funds go to roads, but he found a compromise with us at the Public Works Committee to also include active transportation. So I would like to recognize Jeff's work on that front. I would also like to recognize the work of Councillor Sherri Rollins, who made road safety an important issue for her and her community. I think that it is very important for us and for our city administration to make road safety a main priority when we work on projects such as road projects. So I would also like to recognize, and I think that it is a first in Winnipeg's history, that we have 2.5 million dollars dedicated to road safety. So I would like to thank Councillor Sherri Rollins and Mayor Brian Bowman for this initiative, which will be, in my opinion, very well welcomed by Winnipeggers. And finally, thank you for your attention. I think it is... as Councillor Santos mentioned it, there are so many priorities that I would like to be able to support with these 40 million dollars that were promised by the Province... by the Government of Canada. However, I think that in this context, Winnipeggers expect us to restore the road repairs program since that has always been our plan since we have had to adjust given the arbitrary cuts of the Province of Manitoba. On this, I would like to thank all my colleagues for their attention and also for making it this far. So I hope that we can support this proposition and I hope we can restore a good chunk of the funds towards road repairs, active transportation and road safety in 2019. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you Madam Chair. I rise this morning to support the motion to use the federal gas tax money for our roads. When I go through my ward of St. Norbert - Seine River, and listen to residents in terms of their requests for roads to be fixed, it's not an aesthetic issue, it's actually a safety issue that they are concerned with. A lot of the road…well, not a lot, but quite a few of the roads that are in my ward that are in need of repair are in dire need of repair. And safety is one of the primary concerns that individuals have expressed to me as the need to support the continual repair of our roads in not just in my ward but across our city. It's at the point now where catch up is near impossible in terms of all the roads that need to be fixed, the local roads in our residential communities. So I am in fully support of this motion to continue on with the work that we have been doing over the last few years, in terms of the accelerated local roads program and hope that we can work even more diligently in terms of repair of our roads where safety is the focus going forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Chambers. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Appreciate the support that I'm hearing from many of my colleagues around the table and I certainly appreciate the view that Councillor Santos has and the position she has taken.

This council knows the difficult decision that we were forced to make as we adopted the 2019 budget. That decision was to reduce the roads program from forecast and reduce it significantly. And forecast a reduction in 2020, and both of those reductions in '19 and the forecasted reduction in 2020, is related to the fact that the Provincial Government did not fulfil, in our view, their…the final year of their five year roads funding commitment to the City of Winnipeg, and we've talked about this before. We were not made aware of that until January of 2019, ultimately. At the time we put our budget together we didn't…we were not aware that the Federal Government was going to possibly be increasing its gas tax allocation to the City of Winnipeg for this year. And so, I've likened it in describing it to others…I have likened the situation to being surprised that you didn't receive funding and because you were surprised you didn't receive funding you had to address that in a way, to in essence, incur internal debt. You borrowed from yourself and you reduced your projects this year, reduced future projects next year, and then a third party comes along and says I'll give you the amount, in fact, just a little bit more than what you're dealing with. And so to borrow Councillor Eadie's words, I think the prudent thing to do is to take 40 million of this potential, it hasn't…the budget of the Federal Government hasn't been passed yet, but take 40 million of this potential gas tax money and make our program whole. I think that's the prudent thing to do. I think that's the responsible thing to do, and so, by taking up to $20 million this year, the majority of it, of course, for roads, a small portion for active transportation, 2.5 million to look at road safety initiatives, very, very important investment and then to allocate another 20 million next year to roads is, I believe, the right thing to do. The phone calls that I'm getting, and I imagine a lot of my colleagues around the chamber are receiving the same calls…the phone calls that I'm getting this spring are road phone calls. Those are the calls that are coming to the office. As our delegation, Ms. Mitchell, pointed out, it's springtime and this is when the potholes emerge and the evidence of the crumbling infrastructure is really, really present because we see it now that the snow has gone and crews are cleaning up our streets. So, there is a significant need across many of our wards. Many of our wards are older wards including my ward, St. James. There is a significant need for roads to be reconstructed, for roads to be repaired, for sidewalks to be fixed up, and so the opportunity we have, or potentially have, with the federal gas tax funds being available to us, this incremental federal gas tax allocation is an opportunity, I too, believe that we should seize. I appreciate Councillor Browaty's initial motion and this just really kind of pivots off it in some way, that's what this motion is, that we make the most of the opportunity that seems to be afforded to us here to invest in our roads, and to restore a significant portion of the local roads program that we had planned for 2019, but, because of dealing with provincial funding shortfall, we had to change and reduce, and so this is a good news story for the City of Winnipeg. I do want to point out in recommendation No. 2 that this is all subject to confirmation and received with the city's additional gas tax funding for the Federal Government. What this motion is about and what frankly Councillor Browaty's initial motion was about, was about making the City of Winnipeg ready for the moment that that federal budget is passed and those funds are available to the City of Winnipeg. So, rather than be reactive and wait for the Federal Government's budget to pass and then come to council and, you know, bring a motion such as this forward, that would have been too late. And so we're trying to make the most of this construction season and we'll maybe potentially…the funds that may be potentially available to us. And so that's what the motion before us is about.

Of course, recommendation No. 4 talks about $20 million next year that would go to be determined as part of 2020 multi-year budget process and, of course, that…there will be discussion around that, but my view is if $40 million of the federal gas tax money that comes when it comes available should be put into our roads program. And so I encourage all of my council colleagues to support this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Nason.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I need to make a…I think it's an important point at least for all of us to take into consideration, when it comes to politics. It was mentioned in the last couple of weeks out of a member of council, that the Federal Government…if the Federal Government's budget doesn't pass, we won't get our gas tax money, okay. That's true. But, I never saw the same statement being made that when it came to the last provincial election, that if we don't re-elect the NDP, we're going to lose that money that we just lost from the Provincial Government because it had its mandate on which it ran, to spend less money. So we're acting like we're surprised that we got less money by this Provincial Government. Madam Speaker, a lesson in politics; I just find it unusual…well no, it's not unusual, sort of ironic though, to some, that we are saying, if we don't pass the federal budget, we're not going to get the money we need for our streets. But we never said that in the last election about the re-electing the NDP Government. I just want to make that fact, Madam Speaker. So we lost money from the Provincial Government because we no longer have an NDP Government. Is that ambiguous? If there is any lack of clarity on that, let me know personally, Madam Speaker, if you get any calls or anybody…my office gets any calls. I haven't got any calls on that, Madam Speaker. But yet the point is being made, if we don't pass the federal budget, we're not going to get the money for streets. So I just need to make that point.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Schreyer:
Also at the same time Madam Speaker, I am inspired to say a few words, as the Councillor just said, in Molière's language. I will always say the language of Molgat. And I have to say that it has always been my expectation that the tax that was supposed to come from the Federal Government was always to go to the road and streets repair budget. And I have to add, Madam Speaker, that... is it a coincidence... I have to ask, is it a coincidence that the reduction by the provincial government... the reduction of the money that they offered for the municipal budget was specifically equal to our decision, in the budget we passed last month, it was specifically equal to the reduction for our roads? And that now, that offer from the federal government is equal to this budget shortfall for our roads and streets. I think that it is a valid question, Madam Speaker. We all said that we were surprised by these events. It came to me as such a non-surprise that even when debating the budget, a month ago, we were already talking about the federal budget... using the gas tax to repair our streets. So, Madam Speaker, I will repeat in French, we said that it was important to pass the federal budget to have our money to repair our streets, but we never said that we should re-elect a NDP government at the provincial level to make sure we have money. I, for one, find this interesting. Thank you so much Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Nason: That's not me. Or is it an omen? I don't know. So you know, I stand here today to talk about this amazing $40 million of found federal gas tax dollars being offered up by the Federal Government for not being seen as what it is. And it's basically taking from taxpayers wallets on one side and giving back on the other but, my perspective at a much lower rate. The recent hike in gas taxes that we are seeing across all the media, particularly in BC where they are seeing prices of 1.80 plus a litre and still going higher, you know, I'm seeing…it's not really a windfall for the city coffers but it's…sorry, it is a windfall for the city coffers but my opinion is, we'll without a doubt extol a heavy burden on our Winnipeg residents. We'll see the cost trickle down into every aspects of our lives including that of City operations because we use a significant amount of fossil fuels. So much so the Fleet Management Agency is looking to build yet another gas bar. This ongoing dispute that we have with the Province over basically that same $40 million, it's been a war of words for many months now, turns out from what I'm reading is not really a 29 priority for the Mayor and EPC because if I'm understanding correctly, Standing Policy Committee for Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works had asked for the entire pot to be put forward but that was changed subsequently. Alas, these dollars have less strings. Last night I attended a community meeting which former city councillor and current MP, Dan Vandal, was at. There was discussion about some local wants and requirements of a neighbourhood in an area that he also is the representative for, and he was indicating conversations could go with regards to possible naturalization of pond, playgrounds, other recreational needs. This is all…we're coming into an election cycle so the federal representatives will also have their wants and desires to get on the local agendas. But you know, I don't want to devalue the, you know, priorities and you know, that we need to have an open and inclusive budget process and discussions of these critical items to all of our citizens. You know, had we worked in full collaboration at the budget table, we might, might, have problem solved how to best utilize the vast financial resources at the City's disposal. We've got a $1 billion budget and we should be able to find 40 million somewhere in there that is likely still to end up at year-end surpluses. We don't have to look very far, we can took to Transit, the Winnipeg Parking Authority, and I see there is a motion with regards to the Waverley underpass as some examples of where surplus dollars turn up in our budget. So you know, we're going into the 2019 construction season. Jobs are being booked. We're not currently in a position to start work unless the CAO, with the additional powers granted to him by this very council back in December, starts moving in the various pockets of funds or I sometimes refer to them as envelopes of money under the mattress around. It will be sometime in July by the time proper approvals are sought. You know, we had Manitoba Heavy Construction here earlier. You know, we have had talk about construction inflation at 5 percent. They indicated that I think there was a 15 percent below cost number that was

thrown out this morning in the conversation. The Heavy Construction Association is, you know, being starved of work in Manitoba. You know I, too, have residents that work in the construction industry and would very much like to see these roads done and infrastructure renewed. And you know…but I do worry at the same time that we're not going to get the full value of money. You know, the cost of oil is going up; as such our bitumen will go up in cost. The gas for these heavy equipment to actually fix the roads, their costs will go up. I see 2020 costing us more. I see, you know, if we take the advantage and do go down this route, I think the 40 million now, if it is truly a priority of this council, is where we should be looking at. So, if I'm off base on this, I do encourage my council colleagues and the Mayor to talk to me after, and you know we're all still learning. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I do rise in support of this motion here today. I'm happy to see it. Anyone can visit my area to know that roads are still very much an issue in the Daniel McIntyre Ward. But I also want to really thank Councillor Allard for making sure that there is money in there for active transportation and also Councillor Rollins for the motion to improve pedestrian crossings because I think that when we talk about gas tax where we get our money from, the use of greenhouse gases, we have to make sure that we're reinvesting that money into making sure that we deal with our greenhouse gases and we do have a climate change action plan that looks at 20 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050. So we have to make sure that we're using our gas tax to make sure that we're dealing with the future impacts of the greenhouse gases that we have emitted. And I'm hoping that we'll carry on that discussion moving forward. I know that we all have an interest on where we would like to spend gas tax but on somebody who would like to see us deal with our greenhouse gas emissions and hope that we can have that conversation moving forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. First, I would like to thank the Federal Government for stepping up to assist the City of Winnipeg. There's been lots of discussion recently about the $40 million that we have had to…we had to take out of the budget. Again, we didn't want to take…we could have easily kept that…back-filled that $40 million into city hall by either increasing debt, we could have taken away from parks, we could have done a whole bunch of things that were not considered palatable. So unfortunately, we had to take the decision and I voted for it, that with that hole we had to fill it up somewhere. So you can say, well we can put it there but we had quite a big hole. And why is that important? It's because the City of Winnipeg has a plan going forward and I'm quite into the idea that instead of just, you know, flying from the hips on councillors of all of us on our pet projects we have plans, and we work together to develop these plans on how to move forward, and we have a lot going on right now as we're working through OurWinnipeg and trying to take all these plans and fill them up into the OurWinnipeg. But again, once Winnipeg…once we set onto a plan, that is really our template document we want to move on to. However, that plan, regardless of this 40 million, two things. One is this $40 million that we have now, to me I hope this puts an end to our battle with the Province. Okay. First of all, the Province says I don't care who wants to say what, we have a shortfall of $40 million. That's it, okay. We have now been able to backfill it, we have to be able to move forward. I don't agree with what the Province did but they did it. That's their right, we are now going to be moving forward because we've been able to backfill from the Federal Government. However it doesn't take away from the fact that we had to go back to our road plan because as we see, the Federal Government…the Provincial Government is really ratcheted down their funding going forward and told us quite clearly that you'll be about $30 million less that we're going to be providing for roads going forward. That's a reality. So again, we have the $40 million hole which I think was masking the fact that the Province is now reducing the amount of road money they're giving us, about $30 million worth going forward. That puts a huge…so are we going to backfill that at the City level? Again, that's a discussion we have to have as a city council. We have made some progress in getting our roads fixed especially some of our regional roads. You will see just driving around, you know, if we could just time travel back ten years, you would see what the roads were like then. Matt Allard…Councillor Allard, it's not available, time travel yet, but just so you know…so we're going to be moving forward then we're going to have to revisit our plan. Again, the Province, it's their right to do it not in just Winnipeg, we took a big hit, but throughout all the municipalities in Manitoba, the Province has done their…dealt with their spending issue by not spending. So that's how they are doing it. They're just…and they are downloading that hole on to the cities and municipalities across Manitoba. Again, people…that's what people voted for and we're getting cuts. That's what we get. So again, I am not begrudging the Province, that's their mandate to do and they will go to the polls and hopefully not before summer but they will go to the polls and they'll see if that mandate is still resonating with the public. That's what governments do. So I want to put that $40 million battle behind us, moving forward together. But again, also not missing the fact that is we still have a $30 million going forward hole in our roads budget. So again, we're going to have to sit down as a council to figure out how we're going to go and deal with that.

So why didn't we do the 20, $40 million in one shot? Again, in a compromising situation as we go into our four year budgeting process, there may be, and when we talk about having that roads discussion again, council may decide at

that time that other $20 million, you know what, we need to look at parks and the Mayor actually put it in the motion, a little bit of a line there, that we can have that discussion. But again, as we all know we can have discussions about any budget item. So again, that's what…again, I want…I know Councillor Gillingham wasn't the most excited about that idea but again, what we do is we work collaboratively together to try to find a place that works for the most councillors possible. Not everybody's going to agree but again, we try to find that way that we can address some of the concerns such as, are we going to continue down this road…this road program beyond the 1 percent and the 1 percent? Again, we as a council are going to have to decide that and then where we're going to get the money for it. So again, I think this is a good news. This is very good news.

Oh, and I guess the third comment I want to make is we're taking a risk. You're right, I'm not sure if someone said it before but I think Councillor Schreyer said it before. We are taking a risk because we don't have the cash in hand. We have been burned already by the Province, by the $40 million so we've had to actually really change our budgeting processes now so that we want cash in hand. Sometimes agreements that they sign with us, other levels of government say, well, we don't really believe this agreement's good anymore so we're just going to rip it up. And we go, well what do you mean, you signed the agreement? Well, that wasn't us, that was them. So again, we had these battles that go on internally, but what do we want to do is we want to be fiscally responsible as citizens…as council to make sure that we have the money in hand. So again, we have learned from this experience. We have learned to go forward but we need to make sure that the cash is in hand. We do have some budgeting problems with timelines and how they're lining up, but I know the Mayor has been working with the Province to try to see if we can line them up a little bit more. We want to know our funding before we do our budget from the Province, they're a big portion of our budget. I think that's a value statement is how much can they give us before we make our budget so we don't have to change everything afterwards. And again, we'll work towards working with the government…Provincial Government on that. So again, I do support this motion wholeheartedly and also the fact Councillor Allard, Councillor Gilroy were very adamant about making sure that we had the AT back in there and then we also know that the safety issues are quite important as well. So again, this motion has a little bit for everybody. I think it puts us back on track at least with our portion. We still have that problem, the provincial shortfall going forward. But again, council will be able to work on that together. So again, I will be supporting this budget…I mean this motion.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair. I think everyone obviously is going to be in favour of putting this money towards roads. I think the motion is fair, it's reasonable. I mean, this was a discussion not among all of council, this was a discussion among EPC. We learned of this money in March. We made a commitment of $128.4 million to do roads. We're $40 million, that's 42 million, but we're saying $40 million less. I would like to see, and I concur with many around the table, that the $40 million be spent on roads. That was our commitment, that's what taxpayers are telling us so I would like to see that happen, and I would have preferred to see it happen sooner rather than later. I think we do have to be conscious of the pricing but, we're hearing now that the pricing may be less. So, if we're confident, to Councillor Orlikow's point, we might not be, but if we're confident this money is coming, I wonder why we wouldn't put the tenders out today. I wonder why we wouldn't borrow against that that's coming. I understand his point, but if we're that confident this windfall is coming prior to an election then let's take advantage of that and see if indeed the pricing is less and then maybe we'll get more roads done at the end of the day. I do look forward to having further discussion as we move…if we choose to just use the…talk about the $20 million next year of how well that could be spent but again, I believe it should be spent towards roads. That was our promise, that was our commitment and that is what taxpayers want.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'll be voting for the motion. But a word about priorities and democracy and philosophy, I think, is in order based on some of what we've heard. We heard talk about, well, councillors have their pet projects and we should be following the plan. I don't remember ever being part of a campaign in my 30 plus years of doing this where I handed out a leaflet saying I will just follow the plan that the civil service, as will my opponent. Choose between us. No one does that. Why? Because it's a democracy, because we have some agency, we have some reason for being here for getting out of our other lines of work and doing this. So, yes, there is a central plan. It is, however, voted on by the staff…or voted on by the elected officials here. The Mayor had certain things he wanted to do differently than the previous mayor and I think we have done a number of those. I have agreed with most of them, some of them perhaps I don't, but we certainly have done those. We have put forward the priorities of the democratically elected officials here because that's what we do in a democracy. So I said, you know who used to sit right here, I think it was Harvey Smith and he had a pet project and it was saving the Sherbrook Pool. And I have many, many documents prepared by the City staff advocating the permanent closure and demolition of the Sherbrook Pool but Harvey pursued in that despite it not being part of the City plan and he won the day and I think most people would agree that was a good priority. I had a pet project. It was saving the St. Vital Library. If people wanted to kick me out of office because I did that they have now had two separate opportunities in which to do that and they haven't because it's what they wanted for

their community. They put value on preserving that structure. So I think we have to be careful about some of the terminology we use. We talk about well, we ran on roads, we ran on this, we ran on that. Well yes and let's be careful to note that we ran on some other things, too. I've handed out leaflets for Councillor Orlikow when I volunteered on his campaigns back in 2009-2010 and he stood for certain things as did Rollins, apparently, thank you for that. You know, it's a democracy at the end of the day. Philosophically we have to remember that people are elected with certain priorities. We don't just follow the central plan. If we did, guarantee you, there would be no Sherbrook Pool, there'd be no St. Vital Library, there'd be no St. Vital fire hall, because that was the plan when I got here, all of them standing. If people were upset by that I wouldn't be here now, I'd have been defeated as would some others. So I think we have to take a moment and say rather than being bullied by "the plan" and being mandated by "the plan", we actually do have some agency, we represent people. So while we're saying that the public's priority is roads and it is, and I know that from having gone door to door to door, as did everyone else around this table, if that's the public's plan then let's respect that, but let's also respect that the public has some other priorities which may not always comport with the plan. When I ran in 2011, I talked about getting a permanent staff person for Save Our Seine. Was that part of any plan? No. Do we still have that money in the budget? Yes. Were a number of us…Chambers was there, so were others at the Save Our Seine annual general meeting. We got pretty well praised by that group because we have done some good things. Now they are getting a hundred thousand from the Province because they got a staff person that we helped pay for to do some bigger, better things so it's part of the plan now in south Winnipeg, I think, to keep going with Save Our Seine. So, I appreciate that central planning has its place. I also appreciate that democracy has its place. That's why I'm here. I continue to believe that and that's what I'm going to continue to try to do over the next few years. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Seeing no further speakers, I'll call the vote. Pardon me? Oh yes, Mr. Mayor you do get to close, your opportunity.

Mayor Bowman: I'll be succinct because I know there has been a lot of discussion on this. Firstly, I appreciate all the comments from my council colleagues. A lot of discussion on the $40 million shortfall in the 2018 budget. I just remind those that are watching these proceedings that council has requested of the Province that they make good on that 40 million but furthermore, that the Province provide a detailed accounting on how they feel they've made good on the $250 million commitment. That request has been ignored to-date and that…those details have not been provided to the City of Winnipeg and I take this opportunity to once again urge the Province to be open and transparent about the details of how they feel they fit that funding level.

Furthermore, we've heard since the budget was passed and that request was made, we have heard that it is a political promise of the previous government. I just remind Councillor Schreyer and others this Provincial Government made good on that five-year commitment for the first two years in office, which is, I think it was obviously the right thing to do. The retroactive nature and the unilateral decision that was made more recently is obviously what we struggle to deal with in the course of our budget, and I think we took a responsible and reasonable response to dealing with that funding shortfall. With respect to this funding, this is not contingent upon the election of a particular party at the federal level, it's contingent upon the current government passing its budget and simply having this city council be as ready as possible in the event and in the likelihood that they are successful in passing their budget. Certainly, there is no indications from the Federal Government that they are going to violate the letter and spirit of the federal fixed election dates. We're hearing obviously, different approach from the Provincial Government, but this relates to federal funding under the federal budget which is expected to be approved.

There is a balancing of road commitment interest in this motion that's been surveyed by many of my council colleagues. Road repair, active transportation and road safety investments in particular, which will be reviewed by members of council in due course, subject to it being approved here today. The additional monies that would need to be considered as part of next year's budget, like all budget matters, I would expect will be the subject of a spirited discussion and debate about those priorities and that's absolutely the role of members of council to have that discussion. Obviously, as I have indicated, my priority is roads. But as a council, we're going to discuss and we're going to debate that and we'll do what we always do on the floor of council which is to make those compromises to do our best to reflect the communities that we represent. And so, I appreciate the comments by all members of council and I'm certainly grateful that we had the opportunity to discuss additional unexpected revenues coming into the City of Winnipeg from our federal counterparts which certainly doesn't go unnoticed and is appreciated. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: If I may, I think it's rather important, His Worship mentioned that it wasn't an election issue, it was just passing a budget.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, are you rising on a point of order?

Councillor Schreyer: No.

Madam Speaker: This isn't your opportunity to speak.

Councillor Schreyer: Well, yeah, but everyone stands up and says their point anyway. I think it's important. A budget vote is a vote of confidence unless either Scheer becomes leader or there is an election.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, please take your seat. Yeah, thank you. We will now have the vote on Item 3. Councillor Santos.

Councillor Santos: Madam Speaker, I would like to request that recommendation No. 4 be voted on separately.

Madam Speaker: Okay, and that is in order. Okay, so I will call the question on…first of all, I'll ask the Clerk to read out recommendation 4 that we are voting on separately, Mr. Clerk. I have it here actually. It's that the 20 million of the City's additional federal gas tax funds be invested in road renewals and active transportation projects in 2020 to be determined as part of the 2020 multi-year budget process. So that is recommendation 4. For now, I'll call the question on items 1…recommendation 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now voting separately on recommendation 4, as I just read out. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll note you voted, Councillor Santos, in opposition to recommendation 4. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, on to Item 3. Thank you.

Item 4 – Road Safety Improvements

Madam Speaker: Yes. Thank you. Mr. Mayor, Item 4, your opportunity to introduce Road Safety Improvements.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you, Madam Speaker. This is essentially a complementary motion to the one that was just passed and I want to thank council colleagues for it passing, of course. And I want to thank a number of members of council have put tremendous efforts into specific road safety strategies and action plans over many, many years, and in terms of council I might add. This particular road safety improvements motion directly resulted from dialogue and advocacy with Councillor Rollins, as well as Councillor Allard and many others around the table, and for those that are watching, it calls for the public service to utilize traffic cameras, obtain more timely information from Manitoba Public Insurance required for our ongoing road safety improvements, establishing a group to coordinate priorities and the strategic implementation of road safety initiatives and report back to our IRPW Committee led by Councillor Allard with which capital investments in roadside safety can be undertaken this year. A matter of particular concern to so many in our community, with these additional funds this really allows us to do a lot more than has previously been done, in a very targeted way, and, of course, the funds were identified and approved in the previous motion that we just passed, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers on Item 4? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. As His Worship has said, this is complementary to the previous motion. My opportunity to say a couple of things complementary to the discussion we had on the previous motion, Madam Speaker. A couple of points; we talked about the issue of pet projects versus working on city-wide planning. And I for one, Madam Speaker, and I know I have lost votes over this, Madam Speaker, because I believe we have to work together as a city and plan as a city. And I know, Madam Speaker, I have taken a hit for not putting only pet projects or local projects above the general interest of all Winnipeggers. I know I have lost votes over that, Madam Speaker, but there is a reason why I do that, Madam Speaker, is because it's something that I could live with, win or lose an election. Because I know, Madam Speaker, if you think about it, we all understand, we can keep fighting for our dwindling piece of the pie and fight each other and fight each other for our local projects or our pet projects or we can make the realizations and come to some serious conclusions in terms of what is hindering us from doing the best with what we have and how we can increase our wealth as a society and how we can use that in terms of using government as our tool, everyone's tool, to get things done on the large scale and for the collective interest. I believe that so much, Madam Speaker, that I don't know what to say. It's in my pamphlets. I don't talk about pet projects. If I have pet projects I try to deal with it through the ward…through the ward. Now, if there is any indication of what I'm saying isn't absolutely true, I would like to know what it is. And I do encourage any councillor or anybody to come forward to me and say actually, Jason, there is this one time when you put this above the interest of the city. Well, we're all entitled, Madam Speaker, to represent our wards. We're all entitled, Madam Speaker, well we're obliged to, Madam Speaker, and that's part of the process of doing the best collective decision making. It's our obligations to do so. Does that mean that when a city councillor is doing their job and saying oh, well, there is this issue in my ward you might not know about it, for the collective good of the city we should be doing that. Is that self-interest, is that a pet project? Madam Speaker, you know, you have to give it the benefit of the doubt and say, well, no, that's part of the process and you have to give that consideration. I don't know whether I can agree exactly with Councillor Orlikow's words or with Councillor Mayes' words

in terms of how to get things done, but, I do not put my ward ahead of the city. The people of Elmwood and East Kildonan ought to be treated fairly like everybody else and get their equal share like everybody else. And I believe that, I will always believe that and everything I do is consistent with that, Madam Speaker. However, Madam Speaker, there are times when I believe that my ward isn't being properly represented by the system at city hall. And, Madam Speaker, I'll give you an indication of that.

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Speaker, point of order. I don't hear anything to the motion.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, there has been some leeway. Let's get back on topic, please. Thank you.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, we're talking about where we allocate our funds and this is the speech that was made in the last motion by Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Mayes and His Worship and I would like to get to His Worship then on this basis. Councillor…His Worship was allowed to say in regards to my comments that we were talking about a budget passing and not an election. However, in this case it's rather special and I wish to make the point because he did, Madam Speaker, I think he wasn't stopped, you know, from making his point about whether it's an election or merely a bill being passed. But, Madam Speaker, in this case it's special, because a budget is a vote of confidence. And on that basis, it is an election issue because if the budget isn't passed…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, let's speak to the item before us please.

Councillor Schreyer: Well Madam Speaker, I wish His Worship spoke to the item when he was speaking on this but that wasn't the case. So I just wish some clarification on that comment that was made by His Worship. It is an election issue when a budget isn't passed. Either Scheer becomes Prime Minister by confidence of the House of Commons or yes, the House of Commons or the Governor General has to call an election when a budget isn't passed. A budget is an election issue and I wish to make that point in this case. And, Madam Speaker I'll leave it at that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Appreciate that. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I rise in support of the motion, that may be an obvious point. But, I also rise to thank council colleagues, many of whom, including the last term of work that was done with respect to road safety, many actual items, much good work had occurred. And I want to thank, too, those who worked really collaboratively with me, months and months and months and months ago to work on a motion with respect to road safety and then see a policy window open up like the…sorry, I don't know what that noise was. Oh, who worked on the motion to build some actual items on road safety. The previous council did really good work and the public service was very receptive to the concern for road safety, and I would like to thank, in particular, Councillor Matt Allard who, as Chair of IRPW, really took some concern to have a more holistic perspective on what's happening on our roads to make sure that they are safe for Winnipeggers. And councillors like Councillor Mayes who had experienced terrible tragedies and born out of that some concrete actions on, again, that holistic perspective of everything that would happen on our roads and in terms of road safety. And finally, I would like to thank Mayor Brian Bowman for walking me through some of the previous council actions on a term I wasn't here. I was just a chair of a school board, of a 33,000 student school board when I saw motions like Councillor Lukes had brought forward on Vision Zero. And so I was a very interested party outside of this councillor chamber prior to being elected on road safety, worried every day that I saw e-mails from our administration at the school board on student safety pertaining to roads. So, it was with that heart I came to council and this motion was born months and months early in the election and then months into the time here at city council. So, I rise in support of the motion but I rise knowing that I'm standing on the shoulders of a previous council who did really good work on making sure that this city has zero tolerance for injuries and fatalities on the roads of Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Rollins. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I thought I would get up and speak to this motion. I know that we just passed the 2.5 million so I thought I would take this opportunity. So I think this is the third variation of a motion that's come forward seeking a road safety strategy all of which are primarily one in the same. What this says to me is there are more and more councillors including the Mayor understanding the significance of having a road safety strategy, a plan, a guiding document to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on our roadways. For sure, I will support this motion. I'll support just about any motion moving the development of a road safety strategy into a reality. As you know, Madam Speaker, over two years ago the Public Works Department was directed to develop the strategy but due to a series of staff departures, leadership changes, and a void in political will, the development was lost. But now we have funding, we have more awareness from decision makers and the public who are seeing the significance and regrettably an increase in deaths on our transportation system is opening minds and increasing awareness on the significance of Winnipeg having their own road safety strategy. And Madam Speaker, for the record, I want to be clear, the City is engineering safe roads but the approach behind a road safety strategy is a safe systems approach, the key

word being systems. Engineering safe streets is just one part of a safe systems approach. The approach incorporates four other primary components of an equally important role with as much rigour as engineering safe streets, the same rigor must go into education, engagement, enforcement and evaluation. And we just passed the 2.5 million that is being put towards road side safety measures and this is a very positive step forward.

The next step following the development of the plan is to work towards having a line item in the annual budget every year. Every year, to see a road safety strategy line item in the budget, and eventually, we keep moving forward to when we reach the point where the road safety file moves from off the side of someone's desk to a desk of its own with a dedicated staff member and support focusing on road safety. Then, we will really be on an excellent track to reducing the number of death and injuries on our roads. It doesn't matter to me where the motion comes from, what matters is it's moving forward and we are seeing that today and I'm very supportive of this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Lukes. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just want to say that I do firmly believe that our Public Works staff do follow best practices when it comes to road safety and designing a public sphere that takes into account the safety of pedestrians, people on bicycles as well as those driving vehicles. We have to realize that the purpose of the transportation network is both to make sure that everybody using it is safe but also, to quickly and efficiently move people through our city. We don't have freeways in Winnipeg. We have a lot of major arterial roadways that carry a lot of traffic. Again, the vision and the desire should be zero but we have to realize that people are imperfect whether they are pedestrians, people on bikes or people in vehicles. So again, I'll be supportive of this motion here today, just I think we need to keep our expectations reasonable and we need to appreciate that the staff that we do have are doing the best with the resources available.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Any further speakers? Okay, seeing none, Mayor Bowman to close.

Mayor Bowman: I will respond with friendly banter to my council colleague and demonstrate that I can speak to the point. This is a good motion on road safety improvements and I would encourage all my council colleagues to support it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. All in favour of Item 4? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 16th, 2019. Mr. Mayor, Item 1 through 9. We have an amending motion.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 16, 2019

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 9 and I'll ask that amen…sorry, report 4 be pulled please.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, 3? 3 and 4 have been pulled. I'll call the question on 1 and 2, 5 through 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Delegation of Single Source Negotiation Authority to the Chief Administration Officer for Spring Flood 2019

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 3 and then we'll hear from Councillor Schreyer.

Mayor Bowman: I'll first wait to hear from council colleagues. Thanks Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In this case, I see that the title of the motion saying delegation of single source negotiation of authority for spring flood 2019. I just want to make sure that the…it's understood, when I look at it, that when we do this 5 million, it is only for 2019, I would like some clarification if I may from His Worship, at what point in 2019 does this delegation of authority end?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further speakers on this item? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor to close. I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Amendment of Waverley Underpass Project

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Mr. Mayor to introduce the item and we do have an amending motion, Motion 1 which is moved by Councillor Gillingham, seconded by Councillor Chambers. We'll hear from Councillor Gillingham following the Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, this is another good news matter that we are dealing with. As members of council are aware and hopefully members of the public are aware, the Waverley underpass was a project that was approved by previous council under the cost benefit points analysis which helped guide the decision making of council to approve this important underpass to kind of keep, especially that area of the city and our city overall, moving. Fortunately, as a result of risk mitigation and sound project management, it is expected to be significantly under the forecasted budget. We have agreements with both Provincial and Federal Governments. All governments will have the opportunity to benefit from the sound management of this project as a result, and those savings would be passed on to taxpayers as a result. The City of Winnipeg's financial commitment to this project is through debt financing and so this would not result in additional monies being available other than increased debt capacity which council doesn't necessarily have to utilize but should we need to utilize it, we'll have that extra debt capacity which is a good thing. I have indicated previously my hope that both the Provincial as well as the Federal Governments would be able to redirect those additional monies that are made available for important projects in the city of Winnipeg. Ultimately, of course, that's their decision to make. But for that reason, I'll be supporting the amending motion. And again, I want to thank members of our public service, I want to thank members of council, including former Councillor Mike Pagtakhan who was our Chief Project Management Council Liaison. I know Councillor Santos provided invaluable assistance to former Councillor Pagtakhan in his efforts and she and others, I know, appreciate good project management. City's gone a long way in terms of leading in Canadian municipalities on not only open data, open government but also our asset management practices including our state of the infrastructure report which is the most comprehensive in Canada. All of this is intended to ensure that we don't have the cost overruns that we've seen on some projects in the past. This is a shining example of how we want to see projects proceed and it's a good issue to have excess capacity as a result. In any event, I'm encouraging all members of council to support this as well as the amendment from Councillor Gillingham and Chambers in a few moments. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Nason. Oh, pardon me, Councillor Gillingham first to introduce the amending motion

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS the funding partners for the Waverley Underpass Project had jointly committed to investing $156.282 Million to City of Winnipeg infrastructure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 16, 2019 be amended by adding the following recommendation:

> *"That the Winnipeg Public Service request that the funding partners to the Waverley Underpass Project make every effort to re-invest their surplus funds on projects that are based in the City of Winnipeg."*

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The sun rises on Transcona first but in this situation, St. James gets to speak first, so yeah. Yes, I have an amendment before us here today. I want to thank Councillor Chambers for seconding the amendment and thank the Mayor for being public with the expression of desire to see any available funds remain in Winnipeg. So of course it is the prerogative of each respective level of government to reallocate their available funds from this project as they so desire. However, the amendment requests that the funding partners to the Waverley underpass project make every effort to reinvest their surplus funds on projects that are based in the city of Winnipeg. That's the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I raised this at Finance Committee. You know, you look at the numbers and much like the makeup of the new council, 30 plus percent are new, we're 30 plus percent under the budget. Celebration, mitigation, overestimation, those are all kinds of things that make up a project. The challenge is, you know, we are working with federal and provincial partners who have many other stakeholders that they're trying to

serve as well. You know, I will advocate and support this but, we need to do a much better job to ensure that these funds that we're getting that impact negatively other municipalities, both large and small, that we are doing the best to ensure that we are being good stewards of the money that we're taking out of their pockets. So you know, I do hope that in future projects of this sort that we have those agreements in place before the project so if there are benefits that we realize from good, diligent project management, we shouldn't have 30 plus percent in risk mitigation but you know, if those situations do occur, that we have those agreements in place beforehand. I think that way everybody is fully aware of all of our partners. That's all I have to say on this matter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair. I will echo Councillor Nason's comment on the 30 percent cushion. I understand that you always want to put a bit of a cushion there and I don't discourage that. I think that's the right thing to do. I question whether or not the 30 percent is necessary at this particular point in time as we move forward in a tight budget.

I am…I'm questioning, and just I guess for information maybe sometime down the road from our Chair of Finance, Councillor Gillingham, the $20 million that appears to be going back to the Province, does this have anything to do with the $40 million that we keep hearing about? Because I agree with Councillor Orlikow, we need to close the door and close the book and the chapter on this elusive $40 million but now all of a sudden we have a $20 million return to the Province. I'm just wondering if this plays into that a little bit and if it does, can we be notified of those details as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I'm talking about…I want to just speak…I support the amending motion as well as the main motion, Madam Speaker. In coming up with the amount to budget for a project such as the Waverley West project, there is a huge level of risk involved in that once you start going into the ground and trying to discover and as construction goes along, you know, you never know what you're going to hit, so you have to budget the way they did on the Waverley West project. It could have…because we…I believe we went ahead based on a Class 3 estimate, maybe a bit better but there's always a…it could be lower or it could be less. You don't know what's going to happen, Madam Speaker. And so luckily with the Waverley West or Waverley West…the Waverley underpass…it takes to you Waverley West…with that underpass, we lucked out. There was no factors that they ran into that were going to cost us a lot of extra money, Madam Speaker, and so it's a good news project.

Now, under…Madam Speaker, I just have to mention this, like, the $250 million projects and stuff that were listed, what's in contention, Madam Speaker, as I understand it is we submitted bills for some local road projects that we expected were covered under the agreement with the Provincial Government. The Waverley underpass, and this is the problem with this current Provincial Government, they keep redefining what they call our roads and whatever. They keep…like, the rapid transit corridor now, apparently when you hear from the Minister for Municipal Relations, and these people, all of a sudden, Madam Speaker, the rapid transit corridor is part of the local regional roads and that sort of thing. So you know, I don't think that there is any association with the 20 million that's going back to…that's related to the provincial thing. What's happened is, is that's their share of the money that's left over, and it's going back to them and the feds are getting their share. And I can't remember the exact amount we're keeping but I mean, we were into that project for a certain portion, more than one third, actually, of the cost, because there are many things the Provincial and Federal Governments don't fund that are a cost to these projects, Madam Speaker. So, anyway, I support the motion and I like the report, and I also like the amending motion from Councillors Gillingham and Chambers. Thanks.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Consistent with the motion and the amendment, which I support, I just want to make the point that we are saying something general in this that the money stay towards projects in the city of Winnipeg yet, given all our concern over the fact that we decided to deprioritize our budget to roads…to road renewal in our budget, based on the, what I believe to be the Province's reduction in funding, I have to say, I'm a little skeptical here and I'll explain exactly why, Madam Speaker. We chose to reduce our street budget by the amount that the City was reducing its funding to us. We chose to put it all and take it all out on street renewal. However, we had an inkling that money was coming from the Federal Government and it kind of matches up. Madam Speaker, my concern is that I support this because in general it makes sense, it's the right thing to do, but, Madam Speaker, we have done all this and all this talk about street renewal, this does not mention that any of this money will go towards street renewal. So it's all very well that we've divvied up our proportion 50/50 between this year and next year for our federal gas tax contribution to what I believe is meant to be what I assume will be equal, more or less equal this year, next year towards street renewal. There is no indication this is going to go into street renewal. It's a bit of a game, Madam Speaker, to say oh,

we're going to blame the Provincial Government for our decided reduction in our budget passed last month on street renewal but make no point of reference on this. Yes, Madam Speaker, there are other priorities and it seems to me that Councillor Santos and her speech that she made today is an indication of what can be done with the funds that at least the City will have saved from what is a reduced budget forecast for Waverley, and I look forward to see how we're going to spend it. It's not wrong, Madam Speaker. This isn't wrong, it's just incomplete. But I look forward to see what happens. Thank you Madam Speaker. My priority remains street renewal and since it was the idea in the first place from Councillor Browaty, I believe to put all of the 40 million in this year to street renewal, you would think, Madam Speaker, that this money, at least the City save some of it, would go to street renewal. After all, Madam Speaker, that's been our grave concern. Such a grave concern Madam Speaker, that we've blamed it entirely on one level of government and then saying it's another level of government that's going to save us but only taking half that money for this year. So, Madam Speaker, just a word to the wise and let's see what happens to those funds. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to ask a question of Councillor Gillingham, he may not be able to answer it now but he will in Finance I guess but it's related to this. I will be supporting this. I mean it's nonbinding, it's just an ask. And I guess my question is, why then wouldn't we be putting forward questions like this or motions like this, every single time that we have an overage in any project not just the Waverley one but any one, maybe even a P3. But we have many projects that we are jointly committed to and I have never seen any other request like this come forward, a motion like this come forward. So I don't think he has the opportunity to respond to this now, but I'll ask him that in Finance. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham to close on the item…on your amending motion.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, specific to this, I'll wait for councillor's question in QP for Finance.

Just a couple of things; first of all there's, just to be clear, a couple of questions or comments I heard earlier, there is no correlation between the savings on the Waverley underpass project and the $40 million shortfall from the Province in 2018. This…this project is reported to the Finance Committee on a quarterly basis and so specific to some of the questions that some of my colleagues maybe had, they can find some of the answers, I'll be glad to speak with them, but in the April 11th, 2019 agenda on Finance, the Waverley underpass project report is there. And some of the questions that are asked, Councillor Nason mentioned it, but some of the questions that are asked at Finance about this project have been specific around how is it possible that we have such savings? You know, did the department miscalculate their estimation or just what was it? At a highest level, their response was that all of the risks that were potential in this project had been budgeted for. So they budgeted every risk as the risks are mitigated as thresholds are passed, and achievements are reached, then that risk is mitigated and a corresponding saving materializes. What we're looking at here today is actually the possibility…potential of about 18…over $18 million that will be available, surplus funds to both the Provincial Government and Federal Government and so this amendment to just request that our partners make every effort to reinvest the surplus projects…on projects that are within the city of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I look at the hour and I'll be very quick. The question or comments made by Councillor…Councillor Klein, I'll just echo what Councillor Gillingham just said. This really is straightforward. Yes, the Province unilaterally, after the year ended, didn't provide money that was expected. This, however, is a separate project. This is a project that was committed to by two other levels of government and it's a good news story. The message is one, this project is proceeding as well as taxpayers could hope, as well as all those that will ultimately use the underpass but also, that we are respecting and honouring our commitments with our funding partners. As cost savings are to be had, those savings are passed on to all levels of government and that's a good news story, one of collaboration and partnership that I'm hopeful we'll be able to continue to do so. I mean, when you look at the southwest rapid transit way as well, cost savings went down based on the savings that were to be had in terms of the design, of course. But with this project we have agreements. We're honouring those agreements. There are savings to be had for all levels of government and that is something that is a good news story for both the Province of Manitoba, for the Federal Government as well as city taxpayers in terms of the reduction in the debt that will have to be leveraged on our end to complete this project.

There still is, of course, a contingency in the reduced $97.923 million allocation for this project. I'm hopeful that those funds won't be necessary as well and we'll have additional savings, but of course, we need to make sure that the project is completed. And I do want to just thank all those individuals, men and women, who are actually building it right now. We obviously are grateful for their work that they are doing. Want to obviously wish them well that they are able to

complete the project as safely as possible. And I'm looking forward to visiting it with each of you when it's completed. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that I'll call the question on amending Motion 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And now I'm calling the question on the main item, Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now take a recess until 1:30. Council will reconvene at 1:30. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
April 25, 2019, at 1:37 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our council meeting of April 25th, 2019. We were on the reports under Executive Policy Committee. The next item is the Notice of Motion that was from the previous council meeting of March. It was moved by Councillor Lukes and seconded by Councillor Klein. It's…was regarding combining the strategic planning budgets with the governance review budgets. Councillor Lukes, do you wish to speak to the item?

Councillor Lukes: No. We have decided what's going on on that. So I guess we'll just pull it then. Is that…withdraw.

Madam Speaker: You'd like to withdraw your motion? And does the seconder concur?

Councillor Klein: Absolutely.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I would like to move into by-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2nd and 3rd READINGS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker and welcome back everyone. I move that By-law No. 30/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: Please record me in opposition.

Madam Speaker: So noted. Thank you.

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 30/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll move on to by-laws for all three readings under EPC, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 33 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 33/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-law 33/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried

Clerk: By-law No. 33/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law 33/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now put 30 minutes on the clock. Question period for the Mayor. Councillor Browaty.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Winnipeggers, our Council has learned that it makes sense to plan for future capital projects, even ones that are perhaps way off into the future. I, for example, supported the studies that are required to plan alignments for things like Rapid Transit, even though I don't think they're necessarily the best investment in the near term for projects that we're doing in our City. Winnipeggers, in North Winnipeg, have been consulted about the Chief Peguis Trail for the last number of years. In 2016, there were Public Open Houses with storyboards suggesting that there would be a preliminary design done by the fall/winter of 2016. New contractors were brought in, new project leads were brought in. In Public Open House, June 6th, 2017, we were told there would be a report to Council by January of 2018. November 7th, 2017, Public Open House said that presentation, or the information would be ready, again, January 2018. Website, the City of Winnipeg website, timeframe, summer 2018, newer vision on the City website, October 2018 is the date of it. Said, the Preliminary Design Study at a report to Council, with a Class 3 estimate would be provided by the end of 2018. Here we are in April. The public has been consulted, the public has an expectation. We're going into multiple elections this year. When will Winnipeggers and Council know what the future is, in terms of the costing of Chief Peguis Trail?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Browaty. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Ultimately, the public will know what the future is for the extension of Chief Peguis when Council makes appropriate decisions in due course. I will say that, that project is an incredibly important project for, not just the northern part of our City, but also for all of Winnipeg .We have a number of competing demands on the horizon. Arlington Bridge, of course, is a project that has been in need of repair and replacement of course. There's of course the extension of Chief Peguis, there's the Marion and Archibald project, Waverley Underpass, as we discussed this morning. Happy that that's proceeding on time and under budget, but many other competing demands. Of course, the challenge for us is going to be that, these projects, in addition, I should have also added to the list, the North End Treatment Plant. That's of course a project estimated to be $1.8 Billion; all of which far exceed our ability to pay, especially if combined. And so, this Council will have to make some very difficult decisions on which projects to proceed with, especially in the context of a debt ceiling. Something that I will say, I am very pleased that this Council has a Debt Policy, unlike both our Provincial and Federal government partners, who continue to operate to this very day without a debt ceiling.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Second question Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, first of all I would like to table a copy of the information that's on the City's website. Mr. Clerk, you could distribute these to Council. Various postings from the City's website, that promised Winnipeggers that a class 3 estimate would be presented to Council January 2018, October 2018, end of 2018. The last update says that Council would present it with a report by the end of 2018 with the project alignment as well as the class 3 estimate. I recognize that, I'm under no illusions that…

Madam Speaker: The question Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Will the Mayor tell us when Council will get the promised class 3 estimate. Did we get the project work done or are there people in the public service not doing their jobs?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: So, my understanding is that the report on the class 3 estimate for the extension of Chief Peguis, is going to be coming forward soon. Of course our public service will advise us in due course how soon that will be. I'd encourage Councillor Browaty and any other member of Council to certainly follow up with the public service as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Browaty: If the work has been completed, will the Mayor make sure that the Public Service releases that information without any delay?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Look, I just mentioned that of course, my understanding is that a report is going to be forthcoming. I am looking forward to seeing it in due course, and, you know, we'll do our best, and I would encourage, again, Councillor Browaty to follow up directly with the Public Service as well on this matter. I know that there are a number of competing priorities of members of council, not just the extension of Chief Peguis, but many other major infrastructure projects that are in our unfunded category right now. Basically the challenge this council is going to have, of course, is our ability to pay far exceeds our financial ability. Of course, if we want to look at our spending, look no further than these major capital projects, which are significant, but ultimately, we know in the long term, are needed for the future growth of our city.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Klein

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair. Through you, in 2018 the City sold 5 properties to Habitat for Humanity for $1 each. The sale of these properties were not discussed at PP&D. The report was received as a report only because the CAO has the ability and power to do these sales without council approval. Given that these lots were sold for $1 and, first of all I want to be very clear, and sincere. I think this is a great cause and I'm happy to see the City use the land for good use. My issue in question through you to the Mayor, is about process openness and transparency and, based on that, I'm wondering if the Mayor would direct the CAO to prepare a report detailing the events of these sales, why these particular properties, were they properties advertised and what the terms of the sales were.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Klein. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: This is the first that this matter's been raised by a Councillor and so, I'm happy to look into it and, I would encourage him as a member of Council to bring forward any such direction he feels is appropriate at the respective committee, and we can assess it from there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Second question.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Mr. Mayor, and I will do that. A final question for His Worship as well. Recently I learned, being new, you hear things as you go along and you learn thing…it's come to my attention that some Councillors who act as Chairs for the Standing Policy Committees provide weekly updates from the administration on city activities or issues and concerns…

Madam Speaker: The question Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Yeah, I'm getting to that. It has to do with that meeting. I'm wondering if His Honor, the Mayor could direct the Chairs of the Standing Policy Committee or the CAO to provide a weekly written report to all members of Council so that we can have the same access to information that the others have.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Speaking of openness and transparency, Madam Speaker, the appointments of prospective Chairs, as well of the Police Board Chair have been done in a manner that is much more open and transparent than in the past. The mandate letters that I've produced, firstly I understand our first for such appointments, with respect to appointments from the Mayor. As is, the publishing proactively of those mandate letters on-line for all to see, and so that is the direction that I provide to the respective Chairs, and I would encourage the Councillor to speak with respective Chairs. I

know Finance, for example, does get written reports on certain updates through the Committee. I understand there's been dialogue at IRPW about similar updates in writing, and I would encourage dialogue with Council colleagues and I'm happy to discuss that with Councillor Klein as well. Perhaps he may want to start doing that as Chair of the Police Board proactively to myself and all members of Council as well, and we can see how that's received and assessed from there. I think it would be positive step, but I'm opened to having discussion with all of my council colleagues on how we can better communicate with each other.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Any further question?

Councillor Klein: No. I will say I'm happy to write one on behalf of the Police Board weekly as long as everyone doubts…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: … it will be information that's only allowed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, Councillor Eadie did you have your hand up?

Councillor Eadie: I had earlier too as well. Thank you. Through you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am quite concerned, so concerned that I sent a letter to the Mayor regarding the Province's treatment and what I would call, bad relations in regards to a number of issues, and Madam Speaker, just because we had some problems with employee related the Zoning, Permit Inspectors and so on, this City, as you know Madam Speaker, is undertaking a review of our Winnipeg Complete Communities which all goes to the Planning Department and everything that Property and Development does, and we have a number of reports that we've already prepared, Madam Speaker. We're voting on one today with P&D on Employment Lands which goes to the Province's Economic Development Action Plan, Madam Speaker, and we've been doing this work for a long time, Madam Speaker, and I have great concerns, and I don't know if the Mayor had read my letter but, Madam Speaker, I was wondering if the Mayor could please let me know how he feels about how things are going at this point. Is it his impression that the Province is trying to take over the operations of the City?

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I appreciate the Councillor's words of support. As members of Council our first obligations are to defend the best interests of Winnipeggers; not of course, any particular party or other interest beyond the taxpayers that we all serve and respective wards and as a city as a whole. With respect to the Provincial Government, we received a letter from Minister Wharton at the same time, or roughly the same time as it was made available to the media and posted online. I had provided a response through the media and a request directly to the Premier's office for dialogue. We haven't yet received a response. It's been about a week from that time. I think the best thing we can do in terms of the Province is to sit down and try to find areas that we can collaborate on. There are a number of initiatives right now that we are having excellent dialogue on. The illicit drug task force. Minister Friesen's been excellent to deal with and work on that, as has the Federal Government. I had a meeting last week with Minister Squires on some sustainability matters, as well as with Minister Goertzen a couple of days ago on the South Winnipeg Recreation Centre complex. This was a commitment I made to Councillor Lukes that I would follow up directly with the Minister and have done so. I haven't had an opportunity yet to follow up with Councillor Lukes, but I intend to do so in due course, but there's good dialogue on a number of files. On this particular file, yeah I think more collaboration would be welcomed. I put a request in to the Premier a couple of years ago, both in person and in writing, that there's a desire to find efficiencies by having both levels of government work together, and I'm pleased to hear the Premier responding now with the desire to do so. My hope is that it can be done so in a spirit of collaboration rather than simply in a partisan and a political way.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councillor Eadie: Yes Madam Speaker, in regards to the letter of April 18th, I'm wondering if the Mayor's concerned that we're going to have to duplicate work as the Province reviews some of our operations and the involvement of our employees. Is he concerned that we're going to be duplicating and wasting money, work of our own to assist the Province in doing these reviews?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I appreciate the question. There were 2 things, 1 is a unilateral notice to the City that there would be an investigation of the allegations that have been made by an anonymous group with information that hasn't been

provided to the City. Of course, City staff are doing their best to investigate the matter. But, my desire, my hope, and I trust this is shared by all of members of Council, is that any such investigation is, in fact, independent; that it's not being done in a partisan and political way by the Province. Of course, if there's a way to share resources with the Province, if there's a way to work collaboratively with them, I think there is a shared desire to see that there's a proper investigation and that people and processes are being held fully accountable. So, to that end, I welcome the scrutiny. I don't think it's something that we should be objecting to unless of course, it's being done in a political and a partisan way. Certainly in advance of what we expect is a snap election call.

The second offer was to work collaboratively on finding efficiencies and that's something I've called for. I've asked the Premier directly, I've provided written correspondence in the past and it's taken two years, but you know what? It's good that he's finally responded in a favorable way, and I'd like to sit down with the Premier and talk about how we could find efficiencies. I think there's a lot that we could teach the Province to balance budgets and how you have a debt ceiling and other efficiencies, but I also recognize there's probably some really good lessons to be learned from the Province as well on cost savings and efficiencies, and we should be open to that discussion and that dialogue. It's often said on this floor, at the Legislature, you hear politicians say it all the time, is that there's one taxpayer and that is true. We hear the term, better together. I agree we are better together, let's prove it, let's sit down, let's talk, let's try to collaborate and find ways that we can work together, and so, I welcome the offer and have asked for a meeting with the Premier so that we can discuss it. It's been about a week now. We're still waiting for a response. But, in the meantime there's been good dialogue with many of their Ministers.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Final question.

Councillor Eadie: Final question is did you know Mayor, that in regards to Habitat, there was a number of properties sold to them under a report that we passed in the last term, regarding a project where we sold them a property that had environmental problems and we came to an agreement, EPC, and passed on that report to Council and that there was a number of properties that Habitat purchased for $1 as a result of that environmental. Did you know that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The short answer is, my understanding is, Council had delegated the CAO certain delegated authority that has been carried out, but in terms of the details and the manner, that is something I'm going to look into further and would welcome input from my Council colleagues on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Chair. This is actually in regard to the amendment of the motion, the amending motion that Councillor Gillingham and Councillor Chambers brought forward this morning. I'm just wondering if the Mayor can tell us if either the Federal of the Provincial Government request the City move a motion or make an ask to reinvest surplus funds on projects that are based in the city of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The short answer is, yes. There's been dialogue with the Federal Government in particular, and the funds that were earmarked for the Waverley Underpass, it's a program that has now ended. There's a shared desire with the Federal Government in particular to try to retain as many of those funds for the benefit of Winnipeggers and Winnipeg projects, and so, reasonable request and we're working collaboratively. I think it's a reasonable request of the Provincial Government as well, recognizing that ultimately the Provincial and the Federal Governments will have the ultimate discretion on how those funds are spent. But we're trying to work collaboratively with other levels of government but there was an indication from the Federal Government and a request that there be some language to that effect that would help facilitate their efforts in Ottawa to make sure those funds to the greatest extent possible, stay in the City of Winnipeg. That's something I appreciate.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. Based on the comments made by Councillor Browaty regarding the delays in the report by the administration on the Chief Peguis extension, does His Worship…can we get clarification as to whether we've been…administration has been making their official requests for extension of time as they normally do in other situations; if they've been doing that in this case over the delay over the last year?

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

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I'm sure the Councillor can check the critical path as well as the…on DMIS, where the disposition is at. I'm happy to do so and follow up with the Councillor on whether an extension of time has been requested and granted, but like I said, in response to Councillor Browaty, my understanding is that a report is going to be coming very soon. I would expect that it deals with a number of projects in the unfunded category. Councillor Gillingham will probably be very quick to say that we don't have a lot of fiscal room to spend a lot and I would agree with him. I do think we need to watch our expenditures and these major capital projects are unfunded, are in the billions if totaled together. We can't afford all of them. I wouldn't support spending on all of them. They do need to be staged. Whether or not we can proceed with any of them during this term is a decision that Council will ultimately have to make. But, we have to do it in the context of our debt ceiling, which is managed deliberately in a way that does not compromise our credit rating which has a cost to taxpayers, and so, it's something certainly that the Councillor can look up and if he's having troubles navigating the system, I am more than happy to work collaboratively with him to get the answer that he's requesting today.

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

Councillor Schreyer: I appreciate His Worship's comments in terms of difficulty in prioritizing our projects, given, you know, our financial limitation. I'm not questioning that at all, certainly not in this case. Just for the consideration and the concern brought up here in Council…

Madam Speaker: Your question Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, does His Worship believe that there should be an official request for an extension of time, just given the delay and given the questions he's being asked here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, as I mentioned, I will be looking into this matter further and be happy to follow up with the Councillor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, that'll conclude question period. Next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Mayes on the report dated March 4th, 2019.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. We have two reports today. One item only on the first one that's March 4th, 2019, that's a matter we heard some delegations on earlier so I'll be moving, it's listed as Item 6. It's the City-owned property located at 5014 Roblin Boulevard.

Madam Speaker: And there is an amending motion here before us on the item. Councillor Klein to introduce amending Motion No. 2.

Councillor Klein: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Excuse me, just one moment. Yeah, it was your opportunity to open on the item Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Alright, I will take that opportunity then, sorry. Now he's telling me I think one item. This is not an easy matter and we get these from time to time and I want to commend Councillor Klein for going to bat for his constituents, for his residents on this. The difficulty is, is some of the history. Previous councillor had agreed with the declaration of surplus, roughly 18 months ago it appears the property had been listed for sale. Matter is moving forward. Even that, I suppose, could be reversed at this date. Councillors change wards, obviously I yammered on earlier today about a difference of priority I had with my predecessor over the library project in my ward. But I mean, the real difficulty here, I think, to me is the…it was interim, it was always understood to be interim. The Charleswood seniors continue with a dollar a year lease. Councillor Orlikow pointed that out at the neighbouring property, the address of which is, I think 5051 and 5006. They are being displaced from two different buildings. They are now out of the one building, but they were there on an interim basis. So the other issues of do we have enough services in any one part of town? Are

they doing work the City should do? All of that I think kind of falls by the wayside. This was part of a larger scheme which was to start redeveloping our libraries and part of the cost of business was as we build new ones the old ones will get sold off for the land. It was understood to be an interim occupancy, therefore I think it is somewhat different than a group that might have say been leasing for 20 years and then are told well now it's $20,000 a year or out you go, we're about to sell this. This was, I think, from the start, understood to be an interim arrangement. We have come to the end of that period. Councillor Klein, I think, has tried to find some other options, some other ways out of this but I'm afraid at this stage I'm going to be going ahead and backing the civil service recommendation which is to proceed with the sale.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Councillor Klein, your opportunity to speak to the main item and your amendment.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 6 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated March 4, 2019 be amended as follows:

- *Delete recommendation 1. and replace with the following:*

    1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to engage with representatives of Charleswood 55 Plus Active Living Centre to explore options to maintain the Centre in its current location, or at an alternate city owned facility located in the Charleswood area;*

    2. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to not proceed with the sale and or subdivision of the portion of the City-owned property located at 5014 Roblin Boulevard, declared surplus by Council on February 22, 2018, until such time as a permanent location for the Charleswood 55 Plus Active Living Centre is identified.*

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

Councillor Klein: So the amendment is in front of everybody. There's no necessary…it's not necessary to read it, correct?

Madam Speaker: No.

Councillor Klein: Great, so we have it in front of everybody. First of all, I do appreciate Councillor Mayes' comments. Certainly is a difficult decision, and you know, we talked earlier about pet projects and things that are important to councillors in their wards, and if I'm going to get, you know, branded with this as one, then I'm happy to wear that. In fact, I'm happy to make any issue that I feel doesn't meet my personal standards of respectable treatment of taxpayers, a pet project. Over the years, we've opened splash pads, we're putting money into running tracks at schools, we're working diligently to expand bike paths, active transportation, we give money to the arts, we do studies on electric buses, we provide the area of the city, many groups over $40 million in grants. We took on the risk of hundreds of thousands of dollars to host whiteout parties and I can go on. All things that are important to many of us, if not all of us. But I ask, what we have done lately for people over the age of 55? These are people that built the city. They are our mothers, our fathers, our grandparents. This particular group has dedicated hours and hours of their own time to make these services possible. In fact today, I heard from one member of the board and the delegation that came, that often, when members come to the facility, they may be depressed or feeling bad or feeling down, and they feel better. This group serves over 400 people in our growing community. We're all getting older. We're all going to need some kind of support when we get over 55. This is not a group that's asking for a handout, but rather, time. We have had discussions with the group about being, taking on the responsibility of heat and hydro, something that we know the City is looking at and is important to be fiscally responsible. Many organizations that have been granted $1 leases will be facing these same issues and we need to find the right solution for that. My suggestion and my hope is that the colleagues of mine at this table will take this opportunity to use this group to help facilitate an agreement that might be used in other parts of the city, that is mutually beneficial to the members and to the city council and to other residents in the city. This group has been impacted. I have heard several different, you know, stories about how we got to this point. I don't think it really matters any more. We're here now. We have heard from them and we know what's happening. They have been impacted by these recent actions. It wasn't as clear cut as we think it was, at least not to them. They have been forced to reduce the programs they have offered. They have been forced to sell equipment only to see the building sit empty for a long period of time, only for us to go back and say, the building is empty, can we go in? Sure. But that not happened,

because the building all of a sudden went up for sale. During all that this group never lost its focus on their commitment to help other mature residents of our city. This group, again, is not asking for a handout. This group is asking for our support and for time, given all they do for our community. Again, I appeal to my colleagues and ask them to stand not with me but with the group, this group of dedicated volunteers, of builders of our city, and vote to cease the sale of this building and direct the public service to come to an agreement for the next couple of years with this group to rent the building while we try to find a solution that's mutually beneficial to all.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I rise…I am going to be supporting the amending motion, Madam Speaker. This, as Councillor Klein has indicated, this is only one seniors centre that is dealing with very difficult issues now that the City has deemed that we can't afford or we have decided that we don't want to support senior centres by giving them lower lease costs, Madam Speaker. Senior citizens do…I guess I'm classified as one now, Madam Speaker, next month I'll be 59 years old although the only problem I have right now is my left knee is a little sore, I can't dance as much as I used to. However, so in my ward we have seniors groups that struggle. We have some seniors groups that are able to utilize City facilities, for example, at the now named Sergeant Tommy Prince Place, we have a seniors group there. But we have other seniors groups all over the city who are utilizing city buildings at lower than actual cost. Not only is there a lease agreement, some of them have where they are not paying the full cost recovery of operation and repairs to buildings, for example, Madam Speaker, and I think that it looked like it was…they were talking something…although, Madam Speaker, my original motion in PPD and I was looking at the report, I don't see museums as those kind of…City owned museums, Madam Speaker, that's not part of this. So when we've seen what the cost might be, if we didn't get full cost recovery, I don't think it was an appropriate report because what we're talking about here is we have community centres that provide mostly activities, for the most part, for young people. Not necessarily seniors, although I know that seniors will take up playing a bit of hockey at the West Kildonan Memorial Hockey Rink. But aside from that, Madam Speaker, this is how the City has supported seniors groups in the past. We have never actually provided them direct programming costs although we do offer discounts and stuff, I believe. I can't remember all the structures, but, many City services we discount for seniors. But, Madam Speaker, I think that we should be voting for this amending motion to at least allow for these senior centres to have a problem. For example, Madam Speaker, I have one seniors group that didn't even get a…North End Elders Inc., didn't even get a chance. They were basically booted out of a community centre. They were utilizing that space, those seniors, for activities that were important for those seniors in the neighbourhood. They had no opportunity and they should have had an opportunity to be able to find a place and not to have been put under the duress that they were. So Madam Speaker, I believe this goes to the bigger picture. It is focused in one councillor's ward but it actually typifies a problem that we're having and going to have across the city. So, again, I stand in support of the amending motion.

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

Councillor Lukes: Madam Speaker, I'm going to be supporting this motion today. I believe that we can find it within our abilities to hold off on the sale or subdivision of the portion of City-owned property at 5014 Roblin Boulevard. We have heard, and we know, that the physical and mental health of hundreds of people is at stake. I think we can find it within our abilities to give them the time to have the public service work on this and that's what it will take is some time. Many community centres do not offer programming for seniors. I have been pursuing this with the seniors in my community and the community centres, for whatever reason, aren't providing programming and thus the seniors group has to provide it themselves. From what I'm hearing and what I've heard, how active the Charleswood 55+ Active Living Centre folks are, they're providing an invaluable service and I think that if we support this motion, it's the window of time that they'll need to hopefully the City will be able to find a new location. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Lukes. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank the delegations for speaking earlier today as well as spending their entire day here, to watch these proceedings. And I do want to thank them for their ongoing efforts especially in an area of the city that's very close to not only my home but my heart. I won't be supporting the amendment, simply because there is a process that the City has followed with respect to library renewals that my concern is further delay is going to aggravate the ability for us to carry out the kinds of staged renewal that we have been undertaking. I had the opportunity to visit a library which we opened very recently in Transcona. I know that they are, you know, one of the first libraries for renewal during my time was the Charleswood Library. My understanding is that there has been a tremendous outreach and dialogue with the 55+ leaders, with our public service. My understanding is this was declared surplus some time ago especially for our cash strapped level of government. The sooner that we can acquire those funds to help us with further efforts in wards across the city, I think that's good. Obviously, any mitigation of the difficulties that 55+ are facing right now is something we should all be supporting but, further delay, I fear we will ultimately be back in the same position, particularly and, of course, I wish I would have seen

this motion before today because I'm having to read it for the first time right now on the floor, so I haven't had the benefit of speaking with Councillor Klein about the motion that has just been introduced to us now. But certainly provision 2, which speaks about holding off on the sale until a new permanent location is identified, I would be concerned that if we aren't able to ensure they are in a new site, that that would indefinitely hold up the sale and those funds from being utilized for the benefit of libraries city-wide. And so, while I really appreciate the work that they are doing and I want to continue to see it occur, I know we do have a number of facilities. My understanding is the public service has been making efforts to try to work collaboratively on location, including, of course, the building that's immediately adjacent to the library. And I would like those to continue regardless of today's debate to try to find a common sense and collaborative solution to the challenge that we're facing, but I do feel that the funds that are potentially being held up here could be used for the benefit of other areas of the city outside Charleswood that I think is incumbent upon us to try to facilitate.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, we're putting together a sub-amendment of the amendment. We have seconder and I have sent it to Clerk, sorry. So we have a sub-amendment we're putting together right now.

Madam Speaker: Do you have something to circulate, Mr. Clerk? Just have a question for…

Councillor Schreyer: It is a friendly sub-amendment. Yeah, the…

Madam Speaker: So I'm going to call Councillor Mayes at this time to close debate. The motion isn't ready at this time. Councillor Klein, are you ready to close on your amending motion? It's not ready though right at the moment, right?

Councillor Klein: I think Councillor Mayes was talking to it or do you want me to close on this?

Councillor Mayes: I was going to speak…I still have to close on the main.

Councillor Klein: I will close on this after Councillor Mayes speaks.

Madam Speaker: Well, you don't have an opportunity to speak, you open and close on the item. Okay, Councillor Klein to close on your amending motion.

Councillor Klein: I appreciate all the comments. I thank everybody. As for the discussion of what Public Works has done and has not done, I'll let the media talk to the group that was here and I'll let that group answer those questions. I know we're going to make a vote, and I would just personally like to thank the group for coming. I'm very proud to be your representative. I'm proud and honoured to be welcomed into your facility as often as I am. I am grateful for that. I'm grateful for what you do in our community. I believe that what you are doing really does, in some ways, save lives. You are giving something to people to benefit from so thank you. And while I would like to end with, Madam Speaker, is if it could be a recorded vote.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to close on the main item.

Councillor Mayes: I'm just looking at the minutes of February 22, 2018. This property was declared surplus and I think some of this debate could have taken place then if people were concerned. I don't see anyone being recorded as being in opposition. It's a pretty clear layout of what the plan is that the money is to be reinvested in community facilities. Now does that mean in the Charleswood community or more broadly? I'll leave that to Councillor Klein to fight out, but, it's clear that there is going to be…that a new library was opened January 19th, 2015, new Charleswood Library opened, the current property is closed and is of no further use to the City, so the decision was made to go forward back in '18. Elections happened, priorities change, I get all that. Councillor Klein has obviously taken a different approach than his predecessor, that's fine. But, I think on this particular matter we have to think it's part of a larger strategy with the libraries and I know when I got in, the Glenlee Community Centre, old building, was up for sale and I completed that because the deal had been Norberry got…Norberry-Glenlee, the merged community centre, got a lot of money to build a new building and the proceeds of the sale of the old building went towards that. I know Councillor Allard would have seen the Public Works yard sold off in his ward and the money didn't stay in his ward, it went to the larger east Public Work yard initiative. So these things can change over time. But I think it's important to point out, this was voted on in 2018. This isn't a group that has been in there for 20 years. This was an interim arrangement, and that period has now, frankly, come to an end. So it's not about being against seniors and I could ramble on about things this council has done for seniors and for community centres and the community centres do a lot for seniors. Even the previous, the much despaired previous council, passed in 2014 a whole plan to increase snow clearing on sidewalks near seniors' buildings. So, various measures have been taken on behalf of seniors. It's really not what this vote is about. It's about a building

that was declared surplus. There was an interim occupancy, that's now come to an end because we've got a prospective buyer. I think it's as simple as that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mister…Councillor Mayes. I will now call…there was a call for a recorded vote on the amending Motion No. 2 moved by Councillor Klein. All in favour of the amending motion, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Chambers, Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Schreyer, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Councillor Santos.

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

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion No. 2 is defeated. I'll now call the question on the main item. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Was there more than 3 in opposition? Okay, so it will be a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Councillor Santos.

Nays

Councillors Chambers, Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Schreyer and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

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

Madam Speaker: Item 6 passes. We will now move on to the report of the Property and Development Committee dated April 1st, Councillor Mayes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED APRIL 1, 2019

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will move the report of the committee dated April 1st, 2019. I know there are a few items to be pulled, at least I know No. 6 is being pulled but I will move all of them and see which ones get pulled.

Madam Speaker: Okay, that's Item 5. Councillor Gillingham was the same? And Councillor Mayes, you mentioned Item 6?

Councillor Mayes: Yes.

Madam Speaker: So I'll call the question on 1 through 3, 4, 7 through 11. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 5 – Employment and Commercial Lands Study

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce the item, Item 5.

Councillor Mayes: Item 5. This is a study that was commissioned. So the recommendations are basically to receive it as information and to direct the staff to go forward with industry stakeholders to start coming forward with some more specific strategic initiatives. It's an interesting document in a way, this study, it's very lengthy. There are some opinions

expressed that we may not all share. I know in particular Councillor Allard has been a champion for the east market lands, the old Canada Packers site in his ward. Having that become infill, I tend to support him on that. This report takes a somewhat different direction but we are receiving it today as information and directing our staff to go forward with this to talk to the industry stakeholders. Certainly I have questioned some of our development priorities if we are to continue retention of lands at the periphery of the city as employment lands, what does that mean for our housing needs and our housing strategy. But it's a good study in as far as it goes. Obviously a lot more work still to be done. This is part of the larger direction of OurWinnipeg, it's actually part of the mandate letter that the Mayor referred to earlier today. So, much work still to come on this but we look forward to hearing my colleagues' comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. This was stood down by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am in support of the recommendation that comes from Property Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. And as well, Madam Speaker, this is a bigger picture. EPC concurred in this, Madam Speaker. This report demonstrates that the City is quite competent in its ability to talk to the experts, Madam Speaker, about land use and working with various stakeholders in the economic development. employment lands, commercial lands. We have a shrinking amount of land for housing stock. We have a shrinking amount of land within the city of Winnipeg when it comes to employment lands. There was indicated that there is concerns that there is too much employment land being traded off for housing. That is a problem. These are the kind of issues that we do then need to talk to the Province about when we come up with…we, the people, our City's administration, council is quite competent in working on development and understanding it. I understand it. When I hear that, you know, some people…you know, we have little arguments about the political thing about a zoning hearing there and a zoning hearing there. There does need to be consistency when it comes to infill and there is infill when you try to talk about infill for commercial or industrial…or employment properties, and Madam Speaker, actually, the reflection of the so called unnamed groups of people who are concerned with City property and development on various aspects, it's the people who are dealing with infill are purchasing existing old employment lands, types, operations. In which, you know, you move into them, you change the use a little bit or whatever, there are modifications you have to make to these buildings and that's what frustrates people. But you know, ultimately, the building code and these things are there in place, Madam Speaker. So when you look at this employment and development they are talking about consulting with and we're talking more here about what greenfield is left, Madam Speaker, in terms of employment lands. We are already working on what the Province calls their economic development action plan. They have done a number of things. We never got a…we never got a mandate letter as a partner in the economic development of the capital region as far as I know. I know that Winnipeg metro region did and Madam Speaker, as I mentioned in my letter to the Mayor, we have two colleagues on this council that work in good faith with the Winnipeg metro region, and we are looking at the future of the whole area because the future of Winnipeg also depends on…and vice versa, depends on our municipalities immediately around us. And so, when we work towards this report, we're looking at the city. Yeah we have higher standards, Madam Speaker, in the city of Winnipeg for roads and land drainage and so on and so forth. However, we know through long experience in providing employment lands, Madam Speaker, that you need to have a certain level of standard in order to meet it. Like, look at us. We actually have to provide to an industrial area outside of Transcona, in Springfield, we are supplying them firefighting support. That's an extra cost in this city that we have to provide for employment lands, Madam Speaker. So when we look at analyzing these things and looking forward, our city are experts in this kind of stuff and we are proceeding with reports. I might mention that once we pass this report, let's send it to the minister so that he understands that we are working on this kind of thing, Madam Speaker. We are competent. We can do what we have to do. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to rise, I will certainly be supporting this report. This is a very important report. It's important on a number of levels. I mean, it does clearly identify that the City is facing a shortfall of service employment lands to accommodate the forecasted growth in the next 20 years or so. Councillor Eadie touched on the fact that recently, under the direction of the Province of Manitoba, Economic Development Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region which used to be Councillor Lukes and I, now it's Councillor Orlikow and I sit on that committee; both of those entities received mandate letters from the Province of Manitoba which instructs them to collaborate in economic development in and around the capital region. The Winnipeg Metropolitan Region mandate letter includes wording there to the effect, calling upon the City and the capital region partners to do land use development, land planning together. And so it's always the balance where we inevitably, you somehow you just, you compete with adjacent municipalities in a sense but in another sense as a capital region, we really need to be thinking and acting and working together as a capital region and finding that balance is important. Developing land through the lens of economic opportunity is critical and this report and the recommendations in this report will certainly assist us with that. It will be no surprise to you, Madam Speaker, and my councillor colleagues that I'll take the opportunity to talk about CentrePort, and CentrePort land is…the development of CentrePort land is really key to fulfilling and meeting some of the needs that are itemized here and highlighted here in this report; the need for serviced industrial lands, the

need for serviced employment lands. Speaking to businesses and economic development partners in and around the city of Winnipeg, there is interest on a regular basis, for lands in the city of Winnipeg with access to rail, air and trucking. And so that's why last year in the 2018 budget, council voted on the budget and adopted a budget that included just $2.1 million to the Water and Waste Department to do a detailed engineer design study which will determine a Class 3 estimate for servicing of the CentrePort lands. That project is to take place this summer with a report back, I believe, within 12 months, I'm hoping sooner rather than later, which would give us an understanding of how much it will cost to service the CentrePort lands to provide water and sewer servicing and open up those lands to help meet some of the needs that are represented in this report, needs for employment lands. One other highlight I think I will make and which I certainly appreciate from the report, is the call for financial strategy and competitive analysis. And I think that several things are coming together at the same time for the City of Winnipeg; our need for more employment lands, the work of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, the work of EDW, mandate from the Province of Manitoba and the opportunity that we have. You know, the Mayor rightly talks about the fact that we're a growing city and so that…with that growth comes the need for good employment lands and good employers that will enable men and women, young men and women, middle-aged men and women, older men and women to find good paying jobs, high skilled jobs in industries that don't go elsewhere but stay here in the city of Winnipeg and in the capital region. And also, it makes us kind of a viable option for those looking to invest. When we've got mobile capital and they're looking to where they can invest, where they can expand their company, if we have serviced industrial lands available then it's more likely that those companies, those investors looking to put down roots in a great city like Winnipeg, with all the access to trucking, air and rail, that makes us a viable option. So I'm glad to see this report. I'm looking forward to the action on this report for the sake of not only the present, but for the sake of capitalizing on future economic opportunities that would be available to the City of Winnipeg.

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

Councillor Allard: Yeah, so I will be supporting the report. Thanks to all my colleagues for their questions. I just wanted to speak to the issue briefly. I do note that in the delegations there are some representations from St. Boniface Ward. I know there has been a couple of attempts now to get secondary plan on the books for the Canada Packers lands. So there is a proponent who is…who has…who is trying to move forward with a plan for that particular site. It includes…it's a major redevelopment site so it's currently defined by OurWinnipeg as that which includes all three land uses so industrial, residential, commercial. The…so anyhow, I think the proponent has so far not been able to move forward. I think the rationale given by our Planning Department is that the Planning Department is priorizing other projects ahead of that one. So far now there has been two votes now with the Planning, Property and Development Committee. They want to flag this, I will be supporting this report. That is a major redevelopment site in St. Boniface and I want to flag it for everyone so everyone had the knowledge of what was going on there. I think the neighbouring residents have a desire to de-intensify industrial activities in the area. The proponent's plan currently would be to do that so moving from M3 type uses down to M2, M1 type uses. The proponent also indicates that once that project would be fully built out it would bring approximately $4.5 million I think in additional revenue property taxes for the City. All that being said, I do intend to support this report. I think there has been some good work being done there. I think there was some presentations at committee that did highlight some of the report where it was suggested that the development of the site so far has not occurred because of viability reasons. I do believe, given the intense interest from the proponent, that there is viability there as there's a private land owner looking to move their plans forward. So, thank you to all for their consideration. I wanted to speak…just put those comments on the record on behalf of my residents and so everyone knows the proponent's been working towards development of the site. Also, thanks to Councillor Mayes and members of the P&D Committee to have considered this question a couple of times now and thanks to the residents who have waited on this issue. It's a major redevelopment site and I think it maybe highlights the interest in moving some of these secondary plans forward across Winnipeg. Our Planning Department priorizes the ones I think that make sense from a city building perspective. I understand this one is not quite at that threshold yet for our Planning Department, but I wanted to put those issues on the table and so everyone has that understanding moving forward. But, I do intend to support this report. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers? Councillor Mayes to close? No. I'll call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – Proposed Secondary Plan for Waverley West Neighbourhood 'B' – First Reading

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes to introduce Item 6.

Councillor Mayes: Very briefly, just I think Councillor Lukes wanted to speak to this. Frankly, a lot of good work done by Councillor Lukes on this. I know Qualico as well from the private sector is one of the land holders there. Councillor Lukes can perhaps fill the picture in if there are other major land holders. This one, I feel I have a lot of familiarity from when this was at the Riel Community Committee for several years. It is now moving over to the Assiniboia Community

Committee with the creation of the new Waverley West Ward. So this remains a work in progress and a lot of work has gone into this from staff, Councillor Lukes and the private sector so glad to see it moving forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. I just wanted to speak to this and commend the public service. This is one of the very first plans that the public service has brought forward, secondary plans, probably in over a decade. Usually the development community brings forward a secondary plan but they have been working very closely with the developer on this, the public service, and with the community. We have had multiple, multiple engaging…engagement sessions with the community. Of course, with something like this there's some humps and bumps along the way but we've seemed to go through everything fairly smoothly. So, it's one of the last pieces of property in the southwest quadrant of Winnipeg surrounded by intense development. This is the site of the two new schools and the future recreation campus. So this is the first reading. There will be a public hearing coming up and then another reading or two, I believe. So I just wanted to commend the public service, Madam Speaker, for the work that they have been doing on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Lukes. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes, no close? I'll call the question on Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Moving into by-laws, Councillor Mayes.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 1ST READING ONLY**

Councillor Mayes: By coincidence I'll move that By-law No. 1/2019, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to adopt a secondary plan for Waverley West neighbourhood B be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 1/2019.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READING**

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes on the second and third reading.

Councillor Mayes: Sorry Madam Speaker, I'm not…

Madam Speaker: It's By-law No. 94/2018. I'll move it on your behalf.

Councillor Mayes: Oh, sorry, Councillor Lukes is misdirecting me here, I'll blame her. I'll move…that's first reading only. I'll move that By-law 94/2019, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend the West Alexander and Centennial Neighbourhood Plan in respect of 700 Elgin Ave. be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 94/2018.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law 94/2018 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

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

Councillor Mayes on the by-laws for all three readings.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, for those of you who want a coffee break this would be a good time. A number of these…you want them read out in their entirety, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Just the numbers would be fine.

Councillor Mayes: Just the numbers…beauty. Alright, I'll move By-law No. 12/2019, By-law No. 26/2019, By-law No. 27/2019, By-law No. 28/2019, By-law No. 29/2019 and By-law No. 30/2019 all be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 12/2019, By-law No. 26/2019, By-law No. 27/2019, By-law No. 28/2019, By-law No. 29/2019, By-law No. 37/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law Nos. 12/2019, 26/2019 to 29/2019, both inclusive, and 37/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 12/2019, 26/2019 to 29/2019, both inclusive, and 37/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 12/2019, 26/2019 to 29/2019, both inclusive, and 37/2019 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 the Chair. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Seeing none, next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins, please.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED APRIL 4, 2019

Councillor Rollins: I would like to move consent agenda Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay of the report dated April 4th, 2019. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for this committee. Any questions for Councillor Rollins? Seeing none, next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. The report dated April 2nd, 2019, Councillor Allard.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED APRIL 2, 2019

Councillor Allard: So surprising, one item in a very busy committee. I think much of the work was either delegated authority or forwarded up through EPC, but I'd like to move the consent agenda.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Nason.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, question for the Chair of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Again on the prospective of not an inclusive and open budget process. Several council members were asked, way back in November, pertaining to the arbitrary 500 meter zone near the transit route for Handi-Transit to operate. We were informed that was a part of the submission of review. I have several constituents, some called me the first day after being elected. They're well within the City of Winnipeg boundaries that are excluded, denied and closed off from the world. And alas, the budget came out and I guess it was determined, too low on the budget working group's list of priorities to consider. The question I have is, how will the Chair address this matter before another Ombudsman report comes forward, outlining the shortcomings of the renamed Transit Plus?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I didn't quite get the question. I did get the preamble.

Madam Speaker: If you would like to restate the question, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: The question is how will the Chair address the matter, that is of the 500 meter zone, before another Ombudsman report comes forward outlining additional shortcomings of the renamed Transit Plus?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor.

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question. I welcome the question. On the question of the budget, we've all had an opportunity to vote on it. I didn't hear this question as part of the budget deliberations. I also note that Councillor Nason, on the question of the recent Provincial funding on roads, did mention his connections to the government. Part of the provision of Handi-Transit has been impacted by the cancelling the 50/50 funding agreement by the Province of Manitoba. That has certainly been a factor in the deliberations on the budget. In terms of the specific provision in terms of the Ombudsman recommendations, I understand that the City Administration is looking into several recommendations from the Ombudsman and is working on every one of those recommendations. If the Councillor is looking to make specific amendments to our service provisions, in particular, if the Councillor is able to point to specific revenue sources in order to provide higher levels of service, I would be very much interested in those ideas and look forward to future discussions on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question. No preamble.

Councillor Nason: No preamble? On darn. Okay will the Chair take my request as a call to action to fix what I perceive as clearly broken, because my consideration that the councillor indicated about options that would work better to redirect, I think it's probably a higher priority to ensure at least a basic service to people with Handi-Transit than it is to have a Dart service.

Madam Speaker: The question Councillor Nason. Did you get the question Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: If Councillor Nason has specific recommendations in terms of changing the operations of our service, I would be happy to hear them. We do have a masterplan going on. I think I would be happy to keep this conversation going if Councillor Nason has specific concrete ideas on how to better the service in Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Nason: Our perspective of core basic rights, I perceive operations of Handi-Transit to be a priority of Council. We need to deliver service to people who are shut-in and not receiving rights.

Madam Speaker: Your question Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you. So the question again, is there an opportunity to terminate Dart service and replace those funds to additional supports to enhance the Handi-Transit or Transit Plus service?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, so I think there will be many opportunities in terms of looking at how we deliver Transit service including Handi-Transit. As for the Transit masterplan, I'll look forward to those discussions. I think we've given direction

to our Public Administration to really look at the entire system and let us know what changes we can bring to the system to make it more efficient so we can get the best possible bang for our buck. If Councillor Nason has specific ideas, I think you just mentioned the Dart service. I think that's one service amongst all of the other services that we're looking at, in terms of better provision of Transit. I think that's one idea amongst hundreds of not thousands of ideas, in terms of how we can better our Transit system. Of course, I think we all want to provide the best service we possibly can with the limited dollars that we have available and those dollars being much more limited in the current context with the Provincial Government.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard. Councillor Lukes? Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move on. Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report today. No motions and no by-laws. We'll now have question period for the Chair. Questions for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Lukes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Chair. This just goes back to the amendment that we had today. So Councillor Gillingham, now I guess, like I had never seen one of these before in the 5 years, right, so that I've been here 4 ½ years whatever. So I wanted to have better clarity on it, why we're doing this and I hear now that this Federal funding, that the Federal Government has made an ask that we bring forward some motion or statement that we want to reinvest their surplus funds. I guess that answers my question. I was going to ask you why are we doing this? So why aren't we doing this on all projects that we have residuals on, you know? In our wards we seek funding for projects. I had a bathroom project underway. If there's residual on that. You know, can I make a motion to keep that in my ward?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Sorry.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes. I thank the Councillor for her question. I could explain it earlier but then she had said that when we were dealing with this matter previously, she was going to ask a question. She asked the Mayor. I echo the Mayor's answer, the Mayor answered it obviously fully and completely. I just reiterate I think further to the request from the Federal Government, you know, that the motion such as this be put forward so that monies potentially can stay within the City of Winnipeg. I think it's a very reasonable response, I think from council as well, where we've seen partners, Federal and Provincial partners allocate funds to make investments within our City that when there's surplus on that, specific to this project, that it's not unreasonable for Council to put in a request calling on those senior levels of government, as partners to consider reallocating those surplus funds within the City so they remain as investments within the City of Winnipeg. As to whether to do this in the future or not, I mean ultimately the answer would be it's up to Council. It would be an available mechanism. We could do that. Any discussions with funding partners, I think are certainly reasonable discussions, and so I trust that, that does answer.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yeah, I'd just like to ask the Finance Chair, there's a time that the adopted budget will be put online. Currently the preliminary budget is still online. I know that there's just a minor tweak, but residents in my ward are asking when the adopted budget will be online and viewable for full transparency.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I thank Councillor Chambers for his question. I don't have the answer right now but I'll look into that. What I will do is I will distribute the answer to that good question to all members of council as soon as I have it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Gilroy on the report dated April 3rd, 2019.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED APRIL 3, 2019

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, can I please move Items 1 through 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for the Chair, for Councillor Gilroy? Seeing none let's move on, Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. Councillor Orlikow on the report dated April 8th, 2019.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
DATED APRIL 8, 2019

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Chair, 1 through 4.

Madam Speaker: Was that 3 Councillor Mayes? Okay, Item 3 has been pulled. I'll call the question on 1, 2 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Winnipeg Golf Services SOA – 2019 Business Plan (Selection Report)

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes to introduce Item 3.

Councillor Orlikow: I'll wait to hear from my esteemed colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, yes. Councillor Mayes to…

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I suspect we will have a good deal more discussion on the golf courses within the year. We certainly did back in 2013. I think there was a lot of discussion about City-owned golf courses. A couple of things to highlight: a) at least we are using the term business plan instead of selection import now, so that's a step forward for transparency because it was never too clear what was being put forward but this is the business plan. And certainly in recent years we have more rounds being played. I think we've got a golf leadership now. Al Shane, I think, did a fine job. Ben Faye is in there now and is doing a fine job as well. We're trying to be innovative. We're trying to move forward with some changes in the industry. One can read commentaries, maybe they're…I don't know if they are politically partisan motivated, I won't attribute that to my colleague here. There is quite a good debate to be had here. But it's worth it to point out people kind of use this as an example. If it's not a core service, then we should be getting out of it, and there's at least 3 positions that came out during the seemingly multi-year discussions we had around the Canoe Club Golf Course that I hope never to repeat in my working career, because that soaked up a couple of years in my ward. Three positions; it's a golf course, it's not losing money, it's…we lose more money on operating the arenas than we do on some of these golf courses yet we continue to run the arenas so why would you have a different criteria for golf? It serves a recreational need. Some of our courses are very affordable. They serve seniors, they serve juniors. That's one valid viewpoint. Other valid viewpoint, it's green space, doesn't have to be golf. Why would we lose green space? It's valuable green space in the city. We should keep that. We should optimize use of that. Third view, infill housing could be put there. You are close to existing services. We have other parks already. Why don't we develop some of these golf courses for infill housing? So it's a contested discussion but it is worth pointing out. Councillor Rollins has already offered to take me golfing at Wildwood, a course I've never been to other than to run through it about a million times, but I have never played it. So I would encourage…I'm trying to do some of this. I have played Canoe Club. I've played Windsor. Get out there and see what it is that we offer. I mean there are…there is a debate to be had here but I want to commend our staff for trying to move forward with the times to some extent and if you take a look at the numbers it's not the million dollars a year loss that we saw on the side of buses back in 2013, which was always an exaggeration in the fog of accounting as we referred to it then. A lot of the courses were saddled with some pretty big debts when they were created in the golf agency and it took kind of a reworking of the books under Councillor Wyatt to get a clearer picture of what we faced. And the other thing, and I have said this many times, the report that we got suggested that while they're unionized they lose money therefore they lose money because they are unionized, the four courses. Well, actually it's much more difficult than that which was Kildonan made money then and makes money now. It's unionized. Harbourview, as I've said before, was unionized. The way it was set up, you couldn't make money if everybody worked for free. So it wasn't the fault of CUPE in any way. So we'll have very…city of Winnipeg has like 12 courses under 4 different management systems because why would you do it just one way when you can do it four different ways? So we've got all sorts of history here. We've got the four courses that are unionized. Many others that

have longer term leases, some have shorter term leases, but we do have an opportunity here I think and the Mayor has been very good at listening to my ramblings about the Canoe Club course where we're trying to do some innovative stuff there, shift some of the use from golf to soccer to get more use out of the land but still trying to work with the neighbours, trying to work with different communities. So the debate will happen, but it's…I think we have made some pretty good progress here over the last six years. We're not making money hand over fist as I think the vision was 20 years ago, but some of the courses are making money. Mr. Faye pointed out to me very directly that Windsor was now making money and I shouldn't be using the 2013 figures and he was right on that, so it's now making money. Flooding sometimes affects the number of days you are open. That varies year to year. But we do offer this product. It will be part of a larger debate about what services we want to continue to offer. But as a final point, as pointed out to me, well look at…you look at those surveys, I always point to the surveys, and you look at the surveys and like ranked 25th out of 25 is Golf Services with 1 percent report and I pointed out that ranked 23rd or 22nd with 3 percent public support was Assiniboine Park Conservancy. Councillor Gillingham, what's the biggest grant we give out again. Isn't it at Assiniboine Park Conservancy at over $11 million a year in operating? In short, people would say, well look, it ranks very low on the priority list, yeah, we're losing less than a million dollars amidst all the courses. We are putting millions into some other green spaces that we have and they are not necessarily ranked that high in community support either. So, I just want to try and box the debate a certain way so that we're not claiming these things are past their due date or lack any public support. It's a valid debate to have but let's have the accurate numbers of users and how it compares to other City services. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Councillor Rollins followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, my enthusiasm for golf knows no bounds as Councillor Mayes indicated. In this report we have a really exciting report that talks about the increase of golfers on our city courses. Due to the favourable weather we had last year and the continued efforts of our staff to enhance the golfer experience and the on-course product, and very enthusiastic about this. This is the agency that deserves kudos because it's also responsible for managing contracts on city lands, innovative contracts, innovative contracts. I look at Councillor Orlikow when I say that because of course he's the Chair of Innovation. Used by Thermea. Used by Smokin' Hog Barbeque, and the Cross Country Ski Association. So it's not just a summer time green space. In 2018 this report boasts that there were over 2,371 more rounds of golf than there were in the year previous at Kildonan Park, Windsor Park and, of course, in Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry, the Crescent Drive Golf Course. For the Chair of Innovation through Chair Sharma, this increasing of customer loyalty, that I'm really excited about, I have a question for my adjacent amigo, the Chair of Innovation, what is the par loyalty program? Why is it great? And why is it driving more and more golfers to our city courses, through the chair?

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Rollins, you can ask that certainly during question period. We'll move on to you and then Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you to Councillor Rollins. She says her enthusiasm knows no bounds. She asked for it, I hope her drive does stay within bounds. I just had to say it. A very enthusiastic speech and I'm very pleased to hear information that I heard from Councillor Rollins and in terms of Councillor Mayes, I believe that's the best speech explaining the virtues and challenges of city golf courses that I have heard in council. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. I'll echo…Madam Speaker, I like what Councillor Mayes' comments and I look forward to more discussion and debate on this. I know previous council has looked long and hard at the city's golf courses. The reality is as much as a lot of us like golf around this room and myself included, the number of rounds of golf across almost all, it seems in the last reports, golf courses continues to decline. And this is a circumstance where the City of Winnipeg is in direct competition with private industry in a business that is…or service, but certainly a business that is decreasing in popularity. The financial statements that are included in this report do lay out pretty clearly that the City of Winnipeg provides substantial subsidies to Golf Services, to keep Golf Services afloat. We do have several different arrangements with different groups that are managing golf courses, leasing golf courses. It's a discussion that…Golf Services certainly is a discussion that I'm looking forward to having. We talk about the core services review. I think we do need to have that discussion and a really good, robust discussion about Golf Services and the future of Golf Services. It is in no way to speak…it's not speaking ill of anyone or questioning the ability or the hard work or the professionalism of the men and women in the special operating agency under Mr. Faye that are Golf Services. It's a reality that the current market for golf in and around Winnipeg reveals that over the last number of years there are not as many golf rounds being sold at golf courses. There is an abundance of golf facilities, golf courses, you know, within an hour, hour and a half drive of the city of Winnipeg, and it is private courses and it's public courses that are facing the challenge of this new day where golf is just not as popular a sport as it used to be for many people. So it's a discussion that we really need to have and I'm looking forward to having it in greater detail. But, I think it's important to

talk about, you know, the full financial statements which do reveal that there is significant subsidy provided, tax supported subsidy and other subsidy that are here and are reflected in our…in both the financial statements and notes, and the Auditor's report as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Chambers followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you Councillor Gillingham for your comments with regards to golf and your perception that golf has been declining over the last few years. Now I would like to state that, you know, since Tiger's won the 2019 Masters that the interest in golf will increase exponentially, you know, here in the city. And again, speaking to Councillor Santos' comments this morning about opportunities for kids to have, especially out in the great outdoors, introduce a kid to golf and I'm certain that there will be a return on that investment, in terms of getting them outside for four hours, swinging a club and enjoying some fresh air. The opportunities to play golf here in the city are limited snd the cost, as we know, can be, you know, fairly expensive. So, with the opportunity to provide a valuable service to our kids, our community kids, I think will help in terms of reducing the limitations that, you know, this expensive sport can play, you know, providing opportunities and access for all kids. So again, you know, I see this as an opportunity to continue on with the great work that our Golf Services have done in terms of introducing new and innovative approaches to increase rounds of golf that are played here in the city and again, opportunities to introduce kids to this wonderful game that we know as golf. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Chambers. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you Madam Speaker. My portable golf club. I thought I would stand, Madam Speaker with my portable golf club today. Madam Speaker, I am voting for this report but it's been brought and we're having a discussion and this is what we call a special operating agency, and it was created to be that. But, Madam Speaker, we need to look at the history of golf. When we start talking about core services and we start talking about services, the City originally got into golf as a recreational activity and for us to provide an affordable recreational activity for the people who like to golf. Now, over the years, it became a business because you had private sector business moving in. They have got their own private golf courses and established and they actually have clubhouses. They serve alcohol. They have banquet halls. They make money on all kinds of different ways like Larders out on…out in St. Andrews, as an example. They're making money through various means. We don't make money on our publicly run ones in that manner, Madam Speaker. What we are doing is, we are providing our citizens with affordable golf. Now, let's look at the history. When we start talking about it's an SOA and we're subsidizing, Madam Speaker. The decision to make Golf Services an SOA came under Mayor Murray who came up with the SOA concepts. So when we are looking at golf, what we were doing was we were using parks space that the City purchased and that park space, it just so happened, we were going to introduce the recreation called golf, just like we provide swimming pools for people to swim. Swimming is a recreational sport activity, same as golf. Only what we've done here people, is we have divided it out and said somehow this is not part of that. We had a whole discussion, Madam Speaker, today, about seniors and healthy living and the ability to have activities to stay vital, to stay alive, to do things. That's what we're talking about. And many seniors do use our publicly run golf courses because it's affordable. And some of those seniors who can still golf, they are not necessarily driving a lot, who knows. I don't know. But all's I can say, Madam Speaker, is when we look at Golf Services and you say subsidy. So I guess we subsidize all recreation services. We're subsidizing something. When you use the word subsidize, Madam Speaker, you convert it and you start talking, well that's a business we shouldn't be involved in that at all, but there is a reason why we're involved in golf. Now, maybe we do have too many golf courses. That could be. But does that mean you sell off the green land…green space? Or, is there some other purpose? Like you know, I'm thinking like some of the golf courses that we lease out are run by private sector. They're in communities where there may not be a lot of green space for park activities, other kind of things than activities and our golf courses in Windsor Park for example, is a great one. I cross country ski there every Sunday during the skiing season. It's an excellent facility. Madam Speaker, you and I have improved at Kildonan Golf Course so that there would be a capability in the winter to use now an appropriately heated clubhouse that could accommodate a similar Nordic Centre in the north so it's easier for people to get to. Because this is the problem, when we're providing recreation services, sometimes people can't get to all these different places. And that's an essential thing too, when you're considering what you're offering, where and so on. So I'll leave it at that. The SOA report is good. Yeah, it says we're subsidizing it but what we're doing then is we're subsidizing recreation services for Winnipeggers in Winnipeg. That's what we're doing. Now, if we want to make more money and it's a business, let's start selling alcohol and having banquet halls. Let's do it. If that's how you see it, that's how you see it. But I'm told we, as a city and government, should not be in those kinds of businesses and I agree with that actually. But I'm just saying, we're providing a recreation service, not some special golf. This is recreation service for those who like it and maybe we do have too many golf courses, but maybe it has to be repurposed, maybe St. Vital needs a new…a whole golf course converted into pickle ball courts. I don't know. I don't know.

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

Mayor Bowman: A few eyebrows went up on the other side of the council chamber when pickle ball was just mentioned. I'd just like to start by thanking the public service and Winnipeg Golf Services for their work. Of course, today we are just simply receiving the 2019 business plan. I remember when I grew up in Charleswood I had a membership at the Charleswood Golf Course. It was a whopping $150 for unlimited play and I had one summer where from the time I got out of school in June, till the time I went back to in September, I golfed a minimum 18 holes every day. It was a goal. My goals have changed over the years. Now it's on the rare occasion I get a chance to go golfing, it's just trying to do a bogie golf round to try to at least get 18 over par. I appreciate the passion of Councillor Rollins and many others on golf. I, too, really enjoy golfing. I sadly thought with this job maybe there would be a lot of golf, we're pretty busy and so I don't get the amount of time that I used to, to golf and that's just fine. The Masters is an annual event in our household and we were certainly watching with great interest, the comeback of Tiger Woods which is absolutely remarkable on so many different levels. I just want to say that I certainly welcome the discussion and the debate. I know Councillor Nason has been musing publicly about Golf Services and the sale and the potential sale of golf courses. I think we should be open to that discussion. I think…you know, I look at Charleswood as an example. It was a City-owned but privately run course and you know, the amount of people that could enjoy, and I used "green space" in quotes because different Winnipeggers will have different views on whether or not a golf course is in fact a green space versus, you know, natural habitat and other areas. But, what I would say is, you know, I look today at Charleswood, of course now it's both the William Clement Parkway, which I can get through a lot quicker than when I was golfing and then of course, it's also the dog park in the area which you see hundreds and hundreds of people out with their dogs, meeting with their neighbours right now in a space that they didn't have afforded to them when I was certainly younger and back in my paper route days and golfing. What I would say is thanks to council and our Finance Chair in particular, we are going to be doing core services review. This is part of the budget discussion and I think as part of that discussion or elsewhere we should be open to that discussion. I'm grateful for the fact that we can have civil discussions in an open and transparent way about this topic. How far we've come from 2013 when Responsible Winnipeg was running its ad. I remember reading as a private citizen, Councillor Eadie and Gerbasi and Mayes' comments and others at the time, dealing with that campaign. Obviously, we are now having a much more collaborative discussion on it and it's one that I think we should have that discussion. I welcome Councillor Nason's initiative to really have that discussion. The one thing I would say is while being open to it, is we should be mindful of the accessibility of citizens to just get outside and to preserve space that's really important to Winnipeg and to Winnipeggers, and I sense that that's obviously important to all members of council, so I look forward to the discussion in due course and offline dialogue with Councillor Nason and other others over the course of the next year.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes to close. Call the question? Councillor Orlikow, sorry. Councillor Orlikow to close.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much for all your comments and I'm really looking forward. One councillor e-mailed me right now and said Groundhog Day? Because we were in this debate before and many of these arguments that are based on slants or viewpoints that people have already and they come off this way. But, we all aren't sharing the same information. So again, we're assuming some things, we're not assuming some things. We're having this dialogue today which is okay, I guess, but really what I recommend for the process if people really want to us to go look at this, it is actually part of the mandate of the Innovation Committee to review the special operating agencies to say, what are the terms and what are we looking at? So someone in the community committee can just start that motion flowing up the stream, then the Innovations Committee could look at it and determine how to go forward if that's the will of the committee and council in the end. But, we all need to have the same information when we're talking. It's a very, very divisive issue. I think people who remember when we were here before, it was incredibly divisive, and I think partially the reason why it was so divisive was because of the way we started out. We started out in a very adversarial format. My understanding of the last debate was developers got the first option before even we were told the motion was going forward. That really got everybody's back up on this and kind of killed the whole process right off the hop. So again, we have to make sure that the public understands if we decide to go forward, what we're going forward on. But also, more importantly, council needs to understand. I've heard words of subsidizing…again, are we talking about the debt that they incurred because they took over these clubhouses that were not an asset at all? They put that on the books so these community…these golf centres. Well, you get a depreciated asset…the thing had no value. But again, it made sense just to, oh we'll make the asset…we'll just bring that asset on to the books of these Golf Services and there's no way they could pay it off, but there's also no asset there, they still had to buy a new clubhouse. So that was one area that kind of made some issues.

The other is again, we've talked about is, instead of talking to the residents first, we talked…there was some fear that we talked to developers first to slot it out. You know, that was a fear that was brought up and then we talked a little bit about, you know, golf rounds are going down. Well again, we've heard a little bit today but we do know from our business, buying golf rounds aren't going down for the City of Winnipeg courses. Again, because there's that…and again, Councillor Eadie's talked about, it's a recreational programming. We are a different type of golf service. We have Crescent Drive which is a real winner for mostly people that are more seniors. It's an easier golf course to walk. It's

made to do that. Again, and then Kildonan; we just put some investments in there, it's working quite well. Like I say, Councillor Mayes has said, if it does make money…and remember, if we don't have these golf courses and you want to convert them to green space, which I would say would be my first option, well we're going to have a new cost. We're already having a hard enough time maintaining our existing green spaces and now you want to do this so instead of…so now we're going to subsidize if we want to use the same term, recreational space for children, call it a green space. But again, we're subsidizing that as well, in fact, back to Councillor Eadie's point. Right now the golf courses are maintained, paid for, mowed, maintained at a very small cost if any cost at all, I would say probably no cost at all, to the City of Winnipeg. But we still get to maintain these spaces. So again, I'm not ruling any option out. I'm the Chair of the committee, I must remain neutral and absorb all the information from all sides and help the committee be able to come to a decision but until I have a motion in front of me, which is really easy to do people, just bring it up. If it sounds to me…and the reason I'm saying that, not that I want to have this debate right now, but it definitely…I'm hearing from the people today, my council colleagues, that there is a very strong interest to have this debate again. And so out of…but if you really…if there is that interest to have that debate, by all means, make the motion that is to the mandate of the Innovations Committee and then we'll look at it when it comes forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Orlikow. All in favour of Item 3? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Orlikow, would you move adjournment? I was trying to get past that. Councillor Schreyer.

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Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. I heard Councillor Orlikow says he must remain impartial. I don't expect Councillor Orlikow to be impartial, I expect him to have opinions and insights and act on it. In this case, however, for clarification, I've also seen Chairs of Committees move motions. But in this case, why does he say he needs to maintain impartiality?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: My point is anybody…thank you…my point is…thank you for the question, through you Madam Chair. Anybody can make a motion. My point is that's the best way to have a debate is to have a motion where we have all the facts in front of us. These are fine. I guess I could make the motion myself but again it's not really something I do as the Chair. I think that as a rule, the Chair, you need to be able to facilitate all sides, especially if you know an issue coming forth is divisive, you're kind of the umpire trying to make sure both sides have the information they need and have their voice heard. So again, divisive issues would not be something that I would say a Chair should be flowing through. I do believe others, there's many, many Councillors around this table that will maybe be making a motion themselves in the near future.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, Councillor Orlikow you will move adjournment.

Councillor Orlikow: Move adjournment.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried Thank you. Roll call Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 3:23 p.m.