COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, September 26, 2019

The Council met at 9:39 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Orlikow.

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. I would like to now recognize our page that's with us here today, returning is Pearson Montgomery who attends Kelvin High School and he resides in the Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood Ward. Thank you for joining us and assisting Council today. Before we move into morning announcements from the floor, I would like to put on record City Council's heart-felt congratulations to our City Clerk, Mark Lemoine who was honoured recently with the prestigious 2019 Quill Award. This award is from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and recognizes a member who has made significant and exemplary contributions to our community and to their city. It is a well-deserved and tremendous honour for Mr. Lemoine to be recognized by this international organization. So on behalf of City Council and the Winnipeg Public Service, we are very proud of you. Congratulations. Mr. Mayor, your morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to echo your comments of appreciation. We are served by outstanding, professional public servants including in our Clerk's Office. And so I want to just echo your comments of appreciation and congratulations to our City Clerk. And good morning to my council colleagues, to all those that are watching via the livestream and those that are here in-person, welcome to your city hall and welcome to today's proceedings. I want to begin by congratulating all those individuals who had the courage of their conviction to put their name on a ballot in the recent provincial election campaign. I know each of us that have the honour of serving Winnipeggers in this place appreciate the demands and the scrutiny that come with putting your name on a ballot. I want to just say thank you to everyone who ran for office in the most recent provincial campaign including those that were successful and those that weren't successful in winning their respective races. Of course I want to congratulate Premier Brian Pallister on his re-election and I look forward to renewed relationship with the provincial government as we work to support their efforts to build a stronger Manitoba. In doing so, we're looking for their support to work with us to build a stronger Winnipeg. And so I want to congratulate him, I want to congratulate his caucus and members of the legislature that were sworn in yesterday on all sides of the floor. I want to congratulate the official opposition leader, Wab Kinew who ran a hard-fought campaign and was not only re-elected, but is continuing to serve in the role as leader of the official opposition. And I want to wish them all the very best. I would, and I say this partly tongue and cheek of course, we balance a budget here across many different ideological lines. I would love to see at the provincial level a balanced budget supported by all levels of government. One can dream, but certainly we'll continue to look for opportunities to support their efforts. And again, I just want to offer congratulations. Madam Speaker, I also want to thank all those including Peguis First Nation for hosting the second ever National Gathering of Elders that was held in Winnipeg recently. I had the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of my council colleagues and the City of Winnipeg. Thousands of delegates from coast to coast to coast, elders whose wisdom we look to as we try to strengthen our confederation and build a path of reconciliation forward together as Canadians. I was deeply honoured to attend in the proceedings and to welcome and to greet each of them to Winnipeg. Also more recently here closer to home at City Hall, was deeply honoured to host, along with my council colleagues, all nine members of the Supreme Court of Canada who were in Winnipeg. Really making history, first time in 144 years, Madam Speaker, that the Supreme Court of Canada has held hearings outside of the Supreme Court, outside of Ottawa and they chose Winnipeg where they're in hearings today. It's a deep honour to have Winnipeg be the first of what I would imagine would be many to come, communities to host the Supreme Court of Canada. It was an honour to provide remarks and welcome here at City Hall and the reception that we hosted. I want to thank all those members of council who had the opportunity to attend and meet the Supreme Court justices. They do very difficult work and the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada is taking steps to be accessible to Canadians, to be in…to try to do their part to inform and engage Canadians in the important work of our courts is something that other branches of...other levels of branches of law, administrative and of course parliamentary or executive can follow the lead of. I know we're doing our part here at the City of Winnipeg. Madam

Speaker, I also want to congratulate the Canadian Museum for Human Rights who just this last week is celebrating five years, iIncredibly important work that is occurring at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. I think in the world that we're living in right now, the world needs more of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. And I want to thank and congratulate all of those Canadians that over the last five years and even before it was built worked hard to ensure that it was erected here in the City of Winnipeg, in the geographic, certainly longitudinal centre of Canada. And I want to offer them a heart-felt support for the coming years and I'm sure all Winnipeggers would join me in supporting their efforts. Lastly, Madam Speaker, I want to just thank all those that have been supporting the announcement of the vision of the 1 Million Tree Challenge that I announced last week including CN Rail who we know is a major employer here in the City of Winnipeg, but they stepped up to support that vision with $1 million commitment to Tree Canada to support the million tree challenge. I'm looking forward to building the plan with my council colleagues and the community over the coming year. This of course is a long-term vision to plant a million trees as we grow to a million people in the coming decades. And so, there will be opportunities for private sector, not-for-profit, individual property owners and of course Council to do their part. And to that end, I'll be introducing a motion in the coming month to really kick start our support for the Million Tree Challenge and I'm looking forward to the discussions and the debates on how we can help realize this vision. And I just want to thank members of council including our Speaker for the offers of support that have been coming in to work collaboratively to see this vision through and to build the plan together. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Good morning Madam Speaker and thank you very. Madam Speaker, the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in St. James has produced many great curling teams over its storied history. Names like Kerry Burtnyk, 1995 Canadian world champion, Hugh McFadden and his team in 1986, Canadian junior men's champions. City of Winnipeg's own Chris Sobkowicz who many of us know was on the 2011 Canadian wheelchair championship team. Dennis Thiessen, another member of the 2013, 2014, 2017 teams…wheelchair teams. And that list was extended, that last of champions grew last year, of those champions that came out of the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club. When Colin Kurz and his team of Megan Walter, Brendan Bilawka and Sara Oliver captured the 2019 Canadian mixed curling championships defeating team Nova Scotia. And their victory earned them the right to represent Canada at the World Mixed Curling Championships that will take place in Aberdeen, Scotland in two weeks. And Madam Speaker, I'm pleased to say that three out of the four team members are here; Megan Walter, Brenda Bilawka and Sara Oliver from Team Kurz aka Team Canada are with us in the gallery this morning. I would just ask them to stand and be recognized today. I want to thank them very much for being here today, and I'm sure Mayor Bowman and my council colleagues join me in wishing Team Canada success and the best of luck as they head to Scotland. May they find draw weight early and watch out for the haggis. I know that they will do our city proud and they'll do our nation proud as well at the World Mixed Curling Championship. And so safe travels to them and best of luck, thank you guys. Madam Speaker, a second announcement today. The North American Strategy for Competitiveness, NASCO is a member organization made up of industry, businesses and governments focused on harnessing North America's competitiveness. NASCO was founded 25 years ago in an effort to deal with issues and to maximize opportunities related to the North American mid-continent, pardon me, trade corridor. Winnipeg sits at the north end of that corridor and has had a seat on the NASCO board for more than 15 years. And it's my privilege currently to serve as Winnipeg's representative on that board. Over the past 25 years, NASCO's reach and impact has grown and today NASCO members, whether government or industry, come from all over Canada, the United States and Mexico. Last week I attended NASCO's annual conference in Columbus, Ohio, and a large part of the focus was on the pending new North American Trade Agreement, USMCA as it's often called. And Canada…and the criticality of this trade agreement and its impact on the economic health, not only of nations and provinces and states, but also of local economies as well, such as Winnipeg. Many of the conference speakers emphasized the importance of cities, municipalities, intentionally creating the environment where companies could locate, can invest, can set up business and offer employment opportunities to their community. By streamlining regulations, by permitting processes and development processes, by building critical infrastructure, by innovating, cities help create an environment that generates economic activity. In fact, one speaker said it succinctly and I quote, "Cities create the conditions for economic and thus for national growth." It was good to hear not only from government leaders both in the US and Canada, but also from business leaders like a gentleman by the name of Tom Shoop, Executive Vice-President of Honda which has a huge manufacturing plant in Marysville, Ohio just about an hour or two from Columbus. That plant has been there for 40 years. And Mr. Shoop spoke about the need for always pursuing innovation and efficiency. I remember…I noted what he said that...he said, "In my experience, where there is inefficiency, there was loss and where there was loss, people are demotivated. So we at Honda drive efficiency in order to motivate our people." And of course, what's true of business in many instances is true of government and we must continue to drive efficiency for the sake of our employees, but also ultimately for the sake of our residents. I won't go on for very much longer, but just to say that other topics which I found very interested included the importance of thinking and acting regionally and we do that and we'll be doing that more so with the Winnipeg metropolitan region, the talk of present future innovation that will change cities, including smart transportation and emerging solutions and mobility and of course the importance of creating the environment for economic growth. And I will just conclude by saying that Winnipeg's presence on the board is appreciated, so many of the board members spoke about that. They appreciate the

continuity of the City of Winnipeg being at the board. There is much that we can learn from other jurisdictions and there are opportunities for economic benefit that can come from these relationships. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to share with Council, for those who don't sit on the Executive Policy Committee, EPC has just passed a motion asking our administrators to include alignment with our climate change action plan in every City report. And so that has been passed and pleased to share with Council that that was passed unanimously. And so thank you for my colleagues at the EPC table for supporting that. And that is completely in line with our climate change action plan report, which had that as one of the action items which is in the substantive report that maps out our journey on climate change for the City of Winnipeg. Perhaps I can end my remarks in inviting all of you, I know it's a busy day tomorrow, but there is a climate strike happening tomorrow. There is a march happening in St. Boniface starting at 219 Provencher at La Maison des Artistes. I plan to attend and I would like to invite anyone who would like to make a statement about the importance of climate action to come out and join us in St. Boniface marching to the main rally point at the Manitoba Legislature. So with that, thank you, Mayor Bowman, thank you, my colleagues on Executive Policy Committee. I'm pleased to be able to share this information which I believe is a concrete action on perhaps the greatest challenge that is facing us this century. So thank you very much to my colleagues. Merci.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. September 21st, I attended the fallen firefighter memorial in Colorado Springs. This is a commemoration of those firefighters who either through line-of-duty death or due to presumptive cancers born on the job have passed away and are memorialized on the wall in Colorado Springs. It was my privilege to attend a ceremony with the family of Les Brown who was the Winnipegger and a beloved trainer of firefighters, hired many, including our very own president of the United Fire and Paramedics Service, Alex Forrest. Along with the International Association of Firefighters and many, many families mourning their loved ones, travelled…who had travelled all across North America to honour them, I wanted to let you know that I represented all of you at that memorial, including noting your solidarity with the Brown family. When it comes to my turn to pray on behalf of the city, I will be doing the firefighter's prayer in memory and in honour of that service coming up. As students plan direct political action to call on government to take action to combat climate change, I want to hold up feminist and global activist, Greta Thunberg. As Chair of Protection and councillor for Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry, I want to stand in solidarity with Ms. Thunberg and how she, while at the tender age of 16, is unable yet to seek public office, she is no less a politician experiencing what men and most often women experience when they are endure ridicule, when they are questioned on their facts and fact-telling. And I want to acknowledge her work on behalf of Mother Earth. I want to quote her in saying, "I don't care about being popular. I care about a living planet." In keeping with climate change, I will plan to march with Councillor Allard tomorrow.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Councillor Nason, will you now move the minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2019 be taken as read and confirmed?

MINUTES

Councillor Nason moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. All right, we have no delegations registered this morning, so we can move on to reports. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Communication came in late and I would like to move for the delegation to be heard. Sorry?

Madam Speaker: The name…you're moving suspension of the rules?

Councillor Klein: Moving suspension of the rules and that delegation is John Prystanski.

Madam Speaker: And the item that will be spoken to?

Councillor Klein: The item as I understand is the EPC motion on the PP&D investigation of inspectors.

Madam Speaker: I will call for a suspension of the rules to hear Mr. John Prystanski on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 17th, 2019, Item 9 – Investigation into Allegations of Improper Conduct within

Property, Planning and Development. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. If I could please call Mr. Prystanski down. No questions. Welcome. We'll put five minutes on the clock and there is no questions this round.

DELEGATIONS

John Prystanski: Okay, thank you Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, councillors, thank you for allowing me to appear before you this morning on this very important matter. Here today…I'm here today to represent on behalf of two anonymous citizens groups. Yesterday, a second group approached me to disclose their findings. Their findings come from a city-wide opinion poll stating, in essence, the City of Winnipeg has performed poorly in terms of managing its economic development engine, the Property and Development Department. First, speaking on behalf of the citizens group responsible for the videos capturing City inspectors not working during paid working hours. The citizens…the citizen group appreciates the fact that the City of Winnipeg has taken seriously their concerns and acted swiftly on the video information. However, there still is a concern that the department and ultimately this council has not fully addressed the problem. For example, several frontline inspectors were fired and some quit. Their concern is that the systemic problem has not been fully resolved and corrected and that at the same…and that same or similar problems will ultimately continue or be re-established. It's very difficult to believe that no one in the supervisory or middle management did not know about this problem. Recently, from another party, I was advised that the middle management team at Property and Development knew about the problem of inspector time misappropriation about ten years ago. And as we have seen during the early part of this winter, 2019, the systemic problem was not corrected. Madam Speaker, the City of Winnipeg workforce is about 10,000 strong and is watching how this council will deal with this matter. I believe, on behalf of my clients, the City's workforce is made up of very good employees who want to make the City of Winnipeg a better place, but as with any large group, they need leadership on this matter. And I understand that the City of Winnipeg employees know that the frontline inspectors did not create the work culture that they were trapped and caught in, but are being held accountable to and for. It is Council's duty to change the culture in the Property and Development Department. You must search out and identify that perpetrators of this systemic cultural work practice that has the frontline employees caught and is holding them accountable as frontline inspectors. This now brings me to the second anonymous group. For similar reasons as the first, they are choosing not to have their names identified for fear of retribution. Both citizens groups are completely unrelated to each other and I believe, personally, none of them know anyone from any other group…or from the other group. With several recent Property and Development issues which include, but are not limited to the City inspectors, a recent Manitoba Queen's Bench decision, the second citizens groups' own individual dealings with the City of Winnipeg, they choose to see…and excuse me, in dealings with the City of Winnipeg, they chose to see how widespread the belief that the City of Winnipeg's Property and Development Department was hampering Winnipeg's economic growth. Interestingly, the second citizens group provides the empirical evidence supporting the statement that the citizens of Winnipeg believe systemic change is required in the City of Winnipeg's Property and Development Department. The poll recently released this week was conducted by NRG Research Group. It has a sampling of 501 residents from across Winnipeg. The results were weighted to accurately reflect the gender and age distribution of the city's residents, and this survey provides results which are accurate plus or minus 4.5% 19 times out of 20. In moving quickly, in essence, this group discovered 67% of Winnipeg residents believe the City of Winnipeg's economic department is slowing economic development. 53% believe these...I'm almost finished, 53% believe that these issues are examples of a much broader problem, 50% or one out of two citizens…

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

John Prystanski: Thank you, councillors.

Madam Speaker: You need to wrap up.

John Prystanski: Fifty percent or one out of two citizens believe the City has not done a good job in keeping up with best practices as compared to other provinces. And interestingly, 64% of this group representing the citizens are supportive of the Provincial Government's Treasury Board's report that the Province should introduce new permitting systems that will remove red tape and delays that are currently…that currently exist in the City of Winnipeg's department. Finally, and I found this unique, 71% believe that the Mayor and Council need to take responsibility, not in word, but in action, to change the way development projects are handled in this city. Members of council, these groups and the citizens of Winnipeg are calling on you to make changes to allow its citizens and interested parties to improve their lives and remove impediments to developing our city. I respectfully submit this presentation. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Prystanski for your presentation. We'll now move on to standing committees reports. Report of the Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor, dated September 10th, 2019.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sorry, I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 10. I would, however, like to pull Report 6, please.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? I'll call the question on 1 through 5, 7 through 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 6 – Diversity Report

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. I want to applaud your leadership on this matter and the efforts of my council colleagues, both past and current council members who I know are working hard to make Winnipeg an internationally recognized leader for the protection and promotion of human rights. Along with that comes an obligation for us to make sure that we're doing all that we can to make sure we have an inclusive workforce. I simply wanted to rise on this matter to thank you for your leadership on this matter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers? Seeing none, I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 17th, 2019. We do have an amending motion on Item 9.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, on which one, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Item 9.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

Mayor Bowman: I'll introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda items 1 through 12, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, two and…?

Councillor Klein: Two and three please.

Madam Speaker: Two and three. Pardon me?

Councillor Klein: And five.

Madam Speaker: And five. Okay, so two, three, five and nine will be dealt with separately. I'll call the question.

Councillor Allard: Can I pull 10 as well?

Madam Speaker: Okay, great. So I'll call the question on 1, 4, 6, Items 7 and 8, 11 and 12. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Clerk: Item No. 1, French Language Services Review…sorry…

Item 2 – Infrastructure Projects for Federal and Provincial Funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, to introduce Item 2.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I'll wait to have more substantive comments till after hearing from my council colleagues, but I want to thank the public service for this report. I also want to thank my council colleagues. This was approved unanimously at EPC last week. And you know, there's four projects in particular that we're seeking

support from the Provincial and Federal Governments on. In that respect, the intake for this phase of this program was extended. Initially it was at the beginning of this month. I want to thank Premier Brian Pallister. I had approached him to see if that intake period could be extended to the end of this month to allow Council to consider and approve this report today. And so there is obviously time sensitivity to get the submission in within the program as stipulated by the provincial and federal governments. There's four projects that are incredibly important, the first two, of course, being the North End Water...or Sewage Treatment Plant. You know, for many decades, the public and the media as well have demanded more concrete plans to support the now three phases of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant and this provides it. A lot of talk over many, many years, today we have the opportunity to formally request of the provincial and federal governments the support necessary for the first two phases of the project. This is not a project that comes with it a lot of ribbon cutting. This is after all sewage that we're talking about. And that being said, it's incredibly important for the future and the health of our rivers and our lakes. And so today, you know, I was leaving my home today speaking with my oldest son, Hayden about what we were going to be doing today and I said, you know, long time coming to actually develop the asset management plans and recommendations to come forward with this request. A lot of ink printed in the media with comments from third parties including other levels of the government saying that the City has not formally asked for support from the provincial and federal governments. Well today, Council can speak and can ask formally for that support from both the provincial and federal governments. And obviously, I think the time has come for us to do so. There's other…two other projects that I think are worthy of consideration and support by Council. As members of council and the public will…that follow these matters will know, I campaigned to support the South Winnipeg Recreation Campus, the only mayoral candidate to come out with a plan to support the development of an important project in an area of the city that is experiencing tremendous growth. Councillor Lukes will know of the demand in her ward and in the south end of the city as will Councillor Chambers and Councillor Mayes. And this is, again, seeking that support from both provincial and federal governments. And last but not least, the St. James Civic Centre facility expansion. Again, all matters that fit the criteria were recommended by Council, but very pleased to support today. And I would urge all members of Council to support as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Chair. I'm rising to support all of these four projects. They're all very important initiatives. I'm going to speak to the South Winnipeg Recreation Campus. I just want to put this on the record so that everyone understands the scenario. In May of 2005…2005, City Council adopted the City of Winnipeg's Recreation, Leisure and Library Facilities Policy. In 2005, the population of Winnipeg...the policy stated that the population of Winnipeg was to serve an average of 188 square feet of recreation space per person. In April of 2009, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres brought forward plan 2025. Plan 2025 identified the greatest recreation deficit in the city was in South Winnipeg. That was in 2009. That was before even a shovel went in the ground for Waverley West. So fast-forward ten years plus at 40 plus thousand more people and here we are today with even a greater recreation deficit. In 2014, a month after I was elected, the Brave Report came forward identifying that the communities had a strong interest and commitment for a new innovative model for the delivery of recreation services in south Winnipeg, which included the development of a new showcase community recreation campus. Over the last four years, with guidance from community, strong advocacy, and much work from the public service, land was purchased for the recreation campus. A large 400-acre open prairie field underwent a rigorous planning process to lay out the bones for a new neighbourhood. And a partnership with the Province of Manitoba and Pembina Trail Schools Division was formed. This application is the next step in the process of the development of the recreation campus to go towards solving the recreation deficit in South Winnipeg. I encourage you all to support this report and the other three. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Councillor Rollins followed by Councillor Klein.

Councillor Rollins: I want to echo the policy and recreation deficit and I had the joy of touring with my acclaimed colleague, councillor for Waverley West, Janice Lukes looking at that prairie field, where together there is ambition not only to just dream, but to see a recreation and leisure facility. I want to thank her for her ongoing commitment and I'm happy that there is...we've reached this milestone today where I'm fully expecting Council to move in favour of all of the infrastructure projects.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am going to rise today and support it but with an asterisk that in fairness we should have allowed Council to vote on each item because certainly the treatment plant upgrades are important and long, long overdue, and of course community centres are key, but I also know that won't achieve the true intent of the motion. So I just want to rise in support, but also ensure taxpayers are aware that these were selected arbitrarily. This was not a debate, a discussion or a consensus among all members of City Council. These projects will be paid, from what I can see, by all Winnipeggers across the city, by all taxpayers. It also appears that the City will be using debt to take care of our portion of these projects. That's how it appears. I'm looking for more information on that.

Research has proven, however, to reduce the cost of crime, health, property damage et cetera, we as leaders need to create a place that's safe, offering young people an alternative from crime. At Oak Park High School, I was sitting with a number of students asking them what they would like to see in the City of Winnipeg, what they would like to see in their community. As many know, the first answers' was, they would like a Wendy's closer, but they went on to say that the most important thing to them was a place to go. That even in areas such as Charleswood, Tuxedo, Transcona, North Kildonan, all people that live in our city that will be paying for these projects have no place to go. Why couldn't we work together with private sector on developing some new centres? Why couldn't we develop partnerships as other jurisdictions are doing? And in today's economic environment, I think that we need to be more creative in how we solve our solutions. We need to be more of a partner in how we solve our solutions. And the time is now for that creativity and that focus, but not creativity with the finances of this. So I will, as I said, support the motion. However, I would've liked to have seen this voted on individually.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to be voting in favour of this. But I do agree with Councillor Klein's comments that I'm uncomfortable with the fact that we've combined for a single vote, the fact that we are going to do what's considered the largest engineering project and the most expensive engineering project in the history of the city, our sewage treatment plant for north Winnipeg, and we're combining that in a vote with two other projects that have their own merit, but it's a different issue. We've never discussed them as an entirety because they're completely separate issues and completely separate considerations for any individual that has to make a decision on them or that discusses them. They're not related, except for the fact that we're looking for federal funding and that's all very well, but Madam Speaker...and provincial funding as well. We're looking for matching funding. But Madam Speaker, it happens to be that because they're individual issues, we have to make…we have to look at them individually as to whether they merit City funding, thus matching funding from the Province. Happens to be that I agree with it in principle, so I'm willing to do this, but trying to put together an omnibus vote with a sewage treatment plan over a billion dollars with a recreation complex in South Winnipeg is uncomfortable and, I'd say, unnatural to me. I'm going to vote in favour of it because I think all these things are important. However, I do want to make the point again. I'm looking at the costs of these things and I'm uncomfortable, $71 million for the first phase of a recreation complex. I know things are getting more expensive, Madam Speaker, but I've been talking about this for five years, Madam Speaker, the disproportionate rate of inflation for construction over the past generation, compared to any other rate of inflation that the City has to pay for over the last generation, construction, there is no comparison. Not the police, not the firefighters and certainly not…not CUPE workers and I want to make that point again. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to let people know that I will be supporting this report item to apply for these projects to the federal programs that exist. It is to my constant lament though Madam Speaker that it's too bad there are no federal funds for us to apply for the capital projects that are of most interest to northwest Winnipeg…north Winnipeg on the west side of the river in terms of the Chief Peguis Trail and the Arlington Bridge which needs to be replaced. It is too bad that that really couldn't be considered because the federal capital funds that they have available are related to the items…the four items that are in this report. Madam Speaker, when this hit the news, there are many people in the North End and West Kildonan, Old Kildonan, up in Garden Grove and all over the place that…they are quite concerned, they see that we're…and think that we're just ignoring our areas, Madam Speaker. But the reality is, Madam Speaker, I actually support these projects. The St. James Civic Centre, it's been on the books since I've been a city councillor, Madam Speaker, and it keeps getting delayed and delayed and difficulty in finding money, Madam Speaker. But it was part of an overall plan to revamp a number of facilities. As you know, Madam Speaker, the Seven Oaks Pool received a large amount of renovations that were required. St. James Civic Centre is just as old, if not older, and required a lot of work and the expansion was also on the books, Madam Speaker. I support these. It is…my only concern, Madam Speaker, is that I don't know what the dialogue was, but it showed up on Executive Policy Committee. And like Councillor Klein, I have to agree that maybe we should have had a seminar where we could have discussed the possibilities, Madam Speaker, so that we could at least understand which ones were eligible to apply for. There's only a certain amount of money that we will get from those federal programs and to have the Province's share. Hopefully they do, Madam Speaker, because I'm not confident the current government's commitment to ensure that the City of Winnipeg doesn't move into a steady decay and decline. So Madam Speaker, and I just wanted to mention, people talk about Waverley West and they talk about people who drive in the area and they notice...they're expensive houses, but they're working people trying to make ends meet and their families. And the reality, Madam Speaker, is that in Waverley West, those people need recreation options. Right now, they're driving all over the place. Put the climate change stamp on…climate action plan Councillor Allard evaluated, so if we've got a recreation centre closer to their homes, one would hope they spend less time in their cars. And when we go ahead and we build these things, we should evaluate the capability of people to get to these places by a bus. We need to take a holistic look at it. But I am excited for Waverley West and Councillor Lukes has been pushing for this and rightly so.

There's a lot of people living in Waverley West now, there will be more. And yes, all the taxpayers of Winnipeg are paying into all of these projects, but that's the beauty of having a whole city to be able to do these. But I would ask my colleagues as the next iteration of the Federal Government, we've got the Provincial Government. We need to continue to push to say that we as Winnipeggers pay taxes to all three levels and that we need to focus in on some of the huge capital projects we also have to deal with related to, yes, motor vehicles, but I believe the future of motor vehicles is not fossil fuel. We will continue to need cars. This is a big city. People need to travel. The reality is, and we see other countries doing it, how many electric vehicles are into play. The City of Winnipeg has to do these kinds of things. But going back and focusing in on these four projects, it is essential that we get underway with the North Winnipeg Sewage Plant. It is really something that is needed and I hope that we're successful in our applications and that we can get moving on that. So again, I'll be supporting this report and I support the recreational relationships with these other projects, not in the North End, but you know, hopefully we'll see over the next year or two some investment in North End recreation for people who can't travel all the way down to or all the way up to the Seven Oaks Pool. We do have the Centennial Pool. The Seven Oaks Pool, though, does offer a lot more activity and more fun things to do. But we need to see continued investment in the North End and hopefully we'll see that in the future. Thanks.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be voting in support. Two things; first, the mundane then perhaps the more eloquent plea. I sat here a few years ago and heard speaker after speaker come forward and to the budget talking about 40,000 people in Waverley West, 50,000 people, 60,000 people. If we look at our 2016 census data, which is how we designed the ward boundaries, there are 12,581 people…12,581 people at that point living in Bridgewater Forest, South Point, Bridgwater Lakes, Bridgwater Trails et cetera, et cetera. It has undoubtedly grown more since then. There were, of course, 4,772 people at that time living in Sage Creek. Councillor Allard could tell you it's grown. I could tell you it's grown. So I'm supportive of this. Councillor Lukes has been a great advocate for it. But before we conclude, there's been 40,000 people, the size of Brandon, hovering out there on the edge of the city with absolutely nothing and everyone else in other growth areas, and I was driving around in Councillor Nason's ward the other day and there is some growth out there and I know up in your area too, Madam Speaker. So we should just keep an eye on some of these other areas as well. The current plan for Sage Creek was a reduction in the study amount by…the City staff recommended actually a reduction in the amount to study recreational needs that was passed in the last budget. Not something that pleased me. But I'll certainly be coming forward in the months to come and the years to come seeking some facilities for the Sage Creek and Bonavista areas. You might say, well, the report of 2016, South Point West had five people in it and it's way more than that now, true. Of course the report, and I'm indebted to Councillor Allard's assistant, the report said Bonavista had six people in 2016 and there's several hundred in there now and growing by the day. So other areas of the city are also growing. Waverley West may be the size of Brandon at some point, but Sage Creek and Bonavista will be the size of Portage. So we all have wards where we want facilities. Councillor Lukes has been eloquent and effective of getting attention for that Waverley West area. But it's not 40,000 people at this…in 2016, it was about 12,000. It has certainly grown since then, so has your ward, so has Nason's, so has mine and I'm sure some others. On perhaps more, a city-wide basis and less ward-specific, the North End plant is something that has been debated here for the eight years I've been around, with little action and much talk for most of it. So I want to commend the Mayor and one other person for sort of getting us going finally on this. It's a $400 million commitment to the head works aspect. I certainly worked very hard when I was Chair of Water and Waste to move this forward, so did Doug McNeil, to his credit, our former CAO. I think it's just missed in about half a sentence from some communications from some groups that were saying, well, sure, they're spending 400 million, but it doesn't touch on phosphorus. And that is true, but it is $400 million that will help improve the health of Lake Winnipeg and improve the health of the sewage and improve the health of our rivers here. It's a huge commitment. It's far bigger than some potential BRT lines. It's far bigger than police headquarters. It's far bigger than a lot of other investments we have made. So $400 million is a significant commitment. It should not be dismissed out of hand. Hopefully, we will get some similar commitment from other levels of government. And the other person I wanted to mention as I did when this first came up, I think my line was, it's not the fashion to speak well of the Provincial Government around here, but I do want to give some credit to the honourable Rochelle Squires who as Minister of Sustainable Development I think consistently applied some pressure and certainly many times communicated to me and others that nothing had happened under some of her predecessors on this file and something was going to happen while it was on her watch. So I think that has helped us move forward to make an announcement a while back that we would be putting 400 million into the head works aspect. It's a significant environmental investment. It does matter. It does benefit the water system here in the city. And I think we should give some credit where credit's due. We've done this on the Mayor's watch when we hadn't moved forward previously and we've done this on Minister Squire's watch. So thanks to both of them and I'll be supporting the recommendations before us.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm honoured to rise today in support of the infrastructure projects that are in front of us today. In particular, I do want to talk about the head works facility and the bio solids facility that's in front of us. I think it's important to note, this is one of the biggest projects that we're going to have. It's a $1.8 billion project and it's really important that we get started on this. We made a commitment for the head works, getting the support from the other levels of governments. Our key, I think lots of speakers before me had talked about the importance of that on the lake, in particular Lake Winnipeg and on our rivers. And I know that there's been lots of conversation about that. We are moving forward. There's been a lot of great work done. We got our West End treatment centre is fully up and running with its bio solids program, south end will be up and running in two years. The major thing that we need to do is the North End Treatment Centre. It treats all of the sludge from all the different treatment facilities. So this would be a major, major boost, and so I'm really hoping that we have the support here today and have the support from other levels of government to move forward on this important project. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I too will be supporting this report. All four of these projects are very important as we continue to tackle the City's $6.9 billion infrastructure deficit. And I heard some council colleagues talk about new projects they would like to see and I don't know if those are calculated yet in the $6.9 billion deficit. But with a growing city…with an older and yet a growing city, the demands for investment in our infrastructure never ends. And so these are very important projects that are before us. Specifically, I would like to mention the St. James Civic Centre expansion project. As Councillor Eadie rightly noted, this expansion project has been on the capital books in the forecast for six years now, since before my time on Council, in fact. My predecessor, then councillor now Minister Scott Fielding, was the councillor at the time in 2014 when the St. James Civic Centre expansion first appeared in the capital book forecast. As the report indicates, the four projects were selected or recommended using the asset management framework. The Civic Centre was built in 1967, it was a centennial project and it's in desperate need of maintenance. If you've been in the Civic Centre in the last while, you'll know that it needs its maintenance. It is set to undergo an extensive renovation and renewal project that includes upgrades to critical building systems, including the electrical, heating, ventilation and cooling system as well as the arena floor concrete slab under the arena floor and the building envelope as well. That project was adopted by Council in the 2018 and 2019 budgets with the facility expansion forecasted in those budgets. And the facility expansion related primarily to the...located in the St. James Assiniboine 55+ Centre. It was always continued upon partnerships from the federal and provincial governments, where they would contribute to the project. Last year on July 24th, 2018, at a public announcement, excuse me, the provincial government confirmed its funding commitment for the expansion of $3.9 million to add multi-purpose and meeting rooms, to improve the auditorium, washroom facilities, community kitchen and to accommodate the St. James 55+ Centre. So in order to maximize City taxpayer investment, and yes, I recognize that all three levels of government…that they participate in any of these projects, it's all the same, you know, residents of Canada, Manitoba, Winnipeg that are paying. But to maximize City taxpayer investment and to leverage available provincial and federal funding, it's prudent to construct the facility expansion at the same time as the renovation project. It's the best use of taxpayer money to do not two separate projects at two separate times, but to do the projects at the same time. And so by leveraging the provincial and federal funds, the City's contribution to the $14 million expansion project will be $4.3 million. And the proposal is to invest in the renewal and expansion of the Civic Centre at a fraction of the cost of a new facility, such as the one that is needed, but the one that is in the south area of the city, the South Winnipeg Recreation Facility. And so with this investment, the St. James Civic Centre remains a vital hub of recreation services for the people all across western Winnipeg for decades to come. And so I'm certainly glad to support this report. I do want to also mention just briefly the two projects related to the North End North Winnipeg Treatment Plant. The important projects were called upon...were called to do them by the provincial government. We need to do it because some of the aspects of that plant are old and need to be upgraded, need to be expanded for capacity, need to be renewed as a matter of maintenance and expansion. But also there is provincial legislation that mandates us to construct the plant in a certain way. At the end of the day, there's a lot of talk about, you know, obviously that it will help to reduce nutrient loading to the lake, and that's good. But I do note that when it comes to phosphorus again, the City of Winnipeg's contribution is 5%. So while supporting this project, I would also take this opportunity to call upon all the other point source loads, the 95% that are beyond the City of Winnipeg, to continue to do their part. If we're going to tackle this problem ultimately, it's going to take not just the City of Winnipeg and the citizens of Winnipeg. It's going to take the entire watershed. I know there's been a lot of work done in the past, but I trust there will be a lot of collaboration in the future as well because one…just one entity is not going to accomplish and achieve the goals that I think everyone would like to see for Lake Winnipeg. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thanks to my council colleagues for their comments on this. The...I believe all four projects are worthy of support. I heard concern about debt levels. It would have been helpful at committee or even in between when it was considered at the public committee meeting to hear alternatives for funding

sources, if that was so desired by my council colleagues. But we do have the report here right now to consider. I also point out that all members of council should be well aware that amendments can be made and recommended into...if you're not in...on a respective committee, delegations are an opportunity for members of council. I know Councillor Klein expressed a concern about having to vote on each separate matter, but would have welcomed his input at Executive Policy Committee if he had appeared in delegation to voice those concerns so that amendments could have been made or even considered voting on each of them separately. I know no stranger to City Hall in his former career as a publisher of The Winnipeg Sun and so the process is at City Hall if they aren't known, I'm sure his council colleagues could work with him to better apprise him of the opportunities to make amendments and to propose amendments to motions before it reaches the floor of council. That being said, they're great projects, they're worthy of support and provided that council is able to support this right now, you know, our lens will shift now to the Provincial and Federal Governments to look for their support for these important projects, including, of course, one that will significantly help the health of our rivers and lakes for generations to come. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Creation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is…this is something that I want to thank Councillor Orilkow for his leadership. I know during the last term of office, we changed the former committee that was Alternative Services Delivery. I know is informally known as the Privatization Committee. We shifted it to Innovation and we made it a full standing committee of council with all of the opportunities that a full standing committee has to effect positive change. It's relatively new in the life of the city and one that I think there's additional opportunities for us to discuss and debate not only innovation, but economic development in the City of Winnipeg. Of course, the levers that we have as a municipal government are somewhat limited compared to other levels of government. Economic development and economic activity that happens when there's growth in our city aren't directly realized upon in the same way by a municipal government as they are with the provincial and federal governments that collect PST and GST on that economic activity. We see the provincial government putting a significant amount of money into the rainy day fund yesterday. I think a positive announcement, and one that is made available through economic growth and activity in our community. I'd like us to debate and consider economic development with a lot more frequency at City Hall. Notwithstanding that the structures are different here at City Hall, but under the leadership of Councillor Orlikow and the committee members that I know are serving on that committee, I think there's opportunities for us to really elevate our discussions, our debates and our actions to support economic development, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Speakers on this item? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you to Mayor Bowman for pointing out that you can speak at Executive Policy Committee. I have done that in the past as he'll note. And I believe that I was told when I brought there and I quote from one member, "So it's your way or no way." So I'm just wondering if that is also…acquaints to this. There are forums here at Council that bring motions forward to discuss and debate openly and publicly. So let's continue with that. I would like to further request information on this. I find it hard to support. I understand the notion. It's a great start, but I think that, again, there's not enough detail on what this will do, what this will result in and what the plans are with this. Will this result in the consolidation of our resources and economic development? Could we use this opportunity to reduce our current costs and improve our success rate by merging Economic Development Winnipeg, Yes Winnipeg, Centreport and Centre Venture? This is one of those examples where I think we're on the right track, and it would be nice to have more detail provided to us and a broader discussion about these motions. And I would, you know, again, suggest that possibly having those council seminars during the week. We have Council once a month. Let's have those discussions sometime during that month to get more detail and answer questions about some of the motions that are being put forward. So I appreciate the concept. I like the start. I just, I can't support it without further detail and an objective. I need to understand what the objective is. You know, I have to cast a vote for 45,000-plus people, and I'm not going to do that based on the lack of detail presented right now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pardon me. Madam Speaker, I will be supporting this report today, Innovation and Economic Development. Madam Speaker, actually, I'm happy that the Mayor and EPC has saw fit to ensure that the Chairperson of Innovation actually has some work to do. I think it is a good thing to actually denote in a standing committee that there is an economic development movement that needs to happen. I just wanted to point out, though, Madam Speaker, and I hope that Innovation and I think EPC members are working together, but Madam

Speaker, economic development is directly related to finance. Finance of this city, finding the money to pay for the things that we need are very important. We continue to discuss and we hear from Mayor Bowman and we hear from everybody around the table that it is a great struggle to find the money to accomplish the things that we need to do. The decay in our older neighbourhoods of the streets, of infrastructure, of all kinds of things, Madam Speaker, is happening. We need growth to happen. But I can tell you, the only thing that's growing in areas where there is decay is more decay. So we need an economic development and we've got a councillor now who's going to be focusing in on this. We need economic growth throughout the whole city, Madam Speaker. Not just out on the outskirts, but we need it to happen and we need to be able to pay to fix the things so that we don't see continual decay in parts of our city that we dearly love and grew up in. Maybe we moved away, but we need to take care of those things as well, Madam Speaker. So I think that this economic development and economic growth directly plays to the Standing Committee for Finance, but that's okay. There's a lot of other things that the Standing Committee for Finance can work on and we know that Councillor Gillingham is working on the so-called budget boss. Hopefully that's a more inclusive proceedings but anyway, and I'm sure that the current Chair of Finance will work closely with Councillor Orlikow, as I know they do already. So and…Madam Speaker, so I support this detailed plans...you know, we put a focus in on it. We have some people with the City who do work on economic development. We supply funding to Economic Development Winnipeg and we know that there's all these provincial plans. This Innovation Committee with the added mandate, I think, should be and I know that Councillor Orlikow is already exploring working with Province, with the metro region and so on and so forth to deal with economic growth. So I support this and conclude by saying I am voting yes because we have a standing committee chairperson who will now have some work to do.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I'm not sure where to take Councillor Eadie's comments, but I'll leave them aside. This…I'm very excited about this one. There's…this will build on the Innovation Committee which is designed...the Innovation Committee is...again, kudos to the Mayor because innovation needs to be a corporate service. Technology, innovation, transformation, that used to be in the corporate land. It wasn't brought out for Council. The reason why it's a little bit difficult and where we're still trying to figure out how to do the reporting is that there is no reporting structure. There are no reports that are automatically…many other committees have reporting structures that things go back automatically for. In the case of the Innovations Committee, it's a little complicated because business units, let's say Transit, who do Peggo, for example, we find out through our discussions that that actually would go through Transit, it would go through Councillor Allard's committee, because it's a business unit that would be talking about the innovation, and the Innovation Department supports the business unit. So it's a little complicated. So we're trying to figure out a way and we'll be mapping down an agenda and be working very hard, unfortunately for you, Councillor Eadie, not to know that to figure out a schedule that we can get that reporting in in a systemic way that actually the committee's going to want to see. I'm not really interested and I don't think any of us are to sit at committees, sit there and listen to just, you know, non-directional things, we want to be having forward action. Again, the Innovation Committee is tied to economic development, it's to improve...to lower our costs and improve services to our citizens. Economic development, I'm very excited about putting this on the board because as we heard this morning from one of the delegation, there's some missed facts out there, maybe we are not getting our facts out there on how well Winnipeg is growing. We're about 70% of the Manitoba's GDP is generated out of Winnipeg. We have…we do want to...how are we going to work with the capital region? That's exciting stuff to talk about and the economic development. Does that…does that…how does a development on McGillivray outside of Winnipeg benefit Winnipeg? You know, there's some people saying it's great, it's a huge benefit for Winnipeg. Well, we get no property tax from it and some of those businesses were in Winnipeg and left out. Again, it's a much larger debate to have than just looking at a fixed point. So I'm very excited to be working with Council. Again, it's not just myself...I had…the terms of reference in Councillor Klein's comments, again, we'll be going through the committee to look at the terms. And I appreciate, come on by. Again, you know that you will be able to come to the committee and after you see the terms of reference come forward on economic development, I look forward to having your comments on maybe what you see. You've talked about forwarding some interesting ideas today. I'm not sure if they've been discussed with the individual groups, but again, Economic Development Winnipeg, I don't think we have...I've never seen a presentation here about Economic Development Winnipeg. We give them a very large sum of money, but they are leaders in the economic development world for Winnipeg. But they also have a mandate with the Province. Again, the Province funds a little bit to Economic Development Winnipeg, but now there's a little bit of shift going on and we've got to see where Winnipeg plays into this because we substantially fund them. But are they working for the Winnipeg capital region, the Province or us and how does that balance out? The other great debate we're going to have, and I'm looking forward…again, this is where I really appreciate the Mayor bringing this out for all council, not just the committee, is how do we measure economic development as a city? You know, we look at our financial plan, it talks about economic development is based upon assessment or finance. Is that the only criteria we have? I don't believe so and there is many, many different definitions of economic development, depending on what type of stakeholder you are. So what is economic development for the City of Winnipeg? I'm very excited to have that debate and how do we have those measurable so we can track it out. Right now I could show you the number of permits that have been increasing year after year, the number of assessed

values going up year after year, developments are increasing year after year. We'll do those, and again, that may dispel some of these myths out there that Winnipeg is choking economic development. We're doing incredibly well in economic development. Again, we have an opportunity to partner with our capital regional partners, and I think that's a worthy adventure to go try out. But again, I work for the City of Winnipeg and the residents herein. So I've got to make sure that whichever…however we work for it, that I can represent…go to the City of Winnipeg and say, this economic development tool that we are using is good for Winnipeggers. And again, we'll have different ideas come forward. So again, so there's a lot of work to do. And again, I guess I have to have meetings every month to make sure that people think I'm working all the time. However, what I am doing is trying to get these structures in place so we can have a base to start working forward together. So the committee has had some reports. We've had some trials and errors on trying to bring reports forward, but now we have the economic development portfolio. So the first step there will be bringing Tyler in from our…he's our economic development person-ish, but even then we have there is a good...there'd be an issue we're going to have right off the hop, is what is our reporting structure? This economic development file, again, kudos to the Mayor, we realize it's three different places. We had Corporate, we had the Mayor's Office, and then we had PP&D. So we had these three pieces and they'd work together, but there is no director. So in other places, there's a director and they do all the reporting. This will be have them coming from all over the place. So again, how are we going to structure that? They are, let's say, not as exciting but they're…and they may be are more structural, but they're key to making sure that the goals we're going to establish at the committee level and at council are being able to achieve, but we first need to put this structure together. Because rather than having this as a corporate service somewhere back there, kudos again to the Mayor for bringing this forward, so we can all have this information out to the public to see what is…how is Winnipeg doing regarding economic development. What type of innovative products are we putting into the pipeline and implementing that is saving the City money and improving service for our residents? So again, I do apologize if people don't think I'm working hard enough. I know I am, and I invite people in the future to come and ask me what I'm doing. I'm more than happy to tell them. Meeting a lot of economic development groups in the City of Winnipeg, getting their opinion on it. And that's been really exciting and it's about as exciting as meeting the innovation groups in the city. There's some incredible companies out there and people that are doing some amazing innovative stuff from bioscience to plant science to everything. And now where does the City of Winnipeg fit in to that? That's why we're meeting with them. How do we fit in? And they'll be coming forward to present their ideas to us. But again, they weren't aware that we existed yet. So again, I've been doing a lot of that outreach. And now again, I've done a few for economic development, mostly with EDW, but again, once…if this passes today, the next round will be getting out there to talk to the economic development community to ask them, you know, how do you see Winnipeg's economic development future? What are our benchmarks; getting that feedback. And again, I'll be inviting all these groups as well, if they wish to come present so all of council can become aware of these groups and who they are in this great city of ours. So again, I'm very excited about this opportunity. I believe the committee's going to have enormous amount of work going forward. It may not be based upon sitting in meetings and reading reports, it may be actually getting out in the field and meeting groups and trying to collect this information. But again, the committee will have the terms of reference to go through after this and put forward. But until this is put forward, we really can't do the terms of reference. So this is high-level stuff. The terms of reference comes forward at a later date for the committee to look at and debate. But like I say, one of the first debates will be defining what economic development is in the City of Winnipeg. And I think that's going to be very exciting and intellectual and it will be a broad discussion. So thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Than you Councillor Orlikow. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you Madam Speaker. Councillor Orlikow was talking about whether the City is strangling economic development. And I just wanted to make a couple of points because it's important for people in terms of having a perspective on economic development past, present and future. We should consider the fact that we went for a decade in recent years of having one of the highest economic growth rates in the country, both as a city and as a province. Bear in mind, we're the only province in Canada where a single city is the majority of the population. It is true that in the last couple of years we've had an economic downturn of sorts, both in the province and in the city. And we are now actually below average…below the Canadian average of economic growth. It happens to be considering the fact, Madam Speaker, we're a highly diversified city and we are part and parcel of our rural economy as well. It…we are part of that that creates the secondary and tertiary industries based on agriculture. And we should consider the fact that our highest economic growth in the province in the last year or so has been in agricultural exports and that affects the Winnipeg economy. I want you to consider the fact that...well, something I've learned here due to, actually, Brian Mayes is our exports, global exports, and pulses; peas and lentils, Canada's the largest export of peas and lentils in the world. And although we're not as large of an exporter as Saskatchewan, it's important to our economy. One of the reasons why we've had a…why agricultural exports has been the largest economic growth in our province. New crops, emerging crops...quinoa, as an example, an excellent crop being produced in Manitoba and part of the Winnipeg economy for packaging and processing manufacturing. When I say processing, Madam Speaker, I'm not talking about overly-processing our food, I'm talking about its manufacture preparing for trade and for export. And Madam Speaker, that does relate to our economic growth and what we can do here regarding economic growth and innovation. And I want to

make those points. It's very important to us, given Councillor Orlikow's talk about biosciences and opportunities for developments in agriculture, agricultural sciences and agricultural production. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I'll certainly be supporting this report, and I don't question in any way Councillor Orlikow's work ethic or work on this file because I know he sits on the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region Board with me as well prior to us…as Councillor Lukes who has also been there. So all three certainly know the important work that's happening at the metro region as well. And as Councillor Orlikow indicated, recently the Province of Manitoba took a look at all the entities doing economic development, streamlined them and has really charged a few to lead the economic development. Two of them are Economic Development Winnipeg and Winnipeg Metropolitan Region who in the simplest terms have been, you know, instructed to get together and come up with an economic development plan and opportunity for the Winnipeg metropolitan region. That's important. I think that's, you know, I think that's the right step to take. What we have before us is a shift from the last term of council. And I too want to commend the Mayor for his leadership and Councillor Orlikow. It was interesting. Just after the election, I was chatting with the Mayor and I said, you know, one of the things I don't think we did a good job at all in our first term of is our focus on economic development and it's being intentional about it and its impact on creating opportunity for jobs and employment and economy and you know, property tax revenue which can therefore be, you know, translated into the funding to deliver the services the citizens of Winnipeg need. And he said that he was smiling because he said, I'm already on that. I've already talked to Councillor Orlikow, he thinks the same and in my talk…in my discussion with some other council colleagues around here, many were saying very much the same thing. And so this is, I think, a very positive step as we look to establish an economic development lens through which we can be intentional and focused and proactive and planned in our work here at City Hall. So this is good progress, and I certainly will be supporting this report.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise this morning in support of this as well. Innovation is one of the things that is leading our industries here now and into the future. As Councillor Orlikow has indicated, there is some fantastic innovation that is going on here in the City of Winnipeg with businesses. We have Smart Park at the University of Manitoba that is doing some cutting-edge innovations with businesses here. And Innovation Alley; the emergence of both our Exchange District in terms of the businesses that are there generating economic growth in IT. These are absolutely fabulous and you know, speaks to how forward-thinking our city is. I'm glad that we are tying economic development with innovation as innovation is driving industry. It's important that Winnipeg elevate its status and be included as a smart city so that we can leverage further economic growth. We must also address the opportunities that enhance the amenities in our city that attract residents and retain residents in our city as well. We know that human resources is a big factor in allowing our businesses to go, to grow and to flourish. So for that reason, I will be supporting this motion.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, Madam Speaker. Thanks to my council colleagues for all the input and notably of course Councillor Orlikow for his work in getting us to this point. The…you know, comments about Economic Development Winnipeg, they're doing incredible work. And I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and all of the supporters of Economic Development Winnipeg, which of course houses within that organization Tourism Winnipeg as well as Yes Winnipeg. They do great work and if you're following these proceedings, I would encourage you after you watch the riveting debate here, go online and check out Economic Development Winnipeg's website. It has really good data on employment, on a variety of factors that really show continued growth and economic development going in the right direction in the City of Winnipeg. What this is all about is, I mean of course, trying to create that alignment between the community and City Hall as well as allow a lens at City Hall to really look at what we can do to support economic development in the community to a much greater extent than we have in the past. And we've had some outstanding members of public service, past and present, support those efforts. I want to acknowledge that there is ongoing economic development work happening at the City of Winnipeg. But this is an effort to really talk about supporting economic development and move it to more action than we've seen in the past, to support those efforts. One of the opportunities that comes with this, and it's why I'm urging all members of council to support it is, it does provide that opportunity for groups like Economic Development Winnipeg to appear at a committee, to have the scrutiny that comes along with that by members of council and of course through the committee process and ultimately council, so that we are looking at their efforts and the efforts that we're making, that we want to see the greatest alignment possible. So it's a great opportunity. I know a lot of us talked a lot about economic development today. We have an opportunity to vote for something that's going to help support that. I would urge all members of council to support this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. So noted, thank you. Councillor Klein is opposed. Madam Clerk, Item 5.

Item 5 – Strategies and Tools to Enhance Neighbourhood Liveability

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

Mayor Bowman: I'll just rise to thank my council colleagues, notably Councillor Gillingham for his leadership on this matter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And the...there's been a lot of councillors around here that have been working on this matter. I know certainly Councillor Lukes has been working on elements of this. Councillor Santos has talked to me about it, you know, Councillor Rollins as well, Councillor Gilroy, Councillor Eadie. We…so this is really a collaborative effort kind of came to a head I think ultimately in a motion here. I also want to commend Mr. Yee of our public service and his staff as well. Frankly, what happened in the last election going door to door as we all did, is hearing from citizens once again in my ward in St. James and several of them frustrated with a particular property, you know, on their street or in their neighbourhood. And there wasn't just one, there were several scattered throughout the ward of St. James. And it's the same in I think in every ward, where a lot of people take a lot of pride in home ownership and property ownership and do their best to at least do, for lack of a better term, I'll say the minimum to keep the yard somewhat clean and, you know, the property in kind of good working order and the grass cut. And then there's others that sometimes it's temporary reasons that's understandable, whether illness or being away for a time, that's understandable. But then there's another group where it just seems to be a chronic problem with individual properties that are just consistently derelict. There is a cost to that to all city taxpayers because our staff have always, as I understand it in talking to them, have always kind of come at it from a…kind of I guess almost a position of grace. We'll help you, we'll give you a warning, we'll come out and visit your property, give you warning, give you time, give you another warning. Our staff going back to property…the same property time and time and time again, there's a cost associated with that. And it seems that some properties consistently are derelict and they never seem to get addressed or cleaned up. So the recommendations that are here are I think are common sense recommendations by the department. They should help to address neighbourhood blight, community safety as well with the aspect of being able to board up certain buildings that perhaps provide…pose a safety risk. They also...these recommendations also strengthen enforcement on derelict properties. And again, taxpayers in my view, and probably the view of many here on Council, of Winnipeggers who take care of their properties should not have to pay the cost of repeated enforcement on derelict properties. So you know, at visit number, I think it's three and subsequent visits, there's a fee if our staff has to go back time and time again to properties. So I'm certainly going to be supporting these recommendations. And I trust that they go a long way to improving our neighbourhoods, reducing neighbourhood blight, making it safe, giving our staff the tools that are necessary to enforce the Neighbourhood Livability By-Law, and ultimately enhance and beautify our city.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll note that this was a motion that was brought forward to EPC which didn't really necessarily follow protocols that we are…have talked about a few times. First and foremost, the safety of first responders, without question, is a priority for the City of Winnipeg and all Winnipeggers. And I think that's the necessity of having vacant building by-laws and I believe that we have to do more to ensure that we are protecting our first responders all across the city. Many of these buildings have become centres for crime activity. They have become the subject of arson, graffiti and much, much more. But does some of the responsibility not lie with the City of Winnipeg? I have had heard from…I have had the great fortune of sitting on many appeals with Councillor Rollins, Councillor Lukes and chaired by Councillor Mayes that were...with respect to vacant buildings where the owners are frustrated because of delays, inconsistency with the requirements to build in the City of Winnipeg, almost like we're purposefully delaying it…the development to collect more revenue and penalties. I mean, I'm sure that adding these more penalties will help in a certain…to a certain extent, but how much more will it cost us to hear the appeals? Every time someone receives a fine, they have the ability to come and appeal and it takes us through almost a day or more. Other jurisdictions are now actually working together to promote economic growth using alternative approaches. Possibly, I would suggest double the property tax on a vacant building after one year of being vacant. Possibly arrange an expedited process for permitting so that vacant buildings can be worked on sooner rather than later. Let's be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein followed by Councillor Rollins. Pardon me, Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Actually, I was kind of going to echo, Madam Speaker, what Councillor Klein has to say, but I might frame it somewhat differently. I support this report, Madam Speaker. I believe the areas of the city that I talked about in terms of decay, and it continues to grow, that decay. We've heard of all the fires happening in Point Douglas, in the North End, in the West End, there's been a lot of fires, Madam Speaker. Now, not all of them are vacant properties, but many are, Madam Speaker. So we have a stick here in that the fees and so on that hopefully will drive people to resolve their issues with vacant and derelict buildings, Madam Speaker. I think that is very important. I know that our by-law enforcement at certain times are often overwhelmed and there is a cost associated with having to look at these buildings all the time. But there are a number of people, Madam Speaker, who own vacant properties, vacant derelict properties, sometimes...like, I know of a house in my area, the people couldn't afford to have house insurance. So a fire, vacant house, all of a sudden, the next thing you know, well, what are we going to do with that, Madam Speaker? Places that didn't have insurance. I want to talk about a building that is at Atlantic and Aikins. I get a call every week. It's an apartment block that's continually being set on fire. Supposedly a whole number of what used to be condos have been picked up by people. It's a constant burden. And then what we have is we have people engaged in inappropriate criminal activities as Councillor Klein has mentioned. And essentially, some of them have the wherewithal, if you're getting into the business of renting homes to people, then you should be getting into the business and investing the appropriate amount of money to do it or get out of the business. Now, we do need to provide somehow an incentive to help some of these people get the job done. And yes, getting permits are very difficult, but one would expect...and sometimes the permit issues are related to people who don't necessarily understand how to file proper permits and so on and so forth. On the other hand, we have problems and I think we're debating another one, but Madam Speaker, we also need to...with this, we need to look into the future and say how are we dealing with the decay in our inner city? It's very difficult for me in that knowing there's so many vacant houses. They need a lot of work. Somehow we have to provide incentive for them to repair these things so that people can live in them. And if they are in the business, I'm okay with penalizing landlords and stuff that aren't doing their job, playing their role, dealing with it. I think that this by-law that was moved by Councillor Gillingham...and I will reflect again, it's interesting and it's okay. I mean, EPC can move motions or a standing committee and the motion came from EPC. But you know, it's interesting that this particular portfolio that the report falls under actually is Protection, Community Services and Parks, Madam Speaker. And…although I should say it's also Property Development, Heritage and Downtown Development as well. But somehow we need to resolve the safety risks. This will push some people into getting it done. Others we may end up...I know that people, houses, they hired the wrong contractor and they wrecked the house. Now it sits vacant and it's in a real mess. We have those as well in nice little neighbourhoods. You know, Madam Speaker, essentially, if we keep fining them, will end up with it in property tax I think in some situations. And then we have to take responsibility because I know we have vacant buildings that we own, vacant houses, in the North End where...very dangerous houses that needed to be ripped down has taken the City three years to get the job done because they're constantly worried about their budgets. So there are costs to it, but really, these vacant buildings are nothing more than just a source of a lot of crime. But we also have to make sure that sometimes people pass away and you want to sell a house. And I know that our people...if it is a vacant house, but it's up for sale because it's not a home, but our by-law enforcement recognizes that. But I noticed that some of these landlords are trying to get around it by saying they're selling the house so it's vacant. But you know, I'm glad that they'll have to pay for inspections now, second, third or however many times. I wanted to mention though one last vacant, so-called derelict building. We have a problem, Madam Speaker, and you know of this problem, Madam Speaker. It used to be in your ward. It is now in Councillor Browaty's ward. There is an old church in the John Black cemetery. They continually get charged inspection fees. They're trying to raise the money to fix a heritage building that is in the middle of nowhere and really doesn't pose any danger to an individual necessarily. They've got it fenced off, Madam Speaker. They're looking for the money to try to fix it, but it's a not-for-profit entity. It's…they're working on it, but they continually get penalized. And I noticed on PDHDD there is an appeal report and I will be there to speak on it, Madam Speaker. That is not the kind of building that we're talking about causing a problem, okay. What we need to do is respect the volunteers who are trying to get a heritage...the beginnings of Winnipeg, people, the beginnings of Winnipeg. So when we look at applying the by-laws, we have to watch out because these people only mean good for the city, not bad. And to penalize them more, it would be ridiculous. I think there needs to be something done in the by-law to protect these...and this is a church...well, used to be part of a whole church property. But this is a former church and it's very essential to our heritage. So please, I hope that they don't get too serious and attack other buildings because I know there is some other heritage-type buildings where there's great difficulty, they're trying to get it done. They're owned by not-for-profit entities and so on...

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

Councillor Eadie: We need to make…we need to make an ability for By-Law Enforcement to lay off. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I wonder sometimes if I'm at the same meetings of my council colleagues. With respect to vacant buildings, with respect to the protection of human life and the lives of those first responders that have to attend when vacant buildings catch fire and orders are not followed that would otherwise protect human life, I want to rise in support of this package before you. And I call it a package because there are so many recommendations that are good and well-minded and will protect this city and have public safety in mind, public safety that I believe the authors of the report in the public service see time and time again, including in the appeals that I sit with my colleagues on Property and Development and here. Appeals where more often than not owners consider the order that lists combustibles, that list debris that is flammable that…and sometimes before us say, yeah, I find the order fair. They see the dangers present, and they…yet they do not act on the dangers present in their buildings and they come sometimes confusingly contradicting and ask for an appeal of the vacant by-law. So I want to rise, as I did earlier, in honour and support with fierce protection of our first responders. And I believe I see the President of the United Firefighters behind me. And in honour of those who run towards that which we all run from, those that have the priority of fire life safety, the real concern of vacant buildings because of their toll on first responders and the resultant line-of-duty deaths. I want to welcome the work of Councillor Scott Gillingham. The additional charges here, I believe, as do...I believe the authors and the public servant that attended time and time again and see their orders rejected time and time again, those public officials who attend at the vacant buildings just to keep the city safe, just to keep the city safe. So I stand in support of the new fees, that new amount of 1% of the most current assessed value of the property. That new revenue line in the housing rehabilitation investment reserve to be reinvested in affordable housing initiatives, I'm very in particular grateful for that on behalf of the Housing Steering Committee. I welcome this new revenue source, given that oftentimes there is a compare and contrast of the loss of available housing to that empty promise that sits on our streets all across the city. I rise in support of this today and I hope all council will also rise in support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 9. And there is an amending Motion 1 with this.

Item 9 – Investigation into Allegations of Improper Conduct within Property, Planning and Development

Madam Speaker: We have amending Motion 1; moved by Councillor Klein and seconded by Councillor Lukes that goes with this item. So Mr. Mayor to introduce and then we'll move to you, Councillor Klein, for you to introduce the amending motion.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

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

WHEREAS Council has been advised that a number of inspectors in the Planning Property and Development Department (PP&D) misused time by taking excessive coffee and lunch breaks, leaving early, running personal errands on City time;

AND WHEREAS as a result of an investigation, eight employees were terminated;

AND WHEREAS in an effort to prevent these occurrences the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has advised that an external consultant will be engaged to review the functionality of the operations of PP&D, and the Director of PP&D will be conducting a review of the department structure and management;

AND WHEREAS it would be prudent to have a review of all aspects of the PP&D Department conducted by an external consultant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 9. of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 17, 2019 be amended by adding the following recommendations:

"3. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to engage an external consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of the current systems, processes, procedures and functions of the Planning, Property and Development Department as well as the roles, responsibilities and effectiveness of senior and middle management in the Department, to ensure they are functioning optimally, and to provide recommendations for possible increased efficiencies.

4. That the report of the external consultant be submitted to Council by March 2020."

and the remaining recommendation be renumbered accordingly.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Speaker. We are on the public record having said we want to earn back the trust of citizens. And I appreciate the report. I appreciated it when I first heard it at our standing policy committee. Anyone who has held a senior management or executive position knows the responsibility lies with them as the leader. When a team member is not performing or is not achieving the objectives, it is up to the leader, the manager, the executive to ensure that they work with that employee to improve, that they understand what's going on, but they also have accountability in place. I understand that we don't provide staff evaluations of senior managers, mid-level managers or supervisors on a regular basis. I suspect the majority of taxpayers have performance reviews at their jobs annually. The City is one of the largest employers in the Province of Manitoba. We have seen the result of our lack of accountability and what happened publicly. We have never taken responsibility, but the buck stops in this room. We are the board of directors for the City. We are obligated to act in the best interest of taxpayers. We will answer to this during the next election. This department is the economic machine that drives our city. I would like my council colleagues to join me on this, turn this ship around and take a deep dive into the operations, as is being suggested, and add this motion as a managerial review so that we have a complete picture and we can speak with confidence when talking to taxpayers that the department is going in the right direction.

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

Councillor Mayes: Point of order; is it in order to move referral of an amending motion?

Madam Speaker: That hasn't happened for a while. Mr. Clerk?

Councillor Mayes: Well, thanks for the advance notice.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we're all on the same page the three of us. Councillor Mayes, you do have an opportunity to refer the whole item if you wish, but not a portion. It's not our practice. You can refer without speaking or you can take your opportunity to speak to the item at this time or I can come back to you.

Councillor Mayes: All right, so I won't move referral then because I don't want to refer the whole thing. I wouldn't mind having a debate on this item separately, but I would like to move the main report along. I certainly don't think we need an outside consultant, when we're in the midst of already paying a consultant to do a governance review. So I think having two separate consultant's reports going on a matter that is basically governance would be a waste of money, quite frankly. We've got a governance review underway. Also, if the buck stops here, I don't know why we need to keep hiring so many external consultants to tell us how to run our operations. Have there been problems? Yes. Has management responded? Yes. Have people been suspended and terminated? Yes. Do the unions involved have the right to grieve? They may in certain circumstances. I think some of that has taken place. So some actions have been taken. I would like to move forward. I'm prepared to vote for the main item that's before us, but I don't think we need to have a review of senior and middle management. I think some of the people who were terminated were actually...or suspended were actually in middle management. But at some point, I think we need to move forward. I don't know how many more times I have to be told about anonymous surveys and anonymous groups and surveys without data and be, you know, told that the majority of people support this or that without any paperwork, without knowing who retains…I mean, I think it's usually germane to know who has commissioned a survey. I would submit that, but apparently we're not in that realm anymore. So all I can say is we…there was a follow-up by…internally by Mr. Jack and others. I don't think we need to have yet another consultant brought on to do another study of our operations. The matter was serious. No one's debating that. However, I think there's…disciplinary actions have been taken, pretty widespread. And I think at some point we need to say, okay, we need to move on and deal with the many other priorities that are facing the PPD Department. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't know what to say. This has been at the public's accountability stage and review and so on for quite some time, Madam Speaker. The permits and inspections, there's been a lot of problems, absolutely. There's no doubt about it. I've had certain individual cases that I've tried to help people because in their situation I think they were being wronged. And but there's a great difficulty in what's being caused as a result of this, Madam Speaker. I want to first just speak of what I want to talk about fallouts. So there are a couple of groups out there that followed these people, inspectors, and yes, they broke the rules of their employment really. They have suffered the consequences. And yes, Madam Speaker, you know, I've worked for different kinds of managers in my life,

Madam Speaker, and there are the managers that lead in an appropriate way and there are managers who don't lead very well. Now, I'll get back to that in a moment, but the fallout, for example, in commercial inspections, people are pulling permits from this city and they're paying the money and they're expecting to get inspections and they need to get whatever they're reconstructing, constructing or whatever they're doing, Madam Speaker, it needs to get done. They're on timelines too. And so what's happened is we have a fallout where there's difficulties out there for people that need renovations inspected and so on to commercial buildings and it's been a problem delaying projects. Delaying projects actually ends up costing more money and those are difficult. That's the fallout from dealing with what was really a problem within that division or branch of the City. And there are other areas as people have all pointed out, there are other areas where there are difficulties, Madam Speaker, but for the most part, the people who are doing their jobs, they don't like it when other employees get themselves into trouble because it makes it look like they're all a bunch of lazy people. I hate taking those calls if people think City employees are lazy or whatever. You know, you could look at private corporations as well. You know, there are crews standing around, private construction companies, there's crews standing around waiting for their turn to do whatever their specialty is in the thing. But it's always old, that's a lazy City worker. Well, you know, I don't believe in this. I don't want to continually bring this negativity into the public. The buck stops here at Council, yeah, in a way, in a way. We supposedly have various systems, policies, structures set up to facilitate this inspections, permits, zoning, all that kind of stuff. As a matter of fact, the former councillor who's now the head of the Treasury Board, Councillor…former Councillor Fielding, looked at this along with Councillor Swandel in my first term. We thought we made improvements to expedite the building permits, inspections, certification, and so on. And then we got away from it actually, Madam Speaker, because sometimes money, I know we're focusing on individuals who were not doing their job when they were supposed to and stuff. But you know, we made a decision in the 2015 budget or was it the '16, you know where we got rid of...we had a bunch of on-call inspectors, on-call inspectors. We had a fund set up for that to expedite it. The costs are covered in the permits. We're supposed to have cost recovery on our permit process, Madam Speaker. So these are things that drive things though because managers are making decisions based on what we provide them in terms of budget. That's what happens. Managers...I can't get a straight answer sometimes from managers because they have to toe the line and talk on the good side, but the reality is they know the service was cut. So what we…the buck stops at Council when we don't provide in the budget the ability for managers to achieve what they need to do, then, you know, you have to ask yourself, maybe I made a mistake. Okay. That's part of it. It's not all of it. I can't support the amendment to this, because really, when it comes to management the buck stops at the CAO. That's who is in charge of the City's administrative management. EPC should continually question our CAO and senior executive team. What are you doing to improve management processes? And you know, when a senior person like the Chief Financial Officer makes a decision, oh, we'll just...you know, you need to reduce your budgets and you need to do this. Well then you should hold them accountable. Ask them; what effect is this going to have on providing service? You talked about it preventing economic growth, Madam Speaker. Well, start making better decisions C\ouncil, but this amending motion isn't going to do that. So when we have a budget process coming up and we're looking to the future, you need to ask those questions, you need to ask those questions; what are these things doing? There's a risk. You get a risk report. What are the real implications? Think about it. So I ask and I'll say this, EPC, Mayor, when it comes to this, I think they're pointing out something that's important in this amending motion, but I can't support it because I believe you need to be talking to your CAO and that senior executive team who shows up and what are we doing to improve management processes and what are we providing to support managers to get the job done? What are we doing, right, in the budget, the senior executive? Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today…the certainly will be supporting the main report. And I appreciate the motion…the amending motion. Looking at it, I do note though that the main report, which was one of the concerns that I had, I was glad to see it in the main report, indicates that this is what will be done. A review of field operations across all City departments which is important because we talked about the fact that some of the perhaps culture, some of the activity that was going on in the Planning, Property and Development Department, it's quite possibly not the only department where some of that is going on, so all the City departments will be looked at. And here's the second point, this is what will be done; engage an external consultant to work with the CAO's office to assist the director in reviewing all of planning and properties operations, ensure they're functioning optimally, and to identify any potential issues. And to me, that would include everything that is listed here in the amending motion. I do note, too, the one change we made before it came to Council at the Executive Policy Committee is that we said we wanted a report back. It's one thing to say as administration like this is what we're going to do, including accessing and engaging an external consultant to come and have a look and examine the department, but that's all well and good, but as the ones who are responsible for governance, we said we need the CAO to report back. And so the calls for a report back, it's what we're voting on today, it's included. There will be a report back that comes by March, I believe it is or six months' time to talk…to inform Council as to what is being done, what changes have been made, what did the external consultant find, what processes have been made, are there any changes in any way to management and management structure. And so that reporting structure will be in place. Given that we're going to get a report back in six months, I would like to support the report as it is that includes the use of an external consultant. And in six months' time if we're not satisfied,

we can take it the next step. But right now I'm confident that, even as our delegation said, the first citizen group appreciates that the City of Winnipeg has taken their concerns seriously and acted swiftly on the information. And I don't think there's a councillor around here that hasn't had the same view, including the Mayor, is that we as council have taken this seriously. Our interim CAO has taken this seriously, has acted. More action will be forthcoming including engaging an external consultant. It's already in the report. So I will be supporting the report and not the amendment at this time.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I would like to start my comments by thanking the anonymous group for the work they did and the money they initially put out to bring to light and to, you know, provide evidence of the problem that exists within our Permits and Inspections Branch. It's unfortunate it had to come to this. I would like to review maybe some of our process. Like, we have that reports directly to Council, the City Auditor. They have an anonymous tip line. I think it would make sense…the title was also the Chief Performance Officer. I think we should probably set the budget for the City's Auditor's Office to go and do anonymous, undercover work like this to find other potential problems within the City bureaucracy. I think that would be money well spent to perhaps find if there's other places. I do believe that the majority of the staff in the City of Winnipeg are hard-working. And it's unfortunate that a small number of people like this put a black eye to the rest of those people that put in an honest day's work. When it comes to Permits and Inspections, it's one of our most important areas. We need to do this right. This is where people are investing their money and they can choose where they go. Are they in Winnipeg, are they in Calgary, are they in Mississauga or are they in Winnipeg or are they in the RM of Headingley or West St. Paul, Rosser, you name it. We need to do these things right. And if it's easier to do business in those other places, the money is going to go there very quickly. We need to make sure that when people choose, they choose Winnipeg not just because of, you know, water and sewer and transit, but because it makes sense all around. I mean, it's unfortunate that the Province is getting involved, but maybe that's what it's going to take to perhaps change some of the processes. I don't think our guys are always wrong, and I'll give you a couple of examples. When people called my office, especially when I was Chair of Property and Development, people would often say, you know, oh, my application has been sitting for weeks or months or whatever. You know what? I would sometimes make the call. I would say, hey, you know what, I'm not doing anything here to move you to the front of the queue, but I want to find out if these accusations are in fact true. About half the time, what it would turn out to be was, engineers, architects that are working for clients, they'd submit something literally on the back of a napkin that was nowhere close to being acceptable to be actually put through the process. So you know what, we've now got a triage process so when something is submitted right away, they look at it, they determine, you know what, hey, this is garbage. Send it back so that it's not, you know, supposedly sitting at the City. So this was, you know, architects, engineers that were backed up, they would submit garbage to the City and they'd blame the City when, in fact, it wasn't our fault. What they submitted wasn't adequate. And then there has been definitely cases where, sure, somebody's on holidays and things sat on desks, that was unacceptable. Hopefully our reviews will find ways to make sure that that doesn't no longer happen. So I would like to thank the Chief Corporate Officer, the acting CAO. I think what's proposed here is the right path. The amending motion seems to be almost redundant to everything that's in the report. I mean, the external work is basically the same. The only thing I think in the timing, March 2020 is identical to what's in the report back timing there. In my mind the only thing that I think is different is that the external review will come back to Council so it's a very small change. Sure, I will support the amending motion today, but otherwise it really appears almost identical. So that's where I'm at today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We've had these debates before…these discussions before both in the Council Chamber, standing committees and in general about whether we have an external agency take a look at operations of the City. It's not new. In this case, I'm not completely convinced about the necessity for it, but having said that, it sure is a natural reaction given the circumstances. Madam Speaker, we should bear in mind we have done this before. The Mayor's budget is not done in-house. It's done by an external company. The point was made not to use the City's Auditor. Also when it came to the fiasco of the City's Legal Department not filing all the papers at the right time so that we could…was it…sue the company for the engineering and or construction problems that led to the major faults at the Dugald Water Treatment Plant, sorry, the Deacon Water Treatment Plant. That was also…my understanding was done by an external agency so we do these things, Madam Speaker. In fact, it's been said in this council chamber it has been the preference of members of this council to go to an external agency when there is doubt or conflict. So this isn't new, Madam Speaker. It's a normal part of the process here and I'm not always comfortable with it. And having said that, I'm not saying it's wrong. But in that process we can still have greater accountability. That's what it comes down to, Madam Speaker. And so the question is whether this will add to the accountability. Madam Speaker, this is a huge issue for a lot of people. It does put into question the grand dynamic of operations of the department and the communication within the department and where the responsibilities lay. And on that basis, it's a relevant amendment. I have yet to make my decision on it, but one shouldn't be overcritical over why we're doing this. We do this often. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Yes.

Councillor Orlikow: Order on the amending motion. Now that I've heard the presentations, it has no...my question is, it's the same as the motion that we have in front of us. I don't see how it's different. It's asking we have an external consultant. So I'm just questioning the amendment…I'm just questioning this amendment because it's already in the motion.

Madam Speaker: Sure.

Councillor Orlikow: Presently. So it's amending something that is already there.

Madam Speaker: It was pointed out that the report be submitted to Council. If our Clerk can also comment that there was a difference in that. I assume the Clerks were involved in looking at this motion before it was circulated today.

Councillor Orlikow: That's great, yeah. Question.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Deputy. Do you want to say it so everyone can hear, please?

City Clerk: The report itself does mention many of the things contained in the motion. However, this amends the recommendations rather than the report so I believe it is in order.

Madam Speaker: So it's adding some recommendations to the front cover, yes. Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I'm just standing to put this on the record that this debacle made national news. It put a very dark mark on the City of Winnipeg. I personally find it to be a great embarrassment and reflection on the leadership of this council. I think it speaks volumes on the severity of this issue and the leadership of the City when the Province of Manitoba has to step in and become involved to resolve issues. I came to City Hall almost five years ago to work to make positive change and I can tell you, Madam Chair, for the record that the internal dysfunction related to processes, to procedures, to communication continues to paralyze forward movement every day and every day costs the taxpayers. As a member of almost half of Council who is not on the Executive Policy Committee, I'm not the Mayor and have no authority to directly direct the Chief Administrative Officer to make improvements, I must use other tools to try and make positive change. For the record, I fully welcome the Provincial Government's review and promised involvement to correct issues in the PP&D Department. I'm supportive of this amending motion and I liken it to the 2013 KPMG operational review of the Public Works Department. Today in front of us, the report…today's report in front of us finally acknowledges that significant issues may be occurring in other departments and merits investigation and review. I too want to thank the private groups that funded the initial investigation which has triggered what I think will result hopefully in many positive actions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Any further speakers? Councillor Klein, you get an opportunity to close and then we'll move on to Mayor Bowman.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Speaker, and thank you to all my colleagues who expressed their opinion. I do note and will also echo that Councillor Lukes' comments that many of the councillors are not responsible for the actions of directors or the CAO. That position is held by only a few, which is a different discussion for a different day. I want to read the motion for those people that are at home or sitting here watching so that you completely understand it. And you know, I'll acknowledge also that Mayor Bowman earlier mentioned my private career history as being a, you know, a publisher or an executive and many people have to understand that through business and we've heard other councillors mention business that proper evaluations are necessary as is clarity. Attention to detail and clarity is also very important. So the motion very clearly says the Chief Administrative Officer will be directed to engage...it doesn't have to be an external consultant. I'm happy to say the current external consultant, however, I would like to know how much we are paying for all the external consultants, to conduct a comprehensive review of the current system, processes, procedures and roles, responsibilities and effectiveness of senior and middle management in the department to ensure they are functioning optimally and to provide recommendations for possible increased efficiencies. Nowhere does it say judge the actions of these individuals, go in there and be on a witch-hunt. This is doing what's proper and which is common in business when you have a department that is failing, that residents are talking to us about, that residents are bringing forward. I acknowledge Councillor Browaty's…maybe we should hire undercover people on our own. I would see that as somebody who's worked with CBAs before as a clear violation of their rights, especially if we don't mention it. Especially, it's a clear violation of human rights. I will also point out that I didn't…I didn't say that we were, you know, simply not acknowledging what the department has done this far. We are acknowledging it. I would like it now as, an attention to detail, take it one step further. And I don't understand the fear or the reason we would want to keep that secret or we

would not want to do that. We can't simply blame the CAO and the directors. We were elected to represent taxpayers. We were elected to do what's best for the City of Winnipeg. We are, in essence, a board of directors for the city. And this is normal. This is not unusual. We should be doing…we should be conducting reviews of management at every level all the time of all employees for their benefit. That's how they improve. That's how they feel confident about where they work. That's how they feel engaged in where they work. It gives us an opportunity to listen to their issues. That's what a true review of management systems, executives, middle management will result in, not this masquerade of…it's a…just digging deeper and trying to make more negative comments. This is about what good operators do.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank and acknowledge the comments of all members of council on this matter. I also want to thank our interim CAO for his work on this matter. As the author of the report, I know he's been accessible and available for all members of council, both at council seminar and since of course, as well as since this report has been published. And I want to echo the comments made by a number of my council colleagues. It's unfortunate that the actions of a few employees, which have been disciplined, really haven't helped the…really the morale of so many hard working members of their…our public service who take their jobs very seriously. And so what I want to say today on the record is that we value the efforts of our staff, of the thousands of Winnipeggers who work hard every day and follow their requirements and their employment contracts, you know, in letter and spirit. And that being said, I said when we first learned about this private investigation, that we wanted to see individuals, where the evidence would support it, held accountable. We know some groups feel that the accountability that's disclosed in this report go too far. I know a number of the unions are grieving the terminations, for example, and that process should and will unfold as is the rights of the employees and the unions that represent them. Others would like us to see go further. For my part, where the evidence supports appropriate discipline, I want to ensure that the…those responsible in the public service are doing everything they can to protect taxpayers. I'm very pleased that there's a number of steps that have been indicated in the administrative report for follow up. And all members of council I know will be scrutinizing the follow-up in due course. The amendment that was made at committee really is so that that follow up occur and that public scrutiny occur in short order. And for reasons set out by Councillor Gillingham, the report does talk about the engagement of external consultants to work with the CAO's Office to assist PP&D Director on potential issues that might exist beyond the Development Inspection Divisions. The one thing that I think is incredibly important in this report is to see that the public service is not only looking at this in isolation, but seeing where changes can be made in other departments where they may be necessary. I think all members of council obviously have a tremendous responsibility and role along the way to provide that scrutiny and the input and the direction from council to the public service. This report is being received as information. It's a matter of public record. And I know...I join my council colleagues in wanting to support any efforts that will continue to strengthen the accountability at City Hall. So I want to just make those comments. I'll be…for reasons set out very well by a number of council colleagues including Councillor Gillingham, and having just reviewed this motion, it's unfortunate it wasn't provided to members of council in advance of today so we could some dialogue other than on the floor of council right now. But I'll be…I won't be supporting the amending motion because of the contents of the administrative report that do already speak to external consultants. I'll be of course once again voting to receive the administrative report as information. And I would invite all members of council to work collaboratively together on a go-forward basis to make sure that we can build upon the accountability measures that we're reviewing and debating today. And that's something that I want to offer that to all members of council.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. With that, we will vote on the amending motion. All in favour? Motion 1. Opposed? Motion 1 is defeated.

Councillor Klein: Madam Speaker, do you know what the count is? Is it recorded? Can we have a recorded vote?

Madam Speaker: No, it is not a recorded vote. It is not…all in favour of the main item as presented? Contrary? Carried. Okay and now we are going to recess for…recess for lunch and we'll reconvene...there has been a request to reconvene at 1:00. If someone would like to move that motion. Councillor Lukes. We'll reconvene at 1:00. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. One o'clock sharp, please. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 26, 2019, at 1:13 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I'd like to reconvene our council meeting of September 26th, 2019. We are on Item 9...Item 10, pardon me, of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 17th, 2019. Madam Clerk.

Item 10 – Road Construction Working Group Report Recommendations

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 10.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I'd like to make a few comments in French if that's okay. I understand the interpreter's in the booth.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: So I would like to present this report to Council. I would first like to thank Mayor Bowman for appointing me as Chair of this committee. I believe we've had really positive discussions with the industry regarding how we can improve the way we build roads here in Winnipeg. We received a number of recommendations, which I won't read out, as I've already read them during other meetings. So these recommendations are available if you do want to read them. But we often hear from the industry or from certain members of the public that we have to address the issue of how to better build roads in Winnipeg. So these recommendations are unanimous. There were members of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, there were representatives from business groups, engineering groups and consultants. So these recommendations are unanimous, and when reading them, we can see that these are concrete ideas on how to improve the construction of roads here in Winnipeg. So I'm happy to have presented them to the mayor, and I ask you today, my colleagues, to approve this guideline, which the industry supported unanimously at the end of the day. There's always work to be done. You might notice that the last two recommendations promote repeating this exercise in a year, and then in two years. Also, it's worth noting what I believe to be one of the most important recommendations, which has to do with when we publish the contract offer. The industry's been discussing this for a long time, but now, with the multi-year budget process, we will have more flexibility, we will have the flexibility to publish contract requests earlier in the year, which will allow the industry to better prepare itself. We hope, and I personally expect and believe, that the industry expects it will be able to offer a better and more affordable product, as the schedule, which will give the industry more time to respond to work offers, will give it the chance to be more organized and to offer us the same service at a better price. So I invite you all to read the recommendations. One recommendation that surprised me was the recommendation to ask the Province of Manitoba for new legislation to better coordinate the work that is done between different utilities…so Manitoba Hydro, phone companies. In this task force, I learned that, often, the lack of...the English term is "locates"...the lack of coordination between these companies makes it so the work often lasts a lot longer than it should. In Ontario, there is a law which ensures that work is better coordinated between municipalities and companies such as Manitoba Hydro. So I've touched upon a few of the recommendations that you can read, but I hope you will support this work which comes not only from myself, but also unanimously from the industry, including industry leaders. So, on that note, I thank you for taking the time to listen to me speak about this case, and I believe that if we go forward with these recommendations, roads will be built more efficiently, and we will also have the opportunity to revisit the work in a year, and then in two years, in order to hopefully do even better work in the future. So on that note, I thank you very much for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Allard, are any further speakers? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I just want to thank my colleague Councillor Allard and the members of the committee for their work. Definitely some solid recommendations here, but I would be remiss if I just said that it wouldn't be...we need a little more common sense even when scheduling projects at the same time. Like this summer for example, I mean like, why would Nairn and Marion be under construction at the same time? You've got a quick project like, you know, asphaltic overlay on top of concrete on Main Street, why would you do that in September not in August? There's just still some common sense deficient things that still seem to happen from time to time. And I would just encourage a little more common sense on some of these projects. I recognize, you know, long-term projects you know take five or six months, you're going to be interrupting, you know, school year and back to school in September, but some of the ones that are quicker, why not do them, you know…you don't want to do Main Street during Fringe Festival, fine. But was there a window in August? I think there was. Thank you.

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

Councillor Nason: Yes, Madam Speaker, this summer I coined the phrase of trapped in Transcona because there was considerable amount of projects going on. Some are development related, some not development related. The ones on Fermor, you know, it's a massive undertaking of a project. Many of the residents that are in Southland Park were screaming, asking, begging for 24/7 construction so that…to minimize the impact in their neighbourhood because they were definitely trapped in Southland Park that, you know, and they're continuing to be a little bit inconvenienced on the

eastbound work that's being done that's so desperately needed from a perspective of people doing a cut-through through their neighbourhood. So when we do planning, we definitely need to talk more with the community, see if it's something that the community supports for the 24/7 and be very strategic. You know, echoing Councillor Browaty on some of the planning that Nairn caused troubles for Transcona residents, we're still experiencing major backups as a result of starting a Marion fix up from Lagimodiere and up to Panet Road that's congesting probably even Councillor Mayes' residents, you know, eastbound and westbound. You know, we need to do a better job with planning. And I do hope through initiates like this that we will see a day where, you know, we're effectively addressing the infrastructure deficits that we have in a timely and efficient manner and for the betterment of all citizens and the industry safely. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Yes, I do, Madam Speaker. I too want to thank Councillor Allard for his leadership. I also want to thank, as Councillor Browaty rightfully pointed out, the membership of the working group. This was an effort in collaboration with the industry itself as well as third-party groups including the Canadian Federation...CFIB, Independent Business, thank you. The work and the input of everybody was extremely valuable, as was the input from our Director of Public Works. I want to thank him for his work and the ongoing work of his team. We're looking for ways with historic and sizeable investments into road construction. We want to just make sure that things are being done in a way that is the least disruptive to all those involved, including affected businesses and community members. And so looking forward to seeing these implemented. This was a commitment that I had made that we would create this working group. And I again just want to thank Councillor Allard. You know, further exploration of additional 24/7, for example, is something that has been talked about for many years. I'd like to see a lot more of it, and you know, obviously moving from the recommendations to implementation is something I hope all councillors can support. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws under Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law 64/2019, By-law 65/2019, By-law 66/2019, By-law 67/2019, By-law 68/2019, By-law 67/2019, By-law 70/2019, By-law 84/2019, By-law 85/2019.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 64/2019, By-law No. 65/2019, By-law No. 66/2019, By-law No. 67/2019, By-law No. 68/2019, By-law No. 69/2019, By-law No. 70/2019, By-law No. 84/2019, By-law No. 85/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the By-laws numbered 64/2019 to 70/2019 both inclusive and By-laws numbered 84/2019 and 85/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws Nos. 64/2019 to 70/2019 both inclusive and By-laws No. 84/2019 and 85/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 64/2019 to 70/2019 both inclusive and By-laws numbered 84/2019 and 85/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Any questions for the Mayor? Councillor Nason.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Nason: Okay. I'm trying to remember the whole no preamble stuff. So on…the first one I did…I know, I know. So the Mayor does open greetings this morning and in another media event (inaudible) discussing the great importance of trees in Winnipeg and supporting the Million Tree Challenge. You know, I'm…pulled up the budget book and I looked. So from the 2018 budget, the adopted budget, the 18.6 million were earmarked for the forestry area. And that dropped to 16.3 million in 2019. Since the Bombers play tomorrow and this is an investment simply drag…simply drag the goal line to the fourth quarter to the Super Bowl, in this case the Grey Cup. When the clock is laying down, we're down by six, needing a touchdown, like many suggest the clock is running out on our current tree canopy. So I'm wondering if the Mayor can put some words on the record regarding how, you know, his budget group and EPC appear to have gone with the wrong game plan and seem to have come up short of the winning touchdown but in shorting the Forestry Branch the funds and ability to address fully attack the challenges faced by our canopy and the ability to preserve, you know, what we refer to as the lungs of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm not sure if I'm being asked to comment on NFL, CFL or trees, but I'll give it my best. I also…also the…reference the fourth quarter after last week's Bomber game is not one that I want to revisit on the floor of council. I think we wish them all very best of course tomorrow against Hamilton. With respect to the budgetary matters as decided by Council each and every year, there is absolutely more that needs to be done. And when I initiated and made public last week my vision of the Million Tree Challenge, I indicated...and it's online if you'd like to read it if my council colleague hasn't read it. There is a recognition and I certainly recognized that more needs to be done. The vision is one that's going to require the support of all members of council. And I hope by asking the question Councillor Nason is going to be supporting the implementation of that vision. I'll certainly work collaboratively with him and many others to help support additional tree planting. And as part of the budgetary process there will absolutely be some difficult decisions that Council will have to make on tree replacement programs. I think we all recognize that what we're doing isn't enough and I'd indicated that. That's the whole point of the Million Tree Challenge is to recognize we need to do more as a community that the City can't do it all on our own and that we need to engage in an innovative way third parties, private sector, not-for-profit community groups as well as our partners at Tree Canada. And so the vision has been set out. The plan will be developed collaboratively with members of council to the extent that the City itself is going to play a part in this, which it will as far as you know I envision it. But we're also going to have to partner with third party groups. We're going to be developing that plan collaboratively together. And I look forward to the councillor's support for budgetary measures that he feels are appropriate and I'll work with him on that. The point about the trees though, I mean one of the number one things that we can do to combat climate change is simply plant a tree. And Million Tree Challenge is saying as we grow to a million people, let's each be responsible directly or indirectly for one tree. If we can do that as a community, if we can rise to that challenge over many years, we will leave a legacy for future generations. Is it good for short-term headlines? No. Is this something we're going to complete in the next three years before the next election? No, not likely. Is it something that we can plant today for future generations? Yes. And that's something hopefully can unite Winnipeggers as well as this council in supporting. In terms of the budgetary measures for tree replacement program, I certainly recognize that it's not enough. More needs to be done and we will do…we always do as a council. We'll balance the budget and will make some difficult decisions along the way about where we prioritize those funds.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, I would like to start by…oh…

Councillor Gillingham: Councillor Nason made a follow-up question. Is he going to follow?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason, second question.

Councillor Nason: Okay. Can the Mayor please clarify his e-mail to both Councillor Klein and myself on September 9 at 1:45 p.m. where he indicated that we were going to be having a special meeting…we asked for a special meeting and we were going to be at a council seminar briefed with regards to the contempt topic. That didn't occur. I'm wondering…

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Nason?

Councillor Nason: I'm wondering if he can please explain why we seem to have been misled in that regard.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry if he could clarify. The e-mail I sent to the councillor speaks for itself. If there is an additional question if he could maybe ask it in a clear way, I would be happy to answer it.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason, if you could restate the question.

Councillor Nason: Just bear with me for a quick second, Madam Speaker. You know what, I stand down.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Certainly come back to you if need be. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Mayor, I would like to start by thanking Mayor Bowman for hosting the capital…sorry for hosting the Cities Caucus of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities earlier in September. That was a good opportunity to work with the other mayors and the AMM's program on partners for growth. I just wanted to know if following the recent provincial election keeping with the sports (inaudible) here, if the Mayor has a game plan for relationship with the re-elected provincial government and whether he has any comments specifically about the Police Chief's comments at AMM's AGA recently in regards to (inaudible) Manitoba Hydro.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I have been congratulating members of the re-elected provincial government as well as members of the legislature. I will be further reaching out for formal meetings in due course. There were just sworn in yesterday and so I think the work of the Capital Region and the work of the AMM is incredibly important for that. And I want to thank Councillor Browaty for his leadership with AMM as well as his work at FCM as well. With respect to the...I think the second question in there, which is with respect to the Chief of Police's comments, I had the opportunity to attend the AGM for the Manitoba Metis Federation as I typically do provide comments myself. I wasn't there for the comments that were made. What I will say about our Chief of Police is I have always supported our Chief of Police and I will continue to do so. With respect to specific comments or matters pertaining to his job performance, out of respect for Councillor Klein as Chair of the Police Board, I will defer to the review of the employment…employment matters to the Police Board which is…which is the entity that's responsible for the performance and review of the Chief of Police, but I certainly stand behind our Chief of Police.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Allard on the report dated September 12th, 2019.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Councillor Allard: Yes, I would move the Consent Agenda.

Madam Speaker: That's Items 1 and 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now we'll move into by-laws, Councillor Allard.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, I have my cheat sheet here. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time, By-law No. 80/2019, By-law No. 81/2019.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Allard: I move that by-laws…

Madam Speaker: We'll have the Clerk read out.

Councillor Allard: Oh, pardon me.

Clerk: By-law 80/2019, By-law No. 81/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, second reading.

Councillor Allard: I move that By-laws No. 80/2019 and 81/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary. Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 80/2019 and By-law No. 81/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I just noticed my cheat sheet also has what you and the Clerk had to say. Anyhow, I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 80/2019 and 81/2019 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. Okay, we'll now have question period under this committee. Questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Klein.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Klein: I just want to acknowledge my colleague Councillor Allard. At the last City Council meeting, I had an e-mail that had suggested that the lights at Cathcart at Grant were changed from a priority to a low priority, but I'm happy to report that the lights are in and I appreciate the work that got done quickly to make that happen. So thank you very much for that.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So you are aware?

Councillor Allard: I'm now aware. Thank you very much for the question and/or statement.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is no report today, no by-laws, no motions. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Okay. Councillor Lukes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I was hoping the Chair of Finance could give us an update on the core services review. My understanding was Council to participate in that. It's going to help us define our priorities in the budget and I was just wanting an update. I have not been able to get an update from anyone.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you Madam Speaker and I thank the councillor for her question. Yes, there is an update coming and it will be soon. And our administrations continue to work on that. Some of the discussion that came out of the meetings we had at the St. Boniface Golf Course, which everyone participated in, which was…was really excellent and the administration is still working on that. And I have asked for them to get it to us.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Another question. Will council members be able to participate in a core service review or has that already been occurring with the EPC?

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, councillors will be discussing the core services, yes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: I'd like to have…get an understanding of snow clearing will be part of this process.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, the snow clearing every year is part of the budget process, but then again because it's a service, it will be discussed you know as what data as far as what…how we want to prioritize it as a core service. That's all part of the budget discussion. Of course, as we've said the process is being put together and a different process than has been in years past. That will be coming forward in due course which will involve council…all council to a greater degree.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further Councillor Nason, not at this time? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just for clarification, through you could the Finance Chair provide a little more detail in Council's involvement, I mean all of…every member of Council. Will the Council be actually involved in the point-by-point core review discussion?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, all that will come forward yes…it will all give much more information when it's ready. And so it will…it will come to all council for review.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, through you to the Chair of Finance. During the special meeting that he noted, we were told the information that was…all of the information there was to be held confidential. And specifically an exercise on services, a pseudo core services review if you would, and it was asked several times that that would not be used given the fact that many of the services were not included. And council members had mentioned that on several occasions. Therefore, the poll is very…it's unqualified. Can the Finance Chair confirm those results or any information from that session will not be used in the budget as a material or supporting documentation for decisions?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, when the documentation does come forward for the…for Council's consideration, anything that Council would deem is missing or anything that Council would say is still needed certainly can be discussed, and again we're still formulating all of that and the process will be outlined and the information will be made available.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Klein: Sorry, I just don't…I'm not clear on that answer.

Madam Speaker: Final question. You can restate…

Councillor Klein: So if I'm not clear on the answer, it doesn't matter?

Madam Speaker: you can restate, you can restate your…that's right, you can restate your question.

Councillor Klein: Fair enough. All right, we'll just let it go then. Final question then, I recently requested a list of priorities…properties sorry, receiving a TIPP from the City of Winnipeg. I was provided with some documentation which I appreciate. Councillor Gillingham did provide that. However, some of the documentations are not clear. They're not completed and I understand that that's fairly common but, for example, one of them is the SkyCity still on the TIPP project…

Madam Speaker: Your question.

Councillor Klein: Yeah, I'm getting to my question which would be can the councillor work with the CFO to actually provide a list of all current TIPPs the City of Winnipeg has and the details within those to all of council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.
Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes as the councillor notes, I did certainly respond to his first query and be…will be glad to assist with providing further information if it's…if he needs it. He can certainly just pass on another e-mail to me or hand me a list and we'll get staff tracking down that information if it's missing. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this pertains to the meeting as well. I'll try to be as specific as possible. Part of the meetings we had…we talked about what it would take to establish a framework to do a four-year budget, which is different than actually coming up with the budget. And so my question, Madam Speaker, is...will we see the policy and framework provisions ready before we get into the budget process.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, I thank the councillor for his question. A timeline is being developed right now. It's close to being done and the framework for the budget process certainly will be obviously shared with all of Council.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Just a question in terms of the Finance Committee, I know we get a quarterly how are we doing deficit projections. Can you tell me if you receive an analysis of how we're doing on all the revenue side line items?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I just want to be clear if he means line by line within each department. I just want clarity on the question so I'm able to answer his question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, if you could clarify the question.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, on the revenue side...I know the report has it, but on the revenue side have you received a how we're performing in terms of collecting of revenues on the overall city line, not by department, but we have a...in the condensed thing we have a line, for example, that says fees and something, something and that's from all departments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, I certainly…I'm certainly glad to work with the councillor to get the information that he's asking for. I believe…I believe I know what he's asking for. We do have department by department, both revenue and expenses at each quarterly update. You know, we have the total City revenue and expenses. We have utilities revenue expenses, tax supported, so if there's anything that he's not able to find there and he's looking for, I would be glad to work with the councillor to get the information he's seeking.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Not to belabour the point that Councillor Nason was making, but if there is a presentation based on some of those discussions at the St. Boniface Golf Course, certainly some items were lumped together in terms of (inaudible) and as Councillor Nason pointed out on the day, somehow snow clearing wasn't included in the whole discussion. So I just want to make clear anything coming out of that session wouldn't be binding, isn't sort of going to present as a rank ordering because as Councillor Nason made the point on the day, it…usually snow clearing comes in in the top seven of priorities when you canvas the public as we've done over the years. To not have that in could potentially skew the numbers. And if you put a couple of different subject matters together and ask if that's important to you, you're going to get possibly a different answer than if I ask the two things separately. So I appreciate it was a good exercise but I just want…I think the question on snow clearing was well…well grounded. So I just want to make sure we're all on the same page on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I thank the councillor for his question. If I do understand the question correctly, I mean yes again, a budget is a priorities document. Council ultimately votes on the budget and the priorities are reflected there. This process this time we're working on is different than certainly in the five years that I and many others have been here. It's different than any other time that we're trying to work toward that where those ward council involvement, every councillor involved in some capacity or other. So I'm confident that this time, there certainly will be opportunity for all councillors to weigh in on the prioritization of the services and the funding of them, the expenses related to them and the funding and funding sources of them. But again, I look forward to sharing that…those details when they're ready and we're working on those right now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our Finance Chair? Okay. Seeing none, let's move forward, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment.

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

Councillor Klein: Madam Chair, I would like to move suspension of the rules to hear a motion. The original motion I put in to hear, I have pulled that motion. I have…I would like to suspend the...or put forward a motion to suspend the rules to discuss debate and this very urgent matter of the pollution going into the lake. If we could suspend the rules and my colleagues would join me in that to have discussion, it would be greatly appreciated.

Madam Speaker: Okay thank you, Councillor Nason. First of all, you would put forward Motion 3, you are seeking permission of Council to withdraw that motion?

Councillor Klein: Yes, ma'am.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour?

Councillor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, I don't know if our council colleague…did he receive the copy already of Motion 5?

Madam Speaker: Let me restate.

Councillor Gillingham: The electronics?

Madam Speaker: Yeah, let me restate. They are paper copies, and we'll make sure Councillor Eadie is getting a copy as well. So there is a Motion No. 3 moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Nason. It's regarding the phosphorus reduction at the North End sewage treatment plant. He's asking for council's permission to withdraw Motion 3 at this time, but he does have a replacement motion, I guess if you call it that, Motion 5. So…yes.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) identifies the North End Sewage Treatment Plant (the Plant) as "the single largest point source of phosphorus flowing into Lake Winnipeg and the fourth largest phosphorus polluter among all wastewater treatment facilities in Canada";

AND WHEREAS the total phosphorus in the Plant's effluent is on average 3.5 times higher than the provincially mandated targets of 1 milligram per litre (mg/L), which the City of Winnipeg must meet by Dec. 31, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the latest estimated costs to fully upgrade the Plant, is $1.789 billion, and nutrient-reduction efforts are not projected to start for at least another 10 years;

AND WHEREAS the IISD has suggested that in the interim, a simple adjustment to the timing and dose of ferric chloride in the sewage treatment process (Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment) could achieve a 70% reduction of phosphorus in the Plant's effluent at an approximate cost of $3 million for construction upgrades and $2 million in annual operating costs;

AND WHEREAS in a letter to the Acting Director and Assistant Deputy Minister of Manitoba Sustainable Development dated July 30, 2019, the City of Winnipeg confirmed that although the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process would not achieve the 1 mg/L effluent requirement, "some chemical phosphorous removal… may be possible" with "minimal construction;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to implement the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process identified by the International Institute for Sustainable Development and as contained in the letter from the City of Winnipeg to the Acting Director and Assistant Deputy Minister of Manitoba Sustainable

Development, dated July 30, 2019, as an interim phosphorus reduction solution at North End Sewage Treatment Plant by June 2020, until the permanent upgrades come online;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all costs associated with the project be found within existing resources.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) identifies the North End Sewage Treatment Plant (the Plant) as "the single largest point source of phosphorus flowing into Lake Winnipeg and the fourth largest phosphorus polluter among all wastewater treatment facilities in Canada";

AND WHEREAS the total phosphorus in the Plant's effluent is on average 3.5 times higher than the provincially mandated targets of 1 milligram per litre (mg/L), which the City of Winnipeg must meet by Dec. 31, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the latest estimated costs to fully upgrade the Plant, is $1.789 billion, and nutrient-reduction efforts are not projected to start for at least another 10 years;

AND WHEREAS the IISD has suggested that in the interim, a simple adjustment to the timing and dose of ferric chloride in the sewage treatment process (Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment) could achieve a 70% reduction of phosphorus in the Plant's effluent at an approximate cost of $3 million for construction upgrades and $2 million in annual operating costs;

AND WHEREAS in a letter to the Acting Director and Assistant Deputy Minister of Manitoba Sustainable Development dated July 30, 2019, the City of Winnipeg confirmed that although the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process would not achieve the 1 mg/L effluent requirement, "some chemical phosphorous removal… may be possible" with "minimal construction;"

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service has advised that they intend on testing various options to reduce phosphorus including the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to immediately test Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process identified by the International Institute for Sustainable Development and provide results to Council.

2. That if this process is proven to reduce the current phosphorus levels, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to implement the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process as an interim phosphorus reduction solution at North End Sewage Treatment Plant within six to eight months, until the permanent upgrades come online;

3. That all costs associated with the project be found within existing resources.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, can I have "therefore be it resolved" read please?

Madam Speaker: Okay, in both of them?

Councillor Eadie: No. I read No. 3.

Madam Speaker: No. 3, okay. Let's read the "be it resolved" for No. 5.

Clerk: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to immediately test Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process identified by the International Institute for Sustainable Development and provide results to Council.

2. That if this process is proven to reduce the current phosphorus levels, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to implement the Chemically Enhanced Primary Treatment process as an interim phosphorus reduction solution at North End Sewage Treatment Plant within six to eight months, until the permanent upgrades come online;

3. That all costs associated with the project be found within existing resources.

Madam Speaker: That was 5, okay, because Councillor Eadie had 3. Now we are seeking the permission. We're voting on withdrawing 3. Seeking…okay, so we'll vote on withdrawing 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. So what we have before us now is Motion 5 which is a notice of motion. It is to appear on next month's Council agenda, but Councillor Klein is seeking a suspension of the rules so I'll be calling the vote on that right away.

Councillor Klein: Madam Speaker, can I ask for a counted vote? Standing vote.

Madam Speaker: Yes, it shall be.

Councillor Mayes: So if…Motion No. 5 would roll back to Council next month as opposed to rolling to Water Committee on next Thursday?

Madam Speaker: It's a notion of motion, so it would be automatically on October council agenda. That's what notice of motion is.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: But Councillor Klein is asking for suspension of the rules to hear the time-sensitive item today. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Bowman: If we want this matter to be considered by the committee, it's a pretty serious matter, it's significant. If wanted, would we need to have an amendment to refer to the committee, so the committee and the director could...

Madam Speaker: And just to elaborate on that Mr. Clerk, so next month if it was on the agenda, it could be referred at that time to the committee?

City Clerk: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: That's right. Okay.

Councillor Klein: Some clarification, so then they could just delay it right now, not give the…grant the suspension of the rules and then it can come back last…next month and they can delay it again to go to that committee?

Madam Speaker: That is Council's prerogative Councillor Klein, how they do it today.

Councillor Klein: I'm asking just for clarification. Is that what it is?

Madam Speaker: We are voting on suspension of the rules momentarily. And next month, if it does come back as a notice, it could...there's many things that can happen as they do...

Mayor Bowman: What I'm wondering is rather than send this to Council next month, if it can go sooner to the committee and that's what I'm wondering process-wise if it could be referred…sorry.

Madam Speaker: That was my next…that was my last comment. Thank you Mr. Mayor. Was that…is there an opportunity Mr. Clerk to refer the motion today? As a…it's a notice of motion, but could it be referred today?

Councillor Eadie: Can I have a point of order?

Madam Speaker: I would like the Clerk to answer the question first, thank you.

Councillor Eadie: There's a motion on the floor though, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: But there's been a question or a point of order. Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk: Certainly to...

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, my point of order is there's a motion on the floor from Councillor Klein. So why are we talking about what if? There's a motion on the floor, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we will vote on the suspension of the rules to discuss Motion 5 today. Okay.

Councillor Klein: I have to reiterate it, can we please have a counted vote?

Madam Speaker: And I'd like a moment with the Clerk as well and yes it will be a recorded vote. Thank you. Okay, so we will be voting on suspending the rules to hear the item today. That's what we're voting on. The vote is on the floor right now for that and then we'll move forward in just a moment. So all in favour…Councillor Klein has requested a suspension of the rules to deal with his motion today. So we need two-thirds in order to deal with the item today. Okay. So if you would like this Motion No. 5 to be discussed today, does everyone understand?

Councillor Klein: I don't think so because I think if we've done this before when the motions were brought forward by a different group of people. So I'm happy.

Madam Speaker: So Councillor Klein has put forward a motion to suspend the rules to deal with this item today. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

His Worship Bowman, Councillors Allard, Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins and Santos

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

Madam Speaker: Suspension is defeated. Now, there is an opportunity to refer this item to committee. Okay, so you would move suspension of the rules to...yes, it is.

Councillor Allard: I thought we just voted on defeating the motion.

Madam Speaker: We defeated the motion...
Councillor Eadie: This is now a vote. You know what I'm going to do it because they don't seem to understand, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor…

Councillor Eadie: I move…I move automatic referral of this notice of motion to the Water and Waste, Environment, Riverbank Management Committee.

Madam Speaker: So you'll move suspension of the rules to do so? Yes?

Councillor Klein: Isn't that a suspension of the rules? Because this motion as we have with several others that have come to this committee or this council, get moved over to the next council. This…there is all of a sudden memory lapse from everybody. It's surprising but this is an urgent issue.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. So the motion is in order to refer this item now to committee. Okay. So we need two-thirds in order for that to happen. If it is defeated, then it will be on Council's agenda next month otherwise, as the mover has requested. So all in favour of referring this to committee? We need a suspension...

Councillor Klein: Aren't we voting to suspend the rules?

Councillor Eadie: No, we don't have to suspend the rules on a referral.

Madam Speaker: Just a moment.

Councillor Klein: Can we get further clarification please?

Councillor Allard: I don't recall a separate (inaudible) referring notice of motions. The first time ever for me.

Madam Speaker: So it's just one vote before us. Councillor Eadie has moved referral to committee of this item, okay? Two-thirds is required for it to pass. That's right. Otherwise it is on the next month's agenda as the mover requested. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Is that essentially voting for clarity? If we're going to vote…

Madam Speaker: No, no, just one vote for everything. Okay. And it's two-thirds is the win to get it to committee. Understood? Councillor Mayes, you're already standing so all in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins and Santos

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Klein, Nason, Schreyer and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 12, Nays 4. Suspension of the rules and referral carries.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So Motion 5 is going to be referred to the appropriate standing committee, Water and Waste. Moving on, we'll now have question period for this committee. Any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Councillor Lukes.

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

Councillor Lukes: Councillor Gilroy, I'm wondering through Madam Chair, if you could give us an update on the torrential rain…rains we've just had and how…how…I guess how it impacted or what you heard from the Water and Waste Department on how our systems handled it.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Councillor…through the Chair, thank you councillor for the question. I will refer back to the administration and get those answers for you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well, given the climate champions that we say we're going to be, I'll move on to a different topic then. Can the Chair please explain or provide details on grey water systems being allowed in Winnipeg? At a recent meeting, we were told they're not allowed. They're allowed everywhere else across Canada. I'm just wondering if we could get some clarification on that.

Councillor Gilroy: Through the Chair, thank you Councillor Klein for the question. One of the really great things that we have right now is our climate change action plan. This is something that is going to be coming forward through our annual report that we'll be reporting on and there will be lots of opportunities to ask those kind of questions. There's lots of really great work that we're doing…lots of great work that we're doing in terms of climate change. And I also want to thank Councillor Allard for his motion through Riel that's now going to look at all the projects that are coming through…through the City to have that lens to make sure that we're looking at our climate change action plan and have that lens when projects go forward. These are definitely…there's lots of different things that we're doing in terms of climate change in regards to Water and Waste and Public Works. And those are things that we are looking at. And those are definitely questions that will be…you will be able to ask when the annual report comes forward. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. And through you, thanks to Councillor Gilroy. I guess my other question is through Councillor Gilroy that I would like to get an answer on…we've known about the phosphorus issue for quite some

time, several years. Have we been discussing an implementation plan for this past, let's say six years? Is she aware that we have been or have not been?

Councillor Gilroy: We have been actively, very actively working on the phosphorus removal plan. Since 2008, we have reduced the phosphorus levels going into the lake by 20%. We now have the west end up and running. The south end will be up and running in two years. And we'll be looking at a decrease in our phosphorus rates once the south end becomes up and running. I think it's really important that the discussion that is taking place right now…the people understand that the City of Winnipeg does care about the lake. I don't think there is a council member here that isn't passionate about what is going on with the lake. And in terms of what the City is doing, today is a prime example of what we're doing. Today we decided as a council to make sure that we're putting priority on two projects that are really vital to improving what goes into our lakes. And those are things that the Council took direction on and that's what they did to hear today. Another thing is we did the notice of alteration which was asked by the Province. We're actively looking at ways to reduce phosphorus. We actually have an RFP that's going out right now. That will be going out soon. That's going to look at what we can do to reduce phosphorus. And that's exactly what ISD and the Lake Winnipeg Foundation has wanted and we're actively doing that within a couple of years once that south end plant comes online, we're going to have some…some…we're going to have some critical answers in how we can reduce phosphorus to our lakes. So I think it's really critical that people understand that the City of Winnipeg is actively, I…actively looking at the recommendations as…from Lake Winnipeg Foundation. And I don't think that that has been communicated out there. I'm very, very happy with the work that Water and Waste has been doing. They've been doing a lot of really good work. And you know what, I don't think they get enough credit for the work that they're doing. They really do care about our lake. And I also want to thank Councillor Browaty. Councillor Browaty was the one that came to us from the…as a Red River Basin champion, came to us about a program that we can do with the Netley Creek Marsh, putting money into the Netley Creek Marsh that has all of the phosphorus going into the lake and what we can do to help support that. So I think it's really important for people to understand that the City of Winnipeg is doing work in terms of phosphorus removal. We are committed to doing that. And right now, we're in the process of looking at…we're in the process of doing what the Winnipeg Foundation…Winnipeg Lake wants us to do in terms of phosphorus removal. So I want to thank the councillor for the question. And I think that it's really important that everyone understands that we are all passionate. There is not I don't think one city councillor here that doesn't care about the condition of our lakes in regards so thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Last question. Thank you, Madam Chair. And through you, thanks to Councillor Gilroy. Indigenous people across this country recognize the sacredness of our water, the interconnectedness to that…yeah, I'm getting to it…of all life, and the importance of protecting our water...

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: And I'm…is indigenous not...what the sacredness of the water is not important? It's not preamble. It's democracy. Fine. Are you…is the Chair satisfied that being 3.4 times higher than the required level of 1 mg per litre for the next ten years is satisfactory?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Councillor Klein for the question. I think we all want to do what we can to protect the Lake Winnipeg…lake, the lake. And I notice that what was in front of...some of the discussions that were in front of us here today are stuff that we were already doing. You and me were in a meeting with Water and Waste that went over what we can do. We have a report written here by AECOM. We have a…this is a report that's written here, okay. What we were presented on okay, needing a final (inaudible) concentration of less than 1.2 milligram is not possible given the limitation to the existing system, specifically the digestive capacity. However, alternative 5 and 6...

Madam Speaker: Your comments through the Chair, please. Thank you.

Councillor Gilroy: Could be possible to incrementally…
Councillor Klein: Point of order.

Councillor Gilroy: Lower the secondary...I'm sorry Madam Chair, effluent phosphorus load by closing small amounts of metal salts in the primary and secondary treatment systems. This would require the City to implement a trial program which we're going to be doing, whereby the effluent phosphorus is removed in small increments over a period of time so that any potential adverse impacts can be identified and mitigated. So when we got a notice of alteration from the Province, when they wanted us to look at it, we looked at it. We did our due diligence. We had an expert in the field that

goes all over the world talking about it, an expert in the field that says that we maybe can't do the 1 milligram but you know what we can do some and the City is actively looking at that. And you know what I want to thank…I want to thank ISD and I want to thank the Lake Winnipeg Foundation because they are helping to keep this moving. They are helping us when we're talking about the funding here today that we're asking the provincial and federal government about. You know we need champions out there because we know we need to do more. So I'm very, very proud of the work of the administration and I'm very, very proud of this council because I do think we're moving forward. The report that was at Water and Waste showed that we are 20% less phosphorus that goes into the lake. And we are going to do more when the south end comes on line in two years. So we should be proud of the work we are doing. Do I think we should have a magic bullet and have that money right in our hands so we can do everything? You know, absolutely. But we're…we are getting there. Today is a prime example how Council put money towards these two projects. So I want to thank the councillor for his question.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. I just have a question to…through you to Madam Chair to Councillor Gilroy. In a recent press release, it states "Councillor Kevin Klein, Shawn Nason and Jason Schreyer were concerned with the departments claim that the International Institute of Sustainable Development (inaudible) to reduce our phosphorus pollution was not an option to consider. Is that accurate?

Councillor Gilroy: I thank Councillor Orlikow for the question. No, it's not accurate. We are actively looking at it. There is an RFP that's going out, that's going to look at what we can do. And so it is not accurate so I really think that it is...we need to make sure that the public understands. Because I think ISD and Lake Winnipeg Foundation has done a great job advocating for this and we are looking at the work that they've done. And…and we're hoping to come back with some clear answers for them and I think that that's important that people understand that we need to test things. So a concern of mine is people thinking that we shouldn't test something. And it is my understanding that this works like our own digestive system. I mean we all…if we all eat something, we react differently. This is no different than our different treatment plants. We have to make sure that they're working and so we have to make sure that we are properly testing these plants because if we don't test these plans, we have many risks. Some of the risks is all three plants don't work anymore. Then how would that impact our lake and our rivers? Another risk could be that you know, we can't do developments not only here in Winnipeg, but the RM of Rosser. The different RMs that we have agreements with that they actually do their treatment here at the North End. So there are a lot of different impacts. And I think the biggest impact is we have an expert in the field that says we need to test. We need to make sure that we're doing this right and I don't think any of us would want…would want our treatment plants to go under and I think that's important that we test. And that's what this RFP will do. And I'm hoping that we will be able to…we will be able to do the reduced phosphorus that Lake Winnipeg Foundation and ISD is saying. So I'm looking forward to that and I'm looking forward to learning. We can also…we can also make sure that we get some feedback from our administration so that we all can know what's going on so we can also do some reporting back at my committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: I've got kind of a question through you for the Chair. Could she possibly explain…there's two digesters at the North Winnipeg Waste and Water Treatment Plant. I don't want to say North End and upset Councillor Eadie. Can…if it's redundant or whatever it may be, could she please explain how come it's been offline for so many years?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you. Through the Chair, thank you for the councillor….the councillor for the question. It has been out for a little…some time now. It is being fixed. We've had some complications with it. By no means the results of the AECOM report, by no means does that digester impact the result that you see in the study through the Chair. Thank you.

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

Councillor Nason: So if I understand correctly, we have one digester.

M**adam Speaker:** Okay the question, please.

Councillor Nason: Is the second digester redundant or not?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Well, from time to time, we do have digesters that go out of system because they have to do maintenance and cleaning of it. So there are going to be times when we do have a digester out. This digester will be up and running shortly. It has been sometime so the councillor's right. But there was some complications, but we are in the process of fixing it up and it will be running shortly. And you know, there are times when we do have to take them out to just clean them and do general maintenance to them. So this isn't a rare occurrence.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question…third question.

Councillor Nason: What will happen if the one digester at the North Winnipeg Waste Treatment Plant fails, what is the contingency?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Through the Chair, you know, the digester will be up and running shortly. We do have contingencies because we do…we do take them out of place on a regular basis for maintenance. So there are contingencies and I'm sure that if the councillor wants a little bit more information on the more technical aspects of it, I'd be happy to get the department to answer his questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've got a few questions. One is it was mentioned that our concerns over the ISD reports that…the reports to the administration were being ignored, whether that was accurate or not. Madam Speaker, I can assure it's beyond dispute. I'm letting you know. I am concerned that the reports given to the administration weren't given full consideration. That is absolutely true. Could we get clarification as to what is inaccurate to which Councillor Gilroy responded to Councillor Orlikow's question?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Gilory.

Councillor Gilroy: Okay, I'm going to try this. What is accurate is the AECOM report that we have in front of us that went through Water and Waste. You know, this is the expert and I don't know about you. I'd be concerned with not going over an expert's seal of approval that we have here.

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

Councillor Gilroy: So for me, I guess this…you know, we had a really good presentation. And I think one of the questions that I raise...because it's hard. It's hard for us. All of us are hearing, okay, there is information from our experts and there's other experts, but who do we believe? There's all these experts, right? Who's the expert? But at the end of the day, the City of Winnipeg has a seal…a signed seal from an expert in the field letting us know what we can and can't do and that we need to test it. And I think that that's the most important thing that we need to take from this and I think what's important to note is we are looking at…looking at what we can do to trim phosphorus. We are doing those things. And that's important to note because I don't think the public understands that. So thank you, through the Chair, thank you for the councillor for asking the question.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, we were years and months behind of abiding by the provincial timeline for implementation. Madam Speaker, this amendment by Councillor Klein offers a timeline when it comes to phosphates and what we can do about that in the interim before the plant is done.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Do we have a timeline otherwise other than the word "soon"?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I know that we will be looking at the timeline that Councillor Klein has mentioned here and…but I think you're going to find it's the same timeline. We're doing an RFP right now. That's going to go out. We're going to have some tests. And it's kind of like what we did with the brown water situation we had when we were changing the coagulant. What we did…it's…we had some model and test it. We didn't just put something in the water. We modelled and we tested. We're doing our due diligence as a city, making sure we're doing the right thing and that's what we're in the process of doing. So timelines I think we have to report back to the Province. So we're going to have to have...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes moves extension. All in favour? Contrary Carried. Final question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I believe Councillor Gilroy mentioned that the new plant will be up and running in two years. Are we implying that optimization of the new filtration for phosphorus with the new plant will be up and running in the first phase?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: So the South End Treatment Plant for biological nutrient removal will be up and running in two years. What's important is that as we start modeling it pre…(inaudible) goes out and they start to model it. When the two new years are up, we're going to be able to take the sludge that we get from the South End because now it's going to have a different component because it's a biological nutrient. Once that sludge comes to the North End Plant, we'll be able to see how it interacts with the North End Plant because it's a different capacity. So that's why we need to be able to test it. And so that's what we'll be looking at. It'll be exciting to see that because I think that will give us that determination how much phosphorus we'll be able to remove.

Councillor Schreyer: I was referring to phosphate removal in the North End Plant.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for the Chair? Okay seeing none, let's move on to the standing…the newly renamed Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. We have no reports today, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Okay moving on, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Mayes on the report dated September 4th, 2019.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move Items 1…there's one that requires a…1, 2 and 4 through 10 inclusive, noting that 3 requires a two-thirds standard. So therefore, I think that needs to be pulled and further noting 6 and 7 are merely here...they were referred…laid over at EPC so we're not voting on the merits of 6 and 7.

Madam Speaker: That's right. So we'll call the vote on Items 1 and 2, 4 and 5, 8 through 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. As Councillor Mayes noted, Items 6 and 7 are just here for information. We're not dealing with them today. They've been laid over by the Executive Policy Committee for 30 days. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Proposed Land Exchange between the City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro – 4051 Pembina Highway

Madam Speaker: This item requires two-thirds vote. Councillor Mayes, do you wish to introduce the item? Call the vote if you'd like? Okay, we'll call the vote. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, that is it for the items there.

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

Madam Speaker: We now have Motion 2. Okay, just one moment. Yes, Motion 2 is moved by Councillor Klein and seconded by Councillor Lukes, and it's regarding amending the Historical Resources By-law. This is a notice of motion. It will be placed on next month's Council agenda. Yeah, okay thank you. Next is Motion 4, moved by Councillor Lukes, seconded by Councillor Klein. It's regarding retention ponds. And this will be an automatic referral to the Standing Committee on Property and Development.

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

WHEREAS Historical Resources By-law 54/2014 (the By-law) establishes the procedures for the preservation of the City's heritage buildings and structures, including the process for listing/removing buildings from the List of Historic Resources;
AND WHEREAS the By-law allows the Director of Planning, Property and Development to nominate a resource (building/structure) which is not a single family residential building, to be added to the List of Historic Resources, without the consent of the owner;

AND WHEREAS once a resource is nominated, the owner is prohibited from altering or demolishing their building until the nomination is considered by the Historic Buildings Committee and Council, a process that can take up to 36 months;

AND WHEREAS during this period, the property may sit in limbo as the owner is prevented from developing their property to its full and best use, is forced to incur maintenance costs and still pay property taxes to the City, which essentially amounts to expropriation without compensation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Historical Resources By-law 54/2014 be amended to require that any building or structure that the Director of Planning, Property and Development wishes nominate to be added to the List of Historic Resources, without the consent of the owner, shall be submitted to Council for confirmation of the nomination, by way of a two thirds vote in the affirmative.

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

WHEREAS Lake Winnipeg's watershed is almost one million kilometers in size and encompasses four Canadian provinces, four American states and multiple First Nations;

AND WHEREAS the health of Lake Winnipeg is a shared responsibility and every resident of Manitoba plays a role;

AND WHEREAS increased nutrient (phosphorous and nitrogen) loading to Lake Winnipeg from the watershed is one of the key reasons for algal blooms and poor water quality;

AND WHEREAS naturalized storm water retention ponds have been constructed in new developments in the City of Winnipeg since 2001 and became mandatory in 2014, helping to reduce nutrient loading and to improve water quality entering the rivers and streams in the Lake Winnipeg Watershed;

AND WHEREAS many Winnipeggers are not aware of the tremendous benefits native grasses, plants and bulrushes surrounding the storm water retention ponds have on the eco system, water quality and the health of Lake Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service submit to Council the necessary amendments to by-laws and/or Council Policies to ensure that all properties backing onto naturalized storm water ponds have an easement on the property registered to protect the native plants, grasses and bulrushes;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg Naturalist Services Branch prepare an information package on the significance of native plants, grasses and bulrushes around wetlands and provide an information package every two years to property owners backing onto naturalized storm water retention ponds.

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

Madam Speaker: We'll now move into by-laws, Councillor Mayes.
Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-law No. 55/2019, By-law No. 56/2019, By-law No. 57/2019, By-law 58/2019, By-law 59/2019, By-law 71/2019, By-law 72/2019, By-law No. 73/2019, By-law No. 74/2019 and By-law No. 75/2019.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 55/2019, By-law No. 56/2019, By-law No. 57/2019, By-law No. 58/2019, By-law No. 59/2019, By-law No. 71/2019, By-law No. 72/2019, By-law No. 73/2019, By-law No. 74/2019, By-law No. 75/2019.

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

Councillor Mayes: I move that the By-laws No. 55/2019 to 59/2019 both inclusive and By-laws No. 71/2019 to 75/2019 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 55/2019 to 59/2019 both inclusive and By-laws No. 71/2019 to 75/2019 both inclusive.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 55/2019 to 59/2019 and By-laws No. 71/2019 to 75/2019 both inclusive be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

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

Councillor Lukes: I'm just wondering if the councillor can…I know I sit on the committee, but I'm not the Chair so I'm not privy to all the information that goes on. I'm wondering if the Chair could just give us an update on our $30,000 infill strategy, where it's at and how it's coming along.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I don't know that it's $30,000 infill strategy, but it's certainly part of the mandate letter I got from the Mayor when I got this position as Chair of the PHD Committee. The infill strategy as Councillor Lukes is likely aware is underway. The consultations I know Richard Mahe of our Planning Department is doing that along with Kurtis Kowalke. Going out meeting with the community, certainly the issue has generated a lot of heat and light here, a lot of discussion, whether it be in the context of heritage, whether it be in the context of intensification, transit. Certainly we've...I think all of us have sat through various appeals at various different committees on issues related to infill. Certainly I would like to bring something forward before the public service completes its consultations and complete report sometime next summer as I think the projected date to get matters before Council. I'm continuing to try to work with private sector with public sector to try and get some ideas put forward that will help us in our discussions. I think everyone is wary of saying, well we need guidelines and then the next meeting saying, well we need guidelines. So I think that's universally acknowledged that we need some sort of guidelines. I know Councillor Lukes would like to have more resources devoted to it. Perhaps we all would but that wasn't part of the budget. I don't think that invalidates the process that's underway. We know other cities have done this. We can frankly use some of the work done in other cities like Edmonton. On the other hand, the very first thing we proposed that looked like Edmonton was shot down at the committee because our lot sizes are different than Edmonton's. So it's going to have to be a made-in-Winnipeg solution on this ultimately. I expect a lot of debate and a lot of passion about that, but at the end of the day the process is underway, the process is out talking to members of the public. And we'll hear back from the public admin in due course.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Seeing none, let's move forward, Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins on the reported dated September 9th, 2019.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. On the first, I would like to say how apropos to have curling theme day at Council and to consider the Heather Curling Club to assist with the cost of a lighting upgrade project so moved.

Madam Speaker: So that's Item 1 and 2. All in…

Councillor Rollins: On 1, I'm going to pull 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay. I'll call the…Item 1, Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Community Incentive Grant – The Heather Curling Club

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, do you wish to introduce it further?

Councillor Rollins: Yes. I would like to thank the Riel Community Committee and in particular Councillor Allard, St. Boniface Ward who submitted documentation in support of the matter. And I would like to acknowledge as always his efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor…any further speakers on this? Seeing none. Do you wish to close or I can call the vote? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Community Safety and Crime Prevention Program

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins to introduce Item 2.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Program has been established to support community level activities that strengthen local crime prevention and community safety efforts that promote the exchange of information between community residents and that help build close relationships between communities and the Winnipeg Police Service. The program applications may be approved to a maximum of 5,000 per application and I would like to thank His Worship Brian Bowman who through the use of his protocol grant is dedicating $100,000 from his Civic Initiatives Grant Program budget over four years to provide new public safety dollars for the whole of Winnipeg into the general purpose reserve fund. Once this passes in full today, I fully expect that all councillors and their ward residents might be taking advantage of...that their wards might be taking advantage of this fund. And I'd like to again thank the Mayor who is responding to public safety as an important priority for the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Further speakers on this? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. It's been a...well, it's not our longest day. Anyway, Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this motion and I'd like to thank Mayor Bowman for meeting his campaign commitment to provide some money, I believe it's $100,000 for each of four years where people can apply. And thank goodness you don't have to sign a funding agreement which often causes lots of issues, Madam Speaker. So I think that this is a great initiative and I just wanted to say though, I think this is a great start Madam Speaker to the motion that we had passed…EPC…and we had passed back in I think it was the spring of 2018. And we know that there's consultations going forward in terms of those neighbourhood community safety and a new model of dealing with that with our city. And so I think this is a great start and I just wanted to thank the Mayor for providing this opportunity for community groups who have some ideas that aren't overly expensive, up to $5,000. And I'm sure other organizations will be able to leverage some money against that 5,000 from other places I hope. So Madam Speaker, this is a great initiative. And I thank the Mayor for that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein followed by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am going to support this motion. I was just looking for a little more information. I'm not sure I'll get it today. I was wondering as Police Board Chair, why it wasn't brought to the Police and I noticed that there's a commitment of engaging with the police in this motion and I'm just wondering where that direction came from and how that was facilitated.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers followed by Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, I'm rising to support this motion as well. Feeling safe and secure is essential for every healthy neighbourhood. While working hard to secure and maintain infrastructure necessary for our thriving neighbourhoods, we need programs like this that residents can access. It begins with every community to recognize that they have the ability to foster safety and security within their own neighbourhood. So having access to a program like this that can provide more lighting in back alleys and back lanes or provide vest for those citizens that want to patrol the area or whatever opportunity it is such as video cameras. This is a great program to allow communities to access, to work within themselves and their own neighbourhoods to promote safety. So I will be supporting this…this program today. Thank you Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Chambers. Councillor Lukes followed by Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm supportive of this program and want to thank the Mayor for directing taxpayer dollars towards more crime initiatives. No one knows the neighbourhood better than the people who live in the neighbourhood. Community coalitions and other organizations have the ability to stimulate community conversation, broad awareness of issues and create ground-level action. Community coalitions and their organizations work from the bottom up, not the top down. What I've observed over the years, many community-led initiatives have been proven to be powerful agents of change and good initiatives can provide a foundation to build on. Grassroots organizations can engage citizens in creative community betterment efforts and generate real accomplishments that citizens can take pride in. And they can also…with the general…they can engage and communicate with the general public, prompting them, the general public, to engage elected officials at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels. This is…I think of this program similar to the micro grants programs that we see in many third world countries. So I do think there is one point in this report that's missing. I think there'd be huge value in having the ideas that come forward and are awarded funding to be posted publicly so other community groups can review and see if there is an idea that may work for them. I will be working with the department to hopefully secure public listing of the awarded projects. Many years…well, many years ago, they just quit it; MPI had a speed watch program for over a decade that engaged community citizens. And whether that program actually worked or not from the standpoint of reducing speed in communities, what it did do was it got neighbours talking to neighbours. And I think that the value of that is so powerful. So I'm just rising to speak in support of this program and the use of publicly funded dollars to support it.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. Again, I do want to thank the Mayor. He could have easily done as we've had in the past just done his own thing with that money, but he has given this money into a process, very transparent. And also allows anybody from all the wards, not just…some people referred to the Mayor's fiefdom which is not. This mayor has done incredible work to take these kind of monies and put it into the public realm for all the public to benefit by. So again, I really want to stress my appreciation for that. The River Heights-Fort Garry Ward, I would say we've been…we've been hit hard with crime for quite a few years. It seems…and we've had a number of community groups come forward. But the problem we're having with some of our community groups is sustainability. These are incredible volunteers. We had a gentleman recently who had to step down from our River Heights patrol because of the enormous amount of cost it was for his members including myself, I was a member of, to drive our own cars around, use…pay for our own gas, pay for our own fingerprinting. You know, volunteers go so far but you know, you're going to be out on the roads at 12:00 at night to 4:00 in the morning. There's some concerns there. So that group was struggling and now we have to rejig it. The Light Up Your Back Lane Program, we have that program running. Again, this is where we hand out the neighbourhoods in specific areas that are being hit hard, where the Winnipeg Police Service has identified dark spots, they call them, where we need to get more light in the back lanes. So we've offered free of charge from the City funds, from our City funds, to put up lights in the back lane and those garages. So that's great it worked out well. We also have an association set up, the River Heights Crescentwood Safety Committee. Now these are…these committee are made up of members who are active program people. These program people, there's about five of them that are actively working on programs to bring forward or have programs running already. We have about four symposiums a year on safety. So we have…people are going to come by and ask for grants, that I didn't know all our councillors here today are going to have applications from great community groups that are going to come forward with those ideas. But again, the problem we do have is volunteering is incredibly important. As we know, it's getting difficult. The community centre movement has found that already. So how do we help these groups be sustainable so we don't have to restart these programs every year or two years? So this funding, yes it may be only $5,000, but that goes a long, long way. And I know that I've recently spoken to my community committee, City Centre Community Committee members. We're going to be looking at funding on top of this $100,000. We don't want it be taken away from our first tranche of the 100,000, but again, we know that some community groups are going to need a little bit more or may not be able to get in. So again, we're going to be setting up…we're just working with the process now of allocating similar funds to this as well, hopefully around $25,000. Again, I agree with what Councillor Lukes mentioned, there's many levels or there's a program level, there's the information level, but again there is no one answer to unfortunately, if we all know that on how we're going to address the safety in our neighbourhoods. But again, the power that comes from these grassroots groups

who are…they're really a vested interest, they're just fed up or they really love their neighbourhood, either one, but they want to come out and participate. So this money will be very, very helpful for example, things like the programs I mentioned. We have about three other programs that are in the works right now. We call it Neighbourhood Watch 2.0. We're working on that program. We're working on a security camera program that we're going to be bringing forward shortly for consideration. So there's a number of programs that we're working on. But these are being all generated from the grassroots. Winnipeg Police Service is an incredible partner with us. We work with them, but they are very, very, very busy people. So again, this allows us to be able to bring ideas that are framed properly and in conjunction with the police so it frees up their resources so they can be focusing on what their highly skilled…highly skilled people are supposed to be doing which is some of the stuff I don't want our community groups doing. Our community groups should not be chasing down people in the back lanes. That's very, very dangerous. We try to stress that out. They are not vigilantes, we're not doing that. But what want to do and we want to say to people, how can you protect your home? Well, that's…how can you protect your credit cards? How can you protect your car? What are the crime stats in the neighbourhood? How are we doing reaching those targets that we want to reach together? And one of the programs that we're doing…so when people call incredibly frustrated because their car has been broken into three, four, times plus, again, our first comment to them always is and again, Smash Window Club have been fantastic is, you must report this. People…we're still working on that. We've still got to get people to report this data in. The second phase there is we also need...when people are frustrated, sometimes they're frustrated, they need to speak and know they're being heard. Again, the community safety group will allow that and I allow that as well and I appreciate that. But there's also people out there that really want to get involved. So we recommend, and I'm going to call out to all the people in I think across Winnipeg but especially the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward, if you have a program idea, come forward. We now have some funds. So I'm hoping this will generate some more programs and our office will work with them to figure out the details of the program and how to get it across the finish line because there is again no one answer. There's many different answers, but they all take the community to be a part of it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Orlikow. Seeing no further speakers, yes, Mr. Mayor of course.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to start by thanking our committee chair. Councillor Rollins has been providing excellent leadership through this committee on matters related to this and related. The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Program was something that I committed to Winnipeggers I wanted to implement. As Councillor Orlikow has noted, rather than simply use the funds at my discretion, thought it would be most appropriate for the public service to work in collaboration with third-party stakeholders including the Winnipeg Police Service to build the criteria and then to allow citizen groups and organizations in every ward of the city to meet the criteria and apply. I would encourage other members of council to complement the work of this perhaps by considering contributing funds available to them as well. That can help in respective wards, hopefully by doing so it can really amplify the effectiveness and the resources that are made available in this program. I want to thank the committee. And just for Councillor Klein's reference, if he reads the report, you'll see in the history and discussion that the standing policy committee had directed the public service to consult with the Winnipeg Police Service in establishing the criteria to make sure it's to greatest extent possible, complementing the work of the Police Service, but also ensuring that jurisdictional lines were respected as well. And so I believe this program has done that and I want to thank the Winnipeg Police Service for their input. And I also want to thank members of council for their input. I'm really hoping this…that there are a number of applications that come in once this is approved that can be considered. And I want to also compliment, Councillor Lukes' suggestions just a few moments ago were excellent. And you know, I love working with her on seeing how that can be implemented. I think that kind of sharing…this is exactly the kind of discussion that we want to see on the floor of council and in the community. We all have a stake in trying to build safer community and sharing information through programs and initiatives like this or elsewhere is going to only complement and build on the work of so many groups, including the Winnipeg Police Service who do incredibly difficult work. This is an effort to try to really provide them with additional support so that we can reduce demands on the Winnipeg Police Service and also of course the required associated costs which we know are sizeable for professional police service that we all enjoy having protect us and our families each and every day. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Councillor Rollins to close on the item.

Councillor Rollins: Yes, I appreciate...thank you councillors for your comments. And on public safety, I appreciate the comments in particular comments that challenge the notion that police are the only partner that creates a sense of public safety. They are indeed an important player, but not the only player. As Councillor Orlikow and others have mentioned, police are just one of the important partners, but this really emphasizes those grassroots, those neighbourhood programs, those third-party stakeholders, the citizen groups in Earl Grey and Point Douglas, in River Heights and all of our wards, the Mama Bear Clan that increase public safety, increased lighting, picked up needles, conduct audits on public safety, point out where there's dark places that where we can shine light on them and increase public community services, contribute to our sense of community safety just like our spending does on education, on housing all contribute to community safety. Once this passes in full today, and I'm looking forward to a unanimous vote here, the applicant

criteria and application process, funding evaluation, the awards process as well as that, it will all be up on and there will be a website created to communicate what's happening with the program. And I think that's important in addition to it being distributed to all councillors interested, so that they in turn can distribute it to their interested parties in their ward. An excellent point made by my contiguous colleague in River Heights-Fort Garry that community committees can also examine this as an opportunity to partner, to add weight to the overall grant, that the 100,000 commitment from His Worship Brian Bowman over four years and partner with community groups leveraging more money towards public safety.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Rollins. With that we'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. I was just getting to that, Councillor Klein. Thank you. I just said carried. Now Councillor Rollins, will you move adjournment?

Mayor Bowman: I didn't have time to even ask for a recorded vote. Perhaps next time we could be given a little bit more time to ask for it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, will you move adjournment? Sorry, there's questions for you still. Councillor Allard, would you like to sit up here? Question period for the Chair, any questions for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Just wondering, Madam Chair, if the councillor will move adjournment.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: It is my honour to move adjournment.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Council adjourned at 2:42 p.m.