COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, January 31, 2019

The Council met at 9:37 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 Chambers.

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, Madam Clerk. At this time I'd like to recognize in the gallery Mr. James Turner. He's the instructor of Red River College. He's with his class of first year Creative Communications students who are observing today's council meeting. Thank you for joining us today. We'll now move onto morning announcements, Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, there's a lot of laptops up there recording every word that we say in addition to Hansard so we better be very careful with the crowd that's there today. And welcome to everybody that's joining us in person and that is viewing online. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I do have a few brief remarks to make before we begin our council proceedings today. First I'd like to welcome everybody to the new year as we engage in our first council meeting of 2019. Shortly after December's Council meeting, I was very happy to be joined by council colleagues and announced in the City Hall courtyard, the building exterior lighting grant program which is aimed at encouraging downtown building owners to invest in lighting that will create a more inviting and safe pedestrian environment. This is part of the multi-year downtown safety strategy. $300,000 has been allocated over two years to support improved exterior lighting on downtown building facades. Madam Speaker, a couple of weeks ago I was honoured to join Bell Let's Talk in announcing funding for the Bear Clan. I was very happy to announce $50,000 while Bell Let's Talk stepped up in a big way with $150,000 of support for the Bear Clan and for those in need in our community. The Bear Clan is a very well deserving organization made up of over 300 volunteers. I am very proud to count myself a member of the Bear Clan…volunteer member, as is our Chief of Police and I believe other members of public service and I presume council as well. They make incredible contributions to the community and I want to applaud Bell and the Bell Let's Talk initiative for all of their efforts yesterday. I know many members of council and our public service made efforts to get the word out to try to help end the stigma towards mental health in our community and I want to applaud my council colleagues and all those involved across Canada including Bell for their incredibly important efforts to help those in need in our community. Madam Speaker, earlier this week I attended the Big City Mayor's Caucus meeting in Ottawa where we had a number of topics to discuss. At the top of my agenda were discussions around attaining a modernized relationship with the Federal Government and permanent transit funding. Transit is obviously an issue of local focus as evidence by this weekend's meeting. It certainly is a focus of all municipalities across our country. At the end of the day, Canadians expect all of their governments to work together to make their lives better and these meetings continue to show positive steps in the right direction. Also last week, we hosted…or more recently we hosted the University of Winnipeg and Manitoba at City Hall to help promote the 28th annual Duckworth Challenge. It's an annual event that sees the two universities men's and women's teams play soccer, basketball and volleyball for a chance at winning the Duckworth Challenge trophy and bragging rights for the year. First game begins this evening at the University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre. I would encourage all Winnipeggers to head on out there and cheer on the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg Wesmen. I'm a former Bison athlete and so I may have a slight bias, I have to say. In all of my swimming competitions, we never lost one race to the University of Winnipeg swim team. Considering they don't have a swim team, it was an easy record to have. But I want to encourage everybody to get out, support our local teams. They do great work. The universities are…we should be very proud of the athletic programs of both University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. University of Winnipeg is tonight and later this week is the competition for volleyball at the University of Manitoba. So I hope Winnipeggers get out in big numbers to support this important event for both universities. Finally, we have just launched the City of Winnipeg's Welcoming Winnipeg Initiative which is a public engagement effort aimed at gaining Winnipeggers views to help the City develop a process and policy to guide how the City recognizes historical people and events. As a city, Madam Speaker,

we need to engage with residents and really listen to how they feel about our monuments, names and other recognitions before we take action. While personally I am not in favour of tearing down historical markers and hiding them away somewhere, the history of our city, of our province and in fact our country is intricately interwoven into the cultural fabric of our city in ways that many of us may not immediately recognize. For some, the names and monuments disproportionately represent aspects of our shared history that make many in our community feel marginalized and even forgotten. For others the names and monuments celebrate progress, the development of a nation, and a history that they know, they understand and they're familiar with. I hope Winnipeggers will take this opportunity to share their story of Winnipeg, whether their families have been here for a year or whether they've been here for generations. It's a very important initiative and I'm proud that in the City of Winnipeg, we're being proactive to have this discussion while other cities have unfortunately had very polarizing debates reacting to single monuments and place names. We're trying to get ahead of this. We're trying to engage all in our community who will have very different views on this topic and I would once again encourage everybody to get involved. I'd like to thank our Deputy Mayor and our Acting Deputy Mayor to be…for being at the announcement the other day. And I would just encourage respectful dialogue on, you know, what could be a very polarizing discussion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Speaker. Good morning to our guests, good morning Mr. Mayor and good morning to all of my colleagues around the table. I want to thank you because it is a great honour that I take a moment to recognize a husband, a father, a mentor, and a great volunteer, not only in Charleswood but in Winnipeg and across Manitoba who we lost in 2018, Mr. Wayne Deschouwer. Mr. Deschouwer was the definition of community volunteer. Since the day he and his family moved to Winnipeg from Gladstone, Manitoba, Wayne started volunteering and never stopped until the last day. Wayne almost immediately became involved volunteering with the Charleswood Hawks first as the general manager, then the team president. Wayne fortified a winning culture which saw the club win 12 MMJHL championships during his 24 years with the club. When Wayne wasn't at the rink in Winnipeg, he travelled to rural Manitoba serving as the president of the Tiger Hills Senior Hockey League and the Southeast Hockey League for a total of 23 years. His tireless commitment was given Hockey Manitoba's highest praise when he was named Volunteer of the Year for 2011-2012. Not only involved in hockey, Wayne also umpired baseball for 45 years, becoming Provincial Umpire-in-Chief from 2010 to 2015, all while continuing to stand behind the plate himself and facilitating countless clinics for young people in our community. Wayne was recognized for his contribution to softball in 2010 when he was inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame in the all-around category. The only thing more important to Wayne than giving back to his community was his family. On January 27th, his family came together with the community before a Charleswood Hawks game to pay respects to Wayne and his family. Finally, I was honoured to move a motion at the community committee that a portion of Oakdale Drive be given the honorary name of Wayne Deschouwer Way in recognition of his unquestionable dedication to our community. I'm proud that Councillor Lukes, Councillor Gillingham voted unanimously in support. Mr. Deschouwer will be missed, but not forgotten. Because you can't walk into an arena or on to a ball field without being reminded of the work that he has done in Charleswood, that he's done here in Winnipeg, and that he's done across Manitoba. Madam Speaker, I would ask that we just recognize a brief moment of silence to thank Mr. Deschouwer for all that he's done for our city and community.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Klein. There will be other similar remarks that we're going to be hearing this morning and we appreciate your comments today. Moving on, Councillor Nason, your opportunity for your morning announcements.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good morning Mr. Mayor, council colleagues and guests in the gallery. Recently I had the opportunity to attend the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce Breakfast for the Canadian Forces liaison Council Awards and Recognition Program which was specifically to honour contributions by employers towards the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves in Manitoba along with northwestern Ontario with regards to leading. As a newly appointed Council Liaison for Veteran and Military Affairs, I understand the value to the business community regarding a strong relationship to our military and one that I would ask that our business community, if not already doing so, to seriously consider. The skills your staff gain and bring back to their employees...employers will far outweigh any loss of resources while actively away. The city was nominated in appreciation of support to reservists and the roles with Her Majesty's Canadian Chippewa and Queen's Own Cameron Highlander Regiment and our continued support of Canadian Armed Forces. I want to thank Lieutenant Commander Colin Stewart and our City employees that nominated our great city for this award. I also want to take a moment to thank our CAO, Doug McNeil for recognising and supporting this approach to our nation along with the other businesses that stand forward in defense of our country. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Councillor Schreyer, your opportunity for your morning announcement.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very pleased to be here today.

Councillor Schreyer: And it's very much my pleasure…bittersweet to acknowledge the passing of Alma Cerilli. I don't remember not knowing Alma Cerilli and Al Cerilli and the Cerilli family. They have been, I guess, collectively and individually a pillar or pillars of the political community in northeast Winnipeg for decades and specifically since the inception of modern Winnipeg back in 1972-73. I mention this on the council floor, Madam Speaker, because to my recollection, to my knowledge, Alma Cerilli is the longest serving member of the Residents Advisory Group in the history of Winnipeg. Because I believe Alma Cerilli was a member of the original…at the original inception of the Residents Advisory Group concept back in the early 70s, Madam Speaker, and it happens to be that the Residents Advisory Group for northwest Winnipeg for the Elmwood and Transcona Community Committee, is the last functioning Residents Advisory Group in Winnipeg which continues today, Madam Speaker. Alma Cerilli, in fact, was attending meetings up until last year, last season, I believe. And I do recall recently seeing more absences and regrets from the meetings, and Alma Cerilli passed away on December 31st of last month. The Cerilli family has always been and continues to be an ongoing concern for me and members of our community. To this day, Joanne Cerilli, one of their daughters is my neighbour and an active member of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association with whom I just had meetings last week. And I just noticed looking at the passages the number of people that I know over my entire lifetime that have made their comments about a lifetime of knowing Alma, and I just wish to say to all of us that have had the great fortune to know Alma and Al and her family and to work with them over the decades and yes, Madam Speaker, over the generations in this case, that she so motivated me…I mean, to this day, Madam Speaker, I have to say that as an example of her passion for life and her energy with which she put into the struggle for social and economic justice, is they know that my life, so did they have her life in the family, being witnessed to Sunday family gatherings of less than 20 people that today over 30. And Madam Speaker, her energy and her joy and her passion for life and for the struggle for the human condition continues today through all those that know her. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you Madam Speaker, to council and members of the gallery and people on…watching, Xin Nian Kuai Le. I would like to acknowledge and extend happy New Year greetings to our large and growing Chinese community. Chinese New Year is one of the world's most prominent and celebrated festivals and is cause of the largest annual human migration in the world. It is a major holiday and it has strongly influenced the New Year's celebration of many of Chinese...China's neighbouring cultures. In 2019, the first day of the Lunar New Year will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 5th, initiating the Year of the Pig. I know the celebrations have already started. I know they will continue on for an entire month if not more. And we have such a vibrant, strong, wonderful Chinese community. I just wanted to acknowledge it on the floor of the council and wish everyone Xin Nian Kuai Le.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And word of caution, I may speak French because my comments have to do with the largest French winter festival in western Canada. So we are celebrating Festival du Voyageur's 50 years this year. And the members of the council will have a 50-year pin at their desk as well as some Festival cup that they can have their coffee or other beverage from today. So I want to acknowledge 50 years of Festival. Dates this year…so there's a countdown on the website…the website Heho.ca. So in 15 days it's going to kick off. And given that it's a special year, there's a number of initiatives and I don't want to steal the Festival's thunder on some of the new stuff that's going on this year, but one of the things that already has gone through this council is an honorary street naming on St. Joseph Street. And so we'll be commemorating the Festival this year on their 50th in that way. And I look forward to participating this year. And for those of you who enjoy the outdoors, I understand the…for the first time ever, there is a Festival bar on the river and it's open on Fridays from 5:00 to 9:00, perhaps some of our delegates in the room might be interested in that. But I am hoping to go and visit that soon. And that's part of the new innovative ways that Festival is growing outside of the...well, its roots in St. Boniface, it's also starting to grow outside the city.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: So, I would like to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Festival du Voyageur. So, this festival has been going on for 50 years. It is the biggest winter festival in Western Canada. I am looking forward to attend the Festival again, which will start in 15 days. For those who are interested, the website is www.heho.ca. There will be a lot of new things this year. For one thing, we will be honouring the Festival with honorary street signs along St. Joseph Street this year. The Riel Committee has already approved this initiative for Council. Thank you to Councillors Mayes and Chambers for supporting it. And there will be a lot of new activities. I already know about several things, and I don't want to steal the Festival's thunder, so... I would like to highlight that it is possible to drink some Caribou or beer or whatever one prefers on the Red River, where a winter bar will be set up for the first time by the Festival, so I am inviting you to go down there on Fridays. I haven't had the chance to do it yet, but I am planning to attend the bar and to take

part in the Festival's activities this year. So, in 15 days, I invite you to come celebrate with us. Thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. That brings our morning announcements to a close.

MINUTES

Councillor Browaty moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on December 13, 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move into delegations. First up is Mr. Gaurav Bhatt, if I could please ask you to come forward. Mr. Bhatt is from React Mobile Signs. He's here on behalf of Grant Fraser, Canadian Plus Signs and Mitch Prud'homme, All Around Signs. And they're in support of Item 30 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated January 7th, 2019 regarding mobile signs under Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006. Welcome, you have 10 minutes, sir.

Gaurav Bhatt: Good morning, Madam Speaker. Good morning, Mayor Bowman and respected city councillors, a special welcome to the gallery. We've just got a handout that's making its way around so I'll just take a moment to pause before we get started.

Madam Speaker: While we're waiting, I just wanted to note that the proceedings listed this delegation in opposition. They are actually in support to Item 30. Okay. Mr. Bhatt.

Gaurav Bhatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I appreciate the clarification. We're here in response to...on January 22nd, 2019, at the Executive Policy Committee meeting, there was a recommendation to review the current provisions of by-law...or City of Winnipeg Zoning By-law 200/2006 and specifically there was a recommendation that current provisions which restrict mobile signs to exclusively black and white lettering be revisited. And so we're here on behalf of the mobile sign industry to explain and really share some sentiment about why the current...the current by-law as it stands, although it has not been enforced for the last 10 plus years, has recently come to light as we're effective January 1st, 2019, there will be strong enforcement of this by-law which bans any coloured lettering. And so we're here in front of city council today to advocate on behalf of changing this said by-law which currently says black and white lettering should only be permitted, to now have that amended or rather be removed to clearly say that we can have coloured lettering on mobile signage. With the handout that you have in front you, what we have is sort of a one-page summary that really shares our sentiment as an industry. On the left-hand side you will see, you know, prior to enforcement how the mobile signs looked and how we've operated in a harmony with not only the City of Winnipeg but with thousands of business owners across the City of Winnipeg. And so you can see that on the left we've got...what we have is just line signs, what we typically refer to them as, and they have a contrasting arrangement of letters. So whether it be white, some fluorescents, some neon, this is important because small businesses rely exclusively on this type of marketing to get their small businesses recognized to the residents and to their customers of their neighbourhood. And so what's really important to recognize here is that on behalf of the entire sign industry, we recognize that there's a strong need for these small businesses to have these types of lettering. It promotes their businesses. Oftentimes this is all they can afford. They don't have the deep pockets or the big budgets of large companies to run TV commercials, take radio ads or to run billboards. So oftentimes, in fact, this is the only type of marketing and advertising they do and they strongly rely on this to generate revenues and to stay viable in their communities across Winnipeg. And so the change that came through on January 1st of this year has strongly impacted, certainly our industry, but more importantly, the thousands of businesses across the City of Winnipeg that struggle to get a bit of recognition out there and this being their primary way of getting the opportunity to stand out is being inhibited now by only having what you see on the right-hand side of the handout, so when you restrict to just black and white letters. And so as you can see we've all been compliant. We understand that the enforcement has been suspended, but we wanted to share you with you on the right-hand side of the handout what black and white lettering looks like. We can see, for obvious reasons, with you know, mounds of snow that we currently have outside, you know, white lettering on a black background or vice versa, it just doesn't catch any attention, especially when you've got people going by that really rely on trying to capture some attention. This has been a huge concern for small businesses. So again, clearly, we really want to advocate on the ability to amend the existing

by-law to allow coloured lettering. I want to speak to a couple important things. In the past during Executive Policy Committee as well as some of the standing policy committee meetings there might have been some confusion about the specific mobile sign industry. We're a part of the sign industry, but specifically our mobile signs are static signs. To be clear, that does not include any motion lights, any neon flashing arrows, any additional attachments. These are non-electronic, they're standing, physical static signs. And so what you see here on the left is exactly how they're presented. These are live pictures of on-site installations and there is nothing else above and beyond what you see on the left-hand side column here. And so I just wanted to dispel any notions of how there might be any flashing lights or any distractions to drivers or pedestrians. The main request here is we just need small businesses to have the ability to stand out and so that's what we're advocating on behalf of here. Some other points that I'd like to share to you, you know, as professionally managed, you know, mobile sign companies we adhere to a standard internally. While we're not regulated, we do hold each of ourselves to a standard of having professional hardware, you know, immaculate colouring. You can see that with professional companies all of our colours are in congruence. There's no faded colours. Our signs are well maintained. And it's a sense of pride for us that if we can do this and uphold the look of the city and make sure that things are being done in a visually appealing way that helps our business and it helps the businesses of these small companies that are advertising themselves. We take pride in maintaining everything. We…you know, moreover, we have been a consistent contributor to City revenues. We take permits out, every sign that goes out has to have a City of Winnipeg permit, whether it's a 30 day, 60 or 90 day rental, these are permits that generate, you know, well in excess of 300 or $400,000 a year in permit fees just alone for mobile signs. And so it's critically important, you know, on multiple facets for the City of Winnipeg, for our industry, and of course, for these small businesses. So moving to eradicating coloured lettering, it hasn't been enforced for 10 years. Really, it doesn't seem like there's a need to enforce it. Clearly you can see from the left-hand side we do it respectfully, we do it in a way that makes sense for small businesses, and, you know, the real crux of this is moving and upholding this by-law to have just black and white lettering, has significant negative implications for small businesses. You know, many of our customers have come to us and said, if this is the way the City is going to uphold the by-law, I respectfully ask you not to renew my sign. And they said, I'd rather have no sign than to have a black and white sign covered by snow. I'm paying for something that's not visible. I'm paying for something that's not going to get attention. And so we've already starting to see that many businesses are saying, I like the way that it was. There's no concern. There hasn't been any issues for 10 years, why now? And so we are in front of city council today to ask…we are certainly in support of the motion that's in front of everyone to ensure that we can review this further. We're more than willing and happy and we would, in fact, it would be a pleasure of ours to be involved in any consultations going forward to see how we can work together with council to ensure that these mobile signs are done correctly, are done tastefully, are done to City standards. And we certainly look forward to having the black and white lettering removed and so we can continue further. The second point that's part of the motion in front of us, when in 2006 this motion first got brought to city council, graphic signs were not part of the industry. I want to draw everybody's attention to the bottom left-hand corner of the handout. So these graphic signs, in the last three, four years, our sign industry, in particular our mobile sign industry, has moved to a combination of what we call line lettering signs and full printed graphic signs. So these are essentially mini-billboards that we see, except they're at the ground level. So these are 5 foot by 10 foot, 4 foot by 8 foot printed graphic signs. And so they replace the line lettering that you see above. And so specifically they ask of our industry as well is to...while we're amending the black and white lettering, we want some clarity and for us and for council to allow printed graphic signs. So right now there isn't a specific mention in the by-law and we're asking that it be included for clarity sake. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the presentation. We'll now take questions. Councillor Gillingham. Moves suspension? Did you…okay, we'll move into questions. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. For the sake of understanding why this is taking place right now I'd like to ask our delegation representative; in his perspective, why we had only black and white signs in the first place?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Bhatt.

Gaurav Bhatt: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. The by-law has always existed. It was written as such to include only black and white lettering. And it was done so at a time when there was an influx of sign companies, oftentimes in the early and mid-2000s. A number of sign companies had surfaced where they were operating out of their garage, out of their backyards with one or two or three or four signs that they built in their spare time and they were renting them out to many small businesses for you know, just as a side income or a side source of small business. And the issue and the challenge that was raised at that point, you know, over 10 years ago was there needed to be some, you know, for lack of a better word, we needed to sort of rein it in. We couldn't have, you know, unregulated signs popping across the city in multiple wards that weren't following a set standard. What we have seen since then, because of that by-law, many things have changed in our industry. Many of those smaller sign companies, if we want to call them or smaller operations that were operating out of their backyards, have ceased to exist. It's a fairly, you know, intense industry. To install these signs, they weigh over 150 pounds, they have to be anchored properly, they have to be done...so, you know, it's proven that you know, over the last 10, 12 years while there hasn't been any enforcement, so although the by-law is existent

and they didn't enforce it, the main reason why this came to fruition now is that there was a letter sent from the Property Planning and Development Department suggesting that January 1st, 2019, we will now be enforcing this by-law that has been around. Although it hasn't been enforced for you know 12 years, we're going to be enforcing it now. And so our concern is is that, well, why now? You know, we've seen clearly that we don't see, you know, derelict signs in the city and, yes, there might be the odd sign or two that's out there, but by and large we've cleaned up the entire industry. And so there isn't a need for enforcement. And those mobile sign companies that are operating in the industry are doing so respectfully, are doing so with taste. It benefits, like I said, both of us. If we do it properly, we gain our customer base and if we do it properly our customers are happy with the presentation. And so, that's why this has come up now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for delegation today? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I just want to say thanks very much for the dialogue and presenting today. I did hear you say that...talk about snow piling up on the signs, you're aware that weather is federal jurisdiction in winter?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And Mr. Bhatt if you bring your comments through the Chair, would you like to comment? Anything else you'd like to add?

Gaurav Bhatt: You know, we appreciate...we humbly appreciate the time that's afforded to us. A number of councillors have reached out to us and given us some guidance and advice and that hasn't been unappreciated. We appreciate all the support. And we understand, you know, we definitely want to work in the best interest of our industry, of our small businesses and certainly the City of Winnipeg. And so we appreciate the support. And if there's any questions, please feel free to let us know.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, thank you for your presence here today. We'll now move into reports. First off is the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 15th, 2019. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 15, 2019

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the report of EPC dated January 22nd, 2019.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 22, 2019

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 10. I would like to pull Item 2 please, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Eadie: Item 4.

Madam Speaker: Okay, 2 and 4 have been pulled. Three...there's an amending motion, yes. Okay. I'll call the question on Items 1 and 5 through 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – 2018 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I pulled this matter…I just want to take a moment to thank all of those Winnipeggers that are helping on our collective journey to reconciliation including all those members of the public service, members of council that are supporting those efforts both in previous council and our current new council. The members of our Indigenous Relations Division in particular have been doing outstanding work as has the guidance from our Indigenous Advisory Circle. And I just want to say thank you very much to all who are helping. This is...when we deal with the legacy of residential schools, the harm inflicted that we still live with in our community today, it took generations

to inflict the harm, intergenerational survivors continue, obviously, to deal with the shameful legacy of residential schools in our community and in communities across Canada from coast to coast to coast. Our efforts include many things; the…of course, first ever Winnipeg Indigenous Accord is something we're very proud of and continue to encourage all members of our community to sign and to take steps. This is a report that just provides an update to Winnipeggers in a very open and transparent way. And I'm going to just single out one of the updates and I would encourage all of those that are viewing these proceedings now or later to please read the administrative report. It does outline a number of tangible steps that are being taken by the City of Winnipeg to further its own...its own efforts at reconciliation. And I'll just single out one as an example. If you look at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, which are not recommendations, I once referred to them as recommendations, Madam Speaker, in front of Senator Murray Sinclair. I have never had somebody react so quickly as he did in letting me know they're not recommendations, they are Calls to Action and they compel action. So I'd like to just single out the Call to Action 57 which deals with training and is in the report. And I'll just read it for everyone's reference, again, as one example. The reconciliation...the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action No. 57 says, "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of aboriginal peoples including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations declaration on the rights of Indigenous peoples, treaties and aboriginal rights, Indigenous law and aboriginal crown relations. This will require skills-based training in inter-cultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights and anti-racism." This report, Madam Speaker, states that as of November 2018, over 7,500 employees of the City of Winnipeg have participated in education opportunities through scheduled and department requested sessions. I know many members of our previous council, myself included, have attended the reconciliation training. I would encourage all those new members of council who haven't yet had the opportunity afforded to them to participate in the training to do so. As well as all those employees of the City of Winnipeg who haven't taken it to date. The report goes on to list that a number of the leadership series, everything from moccasin making workshops that are held in the spring, summer and fall and solstice ceremonies that are provided, it talks about the Assiniboia Residential School Exhibit that was hosted by Planning, Property and Development Department at their Garry Street location from September to November with more than 200 people visiting the exhibit. It also speaks to the efforts of Red Road Lodge, an organization that I recently visited, and continue to support. They are a partner to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord. They created a travelling exhibit, community art project, designed to create an environment of healing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities through public art displays. And the story project exhibit was also displayed at 510 Main Street here at City Hall in the Susan A. Thompson Building from September until October 2008 with 179 people visiting the exhibit. Some of the next steps that are listed are to reach the goal of 10,000 City of Winnipeg employees trained by the end of 2019 to create a strategic plan for continuing educational opportunities, to coordinate reconciliation topics to be rolled out in the WAPSO leadership series, and to identify additional host locations for Indigenous exhibits. This is only one of the calls to action that's listed in this report. There are other calls which I won't read out in the interest of time. Suffice to say, a lot of good work is happening, work that I think has been needed for many, many years and I'm really proud of the City of Winnipeg's leadership and the support that this and previous council have provided and the efforts of our public service, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

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

Councillor Rollins: Yes, oh.

Madam Speaker: No? Okay. Followed by Councillor Mayes then.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I want to thank all of the elders and the generations that have been working to see the City of Winnipeg involved in reconciliation in this manner, and who have ambitions to see us deepen our work in reconciliation. I too want to highlight the training of staff. The 7,500 and perhaps by now over staff that have undertaken training as a response to Calls to Action. As we look towards deepening the work on UNDRIP, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People, folks point out that the biggest challenge is always political will. The government can literally talk about good ideas and plans and commitments for years and never really take concrete action and I think this report underlines some concrete actions that I am very proud of. We want less talk and more action. So whether it is the motion that we had earlier pertaining to Welcoming Winnipeg and worthwhile dialogue on monuments, we know that reconciliation is always about relationships and that it's really incumbent upon cities like the City of Winnipeg to look at what we believe and how we behave and how we can change that. And there's so much good in this report, I wanted to stand and recognize the efforts of the public service in particular who put it together, but also the public servants that engaged in the training to help to make the City of Winnipeg one of the best cities in Canada.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll try to be brief but I really missed the chance to remind folks that we do have another bit of funding that goes towards the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and that is the

$200,000 that the City of Winnipeg provides in a grant each year to the University of Winnipeg to run what's called the Youth United Program. It's not with the United Way. The united is both because it used to be United College before it was U of Winnipeg and because of the united aspect of the program which is the program is a summer program that has 10 students from the inner-city and 10 kids from the suburbs together four days a week. They work at various agencies in the inner-city, be that Graffiti Gallery or Spence Neighbourhood Association or Ma Mawi. What do they do the fifth day? The fifth day they're all together in the class at the U of Winnipeg's Selkirk Avenue campus and they study the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I was there for the final session of last year's group, the 2018 group, and it was genuinely moving. It was quite powerful to hear different people from different walks of life. There was a young guy there who kind of reminded me of me at 18. He was saying at 20…said, I had never been to Selkirk Avenue in my life until I started this program. And yet people who talked about their experience, Indigenous students who talked about their past and some of the challenges they've had to overcome. So it was...it was quite a powerful experience and I'm proud that we fund that. I had somebody from U of Winnipeg come up to me during the campaign and say, I didn't know that was City funded. So I'd like to take the opportunity to point out that we do that work as part of the Mayor's commitment back in '14 to work more closely with the universities. We of course do the infrastructure program with U of M but very proud of this work we do at the U of Winnipeg. It's of course always a challenge to keep that funding in the budget which I will endeavor to do. But I just want to highlight in addition to the work we're doing directly that you see before you, there's the grant funding that has been used for what I think is a very progressive program in two ways, both bringing together the inner-city youth and the suburban youth but also talking about the Calls to Action. So at some point, other members of council may be actually able to give this speech, they'll have heard me give it so many times, but I do think it's worthwhile to celebrate our successes and the Youth United Program is certainly one of them. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers for this item? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 2 – 2018 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Citizen Member Appointments – Committees, Boards and Commissions

Madam Speaker: There's an amending Motion No. 1 on your desks. Mr. Mayor to introduce the item and the amending motion if you like at the same time.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, thank you, Madam Speaker. And yeah, this is...I'll speak…should I speak to the amendment motion first or can I speak to both?

Madam Speaker: Both.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 4, contained in Item 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 22, 2019, be amended by deleting "Sachit Mehra" and replacing it with "Jenny Gerbasi".

Mayor Bowman: Both. Okay, thank you. Firstly, I want to thank all those Winnipeggers who have allowed their names to stand for appointment to various boards. There's a number of leadership positions that are afforded through various boards and other organizations for which we're grateful. And I know many of these boards are thankless jobs where people sacrifice time and energy away from their family and their other...other business and work efforts. I want to thank everybody. I want to thank all the organizations involved. And I want to thank my council colleagues for their support. Madam Speaker, speaking to the amendment, in the last 24 hours I know I have been contacted by a number of councillors with concerns about perceptions of conflict with regards to the appointment of Sachit Mehra to the Convention Centre Board. While the Convention Centre has...has a conflict of interest policy which is adhered to, and while I don't think those concerns are warranted, given the practices of the board, nonetheless, just in an abundance of caution I want to make the amendment that we replace Sachit Mehra's name with somebody who is familiar with members of council and the public and another individual who served our community well by replacing it with former member of council Jenny Gerbasi. I will point out…I want to thank Mr. Mehra for agreeing to let his name stand. This is an individual whose reputation and integrity are without question. He certainly is someone who has served as chair of the Downtown BIZ for many, many years and for that reason felt it appropriate to provide him with another opportunity to take time away from his family and business to help with the building of our downtown. But again, as Madam Speaker, you and I have discussed, the concerns that were raised by some members of the community whom I all trust have and will register as lobbyists for their efforts, we want to take them seriously and just make sure that out of an abundance of

caution we're addressing those concerns, Madam Speaker. So that's the reason for the amendment. And I would ask my council colleagues to support that as well as the other good people who are putting their name forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Are there any further speakers on the main item and amending Motion 1? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on the amending Motion 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Call the question on the main item, Item 3 as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you. Moving on, Madam Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Accessible Parking Permits – Metered Parking

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce the item? Okay, any speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I was the one who requested to have this stood down for a moment. I am completely in support and I just felt that I had to rise and speak to the implementation of a pilot project to figure out how we can assist persons with disabilities who still use their cars but use wheelchairs at the same time and have difficulties in moving out of parking zones after a certain period of time. When we look at the condition…actually, our sidewalks aren't too bad outside of City Hall today but often for at least the first week or so it takes a while for that snow to get moved out of the way. And it causes problems for people who use wheelchairs and walkers and still utilize their motor vehicles. And so this pilot program is specific to the Exchange area in the whole downtown parking picture, but I wanted to just rise and thank the Winnipeg Parking Authority. They don't get thanked very often, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to thank them for figuring out a way to try to implement this pilot program. In reading the details, they've figured out a way I think to really study it and I believe it will probably be...end up being a continuation when the final report comes out. But Madam Speaker, I wanted to also mention though they are proceeding to finding out more about parking across the whole city. They're going to go through the Society of Manitobans with Disabilities and throughout the downtown. And I think that's really important. But there's a provision in here that I just wanted to thank the Parking Authority for putting it in there, and that is to actually identify...actually, I don't know who put that in, but to try to identify a permanent, accessible parking space somewhere around City Hall that will make it much easier for people to participate in our open, transparent and accountable democracy that Mayor Bowman has brought forward. So I just wanted to say that that's so important. So thank you, Madam Speaker, and I'll be of course supporting this report.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Unfortunately today, I'm going to be voting against this motion. The number of on-street spots in our city is very small. We have a downtown business community that needs those spots for high frequency turnover. I would be certainly supportive of looking at alternatives to provide more off-street accessible parking, whether its regulations on surface parking lots, new parking garages and such. But again, when it comes to our on-street parking, we have stresses on that space. We have increased bike lanes, which I'm not opposed to in the summer. So again, I am unfortunately going to have to vote against this today. I think it's well intended but again, I think it's…you look in the City of Winnipeg, they're estimating about 45,000 people with these permits. Again, just parking on those spots all day long just isn't the intention of on-street parking anywhere, and the whole point of providing parking meters is to create that turnover.

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

Mayor Bowman: Sure, Madam Speaker. For those that are cutting their teeth at reporting, that's called a political wedge attempt. I would just say that…and I would concur with Councillor Eadie, this is a pilot. This is not making substantive changes throughout the downtown. It is really looking at ways that we can do things differently and in ways that can help...better help work with Winnipeggers who have accessible needs and challenges with mobility. And so I think it's wise to proceed on the...on the basis of a pilot to see what makes sense for council and for the citizens that rely upon the decisions that we're making here.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question for Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. So noted...we've noted that, thank you. Okay, we'll now move into by-laws under EPC for second and third reading. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – SECOND AND THIRD READING ONLY

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws…By-law No. 89/2018 be read a second time.
Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 89/2018.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 89/2018 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move onto by-laws under EPC for all three readings. 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 107/2018, By-law 2/2019, By-law 3/2019, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 107/2018, By-law No. 2/2019, By-law No. 3/2019.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws numbered 107/2018, 2/2019 and 3/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 107/2018, 2/2019 and 3/2019.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws numbered 107/2018, 2/2019 and 3/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock, please. Any questions for the Mayor? Councillor Browaty.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. On October 24, 2018, Winnipeggers voted overwhelmingly to a ballot question, something that hasn't been done in Winnipeg in a very long time. That question was "Do you support the opening of Portage and Main to pedestrian crossings?" The answer was overwhelmingly "No". My question to the Mayor is, through you, Madam Speaker, what has the Mayor done to change the administrative recommendation, the administrative directive that was previously passed by this council towards the opening of the Portage and Main intersection? What have you done to ensure that the opening and all the work and the energy and the time and the money being spent by the public service has ceased and what has he done to do that?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and for all those that participated in the plebiscite, I'm sure they appreciated the opportunity to let their voice be heard. As political observers will know, this was a plebiscite that was introduced by Councillor Browaty and Councillor Lukes, which was supported by Council including myself to allow Winnipeggers to have their say on an intersection that does matter to a lot of people. While I was disappointed with the outcome and continue to obviously support the eventual opening of the intersection to pedestrians, I am going to respect the direction from Winnipeggers who spoke decisively in their direction to myself and this new council that they're not interested in allowing pedestrians to cross. There is ongoing work that needs to happen at that intersection and this council will need to consider in terms of investments at grade and below grade infrastructure that has been neglected for decades. It is certainly an intersection that could do more for Winnipeggers, but of course that direction by Winnipeggers has been and will be respected. Perhaps in follow up, Councillor Browaty can be a little bit clearer about his question. The direction from Council to date is a matter of public record and so I support that direction today and I know we're going to have to take some steps going forward to deal with the infrastructure repairs that are needed, notwithstanding the fact that that won't involve, you know, letting pedestrians cross at the intersection.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Second question, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Actually just a follow up to that first one. The plebiscite question was asked on October 24th.

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Okay.

Madam Speaker: No preamble.

Councillor Browaty: Yes. Is the Mayor aware that the October 24th ballot question was non-binding? And is he prepared now to give new direction to the Public Service to make it explicitly clear that all works that were previously directed by this council towards the opening of Portage and Main stop, and that any monies to be spent on towards the opening be stopped?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am aware is non-binding. I have made a commitment, which I'm once again, reinforcing today on public record which is recorded in Hansard, and I will continue to respect the direction from Winnipeggers. I would encourage Councillor Browaty, if he has specific questions of concern that he feels people are going to be illegally crossing later today, he can simply direct those to the public service who is responsible for following the direction of this council. I know that there is ongoing work that is occurring at the intersection and efforts regarding the intersection with respect to the infrastructure repairs. But I would encourage the councillor to follow up with the public service to see the current state and I would reaffirm, as a matter of public record, my commitment to abide by the direction that Winnipeggers provided on October 24th. What I will say, in addition to that however, Madam Speaker is Winnipeggers also provided decisive direction on the direction of the future of our city. Councillor Browaty supported another candidate who had a very different view of the development of our downtown, had a very different view about public safety matters, had a very different view on active transportation, and a number of other issues that was rejected by Winnipeggers. In fact, the direction that I provided from citizens in 2014, with 47% support, seven candidates was strengthen with it, with a stronger mandate, and that direction includes building a downtown that is safer, that is more pedestrian-friendly, that is inclusive for all of our residents, and to bring a little more compassion back to City Hall, something that I felt had been was in need of having more compassion here at City Hall. And so I'm very proud to fulfill the mandate that I brought forward during the election that was supported by Winnipeggers.

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

Councillor Browaty: (Inaudible) get two follow-ups, don't they?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My second follow-up question is, has the Mayor done any work towards understanding the legal agreements between the City of Winnipeg and the property owners of Portage and Main to ensure the taxpayers costs towards the refurbishment at Year 40 of the Concourse Agreement are minimized, so that again, taxpayers are not on the hook for more than necessary?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, through you, I have not reviewed legal agreements regarding property owners since being re-elected Mayor of the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Councillor Klein. We can come back to you, yes.

Councillor Klein: You're done?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein…

Councillor Klein: You sure?

Madam Speaker: You have the opportunity.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein, you have the opportunity for three questions.

Councillor Klein: I just have two, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much. They're just kind of informational questions. I noticed in the Soldiers' Taxation Relief that we voted on earlier, was only $50 worth of property tax being offered, and the documentation, when you read into it, there was only five applicants for that tax relief. And I guess, my question, Madam Speaker, is is this actually relevant, I'm wondering if we are really, what we're trying to accomplish here for the women and men who have served us. In a city of 700,000 people, one would think there would be more veterans needing our support? And again, is $50 the most that we could do or can we do better in offering a hand up to those who served our country, our city and our province?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a certainly, I'm more than happy to look into this a little bit further and have some dialogue with my Council colleague. He may want to have some discussion with our Council Liaison for Military and Veterans Affairs, Councillor Nason who perhaps can work collaboratively with him to better answer the question. I know in his previous role as Council Liaison for Military and Veterans Affairs, Councillor Gillingham also has spoken to this matter in the past. And so, I'm more than happy to look into it. The policy pre-dates my term in office and I think many of the Members of Council, but I'm more than happy to look into it further. Thank you.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Mr. Mayor for that response. My next question is about the Marketing Fund. I noticed in reading the documents that, Madam Speaker, not $2 million, but there appears to be $4 million in code issues at the Convention Centre. And my question is, with the such strong ties to the City of Winnipeg, I'm wondering how we missed $4.5 plus million in unforeseen designer code issues? And I'm wondering why these are only being identified now? I understand that the Mayor's not an architect and wasn't a part of that process, so I'm more…the question is more about like do we have a process in place or should we be looking at a process? Part two of that question is, I'm concerned about why the administration has not established also a timeline to pay back taxpayers for the loan, there's a loan involved; and why has the administration, why they're not charging interest as well, as we are charging other departments in the City when it comes to debt-servicing interests and so on? So Madam Speaker, I'm questioning or my question would be is there a different approach we can take to this or should we be reviewing or managing our practices for financial practices and our capital management processes?

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you, I thank my council colleague for the question. You know, look, when we're looking at the Convention Centre expansion, this is something that I inherited as Mayor when I was first elected in 2014, especially as it related to some of the adjacent properties. I think in previous career, my council colleague, probably him and his former colleagues reported on it quite widely and is well apprised of the challenges that city council and taxpayers had as a result of some of the previous decisions by previous members of council. I'm pleased that we are seeing development, not only at 220 but 225 Carlton. One of the challenges that Council has with respect to the Convention Centre is of course, loan guarantees that have been provided by previous councils to the Convention Centre, and of course, it is a shared desire to see their business development plans continue to move forward so that those debts could be repaid in a matter that is respectful and deserving of the taxpayers that we serve. And so, I'm more than happy to look into his question a little bit further. He may want to have some dialogue with the

Chair of our Property and Planning as well as our board reps on the Convention Centre, which now include Councillor Gerbasi.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Mayor? Councillor Browaty, back to you.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In the Fall, I was made aware of Council minutes from 1988 approximately that suggested that a new agreement with , pretty much with Bentall properties, which is the owner, which was the owner at the time of 201 Portage Avenue, indicated that at Year 40 of the original Concourse Agreement, each property owner plus the City of Winnipeg, each connecting property owner plus the City of Winnipeg would be responsible for equal shares for refurbishment of the Concourse that was beyond basic elements such as, you know, walls and ceilings, but also a review of mechanical systems and structural systems at that time. I brought that issue to the attention of the Mayor when we met, shortly after the October election. Today, he admits he hasn't done any work, researching or looking at the renewal of the Concourse Agreements. That could potentially save Winnipeggers tens of millions of dollars. He acknowledges that there is considerable costs coming forward to the refurbishment of the Concourse, which I think we all understand, but even when I presented to him a scenario that could potentially save taxpayers tens of millions of dollars, he hasn't looked into it. Can the Mayor tell me why he isn't concerned about saving taxpayer money and keeping Portage and Main closed?

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

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, for clarity is he referencing an agreement in 1988?

Madam Speaker: Could you restate the question, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Sure. The Concourse Agreements on the 1970s are apparently confidential agreements. It has been suggested that in my conversations with the CAO, the Council could perhaps sign a Non-Disclosure to review them. There was a renegotiated contract with Bentall in 1988 that does have some elements that are in the public domain, these are in the Council minutes. To me, it suggests that perhaps the original Concourse Agreements had this 20% or sorry, every connecting property which mean the four corners, plus the City of Winnipeg, sharing equal shares; it was suggested that wasn't, sorry, that is in the 1988 agreement. But again, we don't know what's in the 1970s agreements and we would like to see them. I brought that to the Mayor's attention back in October. It appears, according to his comments, he hasn't looked into that concern. Will you look into that concern now and will you ensure that Council is brought up to speed on what's in the original Concourse Agreements, so that we can tell our taxpayers, we're doing everything to minimize their potential exposure on the work there.

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

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I don't have any recollection of the councillor raising that specific concern in our conversation that we had. Conversation was at my request, I wanted to have coffee with him to talk about how we could work collaboratively together. Obviously, we're seeing a different approach by the councillor today. We've seen each other many times over the previous days, lots of opportunities to follow up so that I could into it in the interest of time. But that doesn't allow for what folks are witnessing today. I'm more than happy to work collaboratively with the councillor if that's his desire, to look at how we best protect taxpayer's interest as we continue to build our downtown. And also, have an opportunity to work with the property owners to really leverage the millions of dollars in investments that they're making in and around that intersection. There's a lot of positive developments. I'm interested in looking to the future and building a downtown that we can all be proud of. Certainly doing appropriate due diligence is part of the work that's required by our public service regarding previous agreements. But my desire is to work collaboratively with all the property owners in and around the intersection, in downtown, more broadly, and finding ways that we can support their investments in a way that makes sense and is defendable to the taxpayers that we serve. If Councillor Browaty would like to have further dialogue with the Public Service as well as the Chair of Property and Planning who I know he sees regularly here at City Hall. I'm not sure if he raised these concerns with Councillor Mayes or not, I don't believe so. I'm more than happy to have further dialogue.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Browaty, second question.

Councillor Browaty: One last point, is the Mayor aware that I had a meeting with the City Solicitor and the City CAO in the first week following the election where I brought up these questions and was promised answers? I had a follow up email with the CAO in, I believe it was like December, and again, three months later, I still don't have any feedback on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: The short answer is no, I'm not aware of the meetings that he has…he doesn't update me on all the conversations he's having with public service. I would invite him to do so, so we can be better in tune with each other. And I know he's been a long acquaintance of our City Solicitor, and so that information was not shared with me.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Councillor Browaty, your final question.

Councillor Browaty: Will the Mayor review with his staff that was in our first meeting back in December or in October where I did mention that I had a meeting with the CAO?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm sorry, could the question be repeated? I didn't…

Councillor Browaty: Will the Mayor review with his staff person that was in our meeting back in October or perhaps it was early November, that I'd already had that meeting with the CAO and I did inform him of that meeting at the time?

Mayor Bowman: I'm more than happy to speak with my staff, but I've just been informed by the councillor of his concern and so I take it as a matter of public record that he's shared a concerned about an agreement that dates back to 1988. I don't think he was on Council at that time, maybe a little bit after that. But I'm more than happy to look into it further with the council colleague. What I would ask, however, is I would ask the council…councillor to channel discussions that he has on matters pertaining to the respective committee, to the committee chair, more than happy to be in the loop as well, to see what I can do to facilitate that, he's doing due diligence. But he could also be forthcoming with both the committee chair and myself about those meetings. I think his concern is pretty clear. He doesn't want to have tax dollars used to make upgrades to the pedestrian at grade and below grade investments, and wants to leverage as much of the dollars from the private sector. I can appreciate the desire to save taxpayers' dollars. It's one that I share. And what I would ask is that we work collaboratively together with the property owners, the public service and our council colleagues, something that's not being demonstrated today.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. That brings question period to a close. Moving on, Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There's no report today, no motions and no by-laws. Are there any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gillingham? Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I have a question in regard, these are questions, a couple questions in regards to our credit rating and how it's determined and when it comes down to us deciding on what we're going to do with our debt strategy and so on. Madam Speaker, and so my first question is and I understand that the chair may not be able to answer until next meeting, but my first question is, I'd like to know how much we paid to Moody's in order for them to do our credit rating? So if I could find out, how much we paid that organization to get the credit ratings results that we have, I'd like to know that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. Through you, Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for the question, and I'll certainly gather that information and bring it back.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, and Madam Speaker, it's my understanding that we do engage that and we present them with information and I'm just wondering if, when the Mayor and the Chair of Finance do go to New York and get the evaluation, I'm just wondering if they are asking how Moody's or the other credit rating agency feel about any long term financial plans that we have for the City of Winnipeg or is it only the short-term that's considered?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Again, Madam Speaker, I thank the councillor for the question. Yes, in the meetings I've been in with the credit agencies, Standard and Poor's and Moody's as well, the Mayor's attended, our CFO was there, our

Chief Financial Officer was there, our Chief Administrative Officer was there as well. The credit rating agencies know our books very, very well. They do look at several factors when determining our credit rating including our liquidity, our debt, the amount of debt we have and the amount of debt that's included in our debt forecast when it comes to, for example, our capital budget, our capital budget of course, every year, we adopt an operating capital budget, the capital budget includes the budget for the year plus a five-year forecast. Every project, of course, in those five-year forecast has to have funding assigned to it, and so the credit rating agencies look at all of our funding sources including the long-term plan on our debt. We do have a debt strategy, the credit rating agencies look at that, and their assessment as to the City's capacity and ability to manage debt and to stay within our long-term debt strategy. And so that's just one of the factors that they do focus on, but in also providing an answer for the first question the councillor asked. I'll get a more comprehensive answer and certainly make it available to anyone, any of my council colleagues that would like it in regards to all the factors that go into determining our credit rating.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thanks Madam Speaker. Specific question is do Moody's and the other bond agency do they evaluate the economic growth potential of major projects that we borrow money in order to ensure that the City in the future is able to pay its bills?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I'll get the answer to that question as well. I believe I understand the question and what the councillor's asking. But I'll make sure I get clarity from the councillor and bring that back as part of the information as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Any further questions for our chair of Finance? Seeing none, let's move onto the next committee of Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Gilroy, our Chair, on the report dated January 17th, 2019.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED JANUARY 17, 2019

Councillor Gilroy: Contact for provision for collecting large items, please.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Oh, Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Just had a question on it.

Madam Speaker: Okay.

Councillor Klein: But you called a…

Madam Speaker: Okay. I didn't say carried yet, so if you wanted to speak to the item, we could stand it down. Councillor Gilroy to introduce Item 1.

Item 1 – Award of Contract for Provision of Collecting Large Items (Bulky Waste) and Abandoned Large Items (Bulky Waste)

Councillor Gilroy: Just I think, maybe it might help Councillor Klein to have a little bit more of a background on this item, so I will speak to it a little bit. Just to let you know that we do make sure that when we do have bidders coming forward that they are qualified bidders. And in that process, administration will sit down with bidders to make sure that when the RFP is sent out that the award of contract is going to the person that can...able to fulfill that. Whether…in this case, it might be the amounts of trucks or staffing, whatever the requirements are for the contractors. I know that in this instance, Pantel who was the lowest bidder, did not meet the qualifications. I think that sitting down with that company, it was...with the company, both the administration and the company felt that they didn't meet the qualifications. So I'm hoping that that might answer some of the questions that might have out there. But we do make sure that not only is it the lowest bidder, but we also have qualified bidders so that they can do the job that we're expecting them to do, and also making sure that those companies feel comfortable doing the work that was set out in the RFP. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Klein, your opportunity to speak to the item.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Gilroy did answer some of the questions that I would have had. My concern, Madam Speaker, or really my question would be are we doing enough to award City contracts to Winnipeg companies? I believe that if we take some more time or we do some more work with these organizations, we may be able to help them in a situation where we could start awarding more contracts to companies in Winnipeg as opposed to this one, which is based out of Toronto. Quite possibly, we could look at rearranging some of our contracts where they got a quarter of the work. So if they only had enough trucks or enough staff to do a small portion of it, surely, because they're Winnipeg taxpayers, you would think we might do some work to…or at least try to expand our involvement with them so that we could start awarding contracts to Winnipeg companies, more and more of them. In the short time that I have been here, Madam Speaker, I've noticed an awful lot of contracts going to non-Winnipeg companies. That concerns me. And I'm wondering if it's possible that we ask…that we get at least for, obviously, for water and works, a list of all the City vendors that we have that have contracts in excess of $50,000 that identify where their corporate head office is, and also maybe it'll identify if they have a satellite office here in Winnipeg or if it's just managed remotely. It would be nice to see that list of vendors and to see how many of them we truly are giving to Winnipeg organizations.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I'd like to rise and just speak to this report…contracting out of bulk waste pickup, I believe this is what this is, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to speak to it and say I am supporting this report. It's gone out, and I guess they picked the best bidder, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to remind our council colleagues that originally we were looking at this bulk waste collection being done…bringing it back in-house within the City of Winnipeg. And through working together, CUPE 500 and Water and Waste…solid waste, working together, they determined that probably bringing this bulk waste collection in-house was not really one in which was a good idea, and they're working towards a different area in which we could bring some in-house services, which is actually, Madam Speaker, promoting business in Winnipeg in that people have employment, they live here and actually, the contracts of these external things, they're going to be hiring local people in order to undertake that work. So the employees, whether it's working for the City, Madam Speaker, or working for that company, are people, one would hope, who live in Winnipeg, who are getting paid a decent wage, which I think we need to ensure whenever we're bidding out contracts that people are paying what we call living wages. And I think we need to incorporate that as well, Madam Speaker, into any considerations when we award contracts, whether it's somebody…a business that's in the city who has head offices and operate or are City-owned businesses, Madam Speaker. I think in the waste industry, Madam Speaker though, you know, other than some social enterprises who I think we're looking at maybe bidding on bulk waste, but had to be very specific would like to, you know, bid and bring that's local, social enterprise which is local business as well, Madam Speaker. And I mean, all these things are being considered, but we need to also factor in and just make sure that they are paying living wages and they're treating, you know, the treatment of workers are appropriate as well. So anyway, I will be supporting the report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Back to you, Councillor Gilroy to close.

Councillor Gilroy: Call the question.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws for this committee. Councillor Gilroy on the first reading.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move By-law No. 15/2019 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 15/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy, on the second reading.

Councillor Gilroy: By-law 15/2019, the second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 15/2019.
Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: By-law No. 15/2019 for the third time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for our chair, for Councillor Gilroy, any questions? Okay. Let's move onto the next committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. There's no report today, no motions and no by-laws. We'll have question period for our chair, for Councillor Orlikow, any questions at this time? Okay, seeing none, the next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: Two reports today, so we'll start with the first, much briefer one; November 19th. There's only the one item which I would speak to. Do I do that now, Madam Speaker, or given that there's only one item, do we need to pull it first and then speak to it?

Madam Speaker: There's just one item, and does someone want to speak to it?

Councillor Mayes: I wanted to speak to it.

Madam Speaker: Well, let's pull it. This is your opportunity to introduce the item. Madam Clerk, first.

Item 9 – List of Historical Resources – Nomination of Christie Block, 245 Notre Dame Avenue

Councillor Mayes: Just to highlight, Madam Speaker, this was a closely run affair at EPC. We sometimes get criticized for block voting. In fact, this was a, I believe, a 4-3 vote at EPC. I'll let individuals decide on the merits of the vote, but this is a listing for historical resource purposes for Christie Block, 245 Notre Dame. There are many other ones in the next agenda, but this one is the sole item from that November 19th agenda.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on Item 9? Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: First of all, I want to thank Councillor Mayes and the rest of the EPC. There was a good debate, and I respectfully disagreed with the outcome, and my reasons for are quite simple. This building, it's bordering the very important historical district in our neighborhood, the Exchange District. It's an incredible piece of property that we need to make sure represents the neighborhood that it's fronting and backing onto. Secondly, there is no development application going forward at this time, and if there was, we would look at that as a possibility. So we're not talking about anything about the interior. We're just talking about some of the exterior. And number three, the protections that were alluded to regarding...it's called UDAC, Urban Design Downtown, they're not very binding, they're more of guidelines only. So again, when we look at some of the things that they're trying to preserve here is the way the building is built with a flat roof with rectangular type of openings on the ground floor and smaller windows on top. Those are actually very prominent design features from that era. So again, this is...to me, it's really the location. The fact that there isn't a development application that is present. If there was one, this is an opportunity for the developer to come by and say, here's what I'm doing, this is what I want to do and if it's radically different and doesn't have any of those historical elements, they'd have to come and say, I want to get rid of that. Again, this just provides another layer of protection for the City of Winnipeg and for something that I believe is important. What I believe is important is, as Winnipeg is growing now, which fantastic it is, in the '80's, in my belief, the only reason we still have the Exchange District is because we didn't have any protections for the Exchange District in those days. Very weak. However, the fact that we didn't have a lot of development that was pretty well protected something that I believe is a gem throughout North America of our Exchange District. So again, some people see these things and said, well, that means you're going to bar me from ever developing anything ever there again. No, we're asking you to please take consideration of where you're located. Some of the features, which again, are all exterior…and you know, if you do need to do a development, you can come back and say, this is just not working. We've done it before in the past. So for those reasons, I believe the protection is still

quite important. However, I do respect my colleagues who don't agree with that. They are…the building is tired. It could use a face lift. But again, what we're trying to do is make sure that it's protected so if there is a development that goes forward, it still will make sure that it has those historical characteristics that will reflect the historical nature of the neighborhood that it's fronting.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I will not be also supporting the recommendation by the community committee. If anyone knows this building, it's right on Notre Dame, and it's really the start of our Exchange District. So for me, it's…you know, that first building that people are going to see entering the Exchange. I think it's a very valuable building. There's nothing that prohibits them from doing some of the interior work. I just think that we need to preserve our Exchange, and if you go into many of our downtown communities in other cities, they've lost their heritage, and we need to preserve that as much as we can, and so that's why I will not be supporting this. I think we need to preserve it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close? I can call the question on Item 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. Are there more than three voting in opposition?

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, can I call a recorded vote, please?

Madam Speaker: Yeah. Yes. Yeah, there's more than three, so we'll need to have a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason and Rollins

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk, and myself.

Clerk: Madam Speaker, Councillor Sharma.

Nays

Councillors Allard, Browaty, Gilroy, Orlikow, Santos and Schreyer

Deputy City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 10, Nays 6.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Item 9 passes. Moving on to the report of the…report dated January 7th, pardon me, 2019, Councillor Mayes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED JANUARY 7, 2019

Councillor Mayes: Actually, Madam Speaker, I'll move the report, Items 1 through 30 inclusive. However, I think we have an amendment on 30, and I would...I'll pull No. 15.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So also, Item 9 is filed as the applicant withdrew the application, so we won't be dealing with 9 today. And Councillor Mayes, Item 25 is laid over. Is that the case as well?

Councillor Mayes: Yes, that's correct, Madam Speaker. That's laid over to the 12th EPC.

Madam Speaker: Item 25 is being laid over, and Item 26 is being referred back to your committee. There's quite a few things here.

Councillor Mayes: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All right, just one moment, yeah. So Councillor Gillingham, you want to pull 2? Okay. I'm going to call the question on Items 1, 3 through 8, 10 to 24 and 27 to 30. I'm just going to concur with the Clerk, I think that's correct. Fifteen was pulled down by yourself, Councillor Mayes? Okay. So with the exception of 15. All in favour? Okay. So 2 is being pulled, 15. Councillor Klein. Thirty has an amendment? Yes. Okay. Well, we're going to pull 2, 15 and 30, and Item 25, as I said, is being laid over. Item 26 is being referred back and Item 9 has been withdrawn. So the rest of them, I am going to call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Expropriation Settlement – CentrePort Canada Way Expropriation

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I look forward to hearing Councillor Gillingham's comments.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just pulled this item to highlight really what's going on, the good work going on in the area. The expropriation settlement with the Province of Manitoba relates to land around where CentrePort Way is. The expropriation process, I understand, with the Province took up to eight years, I think, before it finally got to this point, and so nonetheless, we're glad to see it's finally nearing its conclusion. The property in question, just to put into perspective actually is right next to and part of the St. James A's field, so the Optimist Park area is right there. And I just wanted to take the opportunity to commend the board and volunteers of the St. James A's, and all those involved in the development of Optimus Park. They've done excellent work over the years. A lot of upgrades have already taken place. It really has become one of the key homes to minor league baseball. They host several tournaments throughout the year with teams really from all across Canada. And they also have great plans for future advancement and development of that park as well. There's a portion that the funds that are itemized here would go towards the establishment of and kind of...I guess the re-establishment of soccer field potentially there as well and a playground on the City-owned lands. And want to give kudos to former councillor, my predecessor in that area, Councillor Dobson. He worked with St. James A's as well to make sure that some of the work going on there proceeded, and so looking forward to this conclusion of this expropriation. It also gives me opportunity to highlight the importance of the work that is being done in this area, of course, the CentrePort lands. And perhaps it's fitting to just make a comment about that, given the report that's also come forward to standing committee regarding the importance of our industrial lands. So all the work in that area is very, very critical right now. There is a shortage of industrial lands. And of course, I've been advocating for the development of CentrePort, will continue to advocate for that to meet the needs…the growing needs and the future needs of our industrial lands, but I'll be glad to support this report today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Eadie, on Item 2.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I can't help but...this is in reference to CentrePort Way. It's a road, and that road was built, Madam Speaker, as we all know, to support the economic growth related to CentrePort. And a lot of it, Madam Speaker, of course, was built to promote CentrePort in the Rosser...Municipality of Rosser. However, a good portion of the CentrePort area within the City of Winnipeg is around CentrePort Way as well as, Madam Speaker, as you will know, in our area of the city up along what will potentially hook up to CentrePort Way, the Chief Peguis extension which is about economic growth and promoting the ability for commerce to happen in the CentrePort areas. And we have that employment land, Madam Speaker, as you know, on the...they call it the King Edward north of Inkster block. But it is a light industrial area where new buildings are going up and development is happening, it's very important. And so I just wanted to point out that this expropriation demonstrates that the Province itself believes that you do need to build roads in order for that economic growth to happen. And so I just wanted to point that out. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers on Item 2? Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 15.

Item 15 – Secondary Plan for Precinct 'G' of the Complete Communities Direction Strategy – SP 2/2018

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to pull this for a couple of reasons. A) to commend your work on it over the years. I'm sure if you never hear the words, 'Fernbank Interceptor' again, it's probably a good thing. This is though...it's worth talking about these precinct plans for a bit. We've had people in the past who've just automatically voted against them. No, this is sprawl, therefore, I vote automatically against. We've had some of them pass with very little commentary. This is a pretty big piece of land in the northern part of the city, in your ward, Madam Speaker. It's

worth just taking a moment to look at what's being planned here, and I think it's worth talking about the advancements I think we've made in some of the planning in the suburban areas over the last number of years. Look through it, and it talks about mixed-use areas, it talks about high density, it talks about medium density, it talks about bike paths, it talks about transit. If I had a nickel for every time someone told me oh, when they built Sage Creek, they said they'd never need transit. Well, you don't see that in here. I don't know if that's true, that was long before Councillor Allard and Councillor Vandal, I think it was a different era, it was. But here, with this proposal, we envisage those sorts of things; a higher density plan, a mixed use plan. This is out toward the northern edge of the city. In fact, the northern edge of the precinct comes to the city boundary. But it's worth just taking a look through and seeing that there's a lot of detail here, a lot of thought that's been put into it. The precincts are, in essence, not yet developed areas. They run alphabetically roughly starting at Assiniboia Downs if you envisage that as A and continue in a clockwise manner. So you, of course, have the early ones in the alphabet. Councillor Nason has inherited J. I've now got K, which has been Councillor Allard's ward. Councillor Lukes has had many of these. Councillor Chambers will probably have some as well. Councillor Klein perhaps has the most. They tend to be now toward the outer part of the city. A number of these precincts will be coming forward over the next four years. It's worth looking at the provisions, and it's a bit of a piece with the report that came out yesterday for our next planning property committee meeting, so the cycles kind of overlap here that talks about the employment lands, about industrial land in the city, much of which is located out toward that outer edge of the city, far more of it in your part of northwest and Councillor Nason's ward, more of these industrial lands than in the southern part. But this is part of our vision of Complete Communities. We are not saying everybody has to live in one part…industrial should be outside the city. We're trying to move forward in a way that builds both up, and that is important. We are doing the infill guidelines. We have done a lot of work in the downtown under this mayor. I think he is trying to promote living downtown. So we are talking about both building up and building out but I think trying to build out in a more balanced way than maybe it was done in the past. There's a lot of thought here about transit, about AT pads, about higher density. I've heard Councillor Lukes say many times about density in Waverley West being greater than some of the older parts of the city. She'll have those numbers perhaps memorized or she'll certainly be more familiar with those numbers than I am. But the point here is I think we're kind of moving past a vision where everything that was high density was close in, and then it just was all single-family homes. Waverley West didn't follow that model. Sage Creek isn't following that model, and what you see here doesn't follow that model. So this is a chance that we move forward. Perhaps somebody who works in one of the industrial lands out at the North End would rather live in Precinct G than live downtown. That might actually be environmentally advantageous. They'll have a shorter commute to work. So we continue to try and plan these complete communities as we move forward, so I'm supportive of the...of the direction here and look forward to more detail coming forward, and I suspect over the next four years, we'll have a number of these precincts to consider and deal with, and I think frankly, we're doing a more holistic job than councils in the past in terms of trying to move forward with not banning, not having a moratorium on further suburban development but frankly, trying harder and doing a better job at the planning. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Thank you. Councillor Mayes said some good points on it, and I'll just probably end up repeating some of it. But so this precinct plan is a document that's being created over multiple-use to guide the development of new committees. It's well thought out, includes policies, maps, and illustrates and defines how the new community will grow in terms of infrastructure, land use and recreation places. And it acts as a foundation to ensure it occurs in a logical, integrated manner as you mentioned with like Waverley West and Sage Creek, which will result in new neighborhoods of high quality and great assessment base. Precinct G is a large community. It's 815 acres on the northeast quadrant of Winnipeg bordering the RM of West St. Paul. It's similar in size to Ridgewood South in the Charleswood area which is 947 acres. And this Precinct G is four times the size of Waverley West neighborhood B, which is a 200 acre greenfield undergoing a similar planning process. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in the planning of these greenfield communities by both the developers and the City. And as we know, planning for growth to accommodate upwards of a million people in our city is critically important. The investment to develop this level of planning for Precinct G is upwards of half a million dollars. Similar investment was made for Richmond South. Right now in the Waverley West area, the planning investment is around 300,000 and it's going up. Also for your information, I was just talking to Councillor Gillingham recently on this, and we mentioned it earlier, the City currently has a $2 million study underway to determine servicing costs of opening up Winnipeg's portion of CentrePort. Now all of these planning investments I've mentioned are greenfield areas located out on the outer edges of our city and it's important that comprehensive plans for these pockets of greenfield neighbourhoods occur as we need to plan…as we need to provide choices for residents. But I want to draw your attention, Madam Speaker, to the planning investments we as a city are making to grow up versus out. Currently, we've allocated $40,000 to develop an infill guideline to help our city grow up. Just $40,000. No dedicated staff. The planning process is occurring on the side of someone's desk. This was confirmed at our last PP&D committee meeting. We explored this lack of investment in detail and have asked the department to come back with a much more robust plan and budget for Council to consider in the planning process. Good planning costs money, and we are investing hundreds of thousands of dollars combined with our city partner...with our city building partners and tax dollars, but I'm very concerned that we're not investing enough funding to build up, and

I think this should concern all of us. In around 2009, Council invested $1 million in the first iteration of OurWinnipeg to create a high level visionary guiding document for the next 25 years. Now as we update the plan to a more concrete and refined document, we are investing just $30,000…$300,000 to plan and prepare our city to accommodate upwards of a million people in a sustainable manner. I believe these nominal investments in planning for infill and OurWinnipeg should concern Council. Madam Speaker, I ask through you that during the budget deliberations that the Budget Working Group give serious consideration to departments' requests to provide adequate funding for the infill strategy and for the updating of OurWinnipeg. We see what good funding has allowed for the planning of Precinct G. I'm in support of the plan for Precinct G, but it really brought to my attention the need to look at funding to allow infill...a really proper, good plan for infill and for our city as a whole. We're developing pockets here and there, we're investing in pockets here and there, but to develop our plan as a city overall. So this really was highlighted to me when I went through Precinct G, and as I sit on the PP&D committee and look at what actually is being invested for infill and for OurWinnipeg, and in talking with the departments. I have a serious concern that we really need to look at those investments, and I'm asking through you, Madam Speaker, that the Budget Working Group take these into consideration in the planning…in the budget process.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Precinct G, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, Madam Speaker, as you know, and the discussions and dialogues that happened regarding this plan for Precinct G, the bigger, you know, overall plan being put together, it's a very good one, Madam Speaker. And I wasn't really going to speak to it because I demonstrated my appreciation for the planning that happened here. Precinct F, of course as you know, is building out really…is actually starting to build, and they're building. I don't know when the building for Precinct G will start, but it does incorporate, Madam Speaker as...and these are the kind of plans you need to have that incorporate density in certain areas along various streets that will be developed and some new...brand new streets determines what level of density is there. And so Madam Speaker, the Chair, Councillor Mayes, has made reference to people who voted against these things in the past, which I have been one. Because you know, unfettered growth, growth that is just happening and you're not trying to look at it and prioritize and ensure things are happening, that's not good growth. Honestly, Madam Speaker, that is not good growth. Precinct G, Precinct F, some of these others, we've examined it. It's very important. And you know, it's essential in terms of…we are a city that are growing. Mayor Bowman campaigned on we are a growing city. And we need to do these things for a growing city. And not everybody wants to live in an apartment block or in a condo, but there are people who do. People need to have choice in raising their families. And you know, we...in every expansion that we're doing, we need to do that. We need to plan, provide for people who are looking for apartments. They're building apartments actually in Precinct F. That's great. They're building condos in other areas in your ward, Madam Speaker. So I mean, these are important, and I agree with it, and I have to say, I agreed with Councillor Lukes about what are we investing in dealing with the older areas. And you know, this, again, Precinct G, there's a couple of owners of land in there, but they're planning, and they care about what they build and what they're doing for the City of Winnipeg, and I think that's important. And they invest the money to work with our City administration and come up with these bigger plans, and you know, there's more detail to come as they start to build. We know that, Madam Speaker. But you know, I want to point out something again. You know, what's really essential is this land is available for people that may be employed in those new employment lands that we are talking about in CentrePort Way. And again, Madam Speaker, once again, we demonstrate Precinct G needs Chief Peguis extension west to go through in order to…once they start building, you put all those cars on smaller streets and stuff, we're going to have all kinds of problems. We need to have the regional...the streets that...bigger streets that are going to get people to work and to expand and to allow this growth to happen. We are a growing city. We're a great city, but at the same time, Councillor Lukes points out infill and various areas. And so at the same time, Madam Speaker, when we're moving ahead, and we're okaying these plans, I hope people have in their mind that we also have to take care of what we have, and to ensure that those people who are living not out...and most of our growth areas, they're all on the outskirts of the city. But back on the inside of the city, we have some serious investments to do and I just want to throw out, we got to get that Arlington Bridge replaced. So I'm just throwing that out…that will allow us to build more density in some of these neighborhoods like various neighbourhoods in the North End, and even in neighbourhoods like Garden City where redevelopment might start happening in some of the older portions where we want to do infill and build more density. So I'll leave all that out, but I have to say, if we're doing and planning a city that's growing appropriately then I think that makes sense. And you know, transit oriented development in other plans, other, you know, sticky things going on around the city. But essentially, Madam Speaker, we can build density in new green growth or in what you might call large infill areas and so on, Madam Speaker. Thanks.

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

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, that was actually, dare we say, quite an intellectual discussion. I appreciate the comments from both Councillor Eadie…not sure I'm with you yet on the Arlington Bridge, but the other points were I think very well-

articulated…and Councillor Lukes. Three things I guess; one is, it is important to start thinking about these things. I probably didn't do enough of that in previous terms before the Mayor named me to this committee. But I had a medical appointment at 7:00 this morning, young woman behind the desk said she lives in Niverville. I said, why do you live in Niverville? Why wouldn't you live in the city? Well, I wanted the option…we got into a whole debate about, you know, young people not living in the city but choosing to live in these outer communities and what…you know, how do you deal with that as a city? So it is important to start thinking about…and Councillor Eadie speaks to some that, it is important to offer people choices. Certainly people I grew up with, no one would have considered living downtown, but we've taken some steps, we've put in some amenities to try and encourage people to live downtown, but we also have to realize some people will want to live in the outer parts of the city, and if we have an employment lands…industrial lands strategy, it may actually be much closer for them to get to work if they live in the outer part of the city. In terms of the...we are doing an infill guideline study. I think a lot of good work done there. Councillor Lukes makes the point of well, we should be devoting more resources to building up. I think there's a bit of an apples and oranges here. This is a very specific area. The infill guidelines apply city-wide. As we go along on different sites, maybe the Market Lands Project that's over in Councillor Allard's ward, different other infill opportunities, there will be more detailed planning done there. So and also there are a number of budgetary pressures in terms of planning. I traditionally complain about how in 2014, I voted to get a study of the southern Seine River done. That hasn't been done. And then, Councillor Schreyer will remind me that there's an even longer outstanding one in his ward, a secondary plan. So it's always a struggle. We have demands from the Food Council, for example, to get some more help out of the Planning Department on community gardens. Always some budgetary pressures for Planning, which I think in some ways is a good thing that people see it as important. So pleased to support this plan. I suspect we'll have other opportunities to talk about precinct planning and infill housing. But I think we have some consensus that we need to do both to build up and out, but we do need to offer that choice to people. We can't simply be focused on the suburbs by any means, but we also can't simply be focused on infill or building up. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. With that, I'll call the question on Item 15. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 30.

Item 30 – Mobile Signs under Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006

Madam Speaker: We also have an amending Motion No. 2 to go along with this item. Councillor Mayes, do you wish to introduce the item and speak to the motion?

Councillor Mayes: I want to thank the industry reps, both Mr. Bhatt who came forward to speak to this and others from the industry. We're trying to cut some red tape here in my view. We're trying to...well, basically to…there's this curious provision that wasn't enforced for ten years. Staff are doing their jobs, once they were made aware of it, they took steps to start enforcing, but we have to take a look at that and see if that still makes sense and take a look at some of these…some of the other requirements. I think there's an amendment coming that I'm supportive of.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Gillingham to introduce Motion 2, the amending motion.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 30 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, dated January 7, 2019, be amended by adding the following new Recommendation 3 and renumbering the remaining recommendation accordingly:

3. That the Winnipeg Public Service provide opportunity for industry stakeholders to give input as part of the review of all current provisions of the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 in respect of mobile signs (inclusive of flags, banners, and inflatable signs), including regulations surrounding permits, time restrictions, and color requirements, as well as how these requirements should apply to graphic signs.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I'm certainly supportive of this motion. I want to echo Councillor Mayes' comments and thank Mr. Bhatt and others from the industries that are here today and still in the gallery. Appreciate that the delegate is supportive of the review. What this amendment simply says is that the Winnipeg Public Service provide opportunity for industry stakeholders to be part of the review and to be engaged in the review so that the review can be more comprehensive. That's what the motion is.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Any further speakers to the main item or the motion? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'm not really thrilled about making policy on the fly, making these changes, but the reality is, we haven't been enforcing it for this period of time so I'm going to go along with supporting it for that reason. I'm happy to know that there is a review going on. I mean, back in 2007, 2008, these mobile signs were, I would argue, a blight on our communities. There were too many of them. Shopping malls on Henderson Highway, the 5 or 6 of these signs on one lot, they were a problem. I think things have improved dramatically. I think there is a place for them in terms of helping small businesses promote, you know, short-term specials and such. I mean, since that time, the cost of electronic digital signs have also come down whereby you know, one shopping mall could have one digital sign, you know, with static images held up for 6 or 7 seconds. We went through a long process to determine how those were going to be used. The costs of them continue to come down. So I think it is time to do this review, and I'm supportive of the whole review process. So again, knowing that we haven't enforcing them and that there is review is coming on, I think it is time to do this. And again, the policies have improved the situation since 2007-2008, whenever this was initially enacted.

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

Councillor Rollins: Yes, I just want to rise in support of the motion…due to comments made around small business impacts and I trust that they will see themselves as industry stakeholders and that Council will therefore hear from small business.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Gillingham, do you wish to close on the amending motion? No? Councillor Mayes. I'll call the question on amending Motion No. 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And the main Item 30 as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay. We have no other motions. We'll now move onto by-laws for this committee. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: Yes. So I'll move that By-law No. 94/2018, by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend the West Alexander and Centennial Neighborhood Plan By-law in respect of 700 Elgin Avenue be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 94/2018.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, consideration of by-laws, second and third reading.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – SECOND AND THIRD READING ONLY

Councillor Mayes: By-law No. 5/2018, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to adopt a secondary Precinct G of the Complete Communities Directions Strategy By-law No. 60/2010 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 5/2018.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law No. 5/2018 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes, we'll move into all three readings.

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

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 6/2019, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to approve a plan of subdivision and amend the Winnipeg Zoning By-law No. 200/2006 to rezone the land located at 30, 32, 34 University Crescent in the Riel Community file DASZ 3/2018.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Mayes: I think I needed to do the others one. I also move By-law 7/2019, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to change the name of certain highways in the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 6/2019, By-law No. 7/2019.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-laws No. 6/2019 and 7/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 6/2019 and 7/2019.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 6/2019 and 7/2019 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for our chair, for Councillor Mayes. Any questions? Okay. Seeing none. Our next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins, on the report dated January 9th, 2019.

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

Councillor Rollins: I'd like to move the Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, just one moment. So both items have been stood down. Madam Clerk.

**Item 1 – Contribution Agreement with the City of Winnipeg and the Trans Canada Trail –
Renaming North Winnipeg Parkway**

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins to introduce the item.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. In the main, this pertains to a grant in the amount of 40,000 that was approved through committee from the Trans Canada Trail for the renaming of North Winnipeg Parkway. And I want to thank the councillor for Mynarski, Councillor Eadie and I look forward to his question…comments.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Yeah. I asked...I mean, I just wanted to point this out, Madam Speaker. The Trans Canada Trail is supplying us with a grant of $40,000 to go into the capital budget, Madam Speaker, to help pay for the costs associated with renaming the North Winnipeg Parkway which is an active transportation trail that runs from The Forks all the way north to...well, they say to the Chief Peguis Trail Settler's Bridge, but technically, that trail kind of goes out all the way pretty well to the end of the city and ends up out by a golf...a driving range, sorry, area or whatever. But anyway, Madam Speaker, I digress a bit. But this parkway...and it's called a parkway because there's many parks and very historical places along this path, like the Ross House Museum, the Seven Oaks House Museum, St. John's Park, which is one of the first parks in the City of Winnipeg. It just celebrated last year 125 years. But ultimately, when it…you know, Chief Peguis Trail, we mentioned that, there's an Indigenous name, Madam Speaker.

Now we've named that trail...I don't know if we went through a process, but Mayor Bowman and our city administration and everybody are bringing forward the welcoming Winnipeg, and we're moving forth. And a lot of people would have heard some studies that were done on CBC radio this morning. I believe Mary Agnes Miles, she's a senior researcher and stuff, were talking about Indigenous people's concerns about street names. Some of them are negative names towards Indigenous people in the past. We're looking at acknowledging our Indigenous peoples. We're looking for reconciliation and education is very essential, Madam Speaker. And so there was a move to rename a street, and then came up with the idea of the North Winnipeg Parkway having an Indigenous name. And as we proceeded along with it, we found out from the Indigenous people that, you know, we're probably doing it in the wrong way, and we need to do this in a manner that acknowledges and provides true reconciliation through education. And so Madam Speaker, on that parkway actually, we have what's called the Healing Forest which was pretty well just finished. It's got some more work that's happening. But that Healing Forest is about educating people about what has happened with Indigenous people over the years. There's a space there, a quiet, calm, green space for people to learn. And actually, there's been a number of Indigenous people I noticed already at this Healing Forest, and they're nurturing themselves by sitting peacefully and caring for the space. So when we look at the North Winnipeg Parkway, we're going to put this money in. And I think this is really essential. And the 40,000 and the Mynarski Ward Land Dedication Reserve has been used to help fund some of the capital in regards to renaming this trail and there will be what we call...what the Indigenous people call a naming ceremony that will help come up with what should the name of this parkway that's on the west side of the Red River from The Forks all the way to pretty well the city limits, what that will be. And so I just wanted to mention that how all this stuff is playing together with a number of the initiatives that the City of Winnipeg is trying to do to come to reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples here of Winnipeg. And I invite people when this whole initiative starts to move ahead, that we are all Treaty People, doesn't matter what race you are, what colour you are, it doesn't matter. We are all Treaty People here in this country of Canada, and I think that people should take the opportunity to come out and understand and take a part of what might be a...of what is a naming ceremony and finding out more about reconciliation and how we can improve things as we move forward into the future. So thanks Madam Speaker. How could we say no to a grant to the City versus us giving out a grant?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Rollins, would you like to close?

Councillor Rollins: I sure would. I look forward to the day that in the foreground of Her Majesty the Queen and the Canadian flag, that City Hall may be the recipient and have the presence in City Hall here, of an eagle staff. Until then, it is through the process initiated by my colleague, Councillor Eadie, which will include a ceremony in the form of a naming ceremony, and I want to thank him for his clarification on that significance and the timing of the ceremony and the naming and his efforts to pause and move forward in a good way on the North Winnipeg Parkway which I know will include trail signage and development of seven interpretive sites exploring the importance of the seven sacred teachings along the trail. Following a favourable vote today, we'll enter into and execute and deliver on a contribution agreement with the Trans Canada Trail and other such agreements as determined necessary to deliver that intent.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2, Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Bicycle Registry

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins to introduce Item 2.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much. And I want to again thank Councillor Eadie who allowed for my very first seconding of a motion at Council pertaining to bicycle safety and bicycle registration at the time of purchase. And I'll wait for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, do you wish to speak to this item? No? Councillor Browaty, pardon me.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this motion before us here today. I would like to thank both Councillor Rollins and Councillor Eadie for this motion. The number of bike thefts in Winnipeg is, I think at the near epidemic level. The number of garages that are broken into and taken from public spaces, this is certainly a good motion. I would in fact like to even see it go one step further, going from a registry to even bike licensing. So many crimes are committed on bikes and you don't know who's riding this bike and whose bike it is. Adding mandatory plates as there used to be in Winnipeg I think would be a step in the right direction. I have residents who say, you should charge them so that, you know, it goes back to help pay for bike lanes, I'm not there. That's not what I'm proposing. I'm saying, basically a break-even system that is strictly to cover the cost of the registry system, not something that's going to be some sort of cash cow to pay for snow clearing bike lanes in winter or bike lanes in general. Again, this is a good motion and I will be supporting this first step. I'd like to see it go even further.

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

Councillor Eadie: Sorry, I've got too many wires hooked up to me. Sorry, Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank Councillor Browaty for his support of this registry. You know, in the…Madam Speaker, I'd just wanted to mention a couple of things. In moving this idea of a mandatory registration of bike serial numbers at the time of purchase is really good. The City has done a fair bit of work, Madam Speaker, in terms of establishing a voluntary registry where one can register their bike serial numbers and they can even actually post up a picture of their bikes if it has, you know, something unique to demonstrate or whatever, Madam Speaker. But…and there's so much, you know, work that'll have to go into this. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to mention since moving this...and this actually comes…this motion actually comes from the community, from the neighborhood. These are things that I heard…actually, in leading up to the election, these are things that we heard about. We had a really bad experience with bike thefts this year. And Councillor Browaty is so right, actually, our active transportation bridge, there was a lot of bikes coming across into my ward from Elmwood and from North Kildonan, East Kildonan, I'm sure over that bridge, into my ward into places where they were either chopping apart or they would just…somebody would trade them in for some hits of meth, and then, they'd turn and resell. And so one of the things that is to note and that we need to looking at doing in the future...and I know that there are activists in the community trying to talk to our administration and to the police service about this in that…so these people trade in these bikes for hits of meth, and then what ends up happening is they get sold on Kijiji or whatever. And so it's important to be able to follow up on these things. So that secondary market, because they'll sell those bikes then for $80 or $100 and anybody who's in a crowd, you know, if you're buying a bicycle and it's coming off Kijiji, you've got to watch out. Some are legitimate sales of people who no longer need their bike, who want to sell their existing one to buy a better, more oriented to what their cycling habits are and so on, Madam Speaker. So there are these issues that you learn about as it goes along. And also, what I learned as well is that there's actually a North American effort where they have a free registry for people to register their bikes because apparently a lot of stolen bikes will go from one city to another and things like that are happening. And through the consultations and public engage...engagement…I shouldn't say necessarily full public, but the engagement process will be looking at various things and ideas actually from our City's administration. One cool idea is we have the voluntary bike registry. Not everybody has a computer to go online and do it themselves, Madam Speaker. And as you probably know, we don't necessarily have a lot of service points across the whole city. And so one gentleman called me up and was quite concerned because he showed up at a certain place to try to do the voluntary registry there. He's going to pay the $6. He's not buying a new bike, right, he's got his existing bike. We need to get as many...if we can get all the bike serial numbers into this database, it'll make the police's job so much easier. But one of the ideas is if you do at the point of sale a bike registry, why not make an agreement with that bike registry…for example, in Elmwood, Councillor Schreyer's ward, you have a great bike shop where I bought bikes in the past and had bikes repaired at Johnson and Henderson. You know, why not…and it's close. Why not be able to go in there and do the voluntary registry there, try to work that. And that comes from our City's administration, Madam Speaker. So this registry, I think, is going to work out good. We also learned that Canadian Tire is working with other cities in order to provide that point-to-sale registry. So I think this is going to happen. It's going to take some time. But once this is in place, I think it will really help…help the police service but also help I think eventually, you know, if we're on top of this, it might not be so easy or nice to steal bikes, and at least, you know, on the sale part. So we'll see. Anyway, thanks, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Rollins: Sure do. Thank you for the comments in support of the motion, Councillor Browaty, and for your gracious words on Councillor Eadie's motion. Praise where praise is due, the public service did inform the committee that the voluntary registry has year over year had accumulative 10,000 registrants. Can more be done, though? I look forward to that discussion. And I'll note that while the direction in this motion is to have the Winnipeg Public Service report back to City Council within 150 days, that Council can however, expect that the Winnipeg Public Service to provide a verbal update to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in April.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. With that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions, no by-laws. We can start question period or it's probably a better idea to...Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Madam Speaker, I'd like to make a recommendation that we maybe just break for one hour because many of us this evening are going to another event that will go on long into the evening. So I'm just wondering if Council would consider only breaking for an hour for lunch today in light of it's an all-dayer?

Madam Speaker: So okay. So we'll recess in a few minutes at 12 noon and come back for 1:00. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Are there any questions for Councillor Rollins as chair of this committee? No questions? Okay, we'll now recess for lunch and we'll adjourn…reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Thank you.

.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
January 31, 2019, at 1:10 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I'd like to reconvene our Council meeting of January 31st, 2019. We're beginning at the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated January 8th, 2019. Councillor Allard, would you introduce the report dated January 8th, 2019.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED JANUARY 8, 2019

Councillor Allard: Yes. I'd like to remove…I'd like to move the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer. Okay. I'll call the question on Item 2, 3 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Bus Operator Compartment Safety Shields

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard to introduce Item 1.

Councillor Allard: Yes. Well, thank you for…to my colleagues for raising this issue. I think...well, I think there's been quite a bit of attention, media, in this report on this proposal. I'd like to share with my colleagues I believe that what's being proposed is the right direction. I think we should moving forward with bus operating safety shields, and we should try and find the money for it within the 2019 budget process, and I welcome any comments on the issue. I also…thank you for…Councillor Browaty for talking to the issue at the Public Works Committee. My other colleagues, Councillor Santos and all of my other colleagues on the Public Works Committee. So with that, I'll wait to hear from my other colleagues. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with the intent of this motion, and I believe this is consistent with the evolution of safety shields with the taxicabs in the city. Numerous city councillors, in particular from the last term, heard first-hand accounts from bus drivers in the City of Winnipeg in terms of what they go through on a regular basis. And whatever we can do to mitigate violence and to encourage safety in the longevity of these people, their health, their well-being and their ability to continue in their jobs for years and decades, we should do it when it…especially when it comes to something as constructive as safety shields. In this case, Madam Speaker, we've got something to work with in terms of a parallel evolution. Madam Speaker, in the cab industry we've seen a made in Winnipeg solution to this issue, and we do have safety shields in taxicabs, not just in Winnipeg, in other parts of the world. And Madam Speaker, I thus would say in terms of Item No. 2 regarding vehicles for hire, it is only fair and it's only right that the application of safety shields is considered for all vehicles for hire. And on that basis, I'm glad we're looking at this for the safety of our bus drivers and the sustainability of our transit industry. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. February 14th will mark the second anniversary of the death of Irvine Jubal Fraser, on the job, driving a bus for the City of Winnipeg. Making sure that City employees have reasonable safety precautions is a responsibility of the employer in this case, the City of Winnipeg. I've been on the Public Works Committee for some time, and it was definitely the right thing to do to ask the public service to look at what we're doing for the safety of our bus operators. It's obviously a very emotional and a very trying time to be a bus operator in Winnipeg, whether an assault is somebody being spat on or sworn at or in this case, the actual death of an operator on the job. We have this responsibility and I think the purchasing of shields is a first step, both as a signal to our operators as well as a means to help provide an additional level of safety to our operators. The cost per shield is in the neighborhood of $5,000. I'd really like to thank the public service for their time and their energy, to the Transit Union for

their advocacy on this work and to my colleagues on the Public Works Committee; yourself Madam Speaker, Councillor Santos, of course, committee chair, Councillor Allard for your leadership on this as well as former Chair, Marty Morantz, a good friend of ours. I'd like to thank EPC and the members of EPC and the Mayor for speeding this process up. We had a really good discussion. We did what standing policy committees I believe are created to do was to actually debate and to understand policy. The reality was, the timeframe for the roll out was basically just based on what other transit authorities had done. When we went and asked the questions like, how long does it take per shield? What kind of resources are there? Would there be a material impact to the operation of transit or to the cost of doing it if we were to try and speed it up? As it turns out, we were able to do it. They figured probably in a year-ish depending on how fast they could get the shields in. By the time the motion's recommending it be done in 18 months, I picked 18 months because, you know, things often take longer than expected so you know, if they say it's going to be a year-ish, give them a little bit of extra time in case there's any hiccups because they weren't confident on the delivery of the shield. I guess by the time it got to EPC, they were confident on those delivery time and we were able to do it in a year. That's excellent news. Again, when you're proposing something that has a cost, you need should find a funding source for it. We had news that there was a retained earnings from 2018 in the Transit authority or in the Transit utilities, sorry. So that was an opportunity. The budget…putting it as a line in the budget that's going to be there I think is just as good, so I'm happy to see that that's moving forward. So again, I'd like to thank our bus drivers for the safety issues they deal with every day driving us to and from work, recreational activities, just around our city. And I'd like to thank the people of Transit for moving this forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Next, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Allard, Councillor Browaty and the Mayor for moving this forward and as Councillor Browaty said, Councillor Morantz was kind of a convert to this cause I think over time and pushed forward. For the shields and well, it's…I'm just looking at January 30th, 2013, six years ago and a day, that we moved a motion to have the public service look into strategies, other Canadian cities of roughly comparable size are using to enhance safety on their public transit system including security staffing. So we got that report. We dealt with that report. There have been other reports since then. We have been taking steps. We have added inspectors back in '14. We added some more I believe last year or the year before. But this I think is the biggest financial commitment that's been looked at for the shields. So I think it's important to go forward with this effort to try and speed that up, try and get the shields implemented as quickly as possible. I've talked many times on this floor about transit safety. I think we have a chance here to do more than the previous two councils, both of which did take steps to promote safety, and there certainly were…there was a debate. There was a lot of consideration of the issue, but I think it'll be a chance to move forward with the finances for the shields to really take a major step in promoting safety. It wasn't that we neglected this or somehow disagreed with ATU back in 2013. The idea at that time was not to go with shields, but I think in the wake of Mr. Fraser's death, that thinking changed and understandably so. So I'm pleased to see we're moving forward with the shields. As I said at EPC, you know, six years ago we would have dreamed of trying to get a few million dollars to put towards transit safety. So if this all works through and the budget's there, then I think we will have really done something substantial, something real to promote safety for our employees. And it will be an ongoing effort to keep promoting safety on our transit system, but I think this is...in the years that I've been here, this will be the biggest step we'll have collectively taken. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This council has a tall task to make some substantive improvements to the Winnipeg Transit System. We need to make improvements to safety as we're providing additional leadership today. We need to make improvements to the reliability of the network and the system as well as the rider experience. I've...in my year end interviews last year, I talked about this being the year of transit, and I think this council has the opportunity, in fact the obligation to provide leadership on really making substantive improvements to Winnipeg Transit. I've often said it's your grandma and grandpa's transit system because it hasn't really fundamentally changed in my lifetime. I grew up taking the 66 in Charlewood to Pan Am Pool and other places downtown when the Metropolitan was actually a movie theatre for me. And you know, it's a system that we have good people working for, both operators, management, maintenance. They do good work, but Council does need to provide additional leadership, and I believe funding to really make some substantive changes. Those changes are not going to be easy. They're going to be politically difficult for Council. As I mentioned, one of the…the kind of the three things that I'm very much focused on is of course safety. I want to commend every member of council that's been involved in this discussion and debate, committee members, including, of course, our chair. He's got one of the most difficult jobs here at City Hall. IRPW is not an easy portfolio. You've got active transportation, road repairs, and of course, public transportation. But Councillor Allard has been providing outstanding leadership on the Transit Advisory Committee as well as at the committee level, and I think he's serving council and Winnipeggers very well. What's impressed me has been his ability to work collaboratively with ATU and management and council colleagues and the public and the community. It's not an easy thing to do, and I know that we have really taken our direction from the advice coming out of TAC, and we've been supporting TAC. And I want to

thank each of the members there including ATU that is participating through that process. And I think today really is a testament to everybody involved that we've been able to work through the committee process, have dialogue, make some compromises, and get to a point where we're making substantive improvements to safety. It's not going to solve the safety issues. It isn't a single issue that we can move on and say, okay now safety is fixed, because it isn't. There's obviously more that we need to do. And I just want to commend and thank everybody to get to this point, and of course, there's additional work we'll need to do in the budget, provided that the support is there for this report today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's a very good initiative, absolutely. It's about time it happened. And I guess over the years, the City has looked at shields before, and there was concerns from the drivers in the past. But I think everybody has come to a consensus that these shields are needed and I think it's very important. Safety on the buses for both the drivers and the customers is also...is paramount in having a robust transit service that will grow and deliver the transportation needs for the people who essentially need it, but as well to actually provide a viable option for those people not to ride in their cars and take the bus. And so I just wanted to acknowledge as well, Councillor Allard. It's interesting in that not too long ago, maybe a year or so, there was a situation of whether or not who takes the bus. Of course, I ride the bus almost every day. Have since…even since I could see. I've rode the bus because I think that that is an affordable option for people. And you know, sometimes it's not so convenient in the middle of a blizzard, but our bus service is actually very good in this city. And the drivers provide…not only do they have to work with the customers, but they also have to keep us safe on the road. And I think that our drivers over the decades have done that and that's important. But so I'm glad that we have people on council who are taking the bus now, are really understanding some of the issues that go on on a bus on a day-to-day basis, Madam Speaker. And so I'm glad to see this portfolio progress. And we have heard of other initiatives that Winnipeg Transit and our management administration is implementing, working with drivers and everybody to ensure that everybody enjoys a safe ride in this city. And I'll just conclude by saying that what's happening on the buses, Madam Speaker, that's happening on our streets right now, too. So what's happening on the bus is a reflection. And so as we progress further and into implementing more safety initiatives, we must always be cognizant of if we are dealing with this situation properly out on the street, then it may not arise as much on a bus. And so I'll leave that impression on people's minds. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before I close, I thought I should...well, first of all, I'd acknowledge my other member of Public Works Committee, yourself, Madam Speaker, Devi Sharma and also thanks to all my EPC colleagues for having supported the accelerated timeline on the…on the proposed installation of safety shields. And I want to draw your attention to the next Public Works agenda where we have a compendium of everything that's been done on transit safety since 2017. And there are 22...21 actions, and I'm going to read them out for everyone's...for everyone to hear first-hand what we've done since '17. So number 1) a pilot project to test bus operator safety barriers. 2) The establishment of the Transit Advisory Committee, TAC. 3) A transit safety public education campaign encouraging passengers to report undesirable behavior. 4) Establish reporting procedures with the Winnipeg Police Service, WPS, for proactive safety initiatives. In 2018, the following initiatives were implemented with funding approved by Council; 5) the extension of audio-video surveillance system on board buses, left and right side exterior cameras and one interior camera. 6) The addition of one inspector and three dedicated relief operator…operators for operator training. 7) The addition of 5 FTEs Transit inspectors, bus patrol. 8) The addition of 4 FTEs, transit inspectors, point duty. 9) A new capital duty project for point duty shelters. 10) Using the Wi-Fi technology on buses investigated the opportunity to…for safety enhancements and began fleet-wide installation of LTE modems. In 2018, the following initiatives were implemented or reviewed within existing budget; 11) implemented safety training for transit inspectors. 12) Implemented a pilot training program for operators, supervisors delivered by the Main Street Project. 13) Review of Bear Clan involvement on buses. 14) Two new FTEs were added to increase reliability on ageing video systems and assess safety requirements, develop safe work procedures and provide training. In 2019, the following initiatives are being considered as part of the 2019 budget process; 15) protective vests for Transit inspectors. 16) Administrative and control center radio replacements. 17) Bus operator safety barriers. 18) TAC has requested $100,000 for a consultant study for a long-term plan on what security would look like on the transit system. 19) Complete the installation of LTE modems on the bus fleet. In 2019, the following initiatives are under review; 20) continued training for Transit inspectors. 21) Replacement of outdated radios on the bus fleet. And in terms of total spending, if you scroll down to the financial report, and if you're not following me, it's the February 5th, 2019 Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works agenda, so the total implemented spending on transit safety is $4,143,222. The total pending is $15,453,000. So that's the public report available for anyone to see. And the reason I bring that up is that I think it's...like some of my colleagues have mentioned, transit safety is important. It's important for our transit drivers who deserve a safe place to work. It's also important for members of the public who use the system. And I want to thank everyone on council who's supported safety...better safety initiative on transit. In particular, I'd like to mention Councillor Brian Mayes

who started on transit safety for bus operators prior to our…many of our election on council. He's starting to become one of the veteran members of council. And so some of Councillor Mayes' initiatives has led to our Transit Inspector System. And Councillor Gilroy, you and I championed the idea of police on buses. And since we championed that initiatives, police on buses is now part of the Winnipeg Police Service Strategic Plan. So we know that that's something that's happening I think in part because of some of our efforts with ATU and council, so pleased see that. And so there's a lot of work to do. There's a lot of investment that's already occurred, and I expect in the 2019 budget, this is going to be a significant...the Mayor said that 2019's going to be the year of transit. I think transit safety is part of transit, and look forward to those deliberations on how to best spend those dollars that are available within the project's...within the City budget process to better safety, not only for bus operators, but also members of the public. So with that, thanks for your attention, and I know that was perhaps a bit longer than anticipated, but that report on the Public Works agenda next week is comprehensive, and it does show our commitment to transit safety as a council. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. With that I'll call the question on Item 1 – Bus Operator Compartment Safety Shields. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move onto by-laws under this committee. Councillor Allard.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes. I move that By-law No. 11/2019 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 11/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, on the second reading.

Councillor Allard: Yes. I move that By-law No. 11/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 11/2019.

Councillor Allard: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 11/2019 be read a third time, and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the chair of this committee of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Thirty minutes on the clock…or 15 rather. Any questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Chambers.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to ask the good Chairman of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works a question on Transit Plus. Transit Plus rolled out their automated confirmation line recently, and since rolling it out, they've suffered two system failures resulting in shutdowns and lengthy delays and wait times to confirm trips. Winnipeggers who use this valuable service are left vulnerable, waiting extended periods of times at their places of work or at other venues while they wait for the trip to be confirmed, picked up and returned home or leaving home to go to work. What assurances can be made that redundancies are in place to mitigate these system failures creating reliability and confidence in this vital service?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker, and through you, I'd like to provide an update to Council and to Councillor Chambers on this question. So I was expecting somebody might ask this question in council today and I asked for an update from the department and I have been regularly through this process of implementation of a new system. So the response from administration, "we're still experiencing high call volumes, which are resulting in busy signals at times on the reservation lines. The call volumes are higher than usual, but not significantly higher than what

we normally have in winter months. We've been able to add two additional cars to the road after undergoing repairs. We'll be adding more Monday, February 4th and a van, and a bus the following week. The addition of these vehicles should help alleviate and reduce some of the issues. The confirmation line remains working and accessible 24/7," and that's in addition to council updates, which have been provided to members of council and I know there's been communication as well with the public. My hope is that these are just growing pains to a much better system for Winnipeggers, and I know we've had some interruptions with service and continue to work closely with council colleagues and administration. This is a very important service for Winnipeggers and we want to make sure that we're doing everything we can to provide best service possible for some of our, well in some cases, some of our most vulnerable populations.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further questions? Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Direct this to the chair, we had passed the alternative for snow clearing report looking at innovations in snow removal and what we could do, and I'm just wondering if you have an update. We were looking at snow gates. We were looking at better communication from field staff to customer service requests, cycle paths, snow clearing and cost-benefit about snow clearing equipment from summer mowing to winter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Lukes. So thank you very much for the question. I…anticipating the question, I did some digging and so we have moved on that report that's been a verbal report at committee. There has also been some public communications on some of the initiatives. One of them is the beet juice which always seems to grab people's attention, which is having some positive outcomes and some limitations as with any technology. The other initiative that's been communicated publicly is the use of snow clearing machines that also double up as machines for summer maintenance. So those are two innovations that came out of that report that have been communicated to the public. There is a written report expected, sometime, I always hesitate to give a date, but the intent, I think from the public service is to go through this snow clearing season, test out some of these innovations and come back with a more fulsome, written report sometime after the winter months are over. So I really appreciate the question and it did prompt me to go and find out what we've done on this and I think there's always more work to do on innovation, but these are two of the issues that have been or two of the initiatives that have been identified reported, and looking forward to, you know, many more innovations from our public service.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Second question, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: This is more of a 'did you know'. But did you know that many of my residents are very pleased with the snow clearing operations that are occurring? We've had extremely cold weather, you know, with extremely cold weather comes equipment breakdowns and challenges in operating these large machines. We've had, you know, a decent amount of snow fall, but I just want to say that I've had very good feedback from constituents. I've had very good feedback from working with the department and the area rep. So I just want to put that on the record that in the south end of the world, we're happy. So thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard, do you wish respond?

Councillor Allard: Yes, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Lukes. It's great to hear, I know that every year, you know (inaudible) snow clearing operations as Councillor Lukes knows, especially since her formal role as Public Works Chair is a massive operation that involves public forces, private forces and of course the residents of this city. And it's I think we have one of the best snow clearing systems in the world, and always trying to make it better, but I'm pleased to hear the kudos. We as Councillors, I think often hear about the problems from some of our residents, but it's nice to hear when things are going well. So thank you, through you, Madam Speaker to Councillor Lukes for, I think the kudos for our public service and our contractors for all the great work that they're doing to keep our roads open in particular so that our emergency services are available and all the other services like garbage and getting to work every day. So thank you for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further questions for the Chair? Seeing none, that brings our question period to a close. We'll now move onto the Governance Committee of Council. We have no reports, no motions. Councillor Lukes, will you move the by-law on my behalf, please?

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Lukes: Yes, Madam Speaker. I'll move that the report from the Integrity Commissioner be received as information. Sorry, sorry. Not focusing.

Madam Speaker: We'll just swap that out for you.

Councillor Lukes: All right, yes. Okay, here we go. All right, so I'd like to move the By-law No. 13/2019 be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 13/2019.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes on the second reading.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that By-law No. 13/2019 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 13/2019.

Councillor Lukes: And I'd like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 13/2019 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 will now move into the investigative reports submitted by the Integrity Commissioner. As noted in our council code of conduct, the elected official who is the subject of the complaint is deemed to have a conflict and cannot be present during debate on voting on the matter. However, they can make delegation on this matter if they so choose. The first report on the agenda is an investigative report submitted by our Integrity Commissioner, Sherri Walsh. The report is as a result of a complaint filed against Councillor Allard. As per the investigative report submitted, there was no breach of the code of conduct found, and normally no report would be submitted to Council as a result. However, the Integrity Commissioner did feel that the public interest would be served by bringing this report to Council, and this keeps with the legislation. Council Allard, do you wish to speak in delegation at this time?

Councillor Allard: I wish to recuse myself from deliberations.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Then I'll ask you to leave the chamber at this time so debate can take place on the matter. Thank you. Councillor Lukes, will you open debate on this item?

REPORT ON A COMPLAINT BY CITY OF WINNIPEG
INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER SHERRI WALSH

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm opening debate on this item.

Madam Speaker: Any speakers on the item? It's the report on the Integrity Commissioner. Go ahead, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I'm just going to fill in Councillor Eadie, but it's the report from the Integrity Commissioner, Sherri Walsh, regarding Matt Allard.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any speakers on this item? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'll speak briefly. I want to acknowledge someone we spoke about earlier today, Councillor Jenny Gerbasi who had championed an Ethics Commissioner who ultimately became our Integrity Commissioner. I'm just reflecting today on the two reports we'll be attending to. I'm obviously just speaking to the first one right now, but how far we've come as a city council over the last number of years. I wish the City had had an Integrity Commissioner in some of the checks and balances in place in previous years, and I'm pleased to see the ongoing work of our Integrity Commissioner. I'm pleased to see the result in this one in finding that Councillor Allard didn't breach any rules. And I

want to just thank everybody for their support for not just for the creation of the Integrity Commissioner, but the ongoing work to continue to build trust with the public with respect to the important work that we do on behalf of Winnipeggers. I just reflect today on how far we've come and question whether or not we would have seen something like this in previous years. It's a good step and something we can always learn from as part of this process. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: There's no others. I'll move that the report from the Integrity Commissioner be received as information.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, could we have Councillor Allard come back to the chamber? Thank you. The next report on the agenda is an investigative report submitted by our Acting Integrity Commissioner, Greg Levine. Our Integrity Commissioner declared a conflict of interest in this case, which is why the report was done by an Acting Integrity Commissioner. The report is as a result of a complaint filed against Councillor Orlikow. As per the investigative report submitted, there was no breach of the code of conduct found, and normally once again, no report would be submitted to Council as a result. However, the Integrity Commissioner did feel that the public interest would be served by bringing the report to Council in this case, which is keeping with the by-law. Council Orlikow, could do you wish to speak in delegation to this item?

Councillor Orlikow: Yes, please.

Madam Speaker: I'll ask you to proceed to the podium and we'll have ten minutes on the clock, followed by any questions from the floor.

Councillor Orlikow: Well, thank you. Fellow councillors, out of the utmost respect for you and the intended role of the Integrity Commissioner, I want to personally address Mr. Levine's report presented to Council today. I have worked cooperatively with Mr. Levine to answer all the questions he had during his investigation. This was done during an incredibly difficult time in my life. We had spoken prior to the release of the report. I am pleased that upon investigation Mr. Levine has concluded that there was no breach of the code of conduct. The Parker Forest was, and I say was, a beloved and crucial part of my ward. Any and all of my actions were intended to preserve the significant environmental space in a way that was acceptable to all involved. While I appreciate Mr. Levine's recommendations, I believe that sharing information is a crucial part of our job as city councillors. I sincerely apologize that my actions were perceived by some as disrespectful. They were intended to facilitate the best solution to a challenging issue. I look forward to Council's discussion of Mr. Levine's findings and to our work continuing to improve the way councillors serve all of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Are there any questions? Councillor Eadie, if you can bring your questions through the Chair.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I note in the letter from Mr. Levine referring to expressing the duties of city councillor in the chart. And in reading that, I would ask, and I believe that the...I'm supposed to do as a councillor, what I was elected to do by the people who voted for me as well as take the responsibility that I swore my oath to. I would just want to only ask, Madam Speaker, as to whether or not a person who I greatly respect, Councillor Orlikow, if he could express to us what his beliefs are, a duty of a city councillor.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Well, again, while I struggled with the apology more so because I didn't want anybody to believe that I felt that I did anything wrong. But again, in my belief system, if someone…if I inadvertently made someone feel bad, if some of my actions are perceived, part of conflict resolution 101 is you apologize for that and so we can move forward on this file. However, I do believe, strongly, that my actions were in keeping with my duties as a city councillor and they were for the benefit of all, not…there's no disrespect intended.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions? Seeing none. Thank you for your delegation, and I'll ask you to recuse yourself at this time so we can open debate on the matter.

Councillor Lukes: No report number, so I guess I'll just say, we can open debate on…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

**REPORT ON A COMPLAINT BY
ACTING INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER GREGORY J. LEVINE**

Councillor Lukes: There's no really report number so if we could open debate on the complaint by the Acting Integrity Commissioner, Gregory Levine regarding Councillor Orlikow.
Madam Speaker: Any speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Normally, I would just have voted to receive it as information, but the letter...the report does its evaluation, but Madam Speaker, I have to rise to speak to this because I really feel that...I appreciate, and I apologize to people, too, if I've made an error or whatever, Madam Speaker, and I can understand that. And the express duties...if you look at the express duties of the mayor, which is in the...which is in the charter, it doesn't begin to explain, Madam Speaker, the other responsibilities that a mayor has to the citizens of this city that go beyond. And as you do your day-to-day business, Madam Speaker, you may get into arguments and dialogues and we ourselves as colleagues often, well, I haven't had the opportunity yet with any of my colleagues…new colleagues, but we can get into some pretty heated debates sometimes. And Madam Speaker, when we reflect on that, we may and should probably apologize. But Madam Speaker, there has to be an opportunity in the process, in the dialogue when you're working together. And I just wanted to say if...if one side doesn't allow for the kind of dialogue that would require an apology or you know, sorry, I, you know, didn't mean to get so heated on that or whatever it is, if at the time, there is no ability, Madam Speaker, to engage in that process later on to apologize then, you know...so it's two-sided here. And I just wanted to express that. And I think that Councillor Orlikow has, you know, has explained and I think apologized, and I think that's good. To do it in a public fish bowl, I don't know that that had to happen, Madam Speaker. A dialogue on the side, you know, I think would have been more appropriate so that they could sort of amend whatever. I know, you know, ultimately this particular issue around the Parker Lands and all that, you know, there's never going to be an agreement, I believe, between the councillor and the developer of those properties, never. And so all sides must respect that, and I just want to leave it at that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise on this because I find it disconcerting, Madam Speaker. I don't exactly know how it would be for me to be…have to be judged upon by the Integrity Commissioner. Having said that, in this case, I find it too ambiguous, Madam Speaker. But to me, let's put this in perspective, it's pretty simple. It does say in the report from the Acting Integrity Commissioner that the council member did not act disrespectfully or use improper influence in respect of the presentation of councillor member's attendance. Also Madam Speaker, I do believe as well, Councillor Orlikow said that was not his intent to be disrespectful and I believe that as well. In fact, Madam Speaker, I think it's pretty clear. So it's unfortunate that it's come to this because of, well, the process that leads to this. It's unfortunate, Madam Speaker. In the English language, we've got a problem and ambiguity when it comes to saying I'm sorry, because sorry, depending on the language, there's different ways you express it. In English, it can mean either you're apologizing or it could mean you sympathize. Two different things, Madam Speaker. And because of that, we tend to mix them up in the English language, and it affects our culture and our communication. He said he apologizes because...I think he apologizes because he says if he makes somebody feel bad, his sense of value is, you apologize. But Madam Speaker, what I believe Councillor Orlikow saying, this is how we speak in English, these are our limitations, he's...he sympathizes with the fact that someone feels bad. That was not his intention. He didn't want somebody to feel bad. But I do believe that this process causes us to be overly compensating, and we've got to watch ourselves, Madam Speaker, because we upset people all the time. We make people feel good regularly, too, because people are in favour of the decisions we make. They are also in opposition to the decisions we make. They are in favour of our...the way we do things. They are against the way we do things, Madam Speaker, but in the...what I would say, rather contentious issue of the Parker Lands and its development, there's going to be some disagreement and there's going to be a lot of...a lot of feelings on the line here. And there's a lot on the line in terms of people's values, how they feel, and a lot of money, Madam Speaker. And so the councillor was involved in something in which, well, I would say it's pretty easy to say that he did something wrong. And these things happen Madam Speaker, and I'm not saying it shouldn't be considered, Madam Speaker. But the reality is, I hope it comes down to the...our collective understanding. There's no ambiguity here. In the end, he did not use improper influence. He did not act respectfully and I do believe Councillor Orlikow, that was not his intent. And we've got to watch ourselves, Madam Speaker, when it comes to the jobs we do and when we hurt feelings. Madam Speaker, honest to God, my whole life, my feelings get hurt as a citizen because of the political decisions that are made all the time, and that's true. I'm not the only one. Politics is frustrating for everybody, especially when you have to account for people in this room, especially when you feel you've got something at stake, Madam Speaker, and that could be anybody at any time. And I'll just leave it at that for now. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. As indicated, the report clearly states, there was no breach, but in the last line in the report states that apologies seem appropriate but cannot be compelled, so I commend Councillor Orlikow for offering his words, his comments, his apology when not compelled to do so. So I just want to commend our councillor colleague for his comments today.

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

Mayor Bowman: I'll also be brief and echo the comments of my council colleague just now. I, too, note that Councillor Orlikow was not to have found to have been in violation of any rules but still took the step to offer his words of apology today. Again, I just remind those watching these proceedings how far City Hall was come and the fact that we have the Integrity Commissioner, we have these reports being made public, and we have a member of council doing what he can to further strengthen the citizens' views of the work that takes place in this building on their behalf. I want to commend Councillor Orlikow. This is someone who has continued to demonstrate that he cares passionately about the community and its people that we serve. He acts with integrity, and I think we just saw a full demonstration of that today. Could not have been easy, and I just want to commend him, and I think Winnipeggers and the members, the citizens in the ward in which he represents are very fortunate to have somebody with the integrity that Councillor Orlikow possesses.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move that the report from the Acting Integrity Commissioner then be received as information.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now wait for Councillor Orlikow to join us for the remainder of the meeting. Councillor Eadie, will you move adjournment?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I move adjournment, Madam Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Meeting is adjourned.

Council adjourned at 2:00 p.m.