COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, February 27, 2020

The Council met at 9:35 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Browaty.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I'd like to now recognize our pages for today. Joining us is Beth Birru who attends Glenlawn Collegiate in the St. Vital Ward and Ryan Ross, attends Southeast Collegiate in the Waverley West Ward. Thank you for serving Council today. We'll now move on to morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker and good morning to everyone. Thanks for those that are joining here us in the gallery, those that are watching via the livestream. It's been a busy month for many of us. I've had a very busy month of intergovernmental affairs meetings and conversations with counterparts in various locations across Canada. Big City Mayors Caucus of FCM met with a number of federal officials including the prime minister of Canada, minister of families, children, social development, the Minister of Finance, Bill Morneau, Minister of Infrastructure. I've had several meetings with her in recent weeks, including with my Big City Mayors colleagues had an opportunity to travel to Edmonton, Madam Speaker, to meet with the West Group. This is the Western Economic Solutions Task Force that's comprised of mayors and municipal representatives, including the Association of Manitoba Municipalities that are trying to provide a positive and constructive input into some of the issues affecting our nation right now and affecting the west in particular. Madam Speaker, I've also had several conversations and dialogue with Minister Squires, as well as my colleague from West St. Paul, Cheryl Christian. I had the opportunity to visit with her and her officials recently and one of our neighbours in West St. Paul. I want to thank her for her hospitality and of course the opportunity to learn more about some of the matters that they're working on diligently and in a collaborative fashion with the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, and of course, our representatives right now are Councillor John Orlikow and Councillor Scott Gillingham. I want to thank them for their work and Councillor Janice Lukes has also served in that capacity. I think that dialogue with our neighbours and the collaborative way in which we're trying to work with our counterparts is something that we will obviously want to see more of. I've also had dialogue recently with Manitoba's Health Minister, Cameron Friesen. Other than some of those meetings and conversations, we just concluded the Festival du Voyageur. This is the 51st year I believe and had the opportunity to attend with Mr. Voyageur here on Council of course, Councillor Matt Allard. This was of course the largest winter festival in winter…in western Canada, celebrates Métis culture and our Indigenous roots, of course, as well as future. You cannot beat the atmosphere at the Festival. I want to say thank you to the staff and the volunteers and sponsors of Festival. They continue to do just an amazing job each and every year to bring people to Winnipeg and to bring out the best in us in our community as we celebrate together, so I was really pleased to attend and celebrate along with the fellow voyageurs at the Festival du Voyageur. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. I rise today to offer my appreciation to the men and women of the RCMP D Division, our own WPS members and law enforcement officers across our country. The frustrations of recent unfortunate events are raising tensions. People are focusing sometimes their anger, disappointment and frustration on the law enforcement members that serve us. It's not fair to the men and women that serve all of us that are trying to keep us safe. Police officers across this nation cannot effectively serve all citizens upholding their oaths to protect and serve when they're repeatedly forced to intervene long standing political events that divide us. Fair and reasonable, lasting solutions require bold leadership, leadership that will be fully engaged 24/7 to do everything possible to resolve the tensions that have been created and provide the vision of hope for everyone across our country. I would like to thank the officers who are following orders and doing their best to keep everyone safe despite the reason, party affiliation, left,

right, Indigenous, newcomer, because we are all Canadians, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their job doesn't change, keeping everyone in our community safe by following lawful orders. I can only hope that our leaders will take action before the division has grown beyond repair. As our country struggles, I want to thank the members of law enforcement who seem to be the target of frustration and anger from all sides. I would ask that everyone to remember that the women and men within our policing ranks are not political leaders. They are truly like each of us. They have families, children, they have feelings. They get hurt, they are abused verbally and physically, but they show up to face that again and again every day because they honour their duty to serve and protect all Canadians, and I rise to thank them for that all across the country.

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

Councillor Rollins: International Women's Day is fast approaching on March 8th. Last year's International Women's Day theme was think equal, build smart. I will be attending along with members of our administration and other Winnipeggers, city building for all, working towards equity in design and urbanism. There is more to do to build an inclusive Winnipeg. There will be numerous upcoming events in Winnipeg, including Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre, Cabaret of Monologues, Women's Build Speaker Series by Habitat for Humanity and Women's Techmakers coming up to celebrate International Women's Day. So much can be celebrated including milestones towards achieving sustainable development goals that guide OurWinnipeg, our strategic policy, the United Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security and the 10th anniversary of the UN Women's establishment. So much to celebrate. International Women's Day is a time to celebrate success, but also reflect on how real change in the world, our country, our province, this territory, the homeland of the Métis nation and this City of Winnipeg. Sometimes it can be slow, too slow for women and girls, but not a single country can claim gender equality law, culture. All of this remains obstacles and a challenge and of course, the ultimate goal is to turn that challenge into opportunity. And on International Women's Day 2020, I want us to remember that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It has been a remarkable curling season for the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club in St. James. My council colleagues may recall that in October of last year, we were paid a visit by Team Kurz, the Canada's mixed world curling champions who won the world championship in Scotland. They curled out of Assiniboine Memorial. We're not out to be done. Last week, Team Gauthier from Assiniboine Memorial captured the world junior men's curling championships in Russia. They played outstanding curling and made St. James, Winnipeg and all of Canada proud. I'd invited the team to join us this morning but they were unable to attend on short notice. One of them had an exam at university and figured that was more important than joining us, go figure. But I know that my fellow colleagues around the chamber here will join me in congratulating team members Jacques Gauthier, Jordan Peters, Brayden Payette, Zach Bilawka, Thomas Dunlop and coach John Lund, world junior men's curling champions and they were…they were not alone. Last week of course, also the women for the world junior women out of Manitoba, Altona won the world junior women's championship at the same tournament in Russia, so congratulations to Team Zacharias as well. And just one more, our curling champion, of course, Team Peterson who won the Scotties…won gold at the Scotties…become Team Canada and she curls at…her and her team curl at Gimli so congratulations to all our curling champions out of Manitoba that have done Manitoba and Winnipeg so proud in the last week or two.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. We now have a condolence motion for our former City Clerk Robert (Bob) Hayes. Mr. Clerk, would you read it into the record, please?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of Robert (Bob) Hayes, former Deputy City Clerk (1979 to 1987) and City Clerk (1987 to 1991), which occurred on January 30, 2020.

This Council extends to his family its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Let's all rise for a moment of silence. Thank you.

MINUTES

Councillor Allard moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on January 30th, 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into our delegations today. First up, I'd like to call Daniel Nichols to the floor. You're here, sir? He is in opposition to Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 18th, 2020, and it's regarding the 2019 Annual Diversity Report. Mr. Nichols, we'll have ten minutes on the clock for you to speak to this item. Thank you.

DELEGATIONS

Daniel Nichols: Good morning, Council. I really didn't think my issue or concerns were that of a diversity situation. However, it was made about that when my integrity was called into question. I called 311 yesterday to receive some information on how many driving hours are required to become a transit operator.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Nichols, you are registered today to speak to the Annual Diversity Report.

Daniel Nichols: That's what I'm speaking to yeah, correct.

Madam Speaker: You are veering into a different topic, it sounds like.

Daniel Nichols: I'm most certainly not.

Madam Speaker: Well, if you can continue and address the topic that's before us.

Daniel Nichols: Most certainly, yeah. I was transferred to the Safety and Diversity Branch. Does that not have to do with the diversity, yes?

Madam Speaker: Have you read the report, the diversity report?

Daniel Nichols: I have, and it shows a number of people that are working within the industries from diverse backgrounds, transportation is being one of them.

Madam Speaker: Well, let's continue, but I may have to caution you once again.

Daniel Nichols: Okay. That's fine, yeah. I called 311 yesterday to obtain information on how many driving hours are required to become a transit operator. I was transferred to the Safety and Diversity Branch who I was told could give me this information. Unfortunately, there was no answer, and I did not receive a call back at this time. I did leave a message, and this indicates that my issues and concerns are directly linked with diversity. While I agree having a diverse workforce and work sector is generally a good thing, I feel displaying our diversity for the public image is wrong. I also feel that flooding certain industries with diverse workforces to meet a quota leads to lack of training, lack of continuous training. I feel as though safety should be a primary concern over diversity, especially if the two fall under the same umbrella such as the case is. My primary example is the recent events that took place in Humboldt. This was a tragic accident, an isolated incident, but the backlash that came from the community as a nation as a whole has now brought forth changes to an entire industry because of its over flooding with diversity. So I ask…

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I'm rising for a point of order. This is appearing as prejudice against groups especially on the basis of race, religion and I sat on a point of order.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr…Councillor Rollins. Mr. Nichols, again if you'd like to speak to the diversity report, we can hear you today.

Daniel Nichols: I'm pretty sure I am speaking to the diversity report. Safety and diversity fall under the same umbrella.

Madam Speaker: You are not, sir. So if would like to address…

Daniel Nichols: Safety and diversity fall under the same umbrella. This report clearly indicates how many people we have diverse working in our communities. Working in transportation, working in utilities, they fall under the same umbrella. If it's not the same, then why are they under the same umbrella? Why are they under the same umbrella?

Madam Speaker: Sir, your comments are not reflecting the report. I'm going to have to move onto the next delegation.

Daniel Nichols: That's fine. They fall under the same umbrella. Safety and diversity are fall under the same umbrella.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Daniel Nichols: Thanks. I'll be back.

Madam Speaker: Next, I'd like to call forward Reuben Garang, together with Magi Hadad. They are here for the Immigration Partnership Winnipeg and they're in support of Item 2 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 18th, 2020, and it's regarding the Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion Policy and Strategic Framework. If you could please both come forward together, and there'll be ten minutes on the clock for you collectively. Thank you.

Reuben Garang: Thank you. Good morning. I am...I am Reuben Garang, and I work for Immigration Partnership Winnipeg. First, I would like to thank our city for the cooperative leadership style used to develop the Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion Policy. Various groups from our communities were consulted in the development of this policy framework. So this is a unique policy as it has captured many Winnipeggers' voices in terms of what they need the government to enact to make our city more welcoming and inclusive. Way to go, City of Winnipeg. And a special thank you to our Mayor, the City Human Right Committee and the Executive Policy Committee for supporting the policy this far. I hope the councillors will give this policy full support today. I arrived in Canada 15 years ago, settled in Calgary for five days and then moved to Winnipeg. I came here because I had cousin, friends who I knew back (inaudible) in Kenya who had came a year before me. Most of these people left two years later. I was about to leave when they left, but I was at a school so I stayed, and Winnipeg become home. The point that I want to make here is people that come from collective society, when the people that they are depend on socially or culturally leave, they will also follow them. We're lucky to have 15,000 people come to our city from different part of the world each year. They bring skills, cultural richness, social connections and their uniqueness as individuals. This is something to cherish and support. For the last few years, I attended the Stronger Together Dinner, a social event organized by Ethnocultural Council of Manitoba. I tell you, this is one of the best ways to impress and celebrate diversity. It is beautiful to see people from Middle East, East Africa, First Nation people drumming the drum together. It is amazing to watch the Japanese, the Chileans, the Chinese, the Colombians, the Nigerians sitting around and enjoying the Iraqi traditional foods and wanting to learn about Yazidi culture and situation. This is the best way of celebrating and embracing diversity. As one in four Winnipeg residents are immigrants or refugees backgrounds, almost another one in four are second generation immigrant and refugees. These close to half of our city populations is of immigrant or children of immigrant. Perhaps I should say this new welcome and inclusive policy will not address the need and aspirations of those people, but the whole city. So let's have a policy to welcome the people from different part of the world, policy that enables individuals to reach their full potential. It is good for the city cultural economy and social growth. Refugees and immigrants…when they were supported upon their arrivals, it will take them a short time to settle and integrate and they will contribute. There was a report that was released by the UN Refugee Agency in Canada last year that stated that the refugees, and not even immigrants, but refugees have a higher rates of establishing business and creating jobs. So we're talking about immigrants and refugees. We're talking about half of our city populations. We're talking about people that have chosen Winnipeg as their new home. Let's support them. We are happy that the City...for the City to introduce this policy, and hopefully, it will get passed today. Congratulations in advance. While we appreciate all the good work that went into this policy, we are also appreciative of the consent that this policy is expected to be implemented within the existing budget and has no additional resources tied to it, it may fall short of the potential. However, I am a believer that if there is a political will and collaborative leadership style as demonstrated, results will follow. We call on the City to create position for the diversity coordinator and newcomer services coordinator as laid out in the policy. To kick it off, the policy need to be implemented, evaluated and supervised. There should be ways to continue seeking the community input and expectations. I strongly believe this policy will work if the spirit of collaborations demonstrated is maintained. Thank you and I will give turn to Magi Hadad, the co-chair of the Newcomer Youth Council to speak on the same issue. Welcome, Magi.

Magi Hadad: Thank you, Reuben for introducing me. Good morning, everyone. My name is Magi Hadad. I arrived here like almost four years ago as a Syrian refugee, and I'm part of this community. And by saying this community, I don't mean like...I don't mean only the youth refugee community, I mean Winnipeg community. I took Winnipeg…I did not took my Winnipeg home, Winnipeg took me as its member here, so I'm so glad. But as youth…as newcomer youth and refugee youth and a female, we see a lot of lack of representation here in the city. I feel like there's not enough people and…like everywhere could represent us, could represent our languages, could represent our culture and so on. We as a refugee are not only refugee, refugee's not only our titles. There's so many other things that we could be called. Human rights students. I have an artist friend. I have a soccer player friend and so on. But these will not be achieved till we got opportunities here. Probably we did not get a chance to got opportunities back home, and fortunately what we are hoping to get this opportunity here in Winnipeg. So we could give because this policy is not just special and good for

us as a newcomer, it's good for everyone in Winnipeg because we are part of Winnipeg and we want to feel that we are part of it, and as much as Winnipeg as we can be. Thank you so much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll ask you to remain on the floor. We'll take the next delegation and then call you back for questions. Thank you. Next is Vicki Sinclair, and she's from the Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations. Welcome. There'll be five minutes on the clock.

Vicki Sinclair: Good morning Council, and thank you for allowing me to speak as a delegate here today. I'm excited that this newcomer welcoming inclusion policy has been created and as Reuben said, passed by the Human Rights Committee and EPC and is now here before you today as a full council to vote on. As a former Manitoba provincial nominee myself, the frontline workers in settlement services for a decade and a member of the City of Winnipeg Citizen Equity Committee and now as the executive director of MANSO, I've been advocating for the City to put in writing their commitment to Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion…welcome inclusion of all new Winnipeggers for the last 15 years. For this strategy, I was part of the service provider consultation, the francophone consultation and the IRPW Council consultation. And it was truly a participative, thoughtful and effective process, and most of what I heard on those days is represented in the policy itself and I congratulate the City on this. I'm here today representing MANSO. We have over 70 member organizations offering language programs, employment, settlement, community connections, housing, family, whole range of services in both English and French across the province but mostly here in Winnipeg. And we act as a voice locally, regionally and nationally for the Manitoba settlement sector. As you heard already, roughly half of Winnipeggers are immigrants or the children of immigrants. Manitoba welcomed almost 17,800 new permanent residents last year, 14,000 of them settled in Winnipeg. That's 2,000 more than the year before. And these numbers are offsetting negative into provincial migration and this does not include the many thousands of international students, temporary foreign workers and a much smaller number of refugee claims that are still waiting for final decision. In 2019, our membership implemented a policy advocating for access without fear and we are very pleased to see that the language throughout this policy is based on access and accessibility. And it's rightful that when we talk about access to City services including emergency services, that this is not restricted by status. Of the 35 key activities in this strategy, 15 have been marked as achievable within the existing budgets and the rest referred for future budgets in years leveraging other fundings for implementation. This is an excellent first outcome, and meeting these 15 recommendations would already make Winnipeg a leader in municipal integration policy, but I'd like to remind everyone that this is a very difficult funding environment for settlements of newcomers at the moment. We're seeing some deep cuts in large agencies in Winnipeg federally, the provincial budget for immigration is small and stretched, the foundations already stretched. So relying on leveraging funding from other levels of government may be difficult. And I think the recommendations are so excellent in this policy that as Reuben mentioned, there needs to be a person assigned to it and there needs to be some programming dollars. And as we heard from the first delegation here today, there is a lot of work still to be done in education. And I thank you for the way that was dealt with to make this a safe space for us to come on next and speak. So helping the 25% of Winnipeggers who like myself were not born in Canada and chose to put roots down in Winnipeg will help all Winnipeggers. And just like investing time and money in reconciliation will help all Winnipeggers, investing in the newcomers in our community will help all Winnipeggers. This is not an either-or. I'm aware of how tight the City budget is, as well and there's a lot of competition from excellent, excellent delegates asking you to consider their issues. But this will…investing in the future, immigration is the past, the present and the future of Winnipeg, and investing in helping people to thrive and meet their full potential will help our entire community. So thank you for letting us speak today and congratulations on this framework before you today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. At this time, are there any questions for our delegations on this topic? Councillor Chambers. If you could come forward, we have delegations that just presented, three of you. Thank you.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you for your presentation this morning. This is again something that is near and dear to my heart as well, as I previously worked with the Provincial Nominee Program. Just noticing your information here on page two and just wondering what year it's referencing as it does...it's not reflective of our current ward configuration.

Vicki Sinclair: That wasn't for me. That was an IPW document.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So your question, Councillor Chambers, go ahead.

Reuben Garang: Could you repeat your question again? Sorry.

Councillor Chambers: Well again, just looking at the configuration, still indicating the South Winnipeg - St. Norbert Ward and St. Vital Ward as opposed to St. Vital, St. Norbert-Seine River and Waverley West Wards.

Reuben Garang: These report came from the University of Winnipeg, and the purpose of us showing it is the…how spread the immigrants are in our city and they're emphasizing the idea that the newcomers are not isolated group.

They're part of us. That's the purpose of the document so it's laid out the…you know, the newcomer populations in terms of where they live in the city.

Vicki Sinclair: Sorry. That's from 2016, because that document was prepared before the last municipal election, so it is now updated, but it's the most recent report you have on that information.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none. We appreciate your presentation today. Thank you. Our final delegate is Denis DePape. She's here on behalf of Trees Winnipeg. She's in support of Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated February 5th, 2020, and it's regarding the Winnipeg One Million Tree Challenge. If you could please come forward, and…are you Denis DePape, sir? Are you Denis DePape?

Denis DePape: Close.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Your name for the record, please.

Denis DePape: My name is Denis DePape, and it is indeed spelled with one "n." And so I can see…

Madam Speaker: My apologies. Thank you.

Denis DePape: You know what, I think that's actually a compliment, okay. So thank you. I've got a presentation that's going to be handed out here, but as we wait to have it handed out, good morning, everyone, and I'm very pleased to be able to talk to you today about Mayor Bowman's million trees challenge and the involvement of Trees Winnipeg in the challenge. Your Worship, Mayor Bowman, members of council including a few familiar faces around here and City staff, and also the public who's attending this meeting including some of my friends from the newcomer community up there. I am Denis DePape, a member of the board of directors of Trees Winnipeg for the past three years and a proud recipient of the Mayor's Volunteer Award for my involvement with a number of local environmental organizations including Save Our Seine and Green Action Centre. As well, I had the privilege of helping plan and facilitate strategic or priority planning sessions with over 25 Winnipeg based NGOs. And I'm going to add this as a personal comment; I think the thing I'm best known for is that I am the father of Noelle and Brigitte. I knew you. You may have heard of Trees Winnipeg under a different name. When we were founded in 1992, we called ourselves the Coalition to Save the Elms. Back then, our mission was fairly singular. Our focus was on helping to manage Dutch elm disease. But now we have other invasive pests to worry about and other tree species are threatened including the city's 356,000 ash trees. So we expanded our mission to include educating the public about pests like the emerald ash borer, encouraging tree species diversity, teaching property owners on…to properly select, plant and maintain trees, offering residential tree planting opportunities through our ReLeaf Program and celebrating the beautiful heritage trees that we find living among us. Your Worship, your million tree challenge couldn't be timelier. Winnipeg's wonderful and beloved tree canopy is in crisis. Each year, we lose thousands of trees as Dutch elm disease hits us with increasing incidents. Additionally, we now have the emerald ash borer and cottony ash psyllid attacking our ash trees. And the overall age of our canopy makes trees more susceptible to external stressors. On top of that, October's unprecedented fall snow storm damaged and toppled tens of thousands of trees across Winnipeg. If Your Worship's vision comes true, one million new trees will play a role in the restoration and expansion of Winnipeg's urban tree canopy to the benefit of residents, businesses, visitors and tourists alike. The challenge provides an opportunity not only to expand Winnipeg's tree cover but also to diversify our tree species and reduce the risk created by monocultures in the past. Recent surveys by the Pew Research Centre and the World Economic Forum identify climate change as the biggest international threat facing many nations. Trees remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Planting and nurturing one million new trees will help fight climate change by offsetting carbon dioxide emissions and indirectly by providing shade on hot summer days, reducing air conditioning requirements. But trees have value everywhere. Large scale reforestation projects are becoming increasingly popular around the world and in Canada. Major tree planting initiatives like your mayor…Your Worship's million tree challenge are underway in several other North American cities. Especially interesting is London, Ontario which also has a million trees challenge. Their challenge, which has been around since 2011, is structured much like what ours will be. The program is administered through a partnership between the City and a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to trees. In this case, it's called Reforest Winnipeg. In the case of Winnipeg's, it's going to be called Trees Winnipeg. After eight years, they are well on their way to a million trees with over 400 trees planted. We can learn a great deal from London and other cities' experience, what works, what doesn't work and what's the best way to get the best results. Now in response to these large scale tree planting initiatives, local groups are launching their own small scale tree planting projects. In last week's Lance, I was delighted to see that the Meadowood United Church in south St. Vital, very close to where I live, has launched a tree replacement in Meadowood project in conjunction with the local nursery. The project was established to encourage members of the congregation and residents of the Meadowood area to plant trees on their own property. It even included workshops on how to properly plant and maintain trees. This impressive initiative demonstrates how community based organizations can play a role in motivating and helping households to plan trees for

our canopy and for the Earth. Trees Winnipeg fully supports the Mayor's one million trees challenge. We look forward to partnering with the City of Winnipeg to help inspire Winnipeggers so we can all play a role in the reforestation of our urban canopy. And at 550,000 trees a year, over 20 years, we're still going have to do it together one tree at a time. We are standing by eager to help with our long and productive partnership with the City's Forestry Department staff, our successful public education history, our ReLeaf residential tree planting program and our wide range of expertise on the board of directors; we can make a meaningful contribution to the million trees project. Our city's many households, businesses and institutions will play a vital role in achieving the one million trees. We are prepared, pending approval of our proposed funding, to assume the role of driving force and catalyst for planting trees on private property by residential, commercial, industrial and institutional property owners. We will…that's it? We will work hard and smart towards the following objectives; building awareness of the Million Trees Challenge and the value of an importance of urban trees, motivating individuals, residents, local businesses and NGOs to plant trees by connecting with Winnipeggers emotional attachment to trees and by offering tree planting programs, events and promotions. Educating those who are wanting to plant trees about the proper way to select, plant and maintain trees so that they survive and they thrive. And also, we're going to keep track of how many trees are planted. To achieve these objectives, we will identify, develop and implement campaigns, promotions, events, videos, media strategies and other initiatives. As well, working closely with the City's Forestry Department, we will develop and curate a website that will serve as the information hub for the million trees challenge and of course as that tree counter. And we are excited to engage influencers, coordinate volunteers and work with stakeholders such as neighborhood groups, churches, schools, business associations and local nurseries. At a time when our urban forests are going through difficult times, I know that with some motivating and nudging from the million trees challenge, we can count on Winnipeggers to take the mantle and plant, plant, plant. Trees Winnipeg looks forward to partnering with the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeggers to help make the million trees challenge a reality, one year at a time and one tree at a time. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. DePape and I know your daughter, Noelle. I think a lot of people do.

Denis DePape: That's what I'm known for, you know.

Madam Speaker: Yes. Thank you very much for your presentation today and we have no questions at this time...or sorry, there are? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure, thank you Madam Speaker. I am pleased to see Denis DePape here today. I'm pleased to mention to Mr. DePape something that Trees Winnipeg already knows. Last year, working with the Glenelm Neighborhood Association, we were the first neighborhood in Winnipeg, to my understanding, at least in the last generation or so to ensure 100% reforestation of the tree canopy on City-owned land. I've already allocated over $50,000 last year and a commitment to follow through on another few thousand dollars over the next couple of years to ensure 100% reforestation. Pleased to see that the Glenelm Neighborhood Association consulted with Trees Winnipeg. They were there at the opening last year. And I wanted to know if Trees Winnipeg intends to consult further with the Glenelm Neighborhood Association in terms of what 100% reforestation...what it takes and what it looks like as we approach our one million dollar…one million tree goal?

Denis DePape: Thank you very much. Yes, well one thing that's going to be really important in terms of this million trees challenge and the work that we're going to be involved in is going to be to consult and learn from organizations that have had successful undertaking in initiatives. Obviously, we want to take success from one area of the city and bring it to other areas of the city. I didn't mention the Glenelm group here, but I did mention like the Meadowood group. Yes, we think it's really important okay, to do learning. And the other thing on the learning is also other cities, okay. We want to learn from their experiences as well. There's some good things going on. I've been involved with a lot of different environmental NGOs in the city, and you know, there's some very good things going on, and you just identified an excellent example of something that's really good. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I remember in 2014, going door knocking and coming up to Mr. DePape's door and saying to the volunteer I was with, "This guy is great. This guy has done all the stuff for Save Our Seine. It's Denis DePape." And the volunteer goes like, "You mean, like the scientist? Oh leave this door for me." I wanted to…I have no idea what DePape actually does for a living, it occurred to me. I just know him through all the Save Our Seine stuff. So thank you for all you've been doing on that. Somewhat related to that, Councillor Chambers has now got the challenge of dealing with a couple of different forests, one in St. Nobert, and another I want to ask you about in your former capacity as chair of Save Our Seine, and that is the Simcoe Forest. So we're talking about planting more trees but I think we also need to keep an eye on the stock we've got and not defeat ourselves by tearing down 20 acres or so of forest. I wonder if you could just, for the enlightenment of folks around there, if you're able, talk a bit about what the Simcoe forest is, not in my ward anymore so I can't speak about…

Denis DePape: Not in your ward, but I think it's…

Councillor Mayes: Ward-centric politics. It's in Councillor Chambers' ward.

Denis DePape: I'll offer a general comment. First, Councillor Mayes, and the general comment that I offer is that as important as it is to reforest, and we need to reforest, and we need to expand our canopy, it's also important to prevent and to keep those trees that we currently have there. Simcoe…there's also I think in St. Nobert, another area where we're seeing some, you know, established forests that are or could be under threat of development. And these are really prime areas of forest. We've already had, Councillor Mayes as you know, the Bois-des-Esprits, protected and it's a prime example of a really good area to protect. Simcoe is another one. St. Nobert is another one that we have to look at. We…I will offer this comment, we need some sort of a tree protection policy and I think we need a trust fund to go with the tree protection policy. That is my perspective on that. And that's not Trees Winnipeg, that's Denis DePape.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Mr. DePape for all the work you've done over the years. You've been an inspiration to me, I must say. One of the very first advocacy meetings I ever attended was the protection of the Bois-des-Esprits contiguous forest, one of the longest contiguous forests in the city of Winnipeg at the Morrow Street Church. And I know we briefly talked about this, but can you just briefly remind me…ballparking what...what funding came about to save the Bois-des-Esprits and who it came from?

Denis DePape: Yeah, okay. So you know as I get older, Janice, you know, details don't quite hang in…I don't have that…

Madam Speaker: Sir, can I ask you to speak into the mic? Thank you.

Denis DePape: Oh, I'm sorry. And you know, there's not as much there to sort of hold it all in, but in broad terms, we were talking about $2.2 to $2.3 million that had to be raised in order to purchase land and Bois-des-Esprits to protect it from what would otherwise have become housing development, okay? And so Save Our Seine was sort of the catalyst for a process of getting that money to buy the land. And about, so we obviously put pressure on the governments to come up with some money, and then we did some of our own fundraising. So out of about 2.3 million…and the order of about $1 million came from the City of Winnipeg, in the order about $1 million, a little less came from the Province of Manitoba, and about 300,000 was money that we were able to fundraise. So that was the…when was that…2004, 2005 that happened so it's about 15 years ago. Bois-des-Esprits is a magical forest as Councillor Lukes would say. And it is a city gem and the only observation I'll make, we actually have a situation with Bois-des-Esprits now, where we have too many people using it. We have to…that's amazing. You go to Bois-des-Esprits now…I'll offer you this other alternative. Before Bois-des-Esprits became a...had a trail and sort of...there was development around the road and stuff like that. I used to go to Bois-des-Esprits, and I could go in on a Sunday in the winter and track through there, and guess what? I could come back the next week and my tracks were the only ones that were there, okay. Now you go to Bois-des-Esprits, and it's people, people, people enjoying it, walking around, biking with their dogs. It's just fantastic. You know, that was one of the best million-dollar investments the City ever made.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further, Councillor Lukes? Okay, Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Mr. DePape. I've met your daughter, Noelle. I don't think I've met your other daughter.

Denis DePape: Brigitte.

Councillor Chambers: Brigitte. And I know for sure I haven't met Denise. I'm just, you know, going over your report here and you know, you're talking about the elms and you're talking about the emerald ash borers. And I'm wondering if, anecdotally, you've been capturing any information with respect to the October storm of last year that was so devastating to our tree canopy and what reclamation might be on that in terms of all of the trees that were lost and what the City's efforts might be in terms of restoration of those trees that were lost.

Denis DePape: I'm not in a position to truly answer that, but I'll give you some perspectives that I have on that. First of all, I do know that the City Forestry Branch has been working very hard, okay, in order to deal with the trees that were toppled down and ones that were broken down and so on and so forth. And it's just putting enormous demands and pressure on them and I've…we've had discussions with them, of course, because we were really concerned about those trees as they were very concerned about those trees. So they put a lot of effort in into that, but one of the things that's done though is it's created backlog in terms of some of the other stuff that they would otherwise be doing. Okay, for

instance, looking at removing and disposing of diseased trees, some of the pruning that would otherwise have to be done, some of the reforestation that would have to be done you know from the trees that got removed. So one of the things that's happened here is that this has been terrible for our city. I mean the areas of…we've all seen them, okay? We've all seen them. It's been terrible for the city, but it's brought…it's meant that our Forestry Branch has had to put in enormous effort into dealing with this. And that's meant that they can't be doing some of the things that they are doing. We're all devastated by that storm and was unbelievable. By the way, it wasn't only sort of the public trees. It happened in our back yards, too, right? You should've seen my back yard. I've got some pure little cedars that look like palms, you know. Anyway, does that give you a bit of perspective? Okay.

Madam Speaker: Okay, that concludes our question period. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. DePape for your presentation today. We'll now move into reports. First is the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 11th, 2020. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the reports date February 18th, 2020.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5. I would, however, like to pull Report 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So we pulled 1 and 2. I'll call the question on 3 through 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – 2018 Annual Diversity Report

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, I'll be brief Madam Speaker. I just want to start by thanking you for your leadership in moving this matter forward and my council colleagues as well as the public service. The report shows we have more work to do as did our delegation this morning showed us as a community, we've got a lot more work to do and appreciate the leadership and the progressiveness of this initiative and the efforts that everybody's put into it, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, of course, in support of this report, but I really felt compelled to speak to the report but you know, it looks pretty good. Things are improving in terms of our diversity within the city. And as I recall Madam Speaker, yourself and the Mayor moved this forward some time ago and now, we're getting to listen to the reports, read the rest of your cases. And but as I read through this, I'm going to start off with a general statement because I happen to fall within a diversity group. And it's interesting in that the concept of diversity; you can have quite a bit of diversity within one human being, Madam Speaker. Although I'm not, because I'm not a woman, but if I was a woman who was blind, who's Indigenous, I might fit into three of the categories, and I was wondering about the numbers. And I think it's okay to report it as we will because I'm not sure necessarily that we're reporting one human being in only one category, which is fine because we are seeking diversity, and it's important to have. So the thing is, Madam Speaker, is that yes, persons with disabilities are human so they can fit within what…wherever. And the only place, and I have to say, you know, I'm just so offended by the presenter. They're not giving me the driver's seat on a transit bus, and they're also not giving the transit seat, the driver's seat to anybody who's not qualified to do their job because that's not what diversity is about. Diversity and this City has tried to help in many areas, helping Indigenous

people learn about what kind of skills they need to get in order to do a job that they appreciate. You recruit police officers, people who have intentions of wanting to be a police officer...not everybody wants to be a police officer. And then, what you do is, there are people who are reaching out, so to increase our diversity, the only thing that's going to happen is you're helping them figure out how they're going to get the skills that they need to get to get into an entry position. So for me...and I think, for all of us on council, we're not talking about hiring people who can't do their jobs. This city is full of people who are quite good at doing their jobs. To become a transit driver, you need to go through testing. You then need to drive along with a coach. They're not going to forgive you if you're unable to do the work on that bus. It's not happening. So this is a…this is a misnomer that people who don't understand, Madam Speaker, who haven't the foggiest idea what it is to live...and they think that they are being discriminated against, when that is not...that is not the reality, not the reality at all. If you want that job, you have to have the skills to get that job. That's how it works. I found great difficulty in finding employment. I have been discriminated against in the past, the jobs that I'd applied for, and you know, it's not a good feeling. And so what we are doing as a city council, and this report is good to have, is we hear about how we're progressing and improving the diversity and you know, the greatest strength of the Winnipeg and of the Province is its diversity, not only in human beings, but its diversity in industry, its diversity in so many different ways. So I just...I had to stand and speak. So offended, so offended and I'm glad that we're seeing and getting some results here in terms of our diversity. I haven't read through the whole report, but it's looking pretty good, and that's because of the initiatives that this council and this mayor have been taking to get to a point where we all are together but diverse. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the report that's in front of us here today and I want to thank yourself and the Mayor for bringing this back. This was part of the Citizen Equity Committee. It was an annual report that went to the Citizen Equity Committee, and as we know, the Citizen Equity Committee has now become the Human Rights Committee. And why it's really important that it really reports back to the Human Rights Committee, it's because we need to have some of the really good conversation that's needed around the table. Sometimes we found that it was hard to get people, we worked with our own staff to really report if they fit one of the diversity portfolios. So I think that there needs to be a lot more work that needs to be done and I really want to thank the Human Rights Committee for continuing this work on because it's important work. And we need to be able to have it at a committee where they can spend the time and really ask those hard questions and have some of those really great conversations that needs to be…needs to happen. So I want to thank yourself and the Mayor for continuing this great work.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm…I'm voting in favour of the report. Like myself, like Councillor Gilroy, as a former chair of the Citizen Equity Committee, dealing with human rights issues in our dimension before it was folded into a newer, larger committee, I'd like to say that it's a good thing that we've continued on. There's been some continuity in terms of those issues that have been taken for…taken forward for the new Human Rights Committee. But a couple of important points, Madam Speaker; I don't rely on the fact that I believe I come from a political party that has done more for human rights in the last couple of generations than any other. It's not just because we said good things, because we really did good things in terms of equity and diversity for Canadians and new Canadians, and the first Canadians to feel comfortable and centred in who they are as equal Canadians. Madam Speaker, we can't lie on our laurels, and we have to keep going, and this report does that, Madam Speaker. But in the process, it's not a comfortable process, Madam Speaker. It's a hard process and I'll admit, let's just face it, we did not implement with the...through the Citizens Equity Committee. We did not bring forth and advise to city council every single recommendation that came to us, and it's uncomfortable. There's a difference of opinion in terms of what governments should do, and they push us towards being progressive, but Madam Speaker, no citizens equity committee, no single year did they ever implement every aspect of this. Now, Madam Speaker, we had a fellow this morning who was making a point. I don't know what he was going to say. I don't know what he was going to say. It seemed like he was going to say something that like, you know, other meetings we've had on issues of equity, something that may be uncomfortable. But as the former chair of the Citizens Equity Committee, I have to admit that you know I've had to get used to that. We all do, Madam Speaker. We deal with uncomfortable issues. This is the democracy, Madam Speaker. And we don't come to serious conclusions without serious debate and serious conversations, serious considerations. So I don't know what Daniel Nichols was going to say. What I do believe Madam Speaker, is that these issues…he was dealing with…had concerns about safety. And although I am in favour of the report, I am certainly in favour of continuing to deal as we have, as Councillor Gilroy has as well, Councillor Orlikow, among others, among many other people, Madam Speaker, dealing with the issues of equity, diversity, but also dealing with the issues of equality and ensuring the standards that all Canadians deserve, Madam Speaker. And those are also the issues of safety. I do look forward to hearing from Daniel Nichols' remarks. I do not assume in any respect that I will agree with what he says, but I do believe that he has a point to make and we may very well be able to learn from that. If the issue, Madam Speaker, is about safety as he says, we as a council, we as members of government always do have to consider the...sort of the matrix,

the balance in terms of how we achieve one set of goals and…while achieving another set of goals. And Madam Speaker, all I know is Daniel Nichols talked about safety. The only issue I…he said it was under the same umbrella. I would like more information on that and what he meant. Perhaps, I can get that from the administration as well. But when it comes to issues of equity, equality, we also need to deal with safety. And that point deserves to be made. It has to be made, Madam Speaker. Can you imagine if we lived in a society in which it wasn't? So I'll leave it at that. Democracy is important and so are these conversations. In fact, Madam Speaker, without democracy, I question really how we can sustain the issues of diversity and equality and equity as we say we're representing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to, you know, through you, you know, the topic that was raised by the speaker this morning, again, equity is not about relaxing rules or compromising rules to address inequities of the past. It is about opening our doors to everybody under the same rules so that issues of safety are still addressed. So that's all I want to speak to that in terms of those comments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 2, Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion Policy and Strategic Framework

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to begin just by thanking everybody that's helped prepare this report for council's consideration today. Public Service, our Office of Public Engagement in particular done some incredibly important work as has many members of council have had meaningful input along the way. I also specifically want to thank many of the organizations that not only appeared in delegation here today, but at the Human Rights Committee of Council and Executive Policy Committee. You know, when you look at...when you look at what is going on in the state of politics in the world right now, when we see some trying to build literally and figuratively walls, this is going in the opposite direction. I'm really proud of that. What we are saying with this policy is that we want, in fact, we need to continue to keep our doors open to welcoming newcomers to our city, and we're certainly willing to have an honest and open and transparent analysis of how we provide access to City services through the lens of a newcomer. There's a lot of good work that's happening right now. And I appreciate the survey that's provided in this report that demonstrates some of the actions that are happening right now in the city of Winnipeg. There's also a road map for future investments and actions that the City of Winnipeg can and should obviously consider taking. I just want to…before I close, obviously thank everybody. I think this is incredibly important for the future of our city. I think it's incredibly important when we are looking at growing our city to a million people. That growth is coming from immigration. And one of the things that newcomers, regardless of where folks may be moving from, whether it's from the other side of the globe or other parts of the country or even the province, they want to be able to see a city that is welcoming, where they can access City services, they can build a brighter future for themselves and for their kids. This is a very important step in helping us all as a municipal government do a better job than we're doing right now. And what I'm hoping it sends is a very powerful signal to the world that Winnipeg is a welcoming place. It's a place in which we want to welcome newcomers from every corner of this globe and let those that are moving here know that they are valued members of our shared community together. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This report was stood down. Are there any other speakers at this time? Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close or I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into motions under Executive Policy Committee...oh, yes, we have one more report. Mr. Mayor, the report dated February 20th, 2020.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2020

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

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into the notice of motion. It's Motion 1 on our desks and it's moved by Councillor Klein.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the Voting Requirement By-law No. 123/2003 details the categories of matters which require approval by a 2/3 vote of the members present at Council;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the capital and operating budgets for each fiscal year requires a simple majority vote of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Voting Requirement By-law No. 123/2003 be amended to require a vote of 2/3 of the members present at Council for the adoption of the capital and operating budgets for each fiscal year, beginning with the 2020 budget.

Councillor Klein: Madam Chair.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Klein: I would like to ask for suspension of the rules to vote on this motion today. And I understand as part of our policy that we have a few minutes to talk to the motion so that we understand what we're voting on. The motion that's before you today is something that…

Madam Speaker: Just let me finish introducing. It's Motion 1, and it's a notice of motion. Moved by Councillor Klein and seconded by Councillor Nason, regarding asking for two-thirds…two-thirds vote to pass the budget. And you would have three minutes to speak sorry, to…pardon me? Yes, to speak to why you're requesting a suspension of the rules to deal with this item today.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Because the…I am asking for this because a budget will be dropped on March 6th. When that budget comes out from the Mayor's budget working group, there will already be 9 votes. I would challenge residents to do the research and count how many budgets in the past five, six years that have had members of the budget working group vote against it. We will hear most…that we are the most collaborative city and this isn't at all collaborative budget.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein…

Councillor Klein: No, this has to do with this.

Madam Speaker: The reason that you're asking for the suspension…

Councillor Klein: It does. So the reason is because of this, the fact is we as a full council are not part of the part of the majority of those votes that weren't sitting on the budget working group. We can't hide from it anymore. We know it's been reported on. Councillor Gillingham, our Finance Chair, last month agreed that yes, there's nine people involved in that. That's the majority of votes moving forward. This is the biggest thing the City has. We are talking about property tax levels. We're talking about cuts, rates, fines, fees, all kinds of stuff, and cuts to service if I hadn't mentioned that. And one would hope that it would be truly democratic, not one sided. And being one sided is coming out with the majority of votes before it hits the council floor by conveniently saying Council will vote. So therefore, I think it's important that we vote on this today to see where we all stand when it comes to democracy and say that should have at least two-thirds vote because of the importance of the document.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We'll call the vote. All in favour of hearing this…call for recorded vote. All in favour of hearing this notice of motion today, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

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

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

Madam Speaker: The suspension is lost. This motion will be put on next month's Council agenda. Thank you. We'll now move on to by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time, By-law 9/2020, By-law 17/2020.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law 9/2020, By-law 17/2020.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws No. 9/2020 and 17/2020 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws 9/2020 and 17/2020.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 9/2020 and 17/2020 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. Any questions for Mayor Bowman? Councillor Klein.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. And through you to the Mayor, I realize we're voting on a governance issue later today with respect to audits of the councillors' expenses and such. And I will agree with the Mayor that it's necessary to continue that. Through you, I would like to ask the Mayor, however, if he would hold himself to the same standards as all of councils when it comes to the expenses being recorded and publicized.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, my understanding is the motion in which councillor is speaking is being...the recommendation, if I...my memory is correct is to refer back to Governance for additional consideration. Madam Speaker, when it comes to my policies and practices, they are extremely open and transparent. Before I was elected, there wasn't any expenditure policy that was made public by the mayor. Brought that in. It is audited each year and I'm very proud of that. There were additional measures that I brought in to increase the openness and transparency in my office including making public meetings that I have with third parties in my office. Perhaps the councillor could follow my lead and start making public some of the meetings that we know he's having with third party lobbyists, presumably some

registered and some unregistered. I would ask that he make that commitment here today to follow my lead and demonstrate the same level of openness and transparency that I'm doing with respect to my meeting schedule, Madam Speaker. It's been something that's worked very well for the last five years, and I think it would be a very positive gesture by the councillor. In fact, all members of the council could also follow suit and consider that.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. And through you, we noticed a number of police officers in the audience today in the interest of openness and transparency. Could we find…could the Mayor tell us why those officers were here and if it…was it at any expense to the City? Extra expense.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, in order to properly answer that question, I would actually call the Chair of the Police Board. I'm not able to answer specifics about that in this forum. I was advised that they were coming. There certainly wasn't a request by me, that members of the Police Service were present, but of course, we trust the members of the Police Board to provide the appropriate oversight, openness and transparency that Winnipeggers expect. You know, the Chair of the Police Board has an incredibly important position and role in the City of Winnipeg. It's the largest budget item that we have, of course, here in the City of Winnipeg, and it is surprising to hear the Chair of the Police Board asking me a question about the operations of the Police Service. I would ask that he may want to do that...the appropriate due diligence, you know, as Chair of the Police Board if he feels that's appropriate in the circumstances. I couldn't say whether or not that's the case.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Through you, I'm wondering if the Mayor is aware that any member of the Police Board for Winnipeg is not permitted to be involved in operational questions nor allowed to ask operational questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I believe that's consistent with all members of council. And that's why it was a surprising question to get in terms of…I'm not sure if the councillor is making an accusation or if he...like, if there's something to form the basis of his question, but I can say that there certainly wasn't a request by me for members of the Winnipeg Police Service to be present. That being said, I want to thank them for their service. I want to thank the Chair of the Police Board for his work as well as Councillor Markus Chambers for his work on the Winnipeg Police Board. Certainly, I've had a number of individuals in recent weeks, even yesterday, on social media make demands that I direct operations of the Police Service. That's not what Canada is all about. And there's been a lot of talk today from Councillor Schreyer and others about democracy. In a democratic…western democracy such as Canada, politicians don't direct the operations of the police service. It would be completely inappropriate. They certainly, you know...so I won't get into discussions about cell phone use and...I know there was a request by the chair for a review or investigation. I'd have to look back at some of his comments in the past, but the short answer is, I am well aware and I'm glad to hear the Chair of the Police Board is aware as well.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I've been following the discussion and debate regarding the multi-family pickup being brought in-house in one particular contract area, Madam Speaker. And being the original mover of the bulky waste motion, myself and Councillor Schreyer, Madam Speaker, in there, EPC saw fit to add in there, related to the bulky waste pick up, mind you, they added in there about being comparative to the private sector, Madam Speaker. However, the motion that we as council approved actually with its clauses, number one, the only thing that mentions...well, I shouldn't say that, number one talks about, Madam Speaker, staying within the operating budget. Now, Madam Speaker, from what I could tell, the operating budget was submitted by Water and Waste, and in that operating budget, it said that they think it's going to cost this much, and it seems to me that that is what they have to stick to. I'm just wondering, Madam Speaker, if the Mayor took a real close look at what he voted to pass when it came across EPC before Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I do review reports before they come before committee. My understanding is…in memory was we made a recommendation...or Executive Policy made a recommendation to Council to lay that matter over, and that obviously would provide additional time for Councillor Eadie and others to have further dialogue and discussion on the matter.

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

Councillor Eadie: Well, Madam Speaker, I'd like to know what his interpretation is of the new multi-family pickup…report, Items 1 through 5, I think it is, in records to multi-family pickup that changed the new motion. What's his definition of operating?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry. Perhaps Councillor Eadie could be…just provide some clarity, if he's referring to specifics of a report we're considering today, which one? I just want to make sure I can answer the question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, if you could restate your question.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. When Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Eadie's motion was changed through an agreement with the City's administration, the recommendations...Report Item 1 says that they will deliver a portion of the multi-family pickup according to and having to stay within the operating budget of said service. So my question is...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, is that an item on the agenda today?

Councillor Eadie: I'm not…no, no, it's not debatable. It's just asking for 30 day...well actually, if you want to point it out, is that debatable today? It's only asking for a 30 day…

Madam Speaker: It is debatable today, that particular item. That particular item is.

Councillor Eadie: It is debatable? It has? Madam Speaker, then I'm really confused because I know in the past, when we simply have a request for time, we're told we're not allowed to debate.

Madam Speaker: So Councillor Eadie, yes, this is an interesting one. EPC is asking for the second layover and it's under Council's jurisdiction to allow the second layover, and that's why it's debatable, okay?

Councillor Eadie: It is debatable or not?

Madam Speaker: It is debatable. Yes, it is. Yeah, it's a tricky one, so thank you for allowing that clarification.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Getting back to question period or are you tagging onto this conversation?

Councillor Gillingham: Yes, tagging onto…with Councillor Eadie's permission, so just to clarify that ruling then, the first time it's laid over, it's not debatable, but the second time it's laid over, it's debatable?

Madam Speaker: That's correct. And it's not a ruling. It's in our procedure by-law.

Councillor Gillingham: There you go. I learned something new.

Madam Speaker: That's right. Okay.

Councillor Eadie: But my question is still valid. So the question is just simply...how does the Mayor define operating budget in the first clause of that report on multi-family?

Madam Speaker: Yeah, Councillor Eadie, I really feel this question is directed to the Chair of Water and Waste, under that committee. That's been our practice here...that's been our practice.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, the Mayor's ex-officio on all committees, all committees. So I don't know…

Madam Speaker: Right, but we could fill up question period with…

Councillor Eadie: I don't know why I'm not allowed to ask him my question.

Madam Speaker: With items that we're dealing with on today's agenda and I haven't seen that happening in this chamber. Mr. Mayor, did you…

Mayor Bowman: Yeah. I'm happy to answer. And I appreciate you answering the last question so if most of the difficult questions could be directed at the speaker, that would be great. With respect to that…to this report, which we will be considering and possibly debating in a short while, what I supported was having the matter lay over for an additional 30 days. If there are specifics of the report…if that is of course the will of Council today, Councillor Eadie I know has obviously extensive experience in providing council oversight on this and other matters, and I'd welcome an opportunity to speak with him more thoroughly on this. But in terms of today, I'll be voting to lay the matter over to provide everybody with additional time and opportunity to have discussion.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My concern is I guess in this case, a wording. You said the first time it's laid over, we can't debate it, the second time it's laid over, we can debate it. But my question is Madam Speaker, is it the second time it's on the agenda for consideration to be laid over, that is what we mean, right?

Madam Speaker: Sorry, so…

Councillor Schreyer: Now whether it's laid over, whether it's on the agenda to be considered to be laid over.

Madam Speaker: Council…EPC laid the matter over once. It is not under their purview to do it the second time and that's why it's here at our…at Council. And it is debatable for the second time because we may or may not choose to lay the item over. So it is debatable, and it's under Council's jurisdiction, the second layover. Is that clear?

Councillor Schreyer: Yeah, that's exactly…so it's not whether it's laid over. It's what…when on the agenda for consideration for layover. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: That's correct. Okay. Any further questions? Seeing none, that brings question period for the Mayor to a close. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We have no reports today, no motions and no by-laws. We'll now get into question period for Councillor Gillingham, our chair. Any questions? Okay, next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Gilroy on the report dated January 9th, 2020.

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Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move the Consent and Agenda…Consent Agenda.

Madam Speaker: That's Item 2. Yes, okay. All in favour? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: I think we want to talk to Item 2. Is that correct?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Mr. Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Pilot Project – Multi-family Solid Waste Collection Services Provided by City Staff

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

Councillor Gilroy: I'll hear from the councillors.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm sorry I can't repeat verbatim the…each of the clauses right up front in the report. I'm actually rising, Madam Speaker, to support another 30 day layover. I have no problem with that, Madam Speaker, because I think that people need to put a lot of thought into and consideration as to what they actually voted on and what was moving forward. Madam Speaker, I believe that Water and Waste's management undertook the activities that they were asked to, Madam Speaker. The activities that they were asked to follow were not the same as the conditions were under the bulky waste pickup, Madam Speaker. So I believe that there's a lot of aspersions cast on our management of solid waste and of water and waste overall, and I don't think that that's fair. As I've read that motion, it doesn't say we're not going to go ahead if it's more than what the private sector would charge. And we really don't know, Madam Speaker, what the private sector may or may not necessarily charge because the decision in here was not to tender out that area of multi-family pickup, Madam Speaker. And so yes, I did look at the estimated operating budget to bring it in-house. We know that most of the start-up costs have all been paid. And we can debate line by line as I think that my colleagues on Executive Policy Committee have heard as well as the chairperson. You can debate line by line. When it comes right down to it, it's simply a budget. Our budgets are never perfect, Madam Speaker, from any department at any time. And there are unknowns, there are risks, there are...there's probably as you go along, there's a better way to maybe have supervision and so on. Definitions, I don't know that I want to get into minutiae, it's not my business start-up Madam Speaker, but you know if you want to list my examination of it, I have a little experience over my life in regards to these kind of things as well as other councillors have some good idea about this kind of service that's provided. But Madam Speaker, it really comes down to and what our decision is are we bringing this contract in-house. And as I read the conditions that were placed upon moving to multi-family, it has nothing to do with the private sector. There is a clause there that talks about comparing after the two year pilot, as long as that two year pilot stays within the budget, which we are all...a number of us are wondering about. Not absolutely sure, and again, it is a budget as long as it doesn't go over. So Madam Speaker, I don't know what more else to say other than, you know, there are advantages to this. It was interesting, Madam Speaker, to hear that in the what I call the old decision making style of November which was good, open and transparent and I really appreciate that, Madam Speaker. But in there, they talked about cutting the City providing multi-family pickup. But again, how does that fit within policy when in the garbage master plan Madam Speaker, which we, most of us on this committee I think voted for. Well, maybe not, but I know that, Madam Speaker, you and I for sure, and Councillor Orlikow and some others...if you read the policy, the policy says that we are going to be looking at getting into commercial pickup, Madam Speaker. So what does that have to do with multi-family, Madam Speaker? I am on topic. What that has to do is, if you've got trucks that have some time because in the contract area that the pickup is to happen, doesn't necessarily have enough multi-family units to make the unit price or the cost per unit cheaper, which is what the private sector has. They have a mass market. They're allowed to do that. They can do that, Madam Speaker. Then you know, let's be innovative. That's what I hear from this mayor and this council since 2015, Madam Speaker. Innovation. Well, I know how to make those trucks work for us. Let's get into as it designates in the policy. We can get into some commercial pickup and offer something to private businesses who always like to cut their costs, reduce costs, Madam Speaker. That's what they like to do. So let's be innovative when we start thinking about moving ahead with bringing this in-house. It's interesting that it's tied to one thing, but open up your minds, Madam Speaker. And I'm going to sit down now, and I will be voting to have another 30 days before Council makes its final decision. Thank you.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm glad we're debating this one and it was raised by Councillor Eadie to do so because I realize we're just extending it for 30 days, but I'm wondering if, during that 30 days, we can be assured of material that we will receive in order to truly consider this moving forward or not. What the cost would be proceeding versus not proceeding for example. Has the City done proper analysis considering the wide scope of cost benefits for the long term? Cost versus benefits over the long term. They've said you know, cost more to cost less. I would also like to know, given the recommendation of the public service not to proceed, I understand we're laying it over, what have they estimated the total cost of this decision will be because we don't know, and will we get that information. It would be reasonable to expect that they have an estimate for the cost associated with a legal battle that may come because in my hand, I hold a memorandum of settlement that the City of Winnipeg signed. There…it says right here, "Now therefore, the parties agree as follows; the pilot project will commence February 1, 2020 and run for two years." Are we going to be faced with some charges there? Are we going to be paying some money out for that? There's no answers to that. There's no answers to the fact that the administrative report pilot project multi-family solid waste collection services provided by the City staff has about one page of discussions, one page. How much money have we spent already? It seems the lack of detail necessary to make an informed decision is missing. I sit on that committee. It's missing. The issue isn't really with cancel or don't cancel the pilot project. It's more, in my opinion, the decision making. Is it justified and explained in a truly transparent and open way? Without those answers, I don't know how anybody can say we're being open and transparent. If there is evidence of such thorough discussion made possibly, if they can simply tell us the estimate for legal costs, should CUPE do something, or the cost we actually sank in including that of legal, including that of fleet, including that of other departments involved. That should be made public, available to councillors if we're truly open and transparent. So of course, I would like to see a 30 day extension, and we can't just make it walk away,

but I think we all should have some assurances that we're going to get some information from this and not just, hey, you're welcome to speak at the EPC because you can speak, but you can't ask questions.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein, thank you. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Happens to be that I was a member of the Standing Committee for Water and Waste. I was always in favour of having another 30 days. I'm glad to see that EPC and hopefully, the Council agrees with me from the initial motion that came through Water and Waste a couple of months ago. Yeah, I'm not changing that position. I hope…well, the standing committee actually didn't vote with me. It didn't pass. But…but I hope you can change your minds and agree with me. I've got to…I don't want to say I told you so, Madam Speaker, but this is where we're at. Independent and I'm sure the logistics of an extra 30 days which is what my original concern was, that we didn't have enough time on this because it goes back to something much bigger, Madam Speaker. And again, I voted against the majority on this last term. And I raised my concerns, I would say rather clearly, last term Madam Speaker, when it came to the issue of…of the issues that we had to deal with regarding solid waste collection, and that is, Madam Speaker, that we did it wrong in the first place, and I couldn't...I couldn't support it. And I'd like to explain that again, Madam Speaker, why it's so important that we get this extension. There's lots to think about as we mull this over, as we go forward. We're talking about a pilot project, but a pilot project based...okay, what we're dealing with in terms of it being in-house because of the decisions made last term. So let's all give this some consideration. What the administration did is reduced the number of zones from four to two zones, so when they only had two zones, and therefore, they said they didn't have the capacity...the City didn't have the capacity to go in-house for...for any aspect of our solid waste collection. But Madam Speaker, the point...I made the point clearly and repetitively that the City of Winnipeg was the only major city in Canada that did not have a single quadrant of the city, a single area of the city run by City workers. There's no other major city in Canada that doesn't have at least one quadrant of the city regarding solid waste being dealt with by in-house City workers. Madam Speaker, in many major cities, it's about half, it's at least one. And in the city of Calgary, the great, progressive oil bastion of Canada, it is entirely in-house City workers. With caveats, of course, for checks and balances Madam Speaker, but that's what Mayor Nenshi and the City of Calgary did, all in-house City workers for solid waste collection. So I didn't agree with what happened last term Madam Speaker, but here we are again, you know, it's all coming home to roost. My understanding was there was a light at the end of the tunnel at least in the case of a solid…of a pilot project and we'd have City workers doing this. That was the understanding by anyone I talked with. I didn't hear otherwise, Madam Speaker. So geez, it's hard to, you know, prove that this was perfectly consensual and common knowledge, conventional wisdom whatever you want to call in. But I did not see, read, hear, otherwise for the sake of this limited pilot project, they said the in-house City workers would get the contract. I'm not really into artificial concepts of compensation. I'm not into it. I'm not into make-work projects, Madam Speaker, I'm not. And one of the reasons, you know, when you do things wrong, like you get rid of…you go from four quadrants to two quadrants and then say the City workers can't do it. Madam Speaker, every time the cities of Canada and other municipalities and towns of Canada have at least one quadrant being in-house workers if it's not half, if not all, in the case of Calgary or other cities. Madam Speaker, the reason is because we don't want make-work projects to waste money, whether it be on City workers or privatized workers, Madam Speaker. It's not good for the taxpayer. It's not good economics, but here we went. We did something that no other city does, and the reason they don't is because it's inefficient. It's not good for the taxpayer, Madam Speaker. But we did, then we said, well the residual at least is going to be for the point of this limited pilot project. We'll have the in-house workers because well, I would say, because the City didn't do their job in the first place in allowing for that…to allow the checks and balances to keep costs down, Madam Speaker. That's why people have in-house City workers Madam Speaker, partly because…not only because of…it helps for health and safety standards, workplace safety standards and things like that, Madam Speaker, but it helps with the checks and balances of keeping costs lower for the taxpayer. If you don't believe me, then ask every other city in Canada. Why do they do it? This is not hypothetical. This really happens. This is the way it is in Canada. Deal with it. I mean when I say, deal with it, if you don't believe it, find out why they do it. Prove me wrong. Well, I didn't make this up. I got this from all the other cities in Canada. Thank you as well to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Thank you to those of us here that maintain Winnipeg as a good standing member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities so I can learn from other municipalities from across the country, realize what they are doing Madam Speaker, including having a personal conversation with Mayor Nenshi and why they went all City worker in-house. So Madam Speaker, these are the things we have to contend with. And at least in this case, I'm glad we're going back to my original concern that we didn't have enough time. Another 30 days I think is worthwhile. And I…I mean let's face it, if we're not dealing what we just talked about at this next meeting...I know we're kind of dealing with the fallout, we're dealing with what's left. There's kind of…some sort of promise made, an agreement made last term in terms of what we'll do, you know, in a short term process regarding a limited short term pilot project, Madam Speaker, but let's bear these things in mind. It's really important. We are talking about the taxpayers of Winnipeg and the services they deserve. The less they pay in the long run for the large things like a five and seven year contracts, Madam Speaker, the more we have for other services. When it comes to this pilot project, I don't know how it was you know put in there, it's compensation for the fact that the City didn't do its due diligence in its last contract in not doing what the rest of the country does in moving forward progressively. But let's give this some thought, Madam Speaker, and thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be voting in favour of laying this over as well, but I do think a number of very valuable points have been raised quite accurately and quite eloquently by Councillor Schreyer and Councillor Eadie as they have done in these debates before. And speaking of these debates before, I'm looking at…and I do think we…this need a full debate. It probably won't be today. When we were playing Reach for the Top the other day at Kelvin with Councillor Rollins, they had a question on the Scopes Monkey Trial, the great trial of the 20th century in some ways on the evolution and creation, great public debate and we need some of that, I think on what we want to do in terms of in-house or contracted out service. It won't be today but it hopefully will be next month. And looking at the debate we had, not unlike this, November 14th, 2012, if look at Hansard in which we had a motion from Councillor Eadie and the late Councillor Smith taking about a study of bringing some of the garbage and recycle work back in-house. I voted for that. I said there's some areas of the City that might benefit from this. We should be going forward and trying to do some sort of study of the options of looking at a joint system or to mix systems. So I think I have been consistent in this over the years. This was before I was on EPC. I voted for this motion, it was defeated. And then, a great rarity, Madam Speaker, Councillor Gerbasi, "Thank you Mr. Speaker, and I definitely concur with what Councillor Mayes has just said." I might get this framed now that I think about this. But in any event, Councillor Gerbasi concurred with what I had said and what the motion was, which was that we should be looking at some sort of mixed systems, some sort of zone system in which we would bring back in-house some of these services. Is it because I am beholden to CUPE who endorsed me in the last election and the one before, and the one before? And no, it's because this actually…it's public policy that's been undertaken in as Councillor Schreyer has said, many other cities. What is the context here? This was a debate in 2012, not long after we first awarded to…I wasn't here when the first award went to Emterra. A debate about should we look at bringing some of this back in-house, Councillor Gerbasi talked about the history of how it was contracted out and how we should look at bringing some of it back in-house. 2016, we voted to move to GFL and Miller to...to split the city into two zones and to have garbage and recycle done that way. Councillor Schreyer made some points at that time about CUPE objecting to the wording of the RFP, their request for proposals and a grievance was then filed. Then Councillor Eadie said we should be doing the bulky in-house, relatively small but we should bring that back in-house. We voted to do that. Then a settlement sometime later by our staff with CUPE, we will settle that big grievance, and we will instead have, not the bulky, and that was rescinded in 2018...not the bulky, but the multi-family to be done in-house if costs reflect what's under the current budget. They will be debating what the wording of what that meant. We do face as Councillor Klein had said, two separate grievances then, a grievance on what was meant by the 2018 settlement about...about multi-family, and if that fails, then we're presumably back to the 2016 grievance on the whole big RFP. So we face legal risks a lot of the times. We're in court on multiple matters this year in fact. So that's not overwhelming. But it is worth it to say, why are we considering this? What is the larger point? And the point in some ways is, because I think Councillor Schreyer's touched on, the point is competition. Other cities have taken a look at this and have seen the benefit. I get lectured, we see media reports about how we're not sympathetic to the taxpayers, how we're not doing what's friendly to the taxpayers and yet…and yet, Ottawa continues to do this. Look at the studies from Ottawa that have been tabled before us over the years. There is a savings to the taxpayer, and yet, the Ford Government, not the current Ford Government, the City of Toronto Ford Government privatized half of the City services, and the report from the consultant recommended not going further in privatizing all of the rest because of cost considerations. So I take some...hopefully, I am notoriously thin skinned, so of course I take some umbrage at the suggestion that we're doing this because we're not doing what's in favour of the taxpayer. What we are trying to do is prevent the same debate in 2012 that we had again in 2017 or '18 in which looms before us again. The contracts with Miller and GFL will run out. We will then say, oh we can't look at doing it in-house because we don't know what we're doing. We have no experience in this. We haven't done this since 2005 or '99. So let's not do that. Let's set up a pilot project and we can say, well that went disastrously or that went reasonably well. We've learned from that. So that when we, and I may well not be here, maybe none of us will be, when this issue comes before the next council, what do we want to do on garbage and recycle pickup city-wide, not just the bulky, not just the multi-family, the big contracts, we will have some experience in operating this in-house. Like Ottawa, as Councillor Schreyer has pointed out, there was a cooperative deal struck with the union. We're still trying here. I think our staff had made some pretty good efforts to try and to do that. So I do think this is worth laying over yet again, trying to come to some agreement with CUPE. Maybe that will founder, and if it does, that's a shame because we've really I think tried to make good faith efforts here to replicate the Ottawa model. We've had a lot of speakers here and there was one in 2012 saying, you should do what Ottawa does. We've said, okay we're interested in that. So let's try and do that. Yes, it may cost a little more in the short term. That is true. However, it does give us an option so that when the next council looks at the big, big contracts for garbage and recycle, we have some ability, some leverage, some competition that we could offer as a City direct service. That's what I think Councillor Eadie was after back in 2012 with the late Councillor Smith, was to do the research to get some idea of how we might be able to do this. I suspect we'll have some of the same arguments in a few months. As Councillor Eadie said, we're trying to be innovative. I've said that as well. And Councillor Orlikow to his credit, has said, all right, the Innovation Committee will look at possibly bringing some of the Transit Plus, Handi-Transit service back in-house because then I'll be talking about the taxpayer because the service costs on those contracts have

escalated extremely sharply in recent years. So if it's all about savings, we'll be reviewing that in April with the Innovation Committee and Handi-Transit, Transit Plus service. So to the business at hand, I will be in favour of a layover. It gives us a chance to talk some more to CUPE. This isn't about appeasing CUPE. This isn't about being beholden to anybody. This is about looking at what other cities are doing throughout the country. You may not believe me but surely, surely you'll believe Councillor Gerbasi for 2012, when she talked about doing this kind of study so that we're in a situation where we can, the next time the big vote comes up, be able to say something different other than we don't have any experience in this, we'll be able to say we do have some experience in this. We do have some of the equipment. We can look at some sort of zone system that involves a public provider. Thank you.
Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy to close.

Councillor Gilroy: I hope Council will support the layover. I think it's important to remember is…really, really great conversation today, but it's really important to remember is we don't normally do this. We normally send things out to tender. It's a very, very different process. The companies, you know, provide us, you know, the bid. So in this case, we're having to do a lot more of the legwork, and on the other side of it, CUPE has to do a lot more of the legwork and go to their counterparts in other cities and figure out the numbers and how to work it. And the City has to do that on their end. So it's a different process than what we're used to, so it does take time. So I'm hoping that Council will consider that and consider the layover today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 2? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws. Councillor Gilroy, under this committee.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Go ahead, Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like By-law No. 13/2020 and By-law No. 14/2020 to be read for first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Klein: Nay. I don't have any background on this, so...I'm just...it's too late I guess, right?

Madam Speaker: Two have been noted in opposition. Thank you. Councillor Klein and Councillor Nason. The first one…is it 13/2020 or 14/2020?

Councillor Klein: Well, if we could…then, that would be great.

Madam Speaker: Okay. We will note you and...we'll have to do them separate.

Councillor Klein: I'm not...you know, I'll be honest. I'm not aware of those processes. I wish I had all the staff that most do but I'm not aware of that one so if you can…because these are new to me. This didn't come from our committee, right?

Madam Speaker: Yeah. We can note them in opposition, Mr. Clerk, to 14/2020, but no debate on the matter. Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Sorry. I just need to know so am I...

Madam Speaker: On the second reading.

Councillor Gilroy: Second reading? Okay. That By-law No. 13/2020 and By-law No. 14/2020 be read for the second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 13/2020...

Madam Speaker: You have to pay attention, then. Okay, moving on.

Clerk: And By-law No. 14/2020.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Gilroy, on the third suspension…the suspension and the third reading.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move the…for suspension of By-law No. 13/2020 and 14/2020 to be read for the third time and be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Councillor Klein and Nason recorded in opposition, otherwise, it passes. Contrary? Carried. Two…and they're in opposition to 14/2020. Okay. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Gilroy? Seeing none...one question? Okay. Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, we've seen and heard a lot of garbage discussion in media and what might be perceived as political double speak from some that have responded to the public backlash. My office and I'm sure many others in council have received many of these e-mails, social media posts and phone calls on this specific topic. Madam Speaker, my question is hopefully simple for the chair to answer. Can the chair inform Council which member of her standing policy committee at the special meeting moved the recommendation of eliminating multi-family garbage to the budget working group?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I'm sorry. I'm not really following the question. Is this a budget...is this like a budget question?

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

Councillor Nason: Can the chair inform Council which member of her standing policy committee at the special meeting with regards to referring items from the public service to the budget working group? Which member of that committee moved the recommendation to the budget working group?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd have to go back and review the minutes of that committee, but I'm more than willing to do that and get back to you or you can review the minutes. But yeah, if you're needing me to review the minutes, I can review and look back and get back to you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further...the second question?

Councillor Nason: Can the chair put on record here today if she will support the elimination of multi-family garbage collection in the city of Winnipeg?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you for the question. And you know, this is a budget. As you know, we're in the middle of the process of the budget, and the budget will be coming out I think next week. And I'll be looking forward to what's in the budget. This is a…too preliminary for me to answer until I see the actual budget in front of me.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Okay. Seeing none, moving to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. Councillor Orlikow, on the report dated February 10th, 2020.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just move Item No.1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for this committee. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Mayes on the report dated February 3rd, 2020.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will move the report of the committee dated February 3rd, 2020. I'll be pulling No. 1. I don't know if No. 8 needs to be pulled as that is a…that that was laid over at EPC or we…

Madam Speaker: So you're pulling No. 1 and the...what was the other comment?

Councillor Mayes: Can you clarify No. 8 which was a layover at EPC?

Madam Speaker: Number 8. It's been laid over to March 10th meeting.

Councillor Mayes: So it's just part of the Consent Agenda.

Madam Speaker: That's right.

Councillor Mayes: My apologies. I'll move 2 through 8…

Councillor Klein: Can I pull 7?

Councillor Nason: Can we pull 4?

Madam Speaker: Okay, Mr. Clerk. First, I'll call the question on Item 2 and 3, 5, 6 and 8...pardon me? Right. Okay, just Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 – Subdivision and Rezoning Parcels 3, 4 and 5, Plan 5528 on Commercial Avenue

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor…

Councillor Mayes: I want to flag this, Madam Speaker, because occasionally I think we do learn from history, and we do change our ways a bit. This one is…comes out of some experiences. The Mayor created in his last term the position of School Board Liaison, which to his credit and I was the first one to fill that role. Councillor Santos is doing it now. One of the things that I learned in that role from a school trustee and Chair of the Winnipeg School Division who happens to be now with us, Councillor Rollins, was the concern school trustees had with the Castlebury Meadows development because of the issues with school bus access and I heard about this a lot from Trustee, as she then was, Rollins. And so when this map first appeared before me a month or so ago, and I saw the words, Castlebury Meadows, that's what jumped into my mind. So we were able to talk to staff about are we conscious of that, what are we doing. You'll know a lot about this I'm sure, Madam Speaker. It's your ward. I just wanted to thank Councillor Rollins of…then trustee Rollins, of raising these issues. It's an example, we are doing better work with the school divisions than I think previous councils did. This was the kind of thing that came up…unbeknownst to me, this came up when I was the liaison, so Councillor Rollins has talked about grown men weeping in her presence because their kids couldn't get to the bus and this kind of thing. So we're under…we raise this…we're conscious, we're trying to solve it with this extension of the Castlebury Meadows development. So Madam Speaker, I'm sure you've had to deal with this over time and obviously, Councillor Rollins had. So far from my ward, but an issue that was obviously pretty important to a lot of people. So I just wanted to high-light we do sometimes learn from experience we…this liaison position has been paying some dividends so I'll move that this be accepted and moved forward.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close on Item 1?

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, I mean this is just…it's a new development across the street from the pre-existing Castlebury but I think as indicated, we're learning from our experiences here and doing a better job of coordinating with the school boards as time goes on.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 4.

Item 4 – Declaration of Surplus City-owned Property located at 604 St. Mary's Road

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I believe Councillor Nason pulled this one. So I'll be happy to ramble on about the Old St. Vital City Hall following his comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Great. It's…the reason why I pulled this one Madam Speaker, is that the we just voted to purchase some old garbage dump land in my ward of Transcona at 120 Softley Road. And yet, we're turning around to sell property at 604 St. Mary's Road. The challenge we have as a city's, you know, our assets and liabilities and lands we own, lands we lease, lands we sell off. Once we sell a land, we no longer have any sort of opportunity for future considerations on the land, and I get concerned when we are selling more than we're maintaining or containing within our portfolio because over time, that becomes more expensive for the residents of Winnipeg in my limited understanding of, you know, how taxes work and such. But I'm wondering, I'm sort of hoping that the chair might be able to clarify why consideration for sale with a caveat of maintaining ownership of the land underneath for future generations if that was a consideration or not. I know this isn't question period, but I'm hoping that the chair can clarify that matter. Thank you.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah. It's kind of a broad question. I don't think that option was considered, the lease or sort of retaining the land. This is a piece of property, thatt's not the old fire hall which is just to the north, which is the really historic building in probably all of St. Vital that's left, right at the junction, St. Anne's and St. Mary's, the Portage and Main of St. Vital. That building has been designated with Heritage. We have a couple of groups in their dollar-a-year leases, so a whole separate issue there. This building just to the south is from the '50s, early '60s. It was the city hall for the then RM of St. Vital and later the City of St. Vital, part of the unicity. We have a number of these throughout the city. We've sold some number of them. The debate that arose at the committee was, by coincidence, we are moving forward on the rather grander Old St. Boniface City Hall…

Councillor Nason: Point of order. Madam Chair, you did not close on speakers for this matter?

Councillor Mayes: Yes, sorry. That's a good point.

Madam Speaker: There were no other…this is a…there were no other speakers on this item. Yes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, fair point, good point by Councillor Nason, not to restart. St. Boniface City Hall campus has been a difficult property for both then Councillor Vandel and Councillor Allard. And the idea there from the staff was well, if we are going to sell that property, we should have some consideration of the public interest. How that's weighted I think it's still under debate. At least it was being weighted at 40% in the RFP at St. Boniface. I was seeking at least some consideration of public interest as we went forward on St. Vital, and to the committee's credit, they agreed with that. So it's a fair question from Councillor Nason, a sort of a broad question; do we really want to be unloading land? And sometimes we do. We do have a number of holdings that are disbursed. It's part of a broader debate I suspect we'll have about the dollar-a-year leases. This particular property frankly, I'd love to have kept it to us, I'd love to have fixed it up, but it's 1 million bucks to fix it up. We just put 700,000 into fixing up the old fire hall next door. I didn't think it realistic or proper to try to get 1 million to fix this up. Some credit to my predecessor, Councillor Steeves, who A) put some of that money aside, I put aside quite a bit myself, to fix up the old fire hall, but B) I think...I think history would show that Councillor Steeves fought to keep this building, got a private sector insurance company to go in there for a decade or more. Basically, the private sector folks are gone, the BIZ is gone. It's an empty building that needs 1 million bucks worth of repairs. So we're going to put it up for sale, and we'll hopefully get somebody in there with some public interest as well. And the larger issue, it's a fair comment from Councillor Nason about how we want to proceed, and I suspect when we have a debate about dollar-a-year leases, that…that should be part of it.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes. All in favour of this item? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 7 – Tax Sale Process Changes

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce the item.

Councillor Mayes: Sure. I'll wait to hear from...I think Councillor Klein may have pulled this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. I raised to question this one solely because I do understand that this has been approved through Council. It's a fairly basic and simple process that we're looking at here, but I'm wondering why we're not asking or taking this opportunity to ask for a report, a full status report on a request that we have sent to the Manitoba Government that have been voted on at Council. There have been several that I understand haven't been replied to as of yet, and I think it's important that we do some housecleaning there and send that note. For example, in 2014, Council and some of the members sitting here today voted on this to change the way EPC was selected. That was passed, and from what I understand, the letter did go to the provincial government. That was before this administration's time. It would be nice to know what the status is on that and why that wasn't changed in the act as well, as this one that we're looking for here. In fairness, if we're going to do it, let's do a good job and clean up the…get a report on everything.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: And we are learning not from experience. That's actually a very good suggestion I think from Councillor Klein. We should probably do that both. If I remember, gas tax resolutions that passed here under former Mayor Katz, certainly that resolution I remember about EPC, either more recent requests have gone in for legislative change. I would also point out that Councillor Gillingham and I offered a motion that requested of the federal government then minister here, Veterans Affairs about seeking an apology from Mitsubishi for its war time activities as Mitsubishi had apologized to Veterans from the U.S., Britain and some other nations but not to Canadian including our friend George Peterson who the Mayor knows of course, and who's one of the last surviving vets of the battle of Hong Kong. So I do think it's a good suggestion from Councillor Klein. I'll follow up with him, but I would also want to expand that not just to the provincial but to the federal level because to best of my knowledge, we never heard anything back about that Veterans Affairs matters. So good suggestion. I know Councillor Gillingham has made some good work on tax sale items. What you see before you is…No. 1 is that…No. 2 is the little anticipated but sure to be debated massive real estate policy framework that is coming to amend an innumerable number of real estate policies that we have and trying to consolidate them which will be coming later this year.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, I was reminded earlier this morning on some of my Facebook memories that come forward, that one year ago today, after many months for worried members of our Transcona Retired Citizen's Centre, a town hall was held at this centre. I might add it was about this time of the year. It was in the evening, dark. I was reminded many times that seniors don't generally like to come out in the evening, nor in the dark in the winter. Too many challenges on sidewalk, perhaps, but they came. Well over 300 residents came out that night. They came out to talk about their situation. They were in an overhold and continued to be in an overhold situation in that centre. They're one of many leasees in Winnipeg's community owned buildings.

Madam Speaker: Your question, councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: That find themselves in this matter, most of $1 leases, some pay utilities. So through you Madam Speaker, I would like to know through the chair or through you to the chair, when this important report will be released to the community.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah. Certainly, there are a number of dollar-a-year lease groups in overhold, two at that building we were just talking about, at the Old St. Vital fire hall, next to the one we're selling. I can take it under advisement and try to get timeframe. It's obviously politically very sensitive, and different groups will feel a lot of different situations, a lot of history here from lawn bowling to archery to seniors to radio clubs. We've got a lot of these out there. Councillor Morantz, former Councillor Morantz, certainly wanted to get some listing, and we've got that now, but where we want to go, it's a fair question, and I'll see where we are with the real estate staff in terms of moving forward.

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

Councillor Nason: Yeah, Madam Speaker, can the chair explain, you know...we've seen in recent weeks a few reports have come out just mere days prior to this four year history making budget. Why are community spaces weren't important enough to ensure this report was out before the committee in this budget year?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes

Councillor Mayes: Sorry, which report is being referenced there?

Madam Speaker: If you could restate your question, please.

Councillor Nason: Can the chair explain to us why the report on dollar leases in community spaces hasn't come out to this point?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, we have had a lot of information at the committee on this, where they are and the buildings versus the green spaces so I can…I can again, ask the staff for the timeframe on it. I…you know, there's no attempt here I think to separate it out from the budget as some sort of end run by the staff. It's been around, this issue, for several years. And again, I can talk to the staff and see when this would be coming forward. Obviously, there are...there's a lot at stake here. There are a number of groups, not just in Councillor Nason's ward, but others who are over-holding, they aren't signing off because they're being given a bill that would call for a 20,000% increase from the current dollar. So lots to…lot to consider here, but I'll get information and get back to Councillor Nason.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I just…wasn't going to ask a question and I just heard about a massive amount of real estate process policy changes coming, and so therefore my question is, are these real estate processes and policy changes related to the audit recommendations from fire halls, real estate, audit and police headquarters?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Perhaps in part, but I think it's an attempt lead by Mr. Pittet from the public service to try and consolidate a very large number of real estate regulations and directives and by-laws into a framework. So almost inevitably, I would suspect some of it would touch upon what was studied back there in 2014 when we had numerous audits, quantity survey, all sorts of different reports. A lot has been done since then. I would suggest a lot has been done with procedures, but we will get this framework as indicated in the recommendation number two, recommend...there will be a report forthcoming. I don't have a date yet in 2020. It will be, I suspect, sometime prior to summer. That's my understanding, but I can try and get a better timeframe on that and get back to Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Have the City administration, in regards to this report, been given marching orders to ensure that they indicate what effect or not they're having on the recommendations this council voted to put into place as well as giving the City Auditor the responsibility to make sure that they've got implemented, will they be indicating what they're changing if anything in those regards? Or have they been told to indicate in the report?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I've not given them any marching orders. I don't know if others have.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason, coming back to your final question.

Councillor Nason: Sorry about that, Madam Speaker. I was a little remised at…jump up from my third. On a new topic, Madam Speaker, I know I've been trying to do this with…for several Transcona area residents and groups. I'm a little frustrated. Can the chair inform Council and the public we serve on when we can continue to honour the many Winnipeg residents through the naming of buildings, parks or perhaps other public spaces?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: It's a matter Councillor Nason and I have discussed because I know he has some spotty…he urgently wants to name or rename and I've been in those shoes and I have some matters that have been pending for about a year now in front of committee, trying to rename a park in St. Vital. It's my understanding that having passed a new policy last month pertaining to the Indigenous working circle and their...their new report, looking at naming, it's my understanding that that process will be in place by April, but I can certainly get back to Councillor Nason and it's a fair request that there people are…sometimes there's some urgency of naming or renaming of sites. On the other hand, we now have a reconciliation process that we voted on. I don't want to delay some of the ones in my ward. I'm sitting here today, writing, saying, where are we on this one? This one's been put forward months ago, if not a year ago. So I do think that's a fair question, Councillor Nason that we try to keep it open that we can do these things fairly quickly. Just with a new process in place, it's going to take a little bit of time to work that out, but I will get back to Councillor Nason and talk to the staff. We don't want to unduly delay this, but we do now have a new process that's going to look at not roads, but look at other things like parks and other spots and markers in the city.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That brings our question period to a close. There is a motion from Councillor Gillingham to recess for lunch at this time and reconvene at 1:15. There is an event the Capital Region is putting on over the lunch hour. So all in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll reconvene at 1:15. No, no need. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
February 27, 2020, at 1:24 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I'd like to reconvene our Council meeting of February 27th, 2020. We are on the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins to introduce the report dated February 5th, 2020.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2020

Item 1 – Winnipeg One Million Tree Challenge

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Local groups are ready set and really going on the million tree challenge. Partners like Trees Winnipeg, our Forestry staff; we have the expertise in Winnipeg. Everyone is excited to engage, coordinate and work together as family, as neighborhood groups, school communities to play a role in reforestation. And Madam Speaker, all it takes is a vote today by Council.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thanks to Councillor Rollins for her leadership and support for this effort. This is…I'm really excited about this initiative and I want to start just by saying thank you to all members of council as well as the public service and the community for supporting this effort. This is…this is absolutely something that we should be working on together, and I cringed this morning when I heard one of our speakers referring to this as the Mayor's million tree challenge. This is a challenge for our community, and we should all take ownership in it. We should all take pride in the outcomes that we're going to be able to achieve together. And so I'm very proud to rise today in support of this initiative. The concept with the million tree challenge is quite simple. Our city is growing to a million people, and as we grow to a million people, we want to add a million new trees to our urban tree canopy. So the branding that some of you may have seen and I showed it off at the state of the…State of the City Address this year was I wanted a million. That is for individuals who are part of this initiative to use and take ownership of contributing to planting one tree. Every Winnipegger is responsible directly or indirectly or supporting the planting of one tree, just one

tree each, over the course of this entire initiative, we will reach the million tree challenge and we'll…we'll build an urban tree canopy that we can really be proud of. This is not something that's going to happen overnight. There's going to be lots of…lots of work involved for many individuals and organizations. I want to acknowledge Tree Canada as well as corporate sponsors who were very quick to step up, starting with CN. CN stepped up with $1 million right out of the gate to support this initiative. They've been an incredible community partner. Not only do they send a lot of people to Winnipeg for their training, in fact all of their employees for training in Transcona where the sun rises of course as the former Transcona councillor would often remind us. They continue to be incredible champions to support tree planting across Canada including here in Winnipeg. Telpay as well stepped up with $250,000 to support it. And I'm grateful for the fact that Sean Finn from CN as well as Dayna Spiring from Economic Development Winnipeg in her personal capacity has agreed to step up and to lead the fundraising effort. I've challenged them to raise $5 million by the time I provide my annual State of the City Address next year. Like I said, we know that there's a number of invasive species. We've got approximately 300,000 trees on public lands right now. We know two thirds of them are under threat because of emerald ash borer as well as Dutch elm disease. If you imagine Winnipeg with one-third of the trees that we currently have on public lands, that's not a city that we want to live in. That's not a city that we want to our raise children in. And so what I love about the million tree challenge is it's bringing people together from various backgrounds, different ends of the political spectrum to get behind something that we can share and take great pride in. I have begun the outreach to the corporate sector, to of course members of our Indigenous community. I had a very collaborative discussion with Arlen Dumas yesterday about potentially partnering with AMC and many, many other groups that are stepping up including in the education sector, school divisions. Schools are stepping up to see how they can get involved. There's really three ways that people can get involved ultimately building on the work that I hope we approve here today. Is…we want money from the corporate sector because there's an acknowledgement with this program that we don't have the resources to meet the challenge alone with tax dollars and so we want to invite the private sector to contribute financially. The second way is for sweat equity. We want to have individuals, groups, volunteers, not-for-profits lend a hand with tree plantings and then, thirdly, individual property owners can simply plant a tree on their own property, and that's one way in which everyone can participate. And so I want to also just acknowledge the reason why I made this challenge was because of the advocacy of a number of councillors, beginning and ending with Councillor John Orlikow. He has been an incredible advocate for our tree canopy. It's something I know he's been a champion with around this council chamber and the corridors here at City Hall and out in the community. This wouldn't be happening without his advocacy and leadership. And certainly bending my ear over many years to bring me up to speed to better appreciate the risk to our tree canopy, and so I want to thank Councillor Orlikow, and I also just want to thank every member of council. There's been…there's been unanimous and unwavering support for this along the way. And I'm really hoping that I'll have the opportunity with each of you to engage in tree plantings in every corner of our city and I hope you'll engage your residents and wards to engage in tree planting, something we're literally building the roots for the future that we all want for us and our kids. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I wanted to make a few remarks en français if I can.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: I am standing up today in favour of the report that we are being presented with today. I would like to recognize Mayor Bowman's leadership. I know he said that it is not the Mayor's challenge, but that of all Winnipeggers. But I wanted to talk about the benefit of this report for a moment. I also want to say thank you to Councillor Rollins, who chairs this committee. Of course, it's true, I am used to calling John Orlikow, the "Tree Man". I don't know if John knows Groot. Anyway, I was referring to Disney, or Marvel. In any event, it is a marvellous endeavour. And we will be presented with a report on how to manage trees on private properties. Earlier today, we heard comments on the Sumka forest, for instance, which is now on private lands. So I think it is a very nice endeavour. I also wanted to comment on climate change. We know now that trees are very important when it comes to fighting climate change. There is more to do than better insulating our buildings and making better use of our roads with active transportation and transit. But trees are a big part of this fight against climate change. So, I think it is a very nice endeavour. I was not sure of how fast we could expect results, with respect to this report, but today, I heard Denis De Pape say that a very similar format was very successful in another jurisdiction. So, I think we are going in the right direction. That being said, I have no further comments for the time being, but I wanted everyone to know why I intend to support this report, and I hope all Council members keep voting in favour of that report. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just…didn't intend to speak but just listening to two other councillors…just and His Worship…just things that it makes me think about. One is, talked about how, you know, we are talking about a big challenge here, and therefore, we can't do it ourselves. I'm not saying it's an abdication of leadership,

it's just what do we do if things are costing more. It's harder for the City to accomplish things the way we used to, and so the idea of this challenge and sort of putting a challenge, not just on the taxpayers as such, not just on government, but on individual citizens and corporations because His Worship did say we don't have the taxes for it, and fair enough. We're doing it in my ward using the ward budget in terms of at least one neighborhood so far in terms of 100% reforestation in the…one neighborhood of Glenelm which is the most densely treed neighbourhood in Elmwood-East Kildonan. And I'm pleased to see that Emma Durand-Wood of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association is mentioned here on the report from the standing committee that brings forth this item. Her…she had spoken on February 5th on this issue. The Glenelm Neighborhood Association is the one that first brought forth the challenge of 100% reforestation on City-owned land, and I've gone forth in support of this and done so. In terms of just not having the tax base, that is the dilemma in terms of how we go forth and accomplish what we need to do. Trees are…in the case of trees, we are in a position to invite other sectors to be involved. There's not always that much bureaucracy in terms of planting a tree, especially, private individuals on private territory. We've mentioned CN, other corporations...so I mean I guess one question is, is there a tax deduction for these donations I guess is the question, and to what extent should people be apprised of...to what extend there are tax deductions involved with this. I understand tree…there's Tree Winnipeg. There's also Tree Canada? And I guess corporations and individuals, at least myself, would like some more information or more information on that. His Worship mentioned that if everyone planted a tree, it is the case in some cultures around the world that for certain aspects of rites of passage of life, when one is born, when one is married, things like this that people plant a tree in different countries around the world. It would be wonderful if that would be the case here. Now over the decades in my youth and in my childhood, and then my younger adult days, I guess I've planted about 1,000 trees. If every Winnipegger planted 1,000 trees, we'd have the billion tree challenge. Well, Madam Speaker, we're talking about goals and ideals, settling at one million is a great goal for now. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Rollins to close, and if you could also afterwards move adoption of the item. We didn't do that earlier.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker for that important reminder. Winnipeggers' love for trees is best and this close is perhaps best expressed in the form of art. So for Winnipeg's urban forest, my love, your lips, a pulse in the sky, joined, bound to never twist our body to bend to you, our Winnipeg's urban forest. Our dearest forest, infinitely through life, may our souls collide forever with yours. Tick tock a day, an hour, our love is planted. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. And you'll also move adoption of the item?

Councillor Rollins: And I move adoption of the item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Unanimous; the Winnipeg One Million Tree Challenge. Okay, moving on. We have the Standing Policy Committee on…pardon me, yes, we've forgotten. Yeah. Question period for Councillor Rollins. Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nanson: Madam Speaker, we've...this may sound familiar. We've seen and heard a lot about library and pool closures, reduced service discussions in media and what might be perceived as political double speak from some that have responded to the public backlash. Can the chair inform Council which member of her standing policy committee moved the recommendation of eliminating pools like Transcona Kinsmen Pool forward to the budget working group?

Councillor Allard: Check the minutes, Councillor Nason.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: I'll have to look at and review the minutes myself. However, I remember the...the committee meeting in question and much discussion around the proposals that administration was making at the time, and the discussion that was had at Protection Community Services and Parks, and I will look at whether or not…there are four councillors on the committee, and I'll look at whether or not there were some that voted a different way to move them onto the budgetary working group, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Nason: Can the chair put on record here today if she'll support the closure of other pools, critical to life-saving swim lessons and activities at the City of Winnipeg?

Councillor Rollins: Sorry, just for clarification. Was the question would I…could I put on record today my support for closures? And I do not hold support for closures, Madam Speaker. But I'm not sure I understood the question.

Madam Speaker: Final question, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: On a new topic, Madam Speaker, I asked one of my other chairs this earlier today and can the chair inform Council with regards to naming of parks and public spaces that would fall under her purview, if we'll be seeing those move forward any time soon?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I will check the disposition about when items are coming to Protection, Community Services and Parks and provide that to my council colleague.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the chair? Seeing none, our next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Allard, the report dated February 4th, 2020.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move the Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay, 1 has been pulled. Okay, I'll call the question on 2, traffic calming initiatives. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Delegation of Authority to Award Five Public Works – Accelerated Regional Street Renewal (NBCF Application) Contracts Exceeding $5,000,000 Including Multi-Year Contracts – MM Reference No. 1401-2019

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard to introduce the item.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This report in front of us today is giving authority to proceed with five major projects totalling approximately 43 million worth of road work. And I will be supporting this report with great enthusiasm. In the 2014 election, fixing roads was the top priority. In the 2018 election, fixing roads was the top priority. And for the last four years, from 2015 to 2018, each year, in the annual citizens' survey, citizens ranked fixing roads as the top priority that the City should undertake to improve their quality of life. Personally, I'm a bit challenged by that, but that's what people want. So to see this report with 43 million for road work in front of us today is encouraging. We are continuing to improve the quality of life for our citizens and we are addressing our election commitments and residents' priorities. Roads are important to our citizens. Clearly, they're important. So Madam Speaker, when it was brought to my attention at the end of January that fundamental changes to road specifications would be implemented this spring, I began looking for more information. I investigated further, and found that these roads specification changes could possibly result in less kilometres of road being built. They could result in recyclable product not being recycled but instead filling up the Brady Landfill even more, and also, I learned that changes in the aggregate specifications could maybe increase the longevity of roads, so there was conflicting information. There was a lot of questions. I have actually many questions. I've asked other councillors what they've heard, what they know. They have many questions. But Madam Chair, no one is answering my questions on this critically important issue: roads. February 10th, I asked the CAO and copied all of council to provide answers to the questions I had on the aggregate specification changes. The CAO said he would follow up in the next e-mail. I further clarified my questions on February 12th to the CAO, February 23rd, still no answers to my questions. And I ask for council seminar so Public Works could come and answer all of council's questions. February 26th, no answers to my questions, but I'm told that the Public Works Director now will be coming forward to IRPW to update the committee on the spec changes. I will remind you, Madam Chair…Madam

Speaker, as a non-committee member, I am not allowed to ask questions at that meeting. And as noted, roads are a top priority. So I guess this is more of a heads up to the chair, I'm happy about the 43 million. I really have no idea how many kilometres it's going to get us. I don't know if we're going to have more mount Bradys at Brady Landfill from the concrete that's not being used. I don't want to see a range. We have just one mountain. That's all we need. I will ask the chair to ask the CAO to have a council seminar to answer my questions and those are my comments on this report. I will be supporting it, though. Quality of life.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be speaking in the same vein as Councillor Lukes. People bring to my…to my attention their concerns over the change in the specs over aggregate as it affects the costs and the cost of taxpayer, but as it affects the industry, as it affects recycling. So far, we have not been given clear information as to how the changing of the specs will improve to any notable amount the quality of road making and street repair in the city of Winnipeg. We can say it does, and I believe that hypothetically it may very well and to some degree. To what...but is it cost effective? You might have a certain amount of improvement, but is it worth a 30% increase? Does it really last 30% longer? These kinds of questions. Or we can find it from other jurisdictions, Madam Speaker. And so I believe there are people that, in fact, I can let you know there are people that expect reports from other jurisdictions that we employ to make our decisions on the issue of changing the aggregate specs for the City of Winnipeg. So they expect information coming from other cities, other municipalities. So we're...we are assuming this is forthcoming, and we await that information. Madam Speaker, we have to consider and this is really important. So we have to consider how this will absolutely affect the recycling industry in Manitoba and in Winnipeg, regarding the use of recycled concrete and the use of fossil fuels, how we're going to resource…resource our...what goes into making and repairing our roads and streets in the city, and think about those who slowly but surely have evolved to our benefit, to everyone's benefit, the recycled materials industry, and how the City has done the right thing. Efficiency, economic efficiency, resource efficiency, mentally as well, using recycled materials in our roads and street repair and the sustainability of those recycling industries if we change the specs. Madam Speaker, if we can show that the improvement is cost effective, it's actually efficient. It's one thing to be slightly more effective, but is it worth the cost? Does it make our…does it allow us to have better streets? If it costs too much, Madam Speaker, we'll be repairing our streets less. What's the trade off? What's the balance? That's what we need to know. People are expecting these answers, Madam Speaker, because those people in the industry who have been developing the recycling industry in this city over decades to our benefit, not to the…just to the benefit of the environment, but to the benefit of the taxpayer, Madam Speaker, in keeping our costs down, by keeping the industry efficient, by making use of recycled materials. Madam Speaker, this has been really important when you think of the fact that until this year, magic year apparently, and we can get into this another time. It's not lost on me Madam Speaker that we've heard for the first time. I'm told right in this chamber a reduction in the costs of construction after 40 years of construction inflation. We'll get into that another time, Madam Speaker. I've only got a few minutes here, but when we think about that, and we think about maybe we're actually onto something now, maybe construction costs, maybe they're coming down, but now, we add the change in specs that I'm told might increase costs at least in terms of this dimension of costs, in terms of the costs of the aggregate, those materials by over 20%, like that. How does that help the taxpayer? How does that affect our…the affordability of the street repair industry? And what does it do in the short term and the long term to the recycling industry, Madam Speaker? And we've really got to have it out because you know look, I come from...one of the places I come from is just outside of the city of Winnipeg. We've got a long-standing history of which I'm part in terms of construction materials both having worked for Abalon Foundation Specialists, we used the limestone, Madam Speaker. I've worked as a front end loader for running a front end loader at…can I say this, Capture Sand and Gravel. They do some great work for the people of Winnipeg and around. But we're talking about…the reality is, Madam Speaker, we're talking about limestone. It is an extremely porous substance. It works for us. The proximity to the city lends itself to part of its efficiency. But Madam Speaker, we shouldn't kid ourselves in terms of the porousness and what happens to limestone over time when it gets wet and what happens to it. And trying to say that this is a great material, one could argue it's one of the worst materials that major cities use in construction for their streets. Nonetheless, I'm not saying it's a terrible thing. It's added to the efficiency of the industry in many respects. But Madam Speaker, so does used concrete. Madam Speaker, it's not news to us. It shouldn't be…surely shouldn't be news to us that in the United States, they have concrete crushers on site so when they're taking apart construction...certain constructions, they crush the concrete out onsite, and they reuse it immediately. That is the efficiency of recycling construction materials to be used in other construction projects, and in this case, using it as a form of aggregate has shown to be very efficient, very effective over decades. And I think we have to bear that in mind when we're looking at something that might be great, might have some benefit to us, but we're awaiting the results from other jurisdictions. And if we don't have that Madam Speaker, we have to make a decision to what extent, making this…what would be I would say is an arbitrary decision on behalf of councillors here, and the effect it would have on people's real lives. What people have done over decades to build up a recycling industry of concrete in this city, Madam Speaker. And what the bottom line is to our environment and the bottom line to our tax base and the affordability of what has been, traditionally up until this last year, the highest rate of inflation effectively aggregate leaks, excuse the pun, of inflation for the City of Winnipeg. Madam Speaker, you could see that there are, you know, concrete has certain porousness and

one can say there's toxic materials involved. Well, Madam Speaker, we use concrete all the time, so let's not forget the importance of the quality of concrete as well. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't going to speak to this, but I'm going to rise...Report No. 1 here is to get a call on money so they can go out and tender some regional road work, Madam Speaker. I've been listening to the debate. Yeah, it does have an effect on how much money it's going to cost, Madam Speaker. Who knows if they did or did not factor in a higher spec on that gravel, Madam Speaker. But what I do know is that we need to let our administration, Public Works, start moving on this so that we can get out there with tenders before the Province gets out there with their work, Madam Speaker, and maybe we'll save some money that way. I don't know. I don't know what the Province's plans are, Madam Speaker. But I'll be supporting this report in order for the…for our people to get out there and start to get this...it's supposed to be accelerated. Let's accelerate it then and I'll support this. And I...you know, I think we're...I'm going to go...because there's a verbal report at IRPW on Tuesday. I think I might take the opportunity, Madam Speaker, to speak out on what I...my considerations for aggregate and so on, but I do know another thing. Concrete and various other building materials last much longer when they're of superior specs so maybe we'll get 60 years out of a road. I don't know. Who knows? I don't know. But anyway, thank you Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So there's been a lot of chatter about road specifications, which I think is related to this report, perhaps not. The primary considerations, I just want to remind everybody what we're voting on today. So it's to give delegated authority for construction contracts exceeding $5 million including contract over expenditures for the following five projects: Stafford Street, Taylor Avenue, Corydon Avenue, accelerated regional street renewal project, $13,500,000, downtown streets accelerated regional street renewal project, $7,500,000, Erin Street, Wall Street, Sargent Avenue, accelerated regional street renewal project, the Watt Street, Monroe, Johnson Avenue, accelerated regional street renewal project, which is worth approximately $6 million, Roblin Boulevard, Dieppe to PTH 101, another $8 million. So that's the report we're voting on today. I'd also like to maybe speak to the construction working group recommendations. One of the major recommendations was to provide certainty to the industry in terms of what work would be available. This type of report allows for that because it allows the public service the authority to move quickly on the projects as soon as the budgets are authorized. In terms of the questions on the street specifications, so to...Councillor Lukes brought up the point that roads are a very high priority for Winnipeggers. It is true, and when I knock on doors and talk to Winnipeggers about the excellent work that we're doing in terms of road renewal, one question, one issue keeps coming up at the door for me, and I'm sure it's true for my colleagues as well, and it's that...and the typical comment is like sure, you're fixing the roads, but are you fixing them right? And through the partnership that we have with Dr. Shalaby from the University of Manitoba and the Government of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg, I think we voted on that a couple of years ago. I think that support was unanimous for those of us that were here, and this is some of the fruit that comes from the study of how we do road construction here in Winnipeg. In terms of some of the numbers that have been floating around, I know that I've heard the number, 30% from industry representatives. I've heard it around council as well. I've also heard our director say that the cost of…that portion of the cost of roads is actually 13% of the cost, so I'm not sure exactly how folks got to the 30. There's also the consideration that with a more solid base that drains better, there is an opportunity for having less road surface, which is a further reduction in terms of the cost of the roads. So what are we doing with the road specifications? I think we're working to build a better road. I had the opportunity to speak to our director in much technical detail, much of which I would have to read in order to repeat properly. We are getting into technical specifications, which the last time were updated by the public service, not by Council, in 2014 they were updated prior that same year, 2014, by the public service. This is typically not a council decision. This is typically delegated authority to our public service. We will Tuesday...I just heard that Dr. Shalaby himself, tenure professor from the University of Manitoba and the chair of the infrastructure group, which we've supported will be present Tuesday as well, as well as our director to talk about these issues. I can also say that there have been robust discussions with our public service and industry representatives, and so those conversations are ongoing. And if things seem to be going in the right direction in terms of industry support for our proposed specifications, and I mean just as a concept, we...you know, we can fix lots of roads badly or we can fix lots of roads well and have those roads last a generation or two, and I think that's the hope that we're…we're going to do the job the first time, and we're going to get it right, and these specifications I think will go in that direction, so thanks for those questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws. Councillor Allard. Pardon me? After the by-laws, yes. Councillor Allard.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, I've already done that. Sorry, I don't know why I choke so much all over this pary. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 10/2020, By-law 11/2020, By-law No. 12/2020.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Allard: I move that By-laws No. 10…

Madam Speaker: Oh, Mr. Clerk's turn now.

Clerk: By-law No. 10/2020, By-law No. 11/2020 and By-law No. 12/2020.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second reading, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I move that By-laws numbered 10/2020 to 12/2020, both inclusive, be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-laws No. 10/2020, 11/2020 and By-law No. 12/2020.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws numbers…No. 10/2020 to 12/2020, both inclusive, be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now we have question period under this committee. Any questions for our chair? Councillor Lukes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I would like to ask the chair of IRPW…I have about 30 questions that I would like answered regarding roads, regarding specs and regarding Brady Landfill and concrete and recyclables and the environment. I am pleased to hear that the director of Public Works will be coming to give a little presentation at Public Works, but I don't feel all my questions will be answered or maybe half of them will, maybe, maybe 90% of them will, but I will still have questions. I would like the chair to ask the CAO to have a council seminar on this or somehow provide me the opportunity to ask questions on the residents' number one priority.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll be pleased to receive the councillor's questions and forward them to public service and further to that, if there are any unanswered questions, I believe the public service will still be available. I don't call council seminars. I think that's the call of the CAO's office. So I can't commit to that, but I can commit to forwarding on the information.

Councillor Lukes: So can I get clarification? I'm not sure. I have to submit my questions through the chair? I can't sit with the director of Public Works and ask questions? I'm just asking for clarification.

Madam Speaker: Second question, thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: So I don't have the power to…the Public Works director does not report to me. The Public Works director reports to the CAO. The CAO can answer those questions, I think. I'm happy...if Councillor Lukes wants to send me questions, I'm happy to forward them along. Councillor Lukes is also in a perfect place to send those questions to the public service from her desk as well, but I'm happy to send those questions along on your behalf as well or on her behalf, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Lukes: Councillor, I'm asking through you, Madam Speaker, if the chair of Public Works could put a list together or have a list put together of the past four years of the dollars that the department has spent on maintenance on the upkeep of roads, the dollar value of the last four years on the upkeep of the surface of the roads.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe any of us can ask those questions, and I'm happy to ask those questions on behalf of my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Nason…or pardon me, Councillor Schreyer was also on the list. Would you still like to ask?
Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do have some concerns on this issue. I think it's really important, and trying to form this I guess in the format of a question just so I have it on record with Councillor Allard as the chair of the Standing Committee for Public Works. How can I put this? Will Councillor Allard help facilitate, if need be, the response from the administration on questions like packing density between properly recycled concrete, vis-a-vis limestone?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I didn't quite follow the question. I think the question is would I put questions to the public service. I'm happy to put questions to public service on behalf of my colleagues. My colleagues are also welcome to put questions to the public service themselves as they have that opportunity as city councillors.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. I'm not putting this on the chair of Public Works except for trying to help us get answers before Council is in a position to make an informed decision. So to clarify, would Councillor Allard as well assist in our getting information on clarifying whether what we've talked about here is enhancing the life span of our roads using limestone, the porous limestone as the great source of the enhancement of our streets?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'm sorry. I did not follow the question. Could he restate it?

Councillor Schreyer: The question for the administration is going to be whether we're relying on porous, very, very…I don't know how else to put it, very porous limestone as the answer to the longevity…dealing with the issue of longevity to our streets because limestone is going to continue being the answer above concrete. We still do need answers from the administration before we as a council make a decision. I'm asking if Councillor Allard will assist in ensuring that we do get the information on the questions such as that one.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question, Madam Speaker. I'm happy to take any questions from Councillor…any of my colleagues, forward them to the public service for a response. Also, my understanding of the new specification is that it is significantly harder than the current base specification. It is also significantly more porous which leads to better drainage, which will lead to more longevity to our roads, so that's the logic behind the new spec. More...and our director and Dr. Shalaby next week will be able to speak in much detail…much more detail than I can at the meeting next week Tuesday.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. The final question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Does Councillor Allard believe that Council could benefit from a seminar on this issue?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I think a seminar would be fine. I think in some ways getting all this information on the public record which is livestreamed for anyone to benefit from, in the public or council colleagues, I think that really puts all of the information out there in a very public way. If there are more questions after Tuesday, I mean personally, I would be happy with a seminar, but it's not my call. It's the call of the CAO.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Through you, Madam Speaker, I've got a question with regards to actually just the report that we just passed here at Council. I know the chair is very active when it comes to walking, biking, taking the bus. I'm curious though why a report comes forward to his committee that has a very glaring error under the section of Winnipeg Climate Action Plan alignment. I'm hoping that he can explain why this is vacant under a report within his committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'm confused as to why the councillor is asking a question in a report that he says is flawed after having voted for that report minutes ago.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Wow. He's asking a question, but I'll move on since he obviously didn't see that section of the report being missed. It was missed in error. The question I have is last month, I asked with regards to the designated constructions or DCZ on Fermor. He indicated he was also having challenges getting answers. I'm wondering if he could update us if there has been any progress on his part.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I have not seen anything other than the chatter on social media. I'd be happy to ask for an update.

Madam Speaker: No further questions? Any other speakers? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. Through you, I'm just a little confused now. So it's my understanding that the CAO reports to the chair as EPC I guess, they report to the Mayor and EPC. And I heard that we could send the questions to the chair, which is great. Thank you very much, but that we could also send them to the public service as well, which is good to know. Does that mean that the recent order that you can only send questions or whatever through the CAO or the info@cao e-mail is now over or is this just a different matter?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I mean, I was just writing an email on behalf of Councillor Lukes, the CAO general enquiry line. I was going to Cc. director, Jim Berezowsky. I don't run the CAO enquiry line. If there's any questions, I welcome my colleagues to speak to the CAO or correspond with the CAO about that.

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

Councillor Klein: Well, it would be nice to get an answer to the first question so I'll clarify. Obviously, Councillor Allard has been around. This is his second term. He is well aware of the Winnipeg Charter that the CAO reports through the Mayor and EPC.

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: The question is, now that he knows that, which I'm sure he does, can we now just send everything to the public service for IRPW issues?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Though I don't think I have any trouble in terms of self-esteem. I am not EPC personally, so that is not my…that is not my identity or my role. I am chairperson of IRPW. I at times speak on behalf of EPC. These are process questions that may be better directed to the CAO or maybe even the Mayor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move forward. We are at the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Lukes, you were going to move the report dated January 17th, 2020, on my behalf.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED JANUARY 17, 2020

Councillor Lukes: Yes. Just give me a minute here. I'm on the wrong month here or the wrong Council meeting. All right, so I'd like to move the report...to move Report No. 1 and Report No. 2.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now move into by-laws, Councillor Lukes. First reading, Councillor Lukes.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Lukes: By-law No. 16/2020 be…to amend the In Camera By-law.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 16/2020.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes on the second reading.

Councillor Lukes: By-law 16/2020 to amend the In Camera By-law.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 16/2020.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: By-law No. 16/2020 to amend the In Camera By-law.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Chambers, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker, Councillor Sharma.

Madam Speaker: Oh, yes. Roll call.

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

Council adjourned at 2:12 p.m.