COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, January 30, 2020

The Council met at 9:36 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 Allard.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'd like to now recognize our pages for today's meeting. Joining us is Elora Cromaty who attends Murdoch MacKay Collegiate in the Transcona Ward, and Madeleine Laurendeau, attends College Jeanne Sauve, in the St. Norbert-St. River Ward. Welcome, thank you.

Madam Speaker: I'd like to give a warm welcome and recognize in the gallery first year Creative Communications students from Red River College who are here to observe today's Council meeting. They're led by instructor, Joanne Kelly who couldn't be here with us today. Thank you for joining us. We'll now move into morning announcements for Council. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good morning everyone, and I too want to extend a warm welcome to the first year Creative Communications class from Red River. We expect nothing but glowing articles about today's proceedings and the brilliant work of my council colleagues and I today, and members of our public service. But jokes aside, welcome and we want to wish you all the very best with your studies and your careers. Madam Speaker, it was a busy month for me for intergovernmental meetings. I had the opportunity to meet directly with the Prime Minister as well as Deputy Prime Minister, Chrystia Freeland, as well as Minister Catherine McKenna. Closer to home had an opportunity to meet with Minister Rochelle Squires and Minister Eichler and appreciated the opportunity for the dialogue with both our provincial and our federal partners. Over the last week, Madam Speaker had the opportunity to present my sixth annual State of the City Address. The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce provided the forum for it. I want to thank the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, their members and sponsors and of course all attendees including many of members of council including yourself Madam Speaker for attending the State of the City. It's an opportunity to reflect on the opportunities and the challenges before us and the challenges that we have as a city that's growing and how the City of Winnipeg and our community can respond to the challenges of a growing city. The State of the City Address really tried to highlight that in order for us to tackle the challenges of a growing city, we must have the courage to tackle our biggest problems together. And I highlighted a number of initiatives in which the City of Winnipeg is collaborating with third parties. When you're the government closest to the people when you lack the resources and powers that other levels of government has, we have to innovate and we have to work collaboratively with community partners. Lastly, Madam Speaker, I want to just note that of course this week we are acknowledging and recognizing the 75th years after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Winnipeggers remember more than 6 million Jews, countless others that were murdered during the Holocaust. We also honour the survivors and the brave women and men who fought for freedom. Flags were at half-mast at City Hall earlier this week. And we…while we make this acknowledgement and remembrance this week, of course, we need to continue that sentiment throughout the year and the years to come to make sure that we never repeat the atrocities of the Holocaust, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next speaker is Councillor Klein followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I believe it's appropriate that Red River College students have joined us today because I would like to rise and take a moment to pay tribute to a part of Winnipeg's history, one of the founding fathers of the Winnipeg Sun, Al Davies. The Sun first rolled off the presses on November 5th of 1980. I was proud and honoured to serve as a CEO for Sun Media in our province and other parts of the west. I was always captivated by the stories of Mr. Davies. He always brought laughter to the newsroom when he came. He had a passion for the truth. He had a passion for what's right, and he had a commitment to our community and our leadership. Mr. Davies died on Wednesday, January 12th of this year, at the age of 71. And as councillor for Charleswood-Tuxedo-

Westwood, I'm honoured on behalf of the residents I serve to pay this special recognition to a pioneer in our city whose legacy continues to come off the presses each and every day. From the ashes of the Winnipeg Tribune to the rise of The Sun, Al Davies loved our city. He believed in the right and never clouded that judgment over. He will be missed and I would like to thank Mr. Davies, and may he rest in peace.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you. As is customary in January, I would like to invite everyone to come to the…Canada's largest winter festival in western Canada, Le Festival du Voyageur. And so it's happening this year from February 14 to 23. And there is actually a count down on their website, heho.ca. There's 15 days, 8 hours, 15 minutes and 37 seconds till the festival begins. I would like to invite everyone out. I hope to see many of you there and Mayor Bowman has been a fixture at the festival last number of years. Yeah, do we want to do that? No, I tried that one before. It didn't work. So thank you for your attention.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: Thank you for your attention. I in particular would like to recognize the programming of the Festival this year. The Festival du Voyageur is a signatory of the Indigenous Accord of the City of Winnipeg, I hope I used the correct word in French. But this year is the first year where there will be dedicated tents for different groups. There will be specific Métis programming, First Nations, a traditional Franco-Manitoban tent. So it's new this year. I think it's very interesting and I think that the Festival did a great job towards the reconciliation. In particular, thank you Mayor Bowman for initiating the Accord…the Aboriginal Accord of the City of Winnipeg. This initiative (inaudible) in a civil society a little bit everywhere and we see the effects of that with the programming this year at the Festival du Voyageur which I am certain will include this programming annually with regards to this accord. So thank you for your attention.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As you all know, February is Black History Month. And the kickoff begins tomorrow when His Worship Mayor Bowman will host the annual kick-off here at City Hall. The month-long celebration will provide a full litany of events throughout the month including the Martin Luther King celebration on Sunday evening at the new anointing church. There will be a variety of concerts, workshops and forums, as well as the job fair on February 22 at the Elmwood High School, where several City of Winnipeg departments will be on hand to share information on recruitment to further strengthen and diversify our public service. The month-long celebration will wrap up with the annual Black History Month Annual Committee Awards Banquet on February 28. And I encourage all Winnipeggers to take in as many of these events as possible as it's an opportunity to share about the rich history of contributions of black Canadians to our city and to our province. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you councillor Chambers, and our final speaker is Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to offer congratulations to yet another team out of Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club that has become Canadian champions and will represent Canada in just a couple weeks on the world stage. It was a good…actually it was a good tournament for both the junior men and the junior women of Manitoba who triumphed. And so we have two national champions, one team Zacharias, the junior women's team out of Altona, congratualtions to them. And team Gauthier out of the Assiniboine Memorial Curling Club. So I'd just like to mention their names and have their names read into the record. Jacques Gauthier, Jordan Peters, Brayden Payette, Zach Bilawka and John…coach John Lund. So they will now travel to Russia in the middle of February. I think it's part of Siberia in the middle of February for the world championship. So I know my councillor colleagues join me in wishing team Gauthier which becomes Team Canada, all the best success on the world stage.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. And now onto a leave of absence motion which is moved by Councillor Browaty, seconded by Councillor Nason. Madam Clerk, if you could read it into the record please.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

THAT Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to his absence from the City on City Business.
Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Santos moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on December 12, 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move into delegations. I would like to call out Mr. David Grant. If I could also call forward Christian Monnin to come to the bench and we'll hear from you momentarily. Mr. Grant is in support of Item 5 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 14, 2020, regarding the Winnipeg Safety Committee. And it's the Contract Renewal for the Committee Coordinator. Welcome.

David Grant: Thank you. I'll be brief. You probably heard that before. The…I am strongly in favour of this. I just wanted to recognize it. This Safety Committee is important. It's done good work. And I think I'm not alone in expecting them to do more good work in 2020. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. If you could remain on the floor, we'll take questions momentarily. I'd like to call forward Christian Monnin, president of the Franco-Manitobans Society. He is in support of Item 2 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 21, 2020. It's regarding French Language Services Review Strategy. Welcome.

Translation of French Spoken:
Christian Monnin: Good morning. Mr. Mayor Brian Bowman, councillors, members of the Clerks Department, the Winnipeg Public Service, thank you for having me. If I understand correctly, there are copies of our presentation being circulated. Also, there is a translated English version for you. My name is Christian Monnin, President of the Franco-Manitoban Society, commonly known as SFM. We are the official (inaudible) organization of the francophone community of Manitoba, and thank you again for having me this morning. Today we would like to present on Item 2 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 21, 2020 in regards to the French Language Services. We agree with the recommendations of the Executive Policy Committee, notably, the five-year development for the municipal offering of French services, the municipal regulations revision of the City of Winnipeg for the municipal presentations in the two official languages. I would also like to highlight two factors that will be discussed here today. First of all, the report rediscovers Winnipeg's reconciliation of history that demonstrates the City taken positive steps towards reconciliation. Everyone together as the population of Winnipeg and Manitoba, the Francophones of Manitoba have to remember the Indigenous people of Manitoba and especially the Métis people. Despite the fact that Franco-Manitobans are Métis, notably Louis Riel and George Forest, the Métis are frequently marginalized within the Francophone Manitobans. Today the Francophones realize their past errors and look to repair and reconstruct relations with Métis and Indigenous people. Noting the efforts of Festival du Voyageur, signatory of the Indigenous Accord of Winnipeg, that will kick-off the winter festival in 15 days and a few hours if I understand correctly. The Festival takes on a coordinator…Indigenous initiative and the programming of this year will include an important Indigenous component. Later today, councillors will discuss programs to put an end to the homeless situation. Helping the homeless is a responsibility for everyone and the Francophone population is no exception. Initiatives like the Morberg House, the Flavie-Laurent Centre, and (inaudible) continues to offer services to the homeless and those that are at risk of becoming homeless. We need to face the injustices that were stated by Mayor Bowman in his State of the City Address last week. It's to say that a vision of Winnipeg as best in its category or best in class. The objective is not to do the bare minimum, but to give ambitious targets; targets that are not aggressive, that will better the lives of all Winnipeggers, no matter their socioeconomic status, their origin or their language. It's in this vision that we came to support the recommendations from the Executive Policy Committee. The first recommendations recognizes that services in French will be accessible to all residents in the city of Winnipeg. It also indicates that services in French will benefit an active offer. Francophones, like those seen in the mapped area that has a percentage of Francophones as has been provided by the administration, are not clustered in a specific section of the city. We agree that it is important that all residents can have access to the official language of their choice. I allow myself a little warning; the City of Winnipeg Charter actually guarantees that services are offered in French are equally accessible and have the same quality to those that are offered in English. That's to say, ladies and gentlemen, real equality. It is certain that we need to recognize the efforts of the City of Winnipeg, but we can't hide the fact that this issue was not always the highest priority. For example, for a few months the Urban Development Department services located at the old city hall had two doors open. In the two cases, there was no bilingual person present and the City form was not available in French during opening hours. It is essential that everywhere offers French services outside of the Riel Ward in the context of bettering services offered in French in this historically French area and where there are proportionately more Francophones. The second, third and fourth recommendations are to develop

a five-year plan for the delivery of French services. Revising the municipal by-law of the City of Winnipeg on the procession of the municipal services in both official languages and to assure a subsequent revision for the five years. On these points, the SFM would like to point out and are continuing to collaborate with the City of Winnipeg to assure that the plan and the regulations continue to respond to the needs and to the aspirations of the Francophone people of Winnipeg. We are always happy to put our hand in the dough and to bring you our expertise. The Manitoba Francophones of the city of Winnipeg look to be inclusive and look to be balanced. That's why we have put a lot of effort for many years to give an advantage to new comers and for immersion people where French is an additional language and Anglophones in our neighbourhood. The Francophones, to us, are a wealth for the city of Winnipeg; wealth that contributes to its economic development, artistic, touristic, and social. Francophones are residents of this city and we would like to continue to make a better city in this area. And with that, to conclude, thank you again Mr. Mayor, councillors, it would be my pleasure to answer your questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Monsieur Monnin. We'll take questions shortly. You can just remain on the floor. We'll get in to the next delegation but just before that I'd like to ask if there's any questions for Mr. Grant who spoke on the Contract Renewal for the Committee Coordinator for the Committee of Safety. Seeing no questions, I'd like to now call forward Justin Johnson. He is the Chief Executive of the Association of Bilingual Municipalities of Manitoba. Is he here today? Thank you. And he is in support of the same item we just heard on. Welcome. And we'll put five minutes on the clock.

Translation of French Spoken:
Justin Johnson: Madam Chair, Mr. Mayor, councillors, my name is Justin Johnson. I am a proud Franco-Métis of the Red River the proud great, great grandson of André Beauchemin, a member of the provisional government of Louis Riel. I am equally the head of the Association of Bilingual Municipalities of Manitoba. I thank you for having me and the chance to express my personal support and the support of AMBM for the recommendation of the revision of the strategy for the French Language Services of the City of Winnipeg. (Inaudible) and to the benefit of members of Council, through you Madam Chair, I would like to present on behalf of the Bilingual Municipalities of Manitoba. Since 1989, AMBM has been the gateway of bilingual municipalities of Manitoba. As of today, AMBM has 15 Manitoban municipalities that have adopted an official policy in French. The city of Winnipeg is the only urban bilingual municipality member of AMBM in the bilingual sector. So in what's to come, I would like to make the point on four key elements that are to me, motivates and confirms the well thought out revision strategy of the services in French. These key elements are the following: progress that has been made and continues in French services, the growing application of active services, the positive feedback of the value of added from French, and finally, the remembrance of the role of the City of Winnipeg for the development of its Francophones. I hope to show you that with the revision for the strategy of the French services, we can build an advantageous city of Winnipeg that is vibrant and prosperous that recognizes its potential in action, that celebrates its diversity and that values and fully benefits from its bilingual identity. For over 25 years, the City of Winnipeg has seen the progress in services in French. These progresses see the engagement of Winnipeg as time goes on. A precedent has been set. In 2020, Council has the opportunity to start a new step. In my speech, each of the actions relates to the recommendations, fits in line with political past of Winnipeg on the matter. In this vein, Council has the opportunity to pull from these past realizations and continue to move forward. The actions recommended in the strategy show the voice to be followed and go beyond the centuries fought before. At the base, the actions recommended are guided by the reflective principal and take an active approach. In my opinion, it becomes more tangible, the meaning and the purpose, to reflect French Services. That's to say that it's more obvious and more easy to access, and of much better quality than what is offered in English. The action recommends to apply more greatly the reflective principal of French services in the two official languages on Treaty 1 Land, over everything else, that marks a turning point. A historic milestone. It also makes much better sense. Today, Francophones live in every corner of the municipality. Francophones don't just live in St. Boniface, St. Vital and in St. Norbert, they expand out of this geographic area. They are everywhere and everywhere they live, work, entertain, and most importantly, ask for French service. The revision strategy for the French Language Services of the City of Winnipeg is sensitive to this reality and are offering a way to advance things. It's with pleasure that AMBM approves this strategy and continues to hold its will to collaborate with the City of Winnipeg in hopes of progressing municipal French services all over the area. The bilingual municipalities of Manitoba are your partner. The value of adding French also brings with it positive feedback with the economic and social plans. In the eyes of newcomers, it attracts investors and entrepreneurs and contributes to the economic community development. It diversifies the local economy. It creates good jobs. It gives a unique flavour to local tourism. The feedback from economic and social value for the city of Winnipeg have not been fully evaluated. It is the way in which Winnipeg will be successful to know the advantage and to distinguish that advantage. I consider the revision strategy of the French services as a tool that prepares the earth and permits the City of Winnipeg to favour and generate this positive feedback (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Mr. Johnson…

Translation of French Spoken:
Justin Johnson: And with that, I would encourage councillors, through you, Madam Chair, to vote in favour of the revision strategy of the French services. Thank you and have a nice day.

Madam Speaker: Thank you very much for your presentation. We'll now have an opportunity for questions for either of the delegations. Any questions? Okay seeing none, let's move forward. Thank you for your presentations, gentlemen. I would like to call forward Kate Kehler. She's the executive director of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. She's in support of Item 3 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 21, 2020, regarding Destination Marketing Reserve, The Multi-Year Downtown Public Safety Strategy (Phase 2). Welcome.

Kate Kehler: Hi. I think that's a little bit wrong. I am here to speak on Millennium Library, to support the Millennium Library.

Madam Speaker: That is the same topic. Thank you.

Kate Kehler: Okay, sorry. I was negotiating stairs. I didn't hear at all. Thank you. Good morning, everybody. I'm here today as a follow up to my remarks to the Executive Policy Committee supporting the proposed pilot project to refurbish the coffee shop area in the lobby of the Millennium Library. I was very happy to see the motion go forward. So I just wanted to be here today to offer that support here with full council in case they had any questions, but also to encourage hopefully a unanimous vote on this. We were one of the organizations that expressed concerns over the security measures that were put in place last year. We opposed any expansion to permanent installation and called for the removal as soon as possible. We see this pilot project as an important move in that direction. It should lead to the removal of security screening sooner rather than later. Just this morning I was reading about a new approach being taken in the Northwest Territories to security concerns in their hospitals, particularly with people with mental health issues. They created a new security position on the psychiatric floor and in the emergency department in Yellowknife's new hospital last May, they are called behavioural health workers. Their basic function is security, but their approach is actually, they don't wear uniforms. Their approach is to engage the people at where they are at, when they need and to meet their most immediate needs in a de-escalation approach. That philosophy is one that we need to incorporate at all levels of government and as a community to better address the needs of people who are in crisis. Another jurisdiction that we have been hearing a lot about is what is being done for downtown safety in Minneapolis. We have our concerns over some of the measures taken their, and also some of the recommendations that were made in the Manitoba Police Commission's recent report for here. There have been protest camps set up in Minneapolis with Indigenous representatives reporting that they had been moved on out of public spaces as a result of more enforcement. One of the most concerning aspects of the Minneapolis project is that it prioritizes the concerns of business over really anybody else because their satisfaction rate with the downtown safety model is given…is given priority. A bright spot in Minneapolis though does seem to be the downtown library. They have embraced their role as a community resource hub and are making positive change. The proposed changes to Millennium that will see…the proposed changes to Millennium will see better access to crisis workers and resource connectors as well as the simple act of sharing coffee and a bit of humanity will do more to promote safety than a security wander or bag search. We know this because this is the approach of the direct service community organizations throughout the city. They too have staff they need to keep safe, but they know they're there to serve the broader needs of the public. Greeting people in crisis with support and non-violent de-escalation techniques when necessary builds community. Winnipeg is facing incredible challenges. This is a direct result of for far too long, we've been focusing on the symptoms without trying to approach, without a real consistent approach to the group cause, which is poverty. We remain the city with federal riding with the highest child poverty rate in the country. A full 40.5% of Winnipeg centre's children and their families live in poverty. We know from our lead on the first two street senses that we have families living in homelessness with kids under the age of 16. And we also know that we have kids living in homelessness on their own. The recent community health assessment by the WRHA proves that poverty can result in as much as an 18-year difference in life expectancy by neighbourhood. Our response cannot continue to be as it has been. Many Winnipeggers believe that social services is responsible of another…responsibility of other levels of government. They look to the Province. They look to the federal government. However, the City does have a role. The charter spells it out. It's to provide good government. It's to provide services, facilities or other things that council considers to be necessary or desirable for all or part of the city, to develop and maintain safe, orderly, viable, and sustainable communities, to promote and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants. As I did at EPC, I would like to highlight that last word. I assume it was chosen with care. It doesn't say citizens. It doesn't say residents or taxpayers. It says inhabitants. That applies the need to care for everyone equally. To do that council must invest in all the services they provide to best meet the needs of everyone. We've already made our position clear on finding other revenue sources to pay for these services and we'll be back when the draft budget is fully public. But we wanted to make sure that we were here today to support this motion as a much needed first step. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation. Any questions for our delegation? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much for your presentation. It's nice to see you again. The only question I really have is the hours of operation. I'm not aware of what they would be yet. Maybe you know from being a part of the discussions. Will the hours of operation be the times that are required most? I'm just concerned about what time it's open because if we're open at a time when it's not going to be utilized. I think it's losing its purpose. I just was hoping you could provide some insight on that.

Kate Kehler: The insight that I have is simply that there is a working group being developed around that and we would be happy to engage with that working group. And of course, we would be looking towards, you know, a service that actually meets the needs at the time that's required. We all know the usefulness of 24/7 safe spaces.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, we appreciate your presentation today.

Kate Kehler: Thank you all very much. Have a good day.

Madam Speaker: Next I'd like to call forward Glen Koroluk. He's the executive director of the Manitoba Eco-Network. He's in support of item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. The report dated January 9th, 2020. And it's regarding the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, the annual report. Welcome sir. We'll have 10 minutes on the clock and following the presentation we'll have questions.

Glen Koroluk: Good morning. Thank you, Council. Just a bit about the Manitoba Eco-Network. I provided a newsletter of our organization. We've been around for about 35 years. We've had our ups and downs over the 35 years. I'd like to think we're on the up right now. We've got a young new and enthusiastic volunteer board of directors. And traditionally, we did a lot of community-based programming. We want to move more into like policy, advocacy, participating in consultation exercises, more networking and building capacity within the environmental community. So I'm happy to be here today. Yes, we are in support of the Climate Action Plan and the proposal put forward by the administration. The administration did put together an excellent report for you and it gave you some of the background. I won't cover too much of that, but I just want to provide a bit of context from a policy perspective. We're pleased that the City is moving towards using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as something that's going to be included potentially in the new development plan, OurWinnipeg. So that's good to see. And I just want to say that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 11 calls for cities and human settlements to be inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Specific targets include reducing the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, and increasing the number of cities in human settlements, adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans toward inclusion, resource efficiency, climate change, adaptation and mitigation and disaster resiliency. Sustainable Development Goal No. 13 urges us to take action to combat climate change and its impacts. Specific targets include strengthening resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related hazards and natural disasters. Integrated climate change measures and to policies, strategies and planning and improving education, awareness raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning. In June, 2019, the House of Commons passed a motion to declare a climate emergency in Canada. The motion recognizes that climate change is a real and urgent crisis driven by human activity that impacts the environment, biodiversity, Canadians' health and the Canadian economy. Canadians are feeling the impacts of climate change today from flooding, wildfires, heatwaves and other extreme weather events which are projected to intensify into the future. The motion also says climate change impacts communities across Canada with coastal, northern and Indigenous communities particularly vulnerable to its effects, and action to support clean growth and meaningfully reduce greenhouse gas emissions in all parts of the economy are necessary to ensure a safer, healthier, cleaner and more prosperous future for our children and grandchildren. In 2016, the Office of the Auditor General conducted a review of Manitoba's climate change plan. At that time, the Auditor General identified very little work done on climate adaptation activity by the Province. A major finding was there were weak management processes for adapting to climate change impacts, comprehensive and coordinated planning was not in place, and there was little progress on assessing risks and developing a provincial adaptation plan. The current provincial government has introduced the Climate and Green Plan. The Climate and Green Plan Act which calls for a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the effects of climate change and an Expert Advisory Committee to the Minister of Conservation and Climate who recently released his advice to the Minister of carbon savings account for Manitoba. The City of Winnipeg approved their first ever Climate Action Plan in October 2018. Strategic Opportunity No. 7 identifies community climate resiliency actions to be undertaken in the short term. That's 2018 to 2022. These broad actions include implementing opportunities to improve Winnipeg's resilience and adaptability to the effects of a changing climate and increasing and preserving tree canopy. The City of Winnipeg has implemented an annual review of the climate plan, which is why we're here today to monitor progress and meeting the plan's objectives. The annual report currently under review proposes that a minimum of half a million dollars per year be reserved through the 2020 budget process for the establishment of a climate action reserve fund. The proposal is that a full-time staff person be hired in the office of sustainability to lead the involvement of a climate resiliency strategy on behalf of the City. And while the City has made progress on many of the 77 short-term actions identified in the Climate

Action Plan, full implementation requires additional funding. The proposed investments would help to close the gap and ensure that the City fully implements all seven strategic opportunities identified in the plan. So we're very supportive of what's come through the administration. It's a very important motion to deliberate on. And just to give you a bit of background. There is some planning that's been done in this province as of late. Some of you may be familiar with the City of Selkirk. They developed the first ever adaptation plan in Manitoba with the help of the Prairie Climate Centre at the University of Winnipeg which is an excellent resource. And I guess we know what all the…how the climate is changing in this part of the world. Personally, I think we've been very fortunate than other parts of the world who are, you know, experiencing you know rising sea levels, extreme heatwaves et cetera. So we need to be prepared for those types of climate changes. So in closing, I would like to say that I know you've gone through a budget deliberation. You're going to a four-year budget planning. And I'm also a volunteer on my local community club. I'm with the Valour Community Club. And I don't want to see cuts to our community clubs, to our libraries, to our recreational services, to our transit service. So I wouldn't want to see like pitting groups against each other when you go through the budget process. I think we could have a win-win-win solution. I know the City could find money for this initiative and also find money that's required for all the basic services that we require in this city. So you know that might mean raising property taxes to cover some of these costs. It also means sitting down with the Province and basically having that meeting where the City needs to raise…have different ways to raise revenues. I mean, that's so important. I understand how restricted the City is right now with the legislation that they're working with. So anyway, that's my presentation. And thanks for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Koroluk. We'll now take questions if there's any. Okay seeing none, we thank you for your presentation. Next I'd like to call forward Mr. David Grant once again. He's in opposition to Item 3 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Are you still here, sir? And it's the report dated January 7, 2020. It's regarding Traffic Calming Measures, the Sunday Night Cruise on Portage Avenue. We'll put 10 minutes on the clock.

David Grant: Thank you, Devi. I guess I'm in favour of reducing annoyance noise in the city. We should also recognize this is not just from cruising and people showing off. The most startling noise in my opinion is when an empty dump truck goes over a bad piece of road. The box jumps up and down and it's very startling because you're not expecting it. And on some roads, this happens a lot. But also we should be aware that even with no horns used and no loud exhausts, normal city traffic can be far over the 85 dB level that people consider a threshold. And in my own backyard when traffic is heavy, if you were standing at arm's length from me, I would have to raise my voice or shout or you wouldn't understand what I'm saying. So our parts of the city, even nice parts in the suburbs where I am, where it is just loud all the time and there's nothing we can do about that because the sound of tires on roads happens. Anyway, the other issue I wanted to make is I believe that the current enforcement method which involves an officer, by-law or WPS at the roadside measuring, and perhaps with a teammate down the road, but I suggest that that's profitable and I would question, you know, when we get into it, when we get further down the road, whether that is a problem. I think fine levels have been set high enough that I don't think there's any traffic enforcement that we lose money on. And then I'd point out that you can hear…tell who's talking right now, not just because the podium is here but even in a room because you have two ears and your eyes are patterning everything that's going on. And we know that machine systems can do even better than that. In some cities where gunshots are an hourly problem, they have microphones downtown. And when a gunshot goes off in downtown Chicago or Detroit, the police dispatcher can say it's at the corner of this, you know the computer will alarm them within seconds that that's where the gun was. And the cops can get there right away, EVs can get there. So machines can do a really good job of figuring out where the noise is. Unfortunately, if you have a box on a pole, like Edmonton, like Toronto might have, if you just have a box on a pole with a microphone, it doesn't necessarily know what the noise was. Is that somebody goofing around with a bad car or was that somebody slamming a door or a truck or backfire and it doesn't necessarily know where the thing is. So the current proposal I believe is that a microphone would be on the box and a camera just like we have for photo enforcement of intersections, the intersection safety cameras. That will take a picture of the last car that went by when it hears a loud noise. And generally, if there's only one stupid driver going down the road, he will get a ticket and everybody will be happy. On the other hand, if it was a backfire across the street and you are driving safely and calmly down the street, you will also get a ticket for noise. And I think we have to make sure that our contractor, if we get that far, I realize this is still asking the Province, but if our contractor is going to give us the cheapest toy that he has, we're going to get a lot of spurious tickets. And I think that's something that council because you people are all responsible through voters, that council has to avoid spurious tickets and a pattern of them. And that's something that would require a more sophisticated device. So that pretty much sums up what I'm saying and I think as far as spurious stuff, there are analogies, there are understand currently the engineering that goes into measuring the speed of a car when it goes through a green light. That's pretty good technology. And when somebody doesn't stop for a red light, machine does pretty good job of identifying that and sending out the tickets. But when you come up and you stop for a red light and you turn right, the odds of you getting a ticket are very high because the machine does not look at your travel and say yep, an officer would look at it and say, yep, he stopped and not do anything. But if the machine says I think that was still moving when it went by this line because you stopped a foot before or after, tickets will be issued. So there is still a problem in enforcement, and I think

that's something that can be dealt with at the committee level. But I would just want all councillors to be aware that there are spurious tickets issued. And with measuring a metal box down the road, it's really easy to get the measurement right, and there's almost no chance to getting it wrong. With sound, I would say on average you've probably got a 90% chance of getting it wrong. And that's going to mean a huge number of spurious tickets. Your contractor your vendor is going to say, no we can do wonderful stuff. But I think you should all take that with a grain of salt because they're selling products and they're not the ones that are going to hear the complaints years later. So thank you for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any questions for our delegation here today on this topic? Seeing none, thank you for your presentation. We'll now get into committee reports. Mr. Mayor, on the report of EPC dated January 14, 2020.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 14, 2020

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report, move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5. I would however like to pull Report 3.

Madam Speaker: Okay, 3 has been pulled. I'll call the question on 1, 2, 4 and 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise to thank all those individuals, members of the public service, the public and members of council for their work on the Welcoming Winnipeg initiative that's before us right now. This is…this is an approach that is unique, certainly in Canada…it…I'll allow those that are watching these proceedings to read the full report, which I'd encourage you to take the time and read, but essentially what it's trying to do is the following. We've seen very divisive debates south of the border as well as in other Canadian cities notably with respect to the removal of monuments as well as place names. And we know that there are as we've learned through the work of the public service, we know there are many place names and markers throughout our community that tell one side of our history. The effort with the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy is to ensure that we're not trying to erase history, but rather trying to just ensure that we are better reflecting history in our community. And so I know that some of the individual place names and monuments are and will continue to be polarizing topics for public policy discussion. This is an effort to bring our community together to proactively have thoughtful dialogue on these things rather than simply reacting in a political fashion when and if as we expect, some of these issues will rise to the political certainly level and public policy level. And so I want to thank everybody for their work on this and thank certainly members of council as well as the public service for doing some really good work to try to move us forward collectively in our shared journey of reconciliation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers on this item? Okay, seeing none. Mr. Mayor, shall I call the question? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into the report of EPC dated January 21, 2020. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JANUARY 21, 2020

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7. I will, however, once again pull Report 3.

Madam Speaker: Three and 7 have been pulled and 2. Okay, 2? I'll call the question on 1, 4, 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – French Language Services Review Strategy

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is sometimes worth noting areas where we have made progress. I was just looking back, and the first meeting I attended here, well we had a budget meeting December 11 and first real Council meeting December of 11. We had a report on work done on the French Language Services. The annual report that covered two years, which seemed odd to me at the time and I remember commenting on it. It was prepared by our interim French Language Services Coordinator of December 2011. The next annual report appeared in April of 2014, which is more than two years later and covered three years. The annual report covered 2011, 2012 and 2013, still prepared by the same Interim French Language Services Coordinator some several years later. It's worth noting we've come a long way. We have had Ms. Young in place as our coordinator for several years. Councillor Allard when he first got here said we're going to have translation services at Council meetings not just Riel Community Committee and we have. That's to his credit. When I asked a question to Councillor Vandal in French several years ago obviously, sometime in 2014, there was much concern. We never had two people talking once in French on the council floor. It had been years. In the years since we've had meetings where four or five different councillors spoke in French. So I think this is an area where we've made great strides quite frankly. We continue to make strides on French Language Services. There is always more we can do. But it is worth it to look at some of the public engagement that's gone on. We had a few years back the incident where the computer was used to translate into French for some of the Winnipeg transit signage. So you had just gibberish on the buses purporting to be French. We haven't had something like that in several years I think largely due to the efforts of Ms. Young, our coordinator. So we've come a long way, we've done some important things. I think that's worth celebrating. We continue to do more. I don't know exactly where we'll land and what the budget ramifications will be, but certainly I think we can make note that we have over the past five, six years really staffed up, really taken some solid steps to move forward, both within this building and the services we provide to the public. A small example when we were finally reopened the St. Vital pool which had been closed for some years for repairs, the staff turned to me and said, "We just put up p.c. in St. Vital pool because we knew you'd bug us if we didn't." So there's just a bit of an attitudinal change I think among some of our staff too which has been healthy. So we should note that much accomplished, more to do.

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

Councillor Allard: I guess I'll go. I wasn't sure if I would be speaking to this or not today. Thank you, Councillor Mayes, for your comments.

Translation of French Spoken:
Councillor Allard: Thank you Councillor Mayes for your comments. Thank you to Mayor Bowman for your leadership in regards to this question of French Language Services. One of the first interactions that I had with (inaudible) at the level of French Language Services was when the Mayor announced that there was boil water advisory so at that time I found myself in a situation where I personally was making a lot of communication with residents. So since then we have appointed Nicole Young, the coordinator for French Language Services, who without her we would be…I want to recognize her work, we would not be at this point here today if not for her efforts. I don't know if SFAMBM are here, but thank you to SFAMBM who presented today. I would also like to note that one of the propositions is that Winnipeg formalizes its alliance with AMBA, l'Association des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba, who still participate in this program today. So yes, to add to the comments of Councillor Mayes, I saw many lots of improvements from the French Language Services at the City of Winnipeg since I have been here. The fact that I can speak here today in French and that you have listening devices if you choose to listen to translation is new. We are now a member of Le Réseau des villes francophones et francophiles d'Amérique, an organization that puts emphasis on French to attract economic

development in tourism. And now we have this report that I think couldn't have been imagined for Winnipeggers if we know the history of the seizing of language of 1980 or the office of SFM was burned down. So I think that the status of the French language, if we keep reports like this one we can see the progress that the language has made in Winnipeg, in Manitoba. And so I hope today that the report will be approved by the councillors. I hope that this will be a unanimous decision, but I think that we can really have an enormous change in regards to the application of the language if we consider that during the time where Sterling Lyon was the Premier of Manitoba, this question was…the position in regards to this was probably a question to determine if you would be elected. So if this report passes today I hope that it's a unanimous vote. It's really black and white in regards to what we saw in the '80s and I hope to be very happy to have a unanimous vote today. I ask for your support and I hope we can go forward. Like they said at SFM, there is always work to be done, but why not offer a French service when we already have the capacity to do so in our departments. So thank you for your attention.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. I want to echo the comments that have been made by my council colleagues. And I also want to applaud the leadership and the advocacy Councillor Mayes…Councillor Matt Allard has been a strong champion for French Language Services at the City of Winnipeg. He continues to do so in a collaborative way with our public service and with his council colleagues. And we're seeing that approach reflected by our public service. In addition to the individuals that have been noted on the floor so far, I also want to just acknowledge work of our Corporate Communications. You know, much of the discussion that happens online is often translated for the benefit of our Francophonie community. And I know many of us continue to find ways to support the fact that we have a large and very proud Francophone community here in the City of Winnipeg. My wife and I have our two sons in French immersion. I've been taking French lessons. Obviously, they're not going as well as I'd like or I wouldn't have to use this earpiece to listen to Councillor Allard all the time. But we'll keep proceeding ahead. I'll keep learning French and I know we'll keep looking for ways to improve French Language Services here at the City of Winnipeg. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. With that I'll call the question on Item 2. Call for a recorded vote on Item 2 which is the French Language Services Review Strategy. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 15, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. The vote is unanimous. Thank you, moving forward Item 3, Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Destination Marketing Reserve – Multi-Year Downtown Public Safety Strategy (Phase 2)

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. For those in Winnipeg wondering what steps is this council taking to improve safety in our community, this is one of many measures. It's building upon of course record funding in recent years for the Winnipeg Police Service, supporting the work of our police service as well as other first responders including the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedics Service. But also looking for other ways that we can use the existing resources and powers that Council has, we of course recently introduced a new community safety crime prevention fund that's funding 23 organizations that are in our communities, making a positive difference for the benefit of the residents we serve. There of course is the ongoing work of the illicit drug strategy task force recommendations, which all three levels of government are now implementing. And then of course there's the Multi-Year Downtown Public Safety Strategy. This report which is quite extensive provides in writing the accomplishments and the actions that have been taken to date and also provides a path forward for phase 2. And I'll just notice a few of the items in this report. There's creation of the community connection space at the Millennium Library which has been mentioned today by a Social Planning Council representative and appreciate her attendance here today in support for this. The enhanced security measures at the Millennium Library parkade, an extension of the phase 1 safe walk program expansion for a second year, and the modification of the existing building exterior lighting program to providing create incentives for property owners to participate. Many other measures it's a one effort among many that we're taking to improve the safety of our downtown. And I want to just say thank you to the community partners that this program relies upon. In fact, it's their

input that's reflected in this report, and of course in thinking of groups like our Downtown BIZ, like our partners in the business community as well as social advocacy groups that we saw reflected here today. It's certainly continuing some of the efforts that Council is leading. There is more work to do, but very proud of the work and the collaborative efforts that we see reflected in this report, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The next speaker, Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much. In full support of these initiatives, I want to just thank councillor colleagues around the table and the Mayor because this is of course a handful of initiatives with respect to downtown safety. But like Councillor Gilroy, Madam Speaker's work on Winnipeg Committee for Safety, her work on UN safe cities, there are many more initiatives that Council is working on to make sure that we are…that the community is growing in assurance that this council is working on safety, whether that's crime prevention through environmental design, whether that's lighting program grants that have been announced two years running, whether that is community safety and housing forum discussions, whether that is work together in collaboration with End Homelessness, Main Street Project, Siloam Mission, whether that is the work on the illicit drug task force and the action plan, whether that is work with partners on basic income projects, whether that's community safety grants, an announcement of projects were launched just a couple of months ago. The work of Housing Steering Committee, the work of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, the work with groups that are responding with harm reduction initiatives like the Augustine Centre, like the work of Oak Table and their dignity washrooms, the investments in traditional ceremony, land-based education that this council has done, the vacancy building bylaw adding more security and other revenue stream for affordable housing that Councillor Gillingham did, and to strengthen vacant and derelict buildings, so on and on and on. I just want to acknowledge that there's other work including work with my colleagues on the Police Board, and wanting to mention, you know, that we participate in discussions including with legislators and provincial forums on police governance and so on and so on. So I want to…I'm in full support of this report, but want to acknowledge that work as well.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I rise in support of the motion in front of us today. And I also just want to talk about the importance of collaboration. I think this is really an opportunity for the business community, along with the great residents that are downtown, that live downtown. A lot of the time right now we see, you know, downtown shuts down at 6:00 when all the businesses close and this is an opportunity for them to work with the residents who are, you know, going to those different businesses and utilizing those businesses. This is also an opportunity for those community groups to come together and really learn from one another. There is a lot of great work in different organizations. When we talk about the safety, sometimes what we see as safety is not necessarily about you know police, policing. It's about working with organizations that work with people that are homeless. It's about working with organizations that work with people with mental health. And looking at how we can diffuse situations and there's a lot of great work that's happening in terms of that. So I'm hoping that this would be an opportunity for all these groups to really come together, learn from one another, and learn what is going on in different cities, what can we learn from. And so I'm hoping that this will be an opportunity for those groups to kind of connect and work collaboratively together. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor to close. Or I'll call the question, okay. All the question all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 7 – Citizen Member Appointments – St. James-Assiniboia Pioneer Association Inc. (Grant's Old Mill)

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll wait to hear from my councillor colleague. I mean Councillor Scott Gillingham is ready to go.

Madam Speaker: Yes, thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is a fairly benign matter that's before us really. It's a good problem to have. It's a problem…is currently in terms of reference for the Grant's Old Mill Board only permits eight citizen member appointments I believe it is. There are more people that are wanting and eager to serve on the board and make contribution to the board and its leadership than we have spots available. And so we introduced this at the community committee that we…so that we can have a change to the terms of reference to allow for 12 members to serve on the Grant's Old Mill Board. Grant's Old Mill is one of the city's…one of the city's six museums. And it celebrates and acknowledges the history of Cuthbert Grant who was the first Métis leader back in 1816. And the mill is a replica of the mill that Cuthbert Grant had. And so it's a fascinating museum with just a

fascinating history, and this allows…this change that we're looking at today to the terms of reference allows more people and citizens that want to serve on the board the opportunity to do so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. With that, I'll call the question on Item 7. Pardon me? No. I think he's ready for the question, thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws with you, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time. By-law 1/2020, Bylaw 6/2020, Bylaw 7/2020 and Bylaw 8/2020.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 1/2020, Bylaw No. 6/2020, Bylaw No. 7/2020, Bylaw No. 8/2020.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm sure the cre-comm speakers or students, this is the part that they'll want to report on. I move the by-laws numbered 1/2020 and 6/2020 to 8/2020 both inclusive be read a second time, Madam Speaker.

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

Clerk: By-laws No. 1/2020 and 6/2020 to 8/2020 both inclusive.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and the By-laws numbered 1/2020 and 6/2020 to 8/2020 both inclusive be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In the coming days, we'll be reaching the one-year anniversary since the announcement of the retirement of CAO, Doug McNeil. It's been one year since we've had a permanent, long term leader of the organization, and for those of you keeping track at home, that's coming up on about 25% of this council term where we haven't had a long-term ongoing CAO. While we have had very competent in-term support through our CFO who stepped up and other senior officials, we haven't had that permanence. During that time, we've had to deal with things like Council's strategic plan, PP…Planning, Property and Development inspectors' issues, October's storm and our inaugural four-year operating budget. Can the Mayor update Council where we're at in terms of hiring the new CAO?.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Through you Madam Speaker, I want to thank my council colleague for the question. I first want to begin by thanking our interim CAO, Mike Ruta for the incredibly important efforts that he's been leading with the public service. Councillor Browaty is absolutely correct to raise some of the issues that the public service has had to deal with, including the response to the unprecedented storm this past fall, as well as helping to oversee the implementation of the longest and the most inclusive budgeting process in the history of the City of Winnipeg. This of course is our four year multi-year balanced budgeting exercise. I want to thank you, Madam Speaker, as well as councillor Ross Eadie as well as Councillor Sherri Rollins and Councillor Matt Allard for your participation and efforts on this CAO recruitment

committee. As you will know, Madam Speaker, there was a desire to really reach out in a more of a national way in the month or after the month of April with a new national search recruitment firm so that we get as wide and as inclusive a group of candidates to choose from. And so we expect that process to ramp up again after April. This will of course give us the benefit of time to focus our energies in the interim on the multi-year balanced budgeting process. But we do expect that to ramp up in April of this year and certainly appreciate the attention that my council colleague is placing on this important position. We want to make sure we get the absolutely best candidate and we have as wide a group of candidates to choose from, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you Madam Speaker, and thank you to the Mayor for that update. At the last meeting of council in December, my colleague from Waverley West asked the question regarding the status of this. The following day the announcement was made that the process had stopped.

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor.

Councillor Browaty: Does the Mayor…did the Mayor not know that the process was coming to an end or did he just not answer the member's question?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'd have to check Hansard to better appreciate the question to see, you know, to look into it in a little bit more detail. I'd have to look at the QP notes. I could always get back to the councillor or I could get back to the councillor from Waverley West if she has concerns about the response.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, let's move forward with the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. It's the report dated January 9, 2020. Councillor Gilroy.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED JANUARY 9, 2020

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move Items 1 through 4, please.

Madam Speaker: What was pulled, 2 and 1…1 and 3 and 2? Okay. We've pulled 1, 2 and 3. I'll call the question on Item 4. Single source authorization of…all in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Winnipeg Climate Action Plan – Annual Report

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'll wait to hear from my council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This was stood down by yourself, Councillor Klein. Go ahead.

Councillor Klein: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't sure if I was the only one. First of all, I want to acknowledge that I'm not opposed to a climate action, climate change action plan and I was quite delighted with the report. The reason why at the standing policy committee, there was some questions and I voted not to accept this right now was because of the inclusion of the extra position. I understand that there are some specific objectives that they would like this position to work on over the next year. However, we're adding to the budget of a department when we haven't gone through the budget process. I would have preferred to see something like an additional staff member be sent to the consideration of our budget working group. But we're not allowed to vote on these individual items. During the conversations, we learned that in past governments at the provincial level and federal have given grants that would help offset the cost of the department staff in some cases and other projects, which is fantastic. We don't know if we've applied for all those grants at this particular point in time, and that's concerning. We also know that we practice vacancy management. That means there's a lot of vacant positions within the city that we budget in case they have to be filled or we need it for a different reason. It's hard for me to fathom why we wouldn't just reallocate one of the vacant positions we have within, even in the Water and Waste Department for this role, thus not costing more money, but that wasn't

discussed. We have opportunities to identify alternative solutions that still achieve the end desired result. We're not having those discussions. This is an item that I believe wholeheartedly that we need a climate action plan. We can do more ourselves. We could look at all kinds of actions that we can take within our own building to, again, start the trend towards better climate action plans and helping our environment. I know that corporations across North America are focusing on climate action plans because it does affect their share price. It's something that stockholders want to know about. So I believe there is an alternative solution that doesn't mean let's just give the department money when we're looking at cutting services like garbage pickup from multi-family residential units. Some 400 people I think have e-mailed about that asking why, asking not to, because they pay taxes. So again, I want to stress that this requires more discussion. This requires some creative thinking. And this requires a conversation about alternative solutions that again I'll say will achieve the desired result. So I am saying yes to an ongoing climate action strategy, but I am going to say no to the inclusion of an employee which means I have to vote no to the entire motion sadly because I don't think we've taken the necessary time to consider alternative solutions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Any further speakers on this item? Seeing none, Councillor Gilroy to close.

Councillor Gilroy: Well, I sure hope that everyone supports this motion that you see in front of us here today. As you can see, we're kind of at the start of our journey on our Winnipeg climate change action plan. This annual report highlights some of the work that we really need to invest in. And some of that work was asked for staff position. And that will…we will be deciding on through the budget process. So just cause you're supporting the annual plan, that doesn't mean necessarily that you're supporting the person that will be decided through the budget process. One thing that we need to make clear is that by 2030, we want to reduce our greenhouse gases by 20%. By 2050, we want to reduce our greenhouse gases by 80%. Now, that means we're going to have to invest in stuff. That means that we're going to have to have some clear goals, that means that we've got some work ahead of us. We know that we need to divert waste. That's one area. We know that we got to look at the mode shift. That's another area. We know that we've got to look at our buildings. We got to look at our water consumption, the fleets, yes, thank you. So we've got a lot of work ahead of us. And you know what? There is going to be asks of us in budgets to make sure that we are prioritizing this kind of stuff. And so if we really do think that climate change is an important issue, you know what, these are going to be asks of us and we're going to have to make some tough decisions. The report, we've done a lot of great work and Councillor Allard has left the room, but I wanted to thank him. One of the things that he did this year was he motioned that we add into our report, every time that we see a report go through our committees, does it reflect our climate change action plan? So now we're taking a clear, concise priority on climate change. Now, that creates work. That has to have a lens of people that understand climate change. And you know that creates work for our staff. And I also want to make sure that we have the right staff. I want to make sure that there's work that needs to be done in all areas with different departments, but we need to know…we need to make sure that we have the staff that can understand this and know what they're doing. So I really hope that everyone supports this. I think this is a really good work that went into the climate change action plan. We got a lot of work to do and so I'm hoping that you support this here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. With that, we'll call the question. All in favour? The Mayor is not here. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 12, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 1 passes. Madam Clerk.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy to introduce Item 2.

Councillor Gilroy: I'll wait to hear from my councillor colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stood this down. I did support the extension and that's really what's before us here. The matter has been laid over 30 days, but I did note…

Councillor Nason: Point of order.

Madam Speaker: Actually yes, Councillor Nason…

Councillor Nason: It indicates in this report that the matter's been laid over by EPC

Madam Speaker: Yeah, you know I just want to check with the Clerk. I don't know that we should be speaking to this item if it was just laid over. Right. Okay. So that is correct. We missed that. This item is just for notification that it's been laid over at EPC for 30 days. So we should not have pulled it at this time. Okay. But I can call the question, Mr. Clerk, if it's in order. It certainly is just to…it was on the Consent Agenda. Okay. So it was pulled by mistake. We will continue on to the next item. Okay. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – 2020 to 2023 Water and Sewer Rates

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

Councillor Gilroy: I'll wait to hear from my council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by…Item 3. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to discuss the matter of the water rates for the next four years, which I mean, essentially we do have to raise them to take care of our responsibility as it relates to the environment and the lake and all those kinds of things. We have a lot of capital expenditures and things that we have to pay for, Madam Speaker. But I rise today to talk about the so-called dividend that gets factored in when we're doing rates. And that dividend's there. So I don't know what the budget is going to say in regards to whether or not it's going to lower that from 11% any lower or raise it in the budget, Madam Speaker. But when we're figuring out what water rates to charge and that it is our mandatory policy that an 11% dividend gets paid out, that stuff is factored in by our administration in order to ensure that the expectations are met in terms of raising those funds. Now, I just wanted to rise and speak to this issue because when I heard about…some people heard about the rising rates and they're all concerned about where we're spending money on various things related to solid waste collection as well, these are the water rates reflected in our ability to deliver on the sewer and water expectations we have as a city so that we're all healthy and the water is as clean as possible and the sewage is as less polluting as possible. The dividend, the way I look at it, Madam Speaker, is the people of Winnipeg are already paying for multi-family garbage pickup through the dividend. What was the dividend in 2019 I think it's expected to be $34 million. That's enough to cover off, Madam Speaker, that's enough money to cover off instead of double charging and it all falls under Water and Waste Department, solid waste, there is enough money there to pay the expected $22 million mill rate provisions for the collection of garbage, Madam Speaker. There's enough money in there, in that so-called dividend to cover off multi-family collection, Madam Speaker. And the bill payers are paying for it. They're paying for it, Madam Speaker. Only in some cases they're double paying, bringing in money. That's the way I look at the so-called dividend, Madam Speaker. In our four-year budget, and these rates are being set out four years where the rates which coincides with our four-year budget. And, Madam Speaker, I see nothing inventive. No good ideas here, Madam Speaker, in how to deal with that dividend because people don't feel that they should be paying a dividend. They will pay the money for the services they receive, Madam Speaker. When they talk about the $34 million, they don't know where it's going. So Madam Speaker, I was hoping to see when we've seen these new rates, an inventive new idea. Four years, it's a perfect time to change the way we do things around here, Madam Speaker. So I'm just throwing these ideas out for our budget working committee. When you're looking at the budget when it comes to things like mill rate for the collection of garbage or you know eventually we're going to be moving to the composting…collection of composting garbage and so on and so forth. And we need inventive thinking here, a new way of thinking, Madam Speaker. Because why in the world is a government department looking at dividends? Dividends are for capitalists and investors and businesses, Madam Speaker. It's not, you know, is that a dividend to our taxpayers? Well, why, why…our taxpayers are getting it, but they're already paying for garbage collection. It's the same department, Madam Speaker. So while I don't like the idea, you know, that garbage collection goes on a fixed fee or whatever, the dividend is calculated as a percentage, Madam Speaker. And we as council can direct that money wherever we please when it comes in, colleagues. So you can direct that money to pay for garbage collection. You can direct that money to cover off some of the extra costs. I understand that we're going to be taking on debt. I mean what is it, the current

estimate for the whole, what I call the North Winnipeg Sewage Plant, $1.8 billion we're starting with what a…pretty well most half a billion at the first part, Madam Speaker. So anyway, I just ask when we…and I'm going to vote for the increase of these rates. I don't support that dividend, Madam Speaker, and I want to be very clear about that. And it is tied into what the rates are that they charge. So I don't know what else to say, Madam Speaker, other than to say to the Winnipeggers who are listening, you know we do have to raise water rates because our same residents, the same people of Winnipeg who don't want to pay a lot, they also expect us to treat Lake Winnipeg and treat our water properly. And ultimately, you can't do it for free. It's not done for free. So we have to pay for it, and so I will be supporting the rate increase. But when it comes to budget time, I'm asking my colleagues to get very inventive. A dividend is a ridiculous idea. We're already collecting money from the water bill payers. So redirect it to things that they receive from that department that we've got on the mill rate. Move it. Just use that money for there and then people will be at least assured that the money's paying for the services. They don't know where it's going when it just comes in to the (inaudible) the foggiest idea. So I leave it at that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Next is Councillor Klein followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise not in support of these increases, again for the reason that this should be directed to the budget working group. I'm still at a loss at how we can justify the current budgeting process. We as a standing policy committee were privy to the cuts that I have an e-mail that describes it fairly clearly that the first realm was to…for each department to specify and provide a list of services that may need to be cut to achieve a…maybe 1.5% or 2% depending on the department cost-saving measure. We asked about revenues or other opportunities. And we're told that nope we have our direction to look for cuts. So I'm in a difficult position because we cast votes that should be considering the future and be considering many other factors other than the next two years or three years. And when we make decisions for your water increase with not knowing if that will bring back to Councillor Eadie's point, the collection for multi-family residences, the garbage collection, if that will…if those rates will be used to offset the new employee, although we have vacant positions, the rate tables I don't think were…are really to be considered at this level right now. It should be part of the budget process and it should have been at our first round of the budget meetings. But we were told then it wasn't available. They hadn't considered it yet. I don't understand the purpose of that direction. I'm really struggling with understanding how we did this budget or how we can vote on this, send it off to the budget working group and have no idea until the book comes out of why they reached the decision, how they reached the decision. I understand that this is a more collaborative process, but I'm failing to see any evidence of that. We got to hear the doom and gloom, but not discuss the rates. We got to hear the doom and gloom and we were given one scenario. That's it. So here we are now wanting to increase not only residential water and sewer rates. We're going to increase the private sector's rates. That will also fall onto residents. If we remove the garbage collection for multi-family residence, then we're going to put even more cost onto the taxpayer. Surely somebody somewhere has had these discussions and come up with a plan. And it would be very nice as a councillor that has to cast a vote on behalf of over 45,000 people to have the details. So I cannot support a rate increase. Maybe we need it. Maybe we don't. But you're asking me just to trust the fact that this is going to be directed properly. And I can't do that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting the report. These things are never easy, obviously the rates will not be as low as we would like unless we get considerable help from the federal and/or provincial governments. One area though I do want to highlight partway down on page 7 talks about CSO, combined sewer overflow. This was one area where I think we actually worked pretty well with this provincial government then Minister Squires as she was Minister of Conservation at the time approved the City proposal, the lowest cost to the four options for a new CSO plan. She did recommend we do it in a tighter time frame, that being 26 years instead of about 40. All of that we have travelled over a few times here on the floor of council. But what I'm going to keep talking about, and it took me eight years of blathering about the 500 metre rule before everyone understood what that was including my colleague here, Councillor Nason. In terms of Handi-Transit, I'm going to keep talking about the words green infrastructure because the CSO plan that was submitted about in August of this year included a $104 million provision for green infrastructure. No Council debate. No Council discussion. No EPC discussion. It didn't go to committee. It didn't go to the Water Committee. Staff allocated $104 million out of their proposed $2 billion for green infrastructure. Maybe it should have been more. Maybe it should have been less. Certainly, it goes towards certain parts of the city that's the proposal if you wade through whatever detail was provided. I would…I'm going to keep hammering away on this theme of green infrastructure and what it is we mean by that and where we plan to spend it until we get a council seminar or we get some discussions, some forum where we can talk about green infrastructure. What I was told when I first raised this was just a proposal. We submitted it in August. The Province hasn't signed off yet. What do we have on page 7? The Province of Manitoba approved the plan on November 13, 2019, with a date of December 31, 2045, for completion. So we do have a rather long arc in front of us. However, is $104 million. If we spent $104 million on a rapid transit line, we'd be debating it many, many times at this forum and having a lot of public consultation about that. So I'm going to keep talking about this green infrastructure fund. Someone at somewhat time line, somebody somewhere is at some point

going to perk up on the public service and give us a full briefing and talk to us about what is being meant. I'd like to see some of it going to gravel back lanes. I already made that suggestion. Maybe I'm wrong, but at least I'm trying to shed some light on this. We do need to talk about this. We do need our public service to come forward and talk about the details of what is being thought through for $104 million initiative. Now, maybe it'll take 25 years to do it. It's still pretty easy math $4 million a year going into green infrastructure. I don't know what the plan is. I'd like to know what the plan is. Maybe there isn't a plan yet. If there isn't, let's all be part of that. It's an important environmental opportunity initiative. Other cities are doing it. Let's have some public discussion and some council discussion on that. If I sound like a broken record, Madam Speaker, you're probably going to hear more from me yet on it. But at some point, I'd like to have a better answer what, in terms of what we mean. The Province accepted our proposal, our proposal as put forward by the staff in August 2019 includes $100 million on green infrastructure. I'd welcome some public debate on that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I was just standing up today to again sound the alarm bells. We were given the council seminar last February. If you look at all that we are being obliged to spend to get our city sewage and systems up to spec, it's over $1 billion. We do not have commitments from other levels of government. Based on that council seminar, ten years from now when the final upgrades are completed on the North End Plant and various other improvements that are required, the median home in Winnipeg is going to be paying more for water and sewer than they are in property taxes. That's the path we're on today. We need commitments from other levels of government for this work to be completed. We've been sitting now for many, many years. Ten years ago, I was advocating for the use of ferric chloride to remove phosphorus from our treatment plants. That process would have taken 6 months. We could have been for the last 10 years basically been dramatically reducing the amount of phosphorus getting into the lake, but that hasn't happened. So again, we need these rate increases to pay for those things. On the topic of dividends, I agree. I mean, having a fixed percentage while the rates are going up is not appropriate. So I do give credit to Finance Chair Scott Gillingham to Mayor Bowman. Last year they took a step I'd say in the right direction, they took the dividend from 12% to 11%. It should be lower, yes. I mean I think there is a good argument that land drainage costs, which are a part of the regular mill ratest support should be covered out of the water and sewer utility, that's reasonable. Councillor Eadie's suggestion to do solid waste programming, I don't agree with. The issue being that water and sewer rates are paid for by all users, whether you're a corporation, whether you're industry. We've got a lot of industry in the city for food processing. They shouldn't be paying for residential garbage and sewer in my mind. That's not the way that that should be conducted, and that's what we'd be doing if you were to put it through the water and sewer utilities. So I don't support Councillor Eadie's suggestion there. But yeah, I suggested last year before the budget was tabled that the dividend be frozen. I'd be happy to reduce it to at least cover the line drainage and perhaps no more. So again I will be supporting the report before us today. We do need the revenue for the provincially mandated improvements, but again we're on a path. These rates are going to go way higher if we don't receive support from other levels of government.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to support the increase to the water rates, just noting that Winnipeggers still have the option to control their consumption of water through various mechanisms. And this all ties in with our climate action plan as well. Winnipeggers have the opportunity not to run the tap while you know, things like brushing teeth, collecting water in rain barrels or rain water in rain barrels to water gardens and lawns and things like that. So while there is an increase to the rates that is being proposed, again, Winnipeggers have the opportunity to control those costs by their consumption. I also believe that it is necessary in this regard to increase the water rates so that we can direct some of these funds towards the North End Treatment Plant that is desperately need to be done to protect our environment as we go forward. We're speaking about growth of our city. We're talking about infrastructure that was built in 1934. We're talking about newer technology that will allow us to work towards reducing the phosphorus load into Lake Winnipeg. We're talking about the opportunity to create a product that will allow agricultural lands to use and further reduce the phosphorus loads into Lake Winnipeg. So again, I do support this rate increase and I think it's…in sitting on the Water and Waste Committee and looking at how the rates could have been impacted or if there is not support by our federal and provincial governments, it could be way worse in terms of those increased costs. So again I will be in support of this rate increase. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise…I will be supporting this report as well and kind of reiterating what several of my colleagues have said already, specifically about the need for federal and provincial funding on…specific on the three phases of the North End Project…the North End Plant Project, North Winnipeg Plant Project, Councillor Eadie. These…the North End, the North Winnipeg Project of course, the sewer plant…it's…the city was required to do so to meet provincial regulations. Councillor Mayes also mentioned the CSO work that's referenced

in this report. That too is provincially mandated for us to do. We don't often talk about, you know, sewer and water projects. They don't often get a lot of coverage because they're not exciting. You'll get a lot of public response when it comes to perhaps bike lanes or pool closures and the thought of pool closures or reductions in hours and that's fair. But I do draw our attention to the fact that these two projects alone, the CSO projects which will be 27 years, for the next 27 years for us to complete and the North End Sewage Treatment Plant, combine the value of them is over $4 billion. Those are unprecedented numbers than any of our projects before. Those…the City is undertaking those projects to meet regulatory requirements from the Province of Manitoba. The City of Winnipeg needs provincial funding and we need federal funding on these projects. These rates that are before us here have been calculated assuming partnership from the federal and provincial governments in those projects and assisting with the funding and that's critical. As Councillor Browaty mentioned, we did reduce the dividend last year in the budget. And we're well aware. You know, I hear the calls from others to continue to reduce that dividend. I do appreciate that. But the report that we have before us I think is very important. To understand too while we're improving or hope we're improving these increases to the water and sewer rates, they still remain some of the lowest rates of any Canadian city. If you take a look at the cross-jurisdictional analysis that's done, it's contained there in appendix number 1, and you see that Winnipeg still does have some of the lowest rates of water sewer rates of any Canadian city. So I will be supporting this report, but there's a lot more work to do in the coming years when it comes to meeting the requirements, the legislative requirements that are set out for us.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I think it's clear that we need to continue funding upgardes to the North Treatment Plant, that we have a lot of issues related to Lake Winnipeg and that none of this will be low budget, low ticket items. The rate increase, I support a rate increase. But I think that if anything highlights the fact that we're not being open and transparent with the public is the water dividend. It's the terminology. It's the actual use of the dividend which is not transparent at all, and it's the constant rhetoric we hear from leadership about being open and transparent. Taking money from what residents are paying, what they believe are paying for water and sewer and not being transparent on where it is being directed, it's…I don't believe it's right. According to the acting CFO, the increase required to…tax increase required to meet the dividend amounts each year averages about 5.8%. I have spoke with the Chair of Finance about this, about my not being pleased about the way that this is being handled. We recognize that there was a tiny decrease, but I think it's the whole approach that we're using and having residents think, believe that is, is not…doesn't sit well with me. So you know, some of these votes, you support part of it and you don't support another part of it. I think it is important that we continue with a rate increase, for sure it is because we have a lot, a lot of work to do related to keeping our water clean and taking care of our lakes. So while I do not like the dividend, I do not like the rhetoric about being open and transport, I will be supporting the rate increase.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to rise to thank the efforts of our public service director Moira Geer who's been doing outstanding work in providing very detailed analysis for public consumption through these administrative reports including this one as well. We also have a steady hand as a committee chair. Councillor Cindy Gilroy has been providing outstanding leadership in this portfolio. I want to thank her for her leadership efforts. Let's keep in mind, you know when you're talking about water and waste, there's detailed engineering reports. There is no shortage of analysis and expertise in the public service, but translating that into terms that are easily digestible for members of public service and the public is something that does require collaborative dialogue between members of council and the public service. And I do appreciate the efforts. Of course I like many have pointed out, I know obviously some will rise to speak about the dividend. I was very proud to have voted last year in favour of reducing the dividend when some voted against that. That's the prerogative of members of council. And we'll obviously have discussions in the budget for the multi-year budget in due course. But of course I do just want to rise to support this report and thank the efforts of my council colleagues and the public service in its preparation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Gilroy to close.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to thank all my council colleagues for all their comments here today. That's what today is about, it's about debate. And in particular I want to thank Councillor Lukes because councillor Lukes, I think she was the one that took water and waste out of…it used to be a part of IRPW. And this is a huge file and Councillor Klein, you're correct, it is complex. And that's why I'm really glad that Councillor Lukes, with the Mayor, made sure that this was a separate file because it is complex. And that…and it is different because the water and rates are really about a utility and not about tax supported other than that dividends coming in from going into general revenue. But what's important here today to talk about is why should we do this right now is because it is complex. And I wouldn't want it to be part of the budget because it deserves its own time. This is complex and it needs to be debated and looked at and it should be part of the process that we're seeing here today. And just talking about a lot of what I heard, you know, a lot of these

upgrades are what we are legislated to do, required to do by law. And I think that that's important. And many have talked about the need of other levels of government coming forward and we definitely need that because we are legislated and required. We talked about the environmental benefits of us doing it. The upgrades will help improve what we're doing to the environment. That's part of our climate change action plan. We also talked about making sure that we have recovering full cost recovery on services that are overstrength nitrogen and phosphorus and hard water. And that's working with the companies that produce…would need more water, right? They need more water. We need to make sure that residents aren't paying for those costs. And hold service, we need to make sure those services are being the same as our residents and I think that those are key things. Another thing that we're doing in this budget is the creation of a new water meter renewal reserve, and this is really important. We're replacing our old metres. And what that's doing is this is good customer service because right now people don't know if they have holes in their pipes. A new metre will be able to detect if there's leakage and that is a cost to the residents. So we're actually going to be providing better customer service. They won't have to write in those little numbers, go downstairs and write out in those little numbers anymore because it will be automatic. So if we can replace some of that old infrastructure, it will be improving customer service. And I know we go back to the dividends and none of us like it and I don't even think any of us was here when that was first originally brought in. So it's…you know, okay why anyways…for me anyways, I can talk about myself here. But I mean, it's a challenge, the budget in itself. And I don't personally like that part, but there's tough decisions to be made. And overall the sewer rates…we understand that the work that is needed to improve the North End Treatment Plant has been all over the media, we all know about it, and this is what we're investing in, and I think Winnipeggers want us to invest in it. So I just hope that you improve these…the sewer rates, I think they're critical to our infrastructure and I hope you support it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. With that, I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Two noted in opposition, Councillor Klein and Councillor Nason. Carried. Okay, we have no motions and no by-laws today. We'll now get into question period for the Chair, for councillor Gilroy. Are there any questions? Okay. Let's move on. Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. Again, no reports, no motions, and no by-laws today, but we will have question period for our chair, for Councillor Orlikow. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none, let's move on to the next committee. Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. We are on the report dated November 18, 2019. Councillor Mayes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Councillor Mayes: Thank you Madam Speaker. Two reports today so I'll first move the report dated November 18, 2019, one item only as seen before you there. No. 4 - Amendments to Heritage Conservation District By-law.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of Item 4? Contrary? Carried. Next report, Councillor Mayes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED JANUARY 6, 2020

Councillor Mayes: I believe this is the report dated January 6, 2020. I believe we have to pull No. 11 as that requires a two-thirds vote. At least that's what I'm advised. Otherwise, I will move numbers 1 through 10 inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so we pulled 2, 10 and 11. All in favour of 1, 3, 4, 5 through 9? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – Zoning Agreement Amendment – West Side of Peguis Street, South of Almey Avenue – Lots 2 and 3

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

Councillor Mayes: I'm not sure who pulled this. This is of course Councillor Nason's ward. Those who followed this debate at EPC, I'll try and save some of the 5 or 10 minutes I spent there. In essence, this matter came forward in 2017. Originally, the community committee did not wish to proceed. The Council or committee…a planning committee of the day, then chaired by Councillor Orlikow indicated that they should go back and reconsider the matter. So public hearing held with then Councillor Wyatt for Transcona, approved a plan with 20 units at a height limit less than 40 feet. So that

began a long chain of meetings. Approved on those same terms, the planning committee chaired by Councillor Orlikow approved that. In 2018, 20 units under 40 foot height limit. Approval number 2, approval number 3, the matter goes to Executive Policy Committee which has the same line-up as it does now except for Councillor Rollins. After I belaboured that point at EPC, Councillor Rollins said just once, she mentioned once that I wasn't there. So there we'd knock that off. So meeting…that was approval number 3. Approval number 4, the matter comes before this body in July of 2018, 20 units, less than 40 feet height limit. Matter then goes forward. Developer has its right. Applies despite that Council direction. Despite that Council direction that developer applies for an amendment to that direction. In the interim Councillor Nason is elected Transcona City Councillor. Matter goes forward. Developer asks again for an excess of what Council has just approved. The City planners do not follow direction of Council. They say, no, we'll remain consistent with what we have said. We will remain consistent. Say it should be 24 units and a higher height limit. That is their right as civil servants. So our right to deal with Councillor Nason then did 5 hour public hearing. Councillor Nason doesn't say no development, doesn't say lesser development. Councillor Nason goes with the previous four votes and says we're going to go with…we're going to go with 20 units and a height limit under 40 feet. The matter then comes before planning committee. One resident claimed it was dealt with in three minutes. I didn't time it, but it's probably not inaccurate. It is then…I support the previous five votes. I voted to continue at 20 units less than 40 feet. The majority of committee voted to change that and to simply adopt what the planners had recommended, 24 units. The matter then comes before EPC split vote. The majority of EPC votes to reaffirm the very thing it voted for in 2018, which was 20 units, less than 40 feet. So five of the last six votes, six of the last seven votes I believe. I'm losing track there's been too many votes. All votes but one have been to…including a vote by this council, including a vote by EPC have been to proceed with 20 units, less than 40 feet, not zero, not no development, not a rejection of the concept of multi-family development. Councillor Nason and his predecessor's ward councillor both voted for a particular proposal. They have listened to the community and balanced the interests therein. They haven't simply said, let's do what the planners say. If we simply always do what the planner say, we don't really need a public hearing process. I would submit we don't need us to vote for it. Maybe we need some sort of planning commission, I don't know. But Councillor Nason has invoked his rights as a democratically elected representative, simply reaffirmed what planning committee had said in 2018, what EPC had said in 2018, what council has said in '18, let's go with 20 units. So I for one have not changed my position from what I voted on multiple times earlier. I continue to support the area councillor, support what Council voted on in 2018 and say 20 units. Again, this is not a rejection of density. This is not a rejection of multi-family development. This is a vote that was arrived at after many, many considerations of this matter. If people simply want to approve what the planners say, then I don't really know why we need a public hearing process, and why we need all these deliberations, but that is their democratic right as well. I will be invoking my democratic right to be consistent, vote with how I voted before, vote with the area councillor both present and past, and vote for, as indicated, 20 units and a height limit of under 40 feet. Again, we are not rejecting densification. We are not pandering to people who want no development. We are simply voting for what we voted for when Councillor Orlikow was chair of the planning committee, when most of us were here in 2018, this is how we voted. So that is the historical context. I thank Councillor Nason for talking to me on this a few times just to make sure I had the right history on this. I'm going to carry on voting the way I voted throughout on this one. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Next speaker. I think Councillor…pardon me? Yes, Councillor Allard? No. Okay, I think Councillor Mayes, you had stood this item down, correct? No? Oh, you had? Would you like to speak here?

Councillor Allard: I don't. I just wanted to pull…

Madam Speaker: Sure. Okay. Any other speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Allard, do you wish to…Councillor Mayes, do you wish to close?

Councillor Mayes: Tempting.

Madam Speaker: The clock, please.

Councillor Mayes: Again, I won't belabour the point which was basically the same speech I gave at EPC but again, when Councillor Orlikow was chair of the committee which included some of the folks, Councillor Allard was there, Councillor Gerbasi was there, Councillor Dobson was there. In 2018, the vote was to proceed with 20 units. That came forward to EPC, past 20 units came forward to Council, passed the 20 units. So I would encourage all to continue to vote for the same standard we applied when Councillor Orlikow was doing his stellar four-year run as chair of the planning committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Mayes. And with that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Councillor Allard, we've noted you in opposition. The item carries. Madam Clerk.

Item 10 – Proposed Lease Renewal/Amending Agreement – 491 Portage Avenue – Winnipeg Parking Authority

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Mayes to introduce the item.

Councillor Mayes: I think I'll wait till you hear…I think Councillor Klein pulled this one.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to pull this because I have a lot of issues with this lease renewal. Again, maybe it's something that should be discussed at the budget working group, but I want to review an issue that Councillor Mayes and I have discussed before and that's the many non-compliance items identified by the fairness commissioner. As I read the report and thought back to some of the discussions we've had when I was on PP and D, I wondered why we're paying this cost because they identify issues with it and we say thank you very much and vote for it anyways. The Fairness Commissioner in this report said the results of any analysis, market intelligence, and due diligence was not included. The Fairness Commissioner went on to say evidence of a review by a supervisor/superintendent was not included. The file documentation was not in compliance with several aspects of the compliance framework. Such as, but not limited to, the reporting checklist relating to the transaction has not been fully completed as required by appendix C of the RETMF. The proposed terms and conditions of the transaction does not include environmental provisions to clarify environmental liability during the lease period or thereafter. There was no documentation provided to indicate that the transaction has been included in the tracking database. The market analysis did not include the factors required of a market analysis as per appendix A of the RETMF such as management fees, capital improvement obligations, rent-free periods, tenant improvement allowances, and for similar assets consideration of total occupancy costs of each property. We often hear we have tough decisions to make coupled with our environmental strategy to lower our footprint. Would it not be reasonable…would a reasonably informed adult not look for a different solution? I don't know how we justify this lease right now. I couldn't find an RFP. Maybe I'm missing it, but I couldn't find an RFP for space downtown and we know there's quite a lot right now. Councillor Eadie's point, it's a good time to start thinking different. We could not change if we're more committed to just moving forward and bringing things in last minute and getting it through than we are to true fiscal management. The fact is the City of Winnipeg has available space that we own in buildings throughout the city. But I'll point out one, the new police headquarters has an empty tower, people call it, sitting there, vacant. In fact, I understand that that tower costs taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars a year so it can sit there vacant. I don't think that's saving money. I see it as an alternative. If we take just a moment and imagine that tower now filled with the WPA, Winnipeg Parking Authority, maybe a nice warming/cooling centre available 24 hours a day for our residents at risk, we could also fill the tower with not-for-profit groups that are looking for homes and help our residents that are working together. We can help them build on their relationships, promote a collaborative approach and offer it to them at a reduced rate or free as our contribution to their work in our community. We could even call the building the tower of hope. This lease will cost taxpayers over $1.5 million. The tower of hope would generate some financial benefits, but it would certainly generate a strong social and environmental return on the investment to move in there. These decisions I'm finding over this first year are very rushed. They end up at committees. They get voted on at EPC, come here. And they need to get it signed as quickly as possible. I don't understand why a major organization, a billion dollar organization makes decisions in the last minute, in the final hour if you will. I'm not sure why. I'm not sure if that's a leadership issue, if that's an accountability factor. We don't get those details. We propose cutting services, closing libraries, community centres, arenas, while we increase user fees, property taxes, frontage lavage…frontage levies sorry, and so on. Maybe we could consider an alternative approach, an approach that is reasonable, fair and has social, environmental and financial benefits. I have difficulty with this one. Again, not being able to find the RFP, not saying that there wasn't one, I'd like to know when it was put out so we could look at those details and compare to the lease we saw. And I can't support it because again it's all part of the process and for the budget, and we're not looking at opportunities to really create some efficiencies within the City of Winnipeg, reduce some of our costs and still improve what we're doing for the community. These are the things we should be talking about, this right here. So I would rather that we hold this over, have a deeper review, a bigger discussion. I'd like to look at the negotiation or talk to the people who negotiated the contract. Why are we paying that rate when others are paying less? Why are we paying that rate when there's a lot of space available? Why aren't we going to the police tower? Why are we paying money to keep it vacant and then pay more money to a third party for a City-run operation? For those reasons, again, I would hope that we would stand this down, wait 30 days and have a greater discussion, talk about the options that will save taxpayers' money, will add value to our community and set a new path for how we approach expenses. Thanks.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. We did actually bring this up at EPC meeting so it is on video and recorded. Regarding the idea of…we discussed it…regarding the idea of relocating some of our administrative functions to the tower if that's the option we're going for. Bottom line, it's really…it's definitely something that's on the table. You're

not going to be moving in tomorrow. The place is shambles. It does…the concourse is okay, but the top floors have asbestos in it. (Inaudible) reported. It's going to be significant dollars to move into the tower to repurpose it and get it ready for others. Again, housing as we know is a problem just due to the fact that the Police Headquarters is there. The other problems associated with that building as we had a review already done by…sorry, it's not on top of my head. I can't recall the company that did it. That is really is a significant cost improvements there will be tenant improvements that we need to put into that building before we go. I'm not saying we discount the idea. But that's going to take…if we find the money and how we find the money, through either asset rationalization or some other methodology. It is an opportunity for us, but it's not going to be free. It's not going to be tomorrow. We're going to have to figure this out. It's going to take some while. So when we ask the…Municipal Accommodation people about the idea, is this the right time to do this lease? They indicate it quite clearly that yes, it is. It's going to be quite a few years before…if we decide to repurpose the Graham tower. Just…a. you've got to find the money. As we know we're facing some financial…Councillor Klein has mentioned and other people have mentioned, we all know we have not unlimited amounts of money out there. So is this the best return on our investment to invest there and relocate? How many offices to the tower? How many floors do we want to keep? Do we want to knock down some floors? We don't know that yet. But again, the reality is the lease is expiring of the right building for the Winnipeg PA. They do have…most of their interior upgrades have already been positioned so they can be removed if we do relocate them at the time. So based upon that the site is, you know, my understanding of the site where they're presently at, the lease rate it's quite good, and it doesn't require any leasehold improvements at this time. So I talked to the Winnipeg PA. They do not want to decamp there for a couple years and then decamp again. Remember that place is used by a lot of public…the public to go get their…to challenge tickets, to do the by-law enforcement issues. So again, while I understand what Councillor Klein is saying about we need to be looking at how we look at our assets in general and look at a new way going forward, that process is continuing in my head for sure and trying to get some traction and how we do it, how we go forward with that. I do believe we have assets. I think we're at a 60 – 30/70 lease. I think we can do more leasing. I'm not a big fan of owning bricks and mortar as a city, that's only my opinion. I prefer to lease buildings to specific administration buildings if we can. But again, there is a formula that we do have in place. So while the idea is a valuable idea, it's not just turn out, you know, decamp now and move on over to the Graham building. That doesn't work. But the question does arise, is there the opportunity to amalgamate some of the civic buildings into one building. Is there extra room out there? Toronto just did a very large…and is going through a very large process to reduce their administrative footprint by 25, 30%. And I've been following that. It's quite interesting. They're finding a whole bunch of unexpected issues there. Again, decamping one building to another building, bottom line, any kind of transformative idea like that or anything, it costs money. You have to do improvements. So but again that should not bar us from looking at the long term, trying to find ways that we can limit down our administrative footprint and you know maybe sell-off some of our old administrative buildings and get some revenue into our stream. So while Councillor Klein's comments are taken with seriousness, I understand there is a reality, their lease has expired, it's time to get that done. But also, also at the same time we must be looking at our assets, we must be finding a process to have that review. And my goal, and I think many of our goals would be able to free up some capital money so we can reinvest back into our pools and community centres and other civic buildings that are in dire need of funding. So again, it's a longer process than just moving down the street, but again I definitely understand what Councillor Klein is talking about in that regards about trying to find creative ways to manage our administrative footprint a little bit more effectively and hopefully be able to divert some of those moneys to areas that are more frontline i.e. community centers, pools, arenas such not. So again, I thank him for his comments. I understand what he's saying, but we need to be moving forward with the PA's. Good with the lease there. So I would say I'll be supporting this one and also mention that we'll be hopefully moving forward with looking at more of a rationalization model.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise on this matter just to share some thoughts pertaining to my colleague Councillor Klein some of the options they've provided. Our interests seem to think about, might be a little, you know rich by the sounds of Councillor Orlikow's perspective with the continued debacle that is the Winnipeg Police Headquarters. Talking about more millions of dollars needed to fix a building that wasn't done right the first time. The challenge I have is that this is set up as a five-year term renewal. You know our community centres are being held in situations where they're not certain where they're going to be as far as renovations. We've got community groups that are in city-owned buildings that for the last couple of years have been in over hold situations. So that's month-to-month situations. Yet the Winnipeg Parking Authority is looking for certainty. They're looking for five-year certainty with regards to their lease. We…there's some perspectives that have been kicked over to the consideration of the budget working group which consists of the EPC members plus two. There's a situation where we have parking rates that are being looked at to be cut drastically. I would say almost in half I think is some of the consideration of some areas from 3.50 down to $2.00. That is going into the budget working group. We'll see what comes out when we get our preliminary budget on March 6 and have the 20 odd days or whatever it might be to actually try to read through it and find where all the Easter eggs are. However, I think in this perspective that we should be looking at a situation where the Winnipeg Parking Authority is told, investigate an over hold. Month to month, that gives us an opportunity. My understanding of

those should be the same rates that they're paying now, there should be those options built into a contract, and I'm hopeful that they are. It's part of due diligence. You know, I've only seen a few of these contracts where that might not be the case. But I'm hoping that can be a consideration and not lock us into a five-year term or that this should be part of the forecast of this four-year balanced budget because I think if the rates are down to $2.00, how is the Winnipeg Parking Authority going to make up the revenue loss? Is it going to be increased enforcement on areas like the Portage area around the ATPM studios where we seem to have some aggressive ticketing that's occurring. Trying to get some understanding of the ward-by-ward ticketing for Winnipeg Parking Authority. But hopefully we'll get some clarity to understand where the areas of challenge with regards to parking. Is it signage? But Winnipeg Parking Authority is a revenue generator. I think it be in our good interest to keep them in an over hold. And that's…I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting the report here before us today. Five years is not a long period of time. I do believe, as Councillor Klein pointed out, that we do need to figure out what the long-term plan is for real estate holdings overall, but also specifically the Parking Authority. Compared to other civic uses, the Parking Authority does require you know certain convenience factor for being able to just drop in, do your quick hearing and get out. The space we have right now, the old bus depot, the University of Winnipeg annex there, isn't ideal and I think actually the Winnipeg Police Headquarters tower actually would be a good space. But again, it's not something you can do overnight. It's probably an 18-month, two-year project. Going month to month also has the risk that if the landlord at the annex has a better tenant, we could be out on the street right, you know tomorrow. Are we going to, you know, are we going to start processing payments in Councillor Nason's office here at City Hall? We need to have somewhere to do these things. So not ideal circumstance. We should have been given a warning ahead of time. I think the department should have been preparing us better for this event here today, but in the interim five years is not a long period of time in the grand scheme of things. And I'll be supporting this.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm glad the students from…are here with us today to witness the moment when there…I think there's almost a thread of somewhat of an agreement here. And I'm going to pull that thread of agreement where people…where people are thinking this general like longer term as to what has been said by many of my colleagues is this. Is that we know specific to the office tower that's been talked about, that it is costing taxpayers $500,000, approximately $500,000 a year because it sits empty. We're looking at the longer term to think. Is there something better we can do when it comes to asset rationalization? We have departments that are in different groups and different properties that are leased out throughout the city or buildings. Can we find a way to kind of rationalize some of our assets, consolidate some of our departments within specific buildings so that we're making kind of better use of tax dollars and lease arrangements? To that end, that is specifically the question that was asked at Executive Policy Committee by Councillor Orlikow and I asked a question as well on January 6 when this matter came before us as to whether or not it was the right thing to do to extend the lease for the Winnipeg Parking Authority in their current location by five years. The question was asked, all things being equal if, for example, the office tower was ready, you know, or could get ready, would it take some time to move in? The director indicated it would take you know at least the five years to, if it's even feasible, to suit up that office tower. We don't know the answer to that yet. The thing…the fact of the matter is it takes time to prepare…it would take time to prepare that tower if it's even feasible. So to Councillor Browaty's point, five years is not a long time. I'll support…I'll be supporting this, but on the bigger picture where I see there's kind of similar comments being made around this chamber is for us to as a city to take a look at the assets, the office assets that we have to see if there's…if we're doing the best that we can. I know Councillor Orlikow to his credit has been talking about that and working on that for quite some time. And so the discussion hasn't ended, but that's a very active discussion as well right now to see whether we are doing the best or whether we can do better for the residents of Winnipeg, for departments, for taxpayers. I will be supporting this report.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I'm going to rise to support this report. I asked a lot of similar questions at that PP and D meeting, the committee that I sit on. I just have to say, you know, since I started here now almost five…for five years, we have been talking on EPC, off EPC, amongst ourselves about all the real estate holdings, the dollar leases, asset rationalization, old community centres, closing wading pools. We've been talking about it for five years. I'm not going to say it's positive or negative how the Province is moving on making decisions and on certain items, but they're moving. They're actually moving and doing something. I hope that within the budget working group, that we can see some action on all of these topics that we've been talking about since I've been here for five years. And you know, it goes on and on and we're talking we need to do this, we need to do this, we need to do this. I know it needs time, but you know what, let's get on it and do some of these things that we've been talking about and saying we need to do. So I will support this.

You know I know that there's…it's a good location, but again I brought up that same question. Why are we spending this money when we've got all these buildings? And I'm getting a lot of the same answers that I heard…I'm hearing today. So let's get moving on doing some of this stuff. We've got so many, so many properties that we really need to move. You know, with the real estate that's been declared surplus, it takes sometimes two or three years to get it to market. Once it's declared surplus, let's sell it. Let's move it. So you know what, the budget working group, the Mayor, the Executive Policy, they make most of the decisions here. Yes, we all get one vote. We get to vote on it, but let's get moving on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We have two more speakers on this item. We'll need a motion to continue to finish this item before we recess. Mr. Mayor puts motion forward. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Eadie, you have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I hadn't intended on speaking to it. But I just wanted to rise and thank Councillor Klein for indicating all of the missed analysis that should occur before you move ahead with renewing a lease, not that having undertaken those and finding that they might have gotten something cheaper somewhere else. I'm not sure that that would make a final decision move because the thing is at 491, everybody knows where the Parking Store is now right or where they're going. So stakeholders and other people can be an issue. But anyway, I digress a bit in that. So it seems to me that this relatively short-term lease is good because I recall some leases that we approved at this…around this table. Many of you weren't here, but the lease…the long-term lease that we have on the confederation building just blew my mind, like wow, that we got into that kind of price when we could have fixed the building, Madam Speaker. We could have fixed the building and it would have cost us less amortizing that cost over the same period as we're paying per lease. Now, in that discussion and this is pertinent to this one as well and to the other dialogue I hear from my colleagues and Councillor Gillingham rightly so pulled it all together. However, I don't know if people are aware of this, but Municipal Accommodations are…is it civic or civil…anyway, our accommodations utility as we call it, there is a policy, Madam Speaker. And I was…it was explained to me in my first term 2010 to 2014. And I think it was changed a little bit after the next election about how we look at our assets or as accommodations call them, our City-owned liabilities. We're calling them assets. They'll call it…there are liabilities associated with the asset, but with the assets we do have Madam Speaker. But what I'm trying to point out is there are policies that were set. And one of the policies that I was told about, and I can't remember the exact percentage, but it was explained to me in that first…my first term that accommodations has a percentage private sector, public sector for where we want to be in terms of using us…using buildings for our services that we deliver. And then there's also another…a balance in that there is a policy set that we're not to compete with the private sector in providing buildings for lease because it's similar to the argument about golf. Hey listen, if we owned the building, and we ended up owning the building, we don't need the space anymore. I don't know why we can't make money back and do that. But it's all this competition with the private sector. So these are good ideas. And so when we are looking at rationalizing our assets and stuff, those are a couple of policies that will have to be examined and need to be determined. And I know there won't be a lot of agreement. There may or may not. There are disagreements in that way, Chair of Finance and Madam Speaker. Anyway, I'm going to actually, you know, I am quite concerned with that report because if we have a standard way of measuring when we're going ahead with leases, which has been pointed out, we have policies that we need to engage in and follow, I think that's very important. You know, Councillor Orlikow did rightly point out that we did some leasehold improvements and we haven't realized, you know, the cost over time in terms of that. And so I'm actually going to support the continued next five years leasing space for the parking authority at this point. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final speaker, Councillor Mayes to close.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be supporting the lease extension. Four things, Councillor Orlikow has pretty well covered the challenges of moving at this time tenants like this into the Graham tower. Obviously that Police Headquarters and Graham tower purchase subject to…of at least the real estate on it, the specifically on that, and the quantity survey study. So a lot did come out of that that we have been doing. Council suggests sort of on real estate matters things have moved very slowly. There have been a lot of challenges. Things have gone forward. We've had a lot of recommendations a lot of changes. In terms of this specific…and I'll come back to the Fairness Commissioner. In terms of this specific lease, I mean I have to say, the report does say we put in a lot of tenant improvements in 2015. If we were moving out, I would expect criticism on, do you people never plan for the future? You made all that investment in 2015. Now you're moving out already. So a bit of you know you could see…if you want to criticize, you could criticize us for…if we didn't renew. So I think the responsible thing to do at this point is to renew, maybe a few years down the line we can get going…get some more people into that Graham tower. Certainly it's a legacy from several years ago now. It continues to be a challenge. It continues to be a cost. In terms of the Fairness Commissioner, I believe a holdover from Councillor Klein's ward predecessor twice removed, I think this was came from Councillor Havixbeck back in the wake of the original real estate audit into the Police Headquarters. We are still…I think our staff are still trying to work things through. They will say things like well, we were faulted for not having the correct documents on the paper file, but we don't maintain a paper file. So yes, the framework says we're supposed to have x, y

and z on the paper file, but we don't actually have a paper file. So still working things out with the Fairness Commissioner. There is a comprehensive policy review of all of our real estate policies coming. Mr. Kiernan's very proud of that, so is Mr. Pittet. It will come I believe this year and we'll have a chance to debate that sort of thing and where we want to go on the Fairness Commissioner. So yes still…it's a fair point that Councillor Klein raised. I don't want to dismiss that in any way. If we continue to get these reports from the Fairness Commissioner where we're not on side and we've got to try and get this to be more useful process, frankly. Final note, it's not a bad suggestion by Councillor Klein about the tower of hope. And that's certainly something we could and should look into in terms of the non-profit groups. If you remember Madam Speaker, Bill Clinton native of hope park saw when he concluded his 1992 speech accepting the democratic nomination ended with, I still believe in a place called hope. So who knows, maybe we'll have a place called hope coming out of this if we follow Councillor Klein's suggestion, it's certainly an idea worth looking into. But for today the vote in front of us is simply to extend the lease at the Parking Authority and I'm in favour of that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. And I'll call the question on this item, Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Two voted in opposition, noted, Councillor Nason, Councillor Klein. We are now going to recess and we'll reconvene at 1:30. Thank you. ...

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
January 30, 2020, at 1:36 p.m.

Madam Speaker: We'll begin momentarily. We're just printing a document as we need it. Good afternoon. I'd like to reconvene our Council meeting of January 30, 2020. And we were on the Committee of Planning, Property and Development. Item 11, Madam Clerk.

Item 11 – Proposed Amendment to the Lease Agreement between Assiniboine Golf Club and the City of Winnipeg at 2045 Ness Avenue

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

Councillor Mayes: I think it's pretty straight forward but requires 2/3 (inaudible) of a small piece of land in play.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Would anyone else like to speak to this item? If not, we can call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. By-laws under this committee. Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the following by-laws be read a first time. By-law No. 2/2020, By-law No. 3/2020, By-law 4/2020, By-law 5/2020 and By-law 15/2020.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 2/2020, By-law No. 3/2020, By-law No. 4/2020, By-law No. 5/2020, By-law No. 15/2020.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. The second reading, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-laws No. 2/2020 to 5/2020 both inclusive and 15/2020 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 2/2020 to 5/2020 both inclusive and 15/2020.

Councillor Mayes: I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 2/2020 to 5/2020 both inclusive, and 15/2020 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 move into question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Browaty followed by Councillor Klein.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair of Planning, Property or Property and Development. I was wondering if the chair could give us an update as to what's been happening with the reforms required of the department following up from the Winnipeg Free Press stories and the investigation that was done in terms of the inspectors.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to Councillor Browaty for giving some advance notice on the questions. I've had a chance to review this with City staff. In essence, to be blunt, a number of individuals were dismissed. I believe some of those were grieved. That process is working its way out. There's to be a fuller report being brought forward by CAO's office I believe that is to be tabled with Council in March. And staff advise that the March report will have substantive updates for Council and we'll have specific public service directions that are multi-departmental in scope. So the staff have…obviously this was a pretty big issue and pretty traumatic for the PP and D department. But a number of people let go, a number of changes being made and soon we're staffing back up. So it's certainly had a fairly large impact on the staff and a report is to be coming in March.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Through you to the chair, it was some time ago we brought a motion forward at Property, Planning and Development to have the establishment of a planning commission. And at that time, I understood the public service is going to start having discussions with individuals and put together the timeline and suggestions. And I'm wondering if there's any update on that, given it's been a few months.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: It's a fair question, especially in light of the provincial announcement just before Christmas I believe that they were looking at either an expansion of powers for the Municipal Board or some creation of a quasi-judicial panel that would hear planning appeals throughout the metro Winnipeg area. So I can ask our staff if there have been separate conversations going on within our department or with the Province. It certainly is…it's a major issue in terms of where the Province clearly wants something to be done. So happy to follow up and report back to everyone here and also to follow up with Councillor Klein.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, the next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins on the report dated January 8, 2020.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED JANUARY 8, 2020

Councillor Rollins: Yes, thank you Madam Speaker. I'd like to move Items 1 and 2 related to the mandatory registration of bicycles at time of purchase and the community incentive grant for Charleswood Curling Club Limited.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Mandatory Registration of Bicycles at Time of Purchase

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Rollins: I sure would. The report addresses the bike registry and the bike path through a broader crime prevention lens. And it stemmed from Councillor Eadie, Councillor Rollins' motion to increase bike registrations to

provide police with more tools to address stolen bikes and bike parks to curb avenues for disposing stolen bikes and to regulate the operational activities of scrap metal businesses to require photo ID of sellers consistent with the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee, Protection Community Services and Parks, and from the methamphetamine and illicit drugs action plan. The committee deserves a great deal of thanks. And in my opening comments, Madam Speaker, I would like to comment first and foremost on the very sensitive discussion that we had. The committee members in their wisdom and with their strength really acknowledged that the economy of scrap metal including some of the vulnerable people in the community that make some of their money and subsistence living on scrap metal and that this wasn't to prevent that. And I appreciated my colleagues' debate on this item. And it's come back to committee. The next steps following this council is that if it moves ahead is to have that scrap metal by-law be seen in draft at the Standing Policy Committee on Protection Community Services and Parks. But I wanted to thank my colleagues on committee through these opening comments on this item because that was a very sensitively held debate and I appreciated that the thoroughness and thoughtfulness that they had.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise…I'm in support of the recommendation that Protection Community Services and Parks moved to EPC and then it's on the Council and our administration did a lot of work regarding a couple of motions that are covered under this report. I only rise. I wanted to speak to only the one issue of doing business adding scrap yards, scrap dealers, metal recyclers, whatever you want to call their business, to…that they're going to be added as used good sellers. Now, as the by-law is written doing business in Winnipeg, that means that photo ID would be required. And we had a good, robust discussion about the possibility that there might be some legitimate people who don't have photo identification. In my former career, I had to deal with issues of people trying to get the photo ID and their driver's license and so on. And it can be troublesome, legitimate people that just for whatever reason, all their important ID is gone. That aside, I think that's good and many of the metal scrap yard industries do already utilize photo ID and you can identify in the photo ID that this is the person selling. We don't know if the address is the exact address, but at least there is some identification. It'd be kept on record just like any other used good seller who's buying used goods to resell. In the scrap yard business, though, there is a few slight other concerns and I know that our city administration will follow up and maybe have a dialogue. I believe it's in the by-law. It talks about holding on to anything they bought for 15 days. And scrap yards get all kinds of metals, stuff that is stolen, but they also receive a lot of legitimate metal that many of us…many of our families and stuff they bring to a scrap yard and we get a few pennies back. But we're actually helping the environment and that most metals can be reused. Things like stolen…however, so we have things like stolen barbecues, stolen bikes and bike frames that might be taken in. And they're not worth a lot of money, but again it doesn't cost much for a hit of crystal methamphetamine. So every little bit, there is a lot of stuff happening in terms of property crime and safety in that regard. However, I think a scrap yard is quite somewhat different than a used good seller because they're not reselling the whole product, for example, they'll receive a vehicle and the faster they process that vehicle and sell off the metal, the more viable the business is. So there's some concerns, and it's sort of similar in the used goods industry as well. But when you have some of our scrap yards take in huge amounts of metal every day and a process that they have lots of employees who are processing and so and so. And so I just wanted to point out and put it on the record that when we're moving ahead and when we look at the by-law, I just want to make sure that we don't do something…because it is a good industry. Some people don't think so, but, you know, it does serve an environmental…the industry serves a very good environmental thing. And all the scrap metal that will come out of that building across the street from us, Madam Speaker, we might get a reduced price when it comes time for them to tear it down in that all that steel will be sold to a scrap yard, right. So when we're looking at say, whoever wins the contract to tear it down, I could photo ID, and they're going to be delivering tons of metal to a metal recycler. So we have to ensure if we're doing this in the by-laws that we acknowledge…we're trying to deal with the property crime aspects but we also have to ensure that that business remains viable because it serves a purpose. So I just wanted to mention that. And I'd like to thank the administration again for all the work and we still got some more to do on a mandatory bike registry doing a pilot. So we've got a 180 day extension on looking at that. My colleague Councillor Orlikow and I will try to work with the administration to see what we can do to make that happen. Thanks.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for our chair, for councillor Rollins? Council Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I had the privilege to attend a community meeting and chair of ward last night on the Wolseley to downtown block bike pathway. I met several interested parties, some in support and some against. There were some property management companies that were there…okay, sorry, I always get distracted. Councillor Orlikow is always keeping on me about being on point. Sorry, my chair mate. I always get referred to by my chair mate. Anyways, there was several property owners there representing several hundred suites in the ward. They've indicated that they've attempted to have conversations with the councillor who is also the chair of an area concerning bike paths. There's a lot of concern about the bike paths, the change in direction and the impact that it will have on the area residents…

Madam Speaker: Your question, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: So my question is, is the chair willing to meet with this group of individuals?

Councillor Allard: Point of order, Madam Speaker. This is a Public Works matter and I think a ward question's being asked. I don't think it's in order.

Madam Speaker: If it's in fact, a Public Works question…I think the question was around the public forum in the councillor's ward.

Councillor Nason: Sure. If the councillor here…the chair doesn't want to answer it, that's…

Councillor Allard: I'll have more questions.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So let's move on to questions that are relevant to this committee. Councillor Nason, we'll start over with your first question.

Councillor Nason: Okay, so recently the chair made some conversations pertaining to a handgun ban, a municipal handgun ban. I'm just wondering if the chair has reconsidered her position and now supports the Winnipeg public service in their position of the ban being nonsense.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I did, for the record, following a young man who had meant so much to the West Broadway Community and Broadway Neighbourhood Centre, a community organizer, following his death due to gun violence in the city, I did call on the federal government who during the previous election, the most recent election, as well as within the mandate letters of the Minister of Public Safety had the agenda to eliminate assaults…semi-automatic assault rifles as well as handguns. And I do support those actions to eliminate semi-automatic assault rifles as well as handguns. And so no, I have not reconsidered my stance in the support for the federal government to get at what is contained in Minister Bill Blair's mandate letter. I absolutely am going forward in there in supporting that to take place nation-wide with respect to handguns. And Madam Speaker, I would encourage every councillor who may have had, like I had, and as Chair of Protection I take that and I said this here before with a capital "p" for protection to make sure that we're doing all we can, whether that's working to end homelessness or it's working with our provincial/federal governments on areas that they themselves have prioritized to make sure that our city is safe. So indeed, I have not reconsidered. But what I have considered is the organizations like the Canadian Medical Association in their work to also hold the federal government on what would be federal legislation and federal policy making. I've considered some of the groups including city councillors from across the country, including our very own mayor. And I have considered the research that goes into creating not only the platform that the liberal government led by Prime Minister Trudeau ran on last time, but also that prompted the mandate letters. I hope they get it done. I hope they get it done this legislative session.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move forward. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure, Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Allard on the report dated January 7, 2020.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED JANUARY 7, 2020**

Councillor Allard: I move the Consent Agenda Items 1 to 3.

Madam Speaker: Two and 3? Is it 2 and 3? Just 3? So 3 has been pulled. I'll call the question on Item 1 and 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Traffic-Calming Measures (Sunday Night Cruise) – Portage Avenue

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, so I had the opportunity to introduce this to my Executive Policy Committee colleagues and also debated at Public Works. I think we have an excellent report here from the public service addressing the issue of vehicular noise in neighbourhoods and some potential avenues to explore to address that issue. Thank you to Councillor Browaty for amending the public service recommendation to…well, I'll just read it out. Ask that the Province of Manitoba be requested to consider the report of the Winnipeg public service dated December 6, '19 for potential legislative changes to allow for photo enforcement of noise infractions. So this is new technology that would be accessible to our public service to enforce the noise by-law. However, we would need almost certainly legislative changes in order to bring a program like that. So with that introduction, I'll wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you. Through you Madam Chair, I rise in support of the motion. I want to thank the committee for moving this forward. Of course this isn't in our jurisdiction, so we're going to ask the Province to look into the new technology. What I'm really interested in is the ability to use technology to enforce laws that we have. And what's really critical is this has been an ongoing issue in the area. The study had went forward once already to Public Works. And thankfully this…the committee agreed that it needed further studying. And there…what's clear in this study is that clearly there is a lot of noise being created by people purposefully, screeching tires, stopping and starting and it's not safe driving conditions that they're providing for other drivers and pedestrians. And at the same time they're making loud noises with their vehicles. That's also you know vehicles that are…mechanically they've changed their vehicle to make louder…a louder noise. So the idea this isn't to…I think stop some of the Sunday night cruise that we're seeing. The idea is to make sure that we are following the guidelines. And I'd like to talk about technology and the importance of it. We've used the cameras as a way of enforcement. So that's been a positive step, I feel, in curving some of the illegal activity that we see out there, but also we've used technology with illegal dumping in my area, which I thought was…you know, really helped deal with some of the illegal dumping that we're seeing. And so now there's a new technology that's being introduced that can do sound. And Edmonton is using it because they're seeing some of the same issues with their cruising activities. And I know that I'm not the only councillor that has these concerns. Councillor Lukes I think will be talking about this issue too. So I'm very thankful for the committee for moving this forward and looking forward for further dialogue. Hopefully it does come back from the Province. And I guess at that time we'll be looking at any extra costs and stuff, but I think this is a step moving forward to making sure that we are…people are following the rules of the roads. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this report. I don't ultimately know what, if any impact photo noise enforcement would have in addressing some of the concerns, but I'm sure they're willing to have this looked at. Because as the councillor for St. James Portage Avenue, which is a very popular Sunday night cruise strip extends through certainly Councillor Gilroy's ward and into the ward that I represent. And in the past, in some of my public forums that I've had with community members, I remember one in particular, right along Portage Avenue where the group of residents wanted to talk about Sunday night cruise and the noise of Sunday night cruise as one of their issues. Similar to what my councillor colleague from Daniel McIntyre said, in no way do I want, you know as a councillor do I want to see the Sunday night cruise festivities stop in any way or even slow in any way. It's kind of a Winnipeg thing. It's a fun part of a lot of warm, summer Sunday evenings, where people will pull out their…the cars that they…and vehicles that they spent so much time and effort, either as a hobby or certainly something that they've worked on for years as an investment and it's a time to show them off, and for car enthusiasts to kind of gather around their hobby. And they pull in to parking lots and take a look at the good work that one another has done. And just the average resident can pull up a lawn chair on Sunday night and sit along the boulevard and watch the cars you know travel up and down. So we don't want to stop that or curtail it, but we do want to address you know the issue of undue noise that does affect the residents living in the area. I've heard from parents with young children who are trying to get their kids to

sleep in the evening and they have trouble doing that on a warm summer evening simply because of the noise. And so if there's a way to kind of have both the Sunday night cruise festivities if we can call it that, and but also do it in a way that is…mitigates excessive noise, then I think that would be the best solution here. So I'm supportive of this report and I look forward to the results.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Seeing no further speakers, Councillor Allard to…Councillor Lukes. Okay.

Councillor Lukes: Okay. Thank you. I rise in support of the recommendation of this report. This is an important step towards improving the quality of life in our city. I'd like to take a moment and bring some bigger-picture points on noise to the attention of council. According to the United Nations, 54% of the world's population today lives in urban areas and that is expected to increase to 66% by 2050. A recently released World Health Organization Environmental Noise Guideline has provided strong evidence that noise is one of the top environmental hazards to both physical and mental health and well-being in urban environments. And we all know that hundreds of millions are being invested by the City, the provincial government and the federal government into CentrePort, which is positioning Winnipeg as a multi-modal global transportation hub, which most certainly will increase the noise on the periphery and in our city. And I think this is an important point to note. The City of Winnipeg Motor Vehicle Noise and Policy Guidelines is 35 years old. On a recommendation brought forward by the Assiniboine Community Committee, the Public Works Committee saw value in updating this policy. And I want to thank the community for that. They worked around a creative way to make it happen, and I think that's very positive. And from that, a cross-jurisdictional review of motor vehicle noise policies and guidelines will be occurring and a comprehensive update to this policy will occur. So noise, whether it be from increased personal vehicle use, trucking vehicles or the sound of aircraft landing in our city, increasing noise levels has a negative effect and we must work to mitigate it as best we can and this motion is a good step in the right direction. So I thank councillor Gilroy and the Public Works Committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Allard. One more. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker for accommodating. I'm just wondering whether this by-law would also include or this report would include jake brakes or air brakes of trucks, semi-trucks that are on the South Perimeter. I know it says Portage Avenue here. But this is again from a noise perspective something that I hear from the residents in my ward continually in the evening times or early morning times where…and there is a by-law with respect to the use of these types of brakes on trucks. And again, this is something that I hear routinely from my residents in my ward along the South Perimeter Highway. So again, thank you for your work on…in the…

Madam Speaker: Thank You, Councillor Chambers. Although it's not question period, perhaps Councillor Allard can address that in his wrap-up. Councillor Allard to close.

Councillor Allard: Thank you…thank you for the interventions from all of my colleagues. Thank you, Councillor Gilroy for the original motion. Thank you for the discussion at Public Works, EPC and now at Council. Councillor Chambers, I'd be happy to follow up with you and the public service to see if there's a jurisdictional issue here. My understanding is that this would be for the City of Winnipeg in terms of our jurisdiction. If there is an overlap, perhaps it's something that we can ask the Province of Manitoba to look into. But in terms of this report, I think it speaks for itself and I think my colleagues have all made very good comments about why we should support this. I hope we can prove this today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I'll call the question for Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for Councillor Allard. Councillor Rollins followed by Councillor Chambers.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Last night indeed, the City of Winnipeg held a consultation on the walk-bike project from Wolseley to downtown and my contiguous colleague Councillor Gilroy and I were not there because in fact it was a City of Winnipeg consultation. And I feel it's unwise to politicize such things when we have a robust community engagement regime. So for Councillor Allard through the chair, I'd just like to give a…for him to give a summary of this important AT project, where it's at in consultations and that…and perhaps explain the iterations of public engagement and that there is more to come and more time to express concerns. This is I believe the second such iteration where…the plan for the road has changed…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, the question.

Councillor Rollins: So if he could confirm all that and talk about the process of public engagement, it would be appreciated.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Sure, thank you. So thank you to Councillor Rollins for the question. We have come a long way in terms of public engagement for Public Works projects. I think this is an example of a consultation where the public and stakeholders invited to let their views be known. I have not been briefed about the outcome of this consultation yet, which is probably understandable considering it has just occurred, but I'll be happy to get that information and look forward to what the next steps might be in terms of what that report might look like in terms of council approvals. I would have some follow ups to do with the public service to find out exactly where it's at.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers. You're fine? Councillor Klein followed by Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, and through you Madam Chair to the chair of…or Madam Speaker, through you to the chair, just recently there was some media reports back and forth that I'm just looking for clarity where the chair said that traffic enforcement would begin on Marion and Goulet within six weeks of the reduction in speed and I'm just wondering if the chair can share with us on Council how this was confirmed and who confirmed that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I believe media reports shouldn't be mentioned in the chamber. Please correct me if I'm wrong.

Madam Speaker: Yeah. The practice is that we don't read from media articles or reports, but the question is relevant.

Councillor Allard: So I had interactions with public service and my understanding at the time of the interviews was that there would be a period of time where enforcement would not occur. And since we can refer to media reports, I understand from a CBC media report that they had confirmed with Police Service that there would be a four week delay on enforcement, though…though any dangerous driving would still be enforced as would be customary.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Anything further? Moving on. Councillor Lukes. Councillor Lukes, did you have a question?

Councillor Lukes: Yes, sorry I just thought there was someone before me. This is more of a did you know. Did you know, Councillor Allard that…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, through the chair.

Councillor Lukes: Pardon me. Yes. Did you know, Madam Chair that…

Madam Speaker: I don't.

Councillor Lukes: Okay, that I have had countless positive calls about the snow removal on the sidewalks and pathways in the Waverley West Ward. I've not heard anything from my colleagues yet talking about this. You know we sort of didn't really have a lot of snow and then we had a bit. But I know that this is a motion actually that I brought forward many years ago that went through Councillor Moranz and Councillor Allard and then came to Council and I believe everyone unanimously supported it. And I…

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: It's more of a did you know so…

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I…Madam Speaker, I really do appreciate the question. I have been made aware by many people who use active transportation that they have noticed the enhanced snow clearing that we have brought in as a council. And it made me reflect a bit on terms of…you know, it's…you often read about negative things in the headlines and media. It's harder to get attention when things are going well. I certainly heard from the AT community that we're doing a much better job this year than ever and they communicated that to me. And thank you to my colleague, Councillor Lukes for letting me know…for informing me of that question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Madam Chair, through you I'll ask this. On a social media web page, there is a copy of a Traffic Management Branch memo dated April 11, 2019, for DCZ to be established in sort of an adjoining area that many Winnipeggers travel through to exit Winnipeg on the east side, that being the Fermor stretch, particularly the area that is to the east of Lagimodiere. It is still designated a construction zone because there's some unfinished work. We are provided with some talking points from the administration. There is some dissatisfaction that it still remains a construction zone. However, is without…and I'm almost there. However, it is without the appropriate signage in the area that's actually with the deficiencies when you turn from Lagimodiere either northbound or southbound. I'm wondering if the councillor…or sorry, the chair is aware of this issue.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Nason. I am aware of the issue and I have made some inquiries with public service.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Second question Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Recently we received a letter from a legal firm with regards to Transit Plus.

Madam Speaker: The question, please.

Councillor Nason: I'm concerned by the allegations that were levelled…within there with regards to workplace. I'm wondering if the chair is aware of it and what you might be doing in regards to it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I am…thank you Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Nason. I am aware of a letter. I heard about it through the media. I have not read that letter.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions under this committee? Seeing none, I'll move on to our final committee. That's Committee on Finance. Councillor Gillingham.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE DATED JANUARY 10, 2020

Item 1 – Operational and Financial Impacts of the October 2019 Weather Event

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The report before me is…just one simple report just…as we begin, I just want to quickly acknowledge Luc Lewandoski who has been with me for four years before me with Councillor Browaty for a year. And he is leaving City Hall. Tomorrow is his last day. I simply want to thank him for his work as an assistant, his advocacy. He's a sounding board and a friend I wish him all the best and the report he (applause), yes. He always printed off my binders. I'm looking at this report thinking of him. That's right. So we do wish him all the best. I move the report before us, but as we do though it is the report that Council called for. It was to come back to Council. It's come back to Council on time. I appreciate the public service getting it to us. It is in regards to the operational financial impacts of the October 2019 storm. I want to take a moment also just to once again, so many of my councillor colleagues have done, the Mayor has done, to thank our public service for the excellent work that they have done through the storm and since that time. It's not contained within this report specifically, but we do know subsequent to this report that we have made application for disaster financial assistance. I want to through you Madam Speaker, to thank our mayor for his work with the Province and continue to press the Province and the federal government for disaster financial assistance. The City has been approved. We're still working out the final numbers of what the City will be entitled to. I can tell it's not in this report, but I can tell the committee that just because of the rules, the funding will be applied to 2020 and not 2019. But I would move the report, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the chair of finance, I'm just…I got the report which is appreciated and I know a lot of effort went into the storm required public service. And I'll take another opportunity to acknowledge that and thank them. My concern with this report is I thought we were going to get much more detail than what we got. We got a very high level view of the costing. And it's…reviewing that report, as you can imagine, if you look at the financials, it's difficult to understand what exactly is in the Public Works, how did it cause the police that much money and how was that determined and so on. And I felt we had had that discussion but all of those would be provided to us. So it's a struggle because it's a large amount of money. And the costing that was presented is very 30,000 foot level.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Gillingham, do you wish to close or I can call the question?

Councillor Gillingham: You could acknowledge Councillor Klein's request and we could get more information for him if he'd like further details I would assist with that. Please call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for our chair? Councillor Gillingham.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Is that up or down? Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: It's pretty obvious, but through you Madam Chair, we understand that March 6 is when the four-year balanced budget is proposed to be tabled. You know, in…looking at the calendar, looking at when spring break is, looking at when the Council meeting is and looking at when we have to pass the budget by, I guess my question is to Councillor Gillingham, will there be more than a two-hour presentation to non-EPC and budget working group members for the four-year balanced budget overview? Usually we get two year…two hours for one year. Now we're going to have four years. And you know, really, to expect councillors to…who have not been part of this multi, multi, meeting, months of months-long process to be involved in the budget process to expect us to, you know, have a two-hour presentation I think is unreasonable. Will there be more time allocated and additional briefing meetings to councillors?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I thank the councillor for her question. Of course, you know as council knows, all council is involved, more so in a greater way at the front end of this budget certainly than in years past. But after the budget is tabled on March 6, I do…I acknowledge the councillor's request and we'll take that under advisement. Certainly I'm willing to meet one on one with any councillors, with a group of councillors. But as far as getting councillors any information with follow-up questions even after the budget is tabled, I'll take that under advisement and I'm certainly willing to work with my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair, and through you to the Chair of Finance. It kind of follows the same vein as Councillor Lukes' question. I'm wondering, because I know there is meetings ongoing right now and they're having discussions about the budget, about closures of libraries and so on. I'm wondering if the Finance Chair can confirm that it is actually nine members of council including himself that attend the budget working group meetings or discussions with the administration or at least up until this point since January 1st.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The…it's public knowledge that the budget working group is made up of the Mayor, Executive Policy Committee, the Deputy Mayor and Acting Deputy Mayor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none. That concludes that committee.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We are going to go back for a moment to the Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. A motion was missed. It's Motion 1 that was circulated. It's moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Nason, and it's regarding Winnipeg Transit. This is going to be an automatic referral to the standing committee. All in favour?. Contrary? Carried. And I apologize for missing that earlier. Councillor Chambers you threw us off when it was question period. So anyways, we've come back to it now. Yes.

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

WHEREAS the safety of City employees, specifically bus drivers, as well as passengers of Winnipeg Transit is paramount;

AND WHEREAS the City has implemented many safety measures since 2017 with the goal of improving the safety of Transit drivers and passengers;

AND WHEREAS in order to ensure the safety of taxi operators and passengers, the Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 129/2017 requires that in order to qualify for a taxi license all vehicles must be equipped with a strobe light affixed to the roof of the vehicle to provide a warning of an emergency situation;

AND WHEREAS a warning light affixed to transit buses would provide the ability for Winnipeg Transit drivers to warn others of an emergency situation and to contact police, similar to the current taxi alert system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the installation of emergency strobe lights on transit buses which would provide a warning to others in an emergency situation.

Mayor Bowman: Do we need to both have it referred?

Madam Speaker: No.

Councillor Allard: We just did but I don't think we have to. Okay. We don't have to.

Madam Speaker: Okay. It's an automatic referral. Yes. It's all good. No. Councillor Chambers, do you move adjournment? Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m.