COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Friday, June 26, 2020

The Council met at 9:38 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 Lukes.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. We have a leave of absence motion for Councillor Gilroy. Moved by Councillor Rollins, seconded by Councillor Orlikow. Would you please read that into the record?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

That Councillor Gilroy be excused from today's meeting due to a personal family matter

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into morning delegations beginning with you, Mr. Mayor. You have the floor.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bowman: Morning statements. I'm not going to appear in delegation, thankfully for my council colleagues. Good morning, Madam Speaker. And mood morning to my colleagues and all those that are here in person. I will be brief with opening remarks. This month there was a refresh of some of the leadership mandates at city hall. And I want to just begin today's meeting by thanking all those that have served and are continuing to serve for their efforts. I want to thank Councillor Vivian Santos for continuing to serve in the role of Acting Deputy Mayor. Councillor Rollins is continuing in the demanding portfolio she's led for the last two years. I want to welcome Councillor Browaty to begin serving tomorrow as Chair of Innovation and Economic Development. I want to thank Councillor Chambers for his service as Deputy Mayor. Nobody has attended, well, maybe Councillor Santos has, but he has attended a lot of events certainly pre-COVID on my behalf representing me and the City. And I do appreciate, and of course, welcome him in the role as Chair of the Police Board. I want to thank Councillor Gillingham for his ongoing stewardship of our finances. We have a major item we're voting on today serving in the portfolio as Finance Chair, but also becoming, once again, the Council Liaison for Military and Veterans Affairs. I thank Councillor Klein for his service as Chair of the Police Board and Councillor Nason also for his representation as Council Liaison for Military and Veterans Affairs. Certainly, Councillor Orlikow is stepping into the new role as Deputy Mayor and he will also be very busy and be serving in that leadership capacity. I want to thank him for that. Councillor Mayes is going back to a portfolio that he knows well, of course, as Chair of Water and Waste and the Environment. And Councillor Gilroy who I want to wish her all the very best today as she is missing the meeting, but I do want to thank her for agreeing to step into the portfolio of P and D. With that, I again just want to thank everybody for their ongoing efforts. Madam Speaker, this last weekend was National Indigenous People's Day. And of course, Winnipeg is…has the largest Indigenous community in…of a major city in the entire country, something that should be a tremendous source of pride for all of our residents. We have and continue to celebrate all of the contributions of Indigenous peoples. And I want to note for our community, of course, not only does the Indigenous community here in Winnipeg contribute so much to the art and cultural life of our community, but also to the economy. Statistics that I have been able to find state that our…that the Indigenous economy contributed 3.9% to Manitoba's economy in 2016 and continues to grow. And so,

it was a day of tremendous pride for all Winnipeggers. I want to offer a congratulations to Kelsey Wog of the University of Manitoba Bisons for being named Youth Sports Female Athlete of the Year. Kelsey is just an incredible person and incredible swimmer. I had the pleasure of representing the University of Manitoba swim team when I was in college some time ago. Kelsey is just an incredible athlete and I want wish her and the U of M Bison program congratulations and all the very best. I also want to thank and congratulate Colonel Eric Charron. He is finished his term serving as 17 Wing Commander here in the City of Winnipeg. I know he is no stranger here to Councillor Nason, Councillor Gillingham and others here in the council chamber. He's been a dear friend of mine and a dear friend of Winnipeg and Winnipeg City Council in the efforts that we are leading. And I want to wish him and his family all the very best and thank him for his ongoing service to our country. And lastly, Madam Speaker, I will wrap up. Canada Day is right around the corner next week. We will be celebrating together while staying apart. And so the celebrations will be very different next week, but I want to wish all of our residents, all Canadians, a very happy Canada Day. In terms of the fact that we are not able to go out to many of the activities that many members of Council and I typically participate in each Canada Day, we are as we speak erecting a very large Canada flag outside of city hall. And I would encourage all of my colleagues today if you get a chance, go outside, check it out with pride, and just want to wish all of our residents in advance a very happy Canada Day. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Next is Councillor Rollins for your morning announcement.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. June 3rd, I participated in an MKO hosted an event at The Forks in Winnipeg by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls monument to honour families and survivors who shared their truths during the national inquiry process. To quote Grand Chief Garrison Settee, "The truth shared by families and survivors will not be forgotten. Your truths are sacred and we will honour them. Your lives are sacred. You have the right to live and the right to feel safe. As a leader, I will do my part to help end this pandemic of violence." And I want to concur with Grand Chief Garrison Settee on ending the pandemic of violence against women and girls and gender diverse peoples. On June 5th, upwards of 20,000 Winnipeggers rallied at the Legislature for Justice for Black Lives march to the Human Rights Museum at The Forks where they then, in a very profound way, took a knee to recognize justice for black lives. I was proud to march with my family in this record setting demonstration in Winnipeg. And I want to acknowledge the calls to action that all councillors and in particular my office have received to-date over 300 e-mails asking City Council to restructure Winnipeg Police Services, relocate their budget to critical health, life safety and community services. And I want to acknowledge that I am aware of upwards of, I think we'll hit, 70,000 signatories on a petition to do the same. I have answered similarly to the Mayor to these calls to action, and I want to state for the record, I do favour reducing the police budget. And I particularly like the motion put forward by Councillors Wong-Tam and Moreau from the City of Toronto, and I hope that this takes hold nationally. I note the Mayor has responded, and I want to thank all councillors for responding. This is indeed a discussion that we need to have going forward into the future debates on Council to prioritize health and life safety. June 21st was National Indigenous People's Day. A day to recognize contributions of Indigenous peoples, focus on work to preserve Indigenous cultures and the need to continue working together on recognition of rights generally as well as specifically rights described in the United Nations declarations. Indigenous experience as well as the systemic barriers that continue to impact Indigenous peoples in our society today. We all have a role to play in building a more inclusive Winnipeg and we must continue to work together to eliminate hate, racism and discrimination in all of its forMs With respect…

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Could you wrap up the morning statement?

Councillor Rollins: Sorry, Madam Speaker. I have two more iteMs In addition to recognizing Indigenous People's Day, I want to also recognize that Ry Moran of the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation involved in collecting over 7,000 video and audio recordings during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will be leaving his post at NCTCR in Winnipeg. I want to wish him the…I want to wish him well, and I want to recognize him as his new role as an Associate University Librarian for Reconciliation at the University of Victoria. Ry Moran said Canada's profoundly racist country. The origins of this country are built and founded upon racist ideas and notions and that this is the record we have to set straight, he said in a recent interview. Indigenous peoples are not all of the things they have been accused of being. In his new role, he will be collecting items ranging from oral histories to written accounts and working with library officials to package and present the materials to make them more accessible to the public. I believe he will continue his relationship with Winnipeg. He currently sits on the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Council. And I look forward to being in touch with him as we develop our own vision for an archives in Winnipeg. And finally, I want to work in, Madam Speaker, with your patience, the graduates of 2020, including…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, it's almost four minutes. Thank you so much for your important remarks. I do want to remind Council, it is one topic, one minute, two topics if you can fit them into the time. We do have a full day ahead of us. I appreciate your cooperation with that. Councillor Gillingham, your morning announcement, please.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to congratulate HMCS Winnipeg of the Royal Canadian Navy. Her Majesty's ship that bears our city's name is celebrating 25 years of service this week. The patrol frigate was commissioned into service on June 23rd, 1995. And in its quarter of a century of service and operations, the ship has deployed to locations around the world and has worked with numerous maritime partners in the international community. Very fittingly, HMCS Winnipeg has adopted the City of Winnipeg's motto as its own. So the ship sails the world…the world's waters under the motto, "One with the strength of many". I know that Mayor Bowman and my council colleagues certainly will join me in congratulating HMCS Winnipeg on 25 years of serving Canada and democracy around the world. The commanders and crews, past and present, make the City of Winnipeg very proud.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham.

MINUTES

Councillor Klein moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on May 29th, 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move on to delegations. I would like to call forward Mr. Rubi Gill. He is the owner of the McLaren Hotel. He is in support of Item 1 of the report A of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated May 21st, 2020. And it is regarding the list of historical resources, the nomination of the McLaren Hotel, 554 Main Street. And at this time, if I could also call Mr. Rick Lees down to the bench. Mr. Gill, welcome. And we'll put 10 minutes on the clock for you.

DELEGATIONS

Rubi Gill: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, city councillors, it's a pleasure to be here today. My name is Rubi. Thank you everyone for this podium. I wanted to be clear that I am in favour of heritage and I support the motion that was passed at EPC to designate the north façade facing Rupert, east façade facing Main Street and the flagpole with heritage designation. This will support heritage within the existing business framework that ensures affordable housing. Before I speak to the stakeholders, I wanted to give you a quick background about myself. I was born and raised in Winnipeg, grew up in Windsor Park, attended high school at Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, graduated from the University of Manitoba, go Bison, with a Bachelor of Science with distinction, Bachelor of Commerce, double major in Finance and Accounting. I articled at a local accounting firm and earned my CPA CA designation. Since then, I have started a watercraft rental company in Toronto, owned and expanded a maid service business in Edmonton and New York City. I've helped in the development of over 280 single family residential lots in our city, constructed 71-unit condo building, constructed a couple of six-plexes, built a number of infill properties and continue to hold land inventory in Manitoba. Lastly, I also owned the 9.4-acre Bowman Industrial Park in northeast Winnipeg and the McLaren Hotel, which has been with the family for the past 17 years. I've donated thousands to the Main Street Project, sponsored a child through World Vision and every Saturday morning you can find me delivering meals to the Meals on Wheels Program in the inner-city. I'm also a member of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. There are four stakeholders; the environment, business, heritage and affordable housing. Let's take a quick look at the environmental implications. The business…the building was designed in an era of time when the environment did not matter. The building was not insulated and was designed to actually bleed energy. It was heated by shoveling dirty coal into the basement…basement broiler and is essentially a standing chimney. The only way to prevent this is to clad the exterior of the building, which can't be done if it is declared heritage. Therefore, we want to limit the impact on the environment by reducing heritage to the high profile and most significant heritage walls which are the north and east façades. That's where you will find the red brick, cornice and ornate stone work. I left the city…State of the City Address with a tree seedling and a one million tree challenge, the environment is important. Next, let's take a look at the implications to our existing business model. The Altus Group completed a study on the impact of heritage on the property and concluded that there is a multi-faceted loss and that the current business model is not the highest and best use. The first loss is in the value of land assembly, specifically, we own the gravel parking lot next to the hotel. A complete heritage designation would result in a loss in the ability to deem the land as one piece. Therefore, it will affect our ability to leverage it to construct a new building on the gravel parking lot. The second loss is due to the increased costs of operations which will devalue the business operations. Specifically, insurance will increase at least 15%, higher energy bills in perpetuity, increase window replacement costs, increase administration costs to comply. More importantly, we are already spending 24% of every rental dollar on maintenance. Please see letter from our accountant to confirm that. As well, I am more than prepared to supply you with many permits that we have pulled for the maintenance of the building since 2000. Collectively, the implications onto the business will be a multi-million-dollar impact. Heritage will contend that window replacement and maintenance costs are ongoing costs to any business regardless of designation. However, we would never install a luxury fiberglass window as a substitute for a much cheaper and almost equal in performance PVC

window. PVC windows have come a very long way and are used in virtually all new builds. I speak to the incremental costs as a direct result of heritage. Next, let's look at affordable housing. I am very proud of the work that we do at the McLaren. For $13 a day, we are one of the best hotels of its type on Main Street. In comparison, that's 70% cheaper than Manitoba affordable housing levels. No other private SRO includes all of the following service; for the safety and security of the 150 people that live at the McLaren, some for more than 20 years, the front desk is managed 24 hours a day seven days a week, full-time maintenance man, maids clean all common areas, rooms upon request, toilet paper for everybody every Friday. We provide bed frame, mattress, box spring, bedding, full cable, telephone, heat, electricity, water for $13 a day. As heritage will increase our operating costs, we can either increase revenue or reduce expenses, that's the income statement. If we do not want be to ask those most vulnerable in our community to pay for it then the only other place to look is the expense side. As shown by our commitment to the past 17 years for low-rental costs, this has always been our focus. We heavily scrutinize our expenses. The increased costs will have an impact on our existing business model and therefore impact on our residents. Supporting the motion passed at EPC will allow us to achieve the following: realize the conversion of the McLaren Hotel to a third stage transitional living in partnership with the Main Street Project in addition to affordable housing at 550 Main Street. Create a continuum of supports to encourage transition from SRO living to independent living in adjacent building while remaining a part of the McLaren community. Introduce stability and supports to empower individuals with the objective of enabling employment and contribution to the economy. Create affordable residential units in the downtown which is consistent with the City of Winnipeg's Downtown First agenda and OurWinnipeg's call to foster continued downtown renewal and residential growth. Support partnerships including Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, support thoughtful densification of the downtown, provide new revenues to City of Winnipeg through new assessed taxation roll, increased economic activity during construction including both indirect and direct job creation. Preserve heritage components of the McLaren while ensuring overall sustainability of the existing SRO, increase energy efficiency of the McLaren through renovation, increased downtown renewal and safety through the elimination of the gravel parking lot in the heart of Winnipeg's downtown, new storefront on Main Street, 108 new units, all of which generate healthy activity and increase safety in our downtown during a pandemic. Increase economic activity by doubling parking to promote people to live, work, and spend time downtown. And this is actually the coolest part of the whole process is that teaming up with Main Street Project to transform the McLaren to third-stage supportive housing, we can now leverage this unique knowledge gained from supportive housing to help people move into the new building. The new building will provide the most critical step to alleviate the bottleneck…bottleneck of the housing issue. To provide somebody a place to rest one's soul, a bedroom. A place to nourish one's mind, a kitchen. A place to be creative and hopeful of one's future, a living room. A powerful instrument of change. The McLaren is not an ideal place to get out of poverty, one is essentially living on top of oneself. I love numbers so I wanted to give a few figures to help quantify this. There's a popular $110 million study fostered by Health Canada to end homelessness that concluded housing first as the best approach. Within the city, it was also found that...sorry, within the study, it was also found that 15% of those who received supportive housing, Main Street Project, will move out of poverty in the long run for long-term. Thus, if Rick and his team are able to identify just 15% of the 150 people, that's about 22, 23 individuals that live at the McLaren, that are best suited no longer need the support of housing and we can move them next door. Then, we also know that the average cost of somebody living in poverty is about $45,000 per person and that is because individuals have higher interactions with law enforcement, fire, paramedic, hospital. So again, taking the 22 people and multiply that by 45,000 per person, that's $990,000 a year in savings to the system. Morality aside, that is the economics of what we are set out to achieve. Understandably, a difficult decision. But what is more important; environment or historical preservation? Property rights or affordable housing? Each stakeholder is important. But I can say that without wavering that the affordable housing is the most important stakeholder of all the other ones. People are more important than bricks. Though much time and effort…through much time and effort, we have actually found a way to satisfy all stakeholders in some capacity. This can be achieved by supporting the motion that passed at EPC, namely, the designation…the heritage designation to the high profile and historically significant north façade, similar east façade and flagpole. I am supporting heritage within the existing business framework that ensures affordable housing will continue. I've got a minute, so I'm going to try to use this one minute effectively. A question was posed subsequent to delegation last time was, in 17-years we haven't done anything with the building in terms of windows and now windows are an issue. It's got a really simple answer to that, it's that 17-years ago the business was actually losing money. We tried to break even, that took a couple years. The business was made profitable. We've used that profitability to reinvest into the building. Some major capital expenditures that we have incurred was a brand-new boiler at a cost of about 100,000. I've replaced both the main roof and sub roof. That was around $60, $70,000. I'm saving to replace elevator. I've been quoted $120,000 for that. And each room that we do, if it is a complete reno, it's between $10 and $15,000. So we have done a number of those. So that is where the money went. And that is why the windows weren't addressed. The windows are about…PVC is about $1,000 a window. We have 208 windows and we decided that the other things were more important at the time. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Mr. Mayor and members of Council for the opportunity.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Gill. If you want to just stand down by the benches and we'll call you back in a few minutes for any questions. I'd like to now call Mr. Lees forward. He is the Executive Director of the Main Street Project and also in support of this item. We'll put five minutes on the clock. Welcome.

Rick Lees: Thank you. And thank you for having me here. I apologize for the casual dress, but it is Winnipeg, it is the end of June and it is Friday. I will keep remarks short. I am here in support of this particular application and the McLaren Hotel. But I wanted to give some context to that. Five weeks ago, if you'd asked me if we were any closer to the conclusion of the 10-year plan to end homeless, which Winnipeg has, we are about six years into that plan, I probably would have provided some negative responses to that and said that we haven't made a lot of progress. In five weeks, that's all changed and it's changed because many resources have come forward because of COVID-19, particularly in the marginalized sector, particularly in the low barrier sector. Main Street Project has added 76,000 square feet of space in the Disraeli Building, as you may know, and instantly that filled to the point where last night we had 190 people staying there and that's the regular occurrence. The federal government has provided us $2 million and over a five-week renovation of the Mitchell Building. And in two weeks, we will be able to accommodate another 120 and that building is already full with a wait list. And the wait list consists of seniors who are staying in shelter currently. It consists of LGBT folks. It consists of women fleeing violence, et cetera. So there is a unique opportunity here, I think, that has occurred to really deal with the very marginalized section of our society. What is also demonstrated is some fairly large gaps. And the gaps exist in transitional housing. As you know, Main Street Project has a 34-bed transitional housing facility, the Mainstay Residence. But largely beyond that, there is not a lot of transitional housing. We work with the McLaren and the 150 clients who have lived there. And what we have to understand is all housing is not the same. And what you also need to understand as councillors is, in fairness to you, you are dealing with a 30-year problem nationally. Housing has been on the decline for 30 years. There has not been an increase of housing since 1995. The largest build of housing was in the '70s and after '95, it was a continued decline. So as I say, you have a remarkable job ahead of you and you shouldn't see it as just Winnipeg problem because nationally, this has been the trend. But it can't continue because what we have also found in accommodating those 190 clients that we now see in our shelter, which is now on registration basis as opposed to a seven in, seven out model, is that many of them are ready for transitional housing. Transitional housing needs supports. It needs the support that we can provide at the McLaren today with our case workers, around mental health, substance use disorder, et cetera. And many of these supports are needed long-term. That doesn't mean someone shouldn't be entitled to housing. So today we kind of divide people. We divide people into healthcare models and we send them off to the healthcare system, and then we try to create housing for healthy people. And we have to understand that housing is a form of health care and it needs to be integrated with mental health supports and with general living supports and with primary health supports. That is some of the work that our case workers do with the clients that currently live at the McLaren, the 150 people. That's why some of have been able to stay there for 20 years. And so, there is a huge gap right now that we're noticing. The good news is, we're being able to see it through the outcomes of COVID and the response that's happened, enable to house people in shelters. But we know that there is a whole population that's now joined our shelter because it's safe, it's respectful, it's six feet of spacing. And when you create dignity, people come in. Many of these clients have indicated they lived in encampments, they lived anywhere else but a shelter. And now that we have been able to engage with them, they're saying, they could move on to a transitional residence. When we see private public partnerships happen like the one at the McLaren or what's being proposed there, we get excited about that because it provides space not only for this type of a client, but it provides it in a community where they want to be, which is the downtown cores of cities. Often, we think we are just going to create housing some place else and push someone out and they'll do fine, and they fail because you take them away from their community. So this is their community and we ought to be building this kind of housing where they are and meeting them where they are. So I certainly support what Rubi wants to do at the McLaren. I support what he wants to do within the existing facility by improving that facility and then expanding that so that we can create a system where people can triage through the system. Keeping in mind, that you need a system that works both directions so people can move forward and then when they have relapses or challenges, they can move the other way, but there is always a safety net. And I see I'm down to nine seconds, so I will wrap up by simply saying, I certainly support this. I think it is an important opportunity for the city and this council. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Lees. Are there any questions for either of our delegations? Councillor Rollins. Mr. Gill, could you please come forward. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: This is a question for Mr. Lee. Thank you very much for your comments in terms of letting the Council know that the resources that you've put in during COVID have been instantly filled. I think that's the take away quote from today, instantly filled. We have before us a letter from Angela Matheson on the vision…her support for the vision involving the partners, including yourself, to achieve the outcomes you have proposed. Do you welcome a day where you are not on an agenda item fundamentally for heritage? But do you welcome a day where you are not on an agenda item the last time you appeared before us about budgetary reduction? Do you welcome a day that you are here on a budgetary…on an item related to housing, transitional housing, do you welcome that day, Rick Lee?

Rick Lees: I certainly welcome that day. And I'm here to say that I think it's within reach. I know that these are big challenges for councils and cities when you have to balance budgets. But I really do think there's an opportunity here if you choose to take it. And perhaps it's come out of COVID-19. Perhaps it came out of a sideways direction. But that shouldn't mean that we don't consider what that has offered us. There is an opportunity here to end homelessness in this

city. There's an opportunity to do it in a dignified and respectful way. So I welcome the day and I am sure you do welcome the day when I am not standing here speaking to you. But I think we do need to act.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. This is more of a, 'do you remember, did you know' question to Mr. Lees. Do you recall…do you remember the Roblin Hotel on Adelaide Street that provided a very great setup very much like Mr. Gill's did for many, many years? I had very good friends who owned the Roblin Hotel, one of the last men's only hotels in Winnipeg, which was interesting. Did you know in St. Norbert, in Councillor Chambers ward now, we have the Behavioral Health Foundation that has amazing transitional housing in the community with the support system so close by? And the success that we have seen in that community, in our community, is outstanding. And the community really never wants the Behavioral Health Foundation to leave or the transitional housing because of the great work and the partnerships that are made, just like the partnership Mr. Gill has made with you and the partnerships with the transitional housing that will continue on for our inner-city. So I am very supportive of what is going on here. And thank you very much for coming down.

Rick Lees: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. If you would like to respond either of you, Mr. Lee's. And that would come through the Chair.

Rick Lees: Yes, I just think that you've brought forward exactly the point. There needs to be partnerships, there needs to be people who are willing to invest in the resources and the infrastructure and so on as Mr. Gill is and as the McLaren is willing to do. And then you need the social service support and the agencies that can provide the continued support for people that are in the facilities.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Chair…Madam Speaker. Really, I am not standing to ask any questions, Madam Speaker. I'm just standing to say thank you to both gentlemen. The work that you do in our community is appreciated more than you know. I know it is a difficult job. I have had the pleasure of being through the Main Street Centre a couple of times to watch the passion and care that is given to individuals in our city. And I thank you both for what you do. So thank you, have this opportunity to do it so I'll take advantage of it. So through you, Madam Speaker, my thanks to both our speakers.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Klein. Your opportunity to respond.

Rick Lees: Thank you very much. It's much appreciated. And we appreciate anybody who happens to come to our facilities. I think you can't help but go through those facilities and realize that there is opportunity here and that we need to step forward because we are only a city that's as good as how we treat our most impoverished. Thank you for that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Santos.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Lees is right in saying that it's the 1970s in this province that we had the largest initiative for construction of affordable housing. We did just celebrate last year the 50th anniversary of the election of the Ed Schreyer government and it is the Ed Schreyer government to give proper perspective so that we understand what we're talking about. It's really important, 14,000 affordable housing units in 8 years with a smaller population. That would be like creating 2000 affordable housing units per year in the province. We don't do anything like that. We don't compare at all. It's not in the same realm of comparison. So what we do do is important. So I do have a question for Mr. Gill. It is my understanding that you need to secure a tax incrementing finance grant from the City against the municipal taxes on the new building at 550 Main Street in order to make this project happen. Could you please elaborate on this?

Rubi Gill: Yeah, so through the process of trying to figure out, you know, what's going to be the best footprint on that and how many units we can build, what's economical, what's going to work, what's not. You know, we realize that if it was a for-profit that would be a very easy endeavor, but there is a gap that's left with true affordable housing. And we will be reaching out to the Province. I've met with Minister Fielding. I will be trying to foster those types of relationships in addition to federal…federally as well. There's programs out there, Rick had mentioned, the Co-Investment Fund we will try to apply for as well.

Councillor Schreyer: Could you also mention…you mentioned the number of windows involved and the intent of renovating the windows. What is the intended cost to renovate the 280 windows?

Rubi Gill: Two hundred and eight windows. So a PVC window costs about $1,000 to install. Fiberglass is about 50 to 100% more cost installed. And wood frame, if it goes that way, it's almost $3,000 per window installed. I have been in communication with the public service. They will support fiberglass. But they said PVC's probably not a go. But at least it's a move from wood frame.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. If the municipal TIFF is not applied against the affordable housing part of the project at 550 Main Street, the City has a long and successful history of offering a TIFF for the preservation of heritage elements in buildings. Have you attempted to secure this or talked to the public service about such a TIFF for the two façades of the McLaren Hotel?

Rubi Gill: Yeah, the…so the whole TIFF thing, I actually didn't know much about it. Actually, came through the public service. They were the first ones that kind of mentioned that there was a pilot project that existed a number of years ago. Five buildings were under that. So we were trying to educate ourselves on, you know, the outcomes of that. And we were encouraged to explore similar programs if available and to look into them. So we are continuing down that path with the City to try to see what support we can get from the City as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Santos.

Councillor Santos: Good morning. Thank you, Rubi and Rick for your presentation. I just want you to know, I will be supporting when it comes to vote for the two façades for the historical nomination. But Rubi, you kind of touched light a little bit on explaining in your statements about the impact that could be…that could potentially happen if you were…if we were to nominate the west and the south side. Could you explain a little bit further? You kind of went really fast because I know you were trying to get through your 10 minutes. But I want you to kind of talk about why you believe we do not nominate those two specific façades and how it will impact your project going forward.

Rubi Gill: Great question. Thank you. So there's a couple of things there to be…to add there. So basically, one was I spoke of land assembly. So the land assembly, as any developer would know, it's really, it's the value is how much you can acquire adjacent to each other. So if there's two pieces of property; person A, person B, identical properties and same street, same everything. And then one that's worth $5…worth $5 and the one day person B decides to sell to person A. And then person A buys it…there's not 10. It is not worth $10, it's actually worth $12 or something like that. But it's worth more, that's the key here, it's worth more because the opportunities to do something with the site are much more vast and the opportunities…because you've got a little bit more land, you have more opportunities to do different things. So that's where the value is created. And that value is lost if there is a line in the middle that says, even though it's the same property owner, that the caveats enforced there that says, you know, you really can't do something with this side or that side because those two have basically a wall in between them. So that is the impediment. The impediment there is that there's a devaluation in land assembly and we are looking to borrow…I'm looking to borrow off the land to try build something in the gravel parking lot. And then two, I spoke of the incremental costs. So the incremental costs will basically…and some of those are in perpetuity, so every year we'll have less net income every year. If you discount those to present value, there's a valuation that now if you have less money in the future, naturally, you will have a less valuation today for what you can borrow off that valuation. Does that make sense? So those are two of the big ones. It basically inhibits our ability to borrow. That's the problem. I can't borrow and therefore it would kill the project. The other one I can think of also, the account….

Madam Speaker: Councillor moves extension of two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have another question if I could go to that at this time, unless you wanted to just wrap up the statement.

Rubi Gill: Sorry, one more thing is that the architect I'd mentioned that because you're going to have also…if the south façade is designated that there might need to be a setback to appreciate to see. Because if you attach it right against it you no longer see it. So that set back would now make the whole project even for-profit not happen. Because you are going to lose…the amount of units we'll lose, it is already a small footprint. He says he'll lose like 20 units and then yeah, that would kill the project as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This question is for Mr. Lees. Thank you both for your presentations today. In the context of the need for housing, I just note perhaps I just saw it this morning the Province has announced

$135,000, I think, for three months. If I've got that right, I just kind of, I just see it now. For expanding the capacity of Main Street Project located on Disraeli Street. Of course, in Winnipeg, for the next three months providing space for 180 beds every night. Again, this project in the larger context of the need for housing, temporary housing, affordable housing. Is…I…that certainly is the kind of partnership that we need, you know, everyone at the table. Is there a chance that you will be speaking to the Province about extending that beyond three months?

Rick Lees: We certainly are. We are in discussions with the Province now. We worked really hard in the last three months to get the next three months, and because it took us half of those three months to create the infrastructure we have and it would take another three months even just to do it…disassemble it. So we are going to be talking with the Province probably in August…late July, mid-August. That is the timeframe we've set to talk about extensions beyond that. There is another announcement also today I think that should have been in the same one. They've extended funding for the isolation unit at the Sargent facility. And I should have touched on that. That facility, although it's isolating for COVID, we have housed...should I continue or…?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein moves extension. two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Rick Lees: From that facility, even though people have come in for four or five days of isolation around COVID, we've actually housed 10 people while they've been there because we've had four or five days to work with them and they've found housing. They came to us from homelessness, they left to housing. And we've had another 20, and this is out of about 160 cases that have come through, that have gone to withdrawal management service. And from there, there is an opportunity to move to housing. So again, the integration of all of this is particularly important. I want to make one other point that is a bit sideways on this. Mr. Gill is one of the few people I've seen that owns downtown hotels who's actually looking to leverage his hotel to bring in more money to build more housing. I compare that in contrast to a hotel like the Manwin Hotel where they've borrowed against that hotel to its maximum and taken all of the money out of it and are putting nothing in it. So I think…I want to point that out. Rubi may not point that out because he's perhaps too modest, but you actually have somebody looking to revitalize as opposed to just take money away from this community. And I think that shouldn't be lost on Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you and that concludes our question period. We do appreciate your presentations today. Thank you. Next, I would like to call forward Ms Cindy Tugwell. She is the Executive Director of Heritage Winnipeg Corporation. And she is in opposition to the same item. We will put 10 minutes on the clock and of course, we'll take questions after her presentation. Welcome.

Cindy Tugwell: Good morning Mayor, good morning Council, good morning Speaker. Clearly, I am the underdog today. But you know what, I have to stay strong in my convictions and what I do. And I just wanted to respond because I have spoke to PP&D and I've spoken to EPC. There's a few inconsistencies and I wanted to preface, this is not about not supporting interim housing, affordable housing, SROs. A large portion, as you know, of all the downtown buildings and hotels we've supported SROs and interim housing, affordable housing. So this is not pitting heritage designation against adding an addition to the McLaren Hotel and to utilize vacant land which we want to see slowly dissipate and to put something that's needed in the community. We work with Main Street Project, we've worked with Siloam Mission when they did their designation in 2017 and did their large addition on Princess. We've worked with the CentreVenture back with the Bell Hotel. I've been working with the new owner for a few years at the Royal Albert. This is unequivocally, I want to state, that Heritage Winnipeg supports SROs, affordable housing and again, heritage buildings play a large role in affordable spaces whether it's for commercial, for residential or for the community for housing. What today is about is my convictions, Heritage Winnipeg's convictions and across the country the convictions of conservation of build heritage. This is a significant, significant, and I can't stress, seven-story Chicago-style 1910 heritage building that meets every qualification that you have asked for from your expert committee from the HBRC. It did get approved for designation…for full designation at PP&D and suddenly at EPC it stalled because you were questioning if the addition, the subsequent interim housing, affordable housing is in jeopardy because you are going to designate the entire building envelope as opposed to two façades. I just wanted to go through systematically, we don't initially support facadism. We do not support a heritage grant going to a building that's only partially designated. There is a lot of people lining up for your heritage tax credits and your heritage grants. They are overwhelmed with applications. You are supporting something for housing, then call it housing. Don't say you support heritage. The owner does not support heritage. He was absolutely against heritage designation until the EPC meeting was held last week where he was willing to compromise and designate two façades. Prior to that for…if you look at the records from July of 2019, he was not in support of heritage. I don't know if Councillor Orlikow, as Chair of HBRC, did a site visit of the hotel. I understand boilers are necessary because they provide heat, but it is in disrepair. It has been in disrepair for a number of years. I understand that this money for the affordable housing will help with the heritage. But you have to remember, your own public service, your own heritage planner came forward and said, I quote…I shouldn't say I quote, but the sort of excerpt of what she said is, heritage designation will not impede the new addition at all. City public service has already stated to the owner that he is…they are willing to work with him in the confines of the designation. But what you are doing is you're putting that building in jeopardy. What happens if the

development does not go forward? What happens if there's questions with what can be done with the façade and he has carte blanche to take it down because it's not designated. It jeopardized the whole structural integrity of that building which could then jeopardize the building having to come down. It is a hugely conspicuous building on Main Street, part of the entrance of the Exchange District which is a national historic site. I feel like today and last week listening to EPC you are pitting affordable housing against heritage and you're saying, well, if we have to decide on environment, affordable housing or heritage, we're going to pick affordable housing. You don't have to pick. If you designate the building, you have been told by your own public service, that it will not impede. In fact, you have had an architect speak at EPC last week saying, you cannot add insulation to a 100-year-old plus building. It would compromise the whole integrity of the building. It's been sitting there breathing a certain way for over 100 years. You can not add insulation. And there are significant elements on the south façade that still could be protected as part of the addition. So I would argue if your own public service and your own heritage department are saying that there is no impediment with…you are setting an example to the city that one of the most important hotels that was originally owned…operated and still operates as a hotel, imagine $165,000 to build this building. This building is a beautiful, handsome structurally sound building that needs to be protected. We've lost a lot of significant hotels. It will continue to play a very valuable role. But if tomorrow Mr. Gill decides to sell or Mr. Gill's business plan falls apart, you have now put this building in jeopardy for future owners or for any other kind of new development that's going to happen. So I know I am the underdog. I know you all think this is a fantastic project. I think it is outstanding. But I do not believe…I think you are misinformed to the fact that you cannot have his potential new development and not have the building envelope. We do not support facadism only if the building is structurally unsound. You saw Red River College on Princess Street, they could not save the rest of the building because it was structurally unsound so they kept the façade. I don't think as council you are sitting a very good example for this as a national historic site. We are all stewards of our build heritage and it seems like at the end of the day, and this is something that goes back 20 years, and I am sad that it's still going on in 2020, you are pitting heritage protection against new development. And that is old school that happened when conservation started 30, 40 years ago. We support development. We need development. But don't do it at the risk of one of the most important heritage buildings in the downtown, in the Exchange when you have already been told that this opportunity to put the addition will have no impediment to the building, and again, putting this building in jeopardy if this deal falls apart. I would hate to see something happen to that building if this doesn't go…come into fruition. So I am not in support of the amendments. I am still standing strong on our convictions as an organization and speaking with stakeholders in the community that the entire building deserves to be designated and not to just have facadism and designate two façades which does not protect the structural integrity of the building going forward if something happens. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Tugwell. And we do have questions. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, sorry, thank you, Madam Speaker. I have been listening to the discussions and debates at the various committees. And Madam Speaker, I just…heritage is very important. And I think I want to just…this is a 'would you agree', Madam Speaker, question in that I have heard false information about the Merchant's Corner, the Bell Hotel and it's been coming from Heritage Winnipeg's representative on this matter. And so to clarify, the Bell Hotel received a lot of public dollars in order to accomplish the major renovations that happened to it. The Merchants Hotel, now the Merchants Corner, an excellent project, and maintaining heritage, but to be clear, that project had the ability to raise charitable dollars. It's not a business. It was able to raise charitable dollars to cover off the larger amount of costs to maintain. And in the whole process with the Merchants Corner, I received a comment about when they received heritage status and received a heritage grant, basically, the developer who was assisting said, like, really? That is not helping us at all. Like it was nothing. But they were able to go charitable dollars, and the addition was put on the west wall, just to be clear, the new addition was put on the west wall which was already damaged by the previous hotel owner when he added a restaurant to it, actually, without pulling permits. And then, in the end having to get them later on when Councillor Lazarenko was in office. And there was, and to be clear, the housing that was built at the back is across the back lane on what was the parking lot. There was never an addition put on the back or needed approval on the Merchants Hotel, the Merchants Corner, at Selkirk and to be clear, so I just want to understand if the presenter who is opposed to the two façades thing agrees with factual statements? Does she agree with what I just put on record?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Ms Tugwell.

Cindy Tugwell: Yes, I do agree with you. I know that those both projects received public funding because they were very important projects. So I agree, one is private, one public, but I understand Mr. Gill is trying to secure some public funding for this through a TIFF program. So I am not against public funding for something very important like housing.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And Linda Tugwell shouldn't have to defend herself in terms of the issue of affordable housing versus historical designation. But we do sometimes come into this gray area here and at least sometimes the way we speak, it might sound like that. And I just want to say that I certainly have learned a lot from Linda

Tugwell in my first term, especially…pardon? What did I say? Oh, excuse me. Why did I even say that? Anyway, I meant to say Ms Tugwell because that is how the Clerk introduced her. Nonetheless, last month we did have an issue with…we're saying Ms Tugwell did say that we don't really support facadism. But in the last council meeting, I believe, we were dealing with a compromise of two façades, external façades, again, on Portage Avenue. I think really close to the old Eaton's Place. Could perhaps Cindy Tugwell explain how that might compare to this one, in her opinion?

Cindy Tugwell: Well, as far as I know, these designations are given for partial…for facadism…for partial walls for new development. So again, I argue, don't put heritage conservation and pit it against new development. And arguably, with that one, two wrongs don't make a right. I think everyone has to be case-by-case. And that wasn't our conviction. We did not support that, although it did go through. But again, new development is being pitted against heritage conservation. This is happening all over the country, not just in Winnipeg. And we are going to be losing about 30% of our build heritage in the next 20 years across Canada. So there has to be compromises. I totally agree with you. So it is your own department if you question what I say today, it is your own public service and your own heritage planners that are arguing that this does not have to happen. If you want to continue to allow buildings to be taken down because they are not protected, that is a choice you make as council. If people remember you said to somebody who was in council 10 years ago to make that decision for that building to be lost, nobody would remember their name. But they may remember the pivotal buildings, the iconic buildings that were lost. So we're here to support heritage conservation to understand that it needs to be economically viable. No one knows that more than us. But the compromise here is not large because you've already been told that the project can go forward, but it gives you an opportunity as a fall back, what if this project doesn't go forward. What if something happens and this interim housing is not built? What if there is structural problems when they start to tamper with the walls? There's issues here that could affect the whole entire structure of the building. So we still say, you're obviously allowed to support the housing at the cost of heritage, but we support the fact that the owner did not come forward and want heritage designation until EPC last week.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. Has been that I have been on the Standing Committee for Heritage. I'd like to think that we as members of the standing committee at the time and before and since in the last couple of terms have been batting 900 in terms of designations as Cindy Tugwell has sort of brought forth or brought forth a consensus on. And in terms of how guilty council might be feeling today in terms of the vote we might be making, would Ms Tugwell be willing to sort of give us an average of how well council has done in terms of adhering to her proposals on historical designation over the last five, six years.

Cindy Tugwell: I think the obvious ones where the owner concurs, but I can tell you as a barometer, about 75% of all owners in the last five years that have come forward with designation have not wanted designation. And I have even stated in delegation that that was alarming. And there is something happening whether there's misinformation or misunderstanding about that heritage designation is a death sentence, your costs are going to be exponentially higher and there's no flexibility, we have been lobbying change at public service and the heritage department for years to understand that the larger project is more important than in fact bickering over the added expense of different kinds of windows or things that don't have a huge direct impact on the aesthetics or the architecture of the exterior of the building but more important, making it economically viable. So I can say to you, we have a long way to go as a city because we are setting an example that heritage is expensive, it's difficult and a lot of people don't want it designated. Although, I have to say, the National Trust for Canada Conference was here last year. There was 450 delegates who were in absolute awe of the amount of built heritage that we have been able to protect over at least '78 when the heritage laws were enacted, Heritage Winnipeg. Remember, we are created from a ground swell from grassroots because there is no organization that protected build heritage. There was an alarming amount of heritage being demolished in the '70s. I feel like now the threat is not the abandonment, and the economic downturn of the downtown. It's healthy again. I feel the pressure now with all Canadian cities is development. And developers want mature lands, if residential, to teardown residential homes and certainly, with commercial buildings our biggest problem is demolition by neglect. And I do know that the state of the McLaren Hotel when the HBRC committee did a site tour, I have been told was in despair.

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

Cindy Tugwell: Thank you very much. Have a good day and good weekend.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Now moving forward onto the standing policy committee...or pardon me, the Executive Policy Committee. The report dated June 16th, 2020, Mr. Mayor. And we do have an amending motion on Item 1 and Item 3.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 18, 2020**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 10.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me. Yes, 9? Okay.

Councillor Eadie: I haven't read any amendment motion for Item 1 on the EPC agenda.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Yeah, just clarifying that. Just one moment.

Councillor Eadie: It's Item 1 on the IRPW as I understand it.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, so it is Item 3 that we do have an amending motion on. And also, there's something circulated. Does Council have this? Okay, there is Motion 5 and that goes with which item? Item 9. Okay, so Item 3, there's an amending motion. It's in camera remote meetings and Item 9 is the Winnipeg Police Board appointments.

Councillor Eadie: Can I stand down 1 and 10 as well, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Yes. Okay, Councillor Allard. Yeah, nothing. Okay. We will call the question on Item 2, 4, 5, 6, and that is it. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 – 24/7 Safe Space Grant Program

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, to introduce Item 1.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank my council colleagues for their efforts especially those that voted for the appropriate funds for 24/7 safe space as part of our multi-year balanced budget. In particular, the advocacy around the council chamber of Councillor Rollins and Councillor Gilroy, Councillor Santos and many others, I want to acknowledge and applaud. This…we had asked as part of the budget process for this report to come back, and obviously supportive of it. Would hope that Council would be supportive of it as well as well as the amendment that was brought forward by Councillor Rollins which obviously, I will be supporting. So I look forward to hearing from council colleagues. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I actually rise in total support of this particular report, Madam Speaker. And to be clear, you know, just because one votes against an overall flawed four-year budget that realizes the austerity as we're moving into a period where we should have considered cuts and reductions and so on and so forth, Madam Speaker. So for the leader of Council, I think it is disingenuous to try to say that because you voted against a flawed budget, that somehow you are against funding 24/7 safe spaces for what has become now, Madam Speaker, more than just about youth but about people who are needing that 24/7 safe space out there. And there are very many…there are a large amount of difficulties in this city, Madam Speaker, that require people to be able to find someplace to be safe. A whole host of issues. And so, that is why I support this. This is what's came out of the illicit drug action plan, and I think that that is really good. And I totally applaud the Mayor for moving ahead on some actions that are very important, Madam Speaker. But as you know, I also had moved motions way before, even before the illicit task force came out…illicit drug task force action plan came out, moved a number of motions. They're being worked on. There is no funding for those things. Proposed funding methodologies that I had proposed. So let's get, you know…we have reduced a number of other services in order to be able to afford to move ahead with the 24/7 safe spaces for both adults and youths now. And so, what I would like to explain and I have a little concern because there was, I think it is a substantial amount of money that's been set aside. But we have expanded, Madam Speaker. It's not only…it is no longer just 24/7 safe space for youth. It is for anybody living in Winnipeg who needs to be there. And I think that's really great. Ka Ni Kanichihk, excellent organization. I've always supported it. New leadership there, but always, it is about the community and about the neighborhood, and about the people that they are working with. And they are very knowledgeable. And that is why we should give grants to community organizations who understand the needs and can deliver. But we do need to financially support their capability because we do know that over time a number of these groups, their funding has been reduced, Madam Speaker. So I only just wanted to point out one concern, as I understand it, having experience over many decades related to issues of living on the street, dealing with family difficulties, being in jeopardy, being intimidated by trying to be pushed into joining gangs, and so on and so forth. Madam Speaker, I have great experience in that. And I just wanted to

say and mention that as the money is given and released, I just remember that adults who are not family members or have any relations directly related to youth, usually programming is provided to youth separately unless it is the family together. I think that is important and Ka Ni Kanichihk is going to be helping women with kids and so on, I think that is great. And but…as services are delivered, because it is not just the building and having that space, it's about what is the programming? What are the supports that…are we helping these people with? Which we all, as councillors, do acknowledge. So I just wanted to point out that with this expansion, I think we should be evaluating and looking at the delivery of 24/7 just, you know, to ensure that kids are not exposed to adults who are struggling through things as well. There can be a number of issues that arise and in order for these organizations to be able to deal with it appropriately, they probably need much more funding. Hopefully, the Province of Manitoba, wherever these 24/7s are established, will join in and provide the kind of money that they're going to need to provide appropriate programming for those people that will be kept safe in these 24/7 spaces. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support it. And it's unfortunate that the leader of this council has a particular attitude that I am not going to apologize for.

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

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in full support of this report and to fund the 24 safe space to Ka Ni Kanichihk. But I want to take this time to also put some things on the public record. And my comments are not going to be for the faintest of hearts and is not going to be a positive one. My comments are going to be about the people who have been forgotten and who have been neglected. My job is to represent the community and the people who do not have a voice. And I will be that voice today. And I hope you all hear me loud and clear. This city is failing Winnipeggers. We, city councillors are failing Winnipeggers. And I am not just talking about the ones who can vote for you when it comes time to elections. I am talking about the people who don't have permanent addresses, who are currently living in poverty and experiencing homelessness. We still represent those people. These 1500 Winnipeggers which include men, women, youth, families, seniors and gender diverse peoples. How dare we treat these people like garbage? That is literally what we did. We brought a large bin, picked up their tents, clothing and threw them in the garbage and politely asked these people to move. And now, we have somehow installed these noise deterrents at bridges so that people would stop from going under them which in my opinion does target the homeless. Where do you think they're going to go? I really would love to know where these people will go. I would really like the City's opinion on where these people should go. I don't claim to know all the answers and I don't claim to know how to help these people. I don't have a degree in psychology or a degree in medicine or a degree in anything as a matter of fact. I actually have been told that I don't have the education to be a city councillor or an Acting Deputy Mayor. I was just a legal assistant, a subordinate, a woman, a person of color, but I got elected to be a leader for my people. And I am more than qualified to be a city councillor. Why? Because I know the difference between what is right and what is wrong because I know when someone is doing something inhumane because I know when someone is being treated like garbage instead of as a human being. I would like to see elected officials with a noise deterrent in their backyard. I would like to see a fire paramedic come to your house and ask you to dismantle your home and pack up your bags and move. These people need help. And all we are doing is kicking the can down the road. Why can't we at least treat these people with some decency? Instead, we should be asking, how can we help you? What are the barriers you are facing? Where would you like to stay tonight? It seems like simple questions to me. Something you would actually ask a family member or a friend. Why can't we just be a little nicer? Why can't we just understand their story and learn from their struggles? This provincial government is doing a great job at failing Winnipeggers, too. And we all know that. And we know they are the ones responsible for housing, social services, and healthcare. They are the ones cutting back on Manitoba housing. They are the ones cutting back on social services and healthcare, and supposedly, amalgamating. Why? To save money? For who? For the people who can vote? For the people who pay property taxes? For the people who pay GST and PST? So who cares about the 1500 people who are homeless and vulnerable who are living in tents with no social security numbers, no health insurance and no family? Let them keep setting bonfires in the middle of the boulevard. Let them keep breaking into cars, vandalizing private property and let them keep panhandling and talking to those who are walking to work or driving in their cars. But guess who are the ones complaining? It is the ones with the voices, the voters. So you would think if you would solve the homeless and poverty issues, they would stop complaining. I am tired of waiting for reports. I am tired of telling people we have a 10-year strategy. I want us to start fixing poverty issues now. We need the Province and the federal government to come to the table with tangible action items, and measurable outcomes. I am warning you. If this provincial government continues down this path, this will be the rotten fruits of their austerity budget. Is this the legacy we want our children to inherit?

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't know I would be next, but I don't always know when I am going to speak, but I surely do know when I am inspired by someone in terms of saying a few words. I am inspired by what Councillor Santos has bothered to say today. I've got a few things to add to that and I've got a few things to say. One, just in terms of how we allow for the alienation of people from the social to the economic and it's a compounded. And maybe that doesn't make any sense, but let me explain. In my 30s, I spent a decade of my life in heavy manual labor on the oil rigs in Alberta, in construction across western Canada. I spent five seasons working for Avalon Foundation Specialists

digging six feet down everyday fixing basements. Part of my…when I say in construction across western Canada, part of that had to do with being a day labourer. I would go to a city and I'd show up at the Labour Ready or the AAA or whatever and I'd just find a job at 6:30 in the morning and see where it takes me. I did that in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver. And well, what can I tell you, the majority of people I've worked with, the majority of people…I am 53 next month. I have been in the workforce for a generation. The majority of people I've worked with shoulder to shoulder with in my life, the majority of people I have worked with shoulder to shoulder are Indigenous. First nation, treaty, Indigenous. Basically, the kind of job I was in essentially men. But what I want to say is this, when it is payday, and I have seen this in all sorts of cities, right. Depends…different sort of circumstances. When it is payday, and I will tell a true story. It is not hypothetical. This was my life with my work crew for years. When it is payday, it is Friday and we are all on the Avalon truck or whatever it is, how many people in that truck or the two trucks, depending on how big the crew is that day, depending on how big the project is. How many of us have a bank account? They are working. They are getting paid. They are getting work done providing services that are really important no matter what it is. And I can't tell you all the…given all of the day labor jobs I have taken. I can't tell you, I can't describe to you in 60 seconds or 10 minutes all the jobs I have had and how many jobs I've had working with Indigenous people. Working beside me, they could be my boss, my co-worker, whatever, working side by side with Indigenous people. That is my life. Primarily in my 30s working with Indigenous people, getting the job done. Working with Indigenous people. They are my co-workers. Couldn't have done it without them. They couldn't have done it without me. We worked together, we got the job done over and over and over for days, weeks, months and years. When it comes to payday, who's got a bank account? Is this secondary interest not really that important? It is really important. Now, in Winnipeg, in terms of the majority of people that I've worked with, yeah, Indigenous people, primarily living in the North End or the West End, not too far from where I live or where I've lived. So, you know, sometimes I'd pick them up on the way to work, from work, whatever, sometimes we'd still have the truck. Big crew. Who's got a bank account? And so, the majority of the people I work with, despite the fact that they are getting the job done and getting paid just as much as I am in most of the cases, depending on my position in the circumstances in that crew and in that job. They can't even go to a bank. They can't go to a bank so they can't get the proper standard financial services that I get for doing the same job that they were doing. So what are they doing? They work in this transient, isolated financial system separated from the rest of us who get good interest rates, neighborhood service, national banking standards. They don't apply. They are doing the same job as me. All day, all year, all decade, but these are the circumstances. It is not that simple, ma'am, I know that, Madam Speaker. You know, when I was…when Mayor Bowman appointed me and I accepted with gratitude the position of that year's Secretary for the End Homeless Strategy. I have to admit, Madam Speaker, I didn't put out a single press release on my behalf because one thing I know from my life from birth, from my work, from my adult life across western Canada, whatever, being politicized before that is I knew I didn't have the solutions. But I was put in a position where I could learn and I was grateful for that. Maybe I could contribute, you know, but I mostly learned. And I learned a few things. Mostly, Madam Speaker, we have to learn. I am not denying any actions taking place today and calls to action. That is not what I am saying. But, if we are going to really do something, we still have more to learn. Bear in mind, I just said, and I'm going to repeat it again, you know, look at where we are in terms of…I never put this on the City. Because I never believed the City could actually do this, but you know, we just don't do nearly the amount of affordable housing units as we did back in the 1970s, not even close. Not even 10% per year. And Madam Speaker, information is important and I do need to apologize to Councillor Klein. Last month, there was issues regarding a women's homeless shelter. And we're talking about safe spaces and things like this. I've apologized in this chamber before to His Worship because I got the numbers wrong on the end homeless strategies budget and I thought it was less than it was. Councillor Eadie informed me I was wrong. I was in this chamber five years ago and I apologize because I felt that impugned on His Worship's sort of strategy for end homelessness. Today, Madam Speaker, in terms of the process by which Councillor Klein brought forth his motion for a women's homeless shelter, I was misled. I assumed that the information that I made remarks on in this chamber was true. I trusted it. Councillor Eadie, yet though, did inform us that it wasn't true. I did not pay heed to his remarks. I did find out later that there is absolutely nothing wrong that Councillor Kevin Klein did in terms of any conventions, and insensitivities, nothing, everything I checked, it was completely conventional and it was being asked for. And so, once again five years later, I offer apologies for bringing wrong information in the chamber which I feel impugns the motivations of a city councillor. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I will be in support of the 24/7 safe space grant framework. And I want to thank the civil service for writing the grant and application. And I am also in favour of the amendments that I forwarded. The IWG Manitoba Coalition is comprised of community-based organizations, individuals and provincial territorial organizations with invested responsibility to ensuring the safety, health and well-being of Indigenous women and girls in Manitoba. Chaired by Hilda Anderson-Pyrz and Sandra DeLaronde, the IWG Manitoba Coalition is a collaborative community collective that was formed in 2014. In 2014 to address the issues affecting Indigenous women and girls, particularly those loved ones that had gone missing and murdered. Now there had been workings of this same group for over 20 years that I have been aware of, decades more that others have been aware of. Their focus has been calling for an independent inquiry which I was lucky enough to work at, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Now that that process is complete, their focus continues to be on implementing the 231 legal imperatives

that have been determined by the national inquiry. And why that is relevant is that one of the legal imperatives is calling all governments to support the establishment of a long-term sustainable funding of Indigenous-led low barrier shelters, safe spaces, transition homes, second stage housing and services for Indigenous women and girls and gender diverse people who are homeless, near homeless, dealing with food insecurity or in poverty and who are fleeing violence or have been subjected to sexualized violence and exploitation. All governments must ensure that shelters, transitional housing, second stage housing and services are appropriate to cultural needs and available wherever the Indigenous women girls and SSLGBTQQIA people reside. Winnipeg is the only major city in Canada that does not have a low barrier 24/7 safe space for women, gender diverse people and girls. A responsive low barrier 24/7 safe space would be able to respond immediately to situations of violence. The IWG Manitoba Coalition, those groups, those members acknowledges that women in Winnipeg are vulnerable regardless of community of origin and see the establishment of a 24/7 safe space as critical for not only Indigenous women but newcomer and settler women as well. Friday…today, I am really pleased to see that Council is likely on the precipice to pass the motion with that coalition community in mind. That the City of Winnipeg might enter into an agreement following this with Ka Ni Kanichihk who has been, let's face it, at the forefront of this issue for years and years to provide Winnipeg the first 24/7 low-barrier safe space. We as a council have engaged in a dialogue today on housing prompted perhaps by the McLaren Hotel item, prompted perhaps what we're seeing in Point Douglas as Councillor Santos quite passionately explained to Council. And I am encouraged by that. I think this is the tenor of the conversation we need to have a lot more often. And I think that that tenor and the diversity and the intersectional experience of my sister from Point Douglas, Councillor Santos was quite eloquently described in her speech. Poorer neighborhoods are getting poorer, our risks are getting higher. This is but a $1 million over four years. If passed today for granting of…for 24-hour safe spaces. We have heard as a council at least in the Standing Policy Community on Protection, Community Services and Parks and Executive Policy Committee that our 24/7 centers are neither 24 hours a day nor seven days a week. And this makes community members vulnerable. So I want to conclude by saying I have watched Councillor Santos in particular navigate poverty, structural racism including the structures that are inequitable in her ward that really endanger women, girls and children. We have another opportunity today to pass her motion on the Freight House on important recreation. We have time today to reflect on several of the projects where there is the 24-hour safe space, whether it's the McLaren Hotel or whether it is, indeed, that recreational amendment. We have time today to answer her question, how can we help? We do have time today in this agenda, and I hope it all passes. And I hope we spend a lot more time understanding those with lived experiences, and I hope that the people of Winnipeg spend a lot more time in dialogue with their provincial and federal government on housing first priorities. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of this report as well. Homelessness is something that doesn't just affect the City of Winnipeg. It affects all major cities across Canada and probably throughout the United States as well. And it's something that needs to be addressed. You know, throughout the years as…homelessness is something that won't go away. But in addressing it, we have to recognize that it is part of the primary needs. Air, food, water, shelter; these are all primary needs. And the secondary need to that is security. So homelessness without a roof or shelter over your head, you don't have that security. You can't focus on the things that you need to work on to be able to provide for yourself and for your families. These are the primary needs that we as a city need to take action on to protect our most vulnerable. So again, I rise today. My comments are brief. We have to take actionable…we have to take action now. We also have to look at our measurement and our metrics and looking at how we are actively reducing homelessness in our city, whether that is quantifying it in terms of looking at one year and the reduction to another year or increasing the amount of, as what Councillor Rollins has said, low barrier housing that allows individuals that don't have those basic needs to have access to. And work in partnership and collaboration with the other levels of government to address the things like mental health, addictions, poverty so that, again, we can address these basic needs for the citizens of Winnipeg who are without. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yes, I do. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the comments by my council colleagues. This is an incredibly important vote and incredibly important funding. As members of Council will know, 24/7 safe space grant being approved today follows up on a key recommend of the Illicit Drug Strategy. The Illicit Drug Strategy, I'll remind those that are watching these proceedings, was something that was initiated by this council to increase the dialogue and collaboration from other levels of government. And we were successful at getting representation from the Province and the federal government. Obviously, the work continues and we need the other levels of government as Councillor Santos eloquently stated, we need them to deliver more and be accountable for the outcomes of the investments that they are making. This responds to not only the Illicit Drug Strategy Task Force report but also as Councillor Rollins is indicating, rightfully so, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry calls for justice, 4.7 of that report calls on governments to support the establishment and long-term sustainable funding of Indigenous led low barrier shelters for Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse peoples. The program will offer safe environments and provide mental health

and/or addiction support. Ka Ni Kanichihk is an organization I know very well. I had the honour of serving on the board of directors in advance of putting my name on a ballot. I have tried my best to bring the lessons that I have learned from the staff including Leslie Spillett and board members that I served with including Kimberley Puhach to my service now in the capacity as serving as mayor. And I would hope that all members of Council would support the 24/7 safe space grant program and amendment today. And I want to thank Councillor Rollins for being able to deliver results on this matter through collaboration…collaboration with her council colleagues, collaboration with the public service, collaboration in a meaningful way with members of the community including many strong women that are leaders in our community here on the floor of council and in the community. I am very proud to support this today. And I am very proud to be able to say with strong Council ratification, we have been able to deliver results where it matters most and to do our part to support the Missing and Murdered Indigenous calls to action calls to justice, but also follow up on the Illicit Drug Strategy Task Force recommendations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on Item 1. Call for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise. Councillor Allard, if you could raise your hand if you are in favour.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 1 passes. Next item Mr. Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – In Camera Remote Meetings

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. There is an amending motion to go with this item; Motion No. 1. So I will call on the Mayor and following that, the Motion 1 is moved by Councillor Nason, seconded by Councillor Klein. Mr. Mayor, followed by Councillor Nason to introduce his motion.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will wait to hear from council colleagues. I've just seen this motion, it wasn't shared prior to today. So I will look forward to reviewing it in due course.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Nason to introduce Motion 1.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT item 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 18, 2020 be amended by deleting Recommendation 1. and replacing it with the following:

1. That the City Clerk be directed to provide all Members of Council with a link to view in camera meetings that are being conducted remotely, upon request of the Member.

Councillor Nason: Thank you very much. You know, when this motion was brought forward last month, it was with the support and help of the Clerk's Office to correct an oversight with regards to full participation of council members. When in camera items go in unless you are here at the City of Winnipeg, city hall and/or part of that committee, you can't participate in in camera. When this was at EPC last week, I believe it was last week, there are so many meetings of late. There was concerns with regards to security and that this nefarious link that we receive to participate might be shared by some unknown entities. We as council members are provided that in confidence. It is confidential information and based on the rules of conduct that we are governed by, we can't disclose it. We are only able to use it as required for the fulfillment of our duties of office. We have a requirement to participate when available. The in camera motion simply is to allow us to do that. There seems to be a barrier to allow that in this time of COVID and using remote capabilities. If we weren't able to use a remote link, Councillor Allard himself today wouldn't be able to participate. He was shared a confidential link so that he could participate. I see no challenge with providing members of Council who have sworn to uphold the duties of our office with this link. So if there is still remaining concern about this minor amendment to fix this gap, I would love to hear it.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I actually rise in support of the amendment being proposed. I was also actually in support of the original motion from Council that was referred to EPC, Madam Speaker. And I listened to the dialogue about this particular motion. And I just...city hall is now open to the public. We found a way to deal with COVID as well as engage in our democratic system that we have, Madam Speaker. And I actually really would like to thank the Clerks for doing what I think is an excellent job in making sure that our government continues and continues to do its job while still trying to have the public participation required. Yes, we have in camera sections in by-laws, and there is a very good reason to have in camera meetings. They are very important. And under the…under normal democratic process, Madam Speaker, trust was given to each member of Council. We swore an oath. You know, things can get leaked or whatever, but…and over the years, I heard about actually a person I ended up taking over for eventually in regards to issues and leaking and providing information to the public. So it is a trust thing in the…in our by-laws. And that is very important. And so, when I see a motion coming across like this, I think it is important that all 16 of us members have sworn to follow the by-laws and participate most appropriately in that manner. So when I heard this thing about security arise, and I don't know if we really need this at this point because we are able to do our work here at Council while practicing proper procedures to ensure that there may not be any spread of COVID. And some of the new cases that I've heard, you know what, really…how do we know if any of us have been exposed like when there are people out in shopping centers? You just can't know if you've been exposed to it. And I think it is really important what we do. But you know, computing remotely, you know, I used to work in the computer business. I had a small business in the area, and because I am blind I had to learn all kinds of different aspects about computers. And I became a person that others relied on in the workplace to help and assist with information technology and networking and all kinds of security issues, whatever that may be because some of the security things that they have done in the 1990s and early 2000s actually blocked out and made it very difficult for voice software to work. And some people had to invent little plug ins and fixes for that, Madam Speaker. But I can tell you, any expert in the industry, if you ask them that if our remote commuting to my computer is 100% safe from hacking, they are not going to tell you it is 100%, because nothing is 100% nowadays, Madam Speaker. On the dark side, there are so many underground internet, all these…there are so many evil hackers that know how to get into things. And you know, so protecting e-mail, you know, all those kind of things, Madam Speaker, you know, we do case work by e-mail with our customers, and we have FIPPA rules that have to be followed. And some of the cases that we all deal with, the Mayor's Office gets calls on many difficult cases. We are provided with very private information and it's actually provided to us by e-mail. And we are sworn to protect those people's information. We can't just give it out to anybody, Madam Speaker. And so, I really don't understand why one would vote down something that is proposed that I believe was a rational request. You know, right now, at this point, it doesn't seem so rational. Well, I shouldn't say that, it still makes sense, but I have to say that the Clerks can do it. It is providable and nothing is 100% secure, no matter how you treat it. Going into…I don't know, maybe somebody is smart enough to hack into the…we send out streaMs I think it's totally blocked. But Madam Speaker, you know, like, I believe the in camera meeting is still recorded for purposes of the record and it is a private record, but still. So I will just leave it at that. I am supporting the amending motion, and I did support the original motion because I thought that that was fair in a democratic process and procedures that our Clerk's Department has helped us do for many, many, many decades. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, I will be supporting this amending motion. I think that as Councillors Nason and Klein…yes, thank you, have already stated, I think it is important to understand that we have…all of us have sworn an oath as councillors to abide by the code of conduct that's laid out for us. You know, looking at the rules of conduct that have been updated within the last two years, there is clear articulation on how we're to treat confidential information including information related to in camera proceedings. You know, looking at that…this amending motion again and giving it consideration I think it will certainly…allows all councillors regardless of the location to be able to participate in the in camera discussions if they so desire. I want to also acknowledge and I think it is similar to what Councillor Eadie said, the unseen IT team the City of Winnipeg has that does all it can on a regular basis to ensure the content that we pass to one another is protected, that our systems are protected, that we are doing due diligence in upholding a system here that protects the interests of the people that we serve. And so, they often don't get enough credit for the work that they do behind the scenes day in and day out. Identifying viruses and bugs and fixing them and dealing with them and so I think that's important as well. And I know that the team, if this is implemented, our IT team will continue to do that excellent work to make sure confidential information remains protected. And so, I will be supporting this motion.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to start by apologizing to Councillor Nason. I was under the impression last month that there was an ability for the Clerks just to do this and I thought that's where we were going, that's why I didn't think we were dealing with it last month. So I misunderstood. Again, right now all members of this council receive all in camera reports. We have access to a slightly different non-public version of DMIS where any in

camera reports that are being considered are available to us. I am not 100% familiar with the in camera by-law, but my understanding is 99% of the time, the only time any committee of Council goes in camera is when there is a report that's forthcoming. So we already have access to those iteMs This is a very unique period of time right now with COVID where attending in person is somewhat restricted, a little bit different. I have no issue with allowing sworn members of Council, ones that have taken that oath as we all have, the ability to participate remotely in an in camera portion of a meeting. So I will be supporting the amendment this morning. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Any further speakers? Seeing none. Councillor Nason, your opportunity to close.

Councillor Nason: Yeah, great. And you know what, I want to echo Councillor Gillingham with regards to the public service and our fine work of the IT team. I know Mr. Cottick, our CA…I think he's the acting CIO. Everybody seems to be in acting positions or actors as the Mayor responds sometimes, did report to the Innovation and Economic Development with regards to the job and the effort that was undertaken to get us to where we are with regards to remote meetings. They managed to get it done in two weeks to get us established with abilities to have internal meetings, to have external meetings. That normally takes a year. So they had a lot of effort to get that done. With regards to Councillor Browaty and the DMIS internal report, that's great and wonderful, but there have been several times in my short period of time on Council that items that aren't on the agenda or are on the agenda suddenly go into in camera, right. There is a legal concern or something that might not be, you know, wanted to be shared in the public sphere. Lots of litigation matters that are before Council and PP&D has had a few of those that have percolated. So in situations like that, we are handicapped from a perspective and participation as Council members. I do appreciate your apology and wholesomely accept it. And I look forward to a successful acceptance of this amending motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: No thanks.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on this item. All in favour…first of all, the amending motion, Motion 1 as presented by Councillor Nason. All in favour of Motion 1? Contrary? That is carried. And…Mr. Clerk, we'll call the question on the main item as amended. Is there a need for that? Yes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Thank you. Moving forward. Mr. Clerk, Item 7.

Item 7 – Addressing the Financial Challenges of COVID-19 – Additional Proposed Actions out of the COVID-19 Crisis Cash Flow Management Plan

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to begin by thanking Winnipeggers for their ongoing efforts to respond to the challenge of COVID-19. I want to thank our federal and provincial partners, most notably, those in the provincial Manitoba Health Department. They're doing remarkable work. And we've been able to flatten the curve to date as a result of everyone's collective efforts. Of course, municipalities are being negatively affected. And we are, after all, on the front line of providing services and essential services to the residents who need it most right now. Given the constraints that are placed upon us by the provincial government, balancing the budget is one of them which I continue to support. But also, restraints on our ability to borrow for operating and other constraints, it has been challenging. And I want to thank our Finance Department in particular, Mr. Olafson, obviously our interim CAO, Mike Ruta, and our Finance Chair who have been working diligently and collaboratively to bring this forward and to continue to update us via the committee on a regular basis of the status. We have been able to move in the right direction, but we still have a significant challenge in front of us. The longer the pandemic goes, the more challenging it will be, especially without the financial support that has been asked of municipalities to the federal and provincial governments. I see they continue to debate, discuss and have, of course, animated discussions about that support from municipalities. And yet, the municipalities continue to wait and advocate nationally. I have been focusing my efforts with peers across Canada in our collective advocacy to federal and provincial governments. I'll continue to do so, and in the mean time, I want to thank all of my council colleagues and our Finance Chair for the incredibly important work to make sure that those essential services continue. With that, I look forward to hearing from Councillor Gillingham hopefully during the course of this discussion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank the Mayor for his comments. Yes, the report before us is important. To kind of set the context, we, you know, we have developed a crisis cash flow management plan. I too want to thank our Corporate Finance team for their continued work. We have the plan, we are working the plan. The plan will be adjusted, amended as necessary because COVID-19 and its impacts are kind of continuing to be a kind of a

changing moving target. I want to reiterate, you know, in the plainest terms, we are not out of the woods yet. We don't know how long the impacts of COVID-19 will last. We don't know if there will be a second wave. Obviously, as we all watch the news from around the world, it's quite concerning to see what is happening in regards to the pandemic and its resurgence in some of the parts of the world. So we need to try to continue to position the city in the best financial place so that we can endure, you know, this current phase of COVID-19 and position ourselves so that if any resurgence or second wave hits that we are prepared to do so. The report before us outlines four levers in the plan that require Council approval. We remind everyone in the crisis cash flow management plan. We do have levers identified that could be pulled, as it were, to as assist with the City's liquidity and also with our cash flow management. Those levers are set out in three tiers. Many of the levers have already been pulled. There are some levers though that to pull them before they can be exercised necessitate Council approval. That is what is before us today. And so, they are contained within the executive summary. I'm not going to re-read them, but that's what we are voting on today. Not only the levers and the authorization needed to allow our public service to enact these, but also looking at the increasing the operating line of credit from $75 million to $150 million. Just want to remind everyone today that we are not into the line of credit at all to this point, but this just gives us a further buffer to increase it to $150 million. And then also, finally, to grant the delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to extend the waiving of late payment charges on all fees imposed by the City. And you can see there on parking tickets and ambulance fees, water bills and just not limited to those. Just a reminder, also, that we're looking at with the tier 1 levers pulled to date, the projected shortfall has been reduced from 60…year end deficit has been reduced from $66.7 million, pardon me, to $58.3 million. If these levers and when these levers are authorized and pulled, that will further reduce the deficit projection by another $26 million to $28 million. Just to note, two final things that are liquidity and stabilization reserve remain in a strong position. And just recently within the last 10 days, I believe it was, Moody's Investors Service came out and updated…or really, affirmed the City of Winnipeg's credit status remaining at AA2 stable, and that credit opinion is posted publicly on our website as well. So I will just encourage all of my council colleagues, obviously, please to support this report so that our public service can pull these levers outlined as necessary so we can continue to effectively, to the best of our ability, manage the City of Winnipeg's cash flows during this time. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Next, we have Councillor Rollins followed by Councillor Nason.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much. I want to acknowledge the work of my colleague Councillor Gillingham in essentially being the emergency management office for finance. And I appreciate that. I also appreciate the work of the public service. It is…this is not for the faint of heart with respect to the levers described in here. And I note just the tier 1 lever is pulled already reducing the discretionary spending, the temporary layoff of non-permanent community services staff, the freeze on fleet purchases, the hiring freeze for the remainder of the year to which I want to acknowledge that there are many positions that we did negotiate heavily in budget including an Equity Coordinator that I prioritized in negotiations. And seeing this hiring freeze for the remainder of the year, very difficult freeze for senior management team salaries, voluntary furlough program, temporary reduction of transit service and so on and so on. These are not for the faint of heart. And I want to acknowledge that and acknowledge the work that goes into managing through a pandemic which I think our civil service has been doing very admirably. So I want to thank them. I also want to note, given some of the concerns that in the…in my mandate letter that comes due on June 27th, I am being directed by the Mayor, His Worship, to work with appropriate departments to safely re-open including rehiring City of Winnipeg employees who have been laid off. And I want to acknowledge those words that are in my mandate letter. I have a meeting with him to discuss those words, but I want to acknowledge that they are there for the record. Thank you very much.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Debt; we are adding an incredible amount of debt. We're adding credit line. You know, we don't know if we have peaked on this. We see what's happening in the United States. It is quite concerning right now. Our borders remain closed. I have family in New Brunswick that I would love to go see, but I am not able to. But the burn rate is…that we are looking at is very concerning to me. There is a lot leaning and I haven't heard it lately, but wants and desires for the federal government to bail us out. Much like our October storm, a lot being banked on disaster assistance. I'm wondering if those calls will be answered. You know, this week the federal government has lost their AAA rating. To me, that is very concerning. I know the federal government, as I understand, haven't tabled a budget if I am correct on that. They are spending...we pale by comparison with regards to the amount of money being burned through at the federal government. Our provincial government is also facing many challenges. So I don't know if we can expect someone else to bail us out from the mess that we're facing here at the City of Winnipeg. We don't know the full impact of taxation, right, from a perspective of deferrals and, you know, we've got matters before us today asking for loan guarantees for the Convention Center. How long before other groups come before us asking for support in that same manner? It's challenging. We are suffering as a city, as a province, as a country, as the globe. There's many challenges. I am concerned, you know, that we've got our update with regards to our credit rating based I believe on our most recent budget. But I am concerned that that might be subject to revision. If the economy continues to erode, confidence in the investor area continues to erode, where will that leave us? Doubling our line of credit to 150 million is

not a signal that we've got it in place. You know, we have seen what happens when delegation of authority is there and we don't have those line item details, right. We've got these sound machines being put in because it was within the spending authority of an area. Admittedly, it was a very small line item, but line item detail is critically important to understand where the money is being spent. We don't receive that as Council. And it's very difficult to make votes and decisions on 10s of millions of dollars when you don't get that specific line item detail of where the money is going. We get global numbers, we get the 10,000-foot view, but I think we as Council deserve a more detailed view of what the money, the public money is spent on. I think it is imprudent if we don't have that. And I would like to see us move that forward in future. I know there's been motions moved in the past to try to get to a zero-based budget that weren't successful. But I think in the COVID air and post-COVID air, if we hopefully get there soon, we can look at that and look at ways that we can better manage the moneys that we are entrusted with. Thank you.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge the work of our public service as well and our Finance Department and our Finance Chair, Scott Gillingham. It is a very difficult time, especially if you have never been through a pandemic before or this type of financial crisis. And I understand that it is easy to fall back on some of the old ways or what our beliefs are for governments, and why it is necessary to go further in debt. I am not going to keep debating that with members of Council. I understand everyone has their opinion. But I just want to share some facts with you so that you will consider them today when we are talking about COVID spending and our plan, and I understand that this is to pull some more levers. But you have to read the detail. The total debt of the City of Winnipeg is approaching $2 billion. That will be double the tax supported budget. Within the last 10 years, the city has tripled its debt. Now, this was pre-COVID. At the last Council meeting, I did ask the Chair of Finance to explain how the City of Winnipeg managed to take on $370 million in liabilities last year and is now taking on another 112 million in liabilities this year. So in two years, the City is taking on half a billion dollars in liabilities, which is half of the tax supported budget for one year. That's pre-COVID. I don't know if we would do that in your family budget. That's why I want to bring it to your attention. It is like using every credit card. I have not received a full response on that as of yet, but I did receive a quick reply as to…from the service, I believe it was, that four year…that in the four years the City will be spending…sorry, I'll get to that in a second; in four year, the City will be spending on average, $100 million a year to pay debt. So your budget, our budget, $100 million a year, 10% is going to pay off debt. This is pre-COVID. So we are paying 10% of our budget to bond holders, $85 million in debt was just issued six weeks ago from bond holders, and we celebrated it. As a councillor, I had no input on the issuance of that and no details on the cost, what our servicing costs would be. Did any of you? What I did…when it did occur, I asked the administration to show the total present value of the lifetime of debt servicing costs, how much it will cost in interest. It's been six weeks, and I have not got that information yet. I wouldn't give it to me either. But I will tell you, take it for what it is worth, it is a two-minute accounting calculation if that. When issuing $85 million in debt, the true cost to the City is closer to $150 million. Go ahead and challenge me on that and verify it, please. Will you vote to approve new debt without knowing the total cost of the principal and the interest payments? Now, I know all of us in this room mean well and all of us want to help our community, but we have to think about the future. You have to look at this with an open mind, not just me challenging finances. The reality is between 2045 and 2050, the City of Winnipeg will have to pay back over $850 million in principal owing. If you do the calculations the potential of a population increase will not offset this or the associated $100 million a year to pay down debt. In effect, it could have a disastrous impact on the city for our children and our grandchildren. I am asking you to look at that, to consider that, to take the time to ask them to show you what it is worth. You don't celebrate debentures. That's not what you celebrate. You don't put out press releases, it is going into debt. Instead of facing this problem and finding alternatives or implementing progressive expense controls, we are living today on the backs of our children and our grandchildren. Challenge me on it. I am happy to sit down. I will not support this any longer. There is information that we have asked for that we haven't received. I would like the opportunity to go over it. It gets 30,000-foot views. I can't support this the way it is. And I'm urging you as a group let's sit down, get in a room and start going through the finances in detail. Ask the real questions. What does that mean? What does this mean? What is the result of this in five years, in 10 years. Because in 5, 10, 15, 20 years people are going to look back at us and say, wow, they just maxed out every credit card we could possibly have. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this report. We all do appreciate the work that our CFO and finance does to…and the CAO and everybody, to ensure, Madam Speaker, that the City of Winnipeg doesn't go bankrupt, that it, you know, maintains an ability to deliver what we said we would in the budget because basically, Madam Speaker, we are stuck with a balanced budget unlike the other two levels of government. And so, when we're moving ahead to try to deal with what is now the issues of the day when we had an inkling of an idea when we passed our four-year budget which had much of this debt…some of it…debt involved, and in order to maintain cash flows there is a security blanket that has to be put in place. It's very…actually, our administration is very prudent in how it looks at stuff. And so, the first comment that I wanted to make though to bring an equivalent to us at the municipal level versus the Province and the federal government, in the time of COVID with what is projected to

be an over 8% decline in the economy, that is over 8% decline in the economy, there are some good things that are moving ahead. In our financial report, actually, with the economy the way it is moving with COVID right now, Madam Speaker, some of the projections and work that our finance people have been doing along with Councillor Gillingham, the Chairperson of Finance, working and looking at all of this information, you know, we heard that our fear of what might happen, for example, with business taxes, it is not quite…it's still not great, but it is not as bad as we projected. So that is good. But that is prudent planning, I think, in terms of looking what we do. And you know, I just think…you know, I think what we're going to find as this thing goes over while property taxes and I am just going to talk about property taxes, business tax is a slightly different story. But when it comes to property taxes, it is the most stablest source of tax revenue there is. And the people who designed this city, who knows how long ago, and designed cities, they understand that it is the most stable of the taxes because the economy rises and falls all of the time. And when we are experiencing the kind of societal problems we are, besides COVID, we've got…like, it is awful. We have so many problems that we, and we discussed some of them today already. There is so much, Madam Speaker. So when we consider the issue of debt and credit rating, you know, we are…a lot of this money is being…the ventures are being issued in order to pay for construction renewal related to the plants. So that debt that we are taking on is actually kind of following our debt strategy and debt by-law. We have a debt by-law as well. I don't know if everybody's had an opportunity to read through it. And we have a debt strategy and the debt strategy is actually a…well, I don't agree with it but in terms of over across the whole city it's…we…our issue out debentures can't be more than 90% of the annual budget of the City of Winnipeg. Other cities like Calgary and other places, they have 110, 120% of annual revenue. To equate that to a family, when I bought my first house, Madam Speaker, it was a mere, you know, well 50,000. It was a little bit less, 50,000. My income at the time, Madam Speaker, was about $12,000 a year at the time that I bought my house. I was able to find money for a down payment. But so ultimately though, Madam Speaker, I went with a CMHC mortgage so I paid…the mortgage was 90% of the value of that house, which is like triple my debt. Households, you know, not everybody is doing that well in the economy that they can buy a house for cash, Madam Speaker. The reality is, we have to utilize debt. Now, for the most part the debt strategy moving into COVID and stuff, they are considering our strategy which in the last four-year budget it is kind of violated. We are not really following the debt strategy necessarily. But one thing we are is, we haven't got to the point where we have to vote to change the debt strategy, debt by-law that says that we can go 100 or 110%. But our financial people are managing this. So, you know, people of Winnipeg, like, debt is debt. Like, it is for important things. And those people who work in the construction industry and they're still earning income, those Winnipeggers who should be concerned that we are taking on too much debt, they are still working because we are investing and making sure that the needs of Winnipeg are being met. So we need to realize that…so in speaking to this. So, you know, I don't necessarily like some of the drastic action that we might have to take because the current leadership for the last number of years and prior to the current leadership, has operated on an austerity minded thing in unprecedented growth periods, Madam Speaker. Unprecedented growth. Unprecedented growth over time. So we operated under austerity. So we've already reduced all these services. Now we're at the point where, you know, if we have to…because we have to balance the budget, that's the real problem. It's not being able to earn money from the economic perspective that I heard discussed at EPC the other day. The real problem is, is a balanced budget. It is good to have a balanced budget, you know. That is really important, but we unlike the other levels of government…actually, because we have a property tax base and stuff the commercial sector going through to '22, I have to tell you, that classification of other is going to be in jeopardy because of the...I just need one more…two more minutes.

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

Councillor Eadie: Commercial assessment is going to take a dive. All kinds of reasons. It's been coming, but COVID has enhanced it. So in the future, we are going to have to deal with that. In the commercial sector though, that instability has been coming for quite some time with the growth of Amazon and many other alternative ways of purchasing and consuming goods. So in conclusion, I am supporting this plan because this is what our city administrator experts have to work with. And I just want to say, I am…I just pray that we don't hit scenario three when we will have to cut whole services that the City provides to the citizens of Winnipeg that they depend on. Because we are down to there's...anyway, I don't want to go on any more, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this financial plan. It is unfortunate that some of the debt strategy there is slight violations of it. But 22 million of it, Madam Speaker, is actually in…not interest coming out of the operating fund, it's coming out of dedicated money to repair roads. So that isn't taking away the future of services in Winnipeg. It is directly related to roads, which is a prudent way to do things, Madam Speaker when you look at issuing debentures and paying what is really quite low interest rates. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Seeing the hour, and we do have other speakers and the Mayor needs to close, I would like to call the recess from 12:00 to 1:30. Members of Council do have commitments that they've shared with many of us prior to today. So I would like to honour that, 12:00 to 1:30. We will recess and reconvene then. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 26, 2020, at 1:43 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of June 26th, 2020. We are on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 18th, 2020. And it's Item 7, Addressing the Financial Challenges of COVID-19, Additional Proposed Actions Out of the COVID-19 Crisis Cash Flow Management Plan. Our next speaker is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's been an hour, an hour and a half since context of those speeches that came before that sort of motivate me to say a few words. I do pay heed to the comments made by Councillors Nason and Klein in terms of striving for a greater itemization of our expenditures and where it's leading us. I have a few things to say in terms of where we're going in terms of debt. We have debt. We're told we are the only level of government that can't go into debt, but we incur debt. It is an interesting equation in terms of how we explain it. It's very real. I am not saying we are playing games on the municipal level. I am saying there is…it's part of the Charter. It's part of the Provincial Charter that makes up the City of Winnipeg in terms of what we can and cannot do in terms of accruing debt. But comments have been made before lunch and have been for years previous and will continue to do so. I do want to expand on this in terms of my fears in terms of who ends up paying for this. I want to give a little bit of context, just a little, because there is no point in going there too far, but just remember last fall before, I think, I dare say, anybody in this room had heard the term COVID-19. Last fall, Wall Street was being given a daily bailout of...do we know how much? This is last fall. It continued into 2020 before COVID hit, but we were already talking about millions of dollars a day, half a million a day, a billion a day? No, we're talking about $10 billion a day. That was happening last fall pre-COVID. So we as leaders on various levels and us in terms of the limited powers we have as a municipality sort of have to cope with these things, and it's not simple. Certainly not blaming any individual here for, you know, not understanding or not really being able to give us a 10-year forecast or 20-year forecast. Councillor Klein did mention in terms of what our debt will be, you know, by 2045 and 2050. I've talked about these things. It is one of the reasons I had to vote against the bus corridor in south Winnipeg that saves 5 minutes from downtown to the U of M. That is why I had to vote against it. These things we're trying to afford including talking about limitation of, you know, social chaos, part of that I think many of my fellow councillors would agree when people are living in tented clusters. As an example, when my coworkers working with me for years on every single payday can't go to a bank or a credit union to have a regular bank account that can help them stabilize their lives, help with the…their financial identification for one day maybe being able to have a mortgage maybe one day, things like this. The slippery slope by which one ends up maintaining or falling into a case of lack of social and geographic identity isolated by the system so that they end up couch surfing and homeless, things like this. Because the system is not really helping them when they really are trying to help themselves in many cases. Madam Speaker, I want to bring a few stats in terms of who is paying for all of this more than ever before. We know that in the last 15 years the biggest change in the housing market has been competing for the lower income neighbourhoods because that's what people can afford. And thus, that is where the demand goes, and that's where the prices go up. Therefore, that is where the property taxes went up the highest, Madam Speaker, in the poorest neighbourhoods, lowest income neighbourhoods of our city and elsewhere, Madam Speaker. Add to the fact that property taxes in the lower income neighbourhoods would have gone up by over 50% in that amount of time, nowhere near would that have been in the higher income neighbourhoods, Madam Speaker. Combine that, Madam Speaker...well, as an example, the first house I ever bought was in 1999 in West Kildonan right on the T-junction of West Kildonan, North End and Garden City right on that T-junction there, $85,000 back in 1999. And that's when I first met future Councillor Sharma. Now, happens to be that that price of that house tripled, and that is all very well, but the reality is that for new homeowners, for young people, the cost of that house has tripled. Can they afford that mortgage? Can they afford the property taxes? So we can all say that this contributes to what the value of our economy when certain prices go up, well, that's the size of our…that's our economy increasing. But when is it inflation? That's the crux. Like, let's not pretend we can get away from understanding that analysis. What is the difference between economic growth and what is the difference between that and inflation? When it just costs more to live. Now, Madam Speaker, we had a last...couple of years ago we had an appeal based on a fellow asking for a variance for his restaurant on Corydon Avenue, and he said, well, given the price of food, given the increase in the cost of food, for me to maintain the same viability of my restaurant, I need to expand. Well, I couldn't say he was wrong. I said, to maintain his viability, well, I believe that because costs are going up. He can take advantage of the larger, you know, capacity and economies of scale by maintaining that viability to offset his increased food costs. Was he joking about the food costs? No, absolutely true. And that was two years ago, Madam Speaker, so I'm going to talk about another pre-COVID statistic right here at home in Manitoba. The cost of fresh vegetables between 2016 and 2019 went up by 18.5%. So we're told when we have our collective agreements with CUPE or whatever, we're told, well, the inflation rate is at 1.5%. That's, you know…that's the standard inflation rate. The consumer price index. And yet, when it comes to people's major expenses of food and shelter, did they go up by 1.5%? Are they going up by 1.5%? Are they going up by 2%? Are they going up by 2.5%? No, Madam Speaker, they're going up in some cases at twice the rate of what we call the consumer price index. Twice the rate, Madam Speaker, in many cases in terms of what we've decided would be our collective agreements based on consumer price index. But Madam Speaker, you know, for the people who are paying a greater load than ever before because their

mortgages went up, because their rents went up, in the lower income neighbourhoods, beyond anything in the last generation we have seen elsewhere, Madam Speaker. Well, what can I say, Madam Speaker, these are the things we can't ignore. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: I do, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much. The COVID Cash Flow Management Plan is a responsible approach to managing our expenses and continuing to invest in City assets and our economy. We have taken immediate steps to reduce discretionary expenses, freeze senior management salaries, and freeze fleet purchases. I also remind members of Council that we have taken the difficult, but the necessary step to temporarily laying off Community Services staff and reducing Transit services. This equates to about 9% of the City's total complement. This is in contrast to other levels of government who have, my understanding, have laid off approximately 2%. So to those that think that we haven't made difficult decisions to manage our expenses, I would urge you to keep that in mind. Today's report contemplates the use of about $18 million of debt to replace cash to capital. This measure will protect our operating budget and continue to make critical capital investments including, and I will just cite some of them; new bus purchases, $1.9 million. Park and recreation assets of $1.5 million. Capital upgrades in the Assiniboine Park, $2.6 million. And investments in our tree canopy of just under $1 million. Now, I understand there are some members of this council that think that we should cut out these investments rather than using debt to support them. I would invite those members of Council to identify which of these projects we should cut. We will manage this new debt responsibly under our debt strategy. And this is plain to see in the report if you read it. This is a debt strategy that together with the COVID Cash Flow Management Plan has recently allowed Moody's to maintain Winnipeg's stable credit rating. And I cite when Moody's affirmed Winnipeg's AA2 stable credit rating, they noted, among other things, economic diversity providing a buffer against coronavirus-related pressures and volatility in the economic cycle, and strong governance and management structure and mature institutional framework. I want to thank our Finance Chair for his work on this plan. I want to thank our finance officials for their ongoing efforts. I appreciate their efforts, it’s why we continue to receive national awards for our fiscal management and I’ll be supporting this plan. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I will call the question on Item 7. All in favour? Okay, call for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Item 7 passes. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Yeah, Madam Chair, I just want to draw your attention to vote on the recommendation separately. You didn’t…you weren't able to recognize me. I just wanted to make note of that.

Madam Speaker: I honestly didn't hear you. There was a few calls for a recorded vote and that is what I had heard.

Councillor Nason: That is fine. I’ll yell very loud next time.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty as Deputy Speaker, I’m not sure if you heard that.

Councillor Browaty: I didn't, but…

Madam Speaker: Apologize. Thank you. Next item, Item 8, Mr. Clerk.

Item 8 – Loan Guarantee for The Convention Centre Corporation

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: I will wait to hear from council colleagues, please.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And this was stood down by Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to speak quickly to this. I understand, I read the report a couple of times. I guess my question is how do we explain this help to the hospitality industry in Winnipeg that is suffering? We have a number of hotels that are here in this city that have no revenue coming in. Absolutely nothing. Not a cent is coming to them. We've talked about our own debt. However, my colleagues feel that that is fine to go into more debt, so that's fine, but I noticed in our report that the organization is pursuing federal support. Are they going to provide us with updates on that federal support? Are we going to be privy to what federal support they are applying for, and will we have the opportunity to advocate on behalf of that federal support? I note that their business interruption insurance did not help them because they did not have COVID-19 coverage. Well, I mean, COVID-19 didn't exist, so they surely couldn't have that coverage. I do want to point out, page 11 of the report is the financial impact statement and it's blank. I can understand why, but recently at an EPC meeting I believe precedent was set when a division, Winnipeg Police Service, brought forward their request and it was delayed because that form was not completed. Wondering if that would be the same here. This is an opportune time to refinance or negotiate a better interest rate. Are they looking at that? I also noticed the inclusion of the destination marketing reserve fund, and one thing the city...I would like to see the City do, is sit down with the hospitality industry and talk about how that reserve fund may be utilized to support them in relaunching our local economy. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to speak actually in support of what we're trying to do to assist the, I'm sorry, the RBC Convention Centre. RBC because of naming rights. I think they did a smart thing, bring some money in to help the operations. But Madam Speaker, I just, you know, I would like to go back to just a little history on the Convention Centre expansion. And I am going to go back to we…actually, Mayor Murray had just become mayor and about a year later they were doing consultations on budgets, Madam Speaker. At the time, many cities throughout North America had accommodation taxes, but the City of Winnipeg did not, but there was constantly a threat, you know, reducing or maintaining a convention centre, a robust one here in Winnipeg, that is a key thing for tourism, conferences, bringing people into Winnipeg and the economic benefits that go to not only the hotel industry, room rental industry, but also all those people coming in. Business supported and wanted to see an expansion, wanted to see the Convention Centre continue to exist. I believe at least two levels of government are directly involved in appointing. Not sure about the feds, but we, the City, we appoint people, we appoint…actually, us councillors elect…I think Councillor Browaty actually is our voted in appointee, one of them, on the Convention Centre Board. And the reason that we're directly associated with that is it is so important that we have that. And so in the expansion because in order to compete in the industry of having conventions and bringing people, there was a need. And so an accommodation tax came in and you have the destination marketing fund and, you know, in good times we are collecting a lot of accommodation taxes from them. And really, the purpose of it is to continue to promote and support tourism, conventions, that is good for business in this city. And so…and to be able to host large conventions that mean something. For example, I work for the Disabled Peoples International. We brought in an international conference. And it could only have been done through the assistance and working with the Convention Centre. Yes, we paid the bills and stuff, but we brought people in from…persons with disabilities from around the world. Essential to have a convention centre. And there are many other very important events that happen at the Convention Centre. If we didn't have the Convention Centre, where are we hosting the Association of Manitoba Municipalities conference and convention? Brandon is served well by theirs. It's a smaller city. They have difficulty in accommodating such conferences. But so all this money is being collected in this fund. We need to support the Convention Centre because when it is able to operate and bring people in and tourism and so on, this is important to the business community. So to say that endorsing debt or supporting them in providing an ability to stay financially viable while they are not able to have large conventions, large things for their food services and so on, Madam Speaker, it is really important. So this isn't about taking away or giving to anybody. Yes, the accommodation tax comes from the hotels. They are struggling as well, there is no doubt about it, but you know, when things go back to the new normal or whatever it is, we do need those hotels to be there and that is private sector investment. But the reason the private sector invests in hotels and have hotels because it is all interrelated. So it just…it is a no brainer to support this. We do have councillors on the board. When they present their financials and those kinds of things, they are considered. There is a CEO of the Convention Centre. Not sure...I can't remember who the new one is, but it's been managed by really good management at the Convention Centre, and the board has always tried to make sure that they are accountable. So all's we're doing with this report is supporting an essential component to the tourism and business community of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. And Councillor Lukes, just before you make your remarks, I would like to take a moment and on behalf of Council and our public service here, congratulate you and your family. Over the noon hour you were attending a drive-thru graduation ceremony for your three boys…three sons. All the same age. So congratulations.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Yes, fast and furious seems to be what is happening in my world lately. So I just am going to rise and speak to this loan guarantee. Along with Councillor Browaty, I sit on the board of the Convention Centre. And I won't get obviously into details about board activities, but I will share some very high-level points that I would like to bring forward. There is concern, of course, in the hospitality industry, Madam Chair, on you know, what will happen eventually if this loan can't get paid back. You know, of course, there's concern within the hospitality industry. Many industries have gone under dramatic change in COVID-19. The airline industry, we know, is devastated. The hospitality industry has been devastated, and the convention centre industry has been devastated. This board is probably one of the...well, there's many incredible boards to sit on, but this one has just been incredibly enlightening to really understand what is happening at the Convention Centre and the dynamics and spin off that happens to our city and to other businesses in our city. And the Convention Centre has an incredible management team under…it's now Mr. Drew Fisher who comes from the hospitality industry and that team is extremely dedicated. I have never seen such well-run board meetings and presentations. And it has just been…every meeting actually has been devastating because to listen to the impact that COVID-19 has made on the Convention Centre and its operations. And this loan guarantee, they may or may not need all of it. They don't know, but they are one of the first hotel…first convention centres in Canada that this weekend, they are having a wedding for 150 people on a Saturday and then 150 people on a Sunday. And they are social distancing and doing all the health protocols that they must. There is added costs and many other factors that are costly that play into it. But the city has a very significant investment in the Convention Centre and we, like many other things, need to do our role in help keeping it afloat. And many members on the board are very directly involved in the hospitality industry. So there is a lot of sharp eyes around the table that are, you know, express concern but are very supportive of this loan guarantee. I want to thank Mr. Ruta and team, whoever…well, maybe it's not Mr. Ruta. He is involved in it, too. And the people involved from the administration who have helped the Convention Centre work through these incredible times. It was one of the first meetings I sat through when COVID had hit. And you know, you see grown men just so emotionally distraught about the number of staff that have to be laid off and the impact and this is a very positive move that the City is doing. And I am very supportive of it and I wish the Convention Centre well. And those are my comments on the record.

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

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, I rise to speak on this. I likely will support this. I don't know if we will be voting on the individual recommendations or not. But I am concerned of guaranteeing other entities' finances. We've got the Assiniboine Conservancy that we also do this for. They may come back to the table. We're waving fees. We're taking on the risk on behalf of the City of Winnipeg. I echo what Councillor Lukes said about people being…you know, the impacts of COVID and being out of work, the negative portions of this. The challenge is, is they are not alone. We're not...you know, this loan guarantee isn't putting people back to work from what I can see. It's covering overhead costs that are ongoing that they have no revenue source to deal with, but that is no different than restaurants. The other Convention Centre hotels that we have around the city. The need is great. You know, we can say that, you know, other levels of government have to step up. You know, these avenues are being explored. Seems that we're first to the call for the Convention Centre. The item of interest and I always wondered, I didn't see any sort of attachment or the request from the Convention Centre on this matter. I am curious if it was a board directive, if there was a vote on it at an organized meeting of the Convention Centre Board where this came out of the minutes. Or if it was the executive director just doing it on behalf of the Convention Centre Board. I don't know if those answers could be answered. But there is a couple that I do have and hope maybe perhaps somebody can answer to that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to support this motion. The Convention Centre is one of those opportunities to attract conferences, large conferences here to our city which increases tourism and records those visitors to our city will be spending dollars at local restaurants, local hotels and spurring the economy that way once COVID is said and done hopefully. Again, it's a matter of spending those large dollars, and I say investing those large dollars wisely so that, again, the Convention Centre can rebound, can do the things it needs to do to attract those conferences, the weddings, all of those events to our city so that as visitors come, they can spend their money at our local establishments. Again, I concur with both Councillor Lukes and I believe Councillor Nason had mentioned with respect to the management at the Convention Centre, Drew Fisher, who is doing a fabulous job in running that entity and making sure that as we go forward, visitors will be coming to our city at events hosted at the Convention Centre and be able to spend their dollars at our local establishments. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So at another case, the City is being asked to guarantee a loan. This isn't new. Governments have been doing this for a long time. So I just want to get back to a few basics here in terms of why governments do this. Why are they asked to do this? It might be a joint venture. You know, a public-private venture. It might be that it's just a very important private enterprise, but a service that is considered to be enough in the public interest that we need to sustain it. Whether that be in the energy sector, you know, that could happen in oil, let's say. It could happen in the airline industry. You know, it is ambiguous and it's an argument to whether it is necessary and to what extent. But just to explain on the record, why don't they go to another large corporation? Why don't...I mean, banks are profitable, why don't they ask Royal Bank, RBC to...well, I mean, we need to ask these questions, right? They are logical questions and Shawn Nason gets…sort of gets the gist of it. There is irony involved. I didn't actually mean that, but yes, why doesn't the RBC Convention Centre go to the RBC? I am not picking on them. I have had a banking account with them for 48 years now. Now, the reality is that governments, because they're sustained by taxes, have great credibility with the financial sector. So on the power of our ability, not just to borrow on the ability of the government to tax, we get the better interest rates. So that's a very important aspect of this. The power of a government, when people act collectively, so we as a city, as taxpayers, act collectively and on this level of collective action, get the best interest rates, get the best financial deal. On the provincial level, as a collective of, you know, 1.3 million people, sooner or later, all of us pay taxes. So at our collective strength, our collective ability to do these things has a lot of power. So much…so much credibility that the financial institutions recognize it. So we got better terms, better guarantees, better options and better interest rates. That is how the world works. That shows you the strength of collective action of working collectively and that can't be ignored when it comes to issues like this. Thank you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am not going to go on at too much length here today, but the word unprecedented gets batted around a lot. When it comes to the effects of COVID-19 on travel and hospitality and conventions and that type of travel, this really is truly unprecedented. As the economy comes back together and various organizations, whether it be private sector, government, one of the things that may be very slow to come back is travel. The Convention Centre could face a very significant challenge going forward. I have to commend Drew Fisher and his management team from the very beginning when things started going sideways in March, their first goal was to, let's rebook as much as possible as quickly as possible. Various major, you know, national and international trade shows have been rebooked at the next available year. Local events were pushed into the fall. Graduations, here's day three in September. Wine Festival, you know, let's try September. Now it looks like those dates won't happen. You know, they are looking for other opportunities. Social distancing, where do we have a lot of room? The Convention Centre. So events that could have been hosted in smaller venues, maybe they're in a larger venue now. It's going to be more costly, but in some cases, they'll be able to accommodate depending on how our re-opening plan goes and whether or not there is a COVID comeback. So the Convention Centre is going to play an important role. The are real financial challenges. They have done everything imaginable to contain costs right now. I would argue on a regular basis our operating subsidies from the City and from the Province are among the smallest ones out there. My understanding, and I…this is an old factor, an old saying that understand from people in the conference industry, association industry, the only convention centre in Canada, supposedly, that makes money is the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. And it's nothing to do about the events held in it, it is the size of the parkade. That's how they make money. Other facilities, particularly in Quebec and that, the amount of public money that goes into them on an ongoing basis is many, many times what we provide the Convention Centre in Winnipeg. Even though there is a cost to it, the revenues are huge. The amount of people spread when they come to Winnipeg in our hotels, at our restaurants, going to attractions is significant. So, you know, I don't like competing against the private sector when there's hotels that can handle events, it's probably better that the private sector handles them, but the Convention Centre handles those really big events although it does fill in some of the other space with events that do compete with the private sector in our city. So again, hopefully the $7.5 million isn't fully needed, but the reality is, this is one industry that is going to be more severely affected, you know, after the economy starts returning to a normal or a new normal. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to clarify for the record, I am not sure if a couple of…just a couple of comments my colleagues have made of just…wanting to have the opportunity to clarify. So the recommendation in the report indicates…recommendation 1, the Convention Centre…really, it summarizes they will be borrowing from the Royal Bank, up to $7.5 million. The City of Winnipeg is making the determination today to basically backstop or guarantee that loan. And so, just to be clear, that's…the Convention Centre is not borrowing from the City of Winnipeg, they're borrowing from the Royal Bank. And so I just wanted to be clear on that. Earlier today we received communication as part of this agenda on the 2019 consolidated financial statements and just to remind everyone as well

that the Convention Centre is included in our consolidated financial statements. In fact, note 21 says that the corporation, meaning the Convention Centre, is dependant on the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba for funding and financing which is essential to its continuing operations. The City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba have a relationship, in fact, and there's provincial legislation around the Convention Centre. The City of Winnipeg…pardon me, the Convention Centre has a dependency on the Province and the City. You know, it's not like as Councillor Eadie said, it's certainly not like an independent hotel or independent private sector, a banquet facility. It's unique in that regard and really critical to the city's economy and the health and economic success and viability of our hotels and service industry providers within the city. So just to remind everyone, again, what we are voting on today; Recommendation 1, this is a loan guarantee basically which will enable and secure…the Convention Centre to secure the loan, temporary borrowing facility to get them through this time and they'll be securing that loan and getting that loan from the Royal Bank of Canada.

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

Mayor Bowman: I will be very brief. I want to thank Councillor Lukes and Councillor Browaty for their service to Council on…as our rep…representatives on the Winnipeg Convention Centre...sorry, RBC Convention Centre. And I will also echo the comments of my colleagues in terms of appreciation for Drew Fisher and his management team. These are challenging times and I will be supporting the report today.

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

Councillor Nason: Can we vote separately on Items 4, 5, and 6? They can be done concurrent.

Madam Speaker: Yes, there has been a request to vote on Clause 4, 5 and 6 as a group and that is in order. Okay. I will call the question on Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 7. All in favour? Actually, there is Clause 8 and 9 as well. So I will revise the vote call adding 8 and 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And Councillor Nason, just to clarify, the…was that a recorded vote for 4, 5 and 6, or just a…? Okay, so I'll call the question on 4, 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Okay. Councillor Nason, we record you in opposition. Okay. Carried. Item 9, Mr. Clerk.

Item 9 – Winnipeg Police Board Appointments

Madam Speaker: And we have an amending motion to go with this. Mr. Mayor to introduce the item and followed by Councillor Chambers has moved Motion 5, seconded by Councillor Rollins. Councillor Chambers, you will be the speaker following the Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was going to thank Councillor Klein. I see he has departed momentarily, but I do want to thank him for his service as chair of the Winnipeg Police Board over the last number of years. It is a challenging board and there is no secret that public safety issues have been a top priority for Winnipeggers and it's been a challenging time for us as a community. So I want to begin by thanking him for his service as chair and I want to commend our incoming chair and, obviously, ask for ratification of his appointment going forward. Councillor Chambers has been the vice chair of the Winnipeg Police Board for some time, and I know I speak for members of Council in appreciation for his positive, collaborative and strong leadership. We have seen him hit the ground running in the last week. I had made public as I started this convention of making public mandate letters, Madam Speaker, one of the requests that I made in asking Councillor Chambers to serve as chair was to have the Winnipeg Police Board provide a written submission to the Minister of Justice, Minister Cullen, who we just saw over the lunch hour at announcement at the legislative grounds. In the legislative building I should say. And appreciate the swift action of the new chair of the Police Board to not only provide written feedback on the provincial review of the police services act, but also to make it public. And I know I and I expect all members of Council will support his stewardship of the board. And I want to thank all the members of the board as well for their important efforts. I'll obviously be supporting the appointment of Councillor Chambers or ratification, I should say, as chair and Brian Scharfstein as vice chair, Madam Speaker.

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

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS the Police Services Act requires that the Winnipeg Police Board consist of at least seven members;

AND WHEREAS there currently exists a vacancy on the Winnipeg Police Board;

THEREFOREBE IT RESOLVED item 9 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 18, 2020 be amended by adding the following new Recommendation 3 and renumbering the remaining recommendation accordingly:

1. That Councillor Santos be appointed to the Winnipeg Police Board.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, you are a hard act to follow. I just want to move my motion over, lay it over for a month to allow time for a board meeting to take place where we can deal with this.

Madam Speaker: Just one moment please. Yeah, so we are just on the same page here. Just clarifying, Councillor Chambers, you cannot lay over the motion.

Councillor Chambers: The amending motion.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, you can't lay over the amending motion. It is the whole item.

Councillor Chambers: Oh, okay. The whole item. Okay. Can we withdraw? Yes. So we'll withdraw.

Madam Speaker: Okay, now is that with Council's consent? Let's get the consent of the seconder, Councillor Rollins, do you…

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, can I just stand a point of order just for a moment?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I am not challenging where you are going on this. Madam Speaker, the council position that was proposed to be on this amendment is actually a position that we would normally vote for at our annual inaugural meeting or organizational meeting in which we would decide who within the by-law we would be appointing. So…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, are you saying this motion's out of order?

Councillor Eadie: What I'm saying…what I'm saying is, Madam Speaker, just let me complete what I am saying. Just to complete what I am saying is, there is a position that we as Council need to fill and I don't see any reason why we can't proceed with voting on proceeding with Councillor Santos as our Council representative on the Winnipeg Police Board.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers has requested rescinding his motion, withdrawing. Councillor Rollins, do you wish to withdraw? This is not a time to collaborate. This is a time to make a decision. Please, let's move forward with the meeting. Do you wish to withdraw?

Councillor Rollins: I concur with Councillor Eadie. I leave it to Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Well, if the Council is prepared to vote on it today, then I am fine to continue on.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Would you like to speak to your motion and the main item?

Councillor Chambers: Yeah, so the motion is to appoint Councillor Santos to the board of the Winnipeg Police Service. Councillor Santos comes with a tremendous breadth of experience and is the councillor representing the downtown area. And I think will add value to the discussions that we have as we collaborate with the community and with stakeholders in bringing their voice to the Winnipeg Police Board and working collaboratively with our Winnipeg Police Service.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Next speaker, Councillor Santos.

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Chair. I am truly honoured for the nomination to be on the Winnipeg Police Board. I just wanted to be a little bit open and transparent to the public as well as to my council colleagues. When I ran in 2018 election, most of you had known me as the executive assistance to my predecessor, Mike Pagtakhan. I worked with many community leaders at that time during my three years when I worked in his office. And when I ran during the election, I had a few community leaders make some quotes and endorse me during my newsletter, one of the flyers that I handed out. And one of them actually happened to be Brian Scharfstein. And he is currently, as we can see, being nominated to be the vice chair. But at that time, I worked with him in his capacity as a president of the Canadian Footwear. And so that is where the letter of support that I received from him was during at that time and I just wanted to make sure that everybody knew that that was…that has happened in the past and I wanted to make sure that I was transparent with that. And I am

excited if I am nominated to be on the board that I would love to continue to work with Brian in his capacity as the vice chair. Secondly, there was a time in the past that I have made very inappropriate comments. One of my council colleagues emailed me to educate me on the topic and how my inappropriate comments have affected him. I want him to let…I want to let him know that I am very sorry for my behaviour. My comments should have never been said in private or in public. And I want him to know because I have grown since that…I made that comments, and I've been…learned to be a better person and I am a better person because of him. So if any of the council colleagues feels that I am in a conflict of interest in any of these scenarios, then I completely understand. And you know what, I will continue to keep working in and for my ward in my capacity as a point…as a councillor and…but I do feel that I am in a very unique position right now that makes me a good fit for the board. And so, I really hope that everyone here on Council can support me. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, first I'm going to speak to the amending motion which I support. It's all…Madam Speaker, it's all about one's perception and understanding about the Winnipeg Police Board and I think that through some of the e-mails that went around, I totally missed the part where the Mayor picks the vice chairperson. I don't know how I missed that, but somehow, I missed that in our by-law and so I had a learning experience myself. Of course, I served on the Winnipeg Police Board and still believe that I have a lot to contribute to it. But Madam Speaker, I wholly endorse Councillor Santos being on the Winnipeg Police Board. And she's going to have a lot to learn because there's a lot of things that people don't know and don't understand about the Winnipeg Police Board and we should all be cognizant of that. It's not an easy position to serve, even if you're not the chairperson. Just being on there as a councillor as I had been I think is very…and it's a lot of work. And what one will find is that the people who have been appointed by the City and by the Province, the civilians are good picks. At one point, I challenged the Mayor on deciding that the chairperson was a civil person. However, I never challenged the integrity of the individual that was appointed as chairperson. It was just I had some concerns about…because part of the debate when these police boards were created is how much influence should city hall have and how much influence should we have as councillors on what is to be a civilian governance model for a police board. So anyway, I wholeheartedly endorse it and I think that Councillor Santos has a lot of integrity. Yeah, when we get into these political debates, sometimes we throw things around and we don't understand. On the original…the Mayor's choice, the leader of Council has made a very good choice in choosing Mr. Brian Scharfstein as the vice chairperson of the Winnipeg Police Board. And I'm going to be speaking to Report 10 as I stepped it down, and I'm going to explain some things to people that they don't seem to understand what the challenges are. You know, you should not criticize something you don't understand. I listened to the discussion at EPC and I have to say again, Mr. Scharfstein has been, since he's on the Winnipeg Police Board, he was the board liaison to the Indigenous Council that was established through the leadership of Ms Spillet and Ms Lasalle who are…one appointed by the Province, one appointed by the Mayor. These women, strong leaders, this Indigenous Council was set up to try to work with policing, police policy, colonization actually. If you really want to understand the difficulties, there's so many nuances and I'm not going to get into…I'll speak a little more to it in Report 10. But Madam Speaker, Mr. Scharfstein, very…great integrity. Very intelligent man. The work he has done, I know firsthand, the work that he does and his understanding of what we're dealing with as a police board, as policing in Winnipeg given the tensions and the misunderstandings, I think, of the overall population. We are not Minneapolis. We are not a United States city. We have problems, there is no doubt, and I'll speak a little more in Report 10, but I would like to confirm that I will be voting and totally support the Mayor's choice as the vice chairperson of the Winnipeg Police Board. You couldn't find a better person to do that job and if Councillor Chambers is unable to do his job, I am assured…I am sure that Mr. Scharfstein will represent the issues properly that this Winnipeg Police Board must do in its day-to-day and ongoing governance of the Winnipeg Police Service.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much. I rise in support of the motion and the amendment. I believe in…I believe that it is time that Council considers really transparently the composition of our police oversight body. I understand some of Councillor Santos' ambitions because Councillor Santos shared some of them. And I understand from conversations that I've had with her about her priorities of allocating City funding towards community health, community mental health and wellness and those structures in neighborhoods that she champions as evidenced by her motion on the Freight House that keep people safe. And investments like she's made to recognize students during a period of pandemic and their achievements and really espousing a philosophy of community safety that I think that our police oversight body could benefit from including ensuring investments our community-based. Things that I've worked with her over the course of the pandemic including the food banks in our neighborhood, gardens and active transit. So I support the motion and the amendment, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Nason.

Councillor Mayes: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I'll try and be brief. I will support the motion, I'll support the amendment. I am pleased to see two councillors remaining on the Police Board. It's something I raised here a couple of years ago. I do

think it's a better model for us as councillors when we have a councillor as chair. I believe the Mayor has chosen…I believe that's in the Mayor's jurisdiction to choose the chair, so I am pleased to see a councillor doing that. No slight on Mr. Asper who was the chair, I just think it's easier to reach and communicate with a councillor when there's a councillor as chair. And I also think it's good to have two councillors on the board. We went through a period where we had only one councillor on the board and I think this is a better model. It's something I actually had in my election platform. The one thing I did want to flag, though, is a concern raised by Councillor Santos and I'm pleased to hear her be transparent and disclose that. And that is, I think the Police Board…it's not to be debated here today I don't think. I think the Police Board should have the discussion and the debate about whether members should be endorsing City Council candidates. I am a little troubled by that. I think this is a board that's relatively well, it was created in 2013. It was created by the provincial government in the wake of the Taman inquiry. It was created to give some distance from the political process to a civilian oversight of the police force. And it's not for me, I guess, to pass judgment on that, and I have no quarrel with Mr. Scharfstein. I've had a good relationship with him. But I am, I have to say, a bit troubled by the issue that if people in the Police Board, appointees are then publicly endorsing certain candidates. I don't fault candidate Santos. I'd have taken any endorsement I could have in 2011, when I was running in a by-election. I would have taken anybody with a good public reputation like that. And to be fair, Mr. Scharfstein was endorsing under the label of owner of Canadian Footwear not as member of Police Board. But I think that's a nuance. I think if we have people on the Police Board, I would suggest that discussion needs to take place about whether they should be endorsing particular candidates. It does I think create some concern or some confusion maybe in the public, but that doesn't give me pause. I will be voting for Councillor Santos to be appointed. I just think that whole issue is something that should be discussed by the Police Board going forward.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Chair. I rise and I will be supporting the motion. Since being elected, Councillor Chambers has definitely shown lots of drive, lots of ambition and eagerness to serve the citizens of Winnipeg in whatever capacity he can. Sometimes to his detriment, he likes to take on many, many roles at Council and I applaud him for that. Brian Scharfstein as vice chair, you know, I watched the Executive Policy Committee meeting. There was some questions about his ability, his well roundedness to fulfill the role as vice chair. From what I'm hearing, he definitely does have a resume that would support him in good stead as being vice chair and I do applaud that. I recognize that Councillor Chambers in moving this motion is likely saving us all an extra meeting to have for the interim appointment of Councillor Santos in the role and I'll be supporting the amending motion as well.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would like to say I'm definitely supportive of appointing my colleague, Markus Chambers as the new chair of the Winnipeg Police Board. I believe he really and truly understands the issues that our police force is facing. In fact, I met Markus our first time on McIvor Avenue…I said too much already. In the North Kildonan Ward, actually visiting our former police chief while I was putting up a lawn sign across the street. Markus is really close with our former police chief, that's not a state secret, and I think that relationship has more than you would believe in terms of being knowledgeable on the file. Brian Scharfstein I think is going to do an excellent job. A number of months back, there was a community safety open house at Kildonan Place Shopping Centre and I had a really good opportunity to have a good conversation with Brian and he certainly understands the issues and will be an excellent vice chair. Also, pleased to support the amendment to select my colleague Vivian Santos as a new member of the Police Board. I heard her comments earlier today about, you know, some of the safe spaces grant and she was very passionate. Again, Council here, the City of Winnipeg taxpayers fund the police service, but we don't have any real direct oversight on the police force. So I'm going to just take a moment to pass on some comments that I hear from, you know, residents of North Kildonan, taxpayers of North Kildonan and I know some of my colleagues have had similar issues. I know Councillor Lukes talks about speeding and loud vehicles, for example. I get lots of those complaints too. North Main Street, Sunday nights, the drag racing. You know, why don't we have police pulling over people? Like, there are…the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act has specifications about modified mufflers and that, why don't we have police pulling over vehicles regularly when those types of things are occurring? We know their resources are stretched but those are the sorts of things we like to…you know, our residents want to hear about. You know, petty thefts, stolen bikes, breaking into garages, you know, now people are told to go fill in a web form and you barely get a call back. You know, former New York City mayor, Mayor Giuliani, you know, he was like, go after some of those small crimes. You know, the broken window philosophy. You go after the small stuff, the big stuff comes together. Like, that's a way to help build community in my mind. You know, even things like graffiti. You know, we want to see policing throughout all of Winnipeg. We know the needs are greater in the inner core. I would like to see all members of the Police Board including Councillor Santos made the plea for the Province. So much of the work police do now is social services type work. It's not that traditional policing. There's a move out there…there's a move afoot out there from the public, from a lot of people to defund the police. I believe the police need to spend their time and energy working on real, you know, policing issues, arresting people, and then the rest of the system needs to help deal with the other probleMs I mean, this is a case where I think we have an opportunity to upload housing and social services issues to the Province. I've seen a couple of press releases about what happened over the noon hour

and I think that's positive. But again, policing could be our healthcare if we didn't put controls on it as I know we recently have. I commend Councillor Gillingham, a former board chair as well as the Mayor and finance folks for some of the smallest increases in policing year over year budgets in recent times. So I do commend them on those initiatives. But again, if 70% of police time is being spent on dealing on non-policing matters, we really need to do more and I encourage the new and…well, I encourage the Police Board to look at ways of doing that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I rise to support this motion before us and the amending motion. I want to thank the Mayor for his appointment of Councillor Chambers. I think Councillor Chambers will do an excellent job and Mr. Scharfstein as well. As others have, I want to acknowledge the work of the current members of the Police Board and I know that Councillor Santos I believe will do an excellent job as well. As Councillor Eadie was speaking, I was thinking back to the days that he and I sat together on the Police Board and it's challenging work, but it's very good work. It's important work. It's always been important work because that board under provincial legislation really does represent the citizens of our community. And the legislative mandate, you've heard it from many people over and over again is to ensure that policing services are delivered in a manner that is consistent with the community's needs and values and expectations. Perhaps we're seeing a shift with the current environment that is before us right now across North America. But…and I believe that there's a lot of opportunity right now and Councillor Browaty has said it, the Mayor has said it, many around this chamber have said it, there's an opportunity and a need for significant partnerships with the respective departments and ministries within the Province of Manitoba to determine and make sure that the individuals on the end of a 911 call are getting the right agency, the right service to meet their need. I do remember, though, that when my time as chair on the Police Board, these are some of the calls that police Chief Devon Clunis and police Chief Danny Smyth have uttered as well. So it is our police services, in my memory as chair of the board that has said, look, there's…we need some assistance. There is another way. There's opportunity here to have the right partnerships and many models have been tried, some successfully. I just think right now is a key time, a pivotal moment for the Winnipeg Police Board and the work of the Police Board and I certainly, I'm sure every colleague around this chamber I would hope feels the same. You know, we want success for our Police Board. We want them to do really, really well. And so I'm here certainly in any way I can to…back when Councillor Klein was first appointed, I said the same thing to him and thank you for his service. And I say the same thing to Councillor Chambers. In the limited time I had, the two years I had in the role as chair of the board, I'm certainly willing to assist in any way, but we do want to see our Police Board succeed. Because ultimately, it's really the body that represents the voice of the public. And policing…to ensure that policing is delivered in such a way that it is reflective of the values of the community and the needs of the community. So it's a pivotal time for the Police Board and the Police Board's work. And so I know that I'm confident that the members of the board and the executive team over at the board office as well will continue to do all of their due diligence and you know, put in their best effort and give up their time and energy towards being part of a positive solutions, positive changes that are better for everybody, better for the citizens, better for all of the partners involved, whether it's non-profits or the provincial government or any of our City departments as well. Better for the members of our Police Service as well. So I look forward to these individuals being part of some really positive changes that I believe are just around the corner.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Schreyer

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't going to speak on this, but we've gotten off onto a few tangents which I think are relevant. And on that basis, we're talking about reallocation of police funding. Well, I do want to remind the chamber of…there's only one person that I quoted when I first ran for city council. The only person I quoted was at the time police Chief Devon Clunis. And I quoted him in saying that we need to give real, meaningful support to his call for raising our social consciousness. And that was stated by our police chief at the time. So I'm just going to add that because I think it's consistent with some of the comments being made on this issue in the last half hour. To be specific, in terms of defunding or refunding and reallocation, I believe we've also been talking about, as Councillor Gillingham said, that when we phone 911 that we get the right agency. Chief Devon Clunis at the time also stated that something that we're going to be dealing with, something that we have been dealing with, and it looks like we're going to be dealing with in this next year, that the police services are misplaced in the sense that they should be dealing with a social worker, so I'm being specific in term of those issues that we'll be dealing with. Therefore, what I predict part of the debate, part of the discussion that the Police Board will be having, city hall will be having and the people of Winnipeg is that I'm not denying that's what we have to look at. So what's going to happen? I don't want to prejudge it so much as just raise people's concerns because this has been going on for my entire time as a city councillor in terms of who provides which services. Where does the funding go? And so I look forward to this…the issue is going to be one of them as if the funding is reallocated to the social service sector. Are we satisfied that the element of safety is going to be maintained, whether it's a non-police officer that has to deal with an issue of what could be social services? These are the answers that…these are the questions that I need answers to. These are the questions that people ask us for answers to. So I look forward to this debate. I look forward to seeing what type of improvements that we can bring forward in the year to come, in this appointment year. And it's something that we can't take lightly. I'll put it that way. And we have to have a little bit of patience with each other as we

deal with these issues if we are…truly have the sincere intent of dealing with some specifics in terms of funding. In terms of funding, I'll just say a couple of things. If we are concerned about overfunding, bear in mind fellow members of this council, it is not the Police Board…it is not the Police Services that has had the highest rate of inflation. So I mention that again. I'm not saying that these aren't issues that we shouldn't be dealing with. These are issues for us to deal with. But if we're serious about saying that too much of the budget goes into police services, I'm not saying that's not a legitimate argument, I'm saying if we're serious about that, there's no way we can call ourselves consistent with our concerns if we don't deal with what's been a higher rate of inflation and that is construction inflation. Now, I know Madam Speaker, right now in the 2020's, right now, because of economic down turn, right now because of lack of provincial funding for contracts, we do see, as has been said by a representative of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Industry Association, last year right in this chamber, standing right there, that we are seeing for the first time in decades…for the first time in decades a reduction in the costs of construction. That might be a reduction in the rate of inflation or it might be a sheer reduction. But having said that, as it's been pointed out that construction has more than one inflation rate. So if we're serious, we just can't say, oh but there's been a reduction in construction costs. Okay, so now find out, all right, where has there been a reduction in the construction costs? When we talk about these things, then I know we're serious because this is what we have to deal with. Just as when we have to deal with the police budget and we have to go into the police budget and say, where can we cut costs? Where can we save the taxpayers dollars? Where can we make our budget sustainable? Let's not forget that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Chambers, your opportunity to close.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm just so overwhelmed with gratitude of my council colleagues who have stated their supports and vote of confidence in moving forward as chair of the Police Board. Thank you so much and I look forward to working with all of you in this important and critical role as we've seen over the last month or so with all of the calls for transformational reform of our policing services, not just here in Winnipeg, but across Canada and in North America. It is about this position becoming more visible in the community and more vocal with the community and working in collaboration with our police services. So thank you very much for your support.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm just wondering if any members declared a conflict? I noticed one of our council colleagues departed when we started this item.

Madam Speaker: Not that I heard.

Mayor Bowman: Okay, no problem. So I'll speak briefly to some of the related issues. Firstly, I'm happy and I'll be pleased to support Councillor Santos for appointment to the board and I have no doubt that she'll continue to be a strong voice for her community and for the city in this new capacity and I look forward to supporting her leadership efforts as well as the board's efforts along the way. Also, of course, I look forward to working…continuing to work with Councillor Chambers in his new capacity as he's taken over the last week or two as well as the incoming vice chair, Brian Scharfstein. I note on the topic of change and looking for better outcomes in our community, I think there's widespread recognition across our community that law enforcement is not always the right organization to respond to calls to service, certain calls to service. There are some, of course, that do require law enforcement. Law enforcement, Winnipeg Police Service are the only organization that can respond in ways to make arrests. They are uniquely required and responsible for the provision of services that only police can provide. But in our ongoing support for proactive and progressive measures like the Illicit Drug Strategy, like the 24/7 safe space monies and investments that we've voted on today, which I'm really proud of Council for unanimously supporting. Our community safety and crime prevention fund, again, trying to help build community safety in a way that isn't always reliant on police. The Bloomberg Harvard initiative, again, trying to find ways that we can reduce the demands and calls of service for our police, not only helps our budget but more importantly, provides residents with the services they need at the right time. And that is something we all have a role to play. Our chair of PCS&P, many members of Council understand this wholeheartedly and we have to continue to hold other levels of government to account to make sure that they're doing their part. And in that respect, I will continue to push for the benefit of not only the Police Board and this council, but more importantly for our residents for outcomes to be measured and public by the provincial government in areas of their responsibility, whether it is mental health, addictions, homelessness, families in crisis. If we have public outcomes, we can all get behind supporting them to help the residents that need the help most and we can then look at reducing the police budget because there will be somebody else that can respond to calls other than police. Right now, if at 2:00 or 3:00 tonight in the morning, if somebody needs services, quite often the only number they can call, the only agency that will respond will be the police in some cases. And it is not only…can be traumatizing, it can also be stigmatizing, but it also is not necessarily a good use of resources of the police service. So they can do only what it is that we are asking of them, all communities ask of their police service. I know our new chair understands this. I know he will continue to do his part in a positive and collaborative way with Council and I'm very proud to support him today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on the Motion 5, the amending motion. All in favour?

Mayor Bowman: Recorded.

Madam Speaker: Call for recorded vote, all in favour of amending Motion 5? That goes with Item 9. Please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 5 passes. And now calling the question on the main item, Item 9. All in favour? It's a recorded vote as well. All in favour, please rise. Item 9 as amended.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 9 passes as amended. Moving now onto by-laws, Mr. Mayor. Oh, pardon me? Oh yes, Item 10. Item 10, Mr. Clerk.

Item 10 – Winnipeg Police Board Effectiveness Evaluation 2019

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 10.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I didn't pull this. I'm not sure if it was Councillor Eadie or someone else, but I'll speak very briefly. I want to thank the Winnipeg Police Board. I do appreciate the openness and transparency of the information that's contained in here. There are some positive items in here, notwithstanding comments that have been made by others about the effectiveness of the Police Board. They have done some good work over the last little while and I want to thank our outgoing chair, I want to thank the Police Board, their staff as well as of course the Winnipeg Police Service for their efforts. And I would obviously urge all Winnipeggers to review the Winnipeg Police Board effectiveness evaluation 2019, share their feedback with the new chair of the Police Board and members of Council on how we can continue to build a safer community for all of our residents together. And I look forward to hearing from my council colleagues in the next few moments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and this was stood down by Councillor Eadie. You have the floor.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. The reason I stepped this down is I've been listening to comments for the last couple of weeks about the Police Board and policing and, you know, Madam Speaker, I think somebody needs to stand and clarify the Winnipeg Police Board and its ability to be effective in what it is mandated to do and what it tried to do in the past and it was turned down. Now, this report is simply here as information so I'll be voting for it because this report, for those who did provide their assessment and remember, it's only each individual's own opinion of the effectiveness in this regard. It's good to hear from outside organizations. But, you know, so Madam Speaker, the challenge has always been and Councillor Gillingham found this out and, actually, the first chair of the Winnipeg Police Board was Councillor Fielding, actually, now the Minister of Finance for the Province. He can see fit to find the money to provide community organizations with the money to ensure that our attempt to keep people safe in Winnipeg is directed and the police service doesn't have to do that. So I would ask the former…the first chairperson of the Winnipeg Police Board to consider that if he's listening. I doubt it, but should. Madam Speaker, so just a bit about the challenges. Because, you know…and you know, actually filling out that questionnaire, it's very difficult to figure out what you want to say in terms of evaluating, especially for the board itself, evaluating yourself. But I understand that some people were doing evaluations

who have no idea other than they're trying to reflect an administrative perspective on it, you know, anyway. So what I want to talk about then is, so there's challenges and blaming the Police Board that the police service, for example, is still racist. Well, there's racism in all of the systems and within each of us, we have our lived experience and biases or whatever. None of us would call ourselves racist. But in understanding the policing and how being effective, you know, the Indigenous Council was there and they provided the Winnipeg Police Board with advice on where they wanted to go and we always had to bring in the police service. The biggest challenge is that policing has these…and Councillor Chambers in meeting his first obligation under the mandate letter pointed out…and I don't agree with everything that was pointed out in there. There are conflicting things that can happen. And I hope that the chairperson…and now we have a councillor on the Winnipeg Police Board who is still part of the Budget Working Group. And I wasn't saying there's direct conflict, but there are, how could I call it? There are extenuating circumstances that make it very difficult for the Police Board to do its job and for councillors who are on there to maintain a representation of what the Police Board believes they should be doing in terms of recommending a budget as an example and so on. And so, that's some of the stuff I don't necessarily agree with the evaluation in that letter. But I want to come down to the real heart, nuts and bolts of it, when it comes to the community and policing. We as a board, when I first started on there and members Loustel and member Spillet and a bunch of members including the executive director, Mr. Don Norquay who I think did an excellent job, although we had our…we had our disagreements but he did a very good job. We were moving forward with what we believe was one of our roles which was policy related to policing. We got a new chairperson and the police service didn't like…really like that as much either because they followed these international standards which obviously aren't working. I mean, many places in the United States supposedly follow these international policing standards. Well, I have to tell you, it's obviously not meeting community needs, is it? And what expectations of being safe and the realization of that, Madam Speaker. But so the Item 7 was that the Winnipeg Police Board, you know, I won't go…we had to remove policies because our leader at the time felt and was listening to the police service who kept calling our policies the Police Board policies and their standards their policies. So it was like us and them when we're supposed to be trying to work together to provide good policing service. And I think there are many…don't let me get off here, but I want to say it, there are many sworn officers that work for the Winnipeg Police Service who do the utmost greatest work. And you get incidents with people who don't have the expertise or whatever, there's all kinds of issues that come out on what are right now, they are violent streets. They are very violent. We have to maintain workplace safety and health for people and so on, but I digress. The real problem is for the civil society to have more of an input on policing services. They need to be able to give input in creating our Winnipeg, our Manitoba policing standards. The international standards are lacking. And we, the police commission, told us that is nothing that the Winnipeg Police Board is allowed to do. We did keep the biased free policy, but even that was challenged. Saying that we, the Police Board, can't set that policy. BS. Now, improvements have been made in terms of how we deal with various people of colour or any…trying to stamp out any racism towards Indigenous people and so on. And for them, to decolonize the system for Indigenous people so that they could give it, they need to…we as a Police Board couldn't really help them and so the whole thing fell apart because they were unable to say, this is what the policing standards need to be. Like, oh, but the policing standards are set by the Province. So, you know, there's a problem there. So to say that the Police Board isn't effective, we did start reaching out. We would have these meetings. Councillor Gillingham would agree, we would have these community meetings and like one big event and nobody would show up or a couple of people would show up. And then we started teaming up with the police service who do community consultation and things and we got to sit there and listen. We as councillors, Councillor Santos is going to do a great job. I know she is. I always did. You know…

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

Councillor Eadie: I just wanted to say, my experience is not in education, it's not in being a police officer. Our education as councillors is if you're out there on the street, you understand what the safety needs are and I was always able to bring practical, what's going on out there to making policy decisions. So I wholeheartedly agree with the chairperson when it comes to let's get these Manitoba standards for policing in place and let's have the Police Board and various Indigenous groups, community groups provide input, but I hope that the Province's consultations become really meaningful because everybody who is listening, spread the word. If you are concerned with the way policing services work, most of it is in the standards that are set that we really have no influence over. We ask the chief to change things, but when we start doing training for racism and we start doing training on dealing with mental health, I have to say one thing we haven't done is they need more practical training, situational training so that they…officers who become officers and officers who are out there who are continually trying to improve their profession, that they have actual simulated, some means of actually exercising, being in situational things to find out if they do have any biases. Because you know what? Things pop out of my mouth sometimes I never realize. Like, I am, you know…so it needs to be situational training for the officers. And I heard somebody promoting that when it comes to mental health and mental illness situations out there. An expert was talking from Ontario, they need situational training so that when they are in the real world, in the real practical situations...sorry, anyway. So I'm going to be voting for this report, but I just had to get out what some of the problems are for the Police Board to provide that effective service to our community.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Seeing no further speakers, I'll call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – FRIST READING ONLY

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 63/2020 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 63/2020.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I can go?

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Madam Speaker: Okay, yes. You're on to the next section, thank you.

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, sorry, I'm just following here as well. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 61/2020, By-law 62/2020, By-law 64/202 and By-law 72/2020.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 61/2020, By-law No. 62/2020, By-law No. 64/2020 and By-law No. 72/2020

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the By-laws No. 61/2020, 62/2020, 64/2020 and 72/2020 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 61/2020, 62/2020, 64/2020 and 72/2020.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 61/2020, 62/2020, 64/2020 and 72/2020 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 have question period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock, please. Any questions for Mayor Bowman? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. We have report, Councillor Orlikow, dated June 15th, 2020.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DATED JUNE 15, 2020

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I just…we have one item, Item No. 1, move for consent.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have no motions, no by-laws, we'll have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Orlikow? Councillor Nason.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Nason: Well, it's been a joy for the last…what 20 months or so. I've shared the table with Councillor Orlikow and now he's going on to greener pastures as Deputy Mayor. The one question I have for him is what is he going to do with all of his spare time?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I thank you for the question, and that was my hope as well when I got the appointment. However, the Mayor has informed me that I'll be working with him on the mandate letter. This is one of those moments where you really should look at the small print before you accept the role. There's a lot of incredibly impressive portfolios that he wants me to help out with including COVID, Human Rights, and also the Million Tree Challenge and also really trying to find ways that we can all work together in a common vision and a common sense of purpose, using some of my background skills, hopefully, in conflict management and communications to work with all of you, to try and make sure that we can move this City forward together. So it's a challenge on all fronts, so I also just want to commend Councillor Vivian Santos for willing to take up all the dinners that were previously on my plate. She's graciously accepted to do them all.

Madam Speaker: It's on record now.

Councillor Orlikow: But again, I really have enjoyed the Innovations Committee and Councillor Nason, thank you. I have enjoyed our battles and comments and questions that really made it quite exciting. So I think in a committee, it's a new committee [inaudible] and it's very exciting, and I'm very pleased that Councillor Browaty will be taking this Chairmanship over and that's…it's still an emerging kind of committee, so again, thank you all and I really look forward to working with everybody in this new role.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Any other questions, real question? Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Just to the outgoing chair and coming Deputy Mayor, did you know that the previous Deputy Mayor had size 13 shoes which are pretty big shoes to fill?

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, briefly.

Councillor Orlikow: I would never…

Madam Speaker: It's a long day.

Councillor Orlikow: …I would never want to fill [inaudible] the previous Deputy Mayor's shoes. He wore them well, wore them strong, did it his own way. So again, and I'm not sure what they smell like, so I'm more than happy to take the leadership from him as well. But he'll be, maybe a little bit different role, but I do have a lot to try go up for, especially the amount of, like what like talked about today, Councillor Chambers was everywhere, every time, every place, again I appreciate again, Councillor Santos taking that role over, so appreciated. Bye-bye.

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

Councillor Eadie: Oh, I think this a real question than the last one. Councillor, Madam Speaker, did you know that I think that a new appointment has a much taller stature that will assist in actually doing and fulfilling the Deputy Mayor position in a much fuller way?

Madam Speaker: That question was directed to no one, okay. Shall we move on? Thank you so much. We will move on to the next committee unless there's any questions. Seeing none, let's move forward. Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, Councillor Mayes on the report dated May 21st.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED MAY 21, 2020**

Councillor Mayes: This is the first of the May 21st. So I will move Items 8 and 17.

Madam Speaker: It's 8 and 17 only?

Councillor Lukes: Ten.

Councillor Mayes: And again, we're still on May 21st, Janice here. You're literally two items to it. Two agendas.

Madam Speaker: So we'll call the question on Item 17. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8 – Amendment to Council Policy PD-023 Railside at The Forks Concept Plan

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Well frankly, I plan to vote against this myself, but I was, in the interest of time, just going to note that. So I don't know what Councillor Eadie has to say. He has talked to me about this, so I have some idea of what he's going to say. I have concerns with this report in that it provides ratification of The Forks changing their plans so as to having lower percentage of green space required, a reduced commitment to community gardens and reduced commitment to geothermal. The gist of the remarks from Mr. Kowalke on behalf of the City, if the committee were well, it's just an advisory thing they largely drafted at The Forks. I have to say, maybe we should be having our City planners have less time spent on this than Councillor Schreyer awaits since 2013 a secondary plan in his ward on Chalmers. I've been awaiting since 2014 a secondary plan on the Seine. I mentioned this to Councillor Vandal who moved it recently and he said, are you kidding me? That's still not done? So I'm not sure we're deploying our planning resources in the best way possible if we're going over and remanding a document that would seemingly weaken commitments, but we're being reassured it doesn't really matter anyway because we'll catch it all site by site. Councillor Allard, to his credit, had a good day yesterday and changed several requirements on a developer from 'should' to 'shall', which I supported. And we mused about how that would differ from this document here. In any event, I look forward to hearing from Councillor Eadie and I may have further comments on close. I recognize everybody thinks The Forks is great. Hopefully we don't…all 15 of us don't have to say that. Hopefully, I can just say that on our behalf. I recognise everyone thinks we are also, we as us, we as The Forks, we are a part of it, it's a joint venture, got that too. It's just if this plan really doesn't have much weight or meaning, I'm not sure why we go through the exercise of doing this plan and then amending this plan. Surely, we could be off in Chalmers in Councillor Schreyer's ward doing a plan that's been requested since 2013.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to vote…let people know I'm voting no against these amendments. But please, make no mistake, Madam Speaker, I am not voting against this development in The Forks area, in the East-Fort Garry Ward, in no means am I doing that. I know the project needs to go along. However, given that it is a tri-level government, The Forks, and the area, the private sector will be investing money and spending money in here to build up a community for the area we call The Forks. And what is it, this is specifically The Forks railway area. It's all defined in there, Madam Speaker. But, you know, it is a policy. It is not a statutory secondary plan. In many greenfield developments, we have established statutory and we have been ordered, which is no secret, we've been ordered by a provincial court judge that we are only to establish a secondary plan policy, a non-statutory thing if it's statutory. You know, it really…when you say 'shall', it's shall. It shall. When it doesn't…you know, it's a policy. People find it easy to change policies, obviously, this is…there's no demanding hearings to change this or anything like that, consultations. And you know, a lot of people believe…now, I'm going to get into the details of this, but I just wanted to point out the irony that the outgoing chairperson properly pointed out in terms of what is the weight of this policy and the words when…anyway, I'll leave it at that. It is policy and we are, as all members of Council, we are…we should be following policy. I won't get into my lecture about policies and how they don't feed into the budget policy. But anyway, I digress. I wanted to talk about some of the changes in here. It's been my experience where we should have had geothermal heating. Yeah, there's a bigger upfront cost for geothermal, there's no doubt about that. But over a ten year or more period, it actually works out that you save money and you protect the environment, climate change. You know, there's a number of things in here they're kind of switching up a bit. I like to see rooftop gardens because that green infrastructure means that the rain that falls stays where it falls and feeds and grows plants. That's really important. But on the geothermal, it's my understanding from our councillor from Elmwood's father who is an expert in geothermal, has promoted it for years, Madam Speaker, that you know, the only place where geothermal does not make sense is in the desert. Not enough water to…anyway, it's

in a desert. They don't work in a desert. However, you know, what is the water value? What is down at The Forks? I mean, it's at the corner of the Assiniboine and Red River. There has got to be good geothermal opportunity there, which is what the idea is. So they want to change it from, “shall install geothermal” to, “may”. And the first building they're going to build will not be set up for geothermal. And they say, oh, wow. If we do the geothermal later, we could hook it in, they say, Madam Speaker. You know, whatever system they come up with…and you know, at the West Kildonan Collegiate, they came up with a, you know, a better system. But it's not necessarily that environmentally friendly as geothermal is. Here we are having an ability to achieve what we as a city want to see as goals and we’re changing it to may and I’m telling you right now, that’s a weasel out, it will not happen. Just like the public school's finance board didn't want to pay out the money to do geothermal at the West Kildonan Collegiate. It's a weasel word. That's why they get out. If you pass this and you vote for this, definitely there won't be geothermal because those buildings that they’re going to build before the geothermal comes in, they will have systems that will cost even more money to hook up. Madam Speaker, like really, this amendment is just giving up on it. I know people think and believe that, you know, it still can happen. I haven't seen any good reason and I never heard our City administration state any good reason as to why geothermal cannot be installed upfront for all the buildings and things that get built here. I think it's very important that we do establish those kind of systems because that is meeting our climate change requirements as the City of Winnipeg and this is a City of Winnipeg policy. We have partners, yes, but, you know, let's move ahead. We should be doing it. So I can't support it for that only one reason and then, there's no reservoir being established for this particular neighborhood as it is, right. There’s no reservoir for the operating water and that. So I guess there’ll be a separate sewer system running a separate drainage pipe right to the river. I guess they can do that. You know, that’s fine. It won’t be hooked up to the sewage. That’s fine, that’s cool. But you know, why not use the water resources and try to build in what actually, the incoming chair at Water and Waste has a passion for green infrastructure to try to deal with CSO and that sort of thing and I think that's important. And I’m afraid, a little bit afraid that maybe some of that might be given up here. Although, it's not as dangerous as saying, “may do Geothermal”, mark my words. You vote for this and it goes through, geothermal will not happen at The Forks. Thank you.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I’ve put several words on the record, maybe they bare repeating today. I don’t know. In terms of how these are a handful of innocuous amendments that will still result in the really important project that they maintain the original intent of the policy that The Fork’s intention is still to deliver efficient and centralized heating and cooling, geothermal-based district utility, that The Forks still intends to have a great number of green spaces, but I will concentrate my comments on what I think that this does. And why it has taken so long as a curiosity to this councillor. This does achieve the kind of growth that we want as a city by growing more intensification in the city center than by greenfield development. This growth provides and will provide a variety of affordable housing options for residents in the downtown at The Forks. And it is an important part of my planning in Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry as I look towards Mayfair Park and the school as being more utilized. I do think it is a very interesting project in terms of mobility. And I am watching the active transit and the sustainable transportation options in and around The Forks. The ambition to continue that active transportation corridor right from Riverview to The Forks to…through to UW. And I think that in this project therein lies some of those ambitions. The urban design; this is a level of sophistication in urban and community design that we don't have in Winnipeg currently. Yes, by policy. But it’s really good urbanism at all scales with some equity built in in terms of food security, climate change and environmental design. And I think that that goes with saying. It also, at this point in time, is a really great project in terms of city resiliency. It embeds public health, environmental climate and energy resiliency into the framework of the policy and I think that that goes without saying. But, you know, we probably should underline that today, because that is what you are voting for when you’re voting for it. And finally, there is an economic imperative, I think, to get going, to embed economic development into the framework of our city planning and our urban environment and really focus on the economy. And so, for those reasons, those five reasons; the growth, the mobility, the city planning urban design, the community resiliency, the economy, I hope you’re voting for this development today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Any further speakers? Councillor Allard followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I will be brief. I’ll be brief. Just on the climate change and the geothermal heating. I wanted to point out that in terms of climate change, our Climate Change Action Plan, I’ve made this speech before, it mentions ‘density’ 70 times in the Climate Change Action Plan. It also has a goal of mode shift of 50% by 2030. Mode shift being passenger car trip vehicle…sorry, passenger trips in motor vehicles, biking, walking, taking transit. I can't think of a better site to encourage mode shift. So I mean, if we are going to be looking at this through an environmental lens, I think we should definitely be approving this beautiful new development. Yes, it’s true, there is a softening of language on ‘shall’ and ‘should’. This development whether there’s geothermal heating or not is going to be good for the environment in terms for Climate Change Action Plan objectives. And I wanted to make that part clear because I know that’s been raised by some of my colleagues. So I think this development is good for the environment. It is good for climate change. And it’s going to be a beautiful addition to our urban landscape in Winnipeg as proposed. So with that, I will be supporting this and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

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

Councillor Schreyer: The taxpayers over a generation have created such a wonderful place in the heart of Winnipeg. In the heart of our continent. And the taxpayers built it. It's such a great place. It's an envy. People actually want to live there. That is what the taxpayers created. We created it with the greatest of intentions. And I'm sorry, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering at this point if we have any concerns in this chamber given what we can hear?

Madam Speaker: There are protesters at the front door. Certainly, that is what we are hearing through the glass.

Councillor Schreyer: Should I continue?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, yeah, we will take a recess. Okay. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 26, 2020, at 4:11 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon, I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of June 26th, 2020. And we were on the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. It was the report of May 21st, 2020, Item 8 which is The Amendment to Council Policy. Thank you for that. We are on the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated May 21st, 2020. It's Item 9 – the Amendment to Council Policy PD-023 Railside at The Forks Concept. Our next speaker, Councillor Schreyer, you were interrupted just before the recess.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So the taxpayers created the number one tourist destination in Manitoba. And over a period of years, we slowly developed it with caution. And there is a number of principle factors involved and when we developed The Forks into a place for all. Accessibility for all. And our number one tourist destination. What we see here today in terms of further deregulation, this is, again, deregulating The Forks development to another level. At least we can all accept that. It is deregulating it, the development, to another level. But I was never in favour of this aspect of the development because I agreed with previous councils and previous provincial governments when they were developing The Forks that no one would live there. I believe previous governments on all levels wisely agreed that no one would live there, there would be no residential development, it would be for everybody. But what we see here today is just sort of another slow devolution if you will in terms of regulations for development at The Forks including for, well, some people living there and some people not. And I understand there's reasons for it and I'd like to go through it. Of course, there is virtues to this. Of course, it will have some benefit to the downtown. There is no doubt about it. Of course, you can say it is density and density of some virtue. It's not the same in Winnipeg as it would be in other cities because they can't do what we can do in terms of creating sustainable…environmental sustainability and energy sustainability like we can. But then, in the issue of energy sustainability and geothermal, that's being deregulated and changed as well in terms of this. Bear in mind, Madam Speaker, this is sort of evolving as I kind of thought it would. This is not surprising to me. This is sort of the third step while I'm elected in terms of the deregulation, if you will, of development at The Forks in the name of, what I'm hearing today, in the name of environmental sustainability. We are now going from six stories, now allowing eight stories for residential development. We're removing the size range to describe the buildings. Decreasing the minimum public space from 75 to 60. Taking out the obligation for geothermal energy, and allowing development without a district energy monitoring. I was really looking forward…I thought at least one of the virtues is we'd have this district energy monitoring. Well that is taken out, too. So in terms of energy, energy monitoring, energy efficiency, energy sustainability, we see the deregulation in this motion here. Now, Madam Speaker, you know, we talked about this being in the name of public transit because there will be more people living downtown using public transit. Bear in mind, Madam Speaker, that…well, I guess I'll mention it now. Let's look at the evolution of The Forks when they started slowly, cautiously, didn't rush the development at The Forks at the time when we said, yeah, it's time to do something there. But they started doing things and there would be limited development. When they started The Forks, no…limited development, no residential development. No one would live there. There would be free parking. This is what we were told, there would be free parking and ample parking. Now, you might say, yeah, but this is…you don't want cars, we want buses. Yeah, I understand that, but Madam Speaker, we say that we are doing this in the name of public transportation. But Madam Speaker, each residential unit gets a private parking spot. So just bear that in mind when we are talking about encouraging public transportation. I suppose it would encourage public transportation for those that no longer have parking access to The Forks that don't live there, yeah. I believe that. But The Forks was meant for everybody. And it is owned by everybody or no one. I believe that is the spirit of the intent of when The Forks was developed in the first place. Madam Speaker, we will continue to hear that the development at The Forks is in the name of green planning, sustainable transportation, density and sustainable communities. Madam Speaker, we could have done this by encouraging, because look at what

we are doing. The taxpayers' created such a place that it's a great place to put condos and apartment buildings. Of course it is, look what we've built, a fantastic place. Manitoba's number one tourist destination, but we see this evolution. Now Madam Speaker, you know, in terms of community gardens there's…they want an alternate to the obligation to community gardens, something that represents sort of the same intent. Madam Speaker, I am fine with that in the sense that I want to see. We all learn from experiment. And I would like to see what they mean by an alternative to community gardens. So I am not nitpicking, Madam Speaker, in terms of, you know, what the problems are. But we do see a devolution in terms of the intent of why we built The Forks up to be the great number one tourist destination in Manitoba. So Madam Speaker, you know, I am not against density. Look at the things I have done in my ward, what I have accepted, what I have voted in favour of in terms of the types of density in my ward including in the last year. I never thought I would do it, but some intriguing aspects of it. And therefore, I am not against density. But Madam Speaker, I suspect now that we are putting in this development, now we even took the geothermal and sustainable energy out of this. Madam Speaker, if it is shown to me that there's a plan right now to use no fossil fuels, no natural gas, and to take any natural gas sources out of The Forks and convert it to clean eternal hydroelectricity, Madam Speaker, I will put out my own press release and talk about how that's a great aspect of The Forks development. If I can be shown that in the next 24 hours I will do it, Madam Speaker. But I don't really think that's what's going on. But if this is about environmental sustainability, energy sustainability, then I will be given that information by Monday. I won't even have to ask for it because it's here on the record. Because I will put out my own press release saying how good that is for The Forks and for the future. Madam Speaker, Winnipeg gets more out of conversion to hydroelectricity…to electricity from natural gas than any other city in North America. So let's contemplate that. When we convert from natural gas to electricity, we are going to 100% hydroelectricity. If you do the same in Calgary and you convert to electricity, it really doesn't mean much. And density is definitely something they have to do. We all deal with density, Madam Speaker. I do it in my ward. But when we are not dealing with energy efficiencies here, when we're not dealing with conversion from natural gas to electricity, we're not dealing, Madam Speaker, because that's a far greater contribution…I'm not saying we shouldn't do density, but let's not pretend that equals the potential for converting from natural gas to hydroelectricity when it comes to creating an energy sustainable city. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: Just to close?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, yes, that is the close. Thank you.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Perfect epitaph for my period as chair of PPHD, unfortunate lack of communication, unfortunate lack of understanding, unfortunate split. What are we voting on today? We are not voting on a development. We are not…does yes mean yes to density and no means no to density? No. Does yes mean there's an urgency? We have got to get going. No, it doesn't. Read the docket, it is a long-term vision. The plan as adopted as Council policy and not as a by-law. All future development applications will be considered in the context of policies. This isn't a development application. If you vote yes, it doesn't mean you are in favour of density and urbanism and no means you're against it. It is a document that's meant to guide future development proposals. There are no development proposals. Is there a building? Do you see the prints? Do you see the design? No, because it is an overall concept plan for the area. So what is on the table? The Forks wants to amend the vision. These are the amendments: less green space, less commitment to geothermal, less commitment to community gardens. Eadie is right in saying there already is a commitment to geothermal in there. It's not being added in. Schreyer is right, this is a weakening of the commitments that The Forks has to live by. Maybe this will set precedent for future areas where we have TIFF agreements. I don't know. I know that it was a…I think I lost every vote on this one sidedly so far, so I will probably lose so again today. And that's fine, but let's be clear on what we're voting on. Yes, doesn't mean yes to density. Yes, doesn't mean yes to urbanism. And yes, doesn't mean let's get that shovel in the ground. There is no shovel waiting to go in the ground. It's a long-term vision document. You can see that if you read the proposal. Secondly, I refuse to torture the English language to the extent to say that changing the wording from, "shall include geothermal" to "should" is a strengthening of the commitment. I can't do that, sorry. My father was a linguist. I just cannot abide the fact that we would say that that strengthens the commitment. "Shall incorporate community gardens" becomes "shall enable and support community gardens". That's not a stronger commitment. One can say that if you wish, you can vote for that. I refuse to do that. I don't have anything against The Forks, great location. Schreyer's right, number one destination. We are not voting against The Forks. We're not voting against some building starting up imminently at The Forks. We're not voting against urbanism. We are saying, hey, this is what we are going to let The Forks do. Thirdly, current provisions; 75% open space. This provision; 60% open space. I don't think that shows a greater commitment or a more robust commitment. If people want to say it does, they can. I am not going to be party to that. So here is my view; this is a long-term document. The staff said at committee, really it is a guiding document, it's sort of philosophical, it's not a by-law, it's not intended to be prescriptive or regulatory in nature. So we'll catch it all as the individual buildings come forward. Okay if that is staff position, but then please don't let's get up today and say, there is an urgency to this, we've got to get building. I like geothermal so I'm going to vote for this. Eadie is right. Eadie has talked at some length about geothermal. Voting no to this doesn't mean you are against community gardens or you're against

geothermal, you're trying to vote against the weakening of these commitments. That's what this is. I think the staff might say, yeah but, come on, we will catch all of this at the later stage. So The Forks largely wrote this. I don't know why we have City planners engaged to this extent. I would like to see them doing some other area plans. I could use them. I think Schreyer's ward could use them. I'm sure others could as well. So what you are voting on here is a vision document. It is not prescriptive. There is no shovel waiting to go in the ground. There is no yes/no on urbanism or on being in favour of The Forks here. I'm going to vote against this because I think it weakens the commitment to green space, to geothermal and to the community gardens. That's what I think, because that's what the wording says to me. If others wish to say it's a stronger commitment, perhaps we will review that somewhere down the line when we come up to debating a TIFF at some other locations.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes. With that, I will call the question on Item 8. All in favour? There is a call for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillor Allard, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Gillingham, Lukes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillors Eadie, Klein, Mayes, Nason and Schreyer

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 10, Nays 5.

Madam Speaker: Item 8 passes. Moving on to Report 'A' of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, report dated May 21st, 2019.

REPORT 'A' OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED MAY 21, 2020

Councillor Mayes: I'll move adoption of No. 1, this is the McLaren Hotel item.

Madam Speaker: And we will be standing this down? I'm assuming there's speakers, I don't see any hands. Okay. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Councillor Orlikow will be noted in opposition. Carried. Thank you. I would like to…

Councillor Mayes: Thanks, former Councillor Wyatt. Didn't even have to stay to listen to a long speech.

Madam Speaker: Yes, I'd like to take a moment and recognize you, Councillor Wyatt…former Councillor Wyatt. Thank you for being here.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DATED JUNE 16, 2020

Councillor Mayes: Madam Speaker on the report dated June 16th, 2020, I'll move adoption of all items save Councillor Lukes has indicated to me she wishes to pull No. 10. So, I would move all other items pulling…Councillor Lukes to pull No. 10. There may be others. I don't know.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so, Item 10. Just a moment. Councillor Lukes, Item 10. Any other numbers? Yes, okay. And Item 2 is just laid over. It's just on the agenda for our information. Okay. Councillor Browaty, okay. So I'll call the question on 1, 3 through 9, 11, 12, 13 through 17, and that is it. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 10 – Subdivision and Rezoning – Waverley West 'B' (Phase One) – Selected Properties Bounded by Lee Boulevard, Waverley Street, Bison Drive and Albright Road – DASZ 43/2019

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

Councillor Mayes: Interceptor, interceptor, interceptor. Yeah, this is…Councillor Lukes has fought valiantly on this one and with each vote seems to lose a supporter or two for her position which is unfortunate. But we have heard lengthy delegations...not delegations, lengthy explanations from our staff at, for some of us, four separate occasions I think. So I have shifted my position over this. I think Councillor Rollins, to be fair to her, was one meeting ahead of me in doing that as well. It is a grey area. I can't blame Councillor Lukes for going to bat on this. But ultimately, I think the public service explanation is one that I eventually came to agree with so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes, Item 10.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to say a few words to put them on the record. I will be supporting this report. But this is exciting. I just would like to highlight some points here. So it was a year ago yesterday that the Council unanimously supported to proceed with the development of the seventh and final neighbourhood in Waverley West B in the community of Waverley West. That was over two years of consultation and discussion with landowners, developers and City staff that occurred to determine a plan and transform and set the tone for 400-acres of flat prairie field into a new neighborhood. The planning of Waverley West B was one of the first City led plans, in partnership with the developer, neighbourhood plans that has come about in decades. It was an incredible experience applying the best practices of neighbourhood planning under the larger Waverley West area structure plan. And I have to put on the record that this whole opportunity has been amazing to participate in the planning of this final phase. I recall back in 2008, I was attending a Riel Community Committee meeting that went beyond midnight. I was there advocating for lots of trails and pathways in…over the…in the over 2,000-acres that make up the neighbourhoods of Bridgewater. Never in my wildest dreams would I have ever imagined I'd be able to see the last phase planned out and play a role in it. And now today, if approved, the subdivision and rezoning of 88-acres to make up one of the first new neighborhoods in this last phase. It has taken almost a year to get to this point. Land development is a very long process and not for the faint of heart I've come to learn. You will note, if you look at the report, you will see…and I want to address this. You will see that there's some 40 odd amendments and conditions that were added or changed to what was originally came forward. And we did that in our public hearing. So one could say that is an incredible number of changes, and it is. And there was a comment that was made at EPC that I found rather disheartening about the number of amendments and changes. And I would like to explain it so everyone understands why there are so many amendments and changes. So the subdivision and rezoning phase of land development where the City negotiates with the developer on who pays for what infrastructure and to what standards the development…and to what standards the infrastructure is built to, this is when this happens. But this is where the problem lies. And I hope some of the very outspoken Twitter-verse people take note on this. I don't see anyone here posing it, by the way. I will note that, too. This is the phase of development where the development agreement parameters really kick in. What are the development agreement parameters? The purpose of the development agreement parameters is to ensure that all parties pay their equitable share of costs of development and that the development agreement obligations are consistent for all developments and that developments occur…that development occurs in accordance with the City of Winnipeg construction specifications. So take note; the parameters set out the construction specs. The development agreement parameters were passed by Council on July 17th in 2002, almost 18 years ago. And every councillor around the table knows that a very large report like that takes years to pull together. So in reality, the design and construction best practices that are laid out for developers to follow today, and Councillor Allard, you take note on this because we were e-mailing about it this morning on a different topic, these design and construction best practices are based on design and construction standards from 20 years ago, from the late 1990s. So Councillor Sharma has 800-acres, Precinct G, coming down the tube. There's other precincts that are coming. So for road design, green space allocation to parks as we densify from 20 years ago, we're still using the green space ratio. I have a motion to change that. I brought a motion forward to change the road design, maybe we'll modify it a bit further, Councillor Allard at your committee. Sewer, pathways, sidewalks, infrastructure and more is based on at least 20 years ago. So the process to update the development agreement practice had started around 2015 but came to an abrupt stop when the majority of council of the day decided to attack their so-called impact fee without any public stakeholder consultations and collaborations. And as we know, losses were brought forward which ultimately stalled discussions with the City and the development community to update the development agreement parameter. So how does all of that relate back to the 40 amendments and changes in this report today? Both the City planners and developers realize modifications need to occur for development to be appealing and functional to families in 2021 and forward. So these 40 amendments and changes are results of months of negotiations between the department and the developer modifying designs and construction specs and like we all know, sometimes difficult negotiations go right to the ninth hour and don't make the report deadline and that…it had to occur in the public hearing. So I will absolutely be supporting the approval of this subdivision and rezoning. I didn't agree with everything. I think there's three or four of us that can honestly say we know more about interceptor pipes than anyone would even dream of wanting to know. And I can say, like Councillor Mayes did, when you get really

close to the process, you see the flaws and the grey areas. We must absolutely update these development agreement parameters as soon as possible when the legal issues are resolved. I doubt the cost of that, though, Councillor Gillingham, is included in the four-year budget process. And I will bring that up with him for this next round because I am optimistic the lawsuit will be solved and will be able to update the development agreement parameters because they are so intertwined with the growth of our city and are in sure dire need of updating. A lot can be said and has and probably will continue to be said about the development of Waverley West. But love it or hate it, it is the most desirable area in the city to live. It's growing twice as fast as has been projected. It's taught the City valuable lessons on growth and it is an incredible place for so many young families. The world comes together in Waverley West as we welcome new Canadians from every corner of the planet. And I knew this new development today, the 88-acres of this last phase, first phase of the last phase will make so many dreams a reality. So I am encouraging everyone to support this and move forward. We did have the planners on the record say multiple times, it's contiguous development, it is part of city growth and planning that we want, and it is beautiful. So thank you very much.

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

Councillor Eadie: Pardon to my colleagues, I…at least one I promised I wouldn't speak. Madam Speaker, I am just going to be short on what is a very difficult topic that I think needs to be dealt with at the Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment Committee. The outgoing chair from this committee is going over to that committee, and I'm just going to…I want to talk about this thing…about the interceptor. I'm not going to get into great detail, but we need to ask and we need Water and Waste to actually…I don't think they actually have a policy. There is a by-law that says what is an interceptor, what isn't an interceptor, whatever, but what the problem is and we found this up in Precinct G, Madam Speaker, as you know, the whole discussion about the interceptor that was to be installed, what is it, not Fernbank, but anyway, there was supposed to be an interceptor supposedly built. There was a lot of controversy because Water and Waste, of course, didn't budget for it and certain developers wanted to development Precinct G, and which the interceptor was basically going to go through from what I could tell through Riverbend and existing neighbourhood on the east side of the Winnipeg Beach CPR line and on the other side we have Precinct G. It was decided, no, there is no need for an interceptor. And we had hearings, the DAZ and a Secondary Plan, Statutory Secondary Plan I think on Precinct G. Anyway, and when they were talking about moving ahead for development increasing G, they were talking about a non-interceptor pipes being built in a particular neighbourhood and it had to be sized bigger because there is no interceptor. And so, the number of properties that would be connecting to this new sewage pipe would be immense enough…big enough that there was a need for a much bigger pipe, which might not have been needed if there was an interceptor to connect to. So what is missing on this, and I am glad that there is finally a decision on this DAZ because, you know, Waverly B, you know, it is a different area, different plans. Yeah, old construction, whatever. That is fine, Madam Speaker, but what needs to be decided, and I think we need Water and Waste to do this because as I explained with Bill 44, again, who pays for the interceptors? The water ratepayers, that's who pays for the interceptors for that infrastructure. It is built into the rates and the budgets. Now, of course, Bill 44 is sending…our rates are to be evaluated over there. Then you have Bill 48 on development, which would have some say for the developer in this particular DAZ, and then, so we have the Municipal Board making a decision over there that says, oh no, it has to be an interceptor. Well, then what do we do with Bill 44 and we're going to the Public Utilities Board rates. So what we need in planning ahead in the future just to make it more sound for me, because we do need to be consistent in order to continue building this city the way it should be built. So I hope that what I have had to say here today, Water and Waste is hearing. We need to understand and they should be looking. We know where…what's left…like, Winnipeg only has a certain amount of land left for development. I hear there's moves going on south of the perimeter down Lag, you know. There's things happening. People are buying up and assembling land. We need Water and Waste to figure out where they would have to install interceptors so that when we apply for rates for four years, we can cover off if we are going to get stuck with that cost because we have traditionally not made the property taxpayers pay for interceptors. So I'll just leave it at that. I am voting for this DAZ and this was my only chance to speak to it because you're…unless you are on P and D or on the community committee, you can't speak to it until it hits here. I have spoken my piece. I will leave it at that.

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

Councillor Mayes: Number of broad issues actually raised there. Councillor Eadie makes some good points. We will also at Water and Waste have to consider the impact of densification on our combined sewer system. Obviously, we have a license that says we cannot add to the existing load. That is complicated. I have asked about that many, many times as chair of Property. And that is something that is going to be a bigger challenge going forward is making that…making that decision of where we could densify in light of limits of the combined sewer system. Point number two is a broader point; probably the only person more defensive than me about defending planning in the suburbs as being more dense is Councillor Lukes who has made the point I think articulately many times about there is more density in parts of Waverley West than the River Heights is one of her lines. And I think that bears repeating and I think as a council we can take some pride in some of these steps forward. Councillor Allard and Councillor Chambers and I had an eight or nine hearing yesterday on a matter of which I blame Ed Schreyer's government, by the way, because 1976 they didn't put in an overpass

at River Road and Bishop Grandin and this is still an application where people are saying, all this traffic because we never got an overpass in 1976. But the neighbourhood in question had 94% single family residents' so people were kind of rattled by, there's going to be this 128-unit apartment building, whereas, Matt can say, we have had…we have those almost every meeting at…about Sage Creek or Bonavista or some other areas probably in Waverley West. So some of these new areas like Sage, like Bonavista, like Waverley West, like your ward, Madam Speaker, we are doing more dense development. I think we should take some pride in that. It isn't just single family. We are putting in more nodes, we are putting in more dense suburbs. So I think that will help us in the future. We aren't saying to quote Richard Mahé from our Planning Department, we aren't saying, just build up, not build out. We have to do both, it's how you do it. So we are building out, but we're doing it in a more dense way, which I think is to the credit of this council and the council immediately preceding, I think that shift had started. So on this item, yes, Councillor Lukes has gone to bat many times on Waverley West. We, I think, need to move forward on this item. So I will be voting in favour of it. But I think Councillor Lukes has made some good points here about…I think we have a different approach now to how dense we are putting in suburbs. And I think Councillor Eadie is right that there are going to be Water and Waste issues as we go forward and work through some of these precincts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. With that, I will call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now move in to by-laws, Councillor Mayes, under your committee.

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

Councillor Mayes: Yes, I will move…sorry, Mr. Clerk.

Madam Speaker: You go ahead, yes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 65/2020, By-law 66/2020, By-law 67/2020, By-law 68/2020, By-law 69/2020.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 65/2020, 66/2020, 67/2020, 68/2020 and 69/2020.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Or not yet. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I move that By-laws No. 65/2020 to 69/2020 both inclusive be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law Nos. 65/2020 to 69/2020 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 65/2020 to 69/2020 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 will now have question period under this committee. Questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: Well, all good things come to an end. This will be the last question for Councillor Mayes in this portfolio. It is construction season, things are getting busy, projects are being applied for, for permits and inspections being ordered. I'm wondering if last year's black eye in this area has been resolved and if things are better now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Things are better now. I don't know if all good things are coming to end or not, but leaving that aside, they are coming to an end. So yes, I think things are better. I think Mr. Kiernan worked pretty hard on that file, I think Alana Crocker who's our…I had a lot of time for Stan Dueck who was our permits guy, he has retired. I have a lot of time for Alana Crocker who's in there right now doing the permits stuff. So I think…I think things are better, I think…I think we're moving forward. We've got a report that I gave to Councillor Klein about the volume of permits arising from his question at the last meeting. So we're not dead in the water, the construction is happening. So yeah, I think…I think things are better.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. At the last EPC meeting or maybe it was the, yeah…it was EPC meeting and the Property, Planning, PP&D meeting. You, the Chair, sorry, through you, Madam Speaker, the Chair was talking about the Future Services Account. Now, as I understand it, there appears to be $7 million held in some account somewhere, not earning interest, not a dime of interest, just sitting in a bank account somewhere or under a mattress I assume, and on this, it says that some of that money was in fact paid by residents of my ward that I notice there's some in Councillor Chambers' ward and I believe, through you, Madam Chair, the Chair said that some of that money was deposited moved or was there for 40 years or more, like we're dating back to 1976. So before this goes, you know, I know this is a goodbye day, but what is the plan and is all the money going into EPC wards? Like where…where is all this money going?

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, and thanks to Councillor Klein who alerted me he would be asking a question about the Future Services Account. This is…this is an odd account. That is a fair question, $7 million roughly sitting there, not earning interest. The money is apparently moved elsewhere in the City [inaudible], where it earns interest. But we have, I think it might even date to '75, that Juba-era, not even '76, the one…the oldest one in my ward dates to 1976, where money is paid in for some work to be done, and it's still sitting there, and we don't know if the work was done, we don't know if the work ever will be done, it's…it's troubling; and there's about 200-odd line items like this, relatively few in my ward actually. Quite a few in Councillor Klein's ward, he's right, as I said at EPC, quite a few in Councillor Chambers' ward pertaining to would-be paving, asphalting of…of gravel roads and I think some up in the northeast, possibly Councillor Browaty's ward. We have two separate reports or possibly one, coming PP&D said "we should get a report on this and…but we'll move forward the attempt to get some money out for St. Vital, St. Boniface wards," at EPC, Councillor Gillingham and others said, "Well, let's not take the money out, we're just going the report back on what this…what is this thing." So we should have a better report out from Mr. Ruta in July. It…certainly, the goal is not to put it all in EPC wards. What…what is the goal? I think the goal is to get some accounting of what's there. I…my position was, there's a $120,000 paid in, in the '90s by Home Depot when it went into Bishop Grandin and St. Anne's to do some work on St. Anne's. It's still sitting there. The work was never done. I could use that money. In fact, I purposed putting most of the money into Councillor Allard's ward for a project we've been working on, just to try and make the point of I'm not just trying to get it for my own ward. So no, it's not all meant for EPC wards, but we certainly deserve an explanation. This well predates the current mayor. It predates the former mayor. It literally goes back to Steve Juba's day. So not pointing fingers at anybody here, but we need some explanation of…as I understand it the idea was, well the elected people can't any of it out, but the staff feel they need to move some of it around because now you need more than $120,000 to do the project. We can do that because some of the projects actually did get done, but we just never cashed it out of future services. It… t begs for clarity. So hopefully next month you can grill Councillor Gilroy on this very item. But we should have a report for the next EPC detailing what's there, what maybe, what's been done. It does need some cleaning up. That is…that is for sure.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further questions for our chair? Seeing none, let's move on to the next committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins, the report dated June 10th, 2020.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED JUNE 10, 2020**

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to move Items 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Item 3 is just here for information. I would like to note that. It was laid over at Executive Policy Committee. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Rollins: And I would like to pull Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 inclusive. I mean move. Sorry.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Now I have circled and messed up my paper. I will call the question on 2, 4, 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Emergency Management Program and Emergency Management Draft By-Law

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much. This is a collection of package for amendments to the following out the provincial emergency measures act and regulations that place obligations on the City to meet certain emergency planning requirements, and we have talked about it extensively up through committee into Executive Policy Committee. So I will stand down and wait for questions.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Actually, I stand today to try and reason with my colleagues and ask them not to support this motion at this time. We need more time given the importance of this document, not only to the City of Winnipeg but the future of the City of Winnipeg and to our residents. Winnipeg's current Emergency Preparedness Policy is publicly available at the City website and it consists of four pages of scanned documents originally written on, I guess a typewriter in 1980. For 14 years, Winnipeg did nothing on this file. Nothing. And unless the 90 days we're being asked to vote on this, I don't know how we've felt. We've had enough time to truly review a very important document. In 2006, the City of Winnipeg issued an official council directive to develop an emergency pandemic plan with direct reference to the original SARS virus. We don't have it. The directive also ordered sweeping updates to the overall emergency response plan which at that time, was very outdated. Nothing till now. I really am urging my colleagues to stand with me and be opposed to this plan. You are increasing power with zero accountability. So remember that. When you vote yes today you are increasing power with zero accountability. Currently, only the mayor himself or herself or as a council vote is there the authority to declare a state of emergency. As I read this, now we're going to add a third. The new emergency plan allows the CAO to call the emergency or an emergency without coming to city council. I think we saw what happened with the bridges on that. I don't think we want to give the administration more power. We are here to oversee that. Voters hold us accountable for what happens. We need to be able to at least look them in the eye and say, we've reviewed it, we're okay with it. That is why we voted for it. We will be held accountable. So I am asking to when you consider that if you take a moment, by the way, and google some other cities, other jurisdictions, big and small, their emergency preparedness plans are all on the web, right there for you to see. Brandon, Ajax, Ontario, like Ajax, 100 and some odd thousand, it's there. So I am asking you today just to consider not supporting this plan. Let's sit down and have a conversation about it because it's an important plan. And I don't think we want to be giving away more and more authority. I think we want to be the ones that are checking. That we're reviewing. So please think about that before you vote today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Next speaker, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Madam Chair, I would like to move layover of this item to September.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein has moved layover, Mr. Clerk, that's in order. Sorry.

Councillor Nason: It's late.

Madam Speaker: Bit of a long day. Councillor Nason has moved layover so we should vote on that now. Councillor Rollins, you can rebut for a few minutes if you choose, a couple minutes, two only. Full stop.

Councillor Rollins: Point noted, Madam Chair. So there is a strong accountability here. Those that require more time and I will note that councillors expressing trouble today comprehending this plan did not appear in Protection, Community Services and Parks. Nor did they appear at Executive Policy Committee.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, more specifically why it should not be laid over.

Councillor Rollins: It's a strong plan. And those that are afraid to act swiftly in the emergency or any other time should leave it to those of us that can act.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We now will vote on the layover to the next council meeting. Councillor Nason, that is what you are proposing?

Councillor Nason: Madam Chair, I did ask for the September meeting, but…

Madam Speaker: To the September meeting, got it. Okay, and there's a call for a recorded vote. All in favour of laying over Item 1 to the September Council meeting? All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Klein, Nason and Schreyer

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 3, Nays 12.

Madam Speaker: Layover is lost. We will proceed with the item at this meeting. Councillor Nason, your speaking time.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Chair. Because of the way the motions work, I wasn't able to speak to the 'why'. Shortly after the second emergency was launched at City of Winnipeg in my short time here, I started asking questions. I started asking questions of where is the plan, where is the plan, where is the plan? It was laid up…was delayed, delayed, delayed, and there is a reason why. It's because we didn't have one. This is the second emergency that we have gone into since being elected, myself and four other members since 2018. And the challenge in the absence of the plan is that we seem to have fared not too bad in the last little while. We are still waiting for official costs for the October storm event. This one is still unfolding. We are in a state that…of readiness and operational...I think it's the second level of emergency preparedness that our EOC's operating under. So we are in good stead. And I see no reason why we couldn't have laid this over until September to…again, we have been running very hard under COVID-19. We are not out of the woods yet. But you know, I am challenged by the fact that we couldn't have spent a little bit more time. I know Councillor Rollins is just chewing at the bit to tear us down for not appearing in front of her committee. We can't ask questions at the committee. We can make comment, but it is not an opportunity to grill the administration. When we had our council seminar, we weren't even provided with the by-law. We had to wait until it was released as part of the public record. So, you know, to say that we have had a lot of time, yeah, we've had what, a couple months now that we have been aware of this. It is not that it is a bad approach. I know that the regional…I think it's the Regional Municipality of York has had a comprehensive plan for many years, public document. I was told that this was going to have to be a hyper-secure private document, you can't let this out in the public. But yet, we hear time and time again that places like Brandon, their pandemic plan seconded individuals into their water management plant. Right? So these are things that are known in the public. So I don't know why, you know, there seem to have been some state secrets around the development of this plan. But I think from a perspective and I still stay that, you know, having a little bit more time to go out and hopefully canvas some of our community on this for, you know, a stronger and better approach. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Next speaker, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, it is a serious report and there is a by-law associated that's been corrected. There was a slight error as I understand in the by-law. But Madam Speaker, there's not…it is pretty clear that my career as a councillor from 2010 up until now, I have basically been in opposition to the so-called leader of council. No matter who is in that position. Madam Speaker, but when it comes to emergency measures, people run for an office, it has certain responsibilities. And just so happens in this city, in certain circumstances, the mayor has the ability to make decisions on their own along with advice from our City's administration. It is with advice from the City's administration. It would be crazy for somebody to go ahead with something and not have the support of your administration, especially your emergency measures administration. So I spent a great amount of time actually studying the Manitoba, what is it...you know, thing is,

when you get a little bit older, you can't remember the exact name of things. But there's an emergency measures act of the Province. It's been changed not long ago. And yes, we should have been working towards having this by-law in place. It is here. But actually, since Mayor Bowman has been in office, Madam Speaker, there have been additions to our protection and community…protection services for emergency situations. A number of positions have been hired and there were budgets where we did hire so that we had people to work on preparing proper plans and by-laws and so on and so forth. Madam Speaker, I am quite impressed with what we were presented at Protection and Community Services and Parks. I don't really find any reason. We have to trust in people as well. But, you know, I read through it. We are meeting the requirements that the Province of Manitoba says that we must and have to. And we are doing it with…and we have great administrators who deal with emergency measures. And I am…anyway, I've read through it. I don't find that there's any probleMs So to say that, yeah maybe some of us haven't had a lot of time to look at this, but I am sure that many of us around the table have spent the time to understand what's being presented to us and for us to vote on it. So that's all I have to say. Let's just get on with it and vote.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie, Mr. Mayor or…yeah, and followed by that, Councillor Schreyer. Just saw your hand now.

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I'll try to be brief. I know it's been a long day for everyone. Firstly, I want to thank Councillor Rollins for her leadership and collaboration with the public service and council colleagues. I appreciate the fact that Councillor Nason has recognized that we had a council briefing on this and members of the public service have been available as has our chair to answer questions for some weeks. The Office of the Emergency Management as we all see what we are voting on today has developed a new emergency management by-law for the City to meet provincial requirement for an emergency management program. And we are doing our best to fulfill those provincial requirements. As you can see, by reading the materials in front of you, the by-law introduces new components into Winnipeg's emergency management including an emergency management leadership team, a community emergency advisory committee and it formalizes the city's response to emergencies through the Emergency Operations Centre. I would be remiss in not thanking Jay Shaw for his leadership, not just during this pandemic, but his stewardship in assisting with the development of this by-law in consultation with various departments and personnel for the City of Winnipeg. We have made investments in our Emergency Operation Centre. I hope we never have to use it again. There has been several times when…since I have been elected that I spent more time than I would like in the EOC. There was of course early in our term, the boil-water advisory. I don't believe my memory is correct of…I can't recall if we declared a formal state of local emergency, but we certainly did, of course, with the tree damage and the storm that we had six months…about six months before the global pandemic washed upon our shores. And what I appreciate about this by-law is the rules, the oversight, the accountability is much more detailed. It includes the chair, of course, of the…of PCS&P. It includes more oversight and responses by our public service in a prescribed timely manner. And so I think it is worth supporting. It helps us meet the provincial legislative requirements and it does so in an open and transparent manner. And so I will be supporting it, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting this, but I do so very much with apprehension. I can't help it and I'm not going to apologize. The mere fact that it happens to be at this point where we are coming about with an emergency measures plan. Why are we doing this now? Why didn't we do it last year? Why didn't we do it five years ago? Why…so, these questions are relevant. We are doing this in the…because of in the air of COVID. Yes, we can say, well, we are working towards this. But what instigated this now? It's COVID. Do I believe that for the next decade the reason for the…the probabilities for implementing what this motion is about is going to be COVID? No, I don't. Now, we just had a peaceful protest in this building. They got through and we all had a good view of each other. Now, this is the second protest of the sort of…goes against the rules because some of us here attended a black lives matter protest…peaceful rally at the legislature a few weeks ago in which given the standards for COVID and social distancing, well, many of us…thousands of us went anyway, okay, Madam Speaker. So we're talking…we did this for COVID, but we're just having little snippets of civil unrest. Madam Speaker, we haven't really seen anything yet in terms of what we have been talking about last year before COVID happened, before we knew that either of these protests were going to happen, Madam Speaker, because we are talking about, well, what could potentially be a rather unfortunate decade economically, Madam Speaker. What did I just say earlier in this council meeting today? I talked about how last year, before any of us in this room heard about the word, COVID-19, that Wall Street was already being bailed out to the sum of $10 billion a day. And COVID had nothing to do with it. So we…you know, I've been watching my whole life, you know, the use of emergency measures. My life in a great as the world goes, Madam Speaker, I am not going to apologize, a relatively benevolent country when it comes to the intent of its leadership. When it comes to the use of emergency measures despite the fact that when you are using emergency measures, you are acting at the cusp of the intent of your constitution and your values as a liberal democracy, Madam Speaker. We have seen that within the last 50 years in Canada. And you know, to have known these people that have had to deal and the brinkmanship at the edge of the intent of what our country means to us. And that is what this is about whether we like it or not because that is the potential for

why things can go wrong. Is it wrong to have this? No, it's not wrong. But I certainly can't blame if there's city councillors that have apprehension that wish to delay this a couple of months. For goodness sakes, no. I don't blame them at all because well, you know, out of nowhere, it seems to me…well, you could make the argument, we have been working on this for years. Yeah, we just did it now, okay, during COVID and, you know, it didn't have to be this way. But this is how it comes about. I am certainly not, you know, don't wish to second-guess the concerns by councillors that maybe we did rush this by a month. But having said that, I know that there are some good councillors that have taken a good look at this and see it consistent with their hopes and working with the provincial and federal governments. And on that basis, you know, as Councillor Eadie says, you do have to trust to some extent. And you do have to trust in the benevolence of those that will have to execute these measures, that happens to be the case. But Madam Speaker, all the benevolence you like, we can still make the…end up making decisions that are regrettable and that can happen at any time anywhere and history is full of it. So on that basis, Madam Speaker, I'm just going to say I'm support of this. I do so with apprehension. We just are talking about changing through our discussion today about the Winnipeg Police Board. Talking about the way the Police Board is run. Talking about the way Winnipeg Police Services is run. We are talking about that today. We are talking about modifying that, taking a re-analysis on that. Well my goodness, if you are willing to take…reanalyze how your Winnipeg Police Service…how your police service is run and how the Police Board is run and how Police Board runs the police service, don't be surprised if people are going to have a little bit of apprehension. Hey, maybe we will be reviewing this in a few months. Is that a ridiculous idea? Well, if it is a ridiculous idea, let's sort of forgive ourselves for the conversation we had this morning about reanalyzing the Police Board and the police services. Well Madam Speaker, when it comes to that level of, I guess, representation of law and order, hopefully in the Canadian context, the Canadian spirit of peace, order and good government if our motto means something, Madam Speaker. Then I think we need to bear in mind if we are willing at this time to reanalyze the Winnipeg Police Board and the police services, well certainly this brand new motion for a city emergency measures plan, you know, is worth a second look. Having said that, Madam Speaker, I think we will be having a second look in the months and years to come. I believe that we will have the democratic strength and integrity to do that. And on that basis, I will still vote in favour of this motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next is Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. I just wanted to rise to remind Council of the progress that has been made around emergency preparedness certainly since 2014. I remember the first time I…you know, we were elected in 2014, many of us, and we stepped into the Emergency Operations Centre, it was so outdated. I mean, it wasn't quite typewriters and homing pigeons and, you know, rotary-dial phones, but it was pretty close. And so we have had a significant investment to update our Emergency Operations Centre. Jay Shaw was brought in into his current role several years ago with the mandate to really ensure that the City of Winnipeg is better prepared to deal with emergencies. And so, he came in as assistant chief and in the role he is in right now of emergency management and he has done, as the Mayor said, just an outstanding job. And he has certainly been put to the test in the last nine months with two emergencies. At our recent multi-year budget, we adopted $1.6 million for the investment in business continuity, which is directly related to what we see in this report here before us to ensure that the City of Winnipeg when we are in an era of emergencies and, you know, inevitably emergencies and disasters or something that a jurisdiction has to deal with, we want to ensure that we are prepared. And now here we are and we have before us this report, which is I think a very good report. The emergency management program and emergency management draft by-law. So I just want to, you know, remind us as council and remind the public that there has been a progression towards ensuring that the City of Winnipeg is prepared to deal with emergencies so that the critical services that the citizens of Winnipeg need and rely upon can be delivered in the midst of any emergency. But there is business continuity and that the City continues to be ready and ready itself for the next unfortunately inevitable emergency or disaster that we would…that will be coming our way. And so I am certainly glad to support this report and this by-law and I think it just, again, speaks to the progression that has been made.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much and thanks very much for the supportive comments on the record. Chief Lane's advocacy and the previous council's advocacy including Mayor Bowman's and the previous council to mature emergency management in the City of Winnipeg deserves comment. And I want to thank Councillor Gillingham for talking about that. Chief Lane came to the job seeing an immature emergency management office and has been doing really unparalleled advocacy. And I think this by-law, and if I may say, it is a beautiful piece of writing. I think our Legal Services deserves some thanks at what is actually elegant prose that is in this by-law. I am not saying that other by-laws aren't as good. I am just saying that this one has some very good writing in it. It is true there was a council seminar. It is true that we had a very good discussion, as Councillor Eadie said at the standing policy committee meeting as well as the council seminar. It's true that there was a good discussion at Executive Policy Committee meeting, but moreover, it is true that each and every week, sometimes twice a week, where we've had COVID briefings, our Jay Shaw has been more than just accessible on how the mechanics of how he was conducting through the emergency as well as in particular topics. The draft by-law does represent a formalization and significant administrative changes. And so that is why I think so many people commented and took care and concern in reviewing it over the last few meetings. It does allow for some significant

community consultations and increases in accountability. And that is really underlined here and it's underlined in the very beautiful prose. I think it is important to say that the draft by-law does provide CAO with powers, Madam Speaker, to approve assistance not only to be reflexive in our emergency here, but for other jurisdictions that Winnipeg might come shoulder to shoulder with other jurisdictions as we have in the past. The Community Emergency Advisory Committee is why we need to pass it today. This is why we need...there is some haste in this. There are reasons why we must move forward. And the Community Emergency Advisory Committee, the structures in terms of business continuity, these are some of them. But the main structure that should provide Council comfort is that Council and Mayor reign supreme and that the CAO must report to Council annually on utilizing the emergency powers that are delegated here. And when these powers are used, there is a report. And when these powers are used within 24 hours, these powers are reported to the Executive Policy Committee. There must be a verbal or written report as soon as it is practical to do so. So while there are powers here and let's face it, this is what we deal with each and every time we approach a by-law. We are…it's Council, our powers and the delegated authority to administration. It doesn't get more complex than that. But in a state of local emergency now more than ever, we understand why this is here. And so…and it is also here because provincial legislation dictates. So I want to thank the public service. I want to thank Chief Lane. And I'd like to thank Jay Shaw. I look forward them to continue being not only public service, but the policy entrepreneurs that really protect Winnipeg in the most robust way possible. You see it within this by-law. You see it within their presentations at not one, not two, but three meetings and every time we have a COVID briefing. I support this and I hope you all do, too.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. With that, I will call the question on Item 1. There is a recorded vote. All in favour of Item 1, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

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

Madam Speaker: Item 1 passes. Move in to the by-laws, Councillor Rollins.

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Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move the rule be suspended to introduce the addendum by-law and that By-law No. 59/2020 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: So on the suspension, all in favour? Contrary?

Clerk: By-law No. 59/2020.

Madam Speaker: Just to finish that off. We do have less members here. I believe that is carried, Mr. Clerk? Carried, and Councillor Nason. Let's proceed, thank you.

Clerk: By-law No. 59/2020.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: I move that By-law No. 59/2020 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Klein and Councillor Nason recorded in opposition.

Clerk: By-law No. 59/2020.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 59/2020 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? There's two noted in opposition. Carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Klein.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you Madam Chair, and I think I have the right committee chair, Madam Speaker, I'm sorry, I have the right committee chair for this. In the media, I recently became aware of a group known as the "Unsheltered Working Group" and as I understand, there's a representative from the City that sits on this group, it's a formalized group, and they were asked their thoughts on the use of noise deterrents under bridges and from what I understand, they were…they were opposed, they shared their concerns about that topic…tactic, sorry. And through you, Madam Speaker, I'm just wondering if the Chair was aware of this, and if she was…if she had raised those concerns at any time.

Madam Speaker: Your specific question?

Councillor Klein: Yeah.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It is the case that the Unsheltered Working Group is a group of people that were constituted following the withdrawal of the request for proposals last year. And it is the case that this is made up of some public servants within Winnipeg and Homelessness Winnipeg and other shelter…shelters like Main Street Project are on this working group. I myself am not on this working group, but I keep in touch with them. I became aware as, within that 24-hour period, where I became aware of the noise deterring devices that it is the case…that it is the case that the Unsheltered Working Group was approached by the public service and was consulted with respect to the noise deterring devices, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's proceed to the next committee. The Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated June 9th, 2020. Councillor Allard.

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DATED JUNE 9, 2020

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just pulling up my agenda.

Madam Speaker: We do have amending motions on Item 1 and on 4.

Councillor Allard: Yes, so I was going to propose…right, so we are going to need to discuss 1 and 4. So I'd like to move consent agenda on 2, 3 and 5.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me? Yeah, okay. I will call the question on 2, 3 and 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. On Item 1, we have two amending motions. No, just one. Amending Motion No. 2, and that's moved by Councillor Gillingham, seconded by Councillor Browaty. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Analysis of Current Parking Rates

Madam Speaker: We will hear from the chair, Councillor Allard, followed by Councillor Gillingham, the mover of Motion 2.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I mean, I think this motion was well received by the community and by colleagues at Public Works. It's suggesting parking rates in the downtown…you know, anecdotally, I think anyone who has been downtown can see

there has been quite a reduction in the amount of downtown parking going on. There's been challenges with COVID-19 with downtown businesses. I think for a number of reasons this adjustment makes sense at this time. And with that…that could be my introduction. I will wait to hear from my colleagues.

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

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

WHEREAS business owners have expressed concern that an increase in parking rates has led to a corresponding reduction in business;

AND WHEREAS the Public Service is recommending a $0.75 per hour reduction in on street parking rates;

AND WHEREAS a $0.75 reduction of hourly on-street parking rates city-wide is expected to result in an increase in the demand for on-street paid parking and better align Winnipeg's prices with those of comparably-sized cities across Canada;

AND WHEREAS it is important to the Public Service to monitor the impact of a parking fee reduction through ongoing work with local businesses to determine if a fee reduction achieves the goal of increasing businesses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that item 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated June 9, 2020 be amended by adding the following new Recommendation 2 and renumbering the remaining recommendation accordingly;

"2. That the Winnipeg Parking Authority work with local business owners and report back to the appropriate committee of Council annually for 2 years on the impact on businesses of the on-street parking rate reduction."

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Browaty for seconding this motion. This really…I'll just summarize; the motion is just that we ensure that our public services can continue to have dialogue with the local business owners to determine what, if any, impact a reduction in parking rates has on their businesses. Several businesses expressed concern over the last several months about the impact of increased parking rates on their business. And so if we're reducing them, I can support that, but I think it is important that we also measure that, also by ensuring that we have ongoing dialogue with our business community, then you know they can consistently raise other their concerns or questions that they may have related to policy setting that the city council does. So appreciate Councillor Allard's willingness to…also to support this amending motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Allard…or Councillor Gillingham, you have an opportunity to close. Thank you. Councillor Allard to close on Item 1.

Councillor Allard: I think nothing other than I plan on supporting Councillor Gillingham's amendments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the question on amending Motion 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And the vote on the main Item 1 as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4 – Extending the Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route

Madam Speaker: On this item, we do have two motions. Motion 3 is moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. Amending Motion 4 is moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Nason. Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to speak to the...or pardon me, first we'll go to the chair, Councillor Allard to introduce Item 4.

Councillor Allard: Thank you very much, just had to un-mute there. I wanted to say to my colleagues, cat noises and my son who is sometimes speaking in the background. But with that, so there has much debate and many delegations on these Sunday holiday bike routes which we have brought in or our public service has brought in the nine streets in the city during…using their delegated authorities. Holiday cycle routes happening every day which is basically a shared street and park like settings throughout the city. They have had a tremendous response from residents across Winnipeg. Bike Winnipeg went out and did a volunteer-led survey where they counted 6499 pedestrians and 8194 cyclists, so 14,693 total, counted by Bike Winnipeg. So not an inconclusive count of the number of people who have used these facilities. I know I have used them a lot myself as a regular resident and also wanting to understand the success of the program. I can say I was there yesterday. They are still being well used, and every time I go out, I see Winnipeggers from all age

groups, demographics, individuals, families, groups and they have been very well received. So I mean, I am hoping that we can be unanimous in the vote today. I do see that my colleagues have amending motions. I would like to support those amending motions. I…and there is also in…there is also a procedural issue where I now understand that if this motion passes and if the amendments pass that it would be ideal if we were able to consider a by-law amendment which I understand is ready and that the clerks are ready to circulate and understand that there would be a requirement to, like we do with by-laws, waive the rules to hear…to hear those by-law amendments if we agree and if these motions and amending motions pass so. Perhaps I will leave it up…I'll leave it to that for now and I look forward to hearing what my colleagues have to say on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to speak to the main item and your amending motion.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS the North Winnipeg Parkway is being sought to be a reconciliation related effort by Public Works, the City of Winnipeg and external organizations in acknowledging the land used by the indigenous peoples for thousands of years;

AND WHEREAS the Healing Trails community group is working with Public Works on a specific project to calm traffic with medicine boxes explained as follows:

"The profound trauma experienced by Indigenous peoples has also affected the earth itself and all of the descendants, says Indigenous psychologist Dr. Eduardo Duran. In order to heal the community, we must heal the collective trauma. The Rover street medicine boxes are the first step in order for healing to happen, for as Dr. Duran says, the healing must take place on the land in which it happened. The Indigenous green team of Winnipeg Trails Association will be stewards of the medicines with the guidance of knowledge keeper, Audrey Logan. After the installations are in place, we will smudge the community by hosting a healing walk. By weaving together the component of medicine, language revitalization, youth programs and active transportation, we create community wealth. The planted medicines will be available for picking by the community members."

AND WHEREAS Rover Avenue is part of the North Winnipeg Parkway active transportation route, making a connection between the Disraeli pedestrian bridge, Annabella St to Michelle Jean Parc and ultimately Scotia St, which is an existing expanded Sunday/holiday active transportation route;

AND WHEREAS Rover Ave is adjacent to the Red River with no cross traffic, low traffic volumes and low traffic speeds making it a favourable candidate for an expanded Sunday/holiday active transportation route from a technical perspective, and it has been reviewed by PWD;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1. of item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated June 9, 2020 be amended by adding the following street as an additional expanded Sunday/holiday active transportation route with the same conditions as the existing nine routes;

"J. Rover Avenue - Hallet Street to Stephens Street"

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I will try to be as short as I can. The amending motion, you've all had a chance I believe to read the whereas. I don't want to get into great detail, but the amending motion is to add Rover from Stephens to Hallet on to the Sunday holiday list, and it would become Item J which would be the tenth. Although there is another amending motion that…whatever. Anyway, I am sure the lettering and everything will be changed and any…I am hoping for any by-law that does need to be changed for this to happen. But for Rover, I always thought it is part of the North Winnipeg Parkway which we as the city are moving ahead eventually to rename to reflect the Indigenous peoples of Manitoba and the thousands of years...well, I shouldn't say of Manitoba, they were of whatever it was called thousands of years ago. But ultimately, the name of the parkway would change. What is happening on Rover is there is also what's called the Healing Trails Initiative. And there is a quote there, but really, this isn't supporting Indigenous people taking...well bringing back the land to the people who should be able to experience and appreciate what is there. They are going to do it through calming measures by using what is called medicine boxes. It is really an interesting concept and idea. And they…Public works has been working with them and really supports it. So…and I want to thank our Public Works for the efforts that they are doing towards acknowledging reconciliation, acknowledging the land and what it means to the Indigenous peoples of Treaty One and beyond. So Rover will be added. I hope people vote for it. And that will help make the parkway potential, especially, well, in the long-term Sundays and weekends will be part of the whole trail that really starts from The Forks and comes all the way around…does Rover, goes through Michaëlle Jean Park, ends up into St.

John's Park, continues on to St. Cross-Scotia where we already have a Sunday holiday. So that is the amendment. Speaking to the general report…and north Point Douglas, Rover is a street in north Point Douglas and I think some of the councillors have visited north Point Douglas and actually Mr. Burrows will be watering some of the medicines that are planted in the medicine boxes. So you know, it is a really big community effort. That is what these things are supposed to be about, these…we have opened up these roads to cyclists, pedestrians so that they can congregate and walk and enjoy it. Actually, on Rover there is no sidewalks really so doing this is really important because there are people pushing strollers and stuff and they are on the road. It is kind of like Churchill Drive if you have never…if you've been down Churchill Drive. There is no sidewalks going by the Canoe Club and different places like that. So anyway, it completes it. Now, controversial. You know, others are having this stuff. You know, there are people who live on Scotia and there are people who live on the side streets. Like if you look at the by-law that is being amended, it says 1977. So we have had these and it was amended in 2012 or 13 to include the one block for vehicles. So and it is hard for people to get used to that. People like to drive. These are beautiful streets, you know, but they have always attracted…some people have been yelling at me because these people are staring into their yards and stuff. Well, if you bought a property along the Red River, I mean, what do you expect? Like it has been happening since I was a little kid living there. I first moved into the area. I was on Cathedral in 1967, okay. So that is how long I have been a part and near this route. So there are difficulties, and I understand there's been traffic changes. So I am supporting keeping these streets open until school starts, which I think is important. People are annoyed, yeah, but you know, I am going to just say this. You know, it is not the role of the pedestrian or the cyclist to enforce the rules or the by-laws, to get into heavy arguments with drivers, and drivers, it is not a very grown up thing and you should have your rights taken away to drive if you can't just simply follow the rules. It is not the worst thing in the world, which is what I get from people. Like it is ridiculous, Madam Speaker. I can't believe it. Anyway, all's I want to say is, I support this. I want this route to be added so in the long-term it is the Sunday holiday. And maybe…we have to run for rights that happens or used to happen along Scotia and stuff. But one day, I would love to be able to see on the North Winnipeg Parkway, which now my son tells me goes all the way to the city's end at the end of River Grove. In what…well, what used to be your ward, Councillor Sharma, now in Councillor Browaty's. you know, it's a great thing to be able to go up the west side of the river. Maybe someday, it's probably long enough now that they could run an actual…once all of the paths are fixed on the North Winnipeg Parkway, it would be a great path to run a marathon because it probably is almost as long as a marathon to go up there. Anyway, thank you, Madam Speaker. As I said, I will be supporting everything, and I should also mention that studying traffic flows and understanding traffic flows, I don't support making these things permanent year in, year out, winter. We have and have seen traffic flow issues on streets like Jones and different streets like that and it is problematic because there is a lot of traffic where it never used to be. They have made some changes on Main Street when they did the northbound lanes from McAdam to the Kildonan Golf Course and the changes they made hat Main Street have also pushed traffic going more on the side streets and stuff. And so, it is COVID, let's keep them open until the end of September…until the long weekend of September. And yeah, thanks. Madam Speaker, I just wanted to say, Councillor Allard was to second the motion. He's totally supportive and I forgot to acknowledge Councillor Allard for working with me on this. It just so happens because of COVID and he is…you know, he's on video there. So thanks, Councillor Allard. You were unable to sign it because you were over in St. Boniface. I couldn't ride over. Sorry.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Klein on his amending motion, Motion 4.

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

WHEREAS on May 5, 2020, the City extended its annual active transportation route schedule and expanded the temporary routes to include additional Assiniboine Avenue between Bedson Street to Westwood Drive;

WHEREAS the attached petition dated June 25, 2020, containing 84 signatures (67 of which are residents of Assiniboine Avenue) has been submitted to the City of Winnipeg, requesting that Assiniboine Avenue between Bedson Street to Westwood Drive be removed from the list of extended annual active transportation routes;

AND WHEREAS the petition identifies "an increased disregard for safety, and for the basic rules of the road by some of the cyclists and pedestrians who are using Assiniboine Avenue, which creates a hazard for vehicles as well", as the reason for the request;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That Recommendation 1. of item 4 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated June 9, 2020 be amended by deleting Recommendation "1. E. Assiniboine Avenue – Bedson Street to Westwood Drive", and renumbering the remaining recommendations accordingly.*

2. *That the following new Recommendation 2. be added, and the remaining recommendations be renumbered accordingly.*

   "2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be requested to work with the Councillor of the Charleswood -Tuxedo - Westwood Ward to find an alternate temporary active transportation route within the area."

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I will be brief on this one. We are…you know, we have tried working on finding some resolution for this. But the theme is going…running right along here. So we'll…I'm just going to put this motion forward. I received last night a number of signatures on a petition from residents that live on Assiniboine Avenue. Park-like settings is not Assiniboine Avenue. You know, we've had…they've had incidents. They have concerns. They have…they've had, you know, a child almost get hit. We've had someone get hit in a different area. There is actually no by-law right now, tonight. There is no way that you could enforce that on this street. We went ahead and did it without doing all of our proper due diligence I guess, but the residents have spoken. This is not me against the concept. I have offered to find another location in this friendly motion, amending motion. I am offering yet again to find another location and work with the public service and residents. But I, like every one of you, were elected to represent our residents. My residents spoke loud and clear by sending a petition when they went out I guess the last couple of days and got 84 signatures, 64 on the street, Assiniboine Avenue itself and then there's others around that are being impacted because people are driving through back alleys and so on. So I am asking you to listen to the residents on this street and remove the Assiniboine Avenue from that and allow us to give you one, two, whatever you would like with some community engagement. But we need to…we need to hear the residents. They have gone to this length to be heard.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you Madam Speaker. I will be very brief. I want to thank Councillor Allard for his leadership and for his collaboration with all members of council on this. I will be supporting both amendments. I will be supporting the main motion and also suspension so we can pass a by-law today to assist with enforcement. Hopefully, I would ask and just put on the record, I do see with Councillor Klein and Nason's amendment that there is no disclosure in this motion about where the alternate route is. I know often, even today, the councillor has raised concerns about not understanding. That being said, I am pleased to support the councillor. I trust he will be communicating with the public service and with council colleagues on this. I look forward to going for a bike there in due course. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers? Seeing none. Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to close if you wish or Councillor Klein, pardon me, first.

Councillor Klein: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I will note that there is several e-mails with several other locations and examples that have been provided to the public service as well. So duly noted, but it is been an ongoing issue. So thank you for pointing it out.

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

Councillor Eadie: I said all that needs to be said. Way to go, healing trail.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next would be then Councillor Allard to close.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you. I…so I will be supporting both motions. Thanks to my council colleagues and everyone for getting us to this place. I hope we can be unanimous on this. I think it would be amazing if that were the case. And I think that I have said everything I need to say on this issue. I hope we can support this and then in the future, part of the motion is to look at how these have performed and for those of us who would like to make some of these routes permanent. I think there's going to be an opportunity in the future to have that discussion after the public service has had a chance to take a deeper dive and to look at how these have performed. So with that, I hope everyone can support and thank you very much for…for my colleagues for their participation and for their amendments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. With that, we will vote on the amending motions in reverse order. I'll call the question on Motion 4 that was moved by Councillor Klein. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Calling the vote now on motion…amending Motion 3 that was moved by Councillor Eadie. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now the vote on the main item, Item 4.

Councillor Allard: Recorded vote, Madam Speaker, please.

Madam Speaker: Yes, we shall. On the main item, Item 4 as amended, all in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: The vote is unanimous. Councillor Allard, what a way to almost end the day. Next, we will be dealing with by-laws. Councillor Allard.

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Councillor Allard: Yes, and I think I need to move to suspend the rules to hear…to hear the by-law that's been circulated, I hope.

Madam Speaker: Yes, it has.

Councillor Allard: Okay, so I move to suspend the rules so that we can consider the by-law that's been circulated.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Allard: Okay, so I move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 70/2020 be read the first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Allard: I move that By-law 70/2020 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 70/2020.

Councillor Allard: And I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 70/2020 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. That brings our agenda to a close. We do have question period, right? Question period, Councillor Allard. Don't go away. Any questions for our chair? Councillor Nason.

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Councillor Nason: Through you, Madam Speaker. You know, we had…we had the budget vote that I unfortunately was unable to participate in. I'm wondering if the, through you to the chair, if he could advise us, has Winnipeg Transit been actively working with the post-secondary student union associations pertaining to the U-Pass program changes to the fall 2020 semester?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: That's an excellent question. I'll have to check in with the public service to see where negotiations are at. So I've heard some positive rumblings in terms of the University of Manitoba, but I don't have any…I don't have any

additional communication that I can recall from the public service. I think the U of M…I think the U of M has publicly ratified their desire to continue the program. That's what I… that's what I recall on the issue at this time.

Madam Speaker: Okay, second question, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Through you, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the chair could inform us of specifically how many current road construction sites are operating on a 24-hour schedule.

Councillor Allard: I would have to get back to the councillor with that information. I'd be happy to ask the public service and get back to him.

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

Councillor Nason: Last question, at our last council, we were advised that were 100 and, I believe 55, WINNpass applications that have been received, 82 approved. I'm wondering if the chair can explain to us why there seems to be such a relatively, what I would consider, low update of the program.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I mean any thoughts I would have would be really hypothetical, we're in COVID-19, we're actively encouraging people to not ride the bus if they have other means. We're actively encouraging people to ride the bus in off-peak hours if they're able. So I think we're in exceptional circumstances and that likely explains the numbers that we're looking at right now.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair, through you to Madam Speaker, through you to the chair, I…from what I understand, the University of Manitoba is not participating in the first semester upcoming for the U-Pass. That's only what I've heard from some folks at the University. I'm just wondering, I know the chair wouldn't have that answer now, if he could look into that and provide a reply to all of council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'm happy to follow up. Just to…if Councillor Klein could restate the question. Is the question, it's pertaining to the U-Pass, I think. What are…what is the impact of…of a cancellation of a semester on the U-Pass? If that's the question, I'm happy to ask the public service.

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

Councillor Klein: So do you want a second question or shall I respond? He's asking for clarification. The chair is asking for clarification, I'm sorry.

Madam Speaker: Okay, sure. Let's clarify.

Councillor Klein: Sure. To clarify, the U-Pass from what I understand, the student's union will not be participating in the U-Pass or the full payment of the U-Pass for the first semester, the fall semester, but it may be taken up in the winter semester. And I just wondered if we had heard that and if we could get a verification for that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yeah, this is the first time I recall putting my mind to this question. So I'll have to ask the public service and get back to council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We'll get right into question period for Councillor Gillingham. Any questions? Councillor Nason.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Nason: Yeah, you know, we're having this topic and Councillor Klein raised some concerns that the U of M and possibly others may not be participating in the U-Pass. I'm wondering if the chair, you know, we had some serious problems with math as part of the U-Pass and that during the multi-year budget that, you know…you know, the chair fully examined that we had five months to prepare it. I'm wondering what the financial impact of the U of M not participating in the U-Pass program might be.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. As I indicated earlier, and through you to the councillor, we do have the Crisis Cash Flow Management Plan and it takes a look at…it takes a look at all departments and their projections both on revenue and expenses and any adjustments that are needed throughout the year related to that plan, related to an increase or decrease in department expenditures or projections would be incorporated into that plan. So if there's anything related to Transit, specifically related to the U-Pass, then most certainly that would be reflected in the regular updates and probably councillor as a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance committee will one of the first probably to hear it in…in the regular updates that have been provided by our Interim CFO.

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

Councillor Nason: A relatively simple follow-up question. Can he confirm that, you know, as far as COVID-19 impacts that the U of M not participating or post-secondary not participating has not been already accounted in those numbers?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I want to thank the councillor. I think, first of all the…of course, the fall semester for 2020 when the 2020 budget was adopted, the fall semester course was calculated into the 2020 projections and so any changes related to those 2020 fall projections on the semester-related U-Pass and that anything certainly in future years will…related to the U-Pass will be…will be...will be reported on as well.

Councillor Nason: Sorry, Madam Chair, I may have misstated my…my question. I was referring to the impacts of COVID-19. If those finances were, like any fall…

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Nason. Your third question.

Councillor Nason: Yeah, it's...the question is, was it as part of COVID-19 or not?

Councillor Gillingham: I…Thank you. I will take that back and I'll…I'll get an answer to all of council colleagues just to confirm that.

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

Councillor Klein: Just real quickly, Madam Speaker, through you, the City Finance Department previously set out a COVID-19 Emergency Financial Plan. The plan detailed three economic scenarios of progressively worsening economic impact, moving from a 3.1 per cent to a 3.5 per cent drop in real GDP and from a 12.1 to a 12. 9 per cent drop in unemployment rate for 2020. Based on this model and the data that we have gathered over the past few months, can the Chair of Finance through you, Madam Speaker, provide council with an update with respect to which scenario the City is currently in? Is it the low, is it the medium or is it the high?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Okay, thank you. I want to thank the councillor for the question. So I will confirm with our economists who've been doing the work and just see if there's any adjustments that we need to be made to the current scenarios that have been outlined and…and I haven't spoken to them in the last few days, and so I'll certainly get an update from them and I'll email it to all of council.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you. Madam Speaker, the Conference Board of Canada predicts Manitoba's GDP will drop by 4.5 per cent, a spokesperson for the Provincial Finance Minister Fielding stated that Manitoba's economy is expected to

contract by 5.2 per cent and that the IMF has expected that the real GDP will decline by 8.4 per cent for 2020. Now, obviously these are dramatic figures…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein, specific question.

Councillor Klein: I'm…question…can the Chair of Finance share the reasoning as to why council has not had the opportunity to debate or officially adopt a COVID-19 Emergence Financial Plan? We have a plan, but we haven't adopted with these changes that have happened. So can we have that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I want to thank the councillor for his question, of course reminding the councillor that he's been involved in regular meetings of all of council to talk about the cash flow management plan to get updates, to ask any questions, just make any suggestions related to it. I'll restate. I think this is the third time today. I'm glad to restate it again that we do have a crisis cash flow management plan. It's based upon the best analysis that our economist and our finance team could put together at the time. We have said from the beginning that we will adjust the plan as necessary and update it accordingly because we're in a pandemic. As we've said before there are…there's no…there's no manual how to manage through a pandemic. Things are changing consistently and constantly, and our economy is changing consistently and constantly. The modelling that was put forward, I do note, for example, the modelling related to what we expected on business tax payments by the end of May was almost precisely what our economist had projected and modelled out on in the plan. So early indicators or we have some early indicators of accuracy in the modelling. But we certainly don't…we certainly don't know that that will hold true. We are willing always to…to hear from council colleagues, speak to our economist, speak to our Corporate Finance team who take a look across jurisdictionally following the Conference Board of Canada indicators, what the provinces are doing, what the Province of Manitoba is doing. You know, that…they're consistently looking across, following the Bank of Canada is doing, they're consistently looking across the nation and even, around the globe, to see what is happening and taking what is relevant, put it into the modelling. If there's any updates that need to be done, they will be done and those certainly will be communicated to council. If the councillor has questions, concerns, ideas, then he can certainly submit those to me, and I will be glad to pass those on.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty, do you wish to suspend the rules so we can continue beyond the 6:00 p.m. time?

Councillor Browaty: So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Klein anything further?

Councillor Klein: No.

Madam Speaker: Any other questions for the chair? Seeing none, let's move on to our final committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. There's no report, no motions, no by-laws today. Councillor Chambers, could you answer questions on Councillor Gilroy's behalf?

Councillor Chambers: Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Any questions for Councillor Chambers? Seeing none, thank you. That brings our meeting to a close. Councillor Orlikow, will you move adjournment? Mr. Deputy Mayor. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Have a lovely weekend. I will be joining my family for my brother's birthday. Happy birthday baby brother, the last of six children. Thank you. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 6:01 p.m.