COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, June 24, 2021

The Council met at 9:49 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 Klein.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We have two leave of absence motions. Madam Clerk, will you read the first one, for Councillor Orlikow into the record? Thank you. A second leave of absence motion for Councillor Schreyer.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

THAT Councillor Orlikow be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

THAT Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We'll now move onto morning announcements. All in favour of the two motions, first of all? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, onto you for your morning announcement.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good morning to my colleagues and all those that are watching these proceedings. I want to begin by offering our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Elder Jules Lavallee. Elder Lavallee and Mary Richard gifted the spirit name Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak to our Indigenous Youth Strategy as well as the guiding principles; caring, sharing, kindness and truth. His loss is being felt throughout the community, but his contributions to the City of Winnipeg continue to live on. I want to recognize and acknowledge, once again, the discovery of the remains of 215 children that attended the Kamloops Indian Residential School. And today, we of course are learning of hundreds more discovered by Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan. Winnipeggers are mourning and motivated to act on the TRC's calls to action. And I want to applaud all of those throughout Canada from coast to coast to coast that are converting words to action to respond to the calls to action in the TRC, but also the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' calls to justice, including my council colleagues and our public service. A last bit, as Canadians prepare for Canada Day, I would ask that Canadians and Winnipeggers consider the gift of reconciliation to their country this year. One option available to Winnipeggers is to join, as partners, to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord so that we can, again, convert thoughts and prayers to action in the community where it matters most. Madam Speaker, it's been a very busy month. We continue to support the outcomes we all desire as Manitobans in our battle against COVID-19. We continue…at most recent update from provincial officials to have a test positivity rate of 6.6% for the City of Winnipeg, moving in the right direction, but still, obviously very high. I would just continue to remind Winnipeggers to be vigilant while we reopen to do it as safely as possible, and I want to thank all those that are lending a hand, of course, in our ICU units, doctors, nurses as well as all those throughout the community and here at the City of Winnipeg who continue to assist. It's been a busy month, but we recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st, National Indigenous History Month. It's Pride Month, Madam Speaker. We recognize the second anniversary of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry final report. We had Bike Week, Canadian Armed Forces Day, National Blood Donor Week and World Blood

Donor Day. And sadly, looking forward later this week, I will be honouring a bet that I made, a friendly wager with my colleague from the beautiful city of Montreal. Mayor Plante and I had a friendly wager. Unfortunately, I have to make good on it. I'll be allowing her to take over my Twitter account tomorrow afternoon for one hour only, and to the second, it will be pulled back. And so, I want to thank her. I want to wish Montreal Canadiens all the best in their pursuit of bringing the cup back to Canada where it belongs. And so, I want to wish them all the best. I also…I want to thank OurWinnipeg Jets for a great season and obviously, we all hoped for a better outcome. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MINUTES

Councillor Gilroy moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on May 27th, 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. We'll now move into delegations. All delegations will be joining us via Zoom. We have Ms. Marion Willis in the waiting room, Madam Clerk, yes?

DELEGATIONS

Clerk: She is in the meeting. We've asked her to start her video.

Madam Speaker: Yes?

Councillor Chambers: Request a suspension of the rules to add some names to the delegations list this morning.

Madam Speaker: Okay, and what names would they be? And for what item?

Councillor Chambers: This would be for the open streets and Wellington Crescent item. The names are Marco and Jutta Essig and Judith Miller. Sorry, Judith Morrow.

Madam Speaker: So, that's three names for the same item.

Councillor Chambers: For the same item.

Madam Speaker: Are they in favour or support…in support…in favour or in opposition to the item?

Councillor Chambers: They are in opposition to the item.

Madam Speaker: Okay, and that would require a suspension of the rule to add additional speakers.

Councillor Chambers: Oh, and adding also Scott MacDonald and Leah Restall as well to this item, same item, in opposition.

Madam Speaker: Restall, the first name was?

Councillor Chambers: Leah; L-E-A-H.

Madam Speaker: Leah Restall. Okay. So, there's five names that you've shared with us. And I'll call the question. Five minutes, no questions. Thank you, Councillor Browaty. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Madam Clerk, if you can add those five additional names and make sure they get in the waiting room at the appropriate time. Ms. Marion Willis is here with us in opposition to Item 6 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16th, 2021. It's regarding strategies and tools to enhance neighborhood liveability via the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law. Ms. Willis, you have ten minutes if you could begin your presentation.

Marion Willis: Good morning, His Worship, Mayor Bowman and Council. Can you hear me?

Madam Speaker: Yes, we can.

Marion Willis: Hello? Okay, thank you. I'm here in opposition, but I want to make it very clear that I am not opposed to the Main Street Project receiving the funding allocation contained in the motion. In fact, I wonder if it's even adequate. But what I am opposed to is that the St. Boniface Street Links Outreach Program was not...

Madam Speaker: Ms. Willis? Ms. Willis, if you could just pause for a moment. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: I think there might be a mix-up. I think the…it said she was speaking to one report and she's speaking to another. I don't think the fault's on her, might have just been a mix-up as far as what report she's assigned to.

Madam Speaker: Yes, I see that. Thank you. Ms. Willis, could you confirm, are you speaking to the...just give me a moment here...the mobile outreach support item?

Marion Willis: Yes, I am.

Madam Speaker: That's what you're wanting to speak to?

Marion Willis: Yes.

Madam Speaker: I think there's been an error on our side here, and so I just want to let Council…make them aware of what item you are speaking to. And you are in support of that item or in opposition?

Marion Willis: I am not in support of that motion as it is currently presented.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Continue.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you.

Marion Willis: I want to make it clear that we fully support Main Street Project. They are valued partners with the St. Boniface Street Links Organization. We all work in partnership. So, I'm certainly not opposed to the Main Street Project receiving the funds contained in the motion, however, what I am opposed to is that the St. Boniface Street Links Outreach Program was not…there was no funding allocation for our team. And our team has provided a highly impactful outreach service to all neighbourhoods east of the Red. You'll note that our organization was established, actually, in 2015, and at that time, we provided a foot and a bike patrol that would change over the years. We're five years old now. We now cover a very expansive area that takes us south, past St. Vital Shopping Centre, in Southdale, all of Windsor Park, all of (inaudible) St. Vital, into Norwood Flats, Transcona, Elmwood, and East Kildonan to the Chief Peguis Bridge. Our approach is an intensive case management approach with everybody that we serve. And last year, just in terms of impact, our team in that vast area had over 4,000 contacts with people who live unsheltered. Councillor Nason would be able to confirm that it would be the Street Links team that would work with Winnipeg transit, with Winnipeg Police Service, and with others to impact in a very positive way some of the challenges that were associated with the bus shelter on Stapon Road. It's our team that is out there doing the work. We employ an intensive case management model with everybody. It's a very model than I think what other outreach teams do. Other outreach teams do provide intensive case management to select individuals, that's our approach with everybody that we meet. And that's because we're the only homeless serving organization east of the Red. Our team…our outreach team is supported by the Brandon University Department of Psychiatric Nursing, their Winnipeg chapter. And for those that follow us, they know that we have six psychiatric nurses travelling with us for a lot of this past winter, and we have the six again that will join us in September. We are a very good example of what community social development looks like and what's possible when you actually empower community to not only own all the wonderful things in a neighbourhood, but also to own some of the challenges and become a part of the solution. We deal with encampments. For example, this weekend, the Norwood Residents' Association partnered with our team. We cleaned up an encampment under the Norwood Bridge, and we did that in partnership with the individual who lives there, who actually became a part of the process and helped us. It was our team that took away 27 bags of trash to the dump and we follow the individual (inaudible) to do, you know, who unfortunately have no choice but to reside homeless under a bridge. And we do…we do this. We do this silently and I think we're somewhat invisible because we're not calling 311 for support, we're not looking for police assistance for support. In fact…as a matter of fact, we're responding to calls daily throughout the staff area that would otherwise work for us, be referred to EMS. EMS would be attending, Winnipeg Policy Service would be attending some of those calls. And so, you know, I…we want the recognition, we deserve the recognition, and we deserve to be funded. We can't continue to provide a free service to the city and the province, and we've been doing that now for five years. We've demonstrated our value in spades, and so that's why we're opposed. We're opposed because Main Street Project is not the only organization providing outreach services to the City of Winnipeg. There are two very significant teams. One of them is Main Street Project, and the other is St. Boniface Street Links. I will also point out, when our organization was formed, it was formed because the homeless population east of the river was invisible to everybody. We gave a face to homelessness in St. Boniface, and we began to serve people that

were not underserved, that were not served at all. We've been highly impactful. Last year during COVID when it was very difficult to house people, even show an individual housing, we housed 11 people. The extent to which our intensive case management services are valuable and impactful; 85 people right now have health cards as a part of our COVID plan with people living homeless, so that in the event that they needed health cards to receive a COVID vaccination, that would all be planned for in advance. The population of homeless in our coverage area varies. It's a population that's transient from the inner-city, North End into St. Boniface, into Transcona, well, as far south now as south St. Vital, we cover that whole area. We have a van that's provided to us by the Birchwood Automotive Group, and that's what allows us…that's allowed us to become so mobile. I also want to point this out, that…we have 11 members, 11 full-time employees on our outreach team, all but one of them at one time were those people that were in bus shelters, on riverbanks, under bridges or they were incarcerated for meth and opioid and drug related crime. Those people have been through our program, they've come out the other end, they've been in our community living program for two years, and as we re-launched them and introduced them to the workforce, we filled that employment gap by employing them full-time on outreach where they receive anywhere from $16 to $18 an hour, depending on experience, and we launch them for your (inaudible) some of the population now have full-time jobs with Siloam Mission and with other organizations. We have people working in Hecla Island that lived, you know, at one time under a bridge and have been through our model. But I just want to say, you know, we received the...St. Boniface Street Links received the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada this year, and it is because of the very highly impactful community social development model that we employ. We have engaged churches, residents groups, the business community, ordinary citizens, and that's how we've been able to do what we do. We went years without any funding and continued to provide an impactful service. The funds that we seek from the City will be...will support our program are not entirely reliant on the City. We will receive more federal funds through End Homelessness Winnipeg for our outreach support. And you know, I'll point, if you look us up on CRA, I think you'll find that more than $400,000 was donated to St. Boniface Street Links last year, and that's from John and Mary and Suzan and Bob and the churches and various organizations that exist within the neighbourhoods that we serve. We're always reminded that the police can't arrest their way out of challenges; that the city needs community and citizens who come and (inaudible) become a part of the solution. Well we're a very good example, we've shown you how that can happen and how we can all work together to deliver an impactful service. We have shown you how to do that in a very cost-effective and efficient way. And so, we are looking for Council today to support a variance to that motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation. We'll now have the opportunity to take any questions. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Hi, Marion…Marion Willis. I think I can call you Marion…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, if you could rise.

Councillor Allard: Oh, yes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Allard: Sorry. I've been used to working remote. So, anyhow, hello, Marion Willis. I think I can call you Marion, we've known each other a long time. I was wondering if you could confirm how much money has flowed to you from End Homeless Winnipeg for Council today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Ms. Willis.

Marion Willis: I'm not sure if you got all of that. I tried to turn my car on Zoom and I'm not sure if you heard me or if you lost me partway through?

Madam Speaker: Okay. We…Councillor Allard has asked you a question. Did you hear the question?

Marion Willis: I'm sorry. I did not.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we will repeat that. Councillor Allard, and if you could bring the question through the Chair. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: Yes, Madam Speaker. I would like to know if the delegation could let us know how much money has been flowed to by End Homelessness Winnipeg to St. Boniface Street Links.

Marion Willis: Over the course of this past year, about $180,000. And that is emergency funds from the Federal Government. Those are not funds for reaching home.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes. I believe the answer has already been in the presentation, but I wanted to confirm that Marion Willis and St. Boniface Street Links is supportive of the motion being presented today by Councillor Nason and seconded by myself.

Marion Willis: Yes, absolutely. And thank you for that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Willis. There's no other questions at this time, so we thank you for your presentation.

Marion Willis: All right. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Our next delegation is Jamil Mahmood. He's the Executive Director of the Main Street Project, and he is in support of this same item. Are you on the line? Hi Jamil. Welcome.

Jamil Mahmood: Thank you. Thank you for having me. Thank you for all the work that's happened in the last few months to get to this point of this motion. We are obviously are in favour of the motion. We have been at the motion that provides $268,000 of funding. We've made a request that that be increased to $400,000, which is approximately half of the cost to run the van 24 hours a day on the model that we run. The key things that the Main Street Project van provides to the community is a sense of safety, a connection to folks who need it the most, and a response on-call to places where folks need response to crisis and emergency situations, but then also, a follow-up in relationship building reproach that we provide to all the encampments city-wide. We work closely with all our partners to make sure that all areas are covered and we work to not…make sure there's no overlap in services and times that folks are on the road in certain areas, we want to make sure we're in other areas where they're are not. So, working with, you know, St. Boniface Street Links, with Downtown Community Safety Patrol, with West Central Women's Resource Centre, Mama Bear Clan, Bear Clan, all of those groups to make sure that as a community we're coordinating outreach response, but also making sure that when folks aren't able to be out there, we're out there in those areas providing that response. The reason we approached the City to begin with for the funding is we've been providing direct City services for the last three years with no funding from the City besides a one-time $90,000 payment from the Mayor's Fund. We provide a direct crisis response, we do voluntary transport for the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service to make sure that folks who are in need of emergency transport to hospital get transported to the place they need to go. So, it's a direct service. We get calls, we go out and we provide that transportation service to the City of Winnipeg services. We respond to 311 calls and e-mails to go check on locations, encampments. We're the first folks on the scene often and check those out and then provide reports back to City staff and administration so they can understand what situations are in the city and what's going on. Extreme weather response is a core of part of what our van does. We're there when the weather drops below -25° in every way possible to make sure that no one's left out in the cold, and that's a major concern. And then, when the heat rises, as well. Just this past month, we've done, you know, almost two weeks of extreme heat response, when we make sure that water is delivered to folks and people have cooling options or transport to places where they can cool, brought them back to shelter which opens…is open 24 hours for folks to cool down and use facilities; washroom, et cetera. And we're also responding to all the wards in the city. Every area, every nook and cranny, from edges of the perimeter, just outside the perimeter, but every area of the neighborhood. One of the things that the administration's report recommendation didn't include is funding for caseworkers, and that's why we're requesting an increase. As Marion said earlier, that comprehensive case work model is the best model for this kind of work. Support workers do a great job at connecting and building relationships, but that work around comprehensive case work is essential to moving folks from encampments and from sleeping rough to housing. And we're able to do that directly with a caseworker in the van. And so, the funding will go directly to making sure that we have caseworkers doing that work immediately. Since January…from between January and March, we directly housed 22 people from encampments, and then, those...hundreds of follow-up visits to keep people housed that we are moving out of those locations. I'll just read the casework stats for April just to kind of highlight some key numbers. Nineteen folks on the case workload, five people directly housed in April, and 51 visits with those people to make sure they stay housed. This work isn't a one and done kind of work, it's ongoing. All of this requires the temporary staff and the right staff. I want to follow-up with another example of Friday, June 11th, the response to 311 calls. On that night alone, we visited 194 Sherbrook, 1705 Portage, the Norwood Bridge, 925 Milt Stegall Drive, Empress Bridge, Burnell Street, Young Street, mid-winter, and that's just one night. And so, when we go to those places, we go up, we tend…we tend to the needs of folks there, we address the situation, we work with folks on mindful cleanup and we also work on moving folks based on their choice to where they want to go. It's not an immediate thing. It doesn't happen the first visit, but that's why we are on the road 24 hours so we can go back two or three, four times a day to make sure that folks have the support they need and we're addressing the broader constriction of our work. And that's another thing we provide, is we also take direct calls from the public to respond to these things, we take calls from councillors when they're concerned. We're here 24 hours a day. I think it's a little unfortunate that we're in this case where we're, you know, asking for a minimal amount of funds to keep one van on the road 24 hours a day. If there's an amendment to support St. Boniface Street Links, that's two vans. We wouldn't…you don't treat social services and that crisis response in the same way we treat police and fire and emergency services. We wouldn't put one cop car on the road 24 hours. We wouldn't put one fire engine, we wouldn't put one ambulance, but yet, we diminish the services provided by groups like us to only…to not even getting half the funds

we request in these situations. So, I'm not looking to shame, but I want Council (inaudible) support to look at the emergency social services that our city needs, and giving us the support we need to do that emergency social service work. I hope there's an amendment to reach the amount requested. We're excited to looking forward to working with Council moving forward and the City administration to make sure the data we report back is the data we need and the data that shows the important impact of this work city-wide. Thank you very much for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mahmood. We'll take any questions at this time from Council. Okay. Seeing none, thank you for your presentation today.

Jamil Mahmood: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, we have Mr. David Grant. He wants to address Council on a few items. He is in support of Item 13 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16th, 2021, regarding the Winnipeg Police Board Capital and Operating for Body-worn Cameras and Digital Evidence Management. He is in opposition to Item 2 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, regarding Winnipeg's One Million Tree Challenge Annual Report. Madam Clerk, the delegation is with us, I see. Mr. Grant, you may proceed.

David Grant: Hello. Am I…I presume you can hear me. Anyway, I would first like to thank you for letting me speak to you. It's unfortunate that the public cannot expect answers, they can't ask questions at these sessions, but at least we get to speak. And I particularly want to thank the City Clerk's. For more than a year, as I've pointed out to EPC, the public has struggled with suddenly switching from YouTube to Zoom as we go to speak to a city hall meeting. This really flusters some folks, and maybe scared them away forever. I'm pleased that the change happened so quickly just weeks after I suggest (inaudible) with some friends. Now that we all meet and begin the meeting on Zoom, the transition is very seamless. We just have to remember to unmute ourselves, and off we go. So, thanks very much to the Clerk's for making this process much easier. I'm not sure how long it's going to be in place. On parks, the Parks motion from EPC, the Million Tree Challenge program seemed like a good idea, but is it nothing more than virtue signalling? When I worked for the City of Windsor, Ontario, I dug thousands of holes and planted bushes and trees. For over a year, I watered them every week in the summer with fertilizer solution from surplus forest fire department tanker trucks. The trees look like trees. The quarter inch diameter, foot-tall twigs that are now being planted helter skelter on lawns in city parks are just inches apart. Do we expect 95% to die before they grow? This looks like a silly waste of money just to boost the numbers. This program has created a weed maintenance nightmare. Is somebody going to go out and pull all of the weeds because they can't run a lawnmower between these little twigs. Well, each of these tiny forests become overwhelmed with weeds. To me, this is embarrassing. Why not place a two-metre tree where a tree is needed and care for it, like we did in Windsor? For example, when you cut down a mature tree on your land in front of a residence but you do not replace it on…with a younger tree, why not? If you cut down a 30-foot tree, at least put up something 5-feet tall so that it has a chance of surviving. Anyway, I think that's a serious problem and to suggest that this is going to do any good for the city is silly. There are lawns in cities because people use that as part of their park, and to clutter it with a bunch of little seedlings seems very wrong, and that's not the place for a new tree. Anyway, moving onto the EPC report from the WPS board recommendation; I am strongly in favour of body cams. We see evidence used in all sorts of ways in court cases and by people who are upset with how things were done and we do not yet have this evidence in Winnipeg. So, if somebody wants to say that the cop did something bad, there's no proof. There's just the witnesses, et cetera, and then also when the video that is used is done from a cell phone camera, that is suitable for truncating it, for editing it, and making it look…make the police look bad. If the police have the whole of that on tape, that's a better thing. So, it's much better for the police force and for the Legal Department in defending the police to have this evidence. Now, the price of it…people have said these are too expensive. Well, the price has gone up. It's not for the cameras because they are dirt cheap, it's for the people handling the data, and that has to be done correctly. We have to make sure that nothing is deleted. If there's going to be a camera, the camera should be reporting the whole of a critical incident. It should not be something the officer can turn off, turn around, put in his pocket. That's not appropriate, and it should not be something that his boss at the police department can delete without anybody knowing it. So, handling the data is critically important, and I believe that's what's built into this system. Now, whether we need a large room full of people to handle the data, that's another thing, but that's a matter of police management. But as far as having the stuff, it seems a win-win to have these things. We're already spending an awful lot of money on police force. This is just a small percent increase. Personally, when we were at EPC, and there were lots of people speaking against the body cams, I am surprised that these are people who wanted to defund the police because they hate policing, and yet they don't want the evidence, and the evidence would be a deterrent to any misbehaviour. Certainly, if I was an officer, and I had a camera on, I'm going to be very careful to not cross any…break any rules. So, I think it would have an effect on making sure officers don't break rules, don't make mistakes, deliberate ones, and I think it's a win-win. So, I'm not sure what you're going to do, how strongly people feel about it, but I think having the cameras would work in the interests of those who hate the police, and those who are outraged by bad things that have happened in police incidents here and in other places. So, I would ask you to support that, and I think I've made these very clear. Thank you for this opportunity again.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Grant. Are there any questions for our delegation? Seeing none, have a great day, Mr. Grant. Thank you.

David Grant: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Our next delegation is Mr. Rooj Ali and Mr. Avinash Singh. They're appearing together. They are Co-chairs of the Youth Nuclear Peace Summit. And they are appearing in support of Item 15 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16th, 2021. And it's regarding the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Madam Clerk, do we have the delegations with us?

Clerk: Yes, they have been asked to start their video.

Madam Speaker: Okay. And Ms. Rooj Ali, welcome to both of you. Go ahead.

Rooj Ali: Thank you so much. Good morning, Madam Speaker, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. My name is Rooj Ali and together with my colleague, Avinashpall Singh, we are leading the campaign to officially have the City of Winnipeg endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal launched by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which will be referred to as ICAN during this presentation.

Avinashpall Singh: Madam Speaker, we urge members of Council to support the ICAN Cities Appeal as recommended by the sub-committee on Inclusion and Diversity, the Human Rights Committee of Council and in Item 15 of the report provided by the Executive Policy Committee. The text of the appeal reads, quote, "The City of Winnipeg is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. The City of Winnipeg firmly believes that residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental would have catastrophic, far reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, the City of Winnipeg supports the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calls on our governments to sign and ratify it."

Rooj Ali: The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, now referred to as the TPNW, is the most comprehensive of its kind; banning the use, threat of use, development, testing, production, manufacturing, acquisition, possession or stockpiling of nuclear weapons. Most importantly, nuclear weapons become illegal under international law for state parties. We need to place emphasis that in this treaty all states still have the right to use nuclear energy and technology for peaceful purposes. It primarily concerns nuclear weapons and is the only international treaty to date that calls for their total elimination.

Avinashpall Singh: Canada is not a signatory for the TPNW primarily because of its commitment with NATO which allows us to share nuclear weapons with other member states. This is not a unique situation. The majority of cities that sign onto the cities appeal are in countries that are either against and/or have not ratified the TPNW. Those cities that endorse do not go unnoticed.

Rooj Ali: Madam Speaker, municipalities have been and will continue to be targets in the event of a nuclear strike. However, individual cities and their citizens, especially youth, rarely have a say in international discussions on nuclear weapons such as this. Notwithstanding the environmental impacts, which are immediate and can easily spread through the air and oceans, there are also ethical and moral implications when a nuclear strike occurs. Nobody is spared. However, it will always be the women, children, and Indigenous peoples who are disproportionately impacted. Taking initiative as youth leaders on pressing matters is but one steps towards building a society that is proactive. Our voices are only a couple amongst the countless that need to be heard. Youth input on policy decisions and actions is crucial in getting campaigns such as the Acting Cities Appeal to the right places.

Avinashpall Singh: Madam Speaker, we believe that the City of Winnipeg has exemplified its status as a human rights city in joining the Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax, Victoria and Montreal and nine other municipalities in Canada by endorsing the Cities Appeal. Hundreds of cities, local and regional bodies all around the world, have also publicly supported the appeal. We'd also like to remind members of Council that Winnipeg is a mayor…is a member of cities for…member city of Mayors for Peace, an international organization of cities dedicated to the promotion of peace. Nearly every city in Canada is a member of this network. Mayors for Peace has also repeatedly required all of its members to endorse the Cities Appeal. Doing so would mean upholding the City of Winnipeg's commitment to this network.

Rooj Ali: Throughout our campaign, we have sought out support from local and national organizations, each representing an integral aspect or dilemma of our society. While they may differ in their activities and missions, all of them believe in the inherent right to live in a world free from the threat of impending nuclear destructions. Some of the endorsements we have received include Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Mennonite Central

Committee Manitoba, Eco Network Manitoba and Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties. We want to encourage more people to engage in these discussions and movements.

Avinashpall Singh: Madam Speaker, we'd also like to acknowledge the support that we've also received from our advisors who have helped us from the very beginning in navigating this bureaucratic process to where we are today: Estelle Lamoureux, Maureen Bauer, Susan Francesca, David Yurman, as well as working closely with Councillor Sherri Rollins in facilitating the progress of this motion. Continued collaboration is essential in making any sort of progress and we hope that the City of Winnipeg considers holding events which bring together everybody of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the discussion on this (inaudible). It can be incredibly scary knowing that a generation will one day inherit, among other things, a world still full of nuclear weapons and the catastrophic consequences they pose. We refuse to stay silent as this happens. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, to both of you. Any questions for our delegations? Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Very quickly; thank you both for the presentation this morning. I'm just wondering, with all of the social issues that are in front of us during these current times, how did you come across this particular issue and what has motivated you to bring it forward?

Rooj Ali: I can answer this question. Avinash and I have been working in the nuclear disarming movement for about three, running on four years now. And initially, we were primarily focusing on social issues within our city, but then we were introduced to this very broad topic that affected everybody in many, many ways and especially people within Canada in terms of the communities here. So, we thought it was our responsibility to take initiative in doing something that's going to be beneficial in the long run and for our future.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you. And in terms of bringing this forward, what processes did you go through? Where did you first introduce this to…here at city hall?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers.

Avinashpall Singh: I will answer that question. So, initially from an idea to where we are today, we presented to our very first sub-committee on inclusion and diversity. From that point on, knowing that everybody supported us at that point, we knew that we had to keep it going. And so, this made its way to the Mayor's Student Advisory Council. Following that, it went to the Human Rights Committee of Council as well as the Executive Policy Committee. And throughout all of this, we have sought out endorsements from organizations who have helped to advise us to continue going. The bureaucratic process was not familiar with her at the very beginning, so understanding that we can't just hop from one sub-committee directly to Council. So, going through the entire process, we learned as we went. And that's how we are here today.

Councillor Chambers: And lastly, I just want to thank you for your time and dedication, presenting to us as city councillors and you know, giving us really something to debate about and to talk about. Hopefully, approve this unanimously. I think it's a very important issue that you've brought in front of us today. I just, Avinash, that…what you're wearing there, is that a graduation gown?

Avinashpall Singh: Yes, it is. I'll be graduating later this evening. River East Collegiate.

Councillor Chambers: River East Collegiate. Well, congratulations. Both myself and Councillor Browaty are River East alumni. I think it was 39 years ago that I wore that same blue graduation gown and congratulations to you both. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That concludes our questions. Rooj and Avinash, thank you very much for your presentation today. Moving onto the next delegation, I want to remind everyone to bring questions through the Chair. Our next delegation is Brenlee Carrington-Trepel. She is in support of Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. It's the report dated June 10th, 2021. It's regarding the Delegation of Authority for the Setting of the Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Routes. Ms. Carrington.

Brenlee Carrington-Trepel: Thank you, Madam Speaker Sharma. And congratulations to the River Heights…the River East Collegiate graduate contingent as well. It's well represented here obviously from all generations. I would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional gathering place of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene people and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis people. I would like to thank all of our amazing healthcare workers for their ongoing heroic efforts during COVID. I would also like to thank Mayor Bowman and all city councillors, Public Service and staff for their important and challenging public service during COVID. It is wonderful news that this city is now in the process of reopening and we are all obviously looking forward to a healthy and safe summer. I am speaking

today in support of the amended motion that as of September 7th, 2021 Wellington Crescent and Kings Drive would both return to Sunday / Holiday bike routes as part of the Open Streets Program. We appreciate very much the opportunity to discuss this important issue at City Council. This has been a difficult and passionate issue for so many and I respect all points of view. I want to thank Mayor Bowman and all councillors for their incredible patience, wisdom and good judgment in dealing with this situation. It is vitally important for our great city that all Winnipeggers feel free to enjoy Wellington Crescent whether it be as pedestrians, cyclists or motorists. I respectfully request that you exercise your good judgment and wisdom once again by supporting Councillor Orlikow's motion which passed at EPC last week by a vote of 6 to 1 and which provides a reasonable solution to address the safety and traffic issues beginning September 7th of this year. We are concerned, affected homeowners on an emergency COVID expanded Sundays and holidays bike route namely, as I mentioned, Wellington Crescent. I have lived on this street for over 50 years, so I have some experience. We were unaware until it happened of the expanded hours of the bike route coming into force for COVID, but we were relieved to be told by Councillor Orlikow that the expanded seven day a week hours are strictly a COVID response measure and that this won't happen again in non-emergency COVID times. The street that we are discussing today, Wellington Crescent already has an excellent bike and pedestrian path in the middle of the street on the wide, lovely median boulevard that can be used 24/7. The crescent also has ample room for cyclists to travel on the road itself. We have also had a Sundays and holidays bike route on Wellington Crescent which has worked well for decades. As a COVID response measure, Wellington Crescent has been closed seven days a week, 14 hours a day, which we understand and accept as being part of an emergency situation. Councillor Orlikow spoke at two Council committee meetings recently and supported the need for flexibility. He identified the serious problems on Academy Road caused by the seven day a week Wellington Crescent closure and the safety issues as well, and asked for the ability to amend the program. He also said four lanes for bikes on Wellington Crescent is excessive and that because the program was rolled out too quickly for COVID, there was no time for consultation with affected homeowners and residents. This amendment would fix this issue if it comes into effect after the COVID emergency period is over after the September long weekend. Our concern is not theoretical. We have learned now from the experience to date of in 2020 and this year that serious safety problems arise from a seven day a week closure. Excuse me. I have spoken with households representing well over 100 residents and you have received this morning many of the letters submitted by impacted residents. One thing that is exceptional about Wellington Crescent is that we already have one of the most beautiful and accessible bike and pedestrian paths running down the centre of a very wide median boulevard and it's a fact which we greatly appreciate. The City's commitment to active transportation should be commended. The City has invested significant amounts of money for cycle routes and their currently exists cycle access through all the trails maintained by the City from downtown to Headingley, including the cycle path of Grosvenor. And as mentioned, there is also ample cycle room on Wellington Crescent, which has always been enjoyed by cyclists sharing the road with motorists. However, I have been made aware of the safety issues arising in north River Heights as a result of the expanded Sunday and holiday bike route hours from, as I mentioned, over 100 directly impacted residents; some of whom work as nurses, physicians, front line workers and essential service personnel throughout COVID. Wellington Crescent, as you know, is different from all of the other designate bike routes as it is a collector route for traffic that often originates from Tuxedo and Charleswood and many other areas of the city with a staggering 8,700 motor vehicles per day during normal times and a total of 17 cross streets that intersect with it between Lanark and Guelph. With this much additional traffic being diverted onto Academy Road, which already has 20,000 motor vehicles per day during non-COVID times, the dangers for residents trying to cross Academy Road in cars, as pedestrians and as cyclists are enormous. The hazardous combination of pedestrians walking and jogging on the road, cyclists going at high speeds and cars travelling multiple blocks on Wellington Crescent, none of which has changed from last year, despite the new communications that pedestrians are not allowed to walk on the street, creates a very, very serious safety issue. Also, with only three controlled intersections, crossing Academy from Wellington Crescent sometimes requires travelling several blocks by vehicle to access either Oak, Queenston or Lanark. In addition, the previously mentioned healthcare workers and essential service personnel are unnecessarily delayed in their commute to their workplaces, often the hospital. Residents continue to be harassed in their cars when they try to access their homes on the street. There are many disabled people and older people who are residents and there are concerns with access to residents by emergency vehicles, healthcare providers and taxis. School buses and delivery vehicles are also challenged. Residents are also nervous about excess traffic in the east/west back lanes off the crescent, and there is also danger for people north of Academy who have to access Academy from their narrow back lanes which, during non-COVID lockdown times, would experience a dangerous increase in traffic as a result of the Wellington Crescent closure. We acknowledge that the City needs to balance the desire to promote active transportation and safety and other concerns. We know that this mayor and Council are supportive of and promote open government and transparency and the amendment before Council today ensures that transparency and meaningful public consultation with residents will occur when future changes are contemplated. In closing, I would like to read a letter I received yesterday from one of my neighbours, Micheal Mercury, QC. He writes, "Dear Brenlee, the decision of the Executive Policy Committee should be adopted by Council because it correctly addressed the concerns of safety arising from the fact that in September, schools will open and traffic to the downtown area will also increase due to the easing of lockdowns. The committee appreciated the fact that extending restrictions to November would be wrong because such action would actively adversely impact safety. The committee correctly recognized the fact that there are no safe crossings on Academy Road except at traffic lights. It recognized that there are no traffic lights between Oak Street on the west and Stafford on the east, a distance of approximately one half mile and

also, there is not one continuous back lane on the south side of Wellington Crescent whereby one can travel to either Oak Street or Queenston Street. That doesn't exist right now. The committee, in dealing with the issue of safety, also recognized the fact that all the schools in the area are situated south of Academy Road. The decision of the Executive Policy Committee is wise and should be adopted by Council."

Madam Speaker: Ms. Trepel. Ms. Trepel, if you could just wrap up, take a few seconds. The time is up on the clock.

Brenlee Carrington-Trepel: Thank you. "It is a compromise between conflicting interests and allays concerns of safety. Regards, Michael Mercury, QC." Again, we thank Mayor Bowman and city councillors for their hard work, dedication and consideration on this matter. Thank you, merci and Miigwetch.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Brenlee. Please stay on the line, we may have questions for you after the next delegation.

Brenlee Carrington-Trepel: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next is Dr. Renate Singh. She is also in support of the same item. Welcome, Dr. Singh.

Renate Singh: Thank you very much. Thanks to Mayor Bowman and esteemed councillors for the chance to represent my neighbours and addressing our concerns regarding the Open Street Program on Wellington Crescent. My name is Renate Singh and I'm an anesthesiologist at HSC and the Grace Hospital. I'm also a ten-year resident of Wellington Crescent and have been navigating the open street through two iterations of pandemic lockdown. I wish to first thank all of you, first and foremost, for the service that you give to our community as city councillors. After attending two of your meetings virtually and representing this issue, I never really appreciated until now all of the information that you collectively process on a given day. So, I send you gratitude for all of your service to our city. Ms. Brenlee Carrington-Trepel has summarized our concerns very succinctly, so rather than repeat them, I'm going to invite you to imagine your street, the street that you live on as an open street, closed to motor vehicle traffic 14-hours a day. Imagine a significant increase in the number of cars along your adjacent side street and your back alleys, often large delivery vehicles that are too big for the lanes. Imagine your daily concerns that one of these vehicles is going to inadvertently injure a child or pet that precipitously and unexpectedly emerges from a backyard or garage. Imagine a new reality of entering and exiting your driveway where you're constantly challenged by pedestrians and cyclists who are willfully travelling in the wrong direction down the one-way corridors. Imagine groups of these street users who make no attempt to move to allow your access egress and the dirty looks that you receive when attempting to do so. And imagine cleaning the dog waste and garbage that they un-ceremoniously leave in your yard, which they consider to be part of the open street due to the lack of a sidewalk. Please imagine physical barricades on your street, which are placed as reminders of an open street being moved constantly by pedestrians in order to block the passage of motor vehicles. These individuals are not…likely not considering that they are also blocking access to emergency vehicles, hence, endangering the lives of those who live on the street. Imagine the anger and duress that you feel when you stop to move these barricades back to their intended places in order to protect your neighbours from unintended harm. Imagine now returning from a long night at work and service to your community, imagine being berated and taunted by the only other person on the road who happens to be a cyclist. A cyclist who intentionally weaves in and out in front of your vehicle, declaring your absence of right to be there. Then imagine that cyclist verbally abusing you and gesturing you with his middle finger as you pass. Imagine such a person following you to your home and photographing yourself, your home and your car without your consent and then threatening to report you to the police. Imagine the violation that you would feel if someone treated you with this lack of regard for no good reason. Also, imagine the essential workers that (inaudible) electricians who service your home being treated in a similar manner as they attempt to access their work sites. Imagine your embarrassment as you apologize to them repeatedly for the bad behaviour of others. Imagine that this is the street that you live on because this unfortunately is the street that I currently live on. This is Wellington Crescent in present time. Councillors, I acknowledge that this has become a highly polarized issue which media sadly depicted in many cases as one of elitism. I'm here to assure you that this is an issue of safety, primarily, first and foremost. I'm a supporter of active transportation and open streets, and my neighbours that share these concerns and experiences are similarly minded. We acknowledge the excellent intention that was set by Council as part of the pandemic response. This time, however, has exposed a dark underbelly to an otherwise honourable plan, which must be addressed before any permanent changes are considered and made. The unfortunate reality is that 24…or seven day a week, 14-hour a day closure of this street has exposed a number of pertinent safety and sadly, emboldened a minority of entitled street users who would abuse the street and those who live there. We, the residents who live here enjoy seeing families and young children using the street safely, and this should continue by developing a…by developing a paradigm that falls upon our creativity, community engagement and inclusion that we may all enjoy this wonderful street that incorporates safety, respect and peace for all. I'm supportive and grateful for Councillor Orlikow's proposed amendment as I feel that it addresses the safety issues that will become significantly more pronounced after Labour Day while allowing for ongoing dialogue surrounding the aforementioned concerns. Now, let us imagine a way to heal these rifts and find solutions that work for all stakeholders involved. Thank you very much for your time today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Dr. Singh. We'll now take any questions for both delegations on this topic. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you for taking the time to present today. Madam Clerk, next is Bill Hamlin who is in opposition to Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated June 10th, 2021. It's regarding the Delegation of Authority for the Setting of the Sunday / Holiday Bike Routes. Mr. Hamlin, good morning.

William Hamlin: Good morning, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. As you indicated, I'm here to oppose the proposed early re-opening of Wellington Crescent. I've been a resident on the street for about ten years, and I'll share my own perspectives and those which I've received from many people through an ongoing petition. The majority of Wellington Crescent residents are strongly in favour of the daily closing to traffic. Most residents feel that enabling active lifestyles and living in a beautiful traffic-free park-like setting far outweighs any minor inconveniences. Winnipeggers from across the city are in support of this program. So many people are taking advantage of the opportunity to share this beautiful space together and to improve their physical and mental wellness and commute safely. Let me speak a little bit about the level of support; last summer…last season, the City undertook a detailed survey through the Engage Winnipeg process. The results released in November of 2020 showed that the vast majority, 75% of Wellington Crescent residents were supportive of the Open Streets Program, 58% were very positive in their support. This level of support was city-wide across various neighbourhoods and all other open streets. Only 13% of Wellington Crescent opposed the street being open to…closed to vehicle traffic. We respect their views and their concerns, but this vocal minority can't dictate the future of the program. Potential changes to the original pilot program came as a surprise to us just a few days ago. In reaction, we began talking to neighbours and initiated a petition and garnered more the 6…1,600 signatures in just over four days. An amazing, amazing response. Many of the signatories were Wellington Crescent residents and residents of neighbouring streets, but most of the signatories are people from across the city that are enjoying the crescent for recreation and active transportation. I've submitted the list of the signatories and comments as of meeting yesterday. A similar petition was initiated last summer by Trails Winnipeg and it garnered 10,000 signatures. It would not be unreasonable to expect that the current petition would grow to those levels if given time. Some of the common themes expressed by people within the petition are: street residents find only minor inconveniences in having one block to travel and this is far outweighed by the many benefits. Street residents and local physicians were expressing they are not experiencing increased commuting times because of the program and that traffic on Academy has not increased significantly and is not presenting an obstacle to their daily commute. Many focus on active transportation emphasizing that this is an important active transportation route and that the growth in green commuting continues to be limited by the lack of safe routes. Opening the streets to business as usual to traffic is clearly a step in the wrong direction. Affordability of active transportation was another very important common theme. There was strong concern that by ending the program in September it would miss the most important learning opportunities as the city returns to more normal activity levels. It would eliminate this safe route when it's needed most for active transportation. A teacher emphasized the importance of active transportation for school children and that this…the fall is the most important time to enable safe routes. People with disabilities and limited mobility expressed that the program provided greatly enhanced access to them on the crescent. Health and wellness were common themes doctors and others emphasized the importance of safety…safe places like this to exercise and especially so for families and children. Residents and others using this space appreciate the reduced noise, improved air quality and increased feeling of community on the street. Many residents felt safer with more pedestrians and cyclists on the street, they indicated that crime was being suppressed. Pedestrians and cyclists see more and those inclined to do wrong feel watched. Some expressed that if Wellington Crescent is reopened, the speed limit should be reduced significantly. In addition to the transportation benefits, the program is enabling significant greenhouse gas emission reductions, residents indicated adequate access is available for commercial vehicles such as delivery vehicles, contractors, taxis and that this has not been an issue for them. My opinion based on this research and hundreds of conversations over the last week is that the majority of the Winnipeg citizens will continue to demand an annual street closure unless some workable alternative is delivered. As such, my recommendation is that the City Council not make any changes to the current program. It should run as planned until November 5th. The current Open Street Program should be maintained until such time as alternative solutions are in place that result in…that result in significant traffic calming and reasonably similar guarantees of health and safe recreation and provide transportation to all. Let's move forward, not backward in building a more sustainable and healthy city. This concludes my comments, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Hamlin. We'll now take the next delegation and then do questions together. Sharon Kirk, she's also in support of the same item. Welcome.

Sharon Kirk: Good morning, Madam Speaker. My name is Sharon Kirk. I am honoured to be able to present my views to you. I have lived on Wellington Crescent for about ten years. I share the perspective of the majority of Wellington Crescent residents that our street should be kept on open streets until November 5th remaining vehicle free daily. We were thrilled when the City committed to 14 open streets as enhanced summer cycling routes for the Active Transportation Strategy from May to November, assessment to follow. Since Wellington Crescent has been closed to traffic, I commute to work daily via Academy Road in rush hour. It is not busier than it was before open streets. It does not take me longer to get to work. I can also travel east/west effectively on Grant, Corydon and Taylor. It is not difficult or inconvenient for any of the

four drivers in our family to access our front driveway with one block to drive. None of the four drivers in my household have experienced any negative interactions or disrespectful behaviour from the happy cyclists. Our back lane is not busier than it was before Wellington Crescent was closed to traffic. There's less litter on our street now as the City has installed more garbage cans. My family and my neighbours feel safer as there are more people out there all day on our street; on foot, on bicycles, roller blades, et cetera. Many more eyes make an effective deterrent to crime. There has been less theft and break-ins since this advent of open streets. Delivery vehicles have no difficulty assessing, accessing their destinations on this street. All drivers have Google Map and GPS, so can easily know which cross street to use. Emergency vehicles can reach their destination on this street and others more quickly due to the Wellington Crescent street closure to traffic. My family of five walk, cycle, roller blade and/or skateboard daily on Wellington Crescent. We feel that there is a stronger sense of community in this vehicle-free atmosphere. Neighbors get to know each other better while enjoying a safe place to exercise. Madam Speaker, I urge City Council to keep our street closed daily, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. until November 5th as originally announced. A promise is a promise. Citizens expect City Council to follow through on its promises. By November 5th, there will be adequate data to assess the success of the program on Wellington Crescent. Removing Wellington Crescent from open streets early could set a precedent for removing our street from the program permanently. It could set a precedent for other open streets to be taken off as well. The open streets are all interlinked as active transportation routes. With 14 open streets, cyclists can commute to work and cycle for pleasure across the city. Should even one street be eliminated from open streets, cyclists will no longer be able to travel safely across our city. Before Wellington Crescent was closed to traffic, it was extremely unsafe for cyclists. Cars would frequently pass on the right lane if there was a break in parked cars. This is where the cyclists are. Many near collisions between cyclists and vehicles occurred. I sincerely hope that it does not take the death of a cyclist to show that cyclists need safe cycling routes across our city. This fall when schools open and more cyclists commuting to work, it is critical that Wellington Crescent remain closed to vehicles until November for the safety of these commuting cyclists. Hundreds of people use Wellington Crescent daily as a safe place to exercise thereby improving their physical and mental well-being. The ability to exercise in safety could be considered a human right. As a school councillor I can attest to the mental health benefits of exercise and feeling a part of the community. Having Wellington Crescent closed to vehicles offers these benefits to all Winnipeg citizens. People from across the city access our street, often with young children to exercise together. They enjoy this beautiful vehicle-free space, resulting in improved physical and mental health benefits for all. The City polled Wellington Crescent residents in November, 2020. 75% of residents…

Madam Speaker: Ms. Kirk. Ms. Kirk, if you could wrap up, the time is up on the clock. If you could just take a few seconds to wrap up.

Sharon Kirk: Okay, thank you. 75% were supportive, only 13% were opposed. The minority should not dictate the future of this program. In this week's petition, in three days, approximately 1,600 Winnipeg residents expressed their desire for our street to remain vehicle-free till November 5th. There's huge support for this. Madam Speaker, I hope that Council will keep their promise of having our street on open streets until November 5th. Afterwards, Madam Speaker, I urge City Council to consider the views of all citizens from across our city as to the future of this beautiful street to share for all to exercise in safety. Please keep our streets vehicle-free until November 5th.

Madam Speaker: Ms. Kirk, thank you.

Sharon Kirk: Please listen to the voices of the majority. Please keep our cyclists safe. Thank you for your time, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Ms. Kirk, Mr. Hamlin, thank you for your presentations. Are there any questions? None at this time. Have a great day. Thank you.

Sharon Kirk: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to additional delegations, Madam Clerk, correct?

Clerk: So, the first is Marco Essig.

Madam Speaker: He's in the waiting room, yes? And this is in regards to the same item we just heard other delegates on. Marco, welcome. We have five minutes on the clock for you. If you can just state if you're in opposition or in support of the item, please.

Marco Essig: Yeah, dear Madam Speaker, my name is Dr. Marco Essig. I'm a frontline worker. As you can see, I'm in my office currently serving Manitobans on the front lines. I would like to thank you for listening to me. I am also a resident on Wellington Crescent since seven years. And I'm in opposition of closing this street earlier. I am in support of keeping Wellington Crescent an open street until November as promised in prior meetings. It's actually my second time to present

at Council on this matter. And I would like to thank the Council for giving me the opportunity. And I would like also to thank the Council and the City to initially allow this program to happen. As a resident, first, I need to mention that I have not felt any inconveniences. I use Wellington Crescent daily for my commute. I used it before, now I'm taking another route, which doesn't take me any minute longer and I have discussed it with many of my colleagues, which I even need to come at any times of the day into the hospital to do acute treatments. Tthey have not experienced any delays in this matter. I also don't see any inconveniences, no littering, no enhanced crimes, but I personally feel much safer on the street when I'm using the street as a cyclist or pedestrian. Being myself, being hurt twice by being overrun by an erratic driveway and once rear-ended in front of my driveway while getting to my house, that is very inconvenient. I have not seen any interferences between bikes and pedestrians. And overall, the open streets...the concept that is really futuristic and matches what many other cities in the world have done, is really a great step of the city and it should remain open until at least the trial period has ended and we have enough data to see how much impact it has on Winnipeg. For me, the very minor inconvenience that I see turning on...after one block is not much against what I see as a very positive thing for our city. The ability for hundreds of people that I see every day on my street that are cycling, that are walking on the mid lane. By the way, the mid lane is not a bike road because it's gravel, it's not paved, so it's very inconvenient to ride the bike on the middle pathway. And to see that it helps Winnipeggers for their well-being, we must imagine that not every Winnipegger, not all of our citizens have a large backyard. They don't have recreational properties where they can go on the weekend. They are really dependent on these open streets to be safe, to cycle, to walk, to get stress relief from these difficult times we have right now and beyond. Overall, as a…from a physician's point of view, and I share this with a lot of my colleagues and a lot of my colleagues have signed the petition that this open street is of benefit for the physical health and the mental health. Bike stores are sold out. People are walking more. Desperate for their health. It's good for population health. And they need space. They need space where they can exercise without fear. I saw kids learning to ride their bike. I saw kids on their roller blades. I see families cycling around. It's so nice to see that they have the ability to do that at least during our very wonderful summer months. Overall, and I again say that from a physician's perspective, that sees every day victims of traffic injuries in my daily practice. It's surprising to me, and I'm coming from a European background, where almost all cities have established these green spaces, these open streets, which can be used by cyclists and pedestrians with very limited motor vehicle traffic just for one block or a few blocks, and it works. It really works. And cities like Helsinki in Finland and Oslo in Norway...and those are cities that those have about 630,000, 640,000 inhabitants. They have managed to not see a single fatality within the last five years. In my letter to Council, I have added the article that outlined what they have done. And if you read it, it's exactly what we are having here. Open spaces, open streets that can be safely used by cyclists and pedestrians. And like, you must imagine, Finland and Oslo has an…and over here in Finland, they are northern countries, they have strong and long winters as well.

Madam Speaker: Dr. Essig, your time has run out on the clock. Thank you for your presentation today.

Marco Essig: Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Appreciate your time. Madam Clerk, the next delegation, Jutta Essig?

Clerk: Yes.

Madam Speaker: On the same topic?

Clerk: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Welcome. If you could just unmute yourself.

Jutta Essig: Is it better now, you can hear me?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Jutta Essig: It's okay. Thank you very much, everybody for giving me the opportunity to speak. It's a bit out of my comfort zone. So, I have never done this before and as you can probably hear English is not my first language. So, I'm thinking it's worth it to stand up for something that's...will be good for the entire city. I admit, at the very beginning there is much room for discussions, so it's clear what we are spending for, first of all, we have…we want to see that city is not agreeing to that motion that the open street concept is finished earlier on the street of Wellington. The reason why is clear for me. So, right now we are still in a pandemic and I think in a pandemic you just have different habitants. You don't have to go to work because you're home, you work from home, things like that, so school is not in-person or (inaudible). So, in September we all hope that it goes back to normal in a way. So, at that time the real life datas will come in. And I guess it's the wrong approach to say because it's September, everything goes back to normal, streets have to be back for people to drive on. I guess the opportunities taken then for families to send their school by bikes. Right now, we talked to people over the last couple of days, we went and we had been out, we wanted to hear their opinions. We very often heard that

people would like to see their kids go to school by bike if possible. Like, some families it's not possible because of the distance. But anyway, I guess in general we should see these data coming in before then over winter and probably even in between when datas are coming in, that we consider saying...that we kind of see probably things from a different perspective. So, in general, I would say it's very important to have that discussions let so that we have all of these arguments and active transportation is just a big word, but not really an impact all over the world. And we have lived in different parts of the world over the last years and, of course, most of the time in Europe. So, we are very familiar with cycling. When we had moved right on to Wellington about seven years ago, and raised three kids there, so, of course, we had the kind of lifestyle and we tried to adopt that lifestyle here, which we did for the first couple of months before winter started, of course, and we got slowed down a bit. But anyway, in spring, we got back to our natural kind of way of life and then we re-experienced the bad, accidental (inaudible) from Wellington almost right in front of our house, so that was kind of shocking. And in that moment, I realized it's not just the feeling I have when I'm on the bike on the street, the danger is real. And at that point when I realized that I...I have to say, it's really emotional thing also for me, I slowed everything down in terms of...I took my car from A to B, I commuted everywhere, so I was really...I was aware of my changing behavior, but there was no other way for me because, of course, you want to have your beloved ones safe. So, hearing now and that it's a wonderful approach and I can't just point it out enough what the city did in the past, no doubt about that. So, they extended the bike routes downtown. We all see that. I'm actually working downtown so I'm really...I'm into it. But I also have to acknowledge that there is not enough connection in between the neighborhoods. So, we have a part of a city which is well filled, well done, but on the other side there is no real safe way to get there. And what we really realized is since the street is open for the pilot project right now, is that people connect. Like, people who had planned to go to the Assiniboine Park by car, all of a sudden, they take their bikes because it's just the perfect time out there. And so, that's for sure something that increased the bike traffic. But I clearly have to deny that these incidents that had happened, in which one former speaker had just pointed out...in many situations, I have to say, that never happened to us. So, I have to...I don't want to get it to a person assaulted in a way, but actually, we also experienced many times by the other way around. Like, so a car driving one, two, three blocks on Sundays and you stopped it and you got the middle finger. Just yesterday when we spoke to people and wanted to hear their feelings, a car drove by, clearly saw what we did, opened the window and showed us the middle finger. One day we were out as a family and a big truck was following us one block, another block, so we tried to talk to the guy to explain, it's the family holiday route, so regulations, so please leave. You know what he did? He grabbed inside, took out a can and throw it towards us. So, lucky nobody got hit, but of course, can you just imagine…it's really, a really (inaudible) situation right now.

Madam Speaker: Jutta, the time has wrapped up on the clock.

Jutta Essig: Okay, one last sentence.

Madam Speaker: Yes, absolutely.

Jutta Essig: I would just say that (inaudible) I did want to address the former speakers, the median is not really made for cyclists and pedestrians. So, that's not an alternative to discuss that. So, I guess we have to see the bike route on the streets but not in the way it was before. But clearly, the City realized that's not the way to go for the future. It's a bigger picture we all have to see and there is for sure room for discussion. Thank you very much for taking the time to hear about our thoughts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for taking the time to present to Council today on this topic. Have a great day.

Jutta Essig: You too, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Our next speaker is Judith Morrow on the same topic. Madam Clerk, is she with us?

Clerk: Judith Morrow is not in the meeting…in the Zoom meeting. So, we can proceed to the next delegate.

Madam Speaker: Yes, let's proceed to the next delegation.

Clerk: Scott MacDonald.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Scott, welcome. We have five minutes on the clock for you. And you are in support or in opposition to this item?

Scott MacDonald: In support of the motion.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you very much. You may proceed.

Scott MacDonald: Thank you for allowing me to speak today. There appears to be a lot of emotion on both sides related to the the ongoing closure of Wellington Crescent this year, but I haven't witnessed much visible math or safety-related logic to date. Those of us opposing the ongoing closure of a major collector street like Wellington Crescent fully appreciate the fact that COVID triggered some quick decision-making by the City back in 2020. Most of us supported those measures at that time and in those circumstances. The city was virtually locked down. We struggled over a year later to appreciate how expanding the closure and/or considering permanent closure of present to post COVID makes logical sense with respect to logistics and safety alone. As per City generated stats, an average of 8,700 cars travel down Wellington Crescent per day back in 2018, pre-COVID. As we exit COVID, those 8,700 cars per day have to find another route. Are there 8,700 or more bicycles taking their place on the four full lanes and wide Winnipeg…Wellington Crescent median? No, there aren't. Math matters. Math is key. I am a 23-year resident of Wellington Crescent. I am also an avid and regular cyclist down Wellington Crescent and surrounding neighborhoods. I can fully appreciate both sides of this open and closed debate. I have regular experience with safety concerns as a vehicle operator on and around Wellington Crescent as well as in my capacity as a cyclist and occasional pedestrian. Open streets as they are being designated are anything but open or safe as pertains to Wellington Crescent. That is a serious problem for me as a local resident, pedestrian, cyclist and driver. Prior to COVID I was already concerned about many of the drivers travelling on Wellington Crescent, one of the longest collector streets in Winnipeg without a stop sign or traffic light, between the Maryland Bridge and Assiniboine Park, a distance of some five kilometers. As a driver and cyclist, Wellington often felt like a speedway, especially so on Sunday nights when people do racing loops along Portage Avenue and down the crescent. As well as every weekday a.m. and p.m. rush hour period with irresponsible drivers going well in excess of the 50 kph speed limit and often passing other cars on the right at speed. A very dangerous situation for both drivers and cyclists as I have witnessed and experienced numerous very close calls personally, including May 18 when a speeding dump truck almost hit me on a closed Wellington Crescent. If the City is going to unilaterally decide to close a major collector street like Wellington Crescent to vehicle traffic, then it should be your further responsibility to enforce such law and ticket offenders accordingly. Someone is going to get seriously hurt. As I said, 8,700 cars per day traveled down Wellington Crescent in 2018. Those are people moving between neighborhoods and reducing the traffic load on such streets as Academy, Grosvenor, Corydon and Grant. The City's own traffic flow map from 2018 indicated that some 23…22,300 cars a day travel down Academy Road alone. Corydon, only 15,900 and Grant only 20,300. With the additional burden of upwards of 8,700 cars a day to the already significant 22,300 on Academy Road, this has the potential to be 31,000 cars per day on Academy Road, double the volume of cars on Corydon daily. That is not reasonable or safe with the number of Academy intersections and crossing points already beyond capacity and much of Academy down to two lanes with parked cars. Have there been no traffic studies completed either prior to or after shutting down this major collector street for a second season? Consider the ongoing construction work, redesigning and rebuilding six blocks of Wellington Crescent from Doncaster to Assiniboine Park in the west. Through the course of the study and analysis, the decision was made not…to not only riprap the riverbank, but also to reroute and to rebuild Wellington Crescent for vehicle traffic along with a new bike path along its edge between Doncaster and Park. I question why one four-lane, 21 plus block section of Wellington would be closed to vehicles and a shorter two-lane, winding six-block section, Doncaster to the park, would be completely rebuilt and open to vehicles? Does that make any sense? I support the motion approved by EPC to revert Wellington Crescent back to a Sunday / holiday only bicycle route beginning September 7th, after the September long weekend and ending November 5th. Such that everyone might once again enjoy all that Wellington has to offer. Thank you for your time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. MacDonald. We'll be now moving on to the next delegation. Thank you for appearing before Council today.

Scott MacDonald: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, Madam Clerk, is Leah Restall.

Leah Restall: Good morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today. I have been a resident on Wellington Crescent for about 20 years and I'm also a nurse working at Health Sciences Center in the operating room. And I am in support of the amendment to end the program in September. As I understand, the decision was made in response to health restrictions and this closure would provide a safer environment for the…for people to enjoy physical activity. But I'm concerned that it has, in fact, had the opposite of the desired effect, creating an unsafe thoroughfare and neighborhood. As I can no longer travel Wellington Crescent to get to work, I am forced to access Academy at an intersection with no traffic lights because I can only travel for the one block on Wellington Crescent. And from my experience, the increased traffic volumes have…that have resulted from the closure and attempting to turn left on Academy has become a nightmare. It's not only dangerous to motorists but to cyclists and pedestrians. Last year, during the road closure, I sometimes attempted to travel the back lanes along the Academy side of Wellington Crescent for four blocks…four to five blocks to cross at Academy at an intersection that has a light. Until one morning when a child with a dog darted out in front of me. This incident unsettled me to the extent that I will no longer use the back lanes, but I have witnessed many motorists continuing to do so, which creates further danger to anyone who happens to be on these lanes. It's an accident waiting to happen. I feel that the residents of Wellington Crescent are having to disproportionately bear the burden of this closure

and wonder if any alternative closures were considered. Why Wellington Crescent, especially in the light of the fact that it is a major traffic route to downtown, to both Health Sciences Center and St. Boniface Hospital with four lanes and high volumes of traffic? Were other streets considered in River Heights that would perhaps be safer alternatives for bike routes? For example, why not Kingsway? This street is approximately 3.5 kilometers from Wellington Crescent in the east to Lockwood in the west. It has many blocks without any homes facing the street and has access to back lanes on both sides of the street and therefore, it would seem that the residents would not have to utilize Kingsway to reach their homes. Has the City explored other streets to close on a rotating basis that could share the impact, but still allow cyclists to enjoy a safe and pleasant route? Lastly, I would like to speak to the ongoing abuse, aggression and lack of respect for residents of Wellington Crescent as we drive to our homes and how it has affected me personally in terms of physical safety and security. Every day at my workplace we are reminded that it is okay to feel done and tired by COVID, it's the body's natural reaction to being in a state of emergency for so long, and to seek help if we are feeling physically, emotionally or spiritually exhausted. So, I fully understand the need to find positive outlets regarding our mental health. And I can appreciate that many in our community are feeling the same negative effects of these COVID lockdowns and maybe that's why so many people act in such alarming ways. Many individuals apparently feel empowered to be the street police and do not hesitate to lecture, scream, swear, give finger gestures, photograph without consent and physically attempt to block access to our homes. Last year, as I turned onto Wellington, I encountered a man on his bike who promptly began to weave back and forth in front of my car in an attempt to prevent me from passing. I did manage to pass him whereupon he took out his phone and seemed to be filming me or taking photos. As I entered my driveway and exited my car he was right at the end of my driveway yelling obscenities at me. And this is just one example. More recently, after the May long weekend, as I turned on to Wellington, one block from my home, a police car was approaching. Again, a man on a bike yelled, I quote, “Hey B-I-T-C-H who is going to get a ticket now?” I pulled into my driveway, the police car drove past, followed by the bicyclist continuing to express obscene gestures. It could just be coincidental, however, later that night my car was vandalized, sustaining a broken window and theft of personal property. I filed a police report. I mention these encounters because of the result of this closed street program I feel we are becoming vulnerable targets. These individuals know where I live. In all the years that we have shared the road with cyclists I have never experienced this kind of hostility and threatening behavior. Considering the aforementioned, it is my belief as a long-term resident of this street and neighborhood that Wellington Crescent should return to the traditional uses of traffic thoroughfare, and closures only on Sundays and holidays as has been the practice and that this program should end in September. And I would respectfully ask that if this pilot project is going to be explored again next year, I truly hope that there will be inclusion and meaningful discussions with homeowners and residents of Wellington Crescent and the River Heights community. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak today.

Madam Speaker: Ms. Restall for your presentation. There's no questions permitted by Council at this time, so we’ll move on to the final delegate. Have a great day. Our final delegate is Judith Morrow. She wasn't available earlier. She's on the line with us now. Welcome, Ms. Morrow.

Leah Restall: Meaningful discussions with homeowners and residents of Wellington Crescent and the River Heights community. Thank you again for opportunity to speak today.

Madam Speaker: Ms. Restall for your presentation, there’s no questions permitted…Ms. Morrow, could you turn the YouTube off?

Judith Morrow: Have a great day. Yes.

Madam Speaker: Our final delegate is Judith Morrow. She wasn't available earlier, she's on the line with us now. Welcome, Ms. Morrow.

Judith Morrow: Hello, can you hear me?

Madam Speaker: Yes, we can hear you. Could you turn the YouTube off?

Judith Morrow: Which do I need to turn off?

Clerk: YouTube.

Madam Speaker: For your presentation, there’s no questions permitted. Ms. Morrow, could you turn the YouTube off?

Judith Morrow: Oh, okay. Yes. Hello? Hello?

Madam Speaker: Ms. Morrow, yes, we can hear you. Wonderful. If you could proceed with your presentation.

Judith Morrow: Okay, well, I understood I wasn't going to be presenting today, so that was great with me. I would just listen. So, I have been...then I heard my name said, so I...and then I heard that I wasn't here and I couldn't get into the meeting. So, it's been a little confusing. So, pardon me. I have notes in different places. But I think all that I can do since my notes are not clear is just speak a little bit from my own experience as a person who has lived in the Crescentwood area for...since the early '70s. Just the...the experience of being on the crescent with the community that is there when you are out walking and just seeing these people on cycles and people in wheelchairs and people with canes and young people and old people and seniors like me who are recovering their health. I was a...a community worker in the inner-city all during all these years, and I have worked in schools with families. So, I just felt a real strong passion about the issue. And so, I guess that it's a couple days ago, I found out that the residents of Wellington Crescent also favoured this community experience. So, I...it's just, when I'm out there, like yesterday there was a judge and a teacher and friends of mine from different parts of the community, Wolseley area, St. James area, that you meet on the street. And it's so dynamic a place to be in Winnipeg. It's just vibrant, alive and dynamic. And I hear the nurse speaking and talking about there are people in the city that do very, very wrong things. Our city, where there is violence and there's unexpected things occurring. But as a cyclist who has had a couple of slight bumps from a car and been sent flying, I am in my 70s now, and when you pick yourself up you're lucky that you're alive. My friend just posted on Facebook that she was walking across the street at a light and a car hit her, sent her flying, and the paramedic that arrived said that she'd had a near-death experience, but she picked herself up and walked away. Now when...in terms of safety, when a pedestrian or a cyclist encounters a car, whether it's from somebody who is driving a car down the road and not even realizing that they've turned or they've cut the bike off or they've opened their door, that encounter with the car can have very serious consequences for the pedestrian or the cyclist. I gather there's only four deaths a year in Winnipeg on average of cyclists, maybe 70 accidents. I think the accidents are certainly underreported because when I as a cyclist, I have had encounters with a car backing out on an alleyway that I'm crossing, I get hit and I'm sent flying, my bike gets damaged. So, I'm lucky. I can still walk. I can get the bike repaired. I don't make a report on that. When I was down on the crescent a few days ago, I was actually talking to a Wellington Crescent resident, and a monster truck...and this was a very cold day on a Sunday and it was about 8:00 o'clock. It was still, well, it's supposed to be closed to traffic, but there was a monster truck went speeding by and the resident said, well, when we were open to traffic, that was a regular thing on Sundays that it was used from one end of the crescent to the other because it's a street without lights where cars don't have to stop. And there was a lot of speeding and they said, well, what are you supposed to do? You can't report it. The City isn't enforcing the speed limits on it. And they talked about some harassment and they said we talked about issues of could we at least have the residents name, little signs posted on them to let people know that we are residents. So, it's okay we're on the street. We're not breaking any of the rules.

Madam Speaker: Ms. Morrow, if you could just take a few seconds to wrap up, yes, the time is up.

Judith Morrow: I think that is all I have to say. It's really about hearing what the residents have to say. So, I'm sorry I'm scrambled a bit and thank you very, very much. You're facing a major decision. One small step in the right direction can make big changes. That's the important thing to know. And we've got big changes that need to happen here in this city. So, thank you, very, very much, councillors for having the patience to do the work you're doing. Miigwech.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Morrow. Thank you. That completes our delegations for today. I would like to take a moment and recognize the Mayor to make his statement.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Since we have been meeting today, the Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan has announced a preliminary finding today of 751 unmarked graves at a cemetery near the former Marieval Indian Residential School. Madam Speaker, I'd like to just ask for a moment of silence.

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence. Before we get into the reports of today, we'll take a short five-minute recess. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 24, 2021, at 11:48 a.m.

Madam Speaker: Good morning, I'd like to reconvene the Council meeting of June 24th, 2021. But just seeing the hour, it's nearing the 12:00 o'clock timeframe. We're going to recess for the lunch hour and reconvene at 1:15. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 24, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon, I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of June 24th, 2021. We are at the reports of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16th, 2021. Mr. Mayor, we have a number of amending motions on particular items.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 16, 2021**

Mayor Bowman: Yes, I'll…thanks, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 15. I would like to pull No. 3 and I know there will be a number of others that will be pulled due to amendments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Item 1 and 2 is being pulled, with amending motions. Items 6, 7 and 8 and 13. Are there any other items to be stood down? Hearing none, I will call the question on Item 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk, Item 1.

Item 1 – OurWinnipeg 2045 Plan – By-law No. 120/2020 – PW 1/2020

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I would like to move suspension of the rules to hear more than two amending items to what constitutes a very important, lengthy document called OurWinnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. That is in order, the suspension vote, as we have amending Motion 1, 2 and 3. So, I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Mayor, to introduce the item. Followed by that, we will have openings by the movers of Motion 1, 2 and 3.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I am going to be brief. I would like to thank all of those Winnipeggers that have participated in a very lengthy process. The updates to OurWinnipeg 2045 Plan is a significant document setting out the long-term vision for our community and the building of a city to a million people strong. I want to thank our Public Service. I want to thank my council colleagues. And notably, I want to thank our PP&D Chair, Councillor Cindy Gilroy who has been spearheading the efforts to build a collaboration necessary to bring this document before us today. So, I want to thank her and everyone else involved and look forward to the discussion this afternoon. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Amending Motion No. 1: moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Eadie. Councillor Klein, your opportunity to speak to the main item and the amending motions.

**Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,**

WHEREAS the City is lacking in greenspace, especially in high density areas and new development zones;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg lags behind other major Canadian cities in greenspace, ranking 18 out of 26 for the percentage of total City land area that is park land;

AND WHEREAS only 6% of City of Winnipeg land area is park space, approximately 9,000 acres;

AND WHEREAS various citizen groups have been strongly advocating for changes to OurWinnipeg and Complete communities to address the lack of protection of, planning, and strategies regarding greenspace, parks, and natural areas;

AND WHEREAS sustainable cities prioritize environmental conservation; and invest in protecting, restoring, and maintaining greenspace, urban forestry, and local ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS greenspace areas act as a carbon sink, naturally removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere without the use of elaborate and costly technology;

AND WHEREAS greenspace vegetation absorbs water at significant rates, reducing flooding issues and flooding costs to the City and residents, as well as reducing the City costs associated with drainage and sewer infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS greenspaces are areas for sports, play, and gathering which are all beneficial to physical and mental health;

AND WHEREAS a city isn't only housing to live in and businesses to work at, but also include places to enjoy leisure time, socialize, and recreate;

AND WHEREAS in the 1960s the City of Winnipeg pledged to add 1,000 acres of parkland which resulted in La Barriere, Little Mountain, John Blumberg, Maple Grove, Bonnycastle, and King's Parks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021 be amended by adding the following new recommendation 1.A. i.d.

> *"1.A.i.d. A commitment to increasing the public reserve land within the City of Winnipeg by taking steps to add another 1,000 acres of public park space in addition to the already existing public reserve lands."*

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This document has consumed a lot of everyone's attention and time. And I know that a lot of my colleagues have been diligently working on changes, improvements and spent a great deal of effort on the program as well as the Public Service. It is not perfect, I will say that, but it is a start. I am moving my amending motion because you will notice that the OurWinnipeg before us today is basically the status quo when it comes to green space. And only 6% of the City of Winnipeg land is park space. That is approximately 9,000 acres. Puts us at the low end of jurisdictions across Canada for park space. It was in the 1960s when the City of Winnipeg pledged to add 1,000 acres of parkland which resulted in La Barriere…La Barriere, Little Mountain, John Blumberg, Maple Grove, Bonnycastle and Kings Park. And we have never done it since the 1960s. So, I am hoping and asking for my colleagues' support and thank Councillor Eadie for his support and comments and guidance on this motion for a commitment to increase the public reserve land within the City of Winnipeg by taking steps to add another 1,000 acres of public space in addition to the already existing public reserve lands. I think the details that are in the motion, the whereas', speak for themselves and I will wait to hear from the rest of my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Amending Motion No. 2: moved by Councillor Rollins, seconded by Councillor Mayes. Councillor Rollins, your opportunity to speak.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendation 1 and 2 in their entirety and replace with the following:*

  "1. That the OurWinnipeg By-law No. 120/2020, attached as Appendix A, and as amended in accordance with Appendix C, be forwarded to Council for second reading, with the following additional amendments:

  A. That the policy wording in OurWinnipeg 2045 be amended as follows:

  i. Delete Policy 2.19 and replace with the following:

  "2.19 Leverage Green Infrastructure. Value, protect and integrate green infrastructure solutions within the urban environment, to achieve highest and best use for biodiversity and ecosystem integrity, mitigate servicing capacity constraints and accommodate only compatible park, recreation, open space, or City operations related uses in City-owned land used as parks or under parks jurisdiction."

  ii. Delete Policy 2.20 and replace with the following:

"2.20 Leverage Green Infrastructure. Create a master green space and natural corridor plan by-law that enables conservation, management, restoration, and enhancement of the inherent value and ecological functioning of parks, waterways, natural areas and systems year-round, to support the environment, advance climate change adaptation and mitigation, and increase quantity of such lands that can be accessed for recreation, social interaction, active living and connection of people and nature with nature, as population growth occurs."

iii. Delete Policy 6.27 and replace with the following:

"6.27 Major Open Space. Designate Major Open Spaces within the Urban Structure, to accommodate only compatible park, recreation, open space, and City operations related uses and recognize, preserve, and retain lands of city-wide importance for its valued natural features and habitats, connections, and varied recreation opportunities, that promote this Plan's goals."

B. That a portion of the Booth neighbourhood be changed from a Mature Community to a Recent Community as outlined on Appendix F tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting on June 16, 2021.

C. That a portion of the Norberry and St. George neighbourhoods be changed from a Mature Community to a Recent Community as outlined on Appendix G tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting on June 16, 2021.

2. That funding for the development of a Master Greenspace and Natural Corridors Plan By-law be referred to the 2022 budget process."

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And Madam Speaker, through you to Council, to be a vibrant and healthy city which places its highest priority in the quality of life for all citizens, Madam Speaker, in some important way. Winnipeggers came to tell us during a global pandemic and really difficult times for their families. They told us to say that the quality of life they care most about in the City of Winnipeg was green space. I am going to keep it short because we have a long day ahead of us, but Madam Speaker, I am grateful to each and every councillor in this chamber who I believe will in a moment of solidarity perhaps like we have never seen in this chamber will join hands on behalf of the whole city and we will vote green space today and we will direct the city through this strategic plan for green space. Item No. 2 doesn't hold as tightly what the previous motion did because it does allow for green space infrastructure like washrooms and trails to be built in our parks, also development. And I want to acknowledge the excellent work of the Public Service who assisted in the spirit of these amendments before you today. I will be supporting my colleagues who have the vision to add more…to add more green space. We know that councillors like you, Speaker Sharma, have been champions to add more. And so, it is with that, Madam Speaker, that I will open in the spirit of vibrancy and health for this city that needs it so badly to enhance the quality of life that I will speak in favour of Items 1 and 2 today, the amending motions for OurWinnipeg Complete Communities. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Amending Motion 3: moved by Councillor Nason, seconded by Councillor Klein. Councillor Nason, your opportunity to speak to the item.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Add the following new Recommendation 1.E.:*

  "1.E. That the approximately 64-acre site on the southwest corner of Pandora Avenue and Ravenhurst Street, as outlined in Appendix H of this motion, be changed from Employment Lands to Recent Communities and that all relevant sections of the OurWinnipeg 2045 Plan be updated accordingly."

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to speak to a very simple motion, it's four…four lines, but it's one that was presented at hearing, supported by Economic Development Winnipeg. It was also supported by the owners of the property, owners that have owned this piece of industrial land for well over five decades. And they are

seeking a change in that to allow for a complete community in the easterly edge of Transcona. Barren land that has sat vacant, undeveloped for many years. And they see an opportunity as the area around it has grown with many families calling the easterly part of Transcona, most commonly known as Canterbury area of Transcona home. It's developed into a very nice and welcoming residential community. And having this amendment to allow that to further develop into a residential community, to put minds of the community that have called it home that they won't see additional heavy industrial uses of the land, but yet, places to call home. Opportunity for additional services in the area. I think it is a good motion. Like I say, it was one that was supported by Economic Development Winnipeg when they appeared at hearing. I am not sure why it was not found favourable with the EPC when they were deliberating for that extra month, but I'm hoping that we can correct that oversight today and find favour in this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Any further speakers on the main item or any amending motions? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't know how long it will take, but hopefully not longer than 10 minutes. OurWinnipeg is a substantial planning document for this city, Madam Speaker. And it's been my experience over…since I came in in 2010 and we had our final vote I believe in 2011, Madam Speaker, on the OurWinnipeg that's in place now. And you know, it is a big plan. There is a lot of elements that are within this, and it is important that we lay out what those plans are over 20, 25 years. And there are many things here in OurWinnipeg that are immediately affected based on our budget policy decisions. And ultimately, it refers to strategic planning and that sort of thing. I was just a little bit disappointed that we couldn't acknowledge that maybe for the first time ever, Madam Speaker, in the future, City Council will actually have a overall high view strategic plan that will be reflected in the next four year cycle budget because ultimately, what is in here, we…and all of the amendments are important. I will be supporting them, although I am not absolutely totally sure, but I will rely on the representative from Transcona to advise on best…an area that, you know, has I believe it is some sort of industrial, which probably isn't working today, but ultimately, I am not sure how close it borders to different areas. But anyway, Madam Speaker, we…you know, there should be an acknowledgment that any strategic goals…and you know, this all has…is all dependent on the budget policy. That is not what's on the table here. We have OurWinnipeg and you know, we are really representing…you know, actually, the City of Winnipeg, I go back to when the City and the parks board or commission, I can't remember what they called it way back when, when they first established parks in the City of Winnipeg; St. John's Park used to be Victoria Gardens Park just across Main Street here from us and three others, Madam Speaker. So, you know, this is following a tradition. And I supported Councillor Klein because OurWinnipeg, I think it is a little short on what we are trying to achieve. And that is why I believe that amendment is very important because we have a lot of things in place to protect parks and Councillor Rollins has moved a very good motion and I am glad she was able to find the time to repair it. I had some concerns with the first amendment, but I think that what is there now will help us achieve those bigger goals for green space. There was a lot of consultation, Madam Speaker, going into OurWinnipeg. You know, when we first started working on this, we were talking about doing a simple amendment that was going back in Mayor Bowman's first term. And it was, you know, at a certain point, we were talking about doing a light work and change, but it turned into…it turned into, Madam Speaker, a huge consultation, lots of work from our City administrators, who I appreciate. You know, I may not agree with some of the things that were put in there or whatever, but ultimately, there was a lot of consultation, a lot of work trying to achieve a balance in OurWinnipeg, this plan that's going to move forward. And I know that there are other people who are concerned about other issues related to OurWinnipeg, but I believe overall it is quite good. And not having a policy analyst in my office, Madam Speaker, really, ultimately, I didn't have someone who could really figure out any amendments that would deal with my concerns, Madam Speaker. But ultimately, with the amendments that are on the table right now, Madam Speaker, I will be supporting this OurWinnipeg for that second reading and having that sent to the Province. And you know, there is not new information, but even as we are talking about settling this, the Province is even telling us now they expect to see other things in OurWinnipeg. But anyway, I won't get into our parent government and understanding maybe there isn't a total understanding of our City processes that we must follow under our charter. But anyway, Madam Speaker, I think that is all I have to say. And as I said to EPC and I'll say it to all of Council and our public administration, I think we did a really good job. And so, I will be supporting all of it. Thanks.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Long agenda today, so I will try not to dwell too long, but it is a major document. It's a major document, but I'm reminded of…we had the debate when I was school trustee back in Brandon we had a debate, the Provincial Government of the day issued the thing called 'The Little Black Book' which is basically sex advice and…for teenagers and some other information. Great debate; back and forth. Nine votes: tied 4-4, ninth vote to count. Trustee Carnes who gets up and says, I took a look at this and you know, I don't think that there's anything useful in it. On the other, it's free. The Province just gave it to us. So, let's just give it out to the kids. I will vote in favour. And so, that was passed 5-4. And there are moments when you look at OurWinnipeg and you think, well, it's not really going to have that much impact anyways, so let's just vote for it. It's got a bunch of aspirational well-intentioned stuff. I hope we do more than just look at the aspirational stuff. I am…I don't want to start off on a negative note, but when we have an

administration say we don't need a minimum wage at $15, then a month or two later come forward with a report saying, here's OurWinnipeg, we're going to have a minimum wage, a living wage of at least $15 an hour. And then I get up in a meeting and I say, well, there. Fine, you took my idea, sounds good to me. And I am told by a senior administrator, oh, we don't need that. We don't know that. Our…most of our staff who are at the lower end are part-time or students. And you go, well we don't need it, but you put it in this document. Oh yeah, someday. Someday. So, if that is the level of commitment, I am troubled. But for today, some good work done by Councillor Gilroy, some good work done by Councillor Rollins I think trying to bring everybody on board. So, I'll vote actually for all three amendments. And on a positive note, it is interesting to look back. When I got here almost 10 years ago, there was a lot of debate about golf courses and we may come back to that. But if you look at the 2010 golf report, it contains in the introduction a discussion of the surplus of open spark…surplus of open park space in the City of Winnipeg. And entire section on page 8 entitled, 'Excessive Open Public Space'. So, we've come a long way I think from that in 10 years with the amendment proposed by Councillor Rollins about promoting green paces and retention of green spaces and the motion today to look at some of what was done in the '60s. I sometimes wonder, why do we have these orphan parks that are outside the city limits that are outside anybody's ward? Little Mountain, La Barriere, Blumberg. We have done work on a number of these over the last 10 years. I think there was a decision made by a council of the day to add some parkland and add some open space, some of it out at the peripheries. So, pleased to support all of the amendments, actually, and to support the concept overall that the document, with some trepidation, because I get a little leery when people say, well, it's all just aspirational, so anything can go in there. Well, that is a little troubling, but let's see how it plays out. And for the short term, I am very pleased to see these motions that I think call out that report back from 2010 that talked about excessive open space. Glad to see we are not using that terminology anymore and we're taking some steps to protect and enhance our green spaces.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Madam Speaker, I am very happy to stand up here today and have an opportunity to really thank our administration. A lot of work has gone into OurWinnipeg, a lot of back and forth. I have been in a lot of different meetings with them over the last couple years. And from what I see, they have incorporated a lot of what they've heard from those stakeholder meetings. So, I really want to thank them. I think this is a big day for them as well. And it is not every day that Council gets to vote on a key document that's going to take us to 2045. And I am very honored to be part of that. I will be supporting Councillor Klein and Councillor Eadie's motion. I think this is really…a really critical one to add in terms of making sure that we do have enough green space as we grow our city. So, I want to thank Councillor Klein for his motion and Councillor Eadie because I think that that is a good motion. As we look forward, look at our green space and look how we are moving forward and how we are growing and making sure that we do have enough green space as we do that. I want to also thank Councillor Rollins and Councillor Mayes for their motion. One thing that we heard loud and clear is to start looking at biodiversity and what that means for the City of Winnipeg. And how can we incorporate that into our policies? I know at Property and Planning we looked at the migration of birds and some of our tall buildings and how do we protect that migration as we are growing up. So, I think that the…some of the work done around that is critical, and I really welcome that. And I also want to thank a lot of the other councillors around the table that put a lot of work and guidance into creating this. This isn't done…this isn't done by one person and a lot of work has gone into what we see in front of us, and I want to thank you. And I just want to reiterate some of the, like, guiding documents that I think is really important that we are representing here. The City of Winnipeg moving forward with OurWinnipeg. Sustainable development goals. A process for community needs and a plan that aligns with those needs. Priority needs of some of our most vulnerable people for equity and human rights and an end to homelessness. For the first time, we are going to be talking about reconciliation, climate action. And priority on these things as an economic driver. So, I really am really, really proud of the work that has gone into this. We now have targets for our GHG emissions. We're looking at how we're going to sustainably move into the future with transportation and mode shift. And I think that this document highlights all the things that we want to be as a city. As a growing city and how we want to move forward sustainably and how we want to make sure that every individual in the city has equality and human rights. So, I just want to thank everybody for all their work and their contribution because this document would not be like this if it didn't have the voices of the many people in this room here today. So, I am very proud and honoured to be supporting this. I will not be supporting Councillor Nason's motion. It's not…and there might be opportunities in the future for him and I to look at this. I just think that we have a lack of commercial lands. And I would like to dive into this a little more and not make this part of this document here, but there is still opportunity for him and I to work collaboratively and a motion for it to come forward to Property and Planning and have greater dialogue on it. So, but I do want to thank him for that in raising that because I know that that is something that is important to him and his community. And I know that that area is close to some other residential units, and there might be a shift and change in that community and maybe those commercial lands aren't needed. I just don't think this is the appropriate place for us to be doing that. But other than that, I am very, very proud of the work that is done here today and want to thank all my councillor colleagues and administration and I am very honoured to be a part of this here today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to speak to this item. And want to recognize the work that has been done not only by our public administration but also by Councillors Rollins and Gilroy who have thoughtfully listened to the many calls, many e-mails, social media that has been provided with respect to OurWinnipeg and the need for us to consider, you know, dedicating a portion of our plans going forward towards increasing our green space as well as a plan for biodiversity. I took the opportunity to write an op-ed for the community newspaper talking about this same issue. And looking at the motion that was provided by Councillor Klein and Councillor Eadie, it talks about Winnipeg's 6%. I just put it on the record that the following cities have dedicated much larger portions: London in the UK 33% towards green space. Rome 34%. Madrid 35%. Stockholm, Sweden 40% in green space. Here in Canada; Toronto and Montreal at 13 and 14% respectively. Whereas here in Winnipeg we are at 6%. So, we have our work cut out for us to increase our green space. We see throughout this pandemic how many people have turned to the great outdoors and have, you know, gone to our city parks, have enjoyed a walk on our streets and on our sidewalks, are spending more time at the beach, reducing potentially carbon CO2 gases back into our atmosphere. Less consumption of office buildings in terms of the greenhouse gases that they emit. So, I am pleased to support this report, recognizing that as we go forward and as our city grows, we are often responding to how our city grows. But this document provides a visionary plan for our city to grow and some guidelines in terms how our city grows. So, I am very excited to be part of this, be part of the Council that voted for OurWinnipeg 2045, having that plan in place, but recognizing that we do have to increase our green space to meet our climate action goals to make sure that our citizens have a city that they can enjoy in terms of being outdoors not only during the summer months but also during the winter months as many of these activities through these milder climates that we…milder weather that we've had through our winter climate has allowed people to go out and enjoy the winter activities. There is so much opportunity for us to go forward now and to build a city that is green, that is efficient and that responds to the people that are coming here to live and have also had green space in living in some of these other cities at, you know, quite astronomical percentages that are dedicated to green space. I think we ought to do that here and I am glad that this document addresses that and sees the need for us to move in that direction. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of the main document, Motions 1 and 2 and I'm still considering my final position on No. 3. I would like to thank our Planning staff led by John Kiernan, as well as Councillor Gilroy, the chair of the committee. It's a big process. This has been going on for several years. This is our master plan. This is, you know, real life Sim City. This is real life, you know, people's lives. These things really do matter. The amendments being brought forward I think are thoughtful when it comes to green space. One thing we should remember later today when we're dealing with some other matters is public green space is quite expensive. So, when it comes to things like infill, you need infill to help pay for those public green spaces. So, I encourage everyone to vote appropriately later today. Winnipeg needs to grow up and to grow out. And I think we have some important decisions before us here today. So again, this is one part of it. There is more to do. I look forward to a good debate today.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. I would like to thank Public Service for working on this document. Much work has gone into it and many long hours, many years. My understanding was that it was going to be an update of the former OurWinnipeg, but as it stands today, it was a complete rewrite. And for the record, I am supportive of what's being brought forward with the focus of incorporating the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. I think the goals do a tremendous job in supporting the direction we hope to guide our city in. I am sad that the pandemic reduced the opportunity for interaction with the public. I reflect on the many engagement opportunities that I had as a member…when I was a member of the general public for the last OurWinnipeg update. It was a very energizing experience and truly increased my passion and love for our city. So, I'm super appreciative of the efforts that the many, many members of the public who participated in the consultations and were engaged in the process. It takes a dedicated effort. It takes time. It is not always easy. And I want to thank them for the effort and passion for our city. I am pleased to see the amendments related to green space. I've worked with Save Our Seine for years and supported the outstanding work of OURS, and I want to thank them because again the process that they had to go through to make the required change: volunteer efforts, the countless hours presenting and educating, but on that same point, the process required to make these changes I think was incredibly enlightening for all of Council and for the citizens of Winnipeg overall. Green space is critically important. It is a finite resource and we must protect it. I want to thank Councillor Rollins for her herding abilities in gathering input, to crafting, amending, rewriting, rewriting, doing whatever she had to do to navigate this forward. And I want to thank her and appreciate the leadership that she has extended. So, in summary, this is a high-level document. It's very exciting, but the hard and heavy work now begins in actually delivering on this vision and these goals.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I too rise to support the OurWinnipeg plan. And I want to thank, as many have mentioned already, our Public Service: Mr. John Kiernan, Gary Holmes and Laura Rempel who

have led this file and this work through countless meetings and countless hours and have done just an excellent job of getting feedback and more feedback and public feedback and, you know, following up with councillors time and again. So, thank you to all who have been involved and thank you to Councillor Gilroy for shepherding this. Thank you so much. This OurWinnipeg is, Councillor Mayes just stated a moment ago, is really an aspirational document. Of course, it is required under legislation, but it's necessary. It's visionary. It's a grand vision. It really outlines what matters and how Council's focus will be directed, not only the present Council, but certainly through future councils as well. And the challenges to implementing the aspirational…aspirational goals of OurWinnipeg will be many. Which goals get prioritized? What are the timelines? How are they funded? We, I think, understand that we…it is impossible from probably just a resource perspective, not only human resource perspective, but financial resource perspective to do all things at full steam all at once. That goes to the need for strategic plan which I think every councillor is glad to see is talked about and contemplated within this document. That there will be a strategic plan that is developed that will enable Council to identify and put a plan in place of action to achieve certain goals, a subset of goals, within a reasonable timeframe and to fund those goals which will be kind of sub-goals under the master OurWinnipeg document. So, we will turn our attention to that soon and I think all of us look forward to that rigorous work. As I said, I am going to support the main item. I'm supporting amendment number one from Councillor Klein. I do note…and Eadie as well. I thank them for it. You know, I do note, I think Councillor Browaty has stated it already that adding 1,000 acres of public park space will…there will be corresponding costs to that which haven't been outlined. But again, it's part of the master OurWinnipeg document that doesn't outline the costs. And we do understand there will be significant financial implications of adding services and resources. But I'm supporting that motion. I'm supporting Motion No. 2…amending Motion 2 from Councillors Rollins and Mayes. And I want to thank Councillor Rollins for her work. I think Councillor Lukes articulated it well, her shepherding, herding abilities to pull some of this together. Looking forward to the plan related to our green infrastructure as well. Report number three from Councillor Nason, I won't be supporting at this time. And it's primarily because there are significant implications, I believe, to reducing the number or the acreage of serviced industrial lands. And there's implications if we reduce the number of services industrial lands there's implications to our capacity as a city to attract development investment…development investment that will bring jobs to Winnipeg. These are designated employment lands, and not only designated employment lands currently, but they are serviced employment lands. And I don't think we should proceed with recommendation three today in my view without a clear understanding of the impact to the city's competitiveness to attract business and without an understanding of the impact of the City of Winnipeg's service industrial land capacity or inventory, I should say. The 2018 employment commercial land study from the City of Winnipeg, and I quote, says, "The City has a large shortfall of serviced employment lands to accommodated employment lands expected over the next 20 years." Complete Communities document, Complete Communities 2.0 which is a follow up, we'll be voting on it next…it's the next agenda item, and I quote, says, "The employment and commercial land study identified that the City is facing significant shortfall of vacant service industrial land to accommodate forecasted growth over the next 20 years. And that the City's competitiveness and in turn, the competitiveness of the larger capital region, is being compromised. Over the next 20 years, the City will be challenged to ensure enough land can be brought online to support this growth and to maximize our city's economic prosperity." Though I understand that there are reasons for wanting these lands on Pandora to be converted, and I can appreciate that, I think we have to understand the impact in the larger picture of the inventory of serviced lands…serviced employment lands the City has currently. And so, for that reason, at this time, I won't be supporting Motion No. 3. But again, appreciation to all those who have worked so hard over the last several years to get what we have before us in OurWinnipeg. And I am glad to be able to stand and support it today. I look forward to casting my vote in support in the coming minutes.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you.

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Councillor Allard: Thank you everyone.

Councillor Allard: I would like to take an opportunity to speak in French.

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Councillor Allard: So, thank you to my colleagues for their work on this very important document, the Director of Planning, Property and Development. I would particularly like to thank my colleagues that put emphasis on the fact that our green spaces are really important. I had a Eureka moment when I was speaking with Michelle King from Save our Seine and I frequently see a tension between environmentalists who want to battle climate change and naturists that want to preserve our green spaces, our nature spaces. My mom is a naturalist. I have always been interested in the fight on climate change, so these documents address the two concerns. And the Eureka moment for me was that, really, we can do those two things at the same time. We can protect our green spaces, we can protect our nature spaces. And at the same time, we

can identify our city to become more efficient (inaudible). So, I would like to thank my colleagues for their amendments. I have yet to decide if I will support the amendment in regards to industrial zones because I think that we are taking…during conversations with the urban planners, industrial lands are the only lands that generate revenue for the City of Winnipeg in a significant way. When we create residential from commercial, there are all sorts of services that are associated with that. With residential there are libraries, police…police service, firefighter service, etcetera, but industrial, and we know this well in St. Boniface, is really important to the development of a city because it means money in the City coffers. If you look at St. Boniface like a municipality, it is really well developed. If you speak to the people who had experience in the old city of St. Boniface, they would say that you could eat off the flag, it was so clean, so well maintained. We have the most outdoor pools in St. Boniface in comparison to all the other wards in the city. And we have that infrastructure there because we had this industrial park that was relatively very large compared to the other municipalities that were eventually amalgamated with Winnipeg. So, now we need to share with the other municipalities of Winnipeg. And Winnipeg in general, the gains of our industrial park. So, I'm not convinced by this proposition. But on the level of preserving parks and green spaces, I would like to thank my colleagues who did so much work on this. I would like to thank Save our Seine, OURS Winnipeg and the many delegations that came to tell us how important these green spaces are. So, yes, we can have densification. We can have protection for our green spaces and our natural spaces. So, my mom, who is a naturalist, will be happy and I, who wants to see a fight against climate change, can both be in support of this document. Thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. We will now go to closing statements on amendments. Councillor Nason, your opportunity to close on amending Motion 3 and the main item.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It was interesting listening to my colleagues speaking to this. You know, in St. Boniface the stockyards are being turned into…I believe it's the stockyards, being turned into residential, former industrial lands. CentrePort I believe also has trans…is transitioning or planning to transition lands from industrial employment lands to residential. The lands at CentrePort or airport west, as I understand, will cost $113 million of infrastructure upgrades. But yet, there is Council members that are against Transcona realizing this even though there is nearby industrial lands. There's the influences of the nearby regional municipality and the desire from the land holder to re-develop and re-envision these lands. A funded organization of Economic Development Winnipeg brought forward documents, detailed documents, to the Planning Department that the Chair indicates, you know, she would encourage to have future motions. There was a motion that went to her standing committee. I can't remember if she was the chair at that point or not, but it went there. And I also presented at the hearing, Madam Speaker. You know, the Public Service, you know, doesn't recommend it because there is a shortage, but yet, it seems if it is elsewhere it is fine. And I am challenged by that. This is a flat site, Councillor Eadie was wondering what was going on. There's no industrial on it, hasn't been for 50 plus years. Earlier today I had sent an e-mail and I copied all my council colleagues to ask a very poignant question with regards to (inaudible) consult. This is a visionary document. This is a document that is going to lead us into the future. For future generations. And the CAO's Office responded back saying that municipal government doesn't have this duty to undertake consultation. We engaged, but we didn't undertake formal consultation. To me, as we move forward on visionary document whether we're required or not, I think we owed it to everyone to have fully and completely undertook formal consultations on this document. I don't know where we go from here. Maybe the Province when it gets to their level maybe they'll do it for us, but I think we had an opportunity to actually do that. And I think we failed in that regard. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Councillor Rollins, to close on amending Motion 2 and the main item.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you to council colleagues for the debate. I am going to direct these final comments through you, Madam Speaker, to the many authors within the Public Service and they've been mentioned here. I want to note, Madam Speaker, the applicant, I want to note Gary Holmes, Michael Robertson, Laura Rempel, so many others and I want to close with the words of Duncan Mercredi, "Children of the earth because this is how I imagined they held the pen. I heard the message in the pines. I heard it travel through the leaves. It drifted across the land on the sweet grass trail." Madam Speaker, OurWinnipeg. I hope it is unanimous vote on Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Final amending Motion 1; Councillor Klein, your opportunity to close.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to all my colleagues that shared their thoughts and opinions with all three of the amending motions, which I think all three deserve our attention and consideration. Process has been difficult as we talked about before. And this is a starting point. This can be changed by the next council that comes in. It could be changed or not accepted at the provincial level, but it's a start and I welcome that. And I'm supporting the motion today to support my colleagues that have worked very hard on this. Although we will not agree on everything that's in the document, some stuff is missing, we won't agree that it was a process that, as Councillor Lukes pointed out, it was unfortunate that it happened during a pandemic because we actually saw residents fighting to protect the green space we have today. When we have half of the green space of that of Toronto, Vancouver or Montreal. The plan didn't have a

strategy for green space. It does with the amendments. There was no plan to increase green space. It does with the amendments. It will take us to 10,000 acres of green space. It is unfortunate that there was no requirement or talk of a cost benefit analysis for employment lands. But we may be able to look at that down the road because we normally always ask for a cost benefit analysis so we understand the decisions we are making. But yet again, I will support this today because of the efforts of many of my colleagues that sit on City Council. I will support Councillor Nason's motion because I will assume and I believe that the councillor knows their area best. We've heard that many times today and I think with the motion coming forward we will hear that again. And I support the other amending motions because of the effort and the care and the attention that has been given to those motions. This is a starting point. Yes, it's a plan for 45…or 2045. Things can change. They can be improved. They can be altered. And, as Councillor Gillingham alluded to, now we get down to the difficult work of, what is first? What will it cost? So, I appreciate the comments by my colleagues. I hope you will support all of the amending motions. I am not going to hang on the opportunity that they be unanimous because as a council and democratically we don't need it to be unanimous to pass. I just want you to vote and support the work and effort of many others. So, thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to close on the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you to my council colleagues for some very eloquent statements today and efforts. It is important to point out, this is the first time in the city's history that OurWinnipeg is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. And I am really proud of that effort. I'm really proud of the infusion of the UN Sustainability…Sustainable Development Goals in OurWinnipeg. I, again, want to just thank my council colleagues, Public Service and all of the Winnipeggers who contributed to a very lengthy process. With respect to the amending motions, I will be supporting motion…or the amendment being moved by Councillor Klein and Eadie. You know, when I think about the green spaces that we have in our community, I have had the joy of visiting many of our green spaces over my time as mayor and certainly before then. More recently have been spending some time in Bunn's Creek and, of course, the Assiniboine Forrest, a little closer to my home. It's an area that our family gets a tremendous amount of enjoyment spending time just connecting with nature. And so, I want to support these efforts. I think it builds on the amendments and the leadership of Councillor Rollins and Mayes to protect green space and I want to thank them for their leadership and efforts to really listen to the delegations that we heard come out and passionately speak about the need to better protect green spaces. And so, I see the first amending motion really complimenting those efforts and building on it. And I want to, obviously, support them. With respect to the amending Motion 3, I will not be supporting it for many of the reasons that have been set out by my council colleagues, but primarily just because of the concern in our own documents. The City of Winnipeg has recognized that our employment lands are scarce. And are…sorry, I'll continue. I didn't know if there was a point of order being raised by Councillor Nason when he interjected. No? Okay, I will continue then. With respect to Complete Communities, what it says about employment lands, Madam Speaker, on page 108, request for conversions 4.2 strongly discourages the conversion of employment lands to other uses. It is for that reason and consistency with that I will not be supporting the amending Motion 3. I appreciate that our Chair is open to further dialogue in collaboration with council colleagues and would have, obviously, liked to support those efforts. And I am hopeful that we will be able to get this passed today. And of course, it would then move to the Provincial Government who does in fact, as I'm sure Councillor Nason is aware, have a duty to consult and I trust that they will be exercising those responsibilities appropriately. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, we will vote on the amending motions and then the main item. So, all in favour of amending Motion 3? Call for a recorded vote. All in favour of amending Motion 3; moved by Councillor Nason, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Klein, Mayes, Nason, Rollins and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes and Santos

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 7, Nays 7. Councillors Orlikow and Schreyer will be marked down as absent on all votes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Amending Motion 3 is lost. Thank you. Next is Amending Motion 2; moved by Councillor Rollins. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 2 passes. Oh, I'm sorry. Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillor Nason.

Madam Speaker: Sorry, I missed that.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 2 passes. Onto amending Motion 1; moved by Councillor Klein. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

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

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 1 passes unanimously. Now onto the main item, as amended. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillor Nason.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 passes. Madam Clerk, onto Item 2.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I would like to move to suspend the rules to hear more than two amending motions on Item 2 as it is a very substantial document and we should all have an opportunity to provide some input as to how we can make the document better.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. That would be amending Motion 4, 5, 6, 16 and 17. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk.

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Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to open.

Mayor Bowman: Again, I will keep this brief. I know we've got a pretty substantive schedule today. I want to thank everybody involved in the preparation of this document including our PP&D Chair, Councillor Gilroy. But everybody who's

been very engaged on this process. Looking forward to hearing from my council colleagues with respect to the amendments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Is there a…I have Motion 4 in front of us. Moved by Councillor Rollins. Is it your intention to withdraw that motion, Councillor Rollins?

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendations 1.A through 1.D. and replace with the following:*

"A. That the Major Open Space and the Parks and Recreation sections be amended as follows:

i. Modify the proposed policy in Revised Attachment B in the Major Open Space chapter by delete policy 1.2 and replacing same with the following:

"1.2 Accommodate only compatible park, recreation, open space, or City operations-related uses in Public Major Open Space."

ii. Add the following policies to the Parks and Recreation Chapter, namely:

"2.5 Accommodate only compatible park, recreation, open space, or City operations related uses in City-owned land used as parks or under parks jurisdiction.

4.8 Develop a master green space and natural corridor plan by-law that includes;

a. Consideration of municipal golf courses as major nature preserves and green space

b. A Biodiversity Policy for Winnipeg that will detail, among other things, an ecological network that is interdependent, reciprocal healthy, connected and integrated with the built environment and life on the land; one rooted in Indigenous traditional knowledge of land, community, and ecology. This should include a requirement for an annual report to Council structured in line with Durban Commitments Local Governments for Biodiversity.

c. A Corridor Plan to protect, and enhance Winnipeg forests, green spaces, natural environment and natural area corridors including Winnipeg's connecting riverbank corridors;

d. Tracking the status of green space and regular reporting to the public and Council."

iii. Add the following to the Implementation Table under the Parks and Recreation chapter heading, namely:

Master green space and natural corridor plan by-law (Priority: High, Lead: PP&D, Public Works, Level of Effort: High, Capital Impact: Y, Operational Impact: Y, By-law policy reference G3 4.8)

B. That a portion of the Booth neighbourhood be changed from a Mature Community to a Recent Community as outlined on Appendix F tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting on June 16, 2021.

C. That a portion of the Norberry and St. George neighbourhoods be changed from a Mature Community to a Recent Community, as outlined on Appendix G tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting on June 16, 2021."

- *Renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly.*

- *Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety and replace it with the following:*

  "2. That funding for the development of a Master Greenspace and Natural Corridors Plan By-law be referred to the 2022 budget process."

Councillor Rollins: It is, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Motion 4, with the concurrence of your seconder, which is Councillor Mayes, it is being withdrawn. Onto motion...I'll call the question on that. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have amending Motion 5 that's moved by Councillor Santos.

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

WHEREAS urban design is not neutral, it either perpetuates or reduces social inequities;

WHEREAS the creation of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) agenda gave birth to hostile architecture, a detrimental form of urban exclusionism. By using hostile design typologies, cities can render public spaces unusable to undesirable citizens, and erase images of poverty, social decay and public disorder resulting in upper-class homogeneity;

WHEREAS the ways in which CPTED and hostile architecture have led to the alarming erasure of free public space should be addressed, the consequences of this has fallen upon marginalized populations. The CPTED philosophy endangers the very nature of diversity in urban environments and brings into question whether public spaces are truly free and democratic;

WHEREAS CPTED is an old school philosophy that alienates Black, Indigenous and People of Colour in the public realm as opposed to designing spaces to build up and support healthy communities;

WHEREAS CPTED is a design philosophy that turns neighborhoods into mazes of "defensible space" that often (unconsciously) criminalizes Black, Indigenous and People of Color under the guise of safety;

WHEREAS examine the specific CPTED recommendations in this draft to make sure that we are creating equitable guidelines to lift people up to build connections within our communities, not continuing to inform our decisions from a system derived from structural racism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 2 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Add the following new Recommendation 1.H.:*

  "1.H. That the definition for "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)" from the Glossary of the Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

  Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

  CPTED is an approach to urban and architectural design intended to increase the safety of the built environment and reduce incidence and fear of crime. For example, it would promote outside-facing windows in lieu of a blank wall to allow for passive surveillance of the public realm. CPTED interventions should incorporate lived experiences and socio-economic, cultural, and historical knowledge to maximize widespread access, usability, safety, and quality of life for all users. It should not result in design interventions that may be hostile to marginalized or vulnerable people or reduce the quality and/or usability of the built environment."

- *Add the following new Recommendation 1.I.:*

  "1.I. That the following new policies be added to Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0:

A. 5.4.1 – Ensure CPTED interventions incorporate lived experiences and local knowledge to maximize widespread access, usability, safety, and quality of life for all users."

B. Promote safety and accessibility in the design of the built environment

3.12 Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in new development to increase safety and reduce incidence and fear of crime.

3.13 Ensure CPTED interventions incorporate the lived experiences and socio-economic, cultural, and historical knowledge to promote widespread access, usability, safety, and quality of life for all users, and that they do not produce hostile design that excludes marginalized or vulnerable people or reduction in the quality and/or usability of the built environment.

3.14 Use the City of Winnipeg Accessibility Design Standard to promote accessibility in the built environment.

3.15 Where urban spaces are intended to be used by the broader public, encourage ownership and operation that maximizes access, usability, and quality of life for all users."

Councillor Santos: I wish to withdraw the motion, please.

Madam Speaker: And with the concurrence of your seconder, Councillor Chambers, you agree? Okay. Motion 5 to be rescinded. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Motion 6 is moved by Councillor Nason and seconded by Councillor Klein. Councillor Nason.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

BE IT RESOLVED the Item 2 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Add the following new Recommendation 1.H.:*

  "1.H. That the approximately 64-acre site on the southwest corner of Pandora Avenue and Ravenhurst Street, as outlined in Appendix H of this motion, be changed from Employment Lands to Recent Communities and that all relevant sections of the Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0 be updated accordingly."

Councillor Nason: Well, Madam Speaker, this is pre-foregone conclusion. I am quite disappointed in the aspect of how in some areas getting rid of employment lands is acceptable. But yet, to finalize in Transcona is not acceptable. To move forward with residential on employment lands in some areas is acceptable, but for the residents in Transcona is not acceptable. I understand that. Hopefully, in 2022 there will be some decisions made at the ballot box that will change these outcomes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next is amending Motion 16: moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Lukes. Councillor Gilroy.

Motion No. 16
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendations 1.A through 1.D. and replace with the following:*

  "A. That the Major Open Space and the Parks and Recreation sections be amended as follows:

  i. Modify the proposed policy in Revised Attachment B in the Major Open Space chapter by delete policy 1.2 and replacing same with the following:

"1.2 Accommodate only compatible park, recreation, open space, or City operations-related uses in Public Major Open Space."

ii. Add the following policies to the Parks and Recreation Chapter, namely:

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iii. Add the following to the Implementation Table under the Parks and Recreation chapter heading, namely:

Master green space and natural corridor plan by-law (Priority: High, Lead: PP&D, Public Works, Level of Effort: High, Capital Impact: Y, Operational Impact: Y, By-law policy reference G3 4.8)

B. That a portion of the Booth neighbourhood be changed from a Mature Community to a Recent Community as outlined on Appendix F tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting on June 16, 2021.

C. That a portion of the Norberry and St. George neighbourhoods be changed from a Mature Community to a Recent Community, as outlined on Appendix G tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting on June 16, 2021.

D. Add the following new policies in the Mobility Chapter and renumber the subsequent policies accordingly:

i. 1.1 (A) Prepare a Transportation Master Plan to ensure that the City's transportation system supports quality of life and economic vitality, and consider adopting it as a By-law.

ii. Goods movement
2.3 Coordinate land use decisions and the design of the built environment with the need for goods movement.
2.3.1 (A) Review existing land use policies to ensure alignment with City's vision for goods movement following adoption of the updated Transportation Master Plan.

E. Add the following actions to the Implementation Table under "20.0 Mobility":

i. "Prepare a Transportation Master Plan led by Public Works, a High level of effort, capital impact, operational impact" with By-law Policy Reference to G1 1.1.

ii. "Review existing land use policies to ensure alignment with the City's vision for goods movement". Identify is as a Medium priority, led by PP&D, supported by Public Works, a Low level of effort, no capital impact, operational impact" with By-law Policy Reference to G1 2.3.1."

- *Renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly.*

- *Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety and replace it with the following:*

"2. That funding for the development of a Master Greenspace and Natural Corridors Plan By-law be referred to the 2022 budget process."

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very happy to introduce the motion…the amending motion. It really talks about a lot of what we…what we heard in OurWinnipeg. And I just do want to thank, Councillor Rollins got lots of accolades today about helping ushering this through. And this is one of the things a lot of the stuff that we want to change need to be in both documents. So, this is a lot of housekeeping ensuring that both of these documents really, really align in terms of our green space, our park space and what we want it to look…make sure that we can…actually, in our park spaces, one of the concerns that was raised is if we wanted to put a washroom or are we taking away that ability to be able to do that. So, there is some cleaning up in the motions that are here in front of us from OurWinnipeg. And I would also like to really thank Councillor Lukes. I know that she has been somebody who's been very much a proponent about making sure that we look at transportation and how it really in-lines with our economy and all of our plans in our Transportation Master Plan. And she has done a lot of key work in and around that. And this is making sure that we're aligning those things. We also are making sure that we are…we did hear from our administration on two neighborhoods: the Booth neighborhood and Norberry-St. George neighborhood, which are really…when we looked at the dates of the housing, they do fit into the mature communities. So, we are doing some cleanup with regards to that. And onto the main motion, I'm…oh, and also too, Motion 17, Councillors Santos and councillor…oh no, I'm not supposed to speak to…I speak to the main motion though right now, right?

Madam Speaker: And the amending motions as well.

Councillor Gilroy: Okay, sorry. Just making sure. And I want to thank Councillor Santos for her…and Councillor Chambers for their amending motion. We have been doing a lot of work in terms of equity in our spaces and making sure that when we look at when we're designing our cities that we are not displacing people. And one of the things that we learned through some of the work that we do through CPTED, which is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, that some of the…sometimes when we're looking at it, we're looking at displacing people out of the spaces which they naturally occur. And I think that this is really taking a look at, you know, we have this wonderful policy talking about human rights and talking about how we want to align with the United Nations goals and how we want to end homelessness. We have to make sure that some of the policies that we're doing underneath those things are not displacing the same people that we're trying to protect, and that's what this motion is doing. So, I wanted to really thank her and Councillor Chambers for their work on this because this is something that is key and should be in there and they're doing that work. So, thank you very much for that. And just overall, the work for…on Complete Communities, again, I want to thank the administration. This is our secondary plan as a city, so it's very exciting to be here during this time. And we're doing a Complete Communities 2.0. And we're providing more details and criteria…criteria and indications on how we're going to grow our city when, where and how. We're working cross-departments now for better integration of our land uses. We have new sections that are going to talk about growth, financing, servicing, mobility, housing and major open spaces. We're aligning with OurWinnipeg. We are knowing when and where we're going to grow our city. We're eliminating the barriers to density, which we really need to do if we want to meet our climate change targets. For the first time ever, our city is going to aim for a minimum of 50% of new dwelling units to be in existing communities. That is something that's key to our Climate Change Action Plan. And we're going to look at phasing in our greenfield. So, I'm very, very proud of the work that's gone into this. And again, these documents do not happen with one person. A lot of the administration team and a lot of the people around here have really put a lot of work into it. So, I think we should be very proud because, you know, it's not always that you get to be a part of a council ushering a new policy like this. So, I just want to thank my councillor colleagues and all the administration for all their work on this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Santos, your opportunity to speak to the main item and amending Motion 17.

Motion No. 17
Moved by Councillor Santos,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS the creation of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) agenda gave birth to hostile architecture, a detrimental form of urban exclusionism. By using hostile design typologies, cities can render public spaces unusable to undesirable citizens, and erase images of poverty, social decay and public disorder resulting in upper-class homogeneity;

WHEREAS the ways in which CPTED and hostile architecture have led to the alarming erasure of free public space should be addressed, the consequences of this has fallen upon marginalized populations. The CPTED philosophy endangers the very nature of diversity in urban environments and brings into question whether public spaces are truly free and democratic;

WHEREAS CPTED is an old school philosophy that alienates Black, Indigenous and People of Colour in the public realm as opposed to designing spaces to build up and support healthy communities;

WHEREAS CPTED is a design philosophy that turns neighborhoods into mazes of "defensible space" that often (unconsciously) criminalizes Black, Indigenous and People of Color under the guise of safety;

WHEREAS examine the specific CPTED recommendations in this draft to make sure that we are creating equitable guidelines to lift people up to build connections within our communities, not continuing to inform our decisions from a system derived from structural racism;

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- *Add the following new Recommendation 1.I.:*

  "1.I. That the following new policies be added to Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0:

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  3.12 Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in new development to increase safety and reduce incidence and fear of crime.

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3.14 Use the City of Winnipeg Accessibility Design Standard to promote accessibility in the built environment.

3.15 Where urban spaces are intended to be used by the broader public, encourage ownership and operation that maximizes access, usability, and quality of life for all users."

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to take this time to speak to both the amending motion and the main item. I want to thank my fellow council colleagues for hearing this amendment today, as well as my seconder, Councillor Chambers for his support to request clarification on the use of crime prevention through environmental design, also known as CPTED, over the next 25 years. CPTED, created in the 1970s, was developed with the agenda to manipulate the built environment to create safer neighbourhoods. And like many of our traditional forms of crime prevention and management, parts of it have not aged very well. Our current Complete Communities 2.0 draft contain several sections that refer to the practices of CPTED, some of which I have some serious concerns about. I reviewed the documents through the lens of the principles explained to us in a recent community engagement workshop about equitable place making. The creation of CPTED in the '70s gave birth to hostile architecture in our cities; a detrimental form of urban exclusionism. The philosophies of CPTED have led to the alarming erasure of free public space, rendered public spaces unusable to undesirable citizens and worked to erase images of poverty, social decay and public disorder. My fellow downtown council colleagues, Councillor Rollins and Gilroy attended these workshops as well as representatives from our public administration and the Property, Planning and Development Department. A few members of the public administration who attended the workshop reached out to me earlier this week regarding my comments on CPTED from the public hearing with EPC and we worked together on the new amendments I'm bringing forward today. Under CPTED's standards, spaces for marginalized groups are designed with fewer amenities and fewer green spaces under the guise of a safer community. Current CPTED principles are intended to create a safer, more welcoming and more accessible public realm, but you need to ask yourself, for whom? I have significant concerns with the continued emphasis on CPTED tactics used in our city building policy documents. It's an outdated philosophy that alienated BIPOC people in the public realm as opposed to designing spaces to build up and support healthy communities. In the Point Douglas Ward, which is comprised of 70% visible minorities, we see different neighbourhood urban design under the guise of crime prevention. The North End has a complete lack of public spaces, this was a deliberate choice made given by our policies in an effort to prevent crime. With CPTED guidelines, we create spaces that de-incentivize people on our streets. CPTED reduces shrub and tree plantings in my ward. Greenery is sacrificed for sightlines. CPTED reduces public benches to limit loitering. Did you know that the Point Douglas Ward regularly sees the removal of benches with intentions to create a "safer neighbourhood"? This is elitism; to only have benches for certain people in certain neighborhoods. Individuals from underrepresented backgrounds deserve a better city, a neighborhood that lifts them up and builds community relationships and not further dividing them. Let's take a moment to view CPTED through our colonial lenses, it fails to let certain communities congregate without the fear of harassment. We should not design our city, which practices denying certain people the opportunity for social inclusion and connections in a beautiful and livable neighbourhood. This motion doesn't seek the complete removal of CPTED, some elements are still acceptable practices to improve safety for all people. This is why we're asking that any CPTED interventions must incorporate lived experiences along with socioeconomic, cultural and historical knowledge to maximize widespread access, usability, safety and quality of life for all users. We ask that CPTED guidelines should not continue to dictate hostile urban design practices in our city. We can no longer reduce the quality and/or usability of our built environment for marginalized or vulnerable people. Systemic racism and white supremacy are still to this day found in our public policies. We need to work towards dismantling those old world practices and build a better, more equitable city. Further to my amending motion, I'd like to put some words on the record regarding density and the intensification target. There's a lot of great pieces in this document for protection of green spaces and climate goals, prioritizing our downtown and south Point Douglas named as a major redevelopment site, as well as the active transportation infrastructure, all of which I fully support on behalf of my residents who are asking us to build a city for future generations to thrive in. But there is one element within this plan I still find troubling, is the intensification target remains at 50%, and a continuation of suburban sprawl known as green fill development. Our current rate of 50% will continue to deteriorate the reach of our City services. We should be supporting more medium urban density to spread the fixed costs of infrastructure across more individuals and businesses while also bringing social, environmental, and quality of life benefits. Without population density, businesses can't succeed. People and businesses continue to further spread out, placing dependence on vehicles, thus increasing the inequities amongst our citizens. For years, we have seen how suburban sprawl directly impacts any roads inequality of our City services. Honestly, do my council colleagues not see this fact? Should we go take a walk just two blocks from here to see this fact? I'm not the only councillor who sees this issue. Councillor Lukes has made the point that Waverley West has a significant challenge in getting new sprawling community civic services in her green fill development. We have heard for years to build up, not out. And here, we're planning long-term, for the future, with a document that seeks a 50/50, offering no data on the outcomes of that type of development. I agree with the assertion from my other contiguous council colleague, Councillor Klein. It is flawed that we are here to expect to make a decision today about the growth for the next 25 years of our city without the necessary data to inform us of the financial and social impacts in our city. I heard from my council colleagues that it's an ideological difference and that we should agree to disagree. While my comments are not based on feelings, and I'm not pulling them

out of thin air, they're based on from what we hear from other local leaders and experts in development and city planning. With research from other jurisdictions like Edmonton and Halifax, we found that low density development like our green fields will not pay for themselves, and resulting costing municipalities billions of dollars in servicing costs after 30 or 40 years. And while suburban sprawl is often defended as a result of real estate market forces expressing consumer references, we also know that we aren't incentivizing alternative urban growth development models. After ten years of falling further and further behind on potential tax revenues, we are continuing to vote in support of a larger city footprint. A compact city better provides services for less money. In other words, the more growth we develop in downtown, mature neighbourhoods, along established infrastructure routes or near existing community services, we will safe money in the City of Winnipeg's bottom line. Yes, in the short-term, we may see an increase in property taxes, and some quick revenue for the City, but in the long-term, we will have a crushing infrastructure deficit and diminished level of service to all cities…to all the citizens of our city. We cannot keep doing the same thing over and over again and expect a different result. We need to understand the full impact and complexity of suburban sprawl focused development and work towards better goals and plans and build a sustainable Winnipeg for the future. I am glad to see recommendations that slightly speaks to this very issue and requests for a strategic infrastructure plan, but we cannot stop there. We need to do the research of the annual services of a suburban versus urban household cost so that we can truly see the data that best represents Winnipeg's civic issues. I will not stop advocating for this research and for a more progressive densification target. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In speaking to Complete Communities…my mouse is not working here, hold on. I'm going to miss my points. I want to thank the staff for the very good work that they've done and again, to thank all the residents who provided input. I'm so very appreciative of the many members of the public who participated in the consultations because it takes a lot of time, and it's not very easy. I...but much heavy lifting has to occur. This document holds great vision, lofty goals to guide our city. I want to specifically highlight two aspects of this document. One, being how we are going to grow our city under the proposed 50/50 split between green fill development and infill, and how we're going to move critical goods in and around our city. To the proposed 50/50 split related to growth; currently, this goal will be impossible to reach unless we develop strong tools, policies and by-laws, which we currently don't have. I want to highlight an interesting example that I've observed over the last five years in the Waverley West Ward. Waverley West is a combination of green fields and…is a combination of green fields and existing. Over the last five years, 2,860 units have been approved in the Waverley West Ward, and of those 2,806 units, there were a total of 31 people who registered in opposition, 31 people. We'll never meet the 50/50 ratio with the current tools we have in place. We will never see 50% infill come forward unless we work hard to develop tools to encourage infill. Time is money, uncertainty equates to a loss of money and a movement either to green fields or to a movement outside the city. With no infrastructure plan in place, there's great uncertainty in our mature communities. We're moving towards that, but uncertainty equates to a loss of money and a movement to either green fields or outside the city. We're potentially approving an infill guideline today, which I will hold my nose on when I support. It sets a direction, but it is nowhere near what is needed to reach the 50/50 goal. In speaking to my other point, transporting critical goods in and around our city, I want to thank Councillor Gilroy, the Mayor's Office and the EPC members for the preliminary work on the addition of much stronger words focused on the critical transportation of goods in our city. I want to thank Terry Shaw from the Manitoba Trucking Association who continues to erase…to raise awareness and advocate passionately and educate on the significance of trucking and transportation. It may seem odd that a person as passionate about active transportation as I am is equally, I'd say, is passionate about transportation and the trucking industry. Winnipeg is transforming into a multimodal global transportation hub. Trucking and the movement of goods in and around our city is critical to our economy, our economic prosperity, and our quality of life. The trucking industry positively impacts hundreds of businesses employing tens of thousands of Manitobans. The amendments in the document strengthens the focus around the coordination of land use design…decisions and design with a need for goods movement. It also provides the opportunity to consider adopting the Transportation Master Plan as a by-law, which I believe we need to consider it as important as a secondary plan versus a policy. And this motion provides that option for future discussion. I also want to thank Councillor Santos and Chambers for the excellent motion brought forward, amending motion. I'm incredibly supportive of this motion. I listened to Councillor Santos. I think of all the green space; the trees and the shrubs that we have in the Waverley West Ward, and I hear you 100% on this. This is an excellent amendment. We have a lot of work to do, as Councillor Gillingham noted, to prioritize fund and to work on. I'll be supporting the Complete Communities 2 document and its motions. It's good work. It sets a vision. But now, it'll be up to this council and future councils to make good on it.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Lots of rhetoric, lots of divisive rhetoric. Come back to that in a second, my thoughts. We're supposed to thank all the staff and pretend all the staff have been terrific and wonderful and listened to every damn idea that we had. I don't have that in me. I do want to say, John Kiernan has tried to listen to me on this, I believe. And I know that I underestimated James Veitch who is our acting head of Planning. I want to thank him personally

because my thoughts on this didn't get listened to for a long time, I'll just say that. And Mr. Veitch has not been a brick wall as he himself put it. So, I want to say that. And I mean that. It's an attempt. It's not perfect. It's an attempt to address a bunch of different concerns. The rhetoric, though, like, one positive about the last six, seven years with this mayor, I think, is that this mayor has tried to not slag the suburbs or downtown or try to be divisive. There's been an attempt made to try to act as if this is one city, not 13 or 14 or whatever it was prior to Unicity. There's been, I think, a real attempt made, an occasion quite eloquent to say, well, this is how I grew up or this is what I did, but we try and do it a bit differently now. But if we're talking about numbers, you know, I come in here and I'm told we're closing the one police station in St. Vital because there's not enough volume and we need people elsewhere so we're moving it downtown. We're moving those resources downtown. Pretty controversial in my ward, but I took the hit. And then I come in here, and say, well, all the costs are at the suburbs. It's all the suburbs' fault. And then I come in here and when I had the Dakota fire station that Councillor Chambers now has. Now we're taking an ambulance out of there because they don't get enough calls, we're moving it downtown. That's where the volume is, that's where the demand is, we're moving it, you can't stop us. And then you come in here and tell us, it's all the suburbs' fault. Everything is all the cost of the suburbs. What's the single biggest cost item we've got facing us? The $2 billion...more than $2 billion…I won't get into construction inflation in the absence of Councillor Schreyer, it's more than $2 billion combined sewer plant. All the suburbs' fault. Oh, no, wait, it's all the pre-1960 areas. But we're all paying toward it. I get people from Sage Creek saying, our pipes are brand new. We paid for them. Why are we paying toward that? Because it's one city. Because it's billions of dollars. We could have a vision that said, let's not build anything out of the periphery. Let's…yay, they're moving to Niverville, not here. Yay, they're going to live in West St. Paul. Yay, they're going to live in Headingley. And then we could split the cost of the $2 billion among 750,000 of us instead of 850,000 of us. Oh no, wait, mathematically…and we're getting lectured about math here; mathematically we don't come out ahead on that. We have more people to slug toward the $2 billion combined sewer bill. There are various other examples as well. For those of us who were here when the Hampson report came down, which was a study commissioned under this Mayor, to look at, does growth pay for growth? The report…long Council seminar, in which it was said, growth doesn't pay for growth. And the questions, and you were there, Madam Speaker, came in, oh yeah, but all the infill stuff pays for itself, and the answer was; no, it doesn't. And then the question was, but all the infill stuff pays for itself, and the answer was; no, it doesn't. So, there are costs associated with all development. We can pretend otherwise and get up and say that, but if we're talking about math, the $2 billion combined sewer thing isn't all the result of the suburbs. And various other costs aren't all the results of the suburbs. We've got an enormous multibillion-dollar project going on at the North End plant, and as was said when the Hampson report came down, it doesn't really matter if the human waste comes from the suburbs or from downtown if it's infill. It's all the same. You need a new sewage treatment plant. It doesn't matter if the person lives out by the perimeter or lives downtown, there's some costs that are going to be the same. So, it's unfortunate that we're going to get into a bunch of divisive rhetoric here. I guess we do…we do that. I do want to commend the Mayor for, I think, trying to steer us away from some of that. But the fact of the matter is, it's one city. It has been since 1971. There are…the idea that it's hopelessly unrealistic, this 50/50 target, we're already getting pretty close to 50/50. Some of the guidelines, some of initiatives here will probably push us to at least 50/50 for infill. For the umpteenth time, the infill…the 50% infill target is not the same as the area covered by the infill guidelines. Confusing. Unfortunate. Did it to ourselves, but that's the case. So, no, we don't need to meet 50% of the infill target within the mature communities. That's not what we've been saying. That's not what Complete Communities says. That's not what the Climate Action Plan said. It says 50% in the intensification area, which if you actually look at the map, you'll see it includes most of the city but for parts of Sage Creek, large chunks of your ward, Madam Speaker, and chunks of, I believe, Councillor Lukes and Councillor Nason's wards. So, if you put an infill project in next to U of M, that counts towards the target. If you put an infill project in on Barlow in Riverpark South, that counts toward the target. So, I don't think that we wring our hands and say, this is hopeless and we'll never meet the 50% target when, in fact, we're almost already there. That's what the data show if people want to take the time to look at the data. So, it's not an ideal document by any means, but I think it's at least an attempt to move us toward some sort of balance without attacking one part of the city or the other. The staff have been correcting some of the rhetoric that was in there about the decline in the mature communities, which is a V shape. It's not…we've had various questions here. How could we arrest the decline? Well, the decline arrested in about 2001 or 1996 and the population has been coming back up in our mature communities. So, we are taking some steps to promote infill, and I think we're seeing some of that come through. It's been very difficult in some areas. I think there's been a failure by some to recognize that, but I do think at least the guidelines we'll come to later today make some acknowledgement that there's been some real implementation problems with the way we've gone today. So, we can sit here and say, it's all your part of the city's fault. It's all…none of it's my fault. We can sit here and say, oh, if only we built in that part or only in this part. The fact of the matter is, we've got a balanced approach here that has taken years in the making. We are going to have infill. We are going to have greenfield development. Finally, to sit back and say, we just keep doing the same thing over and over again is to show you haven't really read the document, with all due respect because it's called Complete Communities. The communities like Waverley West, like Sage Creek look very different than the communities designed in the 1970s and '80s. Talk to Lukes if you want some data on this, who will tell you about the density in Waverley West exceeding the density in River Heights and other areas. So, I've sat here for years as a councillor that's listened to this and look at the development. Look at the hundreds and hundreds of units that are being approved in multifamily in Sage Creek, in Bonavista, and more than ever, in Waverley West. So, the good news is…the good news is, in fact, we aren't doing the same thing over and over again. We're taking some realistic steps to

densify some of the suburbs that have come on. Certainly, some of the ones…some parts built in the 1970s and '80s aren't very dense. You'll get 100% single-family and not apartments. Those days are done. This document is part of it. This document and the planners…I think people like the planners in St. Vital area; Richard Mahé and others who will come back to in a bit, made an effort to try and densify some of the suburbs. So, the good news is, we aren't just doing the same thing over and over again.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I rise to first say that I'll be supporting what is now, I believe, two amendments on the floor.

Madam Speaker: Three amendments.

Councillor Eadie: It is three, right? There's one regarding the…and I didn't get the content or what the amendment is related to the trucking...or Mr. Shaw and trucking transportation industry, which I highly support as well. What motion number was that one? 16? Oh, that's in 16? Okay, thanks. All right, anyway, I'll be supporting the amending motions. The...I just wanted to speak to the main document. So, when we were talking OurWinnipeg, I wasn't really getting into this, but Complete Communities 2.0; so, achieving the 50/50 goal, you know, I think that is achievable, Madam Speaker. Ultimately, as the city grows and builds, there's one component that you can't deal with in this document, and that is where people want to live, Madam Speaker. The market. To say you're only going to do infill is to say, this portion of the market goes somewhere else. That's what you're doing. It's...even for us to change...to achieve sustainable goals, climate change actions...to achieve what we want to do, Madam Speaker, there has to be a buy-in from the whole population because we're very diverse in many ways in this city, but it's the same. Like, we are going to try to balance, which is what OurWinnipeg is. We're going to try to balance the growth of this city, which I think is very important. So, actually, Madam Speaker, you may recall the opposing positions that I would have about green fill to my honourable colleague, Councillor Mayes early on, who managed to finally convince me that you do need some options for greenfield and there's a lot of things to look at, Madam Speaker. And so, the 50/50 is a balance. I think it is achievable. I don't know phasing in things is very difficult, but ultimately, the biggest problem with infill in our older neighborhoods is…we need to understand this, is that those neighborhoods weren't built to the same standards as we build new neighborhoods today. And so, you know, we can add more properties into a community like Glenwood, for example. That's the best example. We have infill guidelines coming. But Madam Speaker, that community was not built to today's standards. How do you move forward...so yeah, you can add new properties, and that's good and it adds a one-time new value. And the way we calculate our property taxes, just for people's information...I know many of you understand this. So, the first year, a new house on a new lot that was created through a subdivision, you'll get that new money the first year. But then, when we calculate the mill rate following year, after that, Madam Speaker, it is no longer new money. So, anyway, so you might be able to use that new money, and how do you direct it the first time it comes online to that old community? It's very difficult, because some of the biggest problems that my colleagues talk about in Waverley West...and you know, anybody who lives out that way, they deserve the...you know, when did it start, 2003? So there's all kinds of issues. But we being…and Councillor Schreyer isn't here. Construction inflation, okay? Inflation has a factor in that all these new properties coming online, what they're doing is, they're just offsetting the inflationary increases we need to do in taxes to pay for our services that we all want. The same services…we want…we deserve the same services in all of these communities, so how do you get to the point...and, you know, the data is actually there to be found. Our offices don't have enough time to collect it and analyze it in a way that you believe may be right or not, but the data is there about, you know, the infrastructure. Some stuff has to be collected, yes, I agree. You know, what is the capacity for growth in the old neighborhoods when it comes to sewage, the sewers, combined sewers and so on. You know, so, Complete Communities, I think we've achieved something good, and I think with the amendments that we're talking about here, it'll make it better, Madam Speaker. But ultimately...and we've got it mapped out, sort of indicating where things are, but ultimately, with Complete Communities and that sort of thing, we are going to have to focus on employment lands. They're very important, very important. And I believe we're voting on a secondary plan related to some of that stuff later today, Madam Speaker. But so, with Complete Communities, my only concern was there's not a…a secondary plan for a neighborhood is important, but you know, how are you going to pave those back lanes that need to be…have drainage and proper back lanes? How are you going to pay…some neighbourhoods were going to do infill, like, it's short on other…on probably on soft…what they call soft infrastructure, Madam Speaker. And so, you know, how we achieve that and how we deal with it is ultimately how we have our financial management plan for this city. The one that we have I think is inadequate at the moment in how it tries to deal with things, and debt strategy, to be able to achieve and facilitate all this stuff, and to be able to prioritize how we go. And so, Madam Speaker, it all comes down to how Council, with its big picture, strategic direction for our Winnipeg Public Service, will be very important. And so, yeah. Anyway, I just...I just…I spend a lot of time analysing data, Madam Speaker. And I mean, the data's there. You just have to extract it in the appropriate way. And so, anyway, I'll be supporting this work. And I forgot to thank all the immense amount of work that our Winnipeg Public Service put into this because again, it's a substantial rewrite of Complete Communities 2.0.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I'll make this brief. I know we have a long day. I've said this before, and I'll say it again; information is the decision making necessary. Information is needed for decision making, policy making, and it's necessary for policy makers and decision makers, managers, et cetera. Quality and complete information will have a reinforcing and transformative effect on those deciding and on our future. I've said this as well at PP&D and at other committees; the factor is that no cost benefit analysis with these plans, for me, is reason enough not to support this one. I've spoken to industry leaders myself. Former members of Council, former leaders in our city and others that said they were shocked that the City has taken this approach not to include cost benefit analysis. That we've taken this approach to not include a true analysis of our infrastructure. I know some of that has been added. We're looking for a report, but what's the actual picture before we start deciding certain things. I'm not comfortable deciding on anything before we receive complete analysis on the state of our infrastructure and others. The lack of quantitative data does not allow me to make an informed decision on behalf of residents who pay me to represent their best interests and not that of one other. I believe that we're missing an opportunity here to provide deeper planning, deeper strategies that will not only add to the city but would improve specific areas, possibly having an in-depth plan that supports…and secondary plans that would encourage a holistic approach, but we can't do that because we're not appropriately funding the department responsible for the implementation of the vision. If they're not appropriately funded, it's going to fail, and we are basically setting them up to fail. And there are good people in PP&D that have worked very hard and they need the tools to assist redevelopment within the City of Winnipeg and to make sure it's done properly and in the best interest of residents and investment. The motions…I appreciate the hard work, the dedication, I appreciate it all. And I'll note that we're add…we're changing some neighborhoods from mature to recent communities and such. Minor adjustments, but not brought forward at a Property and Planning and Development meeting, but later. I wanted to support both of them, I want to acknowledge the work and the effort that's gone in there and I think we all do. We say that because we want to make sure others know, but I mean, it's more than words. I know that many individuals in our Public Service, especially within the Planning Department, did the best that they could do with the resources they had, and they're not to be judged on this. I sadly cannot support this one today. I would support, obviously once again, Councillor Nason's motion. If there is an opportunity to develop, to Councillor Mayes' point, maybe this is a greenfield that we will need to reach some of the numbers, some of the dreams, some of the hopes we have. Maybe it's an opportunity to invent new economic zones that include development, but we're closing the door on that and saying, coming back later. For those reasons today, I'm not going to support this one, knowing that we can make changes and adjustments as we go along. Knowing that we can continue to have those conversations, and knowing that, in a year or more, it could all change, with a new council, a new direction or we could realize that what we have before us when we try to implement and hold departments accountable, realize they don't have the resources to do what we're asking them to do. That concerns me.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Santos, your opportunity to close on the item and amending Motion 17.

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Six years ago, McLean's Magazine declared in a cover story that the City of Winnipeg was Canada's most racist city. If our long-term planning documents include out of date CPTED principles, we are choosing to perpetuate and support that disparity for another 25 years. Yesterday, a poll conducted by Probe Research for the Winnipeg Free Press found that 52% of Winnipeggers say race relations in Winnipeg have stayed the same in the last year despite the Black Lives Matter protest and racial reckoning that has taken place. The poll also found that 22% of Winnipeggers believe race relations have worsened. This is an opportunity for us as a Council to start leading and moving the needle in the right direction to build an equitable Winnipeg where all people can thrive in true complete communities. We should also recognize that they were not developed in a time where the understanding of equity was very different back then and where only certain people and certain communities' voices were being heard. We have the capacity to make meaningful change and choose to not further marginalize their very own citizens with outdated, hostile policies ignoring the needs of our very diverse community. We can begin to build a better future for BIPOC people in our city. I want to thank, again, the public administration for their partnership on this motion and my council colleague, Councillor Chambers for seconding it. While it is not the complete deletion of the CPTED principles, this is a start in the right direction. An acknowledgement that our civic policies must change. I hope that all of my council colleagues will integrate our antiracism training into this decision and vote to make this necessary change for the future of Winnipeg's planning policies. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Santos. Councillor Gilroy, your opportunity to close on amending Motion 16.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As we know, with the...as we know that with the 50% increase in infill, we're going to need our park spaces. And it's not just 50%. I heard today in some of the talk that it's going to be just 50%; no, it's a minimum of 50%. So, when we do our…when we're allowed…when we start to do our infrastructure planning and knowing where the pipes are, we're going to increase that and we're going to need our park spaces. It's going to come even more important. So, with our major open park space and recreation section that we're adding in here to make sure

that we're adequately ensuring that there's park space needed for the communities, for people to get out and about and enjoy their open spaces, is critical. We also make sure that we are…we're doing a biodiversity policy that's looking at our plants and our animals and our species that are native to our city and making sure that we're going to protect them as much as we can along with the natural…the natural lands that we do have. Sorry. We're also going to be making sure that we're looking at some neighborhoods that maybe should have been put on as mature neighbourhoods and making sure that we're aligning them right within our Complete Communities. We're going to be preparing a Transportation Master Plan that ensures and coordinates the decision and design on how we build and work around our communities to make sure that economic opportunity's generated from our Transportation Master Plan and making sure that we're able to move people in and around our community and all the goods and services that we provide. This is a very good document. It has been a...done in collaboration with a lot of community stakeholders, a lot of the people that came in delegation and what we heard, and a lot of councillor dialogue. So, I just want to, again, thank the administration and thank all the councillor colleagues who put a lot of effort and work into this, and I hope that we support this. This is a very important document for our future, and Winnipeg is growing. We need a secondary plan that moves us into the future, and this document does that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason, your opportunity to close on amending Motion 6.

Councillor Nason: Again, like a broken record, Economic Development Winnipeg provided input at the hearing and it seems to have fallen on deaf ears. My community is looking for a complete community – a complete community. It's falling on deaf ears. Trying to work within the process and the means outside of EPC, this is the motion that was brought forward. I wish we could get an 8-6 vote to send a message that this is important to have a complete community. You know, I've been fighting with Transportation Master Plan for…since November of 2018 because of the movement of goods, not within the ward of Transcona, but for the neighbouring municipality that impacts us greatly to…we can't stop the flow of goods to neighbouring municipality. I'm interested to see this amending motion. I wish we had a…had discussion. I've only had a short period of time. I think that's a common saying that we have here. I've only had a short period of time to review this very verbose motion. Both of these, number 16 and 17, not to say that the merit isn't there, but there's been no dialogue. Racism does bound throughout our community. Inside these halls, even, we've had it. We've had discussion. We've had training. We had that one-day session, but it's by the actions that we do that we're judged by, and this one today, I don't think it's a complete document for Complete Communities, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I want to thank my colleagues for their very eloquent comments on Complete Communities. I want to thank our chair. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for her leadership. This has also been, like the last topic, OurWinnipeg, a pretty lengthy…a pretty lengthy discussion. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy and Councillor Lukes for bringing forward the motion which includes, among other things, a biodiversity policy for the City of Winnipeg. And I also want to just acknowledge the efforts of Councillor Rollins who's been very active in robust dialogue with council colleagues to bring this forward as well. So, I'll be supporting this, of course. I'll also be supporting Motion 17 from Councillor Santos and Chambers. I think it is noteworthy that we have leaders on Council who are active with the Safe Cities as well as our Police Board, so bringing this motion forward together and I want to thank them for doing so, and I'll wholeheartedly be supporting that as well. Motion 6, I won't be supporting for the reasons I set out in the OurWinnipeg discussion, Madam Speaker. And I'll just point out, the document, it is a pretty comprehensive document. If you take the time to carefully review it, it does deal with cost-benefit analysis. It's just…it's under a different name. For those that are watching these proceedings and want to review it. Fiscal impact analysis is referred to in about, well, I'd say at least three times in the document, including page 83; it talks about new communities requiring a proponent to prepare a fiscal impact analysis to evaluate proposals, financial implications to the city, and similar directions on page 32, Madam Speaker, of Complete Communities under financial growth. So, I'll be supporting this. I want to thank everybody for their efforts. And, of course, hopeful we can get a strong endorsement of this document with the amendments in a few moments, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, we'll first vote on amending Motion 17, moved by Councillor Santos. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

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

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 17 passes unanimously. Amending Motion 16, moved by Councillor Gilroy. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

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

Madam Speaker: Motion 16 passes. Onto the last one; amending Motion 6, moved by Councillor Nason. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Eadie, Mayes, Nason and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Rollins and Councillor Santos

Councillor Klein: In favour of that motion.

Madam Speaker: So, just to clarify, the round we were doing is in opposition, right? And Councillor Klein would like to be noted in favour. We have done that in the past with Council's concurrence, and I see some nods. Okay. Councillor Klein, you will be noted in favour.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: And the count?

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 5, Nays 9.

Madam Speaker: And amending Motion 6 is lost. Onto the main item, as amended. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

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

Madam Speaker: Item 2, as amended, passes. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, to open on this item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Winnipeg Indigenous Accord was a document that was initially worked on by my Indigenous Advisory Circle. And I want to thank current and previous members of the Indigenous Advisory Circle for their work, including Cindy Blackstock, a leader in Canada. For those that aren't aware of her ongoing efforts to advocate for Indigenous children in the education system, I'd encourage you to learn more about her leadership. And the visioning exercise began with youth from our community. Ultimately, it was supported by Council and, of course, many members of Council and our community have signed on as partners to the Indigenous Accord. Madam Speaker, I want to thank all of the members that have joined to date. I also want to encourage new partners to the Indigenous Accord. This is a nonprescriptive process. When you sign on as an Indigenous Accord partner, you are undertaking to be publicly accountable for your actions related to the response to the calls to action in the TRC. And many organizations in our community have done that. It has created action in our community. Words when it comes to reconciliation are important, but actions are even more important. And I want to highlight in the report a few of the key highlights of the collective partner progress over the last year, Madam Speaker. 7,434 members and employees from 61 accord partner organizations have participated and are continuing to participate in education and training in response to calls to actions 57 and 92. 232 Indigenous people were newly hired by 49 accord partner organizations this year. 74% of accord partners have reported practicing traditional territory acknowledgements as we do now here on the floor of Winnipeg City Council. Recognizing the Indigenous rights, Indigenous priorities, and improved Indigenous access...sorry, and inclusion. 166 policies and practices amended or newly adopted by 57 partner organizations to recognize Indigenous rights, reflect Indigenous priorities and improve Indigenous access and inclusion. And finally, 2,352 activities or events were implemented by 67 accord partners to increase the visibility of Indigenous contributions, experiences, values, culture, languages, and our teachings to bridge understandings between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. These are real actions in our community that are making a difference for us and for our kids. And so, I first want to start by applauding all those leaders in our community who have signed onto become partners to the accord. I would like to invite all Winnipeggers, every organization in our community, to consider becoming an accord partner and signatory. And I would also say to those in preparation for Canada Day; give the gift of…consider giving the gift of reconciliation to your country this Canada Day. And I would encourage all Winnipeggers, all organizations in our community to sign onto the Indigenous Accord this Canada Day or soon thereafter, Madam Speaker. It's one of the ways...it's not the only way, but it's one of the ways in which we can facilitate greater action in the community where it matters most while we can continue to show leadership here at city hall to support reconciliation, calls to action, as well as the calls to justice in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge what an accord is. It's an official agreement. It is a concept that you are harmonious or consistent with. And in an accord, in French, it means an agreement. In doing an agreement, the organizations agree to the terms of the Indigenous Accord. It is done ceremonially so. It's done ceremonially so, and it's a photograph that each member of the Council did, it's an agreement that we all signed. And I want to acknowledge that several more signatories within Council submitted the report. The report is a requirement of the accord. I, along with others, who have signed the accord have talked about that as being an agreement and how actions matter more than that signature and are contemplating making sure that we strengthen that accord, that official agreement, by ensuring that those who are signatories to the terms of the agreement are fulfilling them, you know, at minimum, maybe if not the first year, the second, third year. I think it's important. For those that require support, Madam Speaker, I would like to encourage them to reach out, and they can reach out to my office if they'd like. They can reach out to the City of Winnipeg, and I believe they will be supported. But Madam Speaker, in consideration of how important, how urgent it is, I think there needs to be a depth to that agreement. There needs to be results so that it's more than just a performative moment on a stage in front of city hall; that it requires action and those actions are evidence based in a report that is submitted. And so, Madam Speaker, I want to make sure that folks know that the seriousness of that involves also considerations of when you might be breaking with the accord when a report is not submitted and actions are not undertaken for a period of time, for instance, three years. And that I am interested very much in bringing that forward to Council for their consideration come fall and will consider that further with elders and consider it further with committees that I'm involved in and consider it further, of course, with the Mayor's Indigenous Advisory Circle. Important that we sign the accord, for sure. Really important that commitments are explored through the requirements of that signing, which is, of course, the report that you see before you today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Any further speakers? Seeing none at this time, Mr. Mayor, back to you. I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 6 – Strategies and Tools to Enhance Neighbourhood Liveability via the Doing Business in Winnipeg By-law – Problematic Business Activities

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to introduce the item and it does have an amending Motion 7.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The…we heard from some community leaders at a committee that certainly made an impact on certain aspects of this administrative report, particularly those related to adult oriented businesses. The amendment that was supported at committee requested that certain aspects be laid over to allow the Public Service to have a much more robust engagement with those on the frontline. And I think what councillors are looking for, certainly what I'm looking for, is what changes could we make within our legal parameters and authority at city hall to have the most desirable impact on those in our community who need us to protect...to protect them? And so, I will be supporting those amendments. I want to thank all those that appeared in delegation. It was some pretty difficult, some pretty difficult topics to listen to, and I'm sure more difficult to communicate in a public forum. And I want to thank all those that had the courage to present in such a public and formal format to provide us with their insights. I want to support the engagement with community leaders who are on the frontlines so that we can get properly apprised. I'm glad that we are asking Council to pause so that dialogue can happen. I certainly have been raising questions since about whether certain activities can just be outright banned and also, of course, what the impact of trying to do so could be. And I don't want to…I don't want to make those kinds of decisions without being…without having proper consultation and properly advised. And this amending motion…or this…the matter that is coming forward from committee does just that. It will, obviously, task the Public Service to look at, among other things, whether or not an outright ban of certain activities should occur and what would be involved there as well as other forms of regulation. So, I'm hopeful that Council can support the main motion. I think the amending motion I won't be supporting primarily because of two things. One: the report back is...for the main motion is a more extensive consultation period. I wouldn't want to have just one aspect of it come back in 90 days. I also primarily don't want to lose that opportunity to speak with some of the advocacy groups and frontline experts in our community that the main motion will accomplish. So, I think it is redundant because those efforts are embedded in the motion before us today. And so, I won't be supporting the Motion 7, but will be supporting the main motion. And I want to thank my council colleagues, the Public Service and, again, all those that came in delegation at committee for giving us really invaluable insight. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Rollins, your opportunity to speak to Item 6.

Councillor Rollins: Sorry. I think somebody has…I think I'm out of order because there…they have an amending motion.

Madam Speaker: Yes, my apologies. First, going to Councillor Klein who has amending Motion 7 on this item, and then we'll follow with you, Councillor Rollins.

Motion No. 7
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 6 of the Executive Policy Committee report dated June 16, 2021, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendation 1 and replace it with the following:*

  "1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the appropriate committee within 90 days with recommendations to make Body Rub Parlours and Escort Agencies a prohibited use in the entire City of Winnipeg."

- *Delete Recommendation 4 in its entirety and renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly.*

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, I watched the delegations that spoke on this matter, and it was a difficult time to watch, being a proud Indigenous person and having lost a parent to domestic violence. I think I can speak openly and with confidence that I understand what pain and sorrow is caused when there's violence towards women. I don't believe that anyone in this room suspects there is a way for us to protect the young women that are manipulated and controlled, and in some cases forced to work in these facilities. The zoning by-law in Winnipeg today says, you cannot have one of these places of business outside of the downtown. Is that where we want these? Downtown? We need to have consultation to truly understand after listening to individuals, after hearing the stories. I immediately called five police chiefs across Canada. Every one of them told me, these are not businesses that should be in any city. These lead to the manipulation and abuse of women. We heard in many cases the women that are working in these or being forced to work in these facilities are minors. They're far away from home. They're controlled. We heard about the control and what that does to their mental health and what that does to their future and the future of their kids and the future of their kids' kids.

That pain lasts, and it goes on and on and on. This amending motion was simply to finally take a stand and tell those individuals that would go to such a place, not here. You want to do that, move somewhere else, but it's not going to be here. And eliminating one more opportunity for individuals to think it's okay to abuse women. Even worse, to benefit financially from abusing women is unacceptable in a Winnipeg I live in. It's just unacceptable. Everyone knows what they really are. You all know. We all know. Asking for another report, and that we need to consult, with all due respect, no. They need us to protect them. Vulnerable people need us to protect them. And this is one way we can protect them and say, you're done. You're not doing it here. For some reason, we don't think...we think in every other part of Winnipeg, you can't do it. The City took a stand. It can only be downtown. Wow. I didn't think that's what we were trying to be. I'm hoping...I'm never confident again for many, many reasons, but I'm hoping that some of you will understand that when a woman suffers from abuse, their children, and their children's children fall into a different world. You just don't forget that stuff, and you just can't make that stuff go away. I'm not the leader behind this. I'm not trying to be the face of this as some have called, I just want to do something to protect women, especially when it comes to violence. That's why this motion has been moved. Thank you.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge that I, too, believe, Madam Speaker, that this by-law, before these amendments suggested by the Public Service, that this by-law before, and even with these amendments are violence. And so, I want to acknowledge that they're...we heard from…and I personally heard in addition to Joy Smith and Diane Redsky that came to committee, I spent time with the Sex Workers Action Coalition of Winnipeg, and that was fundamentally their message to me, that this by-law, the by-law amendments were violence. And they had some asks that I took quite seriously in drafting this motion, Madam Speaker. And I want to acknowledge my council colleague, Councillor Gillingham who drafted the motion and let me edit it with a very heavy pen, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge that the by-law is violence. I want to acknowledge that that was their words, and that was the strong consensus that no by-law was the preference; that they wanted it removed. And I think that there is strong consensus coming to Council and the voices to really abolish this. But with respect to timing, I think that it is prudent to...prudent timing, and I am the least patient person that I know, Madam Speaker. I want to acknowledge all those that came to Council and also my council colleagues. It was difficult to hear. It was difficult to hear. The way forward is going to be equally as hard, Madam Speaker, so I do think that it is important to take the time and while also acknowledging that we may end up right back where we are today with the inclusion that this by-law is violence. And...but I really think it's important to acknowledge the many folks that are currently working within the escort and body rub parlours, and that they are currently making a living, and 90 days is a very short period of time. So, I...I am still a proponent of the motion. I hope the motion coming from Executive Policy Committee receives support. I think it's the right thing to do. I do think it's really difficult, especially when you have concluded through all the areas and there is a big consensus coming for you that this by-law is violence. So, with that, Madam Speaker, I'll be supporting the recommendation coming from EPC. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think...I will not assume, but I think to a person...I'm going to assume that every council member, everyone around this chamber would say this…give the same answer to the question; do you want to have a by-law in any way that could facilitate exploitation, we'd all say no, and we should. It's incumbent upon us to protect the vulnerable, to reduce exploitation, to do all we can to prohibit human trafficking. If I had my way…if I just…you know, if we just could snap our fingers and today let's vote to shut everything down, we…I would enjoy that. I think that would be good to do. I would enjoy it in the sense of feeling like we've accomplished something and we cut through all the red tape. But the reality is, we've got to be prudent in our decision making. In speaking with Joy Smith several times and hearing her talk at…and do her presentation, give her presentation at Executive Policy Committee, she talked about the need for, and I think the words were, "A robust analysis", and the dialogue to really understand the implications of what is going on through body rub parlours, through escort agencies. We heard from Diane Redsky and others at Ma Mawi who work on…with, you know…on the frontlines with mostly women and girls that are affected. And so, it's very important that we do our due diligence. The motion that we brought forward through Executive Policy Committee calls for the Public Service to also detail how making business licences available to adult oriented businesses and reconciles with or complies with the Communities and Exploited Persons Act. In other words, we want our staff to go and take a look at federal laws and understand, you know, how we can even be providing these licences. I'm hoping the answer is we can't be doing it legally, we shouldn't be doing it legally. But I really do believe that we need to…we need to ensure that we are working with those on the frontlines who have lived experience with working with victims of exploitation, that they, Joy Smith, Diane Redsky and others can inform us as a Council as to how to close any loophole so that if we make a decision, if we can make a decision to, frankly, shut these places down, which is, I am on record saying that's what I would like to see happen, that we do it in such a way if we can, that they don't just pop back up. So, I think that we really do need to be well informed in this...in the processes here, this decision making. You see the list of groups that we believe it's important that are spoken to. These are groups like Councillor Rollins has spoken to some, I've spoken to others. We include here the Massage Therapy Association of Manitoba, Manitoba Justice, Manitoba Health. They need

to be part of the dialogue as well. If we're going to do this and do it well and so it has long-term effect, the long-term effect that we want it to have, then we need to do it right. So, I think that while I'd like it to be, you know, sooner rather than later, 180 days, I believe, is the right timeframe. If our staff are able to come back in advance of that with recommendations to Council, then they can do that, and we call on them to do it as soon as they can. 180 days is the deadline. We want them to come back as soon as they can. But this is serious. For sure, it's serious because at the end of the day, we want to do all we can as a Council to ensure that City policies and City by-laws are protecting the vulnerable in our community and are...and are being informed by and guided by those who have lived experience and those who work with exploited individuals on a daily basis. And so, I think that the groups that we have itemized here in the recommendations are groups that really need to help us as a city understand the implications and the importance of our by-laws and the importance of ensuring that any adjustments to our by-laws and policies will be such that they have a long-term positive impact in protecting people in our city. Thank you.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll be brief. You know, I support Councillor Klein on this motion or his amendment to the motion that was brought forward. We all have our life experiences, and I know growing up, I've known individuals that have finally escaped the industry that, you know, profited off of the sale of sex. We as a city have a vision to be a vibrant and healthy city, which places its highest priority on the quality of life for all its citizens. And I think having an item like this on our books where we profit off of victimization of individuals is the worst kind of regulations. And I think we should do all we can as fast as we can to eliminate that matter. We've done a lot more and a lot less. We've got the opportunity. We just need the energy and the focus. And I think we as Council can direct that, and I hope that Council today will send that message. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie. Following that, Councillor Gilroy, Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Very different, difficult societal problem. And yeah, the majority are...it's the abuse and violence towards young women. But I actually...I heard one of them comment and spoke of the reality that it's also young boys, not yet adults who also end up getting trapped in a situation. And so, I just...I don't see the difference between what EPC has recommended and what the amendment is. It's just the language that's used to determine how we want to go about getting advice from our Public Service. Yeah, it's embedded in the zoning by-law, not just issues under what's called the doing business in Winnipeg. And actually, you know, I can't remember when the zoning by-law limited, but I mean, there are grandfathered operations outside of downtown that exist. And essentially, when they changed about where they could be, the problem is they're saying, well then, you can establish new ones. That's a problem. Maybe the zoning by-law should have…you can only have them in downtown, but only the existing ones that are there, and that's it. There will be a legal battle if the City is to say, you know, not allowed under any kind of zoning within the City of Winnipeg because you already have existing operations, and essentially, we would be saying it's illegal. We are recognizing that crime does happen surrounding these types of operations. It's...anyway, ultimately, I believe what'll end up happening is it'll be a fight, and then, you know, there's no...there's no winning, though. You could ban them and make them illegal, not supposed to happen, but the awful thing is about the world's society…the world's society is that somehow human beings came up with the idea that they could use and abuse a fellow human being. It's been going on for a very long time. So, there will be...like, let's say we achieve what the recommendation is from one of the presenters. We...like, there's still...the battle will still go on. So, any plan that looks to stopping this kind of thing, Madam Speaker, has to look at, so you accomplished this, what are we going to do when it goes underground? Where we may not be able to find it. Where we may not be able to see it. Where we may not be able to catch them. So, you know, ultimately, the presenters are asking us to end the problem, but it's…anyway, it's very difficult. But I'll be supporting EPC's recommendation. Again, I don't see the amending motion as different. We're asking the Public Service to come back to us and help us find a better way to deal with this. And I'll leave it at that. Thanks.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank all the...all the delegates that came forward and told us other...the stories that they heard or their experiences. It was incredible to learn from them. So, I just wanted to take that second to thank them. I think I feel a little bit like Councillor Eadie. I am supporting the motion from EPC. If this...if we close everything tomorrow, it goes underground. Right now, within the proximity of my area, I have three or four of them within my area, and they've been there for years. And so, after hearing what I heard in delegates, I'm thinking, shame on us because they've been there for years. We know where they are, and if there's exploitation happening in there, we knew where they were. They weren't underground. They were right in front of us in plain sight, and we knew where they were. So, I do think that there needs to be more work done with the industry to really learn from the individuals that we heard today, and learn from those that are exploited because I have talked to women that...to that field that this is their job; they're not exploited. That this is their choice that they're making. And I think there needs to be a difference between women and young boys and young girls that are being exploited to women that this…and men, that this is their choice.

And so, we need to have that safe dialogue take place because my concern is that when things do go underground, then we're not having these conversations anymore. We just don't know that they're happening, right? So we're never going to really truly stop those things from happening, but if we can learn from the dialogue that we had at EPC, learn from the administration going out and working with women and men that are actually exploited, and young children that are being exploited, and people who feel like this is their actual job, and they are an adult, and they're making this choice, we can then properly have discussions on how to move forward. And until those things happen, we can't because we learned quite a bit of information the other day at EPC. So, I think it's really important that we allow that...the time that is needed to properly do this. Like I said, I just want to...they are sitting there. I can tell you where they are because they're in my ward, and they've been there for years, and we could have been going in and seeing if there's any underage people working in those facilities and checking in on them. So, that is something that we need to do a better job of. But I'm looking forward to greater conversation on this, looking forward to learning more from everyone involved. We want to make sure that we're protecting our vulnerable women and girls and making sure that we're not putting policies and procedures and things in front of them, making it easier to exploit people. So, I'm looking forward to greater dialogue and learning a lot more from the community. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, in my career, this has been the second time that I've been in discussion around these types of issues. In 2008, I was seconded to the Employment Standards Branch to assist in the development of what's called the Worker Recruitment and Protection Act. We recognize that the movement of population for the purposes of employment has been a very vulnerable process, especially for international trained workers including live-in nannies. So, this is something that has come up in the scope of those that are living in homes of individuals that they're taking care of their kids and become vulnerable as a result of the relationship that they have with their employer. This is also something that we saw in terms of the movement of young women off the reserve who were lured to work in these types of industries or this trade. Our efforts here should be, you know, to focus and look at the work that's already been done, whether through the Province or the Federal Government, and to strengthen the laws and by-laws that we have, but also to educate the public in terms of…and exactly what Councillor Gilroy has talked about in, you know, as we work to try to eradicate the exploitation. I think it's a matter of choosing to believe that it doesn't exist if we don't see it, but we know that it is driven underground, and potentially more harms happen where it's not recognized that it is, you know, there are regulations around it and there are laws that do protect the…those that are vulnerable that are in this occupation or choose to be in this occupation. So, again, there is work that has been done. In terms of our Public Service, they can go back to this legislation that was enacted to see exactly who was consulted with respect to those vulnerable types of occupations and how we can work our by-laws to ensure that we're consistently meeting those same strides of protecting those individuals in these types of occupations. Working with the industry that's regulated in terms of providing massage therapy, occupational therapy and things like that, where people become injured, it's a very necessary and needed occupation. We also recognize there's a subtrade to that where, you know, it is off that beaten path. And you know, in having it in our downtown area, away from our suburban area, you know, that's not the solution. It is a matter of having stiffer and stronger by-laws and laws in place to protect those individuals that are in this occupation and ensure that they are inspected properly to ensure that they are above board in terms of the occupation or the services that they're providing. So, again, I want to thank Councillor Gillingham, Councillor Rollins, Councillor Gilroy and their comments with respect to this. And like I say, the answer can be in looking at the previous legislation that has been crafted and created to address the same problem whether provincially or federally. Thank you.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well, I heard a lot of comments just now, and I heard a lot of reasons why we can't do it. And I heard people say that we can if we…we just have to wait. I heard we could do it if...you know, I would like to do it, but we can't. We have to wait another six…we have to wait six months. I heard comments reflective of those who spoke at EPC that said they didn't want the by-law, they wanted them gone. So, we're going to go back and ask them again? Another 90 days, let's think about that for a minute. In Canada, three women are killed every week because of domestic violence or violence against women. Three. How many weeks are in three more months? You know, we are in a unique position, as we sit here and we celebrate all that we are doing for our Indigenous population. How we're trying to make change and we're trying to be leaders in the country. And I heard that these are, in a lot of cases, a place where we can control the business. We don't have the resources. That's why we're having problems. That's how women go missing. That's where the cycle can begin. You don't have the money to police these facilities all the time. I'd venture to say we don't have inspectors to go out and check, but we're pretending like we do. We have an awful lot of reasons why we can't just do it in 90 days. If it's so similar to the EPC motion, and you're just going to go with the EPC motion, one would have to think you're doing it just because of me, and it's getting a little tired. You all said you wanted them to be gone. Let's just do it. It doesn't matter why we do it or how we do it or who moved it. Everyone is in a position today right now to make history. To stand up, direct the Public Service, to work with Legal, work

with the community members and in 90 days, come up with a policy that sees these facilities gone. The status quo of 180 days for a report, another 180 day extension, 30 day extension, and 90 day extension when everybody wants to see them gone, at least that's what I'm hearing, is unnecessary. Take my name away from it. Take my face out of your decision making then. Please. Do this because you are in a position of power to do it. Stand up today. Stand up to vote to support to have them gone in 90 days and show our Indigenous sisters, daughters, friends, children that we have got their back. We are not going to allow this stuff to happen anywhere in Winnipeg. Nowhere. You each have a chance to do that. You are each independent thinkers. You are each in a unique position given power by residents. And most of you have…don't have to worry about this in your area because there is already a law…by-law that says they can't be there. No one has ever challenged it. So, let's deal with that today. We can simply say…you can simply vote no to my motion because it is me or because you want to stick with the EPC one because that's just the way it is or that's the status quo or we can change…we can change the city right now. And we can send a loud message in honour of these women and say, we've got your back. We…we have your back. There's no good, none, zero, and I would challenge any one of you to prove me wrong at any time. There is no good and no benefit that comes from these operations. When I was CEO of Sun Media we immediately put in a policy to eliminate advertising for escorts. A lot of money. Gone. Body rub parlours stopped. We didn't do 80, 90, 100 days. We did it in other markets. We didn't just do it in some. Some kept them. I will admit, some markets kept them. That was their choice to make that decision. We have an opportunity today to make a decision. Listen, I know that there is division and I know that the Mayor and I don't see eye to eye on anything. We don't talk. We don't share a laugh. We don't have any discussions. And that's okay. It's not like I am reaching out either. That is not on him. But I am asking him as a self declared Indigenous person and others to please take the time today to think about the power that you have and the ability to stand up and say no to these businesses that cause harm. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Mr. Mayor, on to you for the close. Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Firstly, I want to respect the fact that members of Council will have varied lived experiences both personal as well as professional expertise and history on some of these matters to which I want to begin by just simply acknowledging and thanking for bringing that expertise and those lived experiences to the table here at Winnipeg City Hall. With respect to the...I heard from one of my council colleagues, Madam Speaker, just questioning what the differences were between the motions. And so, I just want to say what is similar and what is different. What is similar with the amending motion that Councillor Klein is bringing forward and the main motion that's been brought forward, as recommended by Executive Policy Committee, they are both asking for a report back. That is similar. Neither are initiating action today other than to direct some work by our Public Service. The main motion does not hold up some of the unrelated topics that aren't being raised here right now. But with respect to the matters that have been raised in the discussion here, what is very different between the amending Motion 7 and the main motion is the amending motion does not direct Public Service to have dialogue with some of the very stakeholders who came to EPC and said they want to have direct dialogue on these topics because they have expertise that they want to bring to the table. And so, there was a reason why the amending motion was made. And I want to thank Councillor Rollins and Councillor Gillingham for their leadership in this respect to have direct dialogue with the Ma Mawi, the Joy Smith Foundation, shareholders specifically, in line with the national inquiry calls to justice, Madam Speaker, escorts and body rub practitioners and the Sex Workers of Winnipeg Action Coalition and the Massage Therapy Association, Manitoba Justice and Manitoba Health. What's very different is the amending motion says we, essentially, we are not going to talk to them. What the main motion says is we need to talk to them. It is incredibly important. And so, I would…for reasons I have set out in my opening remarks as well as now, I won't be supporting the amending motion which, again, doesn't do anything other than ask for a report, which I think is fine. But let's be clear what it does ask for; it is not asking for action today. It is asking for a report just like the main motion, but the main motion does require the Public Service to have dialogue with frontline stakeholders so that we can make sure any actions that we initiate when that report comes are well informed and are effective at achieving the results that I believe all members of Council would like to see in our community, Madam Speaker. And for that reason, I would urge members of Council to ensure that that dialogue happens so that we are able to move forward in a thoughtful way. Thank you, and an effective way. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, we will vote on the amending Motion 7, moved by Councillor Klein. All in favour? Councillor Klein calls for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Klein and Nason

Nays

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

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

Madam Speaker: Motion 7 is lost. And now we will vote on the main item, Item 6. All in favour? Call for a recorded vote by Mayor Bowman. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

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

Madam Speaker: Item 6 passes. Next, Madam Clerk, Item 7.

Item 7 – Interim Strategy: Mobile Outreach Support

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, to introduce the item, nothing that there is amending Motion 8 to go with this.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just in the interest of time, I will wait to hear first from my council colleagues with respect to the amendments and the main motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason, your opportunity to introduce your amending Motion 8.

Motion No. 8
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 7 of the Executive Policy Committee report dated June 16, 2021 be amended as follows:

- *In Recommendation 1 add "and to St. Boniface Street Links in the amount of $134,341" after "Main Street Project Inc. in the amount of $268,683".*

- *In Recommendation 3 and 4 add "and St. Boniface Street Links" after "Main Street Project Inc."*

- *Add the following new recommendations and renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly:*

  "7. That if the funding required is not available for the total funds necessary by the funding source provided for in Recommendation 1, that the remaining funding be drawn from the Fiscal Stabilization Fund or the General Revenue Fund.

  8. That St. Boniface Street Links be designated as mobile outreach support agency for the City east of the Red River."

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, will be brief. We heard earlier from Ms. Willis with regards to the work that she provides on behalf of our community to make it better and those that are vulnerable in our community. I was, to say the least, disappointed when the report came back and there was no mention of support for St. Boniface Street Links. I, along with Councillor Allard, did work together collaboratively to come forward with a motion that I think is fair and representative of the near 40% of the community that is being represented by St. Boniface Street Links on the areas that are east of the Red River. They provide invaluable support. And this is just a…it doesn't go far enough to address the

needs of the community, but it's definitely a lot more than what we've been presenting in the past, Madam Speaker. And I do hope that my council colleagues will support the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I didn't…Madam Speaker, I wasn't going to really get into this. I definitely will be supporting the amending motion. Madam Speaker, my problem with the whole thing here in terms of money and, you know, I know there is concerns. Oh, we don't fund that kind of thing from the City. And I have been trying to explain that there are, you know, some grants we should be making, Madam Speaker, that are essential to helping people in our wards. And while you may say the City is not involved in that social work aspect of it necessarily, unless it is in an emergency situation where, you know, police, fire/paramedic, we do have City staff who will go to an emergency to try to support people. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to say, my office is hugely inundated. Like, my assistant is just exhausted. You know why? You know why? Because what's happening is, like, the Main Street Project, they shut down that…the…that facility they had on Dufferin. The warehouse. We are having some success with encampments in some parts of the city. There's efforts to do it. But guess what is happening right now? Inundated. Inundated. People moving north. I am getting yelled and screamed at, Madam Speaker. There is not enough vans. There is not enough space to help these people to get the job done. But we are expected…like, you know what…you know what, Madam Speaker? Encampments moved over to my side. We had somebody who owns a front-end loader not related to the city come and did similar what they are trying to do in Toronto now, Madam Speaker. We've got to have vans, we've got to have things out there, Madam Speaker, to help stop this. It is vigilantism happening out there now. It is not good. Not good, Madam Speaker. So, you know, I see, you know, 268 for Main Street Project. You know, this whole process with this thing we created, we are trying to say, what, we want competition in delivering service to the people out there to help get them into places where they are not straining neighborhoods and encouraging…getting people to start being vigilantes? Like, they needed $400,000, not 268. And then, you know, like, there is more than enough work for a 24/7 van on the west side. There are efforts in the downtown area that are happening, but, you know, go to West Broadway, not part of downtown. Or go to…you know, go to north Point Douglas or wherever. Or go…like, there's so many people out there who need the service from the Main Street Project van. And I don't know if they lost funding and that's why they shut down beds in that warehouse, I don't know what happened. But it's caused immense problems. And maybe they didn't have the funding. And whatever it was, the reality is that Ms. Willis...I have known her for many years. Whatever she says and speaks to us about and talks about, it is the absolute truth. The woman doesn't lie. She doesn't make up things. They have people with psychiatric skill out there trying to work with people as well. And they have great success. And so, let's not create some kind of competition. We all need to support this amending motion. It is not enough and the 268 isn't enough either. But you know, I was told to have to identify where the money is coming from. You know, there is the fiscal stabilization reserve. There are reserves. Like, to…that reserve, this amount of money is chump change, Madam Speaker. Chump change. But let's get those vans out there because you know, I can't take…I am just trying to help every…we're trying to accomplish something. And if that van was there and they had somebody that could get them to find them housing. We have new operations in my ward as well who are getting these referrals now because…because the Main Street Project, for whatever reason, had to close down their warehouse they had or leased or whatever it was. So, like, anyway, I will be supporting the amending motion and once it is amended I will be supporting the whole motion. But this whole concept of creating a competitive environment, that is the last thing I wanted to mention. You know, I worked for the Independent Living Resource Centre serving people with disabilities who want to be independent. You know, the way the whole government structure was working, it was forced competition between different disability groups to get that money. And it is not right because there is more than enough people out there who need service. So, please, like, this whole competitive thing east versus west, whatever. You know, there is more than enough work for both organizations. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard, followed by Councillor Santos.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I would like to first off commend Marion Willis for the exceptional work she's been doing over the years. I had the opportunity to meet Marion many, many years ago. We met through the residents' association and she had this dream of creating something like Morberg House, which she is…she is running on Provencher Boulevard. And Morberg House has evolved into becoming something much greater which is called St. Boniface Street Links. And they do tremendous work. We often liaise with them when it comes to addressing, usually, complaints that come to our office about people who are living homeless. And Marion and her team are able to go and talk to those people and get them connected with the services that they need. And so, thanks as well to Councillor Nason who had originally moved the Council report…or the Council motion that included St. Boniface Street Links and directed the Public Service to create a report that…where we would be...with recommendations on funding the St. Boniface Street Links as well as the Main Street Project. What we got back was a report that had a recommendation to fund only Main Street Project. So, in my comments at EPC, I mentioned that I would be trying to find a way to fund St. Boniface Street Links, as per Council's direction. And I'm hoping we are able to do that today. I know Councillor Nason circulated a motion, I think, yesterday. And as is the tradition here, there have been funding sources identified if the balance in the…that is referred to in the administrative report is short on funding. So, I think if we vote for this amending report, I think it is a step in the right

direction in terms of supporting our homeless in our community. I believe we are in a drug and homelessness crisis in Winnipeg. I lament the fact that the Provincial Government is really missing in action on this issue. I would also like to recognize, as per the delegation this morning, when I asked Marion Willis if there had been funding that had flowed through End Homelessness Winnipeg and she confirmed that, yes, there was. So, we do support St. Boniface Street Links. We have by funding them through End Homelessness Winnipeg which, as Marion explained, had funding that was provided by the Federal Government. So, we are not creating a precedent here by funding Street Links. They've already been funded through End Homelessness Winnipeg with federal funding. And this is…this is really giving them a nod for work that they have mostly been doing using private donations and the sheer…the sheer determination of Marion Willis as an individual who has been…who has been defending and who has been the advocate of those who…who don't have a voice. So, thanks Marion. I don't know if you're listening or not, but thank you for your work. I hope my council colleagues can support this motion. It is not a large…it's not a large sum of money. And we do have…we do have a drug and homelessness crisis on our hands and we need to do something about it. So, this is not as much as we need to do, but it is doing something and doing something is better than nothing. So, thanks Councillor Nason for your collaboration on this. And I hope my colleagues can support this motion. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Santos, followed by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the Main Street Project mobile outreach support van and the amending motion. The support that the Main Street Project has provided to our city for decades is truly remarkable. And for the last 49 years, they have asked us for very little. The past year and a half continues to be a challenge that we did not see coming. One that has shown the massive inequity gaps in our services and how we respond and support our citizens in a time of a pandemic. Data has indicated that our traditional response systems are not enough. Our lack of meeting people where they are at will continue to widen the gap of the social and economic outcomes of our most vulnerable population. In addition to failing to meet the basic needs of our residents, those widening gaps will continue to cost the City more every year. More calls to 311 and 911 instead of proactively taking the necessary steps to support the root causes of people who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. We continue to make clear budget choices and priorities within our city. We must reallocate our services to ensure we are meeting the needs of all our residents. The Main Street Project van literally delivers support to our unsheltered population, who let's not forget, are also Winnipeggers. The van expertly triages the complex needs of those experiencing homelessness while relieving the stress on our fire, paramedic and police calls. In November of 2020 we received the Bloomberg Harvard Initiative Report. Data from this report indicated that nearly 50% of the calls to 911 are coded as nonurgent meaning they did not represent an imminent threat to life, limb, property or personal security. The Bloomberg Harvard report told us that response mechanisms other than our fire, paramedics and police are needed. It is a constant challenge to redistribute our over-extending City resources to attempt to meet the needs of our communities. We are always using band aid reactionary approach. This funding request is an opportunity to better adjust our homelessness crisis with a dispatchable, affordable service to not only react to calls for services, but to provide a service to proactively assist our unsheltered population to secure proper housing and connect them to the support services should they need it. We must ensure that they receive the funding they need to continue this invaluable work. Some council colleagues may believe this program does not fall under the jurisdiction under our civic jurisdiction; that healthcare and housing are the responsibility of other levels of government. Well, police, firefighters and paramedics are employees of the City of Winnipeg and are within our scope of responsibility. I would like to ask you, over the past year, how many calls do my council colleagues receive about a person occupying a bus shelter or setting up an encampment in their ward? We have a real serious problem in Winnipeg. Our first responder priorities are to address the emergent life threatening needs of our residents. They are not trained as social workers and cannot offer the wraparound supports to our unsheltered population required on these nonemergent calls. For years, we have asked these frontline workers to respond to the community needs that are not within their traditional scope of work. We know these calls require nonemergency social support workers that City frontline workers do not have the training to properly address. The Main Street van team builds relationships and honours the complexity of impacts and challenges individual space to better meet the needs of our unsheltered residents. Not only does the Main Street Project van have a support worker to address the immediate needs, they also have an opportunity to include a case worker in the van to ensure that individuals can access the wraparound services they need to not only survive, but to begin to become healthy, contributing community members. Note that this does require a full amount to their request. What we are offering today in this motion is a start. We need more, so much more to support to have a profound impact on solving homelessness. We must continue to advocate to support the full 24-hour operations with a casework team to provide consistent follow-up services and begin housing people with a wraparound support system. When we look forward into the future, I hope that we can all agree that continued support of this kind with measured, proactive and compassionate support will address the challenges of our communities. This is an affordable solution. It's tried, tested and available to scale up with our funding to increasingly meet the needs of Winnipeggers who are experiencing homelessness. I hope that all my council colleagues will support this incredible initiative from the Point Douglas Ward to provide services in every corner of our city. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, followed by Councillor Gilroy. Pardon me, Councillor Chambers, of course. I have you on the list here. Councillor Chambers, then Councillor Rollins, Councillor Gilroy and over to you, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of this motion. Main Street Project, St. Boniface Street Links, one that hasn't been mentioned, Centre…Centre Flavie-Laurent in St. Boniface. You know, they have all been doing incredible work here in our city to address a problem that not only is in our city, but in other cities throughout Canada and throughout North America. And it's an issue that has marginalized the most vulnerable amongst us further throughout this pandemic. You know, we have all had the calls, as Councillor Santos has said, of people who are…who have been in our bus shelters taking up residency or taking up occupancy. We have seen the encampments that tend to pop-up during the spring and summer times in our city. We recognize that that's not the solution that our city needs in terms of our homeless populations. I was lucky enough to sit through a presentation, I think Councillor Mayes was there as well, where the Winnipeg Police Service talked about the multi-disciplinary teams that they are implementing act to address and be more proactive in providing some of these services; utilizing crisis workers, utilizing community service workers, utilizing mental health workers, utilizing social workers to address the calls for service that they have been called to, you know, 24/7, especially on our weekends where there is no other service to call. I have read reports such as in…from Ottawa. The Cahoots Program that, again, is proactive in going out and making sure that people who are vulnerable in our community are taken care of. They have water, they have a meal, they have a toothbrush and toothpaste, they have public…access to public washrooms that provides with them some level of dignity. I am hopeful that our 211 service that has recently been established through the United Way of Winnipeg and the partner agencies that they have can provide supports to those that are most vulnerable in our community as well. But essentially what we are talking about here is the Main Street Project van and their need to be on the street 24/7 to provide those services where individuals have been lacking in terms of those basic resources. So, I am looking to support this today. I urge my council colleagues to think…to consider supporting it today as well. This is important work that we are doing. And while it has been recognized that a lot of these services are in the purview of the Provincial and perhaps Federal Government, we need to take the first step as recognizing that fire rescue, police, and ambulance services are City employees. Well, ambulance services are problems. But again, the resources of the City are being utilized to assist these individuals and us taking the first step here will hopefully bring the other levels of government into check, recognizing that they have a responsibility here as well to provide those services, to break down those barriers where individuals are homeless, are unsheltered, are out on the streets. What are those barriers and how can we dismantle them to get them into proper housing and get them back on their way to becoming productive members of society? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Councillor Rollins, followed by Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am going to conclude…I'm going to conclude that I will be supporting the motion as well as the amendments. And I want a brief explanation as to why here. Prior to July 2019, Madam Speaker, regarding encampments, the City had a very particular process whereby Public Works would dispatch Parks and Open Space or the Streets Maintenance Division to attend to the location. Primarily, it was to remove debris. Debris that might have included personal items that people needed to survive when they were sleeping rough. That was 2019. 2019 also included a really profound moment of conflict where agencies, community-based agencies, in particular, the Mama Bear Clan, who should be congratulated for their enduring leadership, came to the City. Some of our offices including the office of the Mayor, and I want to acknowledge the office of the Mayor who provided a listening ear when criticisms came forward on a request for proposal that was found by many stakeholders to be inhumane. An important change came forward in 2019 whereby our model changed in this city. When 311 receives a call about an encampment now, staff can plead a report with information shared to Main Street Project. This is a process that is known as our interim strategy. It is a strategy that I, Madam Speaker, really don't want to be unknown. I would like this strategy to be public and key to making this strategy public, Protection, Community Services and Parks were told in the month of May, is this council vote. This council vote is key because we must determine who the provider is. It has been Main Street Project. So, I will quote Councillor Lukes and say, "I will be holding my nose because I simply just want it done." I want it done so that it is identifiable for those who most need it. And it is possible that not all of us need it, but I…we do need it. Council, this…I would emphasize, from 2019 to now, this is what we need to do. We need to get it done today, Madam Speaker. We need to do it so that we, as one voice as possible, direct the Public Service. A successful vote on this motion is key. I am desperate for it, Madam Speaker. Main Street Project, and now, after this, if it is successful, Street Links will attend the site and they'll provide ongoing updates to 311, perhaps through Council 311 through our office, they will have a shared document. And if encampment is a…you know, has been permanently vacated, and I'll stress permanently, you know, our City staff attends and as we have done for several years now, they'll attend, they will clear those items that have been discarded. For the purpose of this report, I want to acknowledge the work of the Kíkininaw Óma Strategy to support unsheltered Winnipeggers. I have been very protective of this strategy, Madam Speaker, but I want to also acknowledge that it is held outside of the city with co-chairs. The Kíkininaw Óma Strategy is a name of a motion that I do mostly to protect that strategy because I am afraid of what this council is going to do in terms of support or not support most days. I am absolutely afraid. And so, I would like to recognize the City of Winnipeg participation is this group including

representatives from the CAO's Office, Corporate Communications, Public Works, Winnipeg Police, the Winnipeg Fire/Paramedic Service and Community Services and a collection of community-based organizations that support that strategy. It is coming upon an anniversary. So, I am hoping today we do the right thing, we direct in the right way, we get this small piece done and then we continue the work of getting the rest done. The mobile outreach is so vital. The mobilizing staff that attend, and I want to acknowledge Main Street Project. Main Street Project and other community-based organizations are mal-understood by governments oftentimes have no support from governments. And this report actually literally acknowledges that they have been in a holing pattern since April 1st. Madam Speaker, I apologize if I'm sounding frustrated. I want to acknowledge the hard work of Mr. Mahmood and his staff who make up this essential link and have. They have for City of Winnipeg in response to emerging issues through a pandemic, they came to us. This should have been done following the March motion in April. It was not. Main Street Project was the only identified first point of contact for the interim strategy. After today, I want to acknowledge that Street Links will also be. But make no bones about it, Madam Speaker, I want to be able to say that there are two agencies after today with our vote. So, I'll be supporting the amendments. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting the main motion and the amending motion very reluctantly. I really feel that Main Street Project should be getting the full amount. I am worried that we are taking that pot of money and, you know, with having two different organizations, it's really making the dollars less and less and I don't know if that is sustainable. So, I am very concerned about that. But I am doing this to get it over the finish line. And I also want to say that, you know, I have Spence Neighbourhood Association that does outreach, 24-hour outreach with youth and we're not adding them to this list. But I know that we are already thinning those dollars. Main Street Project is an organization that it doesn't matter if you are intoxicated or not, that they will provide service. You can go to their facility and get the care and the services that you need and require. And I think that's, you know, in light of what's going on, that's the organization we need to be taking the ball and running with it. So, like I said, I am getting this over the finish line and I am, you know, supporting some of my councillor colleagues, but I really, honestly believe that Main Street Project should be getting the full money here. Thanks.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to start my comments by just acknowledging the important work that both Main Street Project and Street Links do in our city. The reality is, we have a homelessness problem, we have a problem with drugs and addictions and it's been sure exasperated during the pandemic. Again, typically, we are not the level of government to provide social services there. The Province of Manitoba invests over $2 billion annually in the Department of Families. That's more than the City of Winnipeg's entire budget to put it into some perspective. You know, and the reality is, like, when we, the public, members of Council, call 911 or 311 about laws being openly broken in bus shacks, the police don't go out running. It's groups like Street Links and Main Street Project that do. If anything, I would argue that this funding should come out of the police budget. Regardless, right now, this is a pandemic problem. Things are worse than ever. And I will support both the motion and the amending motion today to allow this funding to go through as a one-off pandemic type measure. And again, I just want to recognize the important work they do for our community.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr.…first we'll go to Councillor Nason to close on your amending Motion 8.

Councillor Nason: Sorry about that, Mr. Mayor, that I usurped you on the close. You know, hearing the conversations it was interesting. You know, this is not something that's happening overnight. This has happened over many years and it's definitely not getting better. You know, when we hear about holding your nose to get this over the finish line, you know, hearing that, you know, on the fly, a sole source should be provided is a challenge. We, as I understand, have two major providers for this outreach. We have got many others that provide very succinct supports in the city. No one mentioned RaY and the supports that they provide for youth in our city. You know, there are different funding avenues that they get from the Federal Government, some from the Provincial Government. We provide, as Councillor Gilroy stated, about Spence Neighbourhood. Year after year, they get significant dollars that are attached to the budget to support their operations and what they do for the community which is, you know, immense amount of work. But we hear and we see, you know, when we talk about the challenges we have in our bus shelters. We see our fire services sitting there for hours on end, sitting there. Four firefighters and a fire truck. Fire truck is running. Usually there's a Transit supervisor as well because it's in a transit shelter. The one thing that seems to be missing from that equation time and time again and the reason why firefighters are there for hours is the lack of ambulatory services in the City of Winnipeg. We have a gap. We have minimal supports when it comes to ambulances. Where is that a challenge? Well, some would say it's the Province. Some would say, you know, it's the way our model is set up. I think it's a lot our…the way our model is set up because, you know, there could be ambulances sitting with crews at the ready under shared help at our hospitals, that could be out

supporting our frontline to take some of the pressures off. To take some of the pressures off the not-for-profits that are out there as well. Not-for-profits like St. Boniface Street Links, Main Street Project and many others that go out and do very similar work without the funding, mostly on grants. Grant to grant to grant. No long-term financial programs to support them. No year-over-year funding. It's just going from one grant program to the next. And I will echo the need that if anyone at the Province is watching and listening, be it in government or opposition, your voice is needed to help fill these gaps that we have at the City of Winnipeg. We need those opposition motions. We need government motions. We need government action to drive this forward. Now, you know…you know, I heard about how many calls have we received? I received lots of calls with regards to the challenges of our encampments. Transcona, last report, thankfully the report was provided by St. Boniface Street Links of how many encampments are in Transcona. My understanding, now, this is a month old, the data, but it was eight encampments were reported. And an encampment might be one individual, might be two, might be three, might be more, but the challenge is that we have encampments. And I have listened and I have got yelled at from residents, saying, you know, the City of Medicine Hat took care of homelessness. Well, they were in a state of good economic times. And they had a plan. But if you go back to Medicine Hat today, I strongly would state that they haven't eliminated homelessness, it's just moved. And I think we have some of that challenge in Winnipeg as well. That our homelessness has moved around the city. We are seeing it in our suburbs, right? The blight and the challenges and the inconveniences, oh, well, you know, those that live with the big yards and we hear it about the suburbs. The suburbs have the big yards, the big parks. Well, the opportunities and, you know, to find a way forward, to get through that day, they have come out to our communities. They have come out to try to find solace, to find quiet from the downtown. We sit in this hall for Council meetings. Some of us are here day in and day out. And we hear the sirens going time and time again. The noise of the downtown environment from the first responders going; be it police, be it ambulance, be it fire. We hear the sounds, the cries, I should say, for help. So, the amendment is not enough, but it's a good first step to make sure that we have those supports in the interim while we try, and I stress, we try. And it shouldn't be a divisive fight or a point the fingers fight, but we need the Province at the table. We need to have those conversations to say from the Families Department, you know, on the social services, the EI, the Manitoba Housing. We need to have those conversations. Mental health, to find those services and supports. The addictions treatment. Again, these are spaces that the City of Winnipeg should not be primary on, but we are being forced to support organizations that are at the frontline to find at least interim solutions or work-arounds. And it is high time that we work together and help those that need the support. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Over to you, Mr. Mayor, for the close.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be…I will be supporting the amending motion and the main motion. I would encourage my colleagues to also support both. I want to thank Main Street Project as well as St. Boniface Street Links for their ongoing efforts in our community to help some of our most vulnerable residents. You know, quite often when people talk about governments, couple of statements here I'll just make. But often they will talk about, you know, judging based on how you look after your most vulnerable. And while healthcare, strictly speaking, in my view, is Provincial jurisdiction, the health of our community and the safety of our community is something that we absolutely have a role to play. And you know, our Provincial Government has set out an objective of becoming the most improved province in the country. One measurement by which we should be measuring outcomes is with respect to homelessness and unsheltered. And so, this council and previous council have supported End Homelessness Winnipeg. We were the first level of government to do so because it was the right thing to do. I think it was a unanimous vote at one of our first Council meetings. Many of us had the opportunity to vote. Certainly, one of my first. And we have a plan to end homelessness in our community. The challenge, of course, is making sure the outcomes are being affected by the supports of multiple stakeholders, including multiple levels of government. We all have a role to play. I have recently initiated and had dialogue with federal and provincial ministers to really focus on the outcomes. And that's why I'm pleased this report does ask for our Public Service to provide us with some additional data which I think will demonstrate, and I expect will demonstrate this is a good investment in our community and the health and safety of some of our most vulnerable residents so that we can consider longer term commitments going into next year. And so, you know, when it comes to the debates about core services and healthcare versus overall health and safety, a lot of different views around the table. If we were in the legislature, I know based on the fact that some of you are conservatives, liberals, NDPs and some of you, I have no idea what you are when it comes to your votes, what I love about this level of government is we can come together to find pragmatic ways just to help our residents. I wish we saw more of that in the legislature and in parliament. I think the outcomes would be a lot better for the residents that we all service. But that is the opportunity and the obligation and responsibility that we have here in this council chamber. And you know, the amending motion and the main motion are as a result of collaboration and compromise by members of Council to get this over the finish line right now, to provide that support and then position us to have some additional data going forward for longer term commitments which I hope and I expect will make with the benefit of that information. In the meantime, I will continue to advocate to primarily our Provincial, but also Federal Governments that we spend less time measuring the size of the announcement and more time measuring the success of the investment and the outcomes. And if there is ever…if there is ever a public policy initiative where measuring outcomes should be paramount, it is on this topic. And so, we have made some proactive steps to help some of our vulnerable residents including the Illicit Drug Strategy which included 24/7 safe spaces that we've funded. The

Downtown Safety Partnership which I will acknowledge the investment our Provincial Government has made in that initiative. I want to thank all of the street patrols from the respective BIZ organizations that are part of the Downtown Safety Partnership. Previously we had, of course, funded the Community Homeless Assistance Team or CHAT, which is now folded into the Downtown Safety Partnership. And of course, as I mentioned, End Homelessness Winnipeg, not only the funding, but the work that many members of Council continue to do on a day-to-day basis. So, hopeful that we can support the amendment and the main motion, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Call the question now on amending Motion 8. Call for a recorded vote by Mayor Bowman. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 0. With Councillor Klein absent.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 8 passes. And now onto the main item, Item 7, as amended. All in favour, please rise. Call for a recorded vote by Councillor Eadie.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

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

Madam Speaker: Item 7, as amended, passes. Madam Clerk, next item.

Item 8 – Request to the Province of Manitoba for the Establishment of Property Insurance to be Provided by Manitoba Public Insurance

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We have amending Motion 13 going with this item. Moved by Councillor Eadie. But first of all, Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to open on the item.

Mayor Bowman: I'll be very brief. I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his collaboration on this. I will be supporting the amending motion and the main motion. I want to thank him for his outreach and dialogue on this. I will wait to hear from both Councillor Eadie and my council colleagues, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to speak to your amending Motion 13. That was moved by yourself and seconded by Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Eadie: And the report itself as well, right?

Madam Speaker: That's right.

Motion No. 13
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1 of Item 8 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021 be amended by deleting the words "and other Manitoba cities".

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to first say, Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague, Councillor Gilroy who, like myself, gets the calls, we're talking to people, we're trying to make sure, Madam Speaker, that our neighborhoods, our wards are well and that there is a possibility for renewal and so on. And so, and I think Councillor Gilroy can speak more eloquently as to…and has about the ability of people to move a new family, buy a new home and

ability to get affordable insurance and so on. So, the amending motion is just simply…the Mayor's rightly pointed out, it is not our mandate as a city nor is the Mayor's as the intergovernmental council liaison to the Provincial Government of other cities. Although and it sort of snuck in there because MPI does serve all of Manitoba. But anyway, but essentially, this is a real Winnipeg problem. So, I am going to cite three areas. And I've spoken to it. I have heard people that are, you know, opposed to MPI getting into not the general insurance business, but I am talking about property-related insurances that we need in our homes, that businesses need to have in place for their protection of property and any liabilities that might accrue from that. As you know, we have many things that are covered in our own insurance contracts. We all, with our own homes, have to deal with insurance. So ultimately, I was hearing from Mr. Heinz who brought this to my attention. You know, the guy is a landlord. He is trying to make a living, but at the same time, he is trying to ensure that North End families actually have an affordable, decent place to live. And anyway, it was…I think it ended up getting reported in the media, but his insurance just skyrocketed. And he is not able to provide that affordable rent from the private sector. So, you have private sector landlords in either, it could be multi-family or single family, what have you, it could be, you know, a triplex, Madam Speaker. Ultimately, there…it is harder and harder to find underwriters in R2W, for example. And there are…you know, we have our problems in some parts of R2W, but ultimately, you know, if...anyway, I am just thinking, if somebody had a monopoly and their goal is not to make profits, essentially what happens is you get…you end up getting more affordable insurance rates. So, that was the idea. And I am also hearing from, well, organizations that we support. And even the Provincial Government with their affordable housing, they are talking about selling off Manitoba Housing assets, multi-family assets. And you know, I don't know how you maintain that stream of housing or say Winnipeg Housing and Rehab, how you maintain affordable rental rates when, you know, like, WRH…the Winnipeg Housing, they're like 30% increase. Now there are some ideas, you can go to group insurance but, you know, so you get a group together, a big pool, and you get discounts from the underwriter, well, let me talk about businesses…different kinds of business classes have done that. Private businesses in the North End. And the underwriters of those group policies…group rates, they're actually…they cut them off the list. They say, no, you can no longer benefit from the cheaper insurance rates as a result of being a group. So, you know, this is what underwriters do when they're trying to maintain their profit margins. And you know, if they fail in the general insurance market, like, they call it reinsurance, Madam Speaker. So, that is where many of the big underwriters nowadays, they're makings money in the reinsurance international area. But there is big risk there as MPI found out back in the '80s. There is huge risk in that. So, the idea that for a small…for businesses, which…who are facing…I have…I have…I have the final straw. I have a business on Selkirk Avenue. And the final straw was not being able to find an underwriter. When I finally did, you know, his insurance is like double almost triple his property taxes on his building. That the family's been in for almost 100 years. He is saying, I can't, I am getting out of here. That's the final straw, right? So, Madam Speaker, we need to ensure that affordable rates are out there for people to continue because the loss of…you know, it's already difficult having businesses in some areas of the North End. Like, we need to try to do something to help them. And the best we can do when it comes to this element is that a not-for-profit effort offering insurance can be the answer. Now, I am not getting into the details because there is all kinds of things about risk pools and all of these different…I am not getting into it. But MPI and the Province know experts who actually can look at it and build it a proper way, Madam Speaker. And as I said to EPC the other day, you know, if MPI is doing it, it is subject to the…and there is a monopoly in areas and then it is subject to the Public Utilities Board at…who forced and now with Autopac, the beauty about anything delivered by MPI. Hey, if they measured the risk wrong and they don't need all of that money, they give it back to you, Madam Speaker. They actually send you…I am sure you all got your Autopac cheque last year, was 0it? Whatever, I don't know. Like, those of you who have your cars, automobiles. So, I think this is a great idea. And I am happy that the Mayor has agreed that, you know, we should put it out there. Possibilities. We're not telling them how to do it or whatever, Madam Speaker. What we are doing is we are asking the Province to have MPI look at getting into the property-related insurance for small…for businesses, for multi-family affordable housing, whether it be private or for-profit. And just single…just regular residential family homes whether you rent it or you own it, you need to be able to afford to stay there. So, Madam Speaker, anyway, I hope we'll all support it. The amending motion is just to take out what is not in the City of Winnipeg's purview. And I just wanted to, again, thank the Mayor and EPC. They did support it with that one concern and it's out of there. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I just want to thank Councillor Eadie for his work on this. Me and him really talked about this issue very closely when we started looking at our insurance rating when we did the fire hall, looking at our firehalls and the need for a firehall in Waverly West. And that was to improve the insurance rating standards. And so, people in Waverly West and those outlining areas would have cheaper insurance. But in order to do that, we were actually consolidating firehalls in the inner city where we were seeing fires. So, Councillor Eadie and I started talking about the issue of the challenges that we are getting within our wards for people to get fire insurance. And this leads to a greater and better discussion on who should be better having these conversations, and that is our Provincial Government. MPI at one time did provide home insurance. That was something that they provided at one time. So, this isn't out of their scope. And also, the Province is the regulator for insurance. So, if there are any…is further discussions and dialogues with the insurance industry, this would be the right level of government to be having those discussions in terms of what we are seeing. As we're looking at talking about infill strategy and making sure that we are building infill in mature communities,

we are looking at neighborhoods that have some challenges right now in terms of families that aren't able to get insurance. And that makes it really hard for people to get a mortgage, to be able to purchase a house in the inner city where we really need to see that investments of new families moving in. And so, we need a system that will allow the spreading of the loss of few among the many. And we're hoping that some of that dialogue can take place with the Provincial Government to see how we can do that. I would be hoping that maybe MPI would be looking at that, but if that is not the case, that this could start a further dialogue with the industry, with the insurance industry to see how do we make sure that we are making sure that insurance companies are being fair and equitable in terms of making sure they are spreading their risk and making sure that everyone has an opportunity for insurance with fees that are reasonable and affordable. And I hope that you support this here today because, you know, when we were…when we are making decisions on making sure that we have firehalls in order to make sure that we have insurance ratings that allow people to get fire insurance easily in other areas, we have to make sure we are doing the same in inner city. So, we have been in the business of looking at insurance. It is just been through our fire department. Now we are asking you to let's look at the regulator, let's look at the government that could be having these dial…this dialogue with the industry and the government that actually has a process in place in terms of spreading the risk among the few, among the many. So, I hope that you consider supporting this. I think it's a good motion. And I really want to thank Councillor Eadie for all his work on this and is passionate in terms of this motion. He has been on this. We have been talking about it a lot. And I know he is very passionate about it. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Any other speakers? No close? We can then call the question. Or we have an amending motion, sorry, on this first. Councillor Eadie, do you wish to close?

Councillor Eadie: No need to close. It's simply just taking away what is not within the City of Winnipeg's mandate.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Then I will call the question. All in favour of amending Motion 13? Contrary? That is carried. All in favour of Item 8, as amended? Contrary? Councillor Gillingham and Councillor Klein noted in opposition. Okay, and that item passes. We are going to be breaking shortly, likely at around 5:30 p.m. or just shortly after. Madam Clerk, next item, 13.

Item 13 – Winnipeg Police Board Budget Referral – Capital and Operating for Body Worn Cameras and Digital Evidence Management

Madam Speaker: Okay, amending Motion 13. Or pardon me, sorry, Item 13. And the Clerks have a motion to go with this. Just one moment. And we have Motion 15 with this item as well. Moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Nason. Okay, first of all, Mr. Mayor. Let's photocopy the motion, yeah. There is another motion that has just been signed. Yeah. Are you going to photocopy it or did you want to read it into the record? Yes. Okay, if I could just ask the Clerk to read this new motion into the record. And then we will circulate it momentarily. That is my…I don't have it myself. What is the number?

Clerk: Yes, Motion 20.

Madam Speaker: Motion 20. Okay. Thank you.

Clerk: Moved by Councillor Chambers, seconded by Councillor Mayes: Be it resolved that Recommendations 1 to 4 of Item 13 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16th, 2021 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. That the Recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board be received as information.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Good. Now, Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to open on the item and there is amending Motion 15 and also Motion 20 that was just read into the record.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to provide my opening statement time to the Chair of the Police Board and my council colleague, Councillor Chambers.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. First…okay. So, Councillor Chambers, you can speak to the main item. Now, Motion 20, I just want to clarify with the Clerk, that would be…that was just circulated? Motion 15 becomes first. Right, okay. So, your opportunity to speak to the main item and Motion 15 and Motion 20 that was just put together.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Klein: We haven't introduced Motion 15…sorry, we haven't introduced Motion 15 yet. So, why would we speak to that at this point?

Madam Speaker: The Mayor has shared his time.

Councillor Klein: To speak to Motion 15, which has…

Madam Speaker: To open on the item and that is in order.

Councillor Klein: So that's in order, yes, but speaking to the amending Motion 15 is also in order at this time?

Madam Speaker: Yes, to speak to all of the…

Councillor Klein: Without it being introduced?

Madam Speaker: Yes. Well, we have done…we did that earlier today when there were a number of amending motions. And the Mayor had an opportunity to speak to the main item and then the amending motion.

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, (inaudible) to be presented in hard copy in order to be received appropriately.

Madam Speaker: It's being photocopied. It was read into the record. Would you like to take a recess?

Councillor Nason: Well, I don't have the text of the motion. Don't have a text.

Madam Speaker: Would you like…let's read it into the record one more time. It is a short…short amending motion.

Clerk: Moved by Councillor Chambers, seconded by Councillor Mayes: Be it resolved that Recommendations 1 to 4 of Item 13 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16th, 2021 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. That the Recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board be received as information.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers, your opportunity to speak.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Speaking first to Item 15 or Item 20?

Madam Speaker: The item and the amending motions, all of it.

Motion No. 20
Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendations 1 to 4 of Item 13 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. That the Recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board be received as information.

Councillor Chambers: So, yes, in watching the debate that took place at EPC on June 16th, clearly there is some additional work to be done with respect to consultation of our community with respect to body-worn cameras. Further consultation with the service. And that is why I am looking at accepting this as information now, going back to our board, having that discussion, having the conversation with our community and having that conversation with our service. With respect to Item 15, those that are authors and coauthors of this motion, clearly they know that the Winnipeg Police Board is…was designed to provide that governance and oversight of our Winnipeg Police Service to work out a strategic plan and have our service report back through a business plan on how they would operationalize, you know, what we have heard in the community in terms of strategic priorities of our community. So, to have this matter referred over to the Standing Policy Committee for Innovation, of course, they are not authorized or mandated to provide that same level of governance or oversight of our Winnipeg Police Service. So, again, I won't be supporting that motion, but I ask colleagues to consider supporting the amending Motion 20 to receive this as information and to refer it…and it goes back to the Winnipeg Police Board for those further conversations, debates and discussions. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein, your opportunity to speak to amending Motion 15.

Motion No. 15
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendations 1 to 3 of Item 13 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 16, 2021 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. That Recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development in order to collaboratively develop a strategy with the Public Service and the Winnipeg Police Board, to fund the implementation of Body Warn Cameras for the Winnipeg Police Service, with a maximum budget $590,000 per year, for no more than five years beginning in 2022.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I will acknowledge that I am well aware of how the Police Board responsibilities work as Councillor Chambers know. We were on the board together, but I will point out, because it seemed to have been forgotten already, that the FaceTime utilization by the Winnipeg Police Service now was something that was introduced through at Innovation Committee and paid for or funded in part by that grant as I understand it in talking with the service. And Councillor Chambers was a part of the Winnipeg Police Board at that time. Nonetheless, let's move on. I moved this motion to implement body-worn cameras months ago. That's not the point that I'm talking to. It was opposed and it failed. The pricing I offered was criticized. If I recall, it was…the critics spoke to the fact that the pricing was way off, it was just not possible, it cost a lot more. Here we sit today with the motion before us or the concept before us that suggested it would cost $32 million for hardware and it would cost additional millions of dollars for operations. And that operational cost could come in the way of hiring more staff that would have to take care of this and so on. Well, in an effort to finally bring out transparency here and to end the wordsmithing that happens all too often here, I called the company. And I have in my hand the pricing for police worn body cams that are used by the Toronto police service, that are used by the Calgary police service, that are used by London, that are used by others. I believe the motion for the $36 million or $32 included much, much more than body cameras. Apparently, we were reaching for gold. I mean, it is not our money after all, why not? It is time to stop the status quo of inflating costs on residents. Or as a political maneuver to be able to kibosh a program that is necessary. And it is time to stop indicating to residents that we have to pay $3 for something when we could pay $1 or they could pay $1. The first $32 million was quoted to outfit, as I understand, over 1,200 members of the Winnipeg Police Service. That would include those that sit behind a desk. That would include those that don't spend time on the street. When I found that out, I decided that more due diligence was required. And I had to speak to police chiefs across Canada and a couple in the US to ask them, do you need cameras on everybody? Some started out that way and determined very quickly no, you don't. Many services now across North America are starting with cameras on those that have the most contact with the public. In our case, that would be general patrol. They respond to 911 calls. We have about 300 members of those approximately. That would be, as we keep track, 300 cameras. Third point I would like to make; is the request suggests that we would need to hire 16 net new FTEs to manage this system. Look, I am sorry. You can Google the news on this and you can speak to the organizations. The Mayor has a bet with the mayor in Montreal, maybe they could have a quick conversation about what happened there and how they needed all this extra staff and it was learned that in the end, did not because it wasn't necessary. In Winnipeg, we have this unique issue of having over 100 officers that are on restricted duty. Those officers are highly trained and highly paid and stay indoors. I would suggest with over 100 officers on restricted duty while we are finding positions for them, quite possibly, it isn't clear, that these officers could be reallocated to the positions to take care of FIPPA requests, take care of the video monitoring and so on. Don't you? Why do we need to add positions? Many other police forces in Canada and around North America are using these body cameras today with great success. It has resulted in positive feedback from the public. Don't trust me. Let's go to the Calgary Police Commission's report. Happy to send it to each and every one of you. They asked the public between May and July of 2020. Remember that time, remember what was going on in the world at that time. Defunding police was pretty loud. It was out there. They asked citizens in Calgary if they agreed with police having to wear body-worn cameras. 95% said yes. What does that data mean? Well, we all know there's four or five answers that you can say, yeah, add it together. That means they agree. So, I asked them. 80…over 85%, I believe it might have been 86% or 87%, strongly agreed that police officers should be wearing body-worn cameras. We have a critical morale issue at the City of Winnipeg's Police Service. It's been in the media. It's been talked about. We know it is out there. We have lost some members of the service. Many police services across Canada and the United States are losing officers on a regular basis, highly trained, in the prime of their career because of the mental health issues that they are facing, by the consistent hate that is directed towards them. The quick judgment based on the actions of select individuals. There are many great people that make up the Winnipeg Police Service. They are asking for our help. They are asking for us to support them. So, let's go back to the facts. Do cameras work? Well, residents have been witnessing unthinkable actions in some law enforcement services across North America, mostly in the United States. And that called for change. It became loud and it went viral. And people are demanding accountability. How did we get there? Video. Had it not been for the fact that somebody videoed the event, we would never know. We have residents that are demanding accountability within the police service. This is our opportunity. I know you will say, where can the money come from? Well, let me start with the fact that we…we could start by not charging the Winnipeg Police administrative fees because we are taking money from residents, giving

it to the police and telling them to give it back to us. Why would we do that? I guess that is government accounting. Not supported in any other industry I am aware of. Maybe I am wrong. Prove it to me. I have right here copies of the price lists from Axon. For $1,488 per user per year, the City of Winnipeg would get unlimited HD secure storage. Unlimited. They would get the full camera warranty. They would get two upgrades of those cameras. They would get a reaction studio. They would get restricted evidence, multi-cam playback, human paid transcription. A device…Axon device manager, advanced device analytics. Agency usage reports so that if an officer does turn it off, that is noted and recorded. And police services in the United States are getting one up on us because they are requiring now that those reports be put online so that they know the percentage of time the camera was on and the camera was off. They come with GPS. So, if an officer goes to a call, we record all of that. We know they are going. And the camera has a GPS, so we'll know they are on the scene and if they turned it off, wouldn't you think we would all start asking questions? Listen, this isn't a question of funding the police. This is a funding of dealing head on with a human resources problem and bad, bad, bad budgeting. Nobody buys a Lamborghini as their first car. Mine was a Gremlin. That's what we do; we start low and we work our way up. The facts are right here. So, if we want to go ahead and make the decision when the facts are right here and now online, go ahead. But the facts are clear: 300 officers, 300 cameras…

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason moves extension. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, I don't really have…just a few seconds. Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you colleagues. The facts are all right here and I invite you to come get a copy of it. $1,488 per year, unlimited everything. And for 300 officers that comes to less than $500,000, not including taxes. That $500,000 could be found by eliminating the fact that police have to buy their gas from the City of Winnipeg. We talked about that. Councillor Chambers knows that. He was at the Police Board meeting where they confirmed that, yes, we would save money if we went to an outside source for gas. Ottawa police, Google it, did that, saved $1.4 million by not buying gas from the City of Ottawa. That would pay for it. Maybe we could stop charging the police for underground parking for police vehicles, not personal vehicles, for police vehicles. This is a human resources issue and this is an accountability issue. It is before you. You have an opportunity, yet again, to say, through the Innovation Committee, Councillor Browaty would have to know whether or not the funding is available there. But why not ask Councillor Browaty as the gentleman who is leading our Innovation team to look at this innovation, to work with the Winnipeg Police Service, the Winnipeg Police Board and Human Resources of the Winnipeg Police and City of Winnipeg to put this program in place for the officers who are out there every day protecting us and for residents that are fearful and concerned and don't believe there is any accountability. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, I…he has already introduced the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wasn't really going to rise to speak to this. I…when I was on the Police Board, I have been very supportive of cameras. Before the general public…like, anyway, the cameras are not just about…about being there to...for violent situations, necessarily, Madam Speaker. The cameras are there to be turned on whenever an officer is interacting, doing their police service business out there on the street. And there is always lots of accusations, moral is down with the officers. It was down some time ago. There has been…there's various reasons. I don't want to get into that because really our officers have a moral problem. But I just…I don't see this as a place to refer it to Innovation. The Police Service…if there is ways to shave down the costs, that is the purpose of what Councillor Chambers and Councillor Mayes are trying to do with receive this as information because they know there is work to do. Really, what it was, was about money. Like, you can cite all kinds of problems with cameras. And…but ultimately, as long as they are used in the means that they are supposed to, it is not a problem. And it is interesting that, you know, the camera gets turned on when they get to a place where they're interacting with somebody. If you pull somebody over in a car or whatever you are doing or you stop somebody on the street or whatever, there is cameras. Or you are attending, well, you know, the reality is, police officers have to attend domestic abuse situations and so on. And so, you have to turn it on when it's reaction and yeah, you could monitor that and GPS it. But you know, just because they turned it off, maybe the incident is over and it's turned off. Like, I don't know. So, are you going to check every…Madam Speaker, are you actually going to check every time every…whenever a police officer turns it off? Or, like, I guess if they report…they have to keep it on when they go back to the car to report everything is dealt with and a-okay or anyway, it is interesting. It is in the best interest for the officers to have them on. The violent situations, well anyway…what I wanted to say, too, is I am supporting the…as information. The Police Board and the Police Service know they have some work to do. And maybe there is ways of reducing the cost and there may be ways to find money, but I just want to end on this: so, 100 on restricted duty. Now, that could be for I don't know how many different reasons or for what purposes they are on restricted duty. But what I do know is, I know a friend of mine…well, a friend of my brothers, they're much younger, but a police officer nevertheless, big guy. And he did a bad job of his ankle so he had to work a desk job. So, he was on restricted duty because he couldn't be out there on the street where he actually preferred to be. He was working on, Madam Speaker, he was working on the online crime scene, different things like that. So, they are already assigned to duties and tasks that still need to be done because, you know, even in that category of crime, I mean, that has been going up like crazy, too. So, you know, the more…the bigger the social media, the bigger the…the more the rip-off artists to try to…anyway, it's…it's there. So, to assume that all 100 on restricted duty aren't already

assigned to filling gaps where the service has would be...it doesn't make sense. So, it is not necessarily that it's there. So, I just want to point out that on the surface things can sound like, you know, there is great possibilities. But really, I will just end with, I remember Al Golden, I heard him speak on an issue related to garbage pick up and stuff many years ago. Anyway, what he was saying sounded great. And then I stopped. Oh, yeah right, eh? He is wrong. He is just selling it. Like, what, I don't know. Anyway, I just…you know, there needs to be an analysis and I think that's what Councillor Chambers and Councillor Mayes are trying to achieve here. I did receive one supportive e-mail that said…that essentially said, don't provide new money, but there is a definite need for cameras. And this is coming from an organization that works in the, you know, from the social side of things in this city. And they said there's a need for camera but that the police service should find the money within their budget to provide them because they did believe that cameras are a necessity. Anyway, I will be voting for the motion to…Motion 20, not 15. And then I will vote for the amended report after we receive as information. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. We do have a speakers list here: Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Santos and then Councillor Rollins. Before we…other speakers as well. But we are going to take a recess right away and come back and continue. When we do the close, we are going to do it in the proper order because I do not appreciate motions on the floor that aren't circulated. So, the proper order will be Councillor Chambers closing and then Councillor Klein will be the final close. And Mr. Mayor, if you would like to close on the item. In the future, we will not be reading. We don't do that and it is late in the day. So, I just want to remind everyone that motions need to be written up and circulated and then you will be recognized. Okay, we will take a recessed now and coming back at 10 after 6:00. Yes, and if we could also, Councillor Eadie, have a motion to continue the meeting past 6:00 p.m.

Councillor Eadie: I will move that the meeting of Council continue past 6:00 p.m. this June 24th, 2021.

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

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
June 24, 2021, at 6:25 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon or good evening, rather. I'd like to reconvene the Council meeting of June 24th, 2021. We're on the report of the Executive Policy Committee. And it is Item 13, Winnipeg Police Board Budget Referral – Capital and Operating Costs for the Body Cameras. Our last speaker was Councillor Eadie, moving onto Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Santos.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Welcome to the night session everyone. We're under the lights like they play US Open tennis. Hopefully we'll be done before the 2:00 a.m. curfew. And I can be part of that by not going on too long. So, thanks to Councillor Chambers for all of his work on this file with the police…with the body-worn cameras and for the motion today to refer as information. I hope everyone can support that. I think it's the right thing to do. Send it back. I'll take some of the blame on…we did send it up thinking, well, it will be a budget referral like we get on Public Works or Water and Waste and then, obviously, the stakes were much higher. The feelings were much deeper than I think we had counted on at the Police Board and I'll take some of the blame for that. But good work by Councillor Chambers to…I hope we can all support to send it back for information. I also want to thank Councillor Klein. As somebody on the Police Board said, this is a big priority for our former chair and that's true. Councillor Klein did put a lot of work in on the cameras. I don't think anyone should forget that or minimize that. I don't know exactly what they would cost, but I think Councillor Klein's put in a lot of work and I appreciate that. I do think the correct course for today is simply to refer it back to the Police Board. I will note, it was unanimously approved at the Police Board and that four members of the BIPOC community on that board. So, there was some diversity. There was good talk, but it obviously needs more work. It may yet be thrust upon us in some fashion. There may yet be Federal Government evidentiary standards and Danny Smyth, our Police Chief talked quite a bit about that saying that should have been a bigger part of what we discussed. He's probably right on that. But we'll see what those evidentiary requirements are. Other jurisdictions, some of them moving away from it. The Trudeau government very much moving towards this with hundreds of millions of dollars with an experiment with the RCMP. Came out of an incident. Something in Iqaluit, I believe. So, this may yet be back before us for debate but I don't think we need to get into it today whether it's good or bad or exactly how much it would cost. I think the message from EPC was pretty clear. So, I would hope people would support sending it back to the Police Board, to the drawing board for some look…further look. I also want to thank Kate Taylor and Eadie gave a really good speech, I thought, actually. And Eadie mentioned the Police Accountability Coalition came forward, which I thought took some courage and said, we support the cameras, but do it within the existing dollars and certain other people on EPC I think had that position as well. So, this is not one where…you know, it's not like High School Musical, we're all in this together and everyone's going to join hands and they're all coming here united. No one…that's not going happen. But I do think it would make sense to refer it back to

the Police Board. We have started our budget talks there. It's a long process. When people told me there were a lot of meetings on the Police Board, I should have listened perhaps, but there are a lot of meetings on the Police Board. I think there's six of us around this table who've been on the board at one time or another. But I think for today, the best course is what our Police Board Chair, Councillor Chambers who has put a lot of work on this, as did Councillor Klein, to give credit where it's due, refer it back to the Police Board. We'll receive it as information and we'll have to pick it up again in our budget deliberations and we'll see what comes out in terms of if there's a Federal Government requirement to do it, maybe there will be some Federal Government money to do it. We'll have to see. But I think for today, rather than getting into a long debate about the merits of cameras or not and academic studies, any of that, I just want to thank you. It was a good debate at EPC, but for today, hopefully, we can just move on and receive it as information. And that's it for me. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Santos, followed by Councillor Rollins.
Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As you know, this motion was not fully supported at EPC, so I obviously don't expect it to go very far today. However, I'd like to make additional comments on the record regarding the $6 million funding request for the police body cameras. When this motion first came before EPC, there was a question from our mayor that perfectly summed up this request; we wanted to know…he wanted to know if we had heard from any presenters whether they thought the police budget should be increased. The answer was a resounding no. Winnipeggers believe that we continue to choose the wrong spending priorities for our city. For years we have had a police budget that continues to climb and now represents close to 30% of our operating budget while Community Services and Parks remains a stale…remains stale and receives 18%. Services like community-based organizations and recreational programs that build and support community connections show to improve outcomes and reduces calls for service. Choosing to prioritize and support these programs would have the greatest impact in our communities. Just imagine what could our community-based organizations and our own Community Services and Parks Department could do with a $6 million in increased annual funding. How many calls to 311 and 911 do we receive due to our homelessness crisis? My office alone gets 12 to 15 calls a month and in the 15 months since the pandemic began, that makes it nearly 180 calls to my office alone about encampments or bus shelters. I guarantee you we can find better ways to spend $6 million a year to benefit our communities and make a real lasting positive impact on policing while reducing our calls and cost to fire and emergency City services. Over the past year, there's been a reckoning on justice systems. What some believe, have felt and experienced for years has come part of the public discourse and conversation. We have been asked to shift our budget priorities and assess our levels of spending on police. I do not believe that cameras alone will repair the trust and transparency our community is asking for of the police. The Montreal police service recently completed a pilot study of body cams. In 2019 report, the Montreal police service found that body cameras did not unequivocally demonstrate transparency. In September 2020 review collecting data from 30 US jurisdictions studied the effects of these types of body cams and did not find strong support that the devices were necessarily beneficial in facilitating transparency or accountability. Cameras can be turned off and footage is internally controlled by the police service which isn't much accountability and should be perceived as a conflict of interest. I ask the question: do we really need cameras watching every move? I believe we need individual learning and growth to respond to the constantly changing needs of policing in our city. We need active reconciliation in our policing. All the members of our community need services they can trust, but so do our police officers. They need a top-down institution that leads and supports them in reconciliation. We have systemic challenges of accountability and trust in our policing that continue to negatively impact and affect our city as a whole. Body cameras are not the magic bullet to improve trust and relationship between our communities and the Winnipeg Police. If it was, the research from other jurisdictions would indicate so, yet it's proved the contrary. $6 million a year could offer meaningful, long-term support with respect to internal reconciliation work, trauma and ongoing mental health support for police officers and Winnipeggers who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. I am aware that we as a council cannot dictate the operations of the police services. Whatever the decision of this council will be with respect to this capital and operation request of this size, the Police Board and Council should have the ability to dictate the parameters to ensure that body cams are being used for their intended purposes to achieve the outcomes put forward by the requesting party. The Police Board and Council should know exactly how this footage will be used, accessed, stored and dispersed to ensure that this investment leads to full transparency and accountability of any footage collected. I'm not suggesting we tell police how to operate and use the footage, but that the police should outline the parameters of the camera footage collection. This report before us did not specify any of that information. It simply told us about costs, storage and hiring of new staff. At this time, I can support Councillor Chambers amending motion to receive this report as information, but with a caveat. I request that our Police Board Chair take the concerns that have been voiced not just by myself, but by the many presenters at EPC last week to the Province to be included in their redraft of the Police Services Act. We must exercise the power we have to influence our Provincial Government to include these provisions for body cameras in their legislation. I understand that body cameras have been a priority for our police service so I publicly ask the Chief of Police and the Police Board Chair that they proceed to require a set of accountability measures and transparency mechanisms for how the footage will be used. This should be in legislation prior to any programs starting. Lastly, before the police can build trust in our community, we must repair the trust within their own institution. The lack of support within the system must be repaired with the education, reform and reconciliation in our communities. We cannot slap a police-controlled camera on it. We build trust and accountability through constructive, meaningful changes in our institution. In partnership

with education, accountability and reconciliation in our police systems, our budget must prioritize parallel spending in our City's Community Services Department and supporting the grassroot community-based organizations who are diverting issues from our justice system into the community support systems. I will not stop saying this again, we must proactively address the root causes of inequity in our city to fix what is broken and create a safer Winnipeg improving outcomes for all citizens of our city. We need a thoughtful and balanced approach by investing in our Community Services and Parks, our grassroots Indigenous-led community support groups, allowing our city to better respond to the 311, police, fire and paramedic calls for the services that need a proactive and preventive City response. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Body-worn cameras are divisive. I watched my friend Damon Johnson speech last Police Board meeting, Madam Speaker, and he stressed that there needs to be real input into the policies put into place around their use. Something that the Police Board should consider further as Councillor Santos just perhaps outlined. Mr. Johnson presented real concerns that police have been known to turn cameras off. This is an issue, of course, in the Derek Chauvin case. I feel they, along with concerns Mr. Johnson raised, those brought forward at the Police Board last month, the use of force that…that perhaps was not properly addressed or could have been addressed more robustly, you know, are all issues. But putting that aside, I can't stress more emphatically that if you want a safer, more secure city, look no further than Community Services and Parks for investment. Investments in libraries perhaps, Community Services and Parks. That's how we feel safe and build a better and more whole and more complete community. I want to thank the Police Accountability Coalition for their open letter to Council restating their express desire to see body-worn cameras discussion within existing budget. And I want to thank those at the last Police Board meeting who considered the over 115,000 people who looked to the board to defund police. Police Accountability Coalition did come forward in budget asking for many things including considering 10% reduction in funding. So, I want to point out that I am really not in favour of anything more than what we have determined through the multi-year budget for police and at that, it's a compromise position for me, Madam Speaker. I do welcome my colleagues, Councillor Mayes and Chambers. I welcome this amendment and I will vote to take this as information which is the equivalent today for me of voting it down.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you…I'm sorry, thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, listening to some of the conversations again, you know, if this was legislated by the Province, the City of Winnipeg has to find the money. We received this report which, based on investigation from Councillor Klein, seems to indicate a very different number. It's not a number that could be upwards of $18.6 million or as low as $4.65 million give or take the 50 to 100% delta that a Class 5 estimate provides. No, the investigation that Councillor Klein provided shows a number much closer to that of, you know, $600-$650,000 give or take a few points. But it's very hard and, you know, well printed out that it's $1,488 per user, per year. So, somebody somewhere slipped with a calculator or failed to check the numbers. The additional hiring of 16 more persons to do it is something else entirely, but $6.8 million per year for the product and then $2.5 million for labour; that's a total of $9.3 million a year. You know, I know our budget book has math errors and we passed it. We talked about that in 2020. But some of the talk around here, you'd almost think it was 2022 in June meeting of that as we go into a campaign. You know, that's my challenge with amendment 20 that was before us that's put forward by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Police Board. They put forward the recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board, so what happened then? Where was the digging in and fact-finding then? Now we're trying to sort of just kick it aside and, well, let's start over. Let's try to get some better numbers. Sharpen the pencil. Get our facts straight. You know, we've got a crisis in our Winnipeg Police Service. We've got a crisis in our community with the trust of the Winnipeg Police Service. I think this go…this program, if it was implemented based on the company acts on who, as I understand, is probably the preeminent provider of this technology in North America, would go a long ways to start healing, to start accountability, to have that other lens. The amount of time that, you know, we spend pointing the finger at, you know, was it this person or that person that created the conflict when we get the snippet, that 30-second or 60-second video that may infuriate the community. But today, it's like, we've got the facts in front of us. Councillor Klein put facts in front of us and I think his motion is a good motion to put it forward to Innovation to work with the Winnipeg Police Service. It's not an exception. It's been done before. You know, there's some that have called for a review of the Chief of Police. His contract was renewed for two years. That didn't come before Council, but yet, this came before Council. So, maybe in close, Councillor Chambers in his closing can comment as to why.

Madam Speaker: Yes, Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: I was hoping that he could direct his comments through the Chair.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason, please do so.

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, I'm hoping that Councillor Chambers in his close on his motion could address the fact as to why this motion is before us but the renewal…the two-year renewal in the face of significant opposition to the Chief of Police was not? I know that's not the subject and the motion before us but I think it goes to perhaps why this one

came before Council and the other didn't? So, I'm hoping that we can get some answers. I do think that Councillor Klein's motion is the motion that we should move forward not simply kick this can down the road and wait more years after several years of perseverating on this. You know, back…just a few days off of this date and it was June 20th, 2017 the Mayor on his website, again, I have raised this before, celebrating the most recent contract agreement as the most sustainable in 20 years. That was in 2017 where Council approved 2.5% a year for three years and there was a bunch of…a little bit for this year that we're in. A bunch of separate things. But we've also in that time since it was celebrated as the most sustainable we're hearing defunding and reallocating but many members at this table today, Madam Speaker, voted for that police budget. Voted for that contract and then in turn we found that they wanted to claw that back. And you know, I may steal some thunder from my colleague, but the monies on the pension are kind of similar to the monies being discussed in Councillor Klein's motion. So, what…you know, what decisions we make be it good, bad or otherwise, seem to come back and bite us. Don't let this one bite you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. When it comes to body-worn cameras, it's not when they're going to come. Sorry, it's not if they're going to come, it's when they're going to come and how much they're going to cost and who's paying for them…how they'll be paid for. Definitely not opposed to body-worn cameras. I think it provides additional accountability for both officers as well as the public. There sounds like there may be some money coming from the Federal Government through certain programs. That's encouraging. And when it comes to Innovation, sure, if we want to do a small pilot and work with the Innovation Committee, but that has to be driven from the Police Service. You can't just as a member of Council pick items out of a catalogue and say, just try this. It needs to really be operationalized policy-wise and again, we don't direct the operations of the police, but if the police come back with a solution that uses a less expensive technology, now's an opportunity for them to sharpen their pencils and come back with some options for Council knowing that we're not going to grant the big gold standard that they're looking for in additional funding. So, again, they wanted me to fund it internally, they need to sharpen their pencils and we'll see what other options there are for additional funding out there. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Any further speakers? Okay, Councillor Chambers to close on amending Motion 20, the main item.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank all the…my council colleagues for their comments with respect to this matter. I just want to, again, state on the record that what was provided was a Class 5 estimate. And of course, the Class 5 estimates are plus and minus in terms of their final outcome as we would go down to Class 3 estimate before making that final decision on…to pursue purchasing that technology. And the technology is not just the body-worn…just the hardware, it's all of the software, the storage space, the subscriptions, the licensing, digital evidence management is all part of the discussion that brought us to this Class 5 estimate. With respect to Councillor Santos and the policy framework around it, I completely agree that that should be something that is fully...is exhaustively discussed to ensure that we are providing that level of transparency and accountability that we're looking for. Councillor Santos, Madam Speaker, is absolutely correct. It's not a panacea, it's not, for lack of a better word, a silver bullet that is going to solve all of the issues. What we're hoping to also use the footage of this camera for is to provide that perspective of training to better enhance officers to de-escalate situations and minimize the use of force in their interactions with the public where those…where anxieties tend to rise and force should be a last resort, but hopefully, through usage of cameras and the footage, that could be implemented into training to better train officers towards de-escalation of high-risk situations. Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Nason, he is absolutely correct in terms of the Chief's contract is not up for discussion, so I won't discuss it. So, with that, I again ask my council colleagues to consider sending this back to the Winnipeg Police Board. We'll have those further discussions. We will discuss all of the options that are available including potential federal funding. These…the pilot project that was done by the RCMP in Iqaluit ended today or ended this week. I saw a note on social media that said that they are now doing a study and they felt that it was a great success and looking forward to implementing that technology all through the rest of the force here in Canada. So, with that, Madam Speaker, I will close and thank you for the discussion today to my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Councillor Klein, your opportunity to close on amending Motion 15 and the main item.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair…Madam Speaker. You kind of reach a point in a day when you just think everything you're hearing is nonsense. And it is. I'm sorry. A lot of respect from a personal perspective, but here's the facts: I offered each and every member of this council the proof in the pricing. The proof. Our Finance Chair, Police Board Chair, our leader, will be gone soon anyways, but none of them came and asked for it. Yet they can sit here and pass judgment that they know. Well, if they knew, Madam Speaker, if they knew, why did this come forward if they already knew? It could have been done during the Winnipeg Police Service budget process, but instead headlines were wanted, excuses were needed. Maybe they needed to purchase more weapons. That's deceitful to taxpayers. And I'll quote our

current leader who once said, “I think I find this offensive (inaudible) to a taxpayer.” This is the type of budgeting that has to stop. This is the type of nonsense that people are tired of. We've had…we just recently had four murders in five days. We had 11 murders in eight weeks, but we need to take time. Assaults with a weapon are up 25%. Councillor Chambers, Madam Chair, said that oh, you’ve got to pay for storage, you’ve got to pay for all that. If he had taken two minutes to walk over and ask for the pricing, it is clearly outlined on the paper from Axon who is a worldly…world recognized leader in its field for providing law enforcement with technology. They even have a body cam for dogs. They also supply tasers and other weapons. Maybe that's what was being asked for in the report. I don't remember reading that. Councillor Eadie mentioned the fact that, hey, all these officers that are on restricted leave have jobs. Well, they have to find them something, I agree with that. And some are on there because they have to be. That's for sure. But that doesn't mean we can’t reallocate some so that we don't have to hire more people. Nonsense. Many of you today voted to illegally go after the pension of the Police Department. Thank you very much because that cost us $600,000 plus. That would have paid for the cameras. But hey, we had to take a chance. That would have paid for the cameras. This request that I’m making is no different than the FaceTime investigations that our new CFO at the Assiniboine Community Committee talked about as one of our COVID highlights. It started before COVID. So, it went through as an Innovation project. They asked for the capital, I believe, through Innovation. And we're bragging about it, but not here. I have a report from the Calgary police. Nobody asked me for that. I heard one councillor mention many statistics, where'd they come from? Just show me, because I’m done just accepting everything. I came with evidence in hand. Nobody asked for it. So, what does it really mean? Nothing apparently. Why do we need evidence when we can play wordsmithing? Much more fun. We complain about overtime and the police. It is…it is proof that body-worn cameras improve efficiencies of officers and many other things. So, we’ve got to this point and then out of the blue, at the last minute, a motion is moved to receive it as information by the very people that put it forward. What is that telling us? Where were the members of Council and the Police Board or on EPC? I watched it. Why weren’t they asking about the price? Why did they just accept it? Do you really think the police need all new computers when it says right here in black and white, they don't?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein, if you could keep your thoughts on…

Councillor Klein: I’m sorry, Madam Speaker, aren't we supposed to stand up and call for a point of order first? So, I’ll wait.

Councillor Rollins: There's been snapping of papers. There has been whipping of papers. I know passions are high, but Madam Speaker, if you could assist with decorum.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins, that’s been noted. Councillor Klein, would you like to finish your speaking time?

Councillor Nason: Point of order; I would ask if Councillor Klein wants to continue to reference that piece of paper, that he would have it added to the record so that all Winnipeggers are aware of what the actual price of the materials would be.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. Councillor Klein, if you could continue and you can certainly e-mail anything you'd like to councillors. Of course, you know that.

Councillor Klein: Well, I’ll wait till somebody asks for it. There's no point in just sending it out. Look, I am shocked that we're having this discussion but I’m not shocked that you're just trying to send it back and ignore my request, and ignoring my motion. Clearly, the price is right here; it’s $1,488 for everything…everything: storage, security. I want to refer to the Calgary policing before I was interrupted and the survey that they had done and a comment that was provided by the Crown prosecutors. The Alberta Crown Prosecutor Service and Public Prosecution Service of Canada…of Canada, were engaged for the evaluation. Official statistics on court outcomes are not currently available, as stated in this report, for body-worn operations, fairly new in Calgary. But all feedback presented is for cases, which is going to be considered anecdotal at this point because it's unavailable. However, the prosecutors express, quote, “Strong support for the use of body-worn cameras” saying, and I quote, “It's a very good evidence. And when body-worn cameras work, they really work.” This is all public information from reliable and credible source. I said, I’m just trying to say, let’s move forward. $500,000; we’re trying to make it sound like we need $6 million, we need this, we need that. Isn't it our job to question that stuff? Because we're all referring to a report that is flawed. That it's not forthcoming with all the details of maybe…if you had known…if I said to you, Madam Speaker, that we had to pay for this out our own pocket, I bet you we'd start asking more questions. I bet someone would have come and asked for the evidence. But they didn't today, and that's unfortunate.

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

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, I’ll shift a little bit and just speak briefly to the matter at hand. I support if the Winnipeg Police Service, under the authority of the Winnipeg Police Board, feels that body cams is a strategic priority, I want to support

them. Given the size of the budget, this year's operating and capital budget is the highest it's been in the history of the city of Winnipeg, $317 million. If there are legal requirements that are pending, I would hope that the service is properly planning and budget accordingly within your existing…within their existing dollars. I want to thank the Police Board. I want to thank our Chair of the Police Board for his efforts, as well as all of those Winnipeggers that have spoken not only to councillors at committee but also to the Police Board. One of the things that I appreciate with respect to our Chief who's contract…for those who may be wondering, all you need to do is read the Police Services Act. It's very, very simple. It's set out very, very clearly that the retention of the Police Chief is prescribed in provincial legislation as a responsibility of the Police Board and we should respect that jurisdiction and support the Chief that the Police Board has chosen to hire and to retain him. And I continue to support our Chief as well as in his efforts. We want him to be successful. But with respect to this matter, if there's further dialogue at the Police Board, especially with community, I think that that's a positive thing. There are a lot of competing priorities. There's a lot of big decisions to be made within the police service and the Police Board and I hope we all want to support, not only our Chair of the Police Board, but also the Police Board and the service in those difficult deliberations. I for one just wanted to put on record that, again, you know, if it is a strategic priority, I want to support that but within the existing budgeted dollars. And hopefully, with proper planning police service can accommodate that if in fact it is a key priority. For that reason, I will not be supporting the amendment to engage the Innovation Committee on this matter. I will support the motion that's brought forward by the Chair of the Police Board and Councillor Mayes who is serving on the Police Board to receive it as information and will work collaboratively with them, the Police Board, with anything I can do to offer support with their deliberations going forward including if there's any federal or provincial funds that are available that aren't going to further increase our existing mill rate support. That's obviously something that I would work collaboratively with them to explore, again, if that's a strategic priority of the police service. So, I'm hopeful that we can support the amendment to receive as information. And, again, want to thank all members of Council for their thoughts today on a very important topic affecting our community. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We'll now vote on amending Motion 20, moved by Councillor Chambers. All in…call for a recorded vote from Councillor Chambers. 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, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Rollins, Santos and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

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

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 20 carries. Onto amending Motion 15, moved by Councillor Klein. All in favour? There's no call for a recorded vote. All in favour? Councillor Klein calls for a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Klein and Nason

Nays

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

Councillor Klein: Madam Speaker, point of order. The Mayor is (inaudible) needs to talk to me.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, I saw the councillor staring at me. And I thought he wanted my attention.

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

Madam Speaker: Motion 15 is lost. Councillor Klein, I did not see anything. Sorry. Okay, onto the next item; Item 13, sorry, as amended. All in favour? Councillor Nason calls for recorded vote. All in favour of Item 13, as amended, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Klein and Nason

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

Madam Speaker: Item 13 passes. We'll now go onto motions. We Motion 9, hard copy, on your desks. It is a motion moved by Councillor Nason and seconded by Councillor Klein and it's regarding an advertising policy. This is an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. We also have Motion 11, moved by Councillor Mayes and seconded by Councillor Rollins. It's regarding Bill 64. This is a notice of motion and it will appear on next month's Council agenda. We'll now move on to by-laws, Mr. Mayor, under this committee.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Motion No. 9
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter, By-laws and Council Policies require the City of Winnipeg to advertise through media outlets for a variety of matters;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg additionally regularly choses to undertake advertising that supports the delivery of services to the public;

AND WHEREAS Cities such as Toronto and Ottawa have policies regarding advertising;

AND WHEREAS having a Council adopted policy would be beneficial to ensure that advertising is undertaken to assist in the provision of City services and projects and should be consistent with the City's vision, mission, and values and not compromise or contradict the City of Winnipeg Charter, any by-law or policy of the City, or reflect negatively on the City's public image;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 180 days with an advertising policy for Council's consideration.

Motion No. 11
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS School Boards are an important part of Manitoba's public education system that has helped to foster a universally accessible education system that is amongst the best in the world;

AND WHEREAS School Boards offer communities the opportunity to engage directly with local representatives and to participate in setting educational priorities;

AND WHEREAS through democratic process, citizens hold School Boards to account for student achievement;

AND WHEREAS the OurWinnipeg Plan, as approved by Council on July 20, 2011, states:

"Consult with the Public Schools Finance Board and affected school divisions during the preparation of neighbourhood secondary plans.";

"Foster closer relationships with local school divisions, universities, colleges and the not-for-profit sector to support the needs of the local business community."

AND WHEREAS the Mayor has appointed a Council Liaison for School Boards and Youth Opportunities to engage in collaborative dialogue to ensure cooperation between local School Boards and the City, recognizing the importance that an educated public has to our society;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba's proposed Bill 64, the Education Modernization Act, seeks to eliminate School Boards and the critical role that School Boards play in the public education system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council formally oppose Bill 64, the Education Modernization Act, which seeks to abolish school boards within the public education system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request that the Province of Manitoba amend Bill 64 to maintain the current role of School Boards within the public education system so that continued collaborative dialogue can be facilitated between School Boards and the City of Winnipeg, as outlined in the OurWinnipeg Plan.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I move the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 50/2021, By-law 51/2021, By-law 52/2021, By-law 62/2021 and By-law 64/2021, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 50/2021, By-law No. 51/2021, By-law No. 52/2021, By-law No. 62/2021 and By-law No. 64/2021.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-laws No. 50/2021 to 52/2021, both inclusive, By-law 62/2021 and 64/2021 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 50/2021 to 52/2021, both inclusive, By-law No. 62/2021 and By-law No. 64/2021.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 50/2021 to 52/2021, both inclusive, and By-law No. 62/2021 and 64/2021 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mayor Bowman: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Thirty minutes on the clock, please. Councillor Nason.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Nason: Yeah, I'd like to, through you, Madam Speaker, I'd like to get an understanding of the Mayor's position. Cities such as Victoria have come forward in recent days and are cancelling Canada Day celebrations. And there's a social media movement called "Cancel"…"#CancelCanadaDay". I'm wondering if the Mayor can provide his perspective on if Canada Day should be celebrated in the City of Winnipeg?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Canada Day is a day in which all Canadians can reflect on our country. It's also a time when we can re-dedicate ourselves to working for the remainder of the year on what we can do, to ensure our country lives up to the ideals we all hold true. As the Councillor likely knows, Canada Day celebrations aren't planned and organized by the City of Winnipeg. I will be celebrating with my family. But I'll also be taking a moment to pause and reflect on how we can strengthen our community, and live up to those ideals that I know, we all hold dear. I've encouraged Winnipeggers to consider giving the gift of reconciliation this Canada Day, by signing up as partners to Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord, as one of many measures that they could consider doing, to ensure that our country lives up to those ideals, lives up to the ideals that were set out in our Treaties. The story that was set looking forward that we had intended when those Treaties were signed, were…was a spurred peace in partnership that we haven't…we haven't lived up to as a nation. And so, for…I…I would encourage, perhaps, in preamble, the Councillor can indicate if he'll be celebrating it. But I think there's…this will be a…obviously a decision that Canadians from coast to coast to coast as well as Winnipeggers will have to make a decision for themselves, and for their families on whether they wish to celebrate or not. I will. You know, one of the things that I love most about Canada is that we can wake up everyday, and work hard to make Canada a stronger country. And I'll be celebrating that, and other things on Canada Day.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. First report is from May 11th, 2021. We have amending Motion 10 on our desks and that goes with Item 8, the one item under this date. Councillor Gilroy.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED MAY 11, 2021

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I'd like to move item number…sorry.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy, I'll just have the Clerk read the item into the record because it will be stood down since we have the amending motion. Thank you.

Item 8 – Subdivision and Rezoning – Lands bounded by Marion Street to the North, CN Railway and Speers Road to the East, CP/CN Railway to the South and CP Railway to the South and CP Railways to the West – File DASZ 30/2020

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Motion No. 10
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 8 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development dated May 11, 2021 be amended as follows:

1. In Recommendation 2.A.vii.c., delete the word "fifteen" and replace with "ten"

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Item No. 10 is actually a housekeeping item. So, what we're doing is in Roman numeral number 2, Roman numeral number 7, we're deleting the word "Fifteen" and replacing it with "Ten". So, it's a clerical error that the administration wanted us to fix. So, hopefully everybody will support this.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on the amending motion or the main item? Okay. Seeing none, Councillor Gilroy or do you wish to close or I can call the question?

Councillor Gilroy: Call.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of amending Motion 10? Contrary? That's carried. All in favour of Item 8, as amended? Contrary? That's carried. Okay. Councillor Gilroy, on the next report dated June 6th, 2021.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED JUNE 8, 2021**

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move item…

Madam Speaker: June 8th.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I'd like to move adoption and consent of Items 1 to 21.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, did you say 8? Okay. Got those. Thank you. Anyone else? Councillor...20? Yes, that's been pulled. Okay. So, I will call the question on Items 1 and 2...yes?

Councillor Klein: No. 7 wasn't pulled, so I suspect you will use that as the consent agenda as opposed to pulling it and going through all of that. Can I just be recorded when we do this vote in opposition to No. 7?

Madam Speaker: Yes. When I call the…all of the numbers, you can note that. Okay, so, I will call the question on 1 and 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21. All in favour? Contrary? Councillor Klein is noted in opposition to Item 7. Contrary? Anyone else? That's carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 8 – Residential Infill Strategy: Small-Scale and Low-Rise Residential Development Guidelines for Mature Communities

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy to open.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This has been a long time coming, and a lot of debate has gone into making this day actually happen. I've been in many different meetings on property and planning and many different community committees, and also, you know, some of the committees that we have to do when appeals happen. So, and one of the things that we hear over and over and over again is when are we going to have these infill guidelines? That has been something that people have been asking for, whether it's the development community or whether it's our community stakeholders, everyone's been asking for infill guidelines and it's taken a while for us to get here. And I know that at EPC I talked about how, you know, this is a good process, and Councillor Mayes says, well, wait a second, Councillor Gilroy, I don't necessarily agree with you. So, as we know, this has been a very complicated and hard process for us to get where we are. There's been a lot of collaboration between stakeholders; that's with developers, that's with activists in our community, and many of our stakeholders and all the different groups of community members that come here that we hear daily at our different community levels talking about what they would see in infill guidelines. So, this is really our secondary plan for communities that don't have the level of infill to actually get a secondary plan. So, for people like me who doesn't have a secondary plan, this will be very exciting that I know that there are some guidelines that are in place, and we know what to expect in terms of the size of development, what the development will look like, and where people can develop and what they can develop. And so, this ties in nicely with what we were doing with Complete Communities this morning. And when we're looking at making sure that we are doing more infill, 50% is the minimum that we want to reach for our infill, and I think it can be done, but we need the guidelines to help usher in what that's going to look like. And with that is…you know, there is some learning that takes place. And in some communities, and I think there's communities like Councillor Rollins', Councillor Orlikow's, Councillor Santos', many more that have seen this level of development, and they understand some of the complexities and what they have to deal with in terms of what the development looks like and what the community really wants. The infill guidelines is trying to incorporate all of that and bring something together that we can actually provide a visionary document that goes…goes to the community that everyone knows. Whether you're a developer, you're a stakeholder in that community, you're going to understand and know what to expect in terms of infill development. So, I'm hoping everybody supports it here today. I know this has been very difficult and hard to get to where we are today. I think in the end, though, having guidelines is really critical for us to move on because there isn't a committee where I haven't heard complaints about how the development looks or what they need to expect or the size of the development or what it looks like and does it look like the character of the neighborhood? These are now providing that, and I'm very, very proud of the work that we're doing to make sure that...that as we move forward as a city, that we're taking and incorporating in there, Madam Speaker, the wishes of some of the community members and what we've heard throughout the dialogue. Now, we're all not going to agree on what that looks like, but I think we have some guidelines here that can be supported and it was a very good working group that did a lot of work from develop…from developers to community activists that really listened to the community and what their needs were in trying to come up with a plan that can bring everyone together, and I think that's what we have here. So, I'm looking forward to the debate and hearing what my council colleagues have to say. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I listened to the EPC discussion on this and the amendments that happened. And Madam Speaker, I'm going to start off by saying that I will be voting for this final iteration of guidelines that we will have a look at. But Madam Speaker, so the guidelines are going to help. There's no doubt about that. And we did add a secondary plan, I think, is going to result out of this for one neighborhood, but ultimately, you know, I found it, and some of my colleagues...but, you know, these secondary plans, they're very valuable, and when they get created, there's a lot of discussion back and forth, but having sat on Appeal Committee, and listened to appeals, and where there's a secondary plan in place, it makes it much easier for a person who's on the appeal to look at that and say, well, this is what was adopted. It was…it ends up...usually, it's a compromise by the time it gets to the secondary plan in place to guide infill development or whatever in our mature neighborhoods, so I find them very helpful. The infill guidelines, these are guidelines, and as our planners move forward, and we...well, we may not...in some cases, we'll hear subdivisions, and there will be probably appeals and stuff about develop…infill development in our mature neighborhoods, so it is helpful. But ultimately...and I had these discussions...I'm trying to remember. Anyway, I really appreciate the work that the planners who put this in place did. I know…I happened to have a conversation with one of our public servants who is in charge of it, and anyway, you know, good job. It's done. We got it here, and it's not perfect, that's for sure. That's fine. But again, we're trying to do infill guidelines for these mature communities. Now, these mature communities, the real problem is, is that they were developed old style. So, whatever exists there, and then, you want to, you know, add in density and do this and do that, the problem is a number of our mature neighborhoods were just never, never developed properly. Not the proper infrastructure and what have you. And it's clear that things were decided in that way because people didn't want to spend money, for example, to pave and have back lane drainage. Although, I hear some of the…those gravel back lanes are pretty narrow. I don't…anyway. Number of issues, but Madam Speaker, that's…what happened in a lot of these neighborhoods was what we call piecemeal development. And you know, there's one favour thing happens here, another one happens there, and then, you know…and I appreciate the attempt to try to get some back lanes paved in there, but who should pay for it always comes down, there needs to be a study. What I will attempt to try to do with this…with this guidelines because I would…I have always wanted to have secondary plans for my neighborhoods in my ward, but it could never get there, and, you know, there's a lot of stuff so that we could get these things in place so that...so that when debate does come when development happens, that we can say, well, consultations, this is...you know, we compromised developers and existing residents, we all, you know, kind of worked this out and we had this secondary plan. That's a lot of work. Takes a lot of work to get it done. So, maybe what I might do is take these guidelines and sort of say, well, maybe that's an overlay to look at, you know, for example, does that fit...you know, how does this fit for William Whyte? Or how does it work for the Dufferin neighborhood or whatever. Or how does it work for the Seven Oaks neighborhood and so on. So, Madam Speaker, I guess that's what we're going to get out of this. Again, it's not perfect. There'll be a lot of disagreement still about what's good and not. And I think Councillor Orlikow's made a good point that some of this stuff conflicts with what's in the Zoning By-law. And so, that in itself may cause a problem. But what I will try to do is if we could get more resources for our office, you know, I could get a neighborhood together and maybe have some open houses to discuss how these guidelines fit, and maybe, you know, we can...an unlawful, let's call it, secondary plan could be at least agreed so that, you know…like, it's very difficult, Madam Speaker, when you're putting infill into mature neighborhoods and doing it properly. So, I don't think I can say much more about it. Really, our Complete Communities there and OurWinnipeg, there's so many considerations for infill mature neighborhoods. And then, you know there are some neighbourhoods and precincts, actually. I still consider Precinct E, Madam Speaker, in your ward, I still think of that as infill. Like, that's an existing neighborhood. You might not call it a neighborhood, but it is a neighbourhood. It had a certain style of living there for like a very long time. And…but so to achieve, you know, this infill, we have some guidelines. We're trying to achieve 50%. You know, people, you know, talking about wanting to increase how much infill we're going to achieve to 80% or whatever. Well, the difficulty there is, like...anyway, I'm sure you…we've all had enough experience now on Council to know that achieving 50% infill and building much more density on our corridors because actually, that's where opportunities are in my ward, I think, is building much higher density along Main Street. You know, Henderson Highway, when you get further north, there's a lot of density to…you know, off and around there. That…that…you know, hopefully, we can see that kind of stuff happen along the corridor, and definitely not on park space, right? Anyway, I...anyway, I'm not going to say anymore about the…I'm going to be voting for this. It's not perfect, but I'm glad it's there. And I'm going to attempt to try to use it to apply the concepts to the neighborhoods...mature neighborhoods in my ward. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Mr. Mayor, over to you. Next is Councillor Allard.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Allard: I'm actually okay, Councillor Sharma.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Mayes following.

Mayor Bowman: I'll be brief because I know some of my colleagues are going to have much more to say on this. I want to thank our chair for her leadership. This is a...this is an item that I had identified in her mandate letter, given that these

are the first…the first residential infill strategy that we've had for the city. And the reason I thought that it was important is because investors are looking for greater certainty when they're making investments in our community. Infill is not always easy. Obviously, we want to see infill as a general rule, but the manner in which it's conducted is not always ideal for the existing residents, so finding that appropriate balance has been the real challenge, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Gilroy. I want to thank many members of this council who've worked diligently and many hours this year and beyond to bring this before Council for our consideration this evening. And so, I'll be supporting it. I know there will be aspects of this that some will like, and some won't, and respect that, but I think it's a good start, and I'm hoping that this will help provide the certainty that so many have been looking for for so long. But again, compliments to our chair, I want to wish her congratulations in getting it to us today for our deliberations this evening. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: To the regret of all, I will probably not be as brief as the Mayor. On the other hand, what will I do with the remaining 16 months of this term you might ask now that we're finally getting done with the infill guidelines. This…Councillor Gilroy's line at EPC was, this has been a great process and I said, maybe for you, not for me. This has been an extremely difficult and lengthy process, but almost incredibly, it has come to the finish line and I'm able to support it. I regret that Councillor Orlikow has not been able to get his concerns addressed. I don't think Councillor Rollins' has been able to get her concerns addressed. For me, the earlier drafts of this document would have had an extremely negative effect on St. Vital Ward. I couldn't stand by, I had to take action. And I'm pleased and I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for trying to work through over many meetings over many months some compromises that would get this done. It's really, in a way, a study of democracy. It really, kind of to me, stands for something that I have always said here, which is elections have to matter and who wins elections has to matter. The original approach on this I think was, here it is, here's the document, and we had the technical advisory group look at it, and they thought it was great. So, there it is and just vote this. And it wasn't great and it wasn't realistic for my ward, and no one…no one who expressed the view that, well, it doesn't matter. The gravel lanes are just the same as the concrete, and none of those people had every come to talk to me over the 10 years when I've raised that issue innumerable times, and we actually had a year-long study of whether to change the policy. Developers, members of the Advisory Committee, nobody had come forward. So, it's…I want to be positive. I want to thank Councillor Gilroy, I want to thank John Kiernan, and I want to thank James Veitch. And, you know, we all have…we all have our relations with different members of the Public Service and I've sat here and I've heard people get praised and I think, I can't stand that person. Why are they praising them? And but for me, on this one, I mean, the people who drafted the strategy, Devon Clark and Richard Mahé, have been very good to deal with. So, it would be poor of me not to thank them. They have I think tried to accommodate some of my concerns over time, done it professionally. Met, you know, Sunday afternoons, late night, all sorts of calls, trying to address things, even the occasional sense of humour, such as when I pointed out that the guidelines as drafted would allow a building 15 feet wide and 200 feet deep on a street like Berrydale in my ward where you have these double-deep. And Mahé's instant response was, we'll call that the Clark in Devon's honour; 15 feet wide, 200 feet deep building. So, a bit of a joke. That's actually been addressed as one of the many details that got addressed and he was, no, we shouldn't have buildings 15 feet wide and 200 feet deep. So, a lot of changes did get made from that draft that floated up last August or September. I want to thank people of St. Vital who responded in enormous numbers to express their concern. If you look at the feedback, a ton of it was from St. Vital Ward indicating concerns. And I think this draft, due to some good work by everyone from the Mayor's Office to Councillor Gilroy, to Kiernan, to Veitch, to others, I think it addresses the...it reflects the reality, which is that gravel lanes are not the same as concrete, and I won't bore you all with the details of that, but we don't treat them the same way in budget, in maintenance, in funding. Why would we pretend otherwise when it comes to development? So that's in there, and there's a secondary plan for Glenwood, a relatively small area that has seen 10% of the city variances come through Glenwood a couple of years ago, and it's less than 1% of the city doors. So, really disproportionate amount of activity there. And they deserve something, they deserve a secondary plan. So, I want to thank Ray Hesslein and other members, Pam, and others from the…Pam St. Goddard and others from the Glenwood Neighborhood Association who have...you know, it's an odd...it's an odd, acrimonious at times, debate because you say to people…people say, well, we have this great community and you guys seem to think that the best thing for it is to tear it down as quickly as possible. And I think that has to be balanced with a sense of well, neighborhoods have to renew, but they should be done...that should…we should try and do that in a logical and a planned fashion. So, I think that opportunity now arises in Glenwood that we'll have a chance to sit down, get a secondary plan done. There have been no secondary plans done in my ward in the 10 years I've been here, almost 10 years. The last one I requested was in 2014, and it's never been done, so I don't feel I'm jumping the queue here in trying to get Glenwood on and get some work done there. It's been a long and acrimonious process, but I think it's…it's about democracy. The group of us ultimately have a vote on this. I want to thank my colleagues on EPC for compromising, and I had to do some compromising. Still like to get in something on the asphalt lanes, but we'll leave that to the by-laws. But, you know, I've sat here, I've stood right there at that podium and listened to people say stuff about, well, they're just opposed because they're nimbies or they're just opposed because they don't understand. It's a matter of education. And I say, the woman's fence fell in the pit of the new construction and City said, we have nothing to do with this, you'll have to sue the constructor and we don't know who the constructor is. That's not a lack of education of the neighbour. It's not that they're nimby. They're saying, I've lived here, I've paid my taxes here, I've been a good citizen

and we have this very, very shoddy construction going on that seems oblivious. So, let's not pretend it's all going well. Let's be realistic. So, I think, at the end of the day, and it has been a long process, I think this is a realistic document that...and I've talked to them many times, Richard, I think, and Devon would want me to say, there are height limits, there's side yard limits, there are tree requirements, there a lot of these issues that come up time and again, are addressed and from the St. Vital Ward perspective, I'm very pleased that there's some recognition in the situation in Glenwood. Not many gravel lanes down Glenwood, actually. Where there are a lot of gravel lanes is where this document proposed to just rubber stamp to have at-will lot splitting, and I think, ultimately, I'm very pleased that people listened and said, look, we simply can't pretend these 60-year-old lanes are capable of...80-year-old lanes are in great shape. I mean, it always struck me, the incongruity; we'd say to people, well, your neighbourhood…your houses are past their useful life span. They're failed housing. They're old and inefficient. Your lane, on the other hand, that's terrific. We don't need to do anything about that. We'll just quadruple the population there. Come on. So, and thanks to Councillor Eadie who has talked with me a number of times on this as well. So, in the end, I think a realistic compromise will go forward. It is not perfect as other speakers have said, but it is, from my perspective, the culmination of a lot of work. And it's a culmination of democracy and action, I think, at least from my perspective. People in my ward spoke up, I spoke up, people around here listened. It's the advantage or perhaps the curse, but more likely the beauty of municipal politics. Sometimes you can work together and craft something. Not everybody is happy, but at the end of the day, I think it's better than the original version that just came out of the civil service. So, I'll be supporting it. And we'll see where this goes. By-laws yet to come down the line, but there are some important changes here, and I'm please to be at the finish line on it, it's a sign I think that from my perspective, it matters...democracy matters, and it matters who wins elections. I'm proud of what I've done on this and proud to see it, and I'll vote to get it over the finish line.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's interesting. Of the 25 City of Winnipeg neighborhoods that have experienced the most residential intensification over the last five years, according to an e-mail that I received from the Director of Property and Planning, Tuxedo is number one with another building just approved, two buildings near completion and a new one recently approved, but nowhere in these documents do we talk about Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood. It is these communities that pay taxes like everybody else are not considered. One would look at them and say, oh, I thought this was a plan for the entire city, but it's not. We have chosen what areas are mature, and then we have added some wants and needs of others at a different level of Council. Charleswood has many neighborhoods that are not fully serviced. They still have gravel roads which are chip sealed. They have ditches. I'm not sure how any reasonable or sensible person would consider these areas as perfect for infill. Market conditions and market requirements will dictate, not you. You can say you want 50% infill. Market conditions will dictate that. People move outside the city all the time because that's what they desire…larger lots. In Westwood, Red River Exhibition lands have been struggling with the City of Winnipeg for more than two years now to start development and they hit roadblock after roadblock after roadblock. But hey, we're welcoming investment. We're giving them certainty. Evidence, this is not a plan for Winnipeg, would be the exclusion of a holistic plan for the entire city, would be the inclusion of the wants and needs of a few that sit in a different position on the current City Council. The Planning Department could have done this better, but only if they had better resources. And anybody with experience outside of politics in a business setting will tell you that if you're going to do a plan that is going to be so impactful and set the course for an entire organization, why would you only throw a couple dollars at it? Why would it be delayed so that we could have certain other additions put into it? That's what we did. Was it based on what City planners felt? Is it based on what experts said? No. I want the best result for all of Winnipeg. I want holistic plan for the city. I want to fund the strategic plans properly. Give the staff the support and resources they deserve because ultimately, they now take on the work. A Winnipeg plan, in coordination with all areas of the city, that's what we should be working towards. I want a more comprehensive plan that ties in secondary plans. Let's look at downtown. Let's look at all this as one big picture and not piecemeal, so we have tweaks. I want to live in a city where the leaders of the city want what's best for the residents, and they want to get better every day. With the minimal investment, with the pressure of time, and with then the political involvement for changes, I don't know if we can say with a straight face that we've done that with this plan. I won't be supporting this plan.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I do want to take the opportunity to really thank our administration for all the heavy lifting on this. They've done a lot of great work, and I know they've met with a lot of stakeholders and councillors, answering a lot of questions and doing the work, doing the cross jurisdictional analysis of other cities and coming up with a Winnipeg plan, and I think that's exactly what we needed. And you know what? We will be updating our zoning by-laws. And before we do that, we're going to be able to test drive and pilot some of the things that we're incorporating in the guidelines so we can make sure that they work. So, the by-laws will be coming, but in the meantime, we're be able to see how these guidelines fit, how they're working, and that will help get us to where we need to go when it gets to our by-law…time to change our by-law. And you know, I really do want to thank all the city councillors for working collaboratively on this. And I want to acknowledge that, you know, not everybody did get their wishes in the plan, and

that's...you know, it's impossible to sometimes do that, and you try your best to try to incorporate that…and that. And I know the administration was working hard, listening to all the different councillors and really trying to figure out what their needs are within their different communities. But if we all could have a secondary plan, that would be great, but unfortunately, we have 100 different communities and, you know, we're not all going to have a secondary plan. And that's going to…and that's going to be determined by the level of development that we see within our…within these communities. So, while we're waiting for some of our…for some of our secondary plan, like Councillor Eadie says, we have these guidelines. We have something that's in place that will allow our developers, community, and stakeholders all understand what would be allowed where and when and what the…what the development's going to actually look like. We are looking at the height, we are looking at the size of the building compared to the lot size, and we're having guidelines that make sense, and we're having guidelines that we heard from the public is what they're wanting. So, we have a stakeholder group that's been really engaged with this process. We've come a long way. There has been some changes along the way and councillors have really added to that, and this is where…this is where we've come. We've gotten this far. This will be the first time that we have infill guidelines. A lot of other cities have them. It's about time we do, too. And I'm really hoping that we support this here today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. With that, I'll call the question on Item 8.

Councillor Allard: Recorded vote, please.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard calls 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, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Santos and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillors Klein, Nason and Rollins

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 11, Nays 3.

Madam Speaker: Item 8 passes. Onto Item 19.

Item 19 – Secondary Plan Amendment – Airport Area West Industrial Secondary Plan (By-law 8097/2002) – File SPA 3/2020

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, Madam Speaker. The airport vicinity secondary plan is very vital to how we grow in and around the airport vicinity. As we know, we have a 24-hour airport and it's really important that we know and understand how we're developing in and around that community. And I know we're going to have a lot of really good dialogue here today, so I'll wait to hear from my councillor colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This was stood down by councillor...okay. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: 19 is the industrial?

Madam Speaker: Secondary plan for the Airport Area West Industrial.

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, that's right. Okay. Yes, Madam Speaker, I wanted to try to go to the hearing on this at Assiniboia Community Committee. A lot of work and I have a lot of faith, Madam Speaker, in…the community committee spent a lot of time, a lot of consideration went into this plan. But I just wanted to note something, and I will be supporting it, Madam Speaker, I'll be voting for it, I just wanted to express my concerns, and I'm glad the secondary plan is in place. There's, you know, discussions about the infrastructure that's needed...going to be needed to make this happen, but it's employments lands. And as I was reading through much of the document that was draft for...I don't know. How many years was it drafted for? Five years? I noted in there was discussion of a…kind of like a spine network active transportation trail running along the...would be sort of the southerly part of this industrial place, I think. I just…my problem is, I just can't…I have a general idea of the area, but I found it interesting in this secondary plan that they had provisions of an area

where there wouldn't be a high need for servicing for very…certain types of industrial use. I think that was good. I also noted, Madam Speaker, that the Summit Road closed landfill is in this particular secondary plan. And I would just point out to my colleagues that I had an idea about greenhouse gas. You might want to read that. It's an automatic referral to Water and Waste on there, seconded by Councillor Lukes. In that, you know, there's lots of space there, it's an industrial area, and we'll have more discussions. Once this is in place, we can have dialogues about possibilities, but this whole thing about the spinal network, you know, what's come up over that five years, Madam Speaker, an issue very important to Councillor Mayes and councillor…you, Madam Speaker, and others, the whole idea of being able to cycle along to get to Little Mountain Park. Now, where you end up on Inkster is somewhat away from there, but you know, I think it would have been good to talk in a secondary plan to maybe figure out how you could get an AT path up to Inkster so that you could head east and then get across somewhere to go into Little Mountain Park. There's some opportunities on the east side of the airport, as well, along certain creek trails, and there is the Sturgeon Creek, but it kind of heads a little…kind of heads west, does a swoop and goes kind of westerly, as I understand, more related to the report No. 20. But, you know, so these are the kinds of things that are discussed in a secondary plan. I'm just sorry that…and you know, it takes time, and looking for opportunities and ideas change over time, and different needs, but I just wanted to note that...that that kind of thing may not have been covered. But you know, I know a lot of people who commute to work riding a bike from actually your ward, Madam Speaker. My brother-in-law used to ride...commute from Ritchie all the way over to down just off of King Edward where he was working. Very dangerous cycling route, but hey, he wanted to get in shape and, you know, he's trying to save money because he wasn't exactly making a ton of money either, right? So, things that you should be considering in an industrial area, too. So, anyway, I will be supporting it. I just thought I wanted…I just wanted to mention that this is a very important secondary plan that we're putting in place here because that is talking about a large employment lands area that will definitely benefit everybody in the city as it moves along. It's not just about…it's not just about the St. James Ward...just St. James, right? So, anyway, I'll leave it at that, and good work on the hearing and getting this. Glad to vote on it finally.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his good comments, too. Yeah, as Councillor Eadie indicated, this...both this and the next item on our agenda: the residential secondary plan for airport area west, have been in the rework for many, many years. Five, six years or so. And so, the landowners have been working with their consultants and City staff through different iterations of updates, different traffic studies. It's been a long time coming, so I want to acknowledge the work of our staff over the years with…working with the landowners and the consultants. I really appreciate the dialogue. I think we had good dialogue at the hearing with my councillor colleagues on Assiniboia Community Committee. Councillor Lukes, Councillor Klein asked really good questions. I thought we all had an opportunity to dialogue with the landowners and the consultants charged with this. It is 2,500 acres that we're talking about here, which is a significant portion of land that is designated employment lands. Yes, it's un-serviced at this point, but it's a section of land that is included in OurWinnipeg, it's included in Complete Communities, and it would be very...it is and will continue to be very important as an area where jobs can be developed, where industry can centre, and it will be key to the growth of Winnipeg in the future. Not only growth of Winnipeg, but also to the growth of our capital region. And of course, as we know, as Winnipeg and the capital region grows and goes, so goes the province in many ways. And so, what we are doing by providing the secondary plan here today is, you know, as the language is, we are establishing and setting up what would be orderly and efficient development of the area. There will be lots of discussion in the future about, you know, okay, so how can we, you know, put in the…and fund and when do we do that, the servicing to accommodate and to allow growth to happen and development to happen in that area? Those are discussions for, certainly, for another day. But I think with these lands, these 2,500 acres represent, is they represent opportunity, they represent, in many ways, a job…an area of jobs, employment lands, for the future of Winnipeg. And as Councillor Eadie rightly pointed out, and I really appreciate that he did, yes, I'm imagining that once those lands are fully absorbed over the, you know, several years, that many people will live in St. James, but many people won't. Many people will live in other parts of the city. We included, just in an amendment a little while ago in the OurWinnipeg document, an amendment to make sure that the Transportation Master Plan and trucking routes are speaking to our land use policies. This area, you know, if you follow what will inevitably happen or quite likely happen, as…when this opens up, and I can see, you know, the demands increasing and it will put pressure on the need to do the Chief Peguis extension because it will be just a natural extension of what happens. As our city continues to grow, and we…through these employment lands, goods are produced, those goods have to get to market somehow. And in this area, it's the only area in Winnipeg that will offer kind of trimodal access to two markets: rail, land, truck routes, I should say, and of course, the airport is right there as well. So, a very important parcel of land for the city of Winnipeg's future, very important to the City of Winnipeg's economy, so I'm really glad that we have the secondary plan before us after many years of work. It's one step, there are many steps to go, but it's one very, very important step. And so, I do ask my council colleagues to support this today. Thank you.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We should note that every airport in Canada, in essence, has the permission to be a 24-hour airport. It depends on how they want to look at it. Toronto is a 24-hour airport. They just charge more to land at certain times of the evening. We may pay $150 million for the...to see this project through the servicing, and I know that's something that will come later, but if we haven't seen any guarantee that's going to result in anything. We haven't had a guarantee from investors. We haven't had a guarantee that this will be net new businesses, and not just businesses that move from different parts of the city. And I hope that that's what will become of this. We're sitting here, we're talking about this investment, and we're not talking about it today, but this is setting the stage for it. It is opening the door to all kinds of movement that can happen behind the scenes. And we're talking about…when we talk about the servicing of this land, we don't even know what the capacity of the North End Treatment Plant is today or when the work will be done, but we're going to add more to that. And we're basing these decisions on the fact that we think we're going to go and get other people to pay for it, but we don't know yet. We haven't had those discussions. And just because we say it, doesn't mean it happens. I find it's unacceptable that we don't have a cost-benefit analysis. Now, I think I heard earlier the Chair of EPC say that that's a requirement in the new plans that have been put forward and passed today, but it wasn't required for this. It's unacceptable. All business practices require a cost-benefit analysis. We've asked for them in the past. Does this development pay for development? We continue to hear that development doesn't pay for development. Residents, taxpayers have a right to know, so does this development pay for development? Is it going to pay for development? Because if this development pays for development, then other developments must pay for development, but we wouldn't know that. We don't have a cost-benefit analysis. Previous secondary plans have lacked sufficient pre-development analysis. Planning for and pre-set financing plans for the required increases to fire/paramedic response, policing resources to meet the needs of the anticipated demands especially in an industrial area. During Property, Planning and Development I asked, are we asking…are we allocating, are we talking to the investors about saving some land for a fire station? There is an are in the city where one councillor fights daily to have a fire station. According to her, she hasn't been. Secondary plans and secondary plan amendments must incorporate detailed predevelopment analysis, planning and financial plans for the proportionate increase in the fire/paramedic response and policing resources, starting with an airport area west industrial secondary plan and airport area west residential plan area. This is required. We will see increases. We need to know if this development is going to pay for development. I heard the Chair of EPC say that of course we're asking for financial overviews. Of course, we're asking for this, but is it a cost-benefit plan or is it just a really easy way, Madam Speaker, of making us think that that was a cost-benefit plan because no one looks it up? It's not. These are promoted as employment plans, but I see absolutely no plan to prepare for the additional transit service that may be required if these lands reach their potential. I don't see a plan for any additional resources that may be required. I don't see a plan for a green space to put in there. These are the things that I would expect to see in a secondary plan, and I think any reasonable human being, any sensible leader would want to see the detail, and we're not seeing that here.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Gilroy, back to you.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much. You know, this is an important...this is an important plan. This plan has not been updated for 25 years. We have development taking place all around our airport vicinity, but not in that adjacent area. We know we don't have the pipes yet, and that's a plan for us to look at in the future, but right now, we need to have a plan on where we're going to build, how we're going to build, and what that's going to look like within that vicinity. And there are plans within the secondary plan that does indicate some of the concerns that Councillor Klein raised in some of the maps that are shown, and so we do have some of that information. But at the end of the day, we need to make sure that we are having…we are looking at these lands because they're important. You know, when we see the development that is taking place just outside in Rosser and in and around there, we have to say, you know, as a city, these are economic lands that are going to be available to the community…available for the…for use. And we know that we have a lack of commercial…commercial lands available. We also know that in and around there, there's a lot of the trucking industry and how we get our goods and services moved need to be close to the airport which could free up other commercial lands that we have throughout the city. So, this is really, really a key plan. This isn't meaning that it's happening tomorrow because we all know that there is a lot of work that needs to go into finding out how we're going to pay for the pipes and what that's going to look like. And of course, as Councillor Klein said, too, the capacity within our…within the north…north treatment plant. So, there's still work to be done on it, but that doesn't mean we slow down the pace of what we need to do now and that's planning, because as a city, we need to be prepared and well planned and that's our role and that's our job. And that's what the secondary plan will be doing in this context, so I hope that you all support it. It's really vital that we get this through. You know, it really needs to be updated. And so, I hope that Council supports this.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. With that, we'll call the question. All in favour, Item 19? Contrary? Councillor Klein and Councillor Nason noted in opposition. And the item carries. Next item, Madam Clerk.

Item 20 – Secondary Plan – Airport Area West Residential Area – File SP 2/2016

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

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Another plan that needs to be heard. Now, this one I had…Madam Speaker, I had a…I had…when I was reading density achievements and stuff, Madam Speaker, I got kind of very concerned about this particular residential/there'll be commercial parts to it and stuff, Madam Speaker. But I heard there's one section they're achieving a density of five housing units per acre. I, like…you know, Madam Speaker, we have been seeing secondary plans in our area, and, you know, we're trying to achieve more density in that in green field, and this is…this is green field development we're talking about here. Although, the Westview Park used to be a dump along Saskatchewan there, and that's kind of interesting in that, you know, I didn't check…I was doing some reading for, Madam Speaker, for this motion that Councillor Lukes and I put on the table today for Water and Waste. But…and…but there's greenhouse gas measurement and other measurements happening at all our closed landfills, and this Westview Park used to be a dump. I don't know when it was finally closed, but I think that's the one my dad and I, back in 1973 or 4, I had to help him unload a bunch of stuff at a dump off of Saskatchewan, not the Summit Road dump. But so, I didn't get a chance to see, but there must be in this secondary plan a consideration of how close to the Westview Park and stuff that you could build. But anyway, I just had a real concern for the density, but I mean, there are some areas that look like it will be more dense. I…you know, cost benefit analysis to this particular one, it's interesting if you use the words "cost benefit", you know, like and measuring that, for example, the industrial area. You know, the thing we know now is there are a lot of recent green field developments that have been done, Madam Speaker, over my tenure and your tenure and most of the tenure of people here. Ones that are…have been basically, I think, Waterford Green is finished off, I can't remember. But just, you know, like…so, if you…you know, if you want to look at what is the benefit and the cost and all that associated, you could look at those just like for the employment lands we just voted on. I can't remember what the last thing I heard, but CentrePort north, there was huge investment in CentrePort Way. Lots of huge investment money went in, but I heard it generated $4 billion in development. More than $4 billion, Madam Speaker. So, I mean, it's a much bigger area, but still. You know, these things can be measured. And you know, I'm good for that. But so, if that's what CentrePort north is getting, well, that's what it is, but other…this residential development, again, I'm going to vote for it because I believe it was a unanimous decision from Assiniboine Credit…credit…Assiniboia Community Committee. And…or anyway, it was passed by them. And as I understand it, the Complete Communities and whatever we've moved forward, there is discussion about phasing green field so that it doesn't become the dominant growth for our city. Again, we're trying to achieve that 50/50 balance. And with the secondary plan in place, at least people can start making plans for the future and how to deal with it. But I'm hoping, you know, there's a lot of…a lot of development left…residential development left to happen in Waverley West. I hope that this one isn't going to start moving along too fast because where are we going to get the money for the soft infrastructure like the parks, like…and actually, in this secondary plan, I mean, Westview's there, but technically, there's not a, you know, sport fields; Optimum Park, that's on the summit. Those are sport fields, right? Like, I don't…you know, and we need sport fields, Madam Speaker, but like, we need to, you know, evaluate. There's other goals to achieve. I'm not sure that this secondary plan…but again, I'll be voting for it. I just wanted to be able to speak out the concerns I had with moving ahead too fast with this green field residential development. I think there is an ability to accommodate people who are looking for a place to live in green field, new neighbourhoods. I don't see a need for the City to have to invest money in an interceptor to get up there anytime…it's…to me, it's not as important as getting the interceptor to the employment lands. So, I'll leave it at that. I will be voting for it.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Santos.

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, again, to publicly share a few concerns in regards to this secondary plan. You know, with all due respect, it is lacking foresight, fiscally and environmentally irresponsible and will continue to perpetuate socioeconomic divides in our city. The lack of vision to increase residential density targets for the future of Winnipeg in this secondary plan is a major concern. For decades, we have seen how suburban sprawl directly and indirectly impacts (inaudible) equality of our City services. With this plan, people living in central neighbourhoods in the Point Douglas Ward, downtown and others, will continue to live with crumbling infrastructure and reduced City services. Their property taxes will be used to pay for our expanding city, not providing the much needed maintenance and services to our existing footprint. With this development plan, Winnipeg will continue to fall further and further behind economically, socially and environmentally in comparison to other major urban centres. We will continue to develop a larger city footprint that we cannot afford to build service or maintain. To support this project, we need a balanced approach to suburban sprawl development. For sustainable green field development, we must build effectively and efficiently using other cities' best practices for medium and high density residential. To build new communities, we must think big picture rather than create a problem we have to go back and fix. It is a concern that the secondary plan for the airport area west indicates the majority of housing will be low-density, single-family and row housing with two small portions set aside for mixed-use higher-density residential. Low-density carries a much larger climate footprint and is not environmentally sustainable. Prioritizing low-density will have significant long-term impacts on Winnipeg. Transportation is one of Manitoba's primary sources of climate emissions and air pollution. The continued expansion of low-density sprawl in Winnipeg will increase

our car dependency and commute times for citizens and will continue to be a major contributor to carbon emissions. As decision makers for the city, for the future of our city, we must acknowledge the long-term impacts of these new roads on our city; including air pollution, climate change emissions, noise, delay from traffic congestions and losses and injury from collisions. With this plan, our practices and policies will continue to subsidize and perpetuate the high civic costs and reliance on automobile use in Winnipeg. To create equitable communities in all corners of Winnipeg, it is important that density can be found in all areas of the city ensuring housing and choice of neighbourhoods will be available to all people regardless of income level. Higher density housing should not be exclusively for central neighbourhoods, downtown or older communities. We need to build complete communities that offer spaces for businesses, apartments, multi-family homes and single-family homes. With density, the footprint of land becomes an investment for the city. We can build better communities, buildings with multiple residences with economic opportunities like shops and restaurants. And lastly, we must address the astronomical long-term costs to service new communities at the expenses of community services. When myself or fellow councillors advocate for much needed community services support, improving our active transportation system and developing recreational infrastructure, we hear the same answer over and over again; there isn't any money left. We cannot continue to expand our City services even further. It's irresponsible and impractical. Our plans and priorities for the city are reflected in our City's budget. If we continue to build more roads as one of our continued budget priorities, we will do so at the detriment of improving transit, community services and greenspaces. Community services will continue to languish with these types of suburban development plans. As of right now, we cannot service or maintain our playgrounds, pools, parks and open spaces, never mind improving them. I ask that we do more for the future of Winnipeg. I believe we can be progressive. Our current plan is status quo; build low density housing on the outskirts of our city. This is really poor city planning practice in 2021. Our citizens need more and equitable housing supply; public transit, liveability, parks and recreation, clean rivers and lakes, a sustainable plan for the long-term. Yet year after year, we continue to create status quo green field development plans with minimal targets, expecting a different outcome. Suburban sprawl is expensive. Long-term, this neighborhood will be expensive. It will continue to cost the City more money and resources into the future. In conclusion, research indicates that if we actively curb low-density sprawl and support density…more density in new communities in addition to infill, we offer an abundance of benefits to our community, such as raising liveability standards, environmental sustainability, support the mental and physical well-being of citizens and of course, a host of financial advantages to the community as a whole. We must think long-term with these types of development plans. We are not building a neighborhood for today, but for the generations to come. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: I'll just be brief on this. Winnipeg's market is shifting, and as a result of this market shift, green field development has become much more dense than suburbs planned, even just ten years ago. Bridgwater Forest, the first phase of the Waverley West suburb began building in 2007. This area has approximately eight units per net acre, roughly equivalent to Amber Trails or river…or south River Heights. However, more recent developments are planned to accommodate densities between 12 and 15 units per net acre, roughly equivalent to the Maples and Wolseley. In addition, the Conference Board of Canada forecasts that the strong interest in multi-family dwellings seen in the 2010s will continue with approximately 60% of all future units expected to be row houses or apartment units. The City will need to ensure land is continually planned, zoned and serviced to accommodate this growth. What will be key in the development of green fields and understanding where the City should invest in infrastructure is to have a strategic infrastructure plan. It is with a strategic infrastructure plan we can understand the true cost and benefits of development and that will guide what infrastructure and where the City should choose to invest in. I look forward to seeing funding for a strategic infrastructure plan in the upcoming budget. I will be supporting the secondary plan for the airport area west residential area and look forward to continued discussions on the benefits of green field development.

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

Councillor Gillingham: For a moment there, Madam Speaker, I just…I was on the edge of my seat because Councillor Lukes said that she would be supporting…I thought she was going to say budget because she just said budget in a previous sentence. So, anyways, little bit of levity at…little bit of levity at 8:00 o'clock here, okay. So, anyways. I'll be supporting this residential secondary plan. Once again, a lot of hard work has gone in to the preparation of this plan, the update of this plan. The first one was put together in 2002. Since 2002, CentrePort Canada Way ran right kind of through the centre of that community. And CentrePort Canada Way actually kind of delineates the industrial lands which run north of CentrePort Canada Way and the residential lands which are to the south of CentrePort Canada Way. And because of the changes, especially because of CentrePort Canada Way going in, it's really made the secondary...the residential secondary plan, the old one, obsolete. So, there would need to be an update. I will remind everyone, Madam Speaker, through you, that those who voted for OurWinnipeg earlier and Complete Communities voted for a document...Complete Communities, that includes this residential area as short to medium term tier one. So, the airport area west residential plans and Waverley West B are the two short to medium tier one. They're the next green fields to be developed. Of course, Waverley West B has servicing, and so it's going and continues to go. Someone earlier today mentioned...and we've talked about it several times, the fact that there is this thing called the market. And the market dictates in many ways…yes,

it is Councillor Eadie. Thank you. The market, in many ways, dictates…it's one of the privileges that not all, but many people do have is they can choose. And when they have the power to choose, they do so. And so, it's important that the City of Winnipeg continue to, where possible, offer a variety of housing options. Councillor Lukes rightly pointed out that because of the market has shifted, density has shifted. And the type of housing product that people want has shifted. And so, when we had the hearing on this matter, on the residential secondary plan, we spoke to the landowners, the developers and consultants and when…they reminded us that when it says low density in that…in their plan, it's low density compared to high density in other parts of the area, of the secondary area. And so, when we asked, you know, what kind of density targets are you talking, they said well, like what you see in Sage Creek. So, not low density, but they understand that right now the current trend is more kind of side by sides or multi-family housing in some capacity. And so, I think we have to be aware of that as well. The parks, the greenspace, the active transportation routes, the cycling corridors, the protected riparian areas along Sturgeon Creek, that's all contemplated in this plan. We asked the question about transit and whether or not this is included in the Transit Master Plan. They said that it's not included in the master plan, but it's been talked about in preparation of the master plan. They know that, perhaps, when this is developed…not perhaps, when this is developed, the need will come for transit and other services. One of the advantages though, of course, of the location of this residential secondary area just on the north side of Saskatchewan Avenue, is that the community of St. James, of course, is one of the older communities of Winnipeg. We have underutilized schools that are under-populated, we have community centres, arenas that...outdoor arenas that are underutilized. We have community centre boards who do a fantastic job in St. James. There are seven boards on eight sites, community centres, and they're always looking for volunteers and looking for more and more kids to be part of their programming. So, there's a lot of infrastructure that is already in place in close proximity to this area that's being planned. And so, it's green field adjacent to an established area. And one of the most important things is that we can and we should, I think in many ways, see the industrial secondary plan and the residential secondary plan kind of fitting hand in glove and in many ways looking to complement one another and to go together. When the day comes that the industrial lands, the employment lands are opened up and they're developed and jobs are created there, people that work there are going to want to live or can live in close proximity if they can live in this new residential area. And so, for the community of St. James and the west part of Winnipeg, but specifically to St. James, hasn't…had no new residential development of any substance since probably the '70s. There is a pent-up demand for new housing and new development available. Again, we've got a long way to go. There's no pipes in the ground there. There's no...there's no servicing, and that can all be contemplated. And we could go back and forth in debate, you know, whether…you know, how much…how much taxes, how many property taxes revenue...how much property tax revenue is generated for Waverley West and Sage Creek and some of the other new areas, and then how that funds our community and services throughout our city, but I think it's really a matter of balance, Madam Speaker, providing both. We have green field available that we need to make available, serviced and develop because our population demand is going to require it, but we also have targets for infill development to maximize the footprint that the city has as well. So, it is a balance. It's a matter of both. And I certainly am glad to see this secondary plan before us, and I ask that all my council colleagues support it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Seeing no further speakers, Councillor Gilroy, back to you.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to…I do want to thank Councillor Gillingham for his comments, because he did talk about OurWinnipeg, which we just…we just voted on. And I think it's critical if we want to look at dealing with infill and making sure we have…we over…hopefully over-exceed our targets. It's going to be making sure we make infill easier, right? But that doesn't mean that we don't stop green field development. You know, we're going to slow that down, but as a city, it's really important that we have all different types of development that's available for people. Otherwise, they're going to go outside our city, and that's going to become an even bigger problem for us. So, we have to make sure that we're providing not only the infill but the green field as well even though we are planning on slowing that down. If you listen to...and I'm sorry, I just can't remember. It's so late at night, but if you go back and you listen to the administration at the standing policy committee, we did have a really good talk on density because that was a concerned…concern and raised that, you know, it felt like it was lower density, and they…and they kind of assured us that there was going to be the density that we see in other areas, and they kind of walked it through us. I just don't have the words tonight this late in the game, so hopefully people can maybe listen to that, the standing policy committee or maybe even talk with some of the planners after this meeting. But it's important that we plan as a city. That is our role in our job here as councillors. We need to understand where we're going to put things, how it's going to be laid out, and what that all entails, and that's what these secondary plans, that's exactly what they do. So, this is a role in our job regardless of where this is. I think it's really critical to also note that we're not there yet. This isn't happening tomorrow because there's no pipes, and we all know that. And we have to find the funding and that does not mean that we're saying yes to this right now. It means that we're doing the planning, getting it prepared, so even the neighbouring municipalities in the surrounding areas that are developing up to us are able to plan. Because it's…you know, we don't want to have, you know, a residential right by a major industrial plant, so we have to be able to figure out and lay out where we want to see things happen. This is what the second...this is what the secondary plan does. And I think they've done a really, really good job. You know, this is our role in our job as city councillors to make sure that we plan our city, and this document is doing that. And I hope that you all support it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. With that, I'll call the question on Item 20. All in favour? Contrary? Did you want to…how many recorded in opposition? Councillor Santos and Councillor Nason. That's just two, so it's noted. Okay. Moving on, next is by-laws...or pardon me, we have a motion. Motion 18 is moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by myself. It's regarding cannabis retail locations. It's an automatic referral to the standing committee. Getting into by-laws, Councillor Gilroy.

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

Motion No. 18
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has seen a steady increase in the number of retail cannabis stores being established over the past year;

AND WHEREAS some areas of the City have seen multiple retail cannabis stores being clustered in close proximity to one another;

AND WHEREAS exterior storefront treatments of these stores, including signage and opaque windows negatively impact the aesthetic value of our commercial retail streets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 120 days with:

1. *An update on the number and geographic distribution of new retail cannabis store locations established since the previous two-year report back in October 2020.*

2. *Discussion on best practices from other Canadian municipalities in terms of regulatory approaches to prevent cannabis retail stores clustering and to ensure compatible signage and storefront design for cannabis retail stores.*

3. *Discussion of any land use issues or recommendations for policies and/or By-law amendments that may be necessary to address the aforementioned concerns.*

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2nd and 3rd READING

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to read that the following...sorry. Where am I? Okay. Sorry. I found it. I'd like to move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 56/2021, By-law No. 57/20...no.

Madam Speaker: By-law 85.

Councillor Gilroy: Sorry. Okay. Sorry. That By-law No. 85/2016 be read a second time and By-law No. 100/2020 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Yes, yes. Thank you. It's carried with Councillors Santos and Councillor Nason in opposition to 85/2016.

Clerk: By-law No. 85/2016, By-law No. 100/2020.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy, third reading.

Councillor Gilroy: Yeah. I'd like to move that By-law No. 85/2016 and 100/2020 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary?

Councillor Santos: We'd like to be marked in opposition to By-law No. 85/2016, please.

Madam Speaker: It's carried with Councillor Santos and Councillor Nason noted in opposition for 85/2016. 85/2016 for Councillor Santos. Is it both or just the one? Just the one. And for Councillor Nason, for both. That's noted. Thank you. And that carries. Councillor Gilroy.

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PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 56/2021, By-law No. 57/2021, By-law No. 58/2021, By-law No. 59/2021, By-law No. 60/2021 and By-law No. 61/2021.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 56/2021, By-law No. 57/2021, By-law No. 58/2021, By-law No. 59/2021, By-law No. 60/2021 and By-law No. 61/2021.

Councillor Gilroy: And I'd like to move that By-law No. 56/2021 to 61/2021, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 56/2021 to 61/2021, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: And I'd like to move that we suspend the rules to allow By-law No. 56/2021 to By-law No. 61/2021, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be ordered…the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. We're going to get into question period. Following that, Councillor Eadie, would you take the Chair after question period just for a short time to do the Protection Committee?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, most certainly.

Madam Speaker: First, we'll have question period for Councillor Gilroy. Any questions? Any questions for councillor…Councillor Gilroy? Okay. Seeing none, we'll move to the next committee, which I will hand over to you, Councillor Eadie.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, we have the report of the Protection, Community Services and Parks dated...sorry. What date is that? I was there. Pardon me? June 7th. Councillor…Chairperson Rollins, if you...

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Councillor Rollins: Yes, yes, I'd like to move the consent agenda Items 1 through 3.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Excellent. I don't hear anybody wanting to speak to anything. Okay, then I will call the vote. All those in favour? Anybody opposed? Nope, that is carried. Sounding very good. Thank you. We have by-laws, Chairperson Rollins.

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Councillor Rollins: We do, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move By-law No. 54/2021 to be read a first time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All right, all those in favour? Is there anybody opposed? Okay. That is carried. Is it Madam Clerk?

Clerk: By-law No. 54/2021

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move that By-law No. 54/2021 be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Is there anybody opposed? That is carried. Thank you. Madam Clerk.

Clerk: By-law No. 54/2021

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All right, thank you. And Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 54/2021 to be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. All those in favour? Is there anybody opposed? No? All right. That is carried. Thank you very much, Councillor Rollins...or Chairperson Rollins. It is question period for Protection, Community Services and Parks. Do I have anybody who wants to ask the Chairperson a question? No? I didn't hear anybody. Okay.

Councillor Rollins: Mr. Speaker...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yeah?

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

Councillor Rollins: I don’t know if this is an order, but Councillor Nason did ask me a question, Mr. Speaker, last meeting, and I do have an answer for him with respect to the number of dogs attacked…

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Please do.

Councillor Rollins: …That has trended downward since 2018…

Councillor Klein: Is that permitted (inaudible)?

Councillor Rollins: …There was 248…

Councillor Klein: Sorry, point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I think she’s answering a question that was asked last time. So I…

Councillor Klein: Is that in order, though? That’s my question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I’ll have to ask the Clerk on that one, but I think it is in order to answer questions, even from the previous Council meeting.

City Clerk: Certainly, the Speaker has the ability to rule on orders of procedure that are non-specified in the by-law. The Speaker has ruled that he would allow this question to be responded, so it would be in order subject to a challenge the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Right, I’m saying that she should report it, actually, if there’s an answer. But does anybody want to challenge the Chair?

Councillor Rollins: Yes, sir. Mr. Speaker, ready to report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All right, thank you.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, so…and I'd like to thank administration and Animal Services Officers who report dog attacks under the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law for providing the stats including that they've trended downwards, 248, like I said in 2018, 240 in 2019, and in 2020, 193. Now, as I reported last meeting, we have 48,091 licensed dogs in 2020 in the City of Winnipeg. And those top breeds that were involved, common breeds involved in attacks and bites, which was the question, Mr. Speaker, were mastiffs, shepherds, labs, retrievers, something that, you know, are common dogs in the City of Winnipeg. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know the team, led by Mr. Leland Gordon really completes a tremendous amount of work related to responsible pet ownership including education through numerous public channels, and I'd like to thank them for their work tonight including catching a white snake on Ebby.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All right. Thank you. Are there any questions. No? Madam…

Councillor Nason: Speaker, (inaudible) well, actually I have some questions now that she's…

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Actually, I just want to ask one question of the Clerk. I forgot to check, I don't think I seen any automatic referral motions for Protection, Community Services and Parks.

City Clerk: There were no…no such motions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No, (inaudible). Okay, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Now that she's provided that feedback, it gives me an opportunity to ask a question relative to the response that I received. I believe it was 48,000 dogs that are licensed in the City of Winnipeg. What is the current estimate of unlicensed, unregistered dogs in the City of Winnipeg?

Councillor Rollins: Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Madam Chair.

Councillor Rollins: So that was 48,091 licensed dogs in 2020. I'll be happy to get back to Councillor Nason, through you, Mr. Speaker…

Mr. Deputy Speaker: (Inaudible]

Councillor Rollins: …at the next meeting. I don't know off-hand at this moment, it could be that it is 8:34 in the evening, how many unlicensed animals we've got in the City of Winnipeg. And is that dogs only or just…just general?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: He was referring to dogs.

Councillor Rollins: Yeah.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: I know during…I believe it's Innovation Committee that…that information is generally, commonly put in their business plan as far as dogs and animals licensed and the nuances around that. The second question, I would have, is specific to plans to undertake additional measures with regards to some of the prohibited breeds. If legislation might be coming forward anytime soon? We've made this one motion. Is there more coming?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Madam Chairperson.

Councillor Rollins: There sure is. We…we did direct the Public Service to do more with respect to this by-law and we will…we will be hearing back from them in the next few months at Protection, Community Services, and Parks or when they're completed their work. And I'm happy to send that motion over to, through you, Mr. Speaker to Councillor Nason

that details all that Protection, Community Services and Parks has requested of the department in terms of changes to the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law and updates as directed by PCSP.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay, thank you, Chairperson. And final follow-up.

Councillor Nason: Final question, with regards to the library just to change the direction. The City of Winnipeg libraries, specifically the Transcona branch has a garbage issue. They have a garbage bin, but they refuse to put the doors on. Is there a reason why the City of Winnipeg libraries don't adhere to property and planning policies pertaining to that?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Madam Chairperson, (inaudible)…

Councillor Rollins: Sorry, Mr. Speaker, I heard…

Councillor Nason: Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry that may not be in order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No, no…I…no, no, I'm going to allow the question, but I…I just want to remind all Councillors on the third, and the second and third follow-ups there should be no preamble...

Councillor Nason: …No preamble…

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yeah. But anyway, I'm going to allow it, and Madam Chairperson.

Councillor Rollins: Sure, Mr. Speaker, I heard the question was with respect to garbage bins refusing to put doors on. So I will clarify that with Library Services even if it's, you know, under and work collaboratively, even if it's under a different Chair, and determine whether or not I can be of help to the Councillor with respect to the refuse in and around Transcona branch, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay, thank you. All right, if there are no more questions of the Chairperson of Protection, Community Services and Parks; and if the Speaker wants me to continue, we'll move on to…

Madam Speaker: I'm back, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I'll take the Chair back if you don't mind. We'll move on to the final committee. It's the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Pardon me?

Councillor Eadie: It's not the final one. This is the next one.

Madam Speaker: Sorry. My pages are sticking here. Make sure I've got the right one. Okay, the next standing committee: Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, Councillor Allard has been waiting patiently all day. So, the report dated June 10th, 2021.

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Councillor Allard: There's some amending motions, right?

Madam Speaker: Yes, for Item 4, we have two amending motions for Item 4.

Councillor Allard: So, call consent agenda.

Madam Speaker: We'll be pulling 4 with the amending motions. Any others? Okay, just 4? So, I'll call the question on 1...3? Okay. I'll call the question on Item 1 and 2. All in favour?

Councillor Allard: Recorded vote.

Madam Speaker: Contrary? We can't call a recorded vote because there's two items now. Okay. Carried.

Councillor Allard: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Yes, okay. We're missing item 5, 6 and 7 as well. So, call the question on that as well. Items 5, 6 and 7. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Speed Limits – Neighbourhood Greenway Pilot Project

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

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

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I pulled that down just for the opportunity to speak to it for a couple of minutes. I know we had much heated conversations on some other matters pertaining to Wellington, and I'm challenged with greenways. Trying to understand how they constitute greenways when Wellington wouldn't be considered a greenway with the center median that it has, the pathway that it has. We talk about lowering speeds on four of these locations. Again, it's creating confusion in some areas where we're going to have different rules for some and not a global speed limit. I know councillor…or the Chair of the committee and I have had many back and forths over the last couple years with regards to 30 kilometer an hour, 50 kilometer an hour, as many of the colleagues here. I'm not supportive of 30 kilometer an hour zones. I think it creates confusion and I believe that in all honesty if the Province of Manitoba wants to mandate lower speeds in the urban environments, that should be something that they do so that they can properly educate, and indeed, create a...if it's to create a safer environment, that they invest in that training, that education to make those changes. I'm not supportive of these speed limit changes because I do not believe that this will create a safer environment for those residents in and around these areas, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Councillor Rollins, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Rollins: So, I'm really looking forward to seeing this pilot move forward. It is a trial of 30 kilometer speed limits on five existing neighborhood greenways including Warsaw Avenue between Thurso Street and Pembina Highway. Very excited to move it forward today and really look to it being street-by-street, block-by-block, if that's what we have to do to get to 30 kilometers, Madam Speaker. I love 30 kilometers. And I'm looking forward to moving this forward today.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I actually am in support of this report. And people have said, well, why do you support Power Street and why would you support McCrae when somehow, I didn't really care about the people on Scotia? But, Madam Speaker, this is a pilot. They're implementing what is supposedly best practice from other cities, Madam Speaker. I don't necessarily believe in the 30 kph myself, but what I really don't believe in is putting in speed humps or whatever you want to call them. However, that is part of these pilot programs and there's actually two in my ward; McCrae is going to take you east/west on a greenway. And it is connected to a lot of schools, community centers, McCrae, when you are going east/west. A safer, you know, place for cyclists to go and they're going to make it 30, but like if you're going to make it 30 kph, I don't…I really don't understand putting in speed humps at the same time. That's assuming that, you know, there's this huge number of automobiles, Madam Speaker, that actually violate the speed rules. I can tell you, you would be hard pressed to find anybody who is going 40 on Powers, for example, because people don't drive all along Powers to get to places like they would along Salter or McGregor. And there's a reason for that…there's a lot of stop signs. And, you know, anyway, most people use Powers to go a couple blocks when they're driving. Now, McCrae will be a different matter, but I am supporting this because there's going to be an evaluation afterwards about how it worked, and, you know, if the speed bumps are not needed, get rid of them. I actually believe what you should have done is...and there are...there's raised intersections all along Powers, at Powers and McCrae there's one and at Hartford and Powers there's one as well. There also…these traffic circles. You know, I never got a single complaint about the traffic circles that were put in in 2010 after I was elected. I got a lot of complaints about hitting speed...or large vehicles hitting these raised intersections. And it did slow vehicles down, but, you know, you got a school bus going down there, it's...you know, things shake. And actually, good...some portions of Powers have so many potholes nobody drives anywhere here. So, maybe that is how it works. But nobody wants to ride their bike either. The biggest problem with Powers is the condition of the road for cyclists. Like, my wife and I took tandem back there back in 2011 and I have to tell you, the roads were in such bad condition, like, who would want to ride on there? But, anyway, I think it's really important that this pilot…these pilots go ahead, they can do their studies and then afterwards we'll find out how tragic or not people think that it was. But, you know, I don't want...like, there's a need here for Powers, absolutely. And I'll explain it. The City is unwilling to figure out how to install protected bike lanes on a regional road called Salter Avenue, and when they renewed McGregor, which is to the west of Powers, there's no provisions for people to commute and cycle. The important thing about Powers Street now is that is the safe commuting cycle. And, you know what, it's a great road because it's only a block or two jump off, it goes right by St. John's High School, it goes by the current West Kildonan

Library, it goes by Victory School, it goes by Seven Oaks Middle…like, it's a great corridor. And people work at these places, too, and they can ride their bikes safely rather than taking Salter. So, it's an alternative. And McCrae is an alternative to go east/west instead of riding down Mountain Avenue or Inkster Boulevard and riding on the sidewalks. You know, please, ride on the road on McCrae, stay off the sidewalks on Inkster and Mountain because I don't want to get hit by a bike. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Allard, back to you for the close on Item 3.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I'm going to try to address some of the…some of the issues that my colleagues raised. In terms of the...I think I just maybe answer in terms of a couple themes. One, we have these neighbourhood greenways that are designated to be for bicycles and they don't really have much in terms of infrastructure or anything that really distinguishes them from any other street, other than the occasional green bicycle sign that you see. And so, this is...this pilot I think is...it is capitalizing on a synergy of trying to define what a greenway is and should be. And at the same time, it's piloting what Council has asked the Public Service to do, which is look into other speed limits which we've asked the Public Service to do in a variety of ways. If you look at the report history here, there was some talk about pilots with consultation with ward councillors. So, we're doing that. And these greenways are…I think they're ideal candidates. In terms of the speed versus the treatments, Councillor Eadie was mentioning speed humps and he was saying, perhaps speed tables may be better. We've endorsed a report that has a host of...they call it different treatment methods for roads. So, they could…you know, they could be traffic circles, they could be speed humps, they could be speed tables, they could be other things as well. I remember one of the reports mentioning chicanes. You should talk to the AT advocates, they'll talk about using things like flower pots. The point...I guess the point I'm trying to get to or the theme that I wanted to illustrate is that if the engineering of the road is done correctly, if the conditions of the road are done correctly, the speed limit will not be an issue in terms of enforcement because drivers will naturally want to drive that speed. Some of the more urban streets that are more narrow, drivers know not to drive 50, and they generally don't, but some do. And so, it's for those reasons…or it's for that reason that you want to have the maximum speed because some drivers are not reasonable. Most are, but some aren't, and so you want to have that enforcement capacity. But I think this it is a really unique opportunity to test out 30 k in the City of Winnipeg. In particular, where we're inviting cyclists to use the road, I had the opportunity of using Eugenie today. I know that there's already been a pre-engagement phase with residents and that there's been some interesting feedback so far from different types of road users. I saw the signage is up in terms of the pilot going up. The signage isn't up for the 30 yet, but the signage is up that something is going on, so I was able to see that. And I think this could be...I think this could be a really good news story, but we have to test...you know, we have to test it out to see how it goes, see how people react, see how the public engagement is. But an opportunity to better define our greenways, I think, is...this is a really good one. And greenways have the advantage like our open streets or our enhanced holiday cycle routes that they don't require much for new infrastructure. So, we can designate specific streets where we want to encourage cyclists to go, and that has...that has a benefit because then you have the...you have less mixing of different modes and that means that the higher speed roads will have less slower vehicles like bicycles. So, I think this is a good report. I think…I really look forward to...I hope it's approved by Council today and I hope to see what might be some really...well, what I expect will be interesting results on what type of road treatments should accompany 30 kilometers an hour and what should our greenways look like because the greenway is likely a lot easier to set up than other types of cycling infrastructure. And I know that I for one today, when I biked to and from Council, I used all of the available active transportation facilities and I had a much nicer ride than if I had used the arterial road network that did not necessarily have those cycling facilities. So, greenways are part of that and they're part of the AT strategies and we need to better define what they are. And this is the perfect opportunity to do it. So, thank you so much to my colleagues for raising some of their questions, some of their concerns. I do think this is the way to test it out. And I am becoming more and more a fan of trying things out rather than spending millions of dollars on consultant studies. So, this is a good way of trying it out, using our staff to find out what people like, what people liked less and giving it a shot. And just on the issue of signage, Councillor Rollins mentioned that she was looking forward to 30 k everywhere, no matter how many signs we need to put up. We're still asking the Province of Manitoba for boundary signage, gateway or boundary signage, which would be essentially asking them for the legislative authority to put up different speeds around neighborhoods. So, the one neighborhood I know very well, the residents associations asked for 30 kilometer pilot in their area, but it would be impossible to put up signs as, like, a very few...very few streets in and out of the neighborhood. And drivers would know that the speed limit is different. Unfortunately, the way the legislation is set up, we would have to put a sign at every street corner. So, most Winnipeggers don't want that. Councillor Rollins does, I think, if required but I thought I would mention that because that's going to be part of this pilot is that this signage is going to have to be on every block because we don't have the legislative authority to do it any other way. So, I hope that answers some of your questions and I hope that addresses some of your concerns. I really hope we can move this report forward. And I think if we do, we're going to learn a lot and we might have...we might have a template for what a greenway actually is in Winnipeg, other than just having a green sign on a street. So, thank you. I know it's late. So, thank you for pulling this report and giving me the opportunity to speak to it a little bit.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. With that, I'll call the question. And Councillor Eadie has requested a recorded vote. All in favour of Item 3, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Browaty, Klein and Nason

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 11, Nays 3.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Item 3 passes. Next, Item 4.

Item 4 – Delegation of Authority for the Setting of Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Routes

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We have amending Motion 12; moved by Councillor Chambers, seconded by Councillor Lukes. And also, amending Motion 19; moved by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Gilroy. We will start with you, Councillor Allard to open.

Councillor Allard: Both motions?

Madam Speaker: Yes, yes, motion…amending Motion 19 and the main item.

Motion No. 19
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendation 1.A. in its entirety and renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly.*

Councillor Allard: Okay, so, I will be supporting both motions and the main…well, the main item. This…what I find really great about the enhanced holiday cycle routes is that this is a project that Council has created and I think it's been a tremendous success. In terms of Councillor Chambers and Lukes, I think they'll be able to speak to the specifics of why they're proposing their amendments, but I think that is an example of how councillors are empowered to engage on these enhanced holiday cycle routes and they've been a tremendous success. I think we unanimously supported the motion at the last Council meeting and the streets have grown I think from around...from around eight to around 15. And so, the program is doing really well. It's really popular. And as we have seen from some delegations, some people are opposed and we should recognize that. But I think if you look at the...if you look at the majority, even on the streets themselves, I was speaking to Anders Swanson yesterday, and he was saying, and I haven't had time to review our numbers, but he was saying, according to our own public engagement, about 70% of Wellington residents were in support. So, it's…if you look at the street itself, there's...there are some people in opposition because they don't necessarily want to use a different route to get to their home. But it's worth pointing out that the road is owned by everyone. We all pay our taxes. And that all modes of travel are allowed on the enhanced holiday cycle routes, whether you're driving a car, you're cycling or you're a pedestrian and there's…we now know specific rules around pedestrian use of the enhanced holiday cycle route. So, anyhow, I think it's been a tremendously successful program. I think it is successful because it has very high levels of support in public and councillors are very much engaged. I know that I personally communicate with all of you in terms of what you would like or would not like in your respective wards. And with that, I'd like to propose bringing back Wellington to seven days a week until...and bringing it in…bring it…bringing it in...sorry...bringing it in line with the other enhanced holiday cycle routes or most of them that have seven days a week, and that until November the 5th. So, that's the motion that I'm moving and I'll be supporting Councillor Chambers and Lukes' motion which also addresses some local conditions there. So, I think those are my comments for now. I think the program is working well. I had the opportunity to cycle through Egerton on my way to work today and that was...or sorry, Youville which is one of the additions that we made this year. So, hope to see the pilot work well and if it does, and if Council decides we could...we could make it permanent. And I think this policy is probably...and Councillor Lukes might correct me if I'm wrong, but I think it's probably the policy that

has made the most road kilometers available to cyclists than any other project and we don't have to spend a whole lot to do it because the infrastructure is already there, all you need to do is change somewhat the traffic patterns. So, with that, I'll wait to hear what my colleagues have to say. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers to introduce Item 12 and you can speak to the main item as well.

Motion No. 12
Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be amended as follows:

- *Delete recommendation 1.B. in its entirety.*

- *Add the following new Recommendation 3 and renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly:*

  "3. That the Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 be amended to list the following as Sunday/Holiday Bicycle routes on weekends and holidays only, beginning September 7, 2021, until the expiration of the program on November 5, 2021:

  A. Kings Drive from Kilkenny Drive to Patricia Avenue and Kilkenny Drive, from Burgess Avenue to Kings Drive."

- *Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety and replace with the following:*

  "2. That Kings Drive, from Kilkenny Drive to Patricia Avenue and Kilkenny Drive, from Burgess Avenue to King's Drive, be open to vehicular traffic and removed as a Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route temporarily, on the following dates:

  A. August 29, 2021

  B. September 11, 2021

  C. October 23, 2021"

Councillor Chambers: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Motion 12.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. With respect to Motion 12 on this item, Item 4 of IRP…IPR…IRPW, it does become necessary in terms of looking at the streets of Kings Drive and Kilkenny that were included in the holiday...Sunday and holiday bike program, recognizing the fact that the Province is mandated the University of Manitoba to have in-class sessions for the fall semester. So, we have to recognize the amount of traffic that will be generated in that area. Currently, the University Crescent, there's only three access points to the University of Manitoba: University Crescent, Bison Drive and King's Drive. And currently University Crescent is under construction. Preparation for some rather large development that will be going on there within the next couple years. Also, the CFL has indicated that they are looking to host games again starting August of 2021, through to...well, December when the Grey Cup will be held in Hamilton. Recognizing that the Bombers will have some home games, again, this is traffic that…and their intention is to host fans in the stands that are fully vaccinated. And hopefully by then, the uptake will, you know, will have, you know, whatever percentage that allows us to have that milestone that is set by the Provincial Government surpassed as we have done early this...this milestone with respect to the vaccinations and the 22% that Winnipeggers and Manitobans have taken. So, with that, we have to look at safety concerns of the area and the amount of traffic that University of Manitoba will be pulling in with respect to fall class resumption. The university...this is economic. We want to get the university back up and running. The University of Manitoba generates approximately $1 billion in revenue each year. And this revenue is important to our economic recovery. So, we have to acknowledge that, you know, with the fact that there's only the three entrance ways…or the three entrance points to the University of Manitoba and one of them currently being under construction, this will become a factor, and a safety factor for those residents that live nearby. So, with that, I'm stating that we will be pulling back from the holiday…Sunday holiday...sorry, the open streets program in September. And with the provision to allow for the three Bomber home games as well to address the safety concerns in that area. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that we don't have proxy votes in this chamber, but what I'd like to say, Madam Speaker, if I could, which I know I can, on behalf of Councillor Orlikow is...is just to acknowledge that his ward, and how much it means. Madam Speaker, Councillor Orlikow, he grows up in River Heights. I meet him as a River Heights boy, a woman coming from U of O to U of W. And it's not lost on me, Madam Speaker, that on Wellington which has been the subject of, you know, some divisiveness, yes, on the one hand, but really, the best that we've had to offer with respect to health, wellness and this open street. On that street, Madam Speaker, sits a bench. And it's a bench that is a testament to my friend, Councillor Orlikow's dad. And you see, that bench is...is really that active open street, Madam Speaker, at its heart is literally Councillor Orlikow's dad who was a track coach. And people around it, whether they are former students that have been coached by his dad, are stretching, there are markers to do some burpees, Madam Speaker, I'm not saying I do them, but there are markers there in and around where Councillor Orlikow's dad's bench is right on Wellington. And I'm hoping that everyone will support the amendment, the amendment that retains Wellington as an open street. And I'm hoping we do it because we already received an e-mail from Councillor Orlikow saying that that is in part what he wishes to see happen. He wants to leave the program as is. So, Madam Speaker, I wanted to just say a few words. He's a great leader, our Deputy Mayor, Councillor Orlikow, and he can't be with us tonight, but...I think that...that we can be with him and his ward, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Wow, wow, this is an amazing...this is amazing. Okay, so, I'll speak to Motion 12. Motion 12, I'm seconding Councillor Chambers' motion. Just to be clear, there's three access points to the University of Manitoba. As Councillor Chambers noted, one of the access points is undergoing the first phase of the $9 million construction upgrade. And basically, is shutting down one access point. So, while we have the university opening on sort of a lower volume, it's still opening and we have these great football games going on. And leaving us with basically two routes and one of the routes is the Kilkenny King's Drive route. So, as much as it breaks my heart to have to support this, we have to support it because of the whole economic impact and everything involved with the stadium and with the university and the fact that we have this $9 million phase one construction project going on. I sat on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for multiple years when the stadium came to the neighbourhood, and you know what, overall good work has been done. And the university is doing some incredible work and the City is doing incredible work. So, I'll be supporting...well, I'm seconding it, so obviously, I'm supporting it. And in relation to the other item on the agenda, I just wanted to note, I am sure you have all heard this a hundred times, but I will state it again for the record; I started working in the realm of active transportation 20 years ago now with a passion. In a time where there were eight, maybe 10 people actively pursuing a movement to increase walking and cycling in our city. We are very concerned...and this is hilarious; we were very concerned when the term "active transportation" was started. It was starting to be used in other parts of the world. And as Jutta acknowledged earlier this morning, one of our big dilemmas was, how would we explain to the public what "active transportation" meant? So today it just...it literally brings me to tears to see and hear so many hundreds, thousands of other people supporting active transportation and understanding the importance to our health and our mental well-being. And to have the doctors come out and speak to that, just...you know, how long we wanted to have these voices at the table. Moving active transportation forward has been and continues to be an incredible ride. I think it's actually an understatement. To think that the simple act of allowing people more space to walk and cycle can bring forth such polarizing views is difficult...is difficult. We've come a long way. We have a long way to go. And one of the ways...but one of the ways to help move active transportation forward is to allow people to use the roads in this pilot. Wellington Crescent is part of a city-wide pilot project. The pilot needs to run its duration and not be cut short. I believe Winnipeg needs to create the environment for more cycling and pedestrian-friendly environments and to create the environment for conversation, which we're having a lot of, which is good. The City will learn a lot from this pilot and I know it will take drivers a few more minutes on their drive, but I also know it will improve hundreds and thousands of people's mental and physical health. And it will help move active transportation forward in our city. And I want to thank Councillor Allard for grasping the active transportation baton and really running with it. Bravo to you, Councillor Allard. Kids really open the minds to the need for safe active transportation. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: I'm glad I didn't have to follow Councillor Rollins because that was terrific. And quite an eloquent tribute to Councillor Orlikow who unfortunately isn't with us tonight and it's doubly unfortunate because we have an issue that's obviously been very divisive in his ward before us as it was before us at EPC. So, as Councillor Rollins indicated, at this stage, I think Councillor Rollins wants…Councillor Orlikow wants a chance to go back and talk to residents in his ward some more about this. So, I'll be supporting that. It does concern...I mean, everyone likes cycling. Everyone likes walking. On the other hand, it is disturbing when someone comes and tells the story of being, you know, saying who is getting a ticket now, bitch. And people taking their photos and we have to do a little better job, at least a better job of educating people saying, it is not cars are banned, period. It's you can drive to your house, you can drive a block. I don't

know why it's so much worse on this street than others, I suspect just sheer volume. There's some people who don't love it in my ward on Egerton and Youville, but it hasn't been overwhelming. I actually used the one in Councillor Rollins' ward probably more…quite a bit at Churchill Drive. And the only issues I've ever had is, you know, friendly waves from the people and Councillor Orlikow's assistant going to the community garden. Which I think, why is this person honking at me? What's wrong with…oh, it's Georgina. So, you know, not exactly combative, it was quite amicable, at least with my experience on Churchill Drive. So, something is going wrong here on Wellington Crescent and hopefully Councillor Orlikow can try and get some awareness of people saying that you have the right to drive your car to get to your home. It is a block, but you do have the right to do that because there will always be some people with very negative experiences. But as Councillor Rollins said with more eloquence, this is the direction Councillor Orlikow wants us to go and so I'll be supporting the amendment here. We may be back on this, I suspect, at some point, but for tonight, yeah, and it is unfortunate that Councillor Orlikow isn't here who knows so much about that ward and that grew up there and has represented it for more than a decade now. But for tonight I'll…kudos to Councillor Rollins for not saying 'I told you so', because she voted that way at EPC, but I guess we'll follow her lead tonight or follow her example tonight, perhaps a better way of putting it. And that's how I'll be voting.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do hope the Bombers play lots of home games this year. I think it's more than the three that are listed here. Okay, sorry. I was distracted there for a moment. You know, Transcona has some open streets and for the first time ever we're part of that pilot but our active transportation is disconnected. We've got routes that are started that end in the middle of a block that have no congruency. We've got others that have been cut up and haven't finished. But you know, that's Transcona, apparently. Looking at the division though that's been evolved over the Wellington Road open street, Wellington Avenue, sorry...that we're debating, it took a different route for me. I've got some words I'm going to read in that's from…correspondence I received from a personal friend whose name is Kirby. And she's…she's got a disability, but she's refused to let it box her in. And is a definite inspiration to me to do better and do more to help her and those I've heard that actually...she's blind. She's legally blind, but she cycles and she recently organized, as part of a collective disability, cycling meeting with the Winnipeg Public Service. And I'm trying to organize a meeting so I can get some information from the Public Service so that I can help further their cause. But I'll not belabour it any longer and I will read the comments that I received from her. "I would like to preface this letter by saying that I'm extremely embarrassed to have to be having this conversation with a neighbourhood whose members are some of the most privileged in our city. The following perspective is my own based on my experience as a person with a disability who primarily uses a road bike as transportation spring to fall. I live centrally. Choose to live in the heart of our city is an adaptation. There's a list of reasons why this location facilitates an independent life. As a person with a disability, my life will always cost more money, and living central is a part of that sacrifice. When you live central, transit improves. Accessible roads, sidewalks improve. Opportunities to participate in my community improves. The freedom of movement and the amount of time saved is worth every penny. Wellington Crescent, you are not the only citizens who pay more for what you want. To say that using my bicycle as a transportation tool has improved my quality of life is an understatement. It has been life altering, and I'm not being dramatic. Your community members have the gall to complain that they have not received grocery deliveries with a complete disregard of the entitlement of that statement. Then wail about how they miss cruising their street, taking in its beauty as if they live in some aristocracy. The truth is, Wellington Crescent is a centrally located, residential street on a route that serves many needs for a variety of folks. It is clear that some residents of Wellington Crescent choose to prioritize menial discomforts and show a complete disregard for accessibility and inclusion. Wellington Crescent's open road allows me to safely ride with my friends, including those with disabilities. I can be included in an activity with minimal adaptations. And I don't need to ask anyone for help. I can participate independently. The independence and safety extends to everyone surrounding Assiniboine Park. Areas of the city that are not easily accessible by bike otherwise. I am not the only citizen enjoying the safe, inclusive, accessible freedom of movement and independence provided by Wellington Crescent remaining closed to traffic. Read that again." And she actually wrote that. "I am not the only citizen enjoying the safe, inclusive, accessible freedom of movement and independence provided by Wellington Crescent remaining closed to traffic. The conversations your community should be having is with local cycling organizations who can facilitate dialogue between those who use vehicles on Wellington Crescent and those who use bikes. Residents of Wellington Crescent, if you can look beyond your private canopy, this is your opportunity to build a better city. You can directly participate in creating more accessible and inclusive roads." Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the motion that's in front of us here today and the amending motion. I think it's really critical that we provide infrastructure for people to have for active transportation, not only for people to get to and from where they're going, but in order to be active. I think that this is what Wellington Crescent is providing, for not only the residents of Wellington Crescent, but the people surrounding Wellington Crescent. I know that I have heard in my own ward on Wolseley Avenue is the similar experiences with what they're getting on Wellington Crescent. And I hope people hear loud and clear that, you know, we do have to be collaborative, we do have to work

together and we do have to share the road. And I think that that's critical. And that means that, you know…you know, how people choose to conduct themselves when they are using the road is critical to making this a success. So, some of the people that I think are riding their bikes and aren't being supportive of the people trying to enter...enter into their property, you know, they need to listen to this because this isn't going to go away if they don't cooperate and work with the people that have to get to their homes on Wellington Crescent and on Palmerston and on Wolseley, and places that we have this. But I think that one thing that we do forget is that a lot of our people that are also using the road is not...people underage that can't even operate a car. So, we're providing an opportunity for many of the people in our community that don't have access to vehicles, to be able to get to and from destinations, but also be able to get out and be active. I know that many members in my community are doing family rides. And so, you're seeing multi-generations using this facility in an area where we don't have a lot of trails and stuff provided for people to go to. So, I think this is a real opportunity. I'm piloting in my own ward, I'm piloting on Wellington Avenue, not Crescent, a Saturday and Sunday and holiday Mondays bike route, to see if we can get more people out in the west end part of the ward, enjoying the air and getting out in the community and having a safer place to cycle. And I've had really good experiences and communication around people that are using it and with a bike…with a bus on route. So, on Wellington there is a bus and the bus drivers are being very cautious and very good in terms of having people on Wellington and being able to access Wellington using their bikes and walking on the sidewalk. So, I just really think that this is important. And I do want to thank Councillor Allard and many people before him like Councillor Lukes, have really talked about active transportation. But I know Councillor Allard has been helpful and supportive of me getting Wellington Avenue going and getting Wolseley going and he's been a tremendous support. So, I just wanted to thank him and his work as Chair. Thank you.

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

Councillor Klein: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Sorry, I wasn't prepared when you called on me the first time. I had made mention to Councillor Lukes that if this motion that was presented by Councillor Lukes and Councillor Chambers was to accommodate the football games, they've missed several games. August 5th should be included. August 13th should be included. I believe, August 29th is there. September 11th, I believe October 8th is also missing from this list if this is for home games. So, I'm just wondering if we…if there will be a revised motion for this coming or we're just going to leave it at some dates and not all of the dates for home games.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Given the hour, I'll be brief. I want to thank our chair for his stewardship and collaboration with all members of Council. I also want to thank, in terms of the Wellington Crescent bicycling route, I do want to thank Councillor Orlikow. I think Councillor Rollins spoke eloquently about our Deputy Mayor and his family's connection to the community. It is absolutely profound, and he has done an exemplary job during recent months of being open and accessible with residents who have shared their concerns as well as their praise about the initiative that was introduced by this council as a temporary measure during the pandemic. And I think it is important to keep in mind that this council has done its best to be nimble and to provide additional open spaces for our residents to safely attend to their mental health and their physical health needs in the community. This is one of those ways in which we've tried to offer that...those increased cycling amenities in many corners of our city. I want to thank our Public Service as well, of course, they are doing their best to respond to the direction from Council that we're providing. But I...I want to just acknowledge the feedback that we received from some of our residents and delegations. Some of the instances that they were citing were really disturbing to hear. Residents shouldn't have to deal with some of the issues that some have cited in delegation. And I want to urge all of our residents, both those that support or have issues with this initiative, to continue to be respectful to each other. This is being done to help our community weather the pandemic, to help our community deal with what is a prolonged pandemic, far longer than any of us would have liked. And so, I also really regret hearing the characterization of residents who live on Wellington Crescent in a way that really stereotypes in a negative way. The reality is that all residents, regardless of how much taxes they pay, have a voice at city hall. And I think it is important that we listen to the concerns regardless of which corner of the city they're coming from and which ward they're coming from. Those voices matter. And what I have heard from residents over the last...certainly over the last week and through our Deputy Mayor and councillor who has received overwhelming support for this initiative to continue until November, I want to support him and I want to support the residents that have come forward. And I want to remind all those that are using the amenities to be respectful of the local residents as well as remind all those that do need to drive that one block to go to their home, as well, just to be respectful and mindful of each other. We want to make sure that this is as safe as possible. It is a new initiative. And hopefully that can continue and can occur between now and November when this measure will conclude for this...for this year. And again, that's when it is to be concluded. It's a temporary measure during the pandemic. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Oh, sorry. I'll be supporting both amendments as well as the main motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Chambers, I see something new circulated here.

Councillor Chambers: Yeah, Item 21. Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you, Councillor Klein for identifying the 5th and the 13th...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers, are you rescinding Motion 12?

Councillor Chambers: Yes, and I'll just speak to that real quick if I can.

Madam Speaker: Just a moment though, you will rescind Motion 12 and replace it…

Councillor Chambers: Rescinding Motion 12 to introduce 21.

Madam Speaker: And replace it with 21.

Councillor Chambers: Correct.

Madam Speaker: And that's with the concurrence of the seconder. You are rescinding Motion 12 with the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Lukes, and the blessing of Councillor Klein, rescinding Motion 12 and replacing with...

Councillor Chambers: Item 21 that adds…

Madam Speaker: Motion 21.

Councillor Chambers: August 5th and 13th home games.

Madam Speaker: I need to just…procedurally…just a moment. Call the question on rescinding Motion 12. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Okay. Councillor Chambers, your opportunity to introduce motion...amending Motion 21.

Motion No. 21
Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be amended as follows:

- *Delete recommendation 1.B. in its entirety.*
- *Add the following new Recommendation 3 and renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly:*

  "3. That the Traffic By-law No. 1573/77 be amended to list the following as Sunday/Holiday Bicycle routes on weekends and holidays only, beginning September 7, 2021, until the expiration of the program on November 5, 2021:

  A. Kings Drive from Kilkenny Drive to Patricia Avenue and Kilkenny Drive, from Burgess Avenue to Kings Drive."

- *Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety and replace with the following:*

  "2. That Kings Drive, from Kilkenny Drive to Patricia Avenue and Kilkenny Drive, from Burgess Avenue to King's Drive, be open to vehicular traffic and removed as a Sunday / Holiday Bicycle Route temporarily, on the following dates:

  A. August 5, 13, 29, 2021

  B. September 11, 2021

  C. October 23, 2021"

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. So, essentially, I'm adding...what the intent here is, is currently a seven-day program for Kilkenny and Kings Drive up until…up to Patricia, effective September, it will go to a Saturday

and Sunday and holiday schedule for open streets. The Bomber games that...the Bomber home games that are listed are on the weekends, with the exception of the October 8th game which is on a Friday. So, essentially, the October 8th game will not be affected as the streets will be open to traffic. So, that is why the August 5th, 13th, 29th, September 11th and October 3rd games are listed because they are on the weekends. And essentially would be affected...the streets would still be open or...for specifically bicycle traffic. And that's the safety issues that we're trying to address with the volume of traffic that will be attending Bomber games and the University of Manitoba.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Any other speakers? Okay. You can speak once again if you like. There's a new motion that's been introduced. Okay. Seeing none, councillor…Councillor Chambers, do you wish to close on your motion?

Councillor Chambers: No, just call the question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, do you wish to close?

Councillor Allard: Yeah, I wanted to echo some of the comments that were made earlier in terms of some of the interactions with cyclists and…or people who ride bicycles and people who drive cars. As somebody who uses both modes, I see negative interactions across the city. I think we may have been hearing about perhaps a place where there's a certain level of concentration of that, given the amount of traffic. But I just want to remind everybody; a road is no one's road, we all own the road, we all pay taxes. We all have the right to use the road as long as we're respecting the rules of the Highway Traffic Act. So, I wanted to put it out there that as somebody who uses all of the modes, I do see quite a bit of conflict. I do see quite a bit of non-respect of the Highway Traffic Act. And I think if we could be a little bit more patient with each other as Winnipeggers, we're working on building a complete network of active transportation. It's not ready yet, it's being built bit-by-bit, but in the meantime, we do have to share the road, whether you're...whether you're a pedestrian walking on a street with no sidewalk or a cyclist on a street mixing with cars or people driving cars, I think we...I think we could be kinder to each other in Winnipeg. And I just want to highlight that no one owns the road. If you reside on a road, you don't own the road. You get to…you get to use it like, really, anybody else might get...can use it as long as they're respecting the rules of the road. So, I wanted to say, unfortunately, those interactions that we heard about, they happen...they happen to people who ride bicycles, they happen to people who drive cars, they happen to pedestrians and there's some negative interactions out there across the city. And there's people not following the rules of the road at all times. So, yeah, if I could appeal to Winnipeggers to try and be more kind to each other, that's what I would do. But I'm not sure how many are listening at 9:30 on a Council day. So, anyhow, I'll close with that. I really hope we can support both amending motions and I hope it can be unanimous once again.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on amending Motion 21, moved by Councillor Chambers. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Call the question on amending Motion 19, moved by Councillor Allard. All in favour? Contrary? Is Councillor Klein noted in opposition? And Item 19...Motion 19 carries. Now I'll call the question on Item 4, as amended.

Councillor Allard: Recorded vote, please.

Madam Speaker: 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, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Rollins, Santos and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillor Klein

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Allard, for our chair? Councillor Eadie, you do?

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Councillor Eadie: Yeah, just one quickie. I just…it's a, did you know, Madam Speaker. Did you know, Madam Speaker, back when I was involved with Ped Med and the International Consultation about Safe Intersections, did you know, Councillor Allard, that they…they determined and studied, and they said the safest intersection you will find is one without any controls? Did you know that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I was not aware, but that brings to mind a video that you'd find somewhere on YouTube, where you have this busiest street you can ever imagine, where every single mode is sharing that…that street, and it seems to work out. So, somehow, I think Councillor Eadie may be on to something. However, I think we have a pretty different regulatory regime here and pretty codified rules of the road. So, I'm not sure how that would work, but…but perhaps we will find out one day if the Province of Manitoba ever amends the Highway Traffic Act and allows us to do true open streets.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: I beat you to it, Councillor Mayes. Yeah, Madam Speaker. The question I have, there's been some recent troubling media coverage, and residents have reached out as well, with regards to situations involving road construction and 311 is redirecting residents to reach out to the consulting company that's undertaking the work. Does the Chair feel that the City of Winnipeg should be telling people to call somebody else as opposed to owning the problem with regards to construction on our streets if they're not meeting accessibility needs?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Could the…could the Councillor restate the question? I understood everything up to when the Councillor was talking under accessibility needs.

Councillor Nason: So, under….Madam Speaker, if I…if I may try to clarify. So, when we're doing work…road work, last year we saw it out front of City Hall, the approach is not being made to accommodate wheelchair ramps, bus situations, where the ramps are not extended from the curbside, from the sidewalks to allow passengers to enter the bus safely if they have a disability. These things seem to be pawned off to the engineering company that's responsible for undertaking. So, I'm wondering if that is an acceptable approach?

Councillor Allard: I would remind…Well, thank you very much for the question. I…I, myself have been having some questions from residents pertaining to road renovations and private approaches and same situation there, the consultant is the lead communicator and if there is issues they are escalated to the City Project Manager, and usually the Councillor's Office. So, I've been involved in a case where I'm in communication with the consultant, the…the City Manager responsible for the project, and well, my office and the residents. So, if the Councillor is asking me, do I think that is acceptable, I would invite the Councillor to use his…his power of elected office, and move a policy motion that would address the issue or perhaps even just raise the question in the form of a motion. We recently had, I think, Road Construction Working Group. I don't know if this issue pertains specifically to road construction, but we did have some reforms there in terms of communication. We can always do a better job at communicating, but if the Councillor has some ideas, I would love to hear what they are, and I would love to have something concrete and actionable that we can all vote on as a Council one day, and that's not just a question in question period, where…where I can offer my perspective, but in this context, I can't offer any action.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, declaring my own self-interest in this question. But could Councillor Allard, we don't need an answer tonight, but could you take a look and see if there's any potential issues with the Manitoba Marathon is going to run this year, we hope, on Labour Day weekend, 10K on the Saturday and half marathon, full marathon on the Sunday. Due to a stroke of good luck, this…the year they're not using Wellington as part of the route, so small blessing there. They're doing the half marathon twice, so it's only my ward, Councillor Rollins' ward, I think, and Councillor Lukes' ward, that would be…have any part of the race. But I wonder if you could just, I…my offices would be happy to talk to you, could we just double check so that we don't run into any issues with what might be streets closed off for…for COVID, not a 100% sure that the race will go, but given that it's Labour Day Sunday and restrictions might still be in place. But I'd hate to be dealing, three days out, find out, luckily Kings Drive is too far south, so that's not going to be affected by the race. But I've been lucky this year that we won't being going on to Wellington or Academy, but it's basically just a route around through St. Vital, over the Elm Park bridge, and down past Ravenscourt, that… the traditional half-marathon moves up past. So, if

we could just double check that there aren't any unexpected street closures or potential issues that might arise, due to it's… it's a different course, and a different time of year than usual.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I'm writing an email to the CAO line, and I'm going to copy the Director of Public Works and copy Councillor Mayes, so we should be getting an answer on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, that concludes the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee.

Councillor Eadie: (Inaudible)

Madam Speaker: All right, Mr. Deputy Speaker, go ahead.

Councillor Eadie: Just…

Councillor Mayes: (Inaudible) It can wait, Gilroy.

Councillor Eadie: Just…just some advice, did you know that the Universal Design Standards that we have here with the City, that the City is supposed to ensure, is undertaking whenever things are done, that is has a section on…on street construction, and what should be done to keep things accessible? Did you know that, Councillor?

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question, the rhetorical question, we do have a Road Construction Manual, which we update regularly. I've been seeing signs that I've never seen before pop-up, but if there are actionable items out of the Universal Design Manual that should be added to our Construction Manual, I'd be interested in getting those implemented into Council policy. Councillor Eadie, perhaps we could follow up offline, and if there is a motion required, we can certainly move it and ask the Public Service to amend those manuals.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We'll get right into question period. Councillor Mayes, a question for our chair.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I suspect next month we'll be talking a bit about school trustees and school boards, so in anticipation of that, I just wonder if by next meeting if Councillor Gillingham could give us a report back on, almost exactly a year ago there was some coverage of the City of Winnipeg and several City of Winnipeg School Divisions that were in some unfortunate litigation, unfortunate in that involved the interpretation of a provincial statue, the Municipal Assessment Act and Exemptions. 25 different exemptions claimed by school divisions that the City has posed; three of which were to go to court as test cases. Mark Newman who's no stranger here is representing the school divisions. I don't know if that litigation ever took place due to COVID. I don't know if we have a result, if it did take place, and also we might want to think about if the Province is doing comprehensive legislation around school boards, perhaps we could get some clarity, simplification, so we don't end up in further litigation. I mean, it's a very Canadian case. It's the English version gives you an exemption if you're used as a public school, the French version of the same statute says you're exempt if building's used for the needs.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Mayes: The needs of a public school.

Councillor Mayes: So, it's an interesting matter…Monaco in Windsor Park is one of them, one on Wellington, one on Spruce. These buildings used for equipment. They're used for clinicians, which is part of modern education but can we just get a report back, where does this litigation stand, and is there not some way to present? As a taxpayer, it bugs me to see two levels of government fighting over the interpretation of legislation from a third level of government when you…you're going to have to pay anyways as the taxpayer. There must be a simpler way to do this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Through you, Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councillor for the question. Yes, I don't have that information, but I'm glad you remembered it. I hadn't remembered it, and so I will look to provide an update by next meeting on the status of that litigation.

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

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker, I know, I mentioned earlier about it, you know, with 2022, so maybe I'll ask this question in advance of 2022. Through you, Madam Speaker, I got a question if the Chair of Finance could articulate, what is the financial liability of long service Members of Council and the payouts that they receive when they don't run again?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Yeah, that information as far as each Councillor and their term of service and what is…what they're allowed or permitted or what part of the financial compensation that has been put in place, I can get that. I don't have that in front of me, but I can provide that. I mean it is available to all Councillors, and we'll certainly get that and distribute it to all Council members.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes, on the report dated June 2nd.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED JUNE 2, 2021**

Councillor Mayes: Getting my second wind, pressing through till midnight. Here we go. So, this is the…I'll move the consent agenda item, if I pull No. 2, for the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste for the agenda dated June 2nd, 2021.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. I'll call the question on 1, 3 and 4.

Councillor Eadie: I would like to stand...actually, sorry, the climate change motion.

Madam Speaker: That one has been stood down, that is No. 2.

Councillor Mayes: I'll combine my speeches with that. Never mind.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Okay. So, I'll call the question on 1, 3 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 2 – 2020 Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan Annual Report

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, it's an important item, it's also quarter to 10:00 at night and we have been here for many hours so I won't belabor the point. I want to thank Becky Raddatz who's been our acting...acting, I think had to come in as the…replace our acting head of the Sustainability Office, but Ms. Raddatz has done some very good work for us over the years on closed landfills. Has put in a lot of work. Her entire staff is now Jeanette Sivilay, our former Food Council Coordinator who is now with the Office of Sustainability. So, small but powerful group of women there doing some work on our climate change plans. We have a lot of balls in the air. There's…you could look at this as the glass is half full or half empty. We are underway with a compost pilot project, but we haven't made the move yet to do a full compost program. We are underway with…Councillor Schreyer would want me to mention that we're underway with the study on, can we wean ourselves off natural gas. What can we do towards reduced emissions? We are doing a study of that, but we don't have an action plan really on that yet. We are certainly...we passed earlier today the...what was first in this climate change plan of 50% infill target in strategic areas. Not very well defined, unfortunately, but we have done some work now to define that to make sure that we have 50% infill. So, certainly, some progress being made. A lot of detail here that I won't get into but I do want to thank…Moira Geer had this moved into the Water and Waste utility a couple years ago out of the CAO's Office and I think that they are doing a lot of work already at the Water and Waste utility. They've got small things, they've got North End Sewage Plant and a $2 billion CSO plan, but they're doing I think good work here to try and move forward on our climate change plan. There will always be critics saying we could go faster. That's fair enough. But I do

think we're taking some real steps forward here. Hopefully some councillors, if you have specific examples you want to highlight, please do so. And I'll reserve other remarks for closing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any other speakers? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you. And before I go on...I just want to say, I really do appreciate all of the work our Public Service does. And I was just...actually I read an article that I somehow missed about the planting of prairie grass over at the Summit Road Landfill and growing it by utilizing some of the...I don't know, is it bio-solids or whatever, from the Brady recovery…Brady Road Recovery Centre. Anyway, Madam Speaker, I...I wanted to talk about this one because, you know, I listened to the discussion at the Water and Waste…at this committee and, you know, I...you know, so we the City, we're taking responsibility...and I remember the...I can't remember the conference...this is the strategy report that we're talking about, but there's a standing master plan or whatever, policy, I can't remember the full name of it, but it was quite extensive and evaluated. And…but so, we have the City of Winnipeg and we're taking on this great responsibility to ensure that we minimize greenhouse gas by collecting and moving to collecting compostable material in some fashion from the residential properties in this city. Now, and I think…you know, that is important, it is very important, Madam…Madam Speaker. But you know...and then I heard them talk, well, we don't do commercial. We don't do commercial. We don't do commercial. Well, that plan that was moved and put in place in 2012 or '11, whenever...anyway, it's the one that laid out all the plan for the recycle and all of this stuff and a potential curbside compost material pickup and all of this stuff, Madam Speaker. But in there, it said that they would take a real look at getting into...now remember, these commercial industrial compostable material is happening in our city just like the residential compost. We took responsibility for it. Why? I don't get it because we know that commercial industrial compostable material from a study now some years ago is bigger, bigger, Madam Speaker, across Winnipeg and across the province. So, I just want to bring that up. I mean, I'm not voting against...this is a climate change and, you know, I respect, you know, there's a lot to do...you know...this is not an easy portfolio because it really, you know, it's a difficult one to reduce your footprint as a city with our own...with our own generated emissions from using natural gases, Councillor Mayes has rightly pointed. But we have circumstances, Madam Speaker, in...in this city where we can't directly mitigate the leaking of greenhouse gases. We can do it more so at the recovery centre. Over the years it's been set up to deal with things in a more appropriate fashion and recover whatever we can. And it's good, but I don't know where...when this motion hits Water and Waste that whenever...whatever meeting it gets to, but in some way here, when we can't directly deal with something, we're going to...I think we should be looking at greenhouse gas emission offsets. In circumstances where, you know, it's like jet fuel...there's no other option right now but to burn jet fuel for jets. Like, until they figure out what that option is, therein having to deal with offsets. So, anyways, just throwing out ideas. We're working towards what we can and I just...anyway, I just wanted to mention my frustration when, you know...you know, like, well, we don't do that. Well, yeah, but you said in the master plan and a policy that you would take a serious look at it. Anyway, I'll leave it at that, thanks, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: Let us say a few words in praise of Councillor Eadie and Councillor Lukes for Motion 14 which is coming to the Water and Waste Committee. This is taking a look at the 33 other closed landfill sites in the city other than Brady. You will know that Brady is number two in the province in terms of single site greenhouse gas emissions, only exceeded by the fertilizer plant in Brandon, but also on that list of top ten is Summit Landfill, which is long closed, which we…it's somewhere out by the airport, somewhere out there as we heard earlier today. So, Summit remains an issue and this motion is very good saying, we have these other ones, what are they doing? Is there some way we could get revenue from them? Is there some way we could look at the greenhouse gas emissions there? So, I look forward to dealing...hopefully we'll get on it on next week's agenda. That would be terrific. We've got three items on the agenda, this would be a good one to add. So, thanks to Councillor Eadie and Councillor Lukes for raising that. We should also commend…you know, ag is one of the big greenhouse gas emitters in this province. We don't have a huge role in that but we now do have a Food Council under this mayor. We've got that going. We've had some good work come out of there. And, more praise for Councillor Eadie, we are…last year we started the first of these victory gardens and that was at the St. Vital Arena and number two is going in Councillor Eadie's ward who has kicked in some money toward the West K Arena, the West Kildonan Arena, where there's some...I think that Jeanette said they're 85% in for planting or something, so thanks to Councillor Eadie. And I learned…taking my kid out learning how to drive, I said, you know where we should go? We should go to…I've never been there in my life, let's go by the West K Arena, see how the planting's going. So, we did that the other night. So, kudos to Councillor Eadie on getting that going. It's not going to change the world but these gardens really do have…you can get a lot of good for the local community, so we keep trying to inch along on these community garden projects through the Food Council. So, yeah, Councillor Eadie makes a couple of good points there about our closed landfills and some work we can still hope to do there. In terms of the compost, it's late, I don't really have a response in terms of what is being done commercially, and yet, I know Green Action Centre would say, no, no, mention Compost Winnipeg, which I put some money into some years ago to get them a vehicle. So, there is some commercial pickup by Compost Winnipeg through the Green Action Centre. And if you ever go to the St. Vital Centre, there's a fourth bin and that's the compost bin and they're very proud of that. So, there's some private sector initiative going on to do

compost. And we...you know, that's part of the overall effort of what we're doing. So, I encourage people to vote in favour and, obviously, our big initiative this past year and then the Mayor spearheaded that, the very big push on electric buses and on transit, not just tens of millions, but hundreds of millions of dollars, looking to expand our transit system so that we'll have, we hope, federal backing and provincial backing and that would certainly go a long way toward our climate change goals. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. With that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Councillor Klein noted in opposition for Item 2. And the item carries. We'll now have a motion. It's Motion No. 14; moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Lukes. It's regarding the Brady Road Landfill. And that will be an automatic referral to this committee. Okay, we have no motions. No other motions, no by-laws, we'll now have question period. Any questions for our chair? Councillor Chambers.

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

Motion No. 14
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the Brady Road Resource Management Facility has the ability to burn off methane gas from the land fill, and produce compost from a new compostable collection program, but the 33 closed landfill sites around Winnipeg don't necessarily have the ability to burn off methane that is constantly monitored;

AND WHEREAS green house gas emissions offsets are used to reduce climate change effects on an organization's inability to directly reduce green house gases from operations;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's climate change plans identify landfill gases contribute to difficulties in reducing our climate change footprint;

AND WHEREAS producing solar energy have less of an environmental impact, basically zero emissions from operating the solar array or farm , and can be located in places easily where sun can be harnessed while hydro has a larger environmental impact with some emissions from operating in distant places where the right water conditions exist;

AND WHEREAS The "CLOSED LANDFILLS IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG", a presentation to SPC On WWRME on May 29, 2017, didn't include ideas on green house gas emission offsets, but it provided important information about the status and land use of the 33 closed landfills in the following reports:

September 2015, Landfill Status Report for Closed Landfills
October 2015, Landfill Environmental Risk Report for Closed Landfills
December 2015, Landfill Rehabilitation and Cost Estimate Report
December, 2015, WINNIPEG LANDFILL LAND USE POTENTIAL REPORT

AND WHEREAS the above reports, at first read, show the potential for solar and wind electricity offsets to have a higher potential to be built at closed landfill sites in or near industrial areas of the city where existing electrical grids exist;

AND WHEREAS other levels of government have potential funds to help reduce a city's green house gas footprint;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service seek out grants and or partnerships to study and establish green house gas offset operations where viable on any of our 33 closed landfill sites.

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QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair. Residents in my ward have engaged me in a conversation with respect to the automated billing process. They registered to go paperless, and to have their bills

and metre readings done on an online format. Yet, they continue to receive paper cards in the mail, and are indicating it's a duplication of services, in terms of being online paper…online-based, but still receiving the paper notification for them to do their metre reading. I'm just, through you to the Chair, asking when will the automated billing process be fully functional so that individuals who have registered to go paperless will only receive a notification email that they are to submit a metre reading.

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

Councillor Mayes: I will… that's a fair question, I'll look into that. I know Councillor Klein had a motion a while back about trying to go monthly, and trying to do more with paperless billing, to his credit, and there were some issues with that. I don't have an answer tonight, but I can certainly look into that and find out. This…I assume this is…these aren't the people who don't have city water and sewer, and don't normally get any water bill, and get it like once a year on the garbage fee, right? These are just people who have normal water situation…okay, we can…I can certainly ask Ms. Geer what the…what the situation is with that.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, let's move on to the next committee. It's the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. We'll now get into question period under this committee. Any questions for our Chair, for Councillor Browaty? None tonight? As we near the end of our meeting I would like to thank our Clerks for their support and dedication today for this 12-hour plus meeting and also acknowledge that Mr. Mike Ruta has been with us for the duration of the meeting. Thank you, Mr. CAO. With that, Councillor Lukes, would you move that we adjourn.

Councillor Lukes: Definitely.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 9:57 p.m.