COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, December 16, 2021

The Council met at 9:40 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 Santos.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Mr. Mayor, I understand that we have some special guests in the gallery that you would like to introduce.

Mayor Bowman: You know what, I think I will defer to my Council colleague who's been very active with AMM, and so, I'm going to defer to Councillor Browaty to welcome our guests from AMM.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Your Worship. I would like to introduce to the podium Mr. Kam Blight, President of AMM, and Denys Volkov, Executive Director. I believe they have a service pin presentation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Welcome, gentlemen. Mr. Volkov, why don't you come down as well. There's a presentation of long service pins. Very special occasion for some members of Council that have served quite some time. Welcome.

Kam Blight: Thank you very much. Good morning, everyone. My name is Kam Blight and I am the President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Reeve for the RM of Portage La Prairie. Our organization is independent and non-partisan and our mission is to identify and address the needs and concerns of our members in order to achieve strong and effective municipal government. Our membership consists of all of Manitoba's 137 incorporated municipalities which, of course, includes the city of Winnipeg. As I'm sure you all know, Councillor Jeff Browaty represents the city of Winnipeg on the AMM board of directors. He is also being recognized today for 15 years of service. Congratulations, Jeff. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you on the AMM board lobbying on issues important to all municipalities. With that…with that said, on behalf of the AMM, it is my pleasure to be at city hall to personally present AMM service pins to Winnipeg's City Council. Every year, the AMM presents service pins to members of Council for their years of service in increments of five years. Elected officials from across the province have been recognized by AMM for their significant contributions and dedication as a Council member. We have recommend…recognized members that have served for five years, all the way up to 50 years of service. You have a littleways to go yet, Jeff, but almost there. Together we can continue to help empower local communities particularly as we start to look to economic recovery. While the last 20 months of this pandemic has certainly been challenging, local councils have worked extremely hard to come together to tackle some very important issues this last year. For instance, we appreciate our joint advocacy on Bill 37. We have fought hard to ensure the Province of Manitoba hears our strong united voice. We have seen the inherent challenges that this legislation will bring to all members. For that reason, our position remains the same. Since local officials know their own communities best, it is vital that local decision making is respected. This last year we also worked collaboratively to lobby both the Provincial and Federal Governments to ensure Winnipeg receives their fair share of ISIP funding to upgrade the North End Water Treatment Facility as well as ensure dedicated dollars under the public transit infrastructure stream are leveraged at the discretion of Winnipeg's City Council. Going forward, it is essential that we continue to work together to tackle common challenges and achieve results that are responsive to all municipal concerns. And I would like to thank you, Mayor Bowman, for taking time to meet with me on different occasions over this past year to discuss critical issues such as these.

Now, I would like to take a moment to present the service pins, starting with those achieving five years as a dedicated Council member. Mayor Brian Bowman, Councillor Cindy Gilroy, Councillor Janice Lukes, Councillor Jason Schreyer, Councillor Matt Allard and Councillor Scott Gillingham. Next, I would like to recognize councillors celebrating 10 years of service. Councillor John Orlikow, Councillor Devi Sharma, Councillor Ross Eadie, Councillor Brian Mayes. And lastly, I would like to congratulate Councillor Jeff Browaty, once again, on 15 years of service.

In closing, I thank you all for your many years of service and wish you a great Council meeting this morning. Thank you very much for your attention and happy holidays.

Madam Speaker: On behalf of Council, thank you for your presentation and thank you for coming in person to do so.

Kam Blight: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Have a great day. Congratulations everyone. Mr. Mayor, over to you for the morning announcements.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well, good morning everyone. I know this is our last Council meeting of the year. And I want to just begin by acknowledging and thanking everybody for their efforts on the 2022 balanced budget update including, of course, our Finance Chair. Lengthy discussions that concluded yesterday, and I want to thank everybody for all of their efforts in that regard.

Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity to participate in the Small Business Saturday at the end of November supporting our local businesses. I want to use this opportunity to encourage all Winnipeggers to do whatever you can during the holiday season to support local businesses. They need our support of our residents now more than ever.

I had the honour to recognize Bob Irving in his retirement as the voice of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the voice of the CFL with a community service award recently. I want to say congratulations Bob and all of the very best in your retirement.

Speaking about the Blue Bombers, you may have heard, the Blue Bombers are back-to-back Grey Cup champions and so I want to congratulate them on bringing the Cup home to Winnipeg, once again. We had a wonderful celebration at IGF yesterday. And I do want to just acknowledge and thank Mayor Fred Eisenberger for being a really big sport. He will be receiving a beautiful blue and gold jersey with number two on it, symbolizing two back-to-back victories for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He's agreed to wear it as a…take a picture, cardboard cut-out, life-size. It will be in public view for 108 hours recognizing the 108th Grey Cup. So, thank you to the mayor for his hospitality and for being a good sport. It was a really difficult loss for Hamilton Ti Cat fans and really sweet win for the Blue Bomber fans, of course.

I want to just acknowledge, I met recently with the Consul General from Japan. I spent a lot of time over recent weeks dropping off hampers at various shelters, recovery centres, women's centres and missions. They are all doing incredible work in our community right now to look after our most vulnerable people. I was humbled during all of these deliveries and I also ensured that 10 gifts were dropped off for Santa for a Senior, a very important initiative. And I just encourage all of us, if you have means, to please give generously to so many in our community at this time of year who need to know that they are not alone, that we are with them during the holiday time, during the pandemic.

I had the opportunity to participate in a candlelight outdoor event to celebrate Hanukkah at the Rady Campus. Wonderful event of celebration. If ever there were a time for light, this would be the year and it was really a joyful event.

Met recently with Mayor Tom Rose of Stephenville regarding reconciliation, smart technology, economic development and the partnership that his community in Newfoundland and Labrador has with the Winnipeg Airport Authority.

Last but not least, I joined my Council colleague, the Chair of PCS&P, to announce the community centre renovation fund selections, and that was a great event for the organizations and community centres who were recipients of the now doubled funds that have been made available by Council.

Last but not least, I just want to acknowledge I've had a very positive dialogue in recent weeks with the new Premier of Manitoba. I want to thank her for her accessibility and, of course, for agreeing to forward on our two outstanding ICIP requests as submitted by Council. There is, of course, the second phase of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant and the initial ask for support to implement the Master Transit Plan. And so, I want to thank her for her support and commitment to forwarding those on to Ottawa as submitted by Council.

And last, I just want to wish everybody all the very best of the holiday. I know members of Council have recently celebrated Hanukkah. I know many of us will also be celebrating Christmas. I want to urge everybody to be safe and responsible over the holiday period, and I want to wish all of my colleagues, our Clerks, our public servants, a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Schreyer, your morning announcements.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the spirit of the flag raisings that we do here at city hall and various peoples around the world, which we have relations both here and internationally, today is the day to officially recognize the independence of the people of Kazakhstan, today, December 16th. Kazakhstan is the world's largest land locked country and is larger than all of western Europe. Ancient trade routes including those known as the ancient silk road, a trade network linking east and west ran through Kazakhstan for a millennia. In the 20th century, they knew the burden of war and oppression from totalitarianism from both the left and the right, against Nazism in World War II and from soviet domination throughout most of the century. Kazakhstan became independent on this day in 1991, and the people continue to struggle towards their greater empowerment and advancement today. Today, Kazakhstan is one of the most populous countries in the world in terms of ethnicities with over 131 representatives from the Kazakhs to Russians, Germans, Tartars and Uighurs. Kazakhstan has a nature reserve with about 1,300 species of flowering plants and has three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It has also the first and largest space launch facility which was recently used by the United Kingdom linking with the International Space Station. (Speaking Kazakh) Madam Speaker, I would like to say a few words in their two official languages; the language of Kazakh, which I've never spoken before in my life, spoken by over two-thirds of the people of Kazakhstan, as well as Russian speaking…spoken by over 95% of the people. (Speaking Kazakh) (Speaking Russian) Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Lukes, your morning announcement.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Councillor Schreyer, for yours. I would like to rise today and acknowledge that today is Bangladesh's National Day of Independence referred to as Victory Day. This year is the 50th anniversary of Victory Day, so many celebrations will be occurring. Winnipeg is home to incredibly bright, brilliant and a growing Bangladesh community. The local community will be celebrating Victory Day here as many of their friends and family will be back home. Victory Day is a national holiday in Bangladesh where everyone celebrates victory, freedom and independence as a nation. I also want to note, the Bangladeshi people have been recognized by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO, for the sacrifices made to protect and preserve their mother language. UNESCO declared February 21st as a day to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by people of the world. In Winnipeg, due to the passion and persistence of the local Bangladeshi community and support from many city councillors here in this room, we now have a beautiful seating plaza in Kirkbridge Park commemorating the importance of all mother languages. Happy Victory Day to our Bangladeshi community.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. We have a condolence motion for a member of the legislative assembly, Ms. Danielle Adams. It's moved by Mayor Bowman and seconded by Councillor Sharma. Madam Clerk, please read the motion into the record.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of MLA Danielle Adams, which occurred on December 9, 2021.

Ms Adams was a current Member of the Legislative Assembly for Thompson, having been elected on September 10, 2019.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Please rise for a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Councillor Rollins moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on November 25th, 2021 and December 15th, 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We'll now move into delegations. First up, we have Vicki Poirier who will appear before Council with respect to the following items: in opposition to Item 3 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 8th, 2021 regarding Open Government Policy Annual Review. In opposition to Item 5, the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 8th, 2021 regarding Land Dedication Reserve – Heritage St. Norbert (St. Norbert-Seine River Ward). In opposition to Item 12 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 8th, 2021 regarding Accessing Funding through the Local Street Renewal Reserve to support End Homelessness Winnipeg's Retrofit of 190 Disraeli Freeway into an Emergency Extreme Weather Shelter (Point Douglas

Ward). In opposition to Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated December 1st, 2021 regarding Speed Limit Reviews – Bison Drive, Marion Street, Youville Street, Plessis Road, Ethan Boyer Way, Hallama Drive and Bishop Grandin Boulevard. Welcome, Vicki Poirier.

DELEGATIONS

Vicki Poirier: (Inaudible) Bonjour, hello. No. 3, I am in favour of the recent move by Council and the Mayor to be more transparent with the public. I believe that this report should not simply say, 'complete'. Let me just get that in place there. Oh, this way. There. Oh, I can't seem to get it. Wait a minute, hold on. Right there. It's slow. Okay, anyways, I believe this report should not just simply say complete when big improvements are needed like making it mandatory.

Madam Speaker: Vicki, presentations, documents and such are not allowed at this stage of Council proceedings. Please go ahead with your verbal presentation.

Vicki Poirier: It was your document. But anyways, to not simply say complete when big improvements are needed like making it mandatory. I would like to see the spirit of transparency continue until we see everyone register before they approach folks here seeking funding. In the report, some of the little green buttons should have some form of performance review and a note that the action is ongoing. It is alarming to see complete on so many aspects that really should be ongoing. On the registry, how many people have registered? How many lobbyists have not registered? Is every visit registered? What was asked for? The Province has pretended to have a registry for many years. It is useless because it is voluntary like yours. Important visits are not recorded. Please work towards making yours mandatory. It doesn't work at the Leg, and it won't work here. Would property taxes work if they were voluntary?

EPC No. 5 and 12 are examples of the diversion of budgeted spending to completely new uses. The fact that this is a city hall tradition is a poor excuse. As the Mayor pointed out last week, you have the power to spend in any way you want. He seems to be correct in saying that the budget is just a recommendation. It is divisive to take money from one use and use it elsewhere. Those who want the initial spending will resent the new use. Could you not just authorize the new spending and underspend the old item? It is a bait and switch.

And then the IRPW No. 1 – Speed Limit Reduction. This report fails to recommend a transitional speed on Bison, for example. This would be safer but not result in as many tickets issued to those careful drivers coasting down to the new limit. Other cities use transitional speeds. I am also concerned that the new signage will not use best available technology. Reduction signage with flashing lights works well all across Canada and the USA. Sadly, we don't do that here because it cuts down on ticket revenue. Reducing limits without bright new signs is nothing more than a trap. City engineers say Bison should be 70 (inaudible). Transitional limits like 80 to 70 to 60 works well and means zero tickets to careful drivers. A 20 reduction means those who ease up on the gas when they see the new limit will start getting a ticket as they slow down. Thank you, megwich, merci.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Vicki Poirier. Any questions for our delegation? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I want to thank our delegate for presenting. I'm just…in interest in openness and transparency, we hear another voice when you regularly present during your presentation to us. Just wondering, who that is?

Vicki Poirier: I don't know what you are talking about. There is nobody here but me.

Mayor Bowman: Okay, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no further questions, that concludes our questions. Thank you, Vicki Poirier. No further delegations, Mr. Clerk? Moving on to reports of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 8th, 2021. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED DECEMBER 8, 2021**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 14.

Madam Speaker: 1 has been pulled. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I would like to speak to Report 12.

Madam Speaker: 12 – Local Street Renewal Program. Any others? Two have been pulled. I will call the question on 2 through 11, 13 and 14. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Citizen Member Appointments – Committees, Boards and Commissions

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I didn't pull this, so I will defer to my Council colleagues, who may wish to speak more fully on this, but I'll just take this opportunity to thank all those citizens who…and residents of our community who are taking time out of their schedules to assist on numerous boards, committees and commissions. This helps move our democracy forward on a daily basis. And I just want to thank them and the organizations that will be voting on some of their board appointments today.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I will not be voting against this, and there are a number of fine people. We could each probably highlight a few names who we know. Good appointments. But two concerns; one, I would like to get these names out to Council members and to EPC members further in advance of when they are voted on. I've made that point clear at EPC, I will continue to request that. I want to thank Ms. Hutter from the City Clerk's staff who talked to me after the EPC meeting about a couple of the issues I had raised. So, I appreciate that. The committee…the Board of Adjustment appointments, this seemingly mundane item, I did want to flag. I don't want to pull it. To leave that separate I don't know what requirements there might be legislatively to get people appointed. But certainly, this has come up in my ward with people, frankly, in the Glenwood area feeling they had lost some, probably into the triple figures, at least well to the double figures of hearings at the Board of Adjustment. It's a citizen appointee. They took me to task I think with some cause saying, well, Council appoints these people, why isn't there somebody on there who might be from our neighborhood or might have some of our concerns? So, it is very difficult to respond to that when you are handed a list of names 20 minutes before a meeting or half an hour before a meeting. So, I won't pull it. The other complexity here on the Board of Adjustment is, frankly, it hasn't met since March of 2020, which you will note was the start of the COVID pandemic. It hasn't met. I don't know when it will next meet due to an amendment brought forward to Council recently. The lower level class C variances are going to be heard at community committee instead of by the Director. Not my idea, but some here wanted that so I supported it. I don't know that we'll need this board when things return to normal. I also don't know if we'll need the board given the provincial changes in planning legislation which, admittedly, didn't refer exclusively to variances. But the variances are…have been a very big issue in my ward. So, the unfortunate thing is, as has been pointed out by Ms. Hutter, there was a review of this very board coming to Council through the Clerk's Department, where are we going with it, will we be needing it? All of that will be discussed, I think, in May. I may have the date wrong. So, while I will vote for this today, I may seek to come back to talk about Board of Adjustment and how we wish to have people sit on it, whether we need it in the future is going to be debated here. With the infill guidelines now being in place, I'm not sure we will need it, but not all of the matters that go to the Board of Adjustment are, of course, none of that…not all of those are infill related matters. Of course, it's mostly variance matters, the occasional conditional use matter. But, in any event, not a body that gets a lot of attention here, but I did want to pull it to say I am glad we will be looking at this in the coming months. May have to think then about who we want appointed. No issue with some very good screening. I looked at the resumes of the people here, very qualified. Ms. Bjornson, a lawyer, certainly well qualified to be chair as far as I can see. So, no aspersions cast against these folks, but do we need this body anymore and what sort of scrutiny should we be giving to the appointments? I think that is something we're going to have to talk about especially in light of the new provincial planning legislation. So, I just wanted to put my concerns on the record. I look forward to having to debate this. Of course, not the Board of Revision, which deals with property tax matters, nor is it the Committee of Adjustment which has met once in the past 10 years. I think Orlikow and I have managed to sit on that for the better part of a decade, and there's been one hearing. But Board of Adjustments, when meeting, is a pretty active, important group. So, I do look forward to actually having a more fulsome debate about that in the months to come.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just quickly wanted to mention, I listened to the discussion at EPC in regards to this report, and Madam Speaker, I just want to thank the people who put their names forward to be members of the Seven Oaks House Museum Board, which also, that board oversees the Ross House Museum as well, Madam Speaker. And so, in terms of how, you know, we chose those people to be on that board, there was input from interested party on Council in regards to assisting EPC to make their recommendations, and I just wanted to thank EPC for moving this forward and all of the people who end up doing volunteer work under that. You know, I really appreciate the work that they do. Some appointments, I think they get honorariums, but aside from that, Madam Speaker, it's still a big commitment on part of their life to make sure that things are good. So, I wholeheartedly support this report. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Mr. Mayor to close. Okay. I will call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 12 – Accessing Funding through the Local Street Renewal Reserve to support End Homelessness Winnipeg's Retrofit of 190 Disraeli Freeway into an Emergency Extreme Weather Shelter

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, to introduce the item, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And appreciate Councillor Eadie pulling this report. The EPC disposition was to receive the administrative report as information. We did, of course, however, pass a motion calling on the Public Service to direct…direct the disaster funds from the Disaster Prevention and Climate Resiliency Program for the benefit of the 190 Disraeli Freeway emergency extreme weather shelter. It is our hope that the Province, subject to the direction today and vote in a few moments from Council, will consider seeing that those dollars could be directed from the Province, these are provincial funds, directly to the shelter in a timely way. I do want to acknowledge and recognize the announcement that was recently made by the Premier to support the shelter. I know there is good work happening throughout our community including at that site. And it is my hope that with the approval today of Council of the motion that we are asking for endorsement from Council that the Provincial Government will consider and approve their funding going directly to the shelter. The Public Service report had a recommendation for consideration of using the road renewal reserve. This was something that wasn't supported at Executive Policy Committee, and notwithstanding that it wouldn't have depleted the funding, we just felt that most…one of the more expedient ways in which to get those funds to the shelter where it could do some good is just to simply ask the Province to approve it. Even if we were to have accepted the Public Service's recommendation, there still would be a need for provincial approval, and so, the thinking was to…that this would be more expedient in a timely way, and we'll see what the Province says if and when Council approves the motion in a few moments. But I look forward to hearing from Council colleagues.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, I'm supporting EPC's recommendation on this report. And the first comment I would make is, I am really, you know, there is a big…huge need for that centre on Disraeli, Madam Speaker. And but I am really remiss to see a program that is supposed to be dedicated to local roads stays that way, Madam Speaker. By setting a precedence to have used it, that wouldn't have been good because, you know, there is a decay in that budget that we passed yesterday that the many issues of having to use money that was meant to do one thing but we have to end up using it for others because we don't provide enough, Madam Speaker, is really disconcerting for me because there is still a high need for the purposes of that money. And so, I appreciate the administration pushing on the disaster…disaster prevention and climate change mitigation. It is interesting, that is quite a surplus in that fund of $1.9 million, Madam Speaker. And we have, I mentioned this yesterday as well, and I've mentioned this at our Water and Waste Committee, our riverbanks with the change in climate that is happening with more pronounced droughts and then, you know, then we will probably end up getting some real periods of heavy rain that we may never have seen before, has a huge effect on our riverbanks, and which, in waiting for the confirmation from the Province that they are good with OurWinnipeg and then we can look at our Complete Communities. But Madam Speaker, clearly, the need to take care of our rivers, it's part of what we heard from the public. It is what we actually heard in the…in the metro Winnipeg 2045, or was it…anyway, the plan where, even in that overlay, the framework for policy forward for the metro region, Madam Speaker, it talks about the importance of our rivers as part of a whole greenbelt and various things. And to Winnipeg and to the metro region, our rivers are so precious. That is why we ended up moving around here way back when and, you know, pushed Indigenous people out, which we shouldn't have…we did that in a very awful way. But again, the rivers are important for our Indigenous community yet today. And so, I am hoping that whatever applications get put forward to try for this surplus, we are not doing anything for our riverbanks. So, I think that…I am hoping that our administration, when they are looking at funds in that surplus of $1.9 million, they're looking at riverbank stabilization and erosion protection. That is all I have to say. And I really like…hey, I actually really like an EPC decision. Anyway, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I dare mention that at least I had to do something with riverbank stabilization in my ward and I did so right near the Louise Bridge. The Louise Bridge links Elmwood to Point Douglas and north Point Douglas as does the Disraeli, which is what we're talking about here today, 190 Disraeli for the shelter that we are helping to create. One of the reasons…one of the reasons causing homelessness is what I've been talking about for years, the factors that create inflation on construction affecting housing, affecting one not dealt with over years and decades ends up creating inflation rates on other aspects of people's lives, and we're dealing with that more and more today because of other factors as well. We see the rise not just in Winnipeg, throughout North America if not more than that, in terms of homelessness. And, at least in this case, we are trying to do something regarding the final effects and that being the shelter, which is a good thing, and I do wish to mention as well that at this time, Councillors Santos, Eadie and I will be providing some funding to this shelter for warm clothing and perhaps some warm food during the season of hope and comfort. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: I…just before we vote on it, and I'm saying that for some of our colleagues who I think are just grabbing some coffee or tea, so they can be here for the vote, but I will just say that I know all members of Council deeply appreciate the work that numerous shelters in our community are providing, including that at 190 Disraeli. We want to thank them very much as well as third-party stakeholders who are doing incredibly important work right now to help protect vulnerable Winnipeggers. And so, with that, we can, obviously, call the question and vote on it now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Councillor Browaty in opposition and Councillor Chambers and Rollins absent.

Next is the Motion 1. Mr. Clerk, Motion 1. I just want to be sure. Yes, we have Motion 1; moved by Mayor Bowman and seconded by Councillor Nason, and it's regarding Bill 21. It's an automatic referral.

We will now move on to by-laws under Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Council has demonstrated their commitment to the protection of human rights with the creation of the Human Rights Committee of Council, and their ongoing efforts to protect the rights of all individuals and improve on equity, diversity and inclusion;

AND WHEREAS Bill 21 and the restricting of citizens from wearing religious symbols is not consistent with the protections afforded to all Canadian with respect to human rights, diversity, equity, peace and inclusion;
AND WHEREAS on October 24, 2019 City of Winnipeg Council unanimously passed a resolution opposing Quebec's Bill 21, and supporting in principle, the constitutional challenge to Bill 21;

AND WHEREAS Canada's big cities are aligning their efforts to fund the joint legal challenges of Bill 21 by the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), the World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council reiterate its support for the current legal challenge against the discrimination of freedom of religion in Quebec's Bill 21 - An Act respecting the laicity of the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the City of Winnipeg provide a one-time 2021 contribution of up to $100,000 to the joint legal challenges of Bill 21 by the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM, the World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA).

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 105/2021, By-law 106/2021, By-law 107/2021, By-law 108/2021, and By-law 109/2021.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 105/2021, By-law No. 106/2021, By-law No. 107/2021, By-law No. 108/2021, By-law No. 109/2021.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-law Nos. 105/2021 to 109/2021, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 105/2021 to 109/2021.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 105/2021 to 109/2021, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We will now have question period for the Mayor. Any questions for Mayor Bowman? Councillor Orlikow.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. My question, Mr. Mayor, is unfortunately it looks like we're heading into a fourth way. I'm wondering if will there be more information provided to Councillors prior to Christmas about what could be expected what the administration is doing?

Mayor Bowman: Thank you… thank you to our Deputy Mayor, and I want to thank him for his ongoing efforts to support our… our COVID efforts, as well as the need for all Winnipeggers to… to get their vaccines. Now, of course, there's a move to try and get those that are double vaccinated, to get their… their booster shots. A short answer to his question is, of course I'll support any efforts that can provide myself, and members of Council with more up-to-date information, and so I'll… I'll certainly reach out to the Public Service to see what they're able to accommodate to… to give us an update. In the meantime, I can advise members of Council and those that are following these proceedings of the following: As of yesterday, provincial officials have advised of a total case count today in Winnipeg of 37,359. We have sadly lost 850 Winnipeggers to COVID, as of yesterday. These are 850 members of our community, whose family will not have them around this holiday season, and will not welcome them into the new year. And I want to offer our heartfelt condolences to all those that have been affected in such a deep and personal way, to this deadly virus. As of yesterday, there were 139 individuals in hospitals, 34 are in our ICUs. Manitoba's test positivity rate is currently 6.2%, in Winnipeg it is 4.4%. Winnipeg's vaccination rate is 84.3%, these are the numbers we received from provincial officials. Manitoba's vaccine rate is 78.1 for fully vaccinated, 83.9 for one dose. And I can't stress enough, in light of the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant globally, and with the detection in Canada, and in Manitoba, we must encourage everyone to get back to the fundamentals, and watch your distance, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask where required. I can't stress enough the importance of getting vaccinated; if you haven't already done so, and I want to thank all members of Council, who have done so, and members of the Public Service, and our community. Get your children over the age of five vaccinated, and for those eligible, get your booster shot as soon as your eligible. I have already booked my appointment, for my booster shot. We've also got it scheduled for my wife, Tracy, and our eldest son, Hayden, and our youngest son, Austin, has received… he's 11, he's received his first dose, and when he's eligible in January, well, he's getting his second dose. And I'll certainly be… be happy once he's able to be better protected. We must remain vigilant to protect our neighbours, our community, and our businesses. And once again, I just want to commend all those in our community, who have followed the Public Health Orders vigilantly, and who are doing their part. With Omicron, in particular, I… I know with reports we see that it may not, and I'm not a healthcare expert, but reports are suggesting that it may not be as severe for some, but it is the R-factor is quite high, so for those that would have not been vaccinated, who may think, "Well, you

know, if I get it, I'm not going to be as adversely effected." I would urge you to think about our Healthcare Heroes, think about someone other than yourself, think about those in the healthcare sector, and those that are being adversely affected in the healthcare community. Those that require non-COVID related medical procedures are being directly impacted because too many people aren't getting their vaccines, and they are… they are resulting in adverse outcomes, for far too many people in our community. So, I just urge everyone, please get vaccinated, think about others in our community, and do your part to help our community weather the storm that we are very much still in, Madam Speaker. And I would just also close by asking everyone to… to look at your plans over the holidays, to be very cautious, follow Public Health Orders and recommendations, please. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, that concludes our question period. Next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Rollins, on the report dated December 7th, 2021.

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED DECEMBER 7, 2021

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Obviously, yesterday I was thrilled to see the public washrooms be supported in budget. It is over and above anything that I think Protection, Community Services and Parks Standing Policy Committee could have imagined when we first moved the places to go.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, do you choose to stand this down?

Councillor Rollins: No, Madam Speaker, I will move it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We'll now have Motion 2 under this committee; moved by Councillor Nason and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding vaccinations in the film industry. That will be an automatic referral to the committee.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
MOTIONS

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie

WHEREAS the emergence of a new highly transmissible COVID-19 variant is sweeping across the Globe;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks have stressed on the public record on December 15th, 2021 the importance of vaccinations including the third dose;

AND WHEREAS the protection of the general public in a State of Emergency is of paramount concern;

AND WHEREAS the importance of the Film and Entertainment industry is critical to the economic vitality and recovery of the City and Province of Manitoba providing direct and indirect economic spinoffs;

AND WHEREAS the issue of vaccinations for movie production and staff can be exempt from Federal & Provincial Health Orders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the following to ensure the above is considered within the City of Winnipeg:

1. *That the issuing of permits for the Film & Entertainment industry be subject to a requirement of a minimum vaccination of at least one dose for all cast, crew, extras and support staff of the undertaking.*

2. *That this matter be retroactively imposed on all active permits issued.*

3. *Any violations discovered will result in the immediate suspension of the permit.*

4. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to fulfill the intent of the foregoing.*

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

Madam Speaker: Now we'll get into question period. Any questions for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Gilroy, followed by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you, Madam Speaker, to… to Councillor Rollins. I mean, her and I fought really hard in the budget to make sure that there's no cuts to… to Community Services, in particular, libraries. On the website, Madam Speaker, it does say that… that library hours are, libraries, Wednesdays and Thursdays, they are closed. Can… can the Chair please explain why… why that is, and if, I know it's a moot point with us going into another… fourth round of COVID, but is there a plan to change those hours to make sure they are in line with our Council direction, and our policy, and our budget for 2022 and 2023?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins?

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and… and I'd like to thank my Council colleague's for her advocacy on recreation and libraries, Madam Speaker; and… and I thank you for the question. I, too, was alarmed to see the closures all the way down on Sundays, and the closures all the way down on Wednesdays, and started asking questions; to which, I can answer in part and then will be seeking more information from the Public Service. The library staffing is still at 75% following the closures. I'd like to remind Council that library in-shelvers and some of our staff in the libraries are amongst the lower paid positions, and have experienced affects due to the pandemic disproportionally as… as many workers have. And so, that is part of the answer, in terms of our city still trying to fill vacancies. The latest shelving recruitment of 35 people, I hope will help. But, it's a really important question on a service people rely upon, and I absolutely agree with Councillor Gilroy that it looks dangerously close to cuts that we said no to, not once, not twice, but every single budget since the multi-year budget. The… the hiring is continuing though, and that is transparent and open to the public, and hopefully the public will respond to the hiring. And as the library staffs up, the pre-pandemic hours will be returned, and I will seek a better answer and send it all to Council on when that that timing is, and… and I'd also liked to acknowledge that Councillor Gilroy, Madam Speaker, acknowledged that we are likely entering into another wave that might impact where we congregate, like a library, or a pool.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair of PCSP, swimming pool amenities offer exercise, joy, therapy. Usually they're open, and again, in accordance to the budget, there's to be no closures. Can the Chair of PCSP answer why pools are being closed on December 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, January 1 and 3? Can she further clarify the hours, so that Winnipeggers can understand what is open and what is closed?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins?

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Operationally, the department tells me that they are impacted slightly differently this year, given that the stat holidays are on December 25, December 26, January 1, and occurring on a weekend. So, similar to libraries, the department explains that recreation facilities will be closed as they usually are on December 25, December 26, and January 1, and that they're going to be observing the stats, and remain closed on December 27, the 28, and January 3. Now the exception will be holiday hours for pool and fitness at the Pan Am Pool; that will take place at 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., the CKRC 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the Margaret Grant Pool at 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and that recreation services will also look to provide continued support to community organizations, such as Harvest Manitoba, bless you, Spence Neighbourhood, Ma Mawi, as needed. So, I… I want to thank Councillor Chambers, Madam

Speaker, for the question. I think it's really important that we are asking these questions because these are amenities that Winnipeggers count on, their therapy, and their… their exercise and their just joy, Madam Speaker, for those that… that may be celebrating holidays, and may not be, and just looking for something to do over a period of time when they're not working. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Seeing no further questions, moving on to the next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. The report dated December 1st, 2021. Councillor Allard.

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DATED DECEMBER 1, 2021

Councillor Allard: Yes, I think there will be some people pulling some items, but I would like to move the consent agenda.

Madam Speaker: Yes? No. 2. Okay, call the question on 3 and 4. All in favour? Yeah, question's been called. Carried. Item 1, Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Speed Limit Reviews – Bison Drive, Marion Street, Youville Street, Plessis Road, Ethan Boyer Way, Hallama Drive, and Bishop Grandin Boulevard

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

Councillor Allard: Yeah, so this report comes from the Public Service. It is a review of all of the street speeds in the city of Winnipeg. I think it is an excellent report. It…if you read into the report, you can see the methodology of the Public Service uses in order to make recommendations on speeds for our streets. It is…they use quite a number of tools. They use provincial…Provincial Government standards, they use Canadian standards, they use something called the 85th percentile which is a known engineering metric in order to see what speeds vehicles…speed limits should be at. And they also include land use in surrounding areas as further analysis. And so, for example, if you are in an urban area like the Marion Street example, for example, where you have local businesses, you a park, the land use around Marion Street, for example, is a consideration in what the Public Service recommends. They also look at geometries of intersections and streets, and they look at Manitoba Public Insurance collision data and they take that and they match it against similar intersections so that they can take those…those…I mean, those death and injuries that happen at those intersections and they then compare against other intersections and streets that have similar configurations. They apply that metric to…well, to make their recommendation. So, that is maybe a summary of what's being recommended here by the Public Service. I maybe want to point out or underline, this is a…this is a recommendation from the Public Service, not coming from any single city councillor, and it's something that happens…it happens most years, is my understanding. It's not a requirement for the Public Service to come forward with this, not as…not from a request from a councillor, but as part of their reporting. So, that is my introduction. I hope everybody can support this report. It is the Public Service putting their best foot forward in terms of what they recommend for speeds across Winnipeg.

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

Councillor Nason: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to speak to this report, and I did reach out to my Council colleague, the Chair, Councillor Allard. I am troubled with a technicality on 1D, and I was asking if he would be interested in moving layover for a month, but unfortunately, this meeting is advancing much faster than our typical Council meetings, so, we haven't been able to get clarification from the Director of Public Works. Based on the diagraph, as Councillor Allard indicated, there are some very good graphs to support the technology that is used to determine these. But specific to Plessis, if one was only vision enable to see, they would be able to determine where the line for Plessis is being targeted for. It is an intersection known as St. Boniface Road in Plessis, but the description, the text description of it talks about the southern city limit. That is not St. Boniface Road. That is actually closer to Fermor, based on my understanding of the ward boundaries with that of the city of Winnipeg. We are the stewards of that road up to, possibly even under, Fermor Road, the way some of the things work in the city of Winnipeg, like the Transcona Cemetery being in the RM of Springfield. But alas, I don't feel I could support Item D as it stands. I don't think it is in order. So, I would be having to call on this committee to vote on the individual recommendations, lettered recommendations, because we don't have a resolution.

Madam Speaker: Marc?

Councillor Nason: And Madam Speaker, the other part is I want to make note of Item 1B. And I know I have had dialogue in the past with regards to changes that were introduced to, you know, enable street side playgrounds, or not playgrounds, sorry, patios. I've got Ps in my mind. You know, Marion and Goulet both were lowered to 50 km/h from the engineering design recommendation previously that was 60. Now we are going further to the east on a very busy corridor that has been this way for, well, probably longer than I have lived in this city. But I do note that three of the four members on the IRPW standing committee voted to delete Item 1B only for EPC to add it back in, and I believe the vote there was 5 to 2. So, perhaps if we have a vote, I do suggest that we vote on the individual recommendations since we can't completely come to consensus on this at this point. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Nason. You can ask for suspension of the rules to separately vote on sub clauses. It requires a suspension of the rules. Or, well, the debate's still on, you can certainly put a written amendment forward to delete that clause.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, can I call the question?

Madam Speaker: I am looking for other speakers at this time.

Councillor Allard: In the past, we've called the question. Is that in order?

Madam Speaker: Well, you are asking if the question can be put? Is that what you are asking?

Councillor Allard: I am calling the question as it's been done in the past. I understand I am in order.

Madam Speaker: I understand you. Yes, and we can do that. Yeah, we will have a vote on that. So, it's a vote on having the question be put right now. So, voting on the item. So, all in favour of proceeding right away with the vote on this item after this vote? All in favour? Contrary? Okay. I think that is lost.

Councillor Allard: May I have a recorded vote, please.

Madam Speaker: I think we were closing anyways, Councillor Allard right away. I see no other speakers. Do you wish to close, Councillor Allard, as the Chair?

Councillor Allard: Well, yes, I'd just like to maybe reiterate, it's been three weeks that this item has been debated. Councillor Nason, I've had my staff examine the report. It is consistent with three different tools.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, just a moment. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Do I rise at this point, Madam Speaker, to ask for clause by clause?

Madam Speaker: You're asking for suspension of the rules?

Councillor Nason: Suspension of the rules. Clause by clause.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we'll vote on a suspension of the rules to vote on lettered A to G separately.

Councillor Allard: Is that in order, considering I was speaking and closing on the item, Madam Speaker?

Councillor Rollins: Point of…point of procedural order; Councillor Allard was closing, Madam Speaker, so it is, in effect, in play.

Madam Speaker: I think that may be correct. I am just going to confer, Councillor Rollins. Mr. Clerk, if you can just confirm on that. I am not certain at this point. Councillor Allard was in fact closing.

City Clerk: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, Councillor Allard should be allowed to finish closing and then we can deal with the motion from Councillor Nason. You can't request to have the sub clauses voted on separately, that would be a suspension of the rules to do so, but we can do that after Councillor Allard finishes his close.

Madam Speaker: So, it will be in order, the motion, after…go ahead, Councillor Allard. Close.

Councillor Allard: Okay, so, may I call for a recorded vote on calling the question, please?

Madam Speaker: Yes. On your question. Yes, I hear you. Okay. Are you finished? You've closed? We're not…

Councillor Allard: No, no, I'm not. I am not closing, I am calling to have…to call the question immediately as was done in the past, and I would like a recorded vote on that question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, we've moved on from that. We have. So, you…are you finished closing on the item?

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, I had asked for a recorded vote, and that's what I am asking for again. I would like to call the question and I would like a recorded vote.

City Clerk: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The vote on the calling the question has taken place and was declared lost. It's not in order to ask for it a second time. If Councillor Allard wishes to challenge the Chair, he can do so at this time, at which point we would have a recorded vote.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, if you wish, I would like to go on to the suspension of the rules vote. Okay. Councillor…he said he was finished closing, yeah. So, Councillor Nason calls suspension of the rules to deal with letters A to G separately. All in favour?

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: And I'm going to ask you to rise so we are very clear. All in favour of A to G.

Councillor Chambers: What are we voting on right now?

Madam Speaker: We are voting on a suspension of the rules. We're voting a suspension of the rules. Councillor Nason has asked for in Clause 1 that letters A to G, he's like those to be voted on separately. So, it's just a suspension of the rules. If that can be done. All in favour, please rise.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, point of order.

Madam Speaker: Please rise. I've put a question to the floor. It's just for suspension of the rules. Please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Gillingham, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Rollins, Schreyer, and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Nays

Councillors Santos, Allard, Orlikow, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillor Chambers, Gilroy.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 10, Nays 6. Suspension of the rules is lost.

Madam Speaker: Yes, suspension is lost. Now we shall call the vote on the item. Okay, call for a recorded vote. Yes, thank you for the question. Now, calling the question on Item 1. All in favour, please rise.

Councillor Nason: The suspension of the rules was lost?

Madam Speaker: Yes, because it's 11 votes.

Councillor Nason: Two-thirds. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 1, as a whole, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Santos, Allard, Orlikow, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Rollins.

Nays

Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Nason, Schreyer and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 11, Nays 5.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 passes. Moving on to Item 2. Councillor Allard, to introduce the item.

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

Item 2 – Delegation of Authority for Award and Over-Expenditures of Eight (8) Public Works Regional and Local Street Renewal Contracts Exceeding $5,000,000 Including Multi-Year Contracts Within Council Approved Budgets – MM Reference No. 705-2021

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: So, I had a question from a colleague earlier and there has been a response from the director. The question was about consultations with area groups, specifically BIZ's, when road renewals occur. And I'm going to read from the director's e-mail, "Good morning, councillor. The delegated authority's report does not change how we manage the actual project which involves direct stakeholder engagement." In other words, consultation is the way to go. So, if that is why the item was pulled, I hope that answers the question. If not, I am ready to hear what my colleagues have to say.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, councillor…Councillor Allard. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to just put it on the public record, Monsieur President. The, Madam Speaker, I just…I get worried because what this report is doing is, it's really expediting the works that is described in the various projects, and actually, Madam Speaker, I thought I had read that Selkirk Avenue from Salter to Main Street was actually in here, but I couldn't seem to find the words. But there are some other streets in there that may be part of a business improvement zone. So, when, Madam Speaker, I just get concerned when projects get expediated…pushed forward, and they need to get done, I mean, the roads, there is no doubt about it. I'm going to be voting for this report, not voting against it. But Madam Speaker, it is just in reading it and it might have been a different report on the agenda of IRPW, your last meeting, that listed Selkirk Avenue from Salter to Main Street. But so, essentially being on the BIZ in…actually, in a prominent role on the Selkirk Avenue BIZ, it is really important that stake…business improvement zones are a real big stakeholder in terms of these projects, and the former renewal reconstruction of Selkirk Avenue from Salter to Arlington, Madam Speaker, there was extensive consultation with, actually, all the people on the street. But most importantly, the business improvement zone because, Madam Speaker, there are built environment elements that all business improvement zones have plans for, and that is one of their missions, Madam Speaker, as I think all my colleagues know, and so, when we are having a major renovation renewal of the street, it is really essential that we get that and try to coordinate. So, and I had noted that in our regional road program, Selkirk Avenue from Salter to Main was for '22 was about $550,000, Madam Speaker, to start that initial…that money is usually put a year ahead so they can get the design done and hopefully consult. And I was going to send an e-mail to the director after we dealt with this whole budget stuff this year for '22 because, frankly, when those street renewals happen, the City, I believe, also has dialogue with Manitoba Hydro who are also…have assets on these streets. And so, it is really essential for the Selkirk Avenue BIZ, for example, a program we want to see if like they did from Salter to Arlington if they will reinstall, we had these black light…light standards with brackets on them for, you know, providing a more pleasant element to the street for the customers and so on. And so, anyway, I just wanted to bring it up. And I am good with the Director's response. Thank you, Monsieur President, for asking the Director to do that. So, I will be supporting this report. I just wanted to get it on the record that business improvement zones are very important for us to work with because, really, we are partners on our streets in those areas. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard to close.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Councillor Eadie, for…for asking the question. Thank you to the Director for responding. And I would urge all of my colleagues to support this report. We have cleared up that active transportation, where prescribed by the Active Transportation Strategies, on the streets with the delegated authorities as part of this report are getting done, and that has been clarified through the committee process. And without further clarification, I think for Councillor Eadie, I think we are good to go. So, I'd urge my colleagues to support this report. I will be.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We'll now go in to by-laws. Councillor Allard.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Allard: You know, I'm going to have to orient myself here. One second.

Madam Speaker: Will you move that 116/2021 be read a first time?

Councillor Allard: Yes.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 116/2021.

Madam Speaker: Will you move 116/2021 be read a second time?

Councillor Allard: I will.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 116/2021.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, will you move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 116/2021 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed?

Councillor Allard: I would like to move that. Thank you, Madam Speaker for your assistance.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Carried. Thank you for not challenging the Chair today. We'll move on to question period. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Allard: I was close.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Browaty: [Inaudible]. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair. Throughout the pandemic the City has provided one hour of complimentary parking downtown at on-street areas with parking pay stations. The last motion to extend this pandemic measure is set to expire December 31. Can you confirm the City's plans going forward?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Thank you very much, Councillor Browaty. So, to recap, both one-hour complimentary parking and the temporary 15-minute loading zones are set to expire December 31, 2021, subject to any further motions that may arise from Council today; and have some further information regarding how this will be communicated.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair. Some Winnipeggers have started to come to expect the complimentary hour parking during times where you'd normally need to pay. Now the program is ending. How is the City going to communicate the resumption of charging for parking?

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question, Councillor Browaty, and I think it's important to put this on the public record, so some people hear it. The Parking Authority plans to provide web… web updates, both on the COVID and Winnipeg Parking [inaudible] pages. They will be sending press releases prior to the change, they'll be increasing social media before and after the change, and the Winnipeg Parking Authority will also be advising business improvement zone groups, so they can relay the change to impacted businesses. So, thank you very much for raising this point, Councillor Browaty. I think… I think if we… if we don't make it obvious, very public, I think some people might have been surprised. So, I'm pleased to see the Public Service taking these steps to communicate, and I thank you again for the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. Along that same vein, I'm hoping you can seek an answer to this question, because you didn't know it was coming. Recently, one of the downtown businesses that I represent complained to me that over the weekend, a crane was going to be removed. This is the case again this weekend. The notice is not a two-week notice. So, if you're a business, and you have the opportunity in a two-week, three-week cycle to let your staff, and perhaps reduce your staff if you know the front of your business is closed, with a Thursday to Friday notice that, substantially, people will not be able to access the front of your business on a weekend, you have no ability to reduce the numbers of staff that you have. In an emergency situation that's fine, but when you have a massive crane moving in and out, and believe me Mr. Chair, I want more of them in the City, not less, you… you don't have that same opportunity. Can the Chair ask the department, and report back to Council, or to me, whether or not the period of time for crane removals… you know that require closures of, unfortunately, storefronts and City walks, if… if more notice, longer than two-week periods, or 14-business days can be achieved?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm in the process of typing an email now, in terms of what our process is now, and how it might be improved with a cc to Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no further questions, next committee is the Committee on Finance. We have no reports or by-laws today or motions. Any questions for Councillor Gillingham? No questions today. Next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes, on the report dated December 6th, 2021.

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED DECEMBER 6, 2021

Councillor Mayes: I'll move the report dated December 6th, 2021. It consists of only one item which is a layover item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We'll now have question period. Any question for…questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I… I know that this may not be within his purview, but from a… from a perspective of expectations of the City, the City, you know, frequently talks about conservation, how water is such a precious resource. We have challenges with capacity, however, the City Hall building itself has taps that the tap have been removed that is running at full speed, the shut-offs been removed so you can't turn it off. It's been running consecutively since March of 2020 at least in one washroom, right here in City Hall. It has filled the equivalent of three Olympic-sized swimming pools with the water from one tap. I'm wondering if the Chair could help me understand how this aligns, this process, aligns with the City's message to conserve?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: I just want to ask, is that an eight-lane Olympic pool, or a 10-lane Olympic pool, whenever these measurements come up, and the depth of that pool that's very…? In any event, it's not my purview, it's a Municipal Accommodations item. It has been going, I have talked to Brad Erickson from Municipal Accommodations, one of our very good civil servants. There was a long explanation about the age of the pipes, and ensuring water quality, and at some points of the year, I think there was an issue around the pipes freezing up obviously not an issue in the warmer months, and you're right, it has been running for some time, and I think a number of us have asked about it, media included. So, I would encourage Councillor Nason to talk to Brad Erickson, to… to get the technical explanation of, it's a 50-plus year-old building with piping. Yeah, it does seem a bit counter-intuitive, I have to agree with Councillor Nason, but that is the fix that has been authorized by the City staff. I certainly know far less than them about building operations. So, it… the matter has been raised, I think at, an answer has been provided by Mr. Erickson, and I would encourage him to follow up with Mr. Erickson directly.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. We'll go right into question period. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Councillor Eadie.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I'm presenting a question to the Chairperson in regards to something he probably doesn't know anything about, but I, nevertheless, I'm wondering if he could get back an answer for me. Madam Speaker, in my participation on Water and Waste Committee, there's… you know, there's a financial management report for Solid Waste coming down the pipe, and, as I've mentioned many times, that I think that the… the diversion fee is an example on the water bill should be based on the assessed value of the home, as… as in context to the whole City assessment, which is a database, you can do a simple formula. But, I'm just wondering, it looks like there's a need to look at the Oracle system that Water and Waste use as billing, as to whether or not a data could be brought into it, to perform what will mathematically, for a computer, be a very simple thing. Would that be something that could cover or look at through Innovation and Economic Development?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: I thank Councillor Eadie for the question. I do think it would be probably be more on the scope of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. But I could consult, and either way, we'll find an answer.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Gilroy, on the report dated December 2nd, 2021.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED DECEMBER 2, 2021**

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like move consent of agenda Item 1 through 15.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. By-laws, Councillor Gilroy.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Sure. I would like to move By-law No. 112/2021. Oh, sorry. I'd like to move that the following by-laws be read first time: By-law No. 112/2021 and By-law No. 113/2021.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Councillor Nason recorded in opposition to 113. Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 112/2021, By-law No. 113/2021.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to move that By-law No. 112/2021 and 113/2021 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Noted. Councillor Nason in opposition to 113. That's carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 112/2021 and 113/2021.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 112/2021 and By-law 113/2021 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. And Councillor Nason noted in opposition. We will now have question period under this committee. Councillor Eadie, followed by Councillor Mayes.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker, this is a "did you know" question regarding a report…

Councillor Nason: There appears to be three more by-laws that were in the agenda: 117, 118, and 119.

Councillor Eadie: …Those are under Governance, yeah.

Councillor Nason: Oh sorry, my apologies.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Yeah.

Councillor Eadie: I… I almost got caught. Anyways, Madam Speaker, really I'm wondering if the Chairperson of Property and Development, and Downtown, Heritage, and Downtown Development, was aware there was a delegation that reported that the cannabis retail industry was not consulted at all regarding locating and placing of retail stores, and ultimately when the province brought in the retail, you know, supported the Federal Government's thing… it's legal, so they brought it in, and I'm just… they, province themselves consulted extensively with the retail sources, and when the Manitoba Government decided to not regulate where they'd get located, which caught our City off-guard, Madam Speaker, they did that because of consultations with the retail cannabis. So, when you hear things that are untrue, I just want to make sure people understand that consultations were done, and that Vancouver, before retails stores were even legal, they did allow

them, and they have proper policies and regulation in place about where retail stores go. And so, I was just wondering, Madam Speaker, if… if our Chairperson knew that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy?

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I'd like to thank Councillor Eadie for the question. It was helpful to learn and understand that, and we will continue to work with the cannabis industry. They did come in delegation to our community, in terms of our zoning by-laws and what we're going to be reviewing, in terms of cannabis stores. And we will be working with the cannabis industry, along with others in terms of our zoning by-laws, and that work will continue. I think they're a pretty new organization as well that has come together, so the City of Winnipeg will continue to work with… with all stakeholders, in terms of cannabis, and that work will continue as it is one of the agenda items that we will be… we have on our agenda today. So, thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. No further questions, let's move on to the… Oh, Councillor Mayes. Yes, you had a question.

Councillor Mayes: Two actually. Thank you, Madam Speaker, the question for Councillor Gilroy through you. Councillor Gilroy seems to had better luck than I ever did as Chair of Planning, in terms of getting some answers out of the Planning Department, so, I'm optimistic, I don't expect an answer today. Here's my question: When we adopted the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan, we were repeatedly told to give deference to the experts who had produced the plan. In the wake of that plan, when the details come up, there were no dollars allocated to the St. Vital Ward for the first five years. I'm now being… now, very publicly, public, PP&D Planning staff have said publicly that they expect me to advocate for a series of bridges, pedestrian bridges, none of which were in the Public Works budget request, none of which were in the Planning budget request, none of which are in the Master Plan, which I'm supposed to be following. Could the Councillor undertake to talk to the Planning Department to see if their position has changed, in that it's a little difficult as a Councillor to agree with the Public Service, and then be criticized publicly by the Public Service for doing so. It makes it extremely hard to figure out what the Public Service position is on any given matter, if they're taking a very public stance that isn't opposed to what they have indicated they would like us to do. So, if I could get a follow up on that?

Councillor Gilroy: Through you, Madam Speaker, thanks, Councillor Mayes, for the question. And I will follow up on it. I was just made aware today that you were having those issues, and I will follow up with the department directly to see if they can get some of those answers for you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Shorter preamble. Mr. Platt, from our Planning Department is doing an excellent job following up on the Glenwood Secondary Plan PDO process that was required some months ago. Due to Mr. Platt, fortunately, now we have other staff…

Madam Speaker: Your question please.

Councillor Mayes: …Staff from the same department are publicly advocating for a pedestrian bridge project that would connect to Glenwood. This has never been advocated for by Mr. Platt, or anyone else actually doing the study of the Glenwood area. Makes it extremely hard for the Area Councillor to know what it is, the position… what position the Planning Department might be taking on what would be a major amenity, which I have supported in the past, which staff have opposed in the past. Can you please ask what… what the Planning Department position is, as of today, on the matter of a pedestrian bridge connecting to the Glenwood area?

Councillor Gilroy: Through you, Madam Speaker, yes, Councillor Mayes, I will… I will consult with the Planning Department. Thank you.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next committee, Governance Committee of Council. There's no report today. There are By-laws. Councillor Chambers, will you move the by-laws on my behalf? You're a member of the committee.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Chambers: I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 117/2021, By-law No. 118/2021, and By-law 119/2021.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 117/2021, By-law No. 118/2021, By-law No. 119/2021.

Councillor Chambers: I move that the By-law Nos. 117 to 119/2021, both inclusive, be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law Nos. 117/2021 to 119/2021, both inclusive.

Councillor Chambers: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 117/2021 to 119/2021, both be inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, may I move adjournment of our quickest meeting in two years?

Madam Speaker: Deserve a medal today. Yes. Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Yes, adjournment has been moved. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m.