COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, May 26, 2022

The Council met at 9:46 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 Gilroy.

ROLL CALL

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

MINUTES

Councillor Klein moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We'll now move into delegations. First up is Morgan Fontaine, who will appear before Council in support of Item 16 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 18th, 2022. And it is regarding the Welcoming Winnipeg – Renaming Wellington Park to Theodore Niizhota Fontaine Park. Welcome, Morgan. Here with us in person. Welcome. We have 10 minutes on the clock for you.

DELEGATIONS

Morgan Fontaine: Can I speak without this?

Madam Speaker: Yes. Mr. Clerk, I just want to verify the rule for the delegations, is that with the mask or without? The mask for delegations, is it with a mask or without? It's your choice if you'd like to remove it.

Morgan Fontaine: Okay, thank you. Good morning, Mayor Bowman and Council…councillors. Thank you very much for the welcome this morning and for the prayer. Much appreciated. (Speaking Ojibway) hello all of our relations. Morgan Fontaine, (speaking Indigenous language) Winnipeg (speaking Ojibway). My name is Morgan Fontaine and I come from Winnipeg. And I appreciate very much the opportunity to speak here today, and also the work that Council has been doing toward reconciliation on many fronts across our city. I grew up in Winnipeg in River Heights, three blocks away from the Assiniboia residential school and then moved to Charleswood where I lived my husband Theodore for nearly 40 years and I continue to live there. I am here to speak to the issue of renaming Wellington Park to Theodore Niizhota Fontaine Park. I wish Theodore was here to speak for…for his wishes. Not so much in regard to the renaming of the park, he would not personally have advocated necessarily for that, but it is a great honour to him to consider it. And I do believe that his spirit is here with us and that the things that he would say hopefully will be...I will be able to express them on his behalf. The Assiniboia Legacy Group has provided a comprehensive rationale for their proposal to change the name of the park, which was the land base of the Assiniboia residential school. I'm here to speak from a more personal perspective. To begin with, I'd like to introduce Theodore. He was born on the Fort Alexander Indian Reserve, now Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation. His clan was turtle, standing for truth. His spirit name was Sabe, represented by the spirit animal known in English as sasquatch or big foot. Sabe means someone who walks tall with integrity. Theodore is perhaps best remembered for his beautiful smile, the sparkle in his eyes, the warmth of his big heart, which we called his (speaking Ojibway), that is the Ojibway language for "double heart" or "two heart". (Speaking Ojibway) was his great-grandfather and his life-long spirit guide. Theodore called me (speaking Ojibway) the other half of his double heart. Theodore was former Chief of Sagkeeng, a knowledge keeper, elder, educator, leader and visionary. He lived by the seven teachings of his Anishinaabe heritage: honesty, humility, respect, courage, wisdom, truth and love. These teachings are depicted on a City of Winnipeg panel at the foot of the Moray Bridge, illustrated by Anishinaabe artist, Jackie Traverse. This panel acknowledges the instrumental guidance of Theodore on this project. And he wrote a part of the panel text, which I'd like to read to you. It says...it's in regard to the ancestral heritage of the land and the water. "Looking across the historic Assiniboine River, we are on

traditional Indigenous land known as Turtle Island, inhabited by First Nations from time and memorial. Their spiritual connection with this land is eternal. This land became the homeland of the Métis nation. This bridge embodies the connections and spirit of reconciliation among all communities and all peoples." This was his belief and the values that he lived by. This is one of many contributions that Theodore made to reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous here in Winnipeg, in Manitoba and across Canada. Other recent examples are his development work in the creation of the Toba Centre for Children and Youth and his dedication to teaching children in Winnipeg schools about Indian residential schools and reconciliation. At the time of his seventh birthday, Theodore was taken from the early childhood life that he described as bliss, and he was incarcerated at the Fort Alexander Indian residential school for 10 years. His experiences are documented in his Canadian national bestselling book, 'Broken Circle: The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools' published in 2010. A new commemorative edition of 'Broken Circle' has just been released. This is a copy of the book. It's…the book launches next Tuesday at McNally Robinson both in person and live streamed. This new edition documents his life's story, his incredible achievements, and the impact of his life on the many thousands of us who call this land our home. This book, 'Did you see us?', was published last year by the Assiniboia Residential School Legacy Group of which Theodore was a founding member. This documents the stories of survivors and neighbourhood community residents, like myself, our shared legacy and commitment to meaningful reconciliation. I'd like to read a few excerpts from this book about this land called Wellington Park that is the subject here today. These excerpts are written by Theodore and are his words and his voice that I carry to you today. This book carries the voices of many Assiniboia survivors, each experience depicted in their words and in their emotions, but I will voice only those words entrusted to me by my husband. He wrote, "It is important to understand the meaning of the word 'story'. In English, a story must be clarified as to whether it's fictional or non-fictional. There is not that distinction in the Anishinaabe language. You speak as if you were holding an eagle feather or had your hand on the bible. Your word is your word and your story is truth." And that statement was issued with the teaching of Roger Roulette, a renowned expert in the Ojibway language, because of the many, many comments from Canadians and people in other parts of the world, doubting the stories of survivors. Children from more than 80 First Nations and other Indigenous communities attended Assiniboia. Transition to life there brought us into comfortable...a comfortable and safe urban environment. This evolution is a testament to the adaptability of Indian children to survive colonization policies, yet, approximately 60% to 70% of the 400...I'm sorry, of the former 600 students of Assiniboia departed this earth early. Now, in our private moments, we re-live the stories of friendship and love and joy that we shared with those who are now departed from this realm. The legacy of Assiniboia is the blending of stories, not only of survivors, but also of many in the community, including the residents of River Heights who lived along the same roads and streets as Assiniboia with their children, yet didn't know who we were or why we were there. At our 2017 reunion, we experienced a community outpouring of sorrow and regret that they had never been told about us or invited to engage with us. Those feelings were woven into their desire to get to know us now, and to welcome us into the community and work with us to reconciliation. The real legacy of Assiniboia is a true experience of reunion, remembrance, reconciliation, reclamation. Hard earned by students and also by community members. Reconciliation began many years after Assiniboia closed in 2000...or sorry, in 1973. Relationships that took hold among Assiniboia students often lasted throughout our lifetimes. More than 50 years later when we got together in an impromptu reunion, we came together on the grounds of the Assiniboia school, now Wellington Park, where we had experienced joyous freedom on the skating rinks, baseball diamonds and open green playing fields. The creator embedded our resolve to join our hands and hearts with the community and with each other. This became the turning point, the recognition of our need to reclaim our voices and our history and to make sure our story was heard. In this last phase of my life, this being published last year, dedicated to public awareness and reconciliation, I park at the edge of the playing fields where we used to play hockey and baseball. I am thankful that the City of Winnipeg has preserved this precious land. The little hillside by the railway tracks is sometimes filled with the laughter of children...sorry, children sledding, and in the summer, the fields resound with the joys of baseball. When it's quiet, the spirits of the lost souls gather there, lingering with me.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins moves extension of two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried.

Morgan Fontaine: Megwich. When it is quiet, the spirits of our lost souls gather there lingering with me. A little bit thankful and a little bit heartbroken, I smudge and pray with them. It is my privilege as a survivor to give voice to these memories, to work to preserve this history and this space that is sacred to us. I pledge that these innocent children are not forgotten, though their voices were silenced so long ago. May we now come together as one community to make space for ceremony and commemoration, space for preservation and reconciliation, space to create this legacy of our shared journey with the community. Indigenous and non-Indigenous together, may we close our circle to honour this land and its legacy of freedom and hope for children. I'd like to close by saying I'm very honoured to be with you today to bring Theodore here with me to you and his words to bring them to you. The land of the Assiniboia residential school will always hold those spirits and sacred remembrances. It will always be the land that brings ancestral heritage of all peoples together. It should carry a most worthy name. I'd like to close by returning to the ancestral heritage of this land and sharing Theodore's land acknowledgement published within 'Did you see us?' and also in the new edition of 'Broken Circle'. "We acknowledge we are on First Nations' land, Turtle Island, inhabited by First Nations from time and memorial. For thousands of years, First Nations people: the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Dene and Anishininew Nations, walked and lived on this land and knew

it to be the centre of their lives and spirituality. The Anishinaabe call this land (speaking Anishinaabe), the place where the creator resides."

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Morgan. Thank you. We'll now take questions. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I'd be moving for extension.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thanks. Seeing no questions, I appreciate you joining Council today. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you very much for coming. I knew your husband, and I just want to ask if you are aware…he was beloved and such a wonderful political mentor to this woman, and a spiritual one. And I am really honoured by your presence today. And I just want to ask if you're aware.

Morgan Fontaine: Megwich. Megwich all for listening to me today and for consideration of this proposal. I am very grateful.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Morgan Fontaine, have a great day. Next, we have David Grant. He will appear remotely before Council in opposition to the following items of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 18th, 2022: Item 3 – the Human Rights Committee of Council – 2021 Annual Report. Item 7 – the Human Rights Committee of Council Coordinator Contract Renewal. Item 11 – Citizen Member Appointments – Saint Boniface Museum Board. Item 17 – Use of Surplus Funds from the Millennium Library Community…Community Connections Space Project under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund. And Item 18 – Creation of P25 Compliant Radio Subscriber Gear Capital Project. David Grant, welcome.

David Grant: Hello and thank you again for the time. Thank you to the Clerks and to Your Worship for granting us this opportunity. In recent years, rights have been in the news a lot. This is on the topic of the Human Rights Committee of Council. Rights have been in the news a lot. There have been local protests; some have been against the actions of city hall. The Manitoba Human Rights…Human Rights Commission has taken seriously some complaints about these City actions. This report pretends that all is well on the subject of rights and those who feel strongly that theirs have been denied. In the report, we see a group of people who are actively seeking out cases of very specific rights complaints. The fact that no one looks at the bigger picture is an indictment of the way that the HRCC has, in my opinion, failed to follow its mandate. The fact that folks who were warned here that some actions could be violations, but ignored that advice, is actually an indictment of the whole public input process. It seems that all of the time that residents put into their presentations, research and so on, is just wasted when city hall never seems to give a second thought to what it does. If an organization is planning to do something and a board member brings up a problem with that action, it's sort of expected that there would be some discussion of, gee, is that a bad idea? Sorry about that. On EPC No. 17 – unspent funds. This is just a general comment, not against one form of spending or another, but budgets work better when rules are followed. I know city hall is a very rules-oriented place and that's one of the things that I admire about it and all of the people who work there, because it does follow rules. One of the important budget rules is that funds designated for a purpose are only used for that. Diversion of funds to unapproved uses is generally not allowed. Diversion of unspent funds is also not allowed. Violation of such rules is a slap in the face for decorum and for traditional fiscal management. Once upon a time, unspent funds were to offset those items on which spending goes over the budgeted amount. This is done in many organizations, they don't allow diversions. Done right, budgets come closer to being exact spending estimates which is the whole purpose. On EPC No. 18 – WPS radios. As I said to EPC…to EPC, I am not in favour of this. The wise folks on your budget setting team did not fund this purchase. Doesn't that say we do not need this radio system as badly as other things? Background, possible background; the Motorola sales team gets together with someone in Ottawa. A funding announcement is made by Ottawa. That one sales call may result in hundreds of multimillion-dollar sales to the cities. This is brilliant. This is clearly coupon marketing. When Ottawa sends those 30 cents off coupons to every Canadian city police department with an artificial deadline, most cities sign on without giving the change in priorities much thought. Now, here's another analogy, locally. A $50-off coupon on a new barbecue. They should buy a store. We'll sell an awful lot of patio stuff, even to families with little money or even much need for more patio stuff. With respect, I suggest Winnipeg resist this request. IRPW No. 4, any of you who vote to take money away from road repair for obscure boutique projects may find fewer voters in October when voters find out what you have done. Decades ago, Manitoba realized the danger that short amber lights create on high-speed roads. They added AWS, Advanced Warning Flashers, to every such light in the province, and other provincial jurisdictions. Back then decades ago, Winnipeg ignored this danger. Until recently, you got a traffic engineer from a city where safety matters, he called for AWFs on Winnipeg's high-speed roads. This was after he did the calculations on braking distances and the crashes via some of our high-speed traffic lights. Winnipeg ignored this danger, but we are gradually adding AWS for funding. I see that this report calls for spending over $2 million on speed bumps and niche projects, and tweaks to the places that people want. The real danger will only get $45,000 this year as compared to that $2 million. We expect to get half of an AWF, one direction, not the other. It is truly deplorable that zero effort has been directed to helping those laws make safer decisions. Now, I did make this comment before, and there were cries of victim shaming. I'm not trying to do that. No matter how deeply persons are in denial, the facts remain, making

very bad decisions in traffic will result in injury. Spending millions on amber lights for drivers will do nothing for the victims of inattention. Whether they're driving or on foot, showing a red light to those waiting to cross a busy street provides a needed reminder. When the red 'don't walk' sign goes out, it's time to cross. That would happen, as I've explained before, that you...after a few seconds of the cars being shown the flashing orange lights and they stop, then your 'don't walk' sign goes out, and it's your signal to go. Crosswalks…remember, we have this at nearly every Winnipeg traffic light all over downtown. You have a regular traffic light and there's a pedestrian signal, it says don't walk until it's time for your turn. We need that at our crosswalks. Real simple technology could do it for about the same money as we're spending on lowering lights. Anyway, keep in mind, crosswalks in Europe also feature large letters painted on the street. They say, look left. So, somebody who is just staring at the ground as they walk will see a reminder. Oh, yeah, look left, oh, there in the left, there's a car coming. And in the UK, they have little letters on the road say look right, because that's where the cars come from in England. Those over there, those in charge over there in Europe, seem to understand how best to make everyone safe. Please consider these...these other ideas instead of just the spending things you've got now. So, I will thank you and take any questions.

Madam Speaker: Any questions for Mr. Grant? Seeing none, thank you for your presentation today.

David Grant: Thank you, Speaker Sharma.

Madam Speaker: Okay, next delegation is Kelly Ryback. He is here in-person appearing before Council in opposition of Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated April 6th, 2022. And it is regarding Warranted Projects within the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program. Welcome.

Kelly Ryback: Thank you, Madam Speaker. From the April 26th IRPW, I just want to recap events from then to now. At the April 28th Council meeting, I presented, I did not oppose the TEP projects, I just opposed the funding request to take it from the Road Renewal Reserve Fund. With our road conditions, please, do not take from the Road Renewal Reserve. Safety is paramount. I shared my family and friend tragedies with EPC on May 18th and I also did that at IRPW on September 21. I advocated for the policy on prepare to stop flashing lights many times last year asking for a policy and being involved in that discussion. On April 20th, at EPC, even Councillor Mayes stated the request is equal to 1% property tax hike. That's a big nut in one request. At EPC, it was held over for the sole purpose so that the Councillor Allard could work on Councillor Rollins to get her vote because two-thirds majority is required. At EPC on May 18th, I questioned why it wasn't in the budget. So many of these go back as far as 2018. I support many, I just don't support half pedestrian crossings where traffic light is two blocks away. On April 6th, IRPW and the Public Service agreed with that when they declined a request for crossing on Fermor that was a mere 150 metres away from a traffic light. But if you take from the reserve, how are you going to keep up? There's even a submission by the heavy-equipment construction, Mr. Lorenc, agreeing with that. Plus, in 2019, Council voted to change funding to the Road Renewal Reserve. The regional funding drops 70% next year in 2023, from 1% to 0.3%. I again ask, how are you going to keep up if that takes place and that happens and you take $7 million out of the road reserve today? I stated all this at the May 18th EPC meeting. What was the outcome before the voting? There's no discussion. Councillor Allard wanted to hold it over once again, but the Clerk reminded him that you can't do that, you have done it once, and we're in a short construction season. It's May 26th today. And we don't...we have been holding in limbo the road reserve and these TEP unfundeds since April 6th. I'm asking you again, what is before you today without amendments in the last...since April 6th, it's to take $7 million that either there has to be an amendment to this or you vote it down. And, Madam Speaker, my ask is that if you take today $7 million out of the Road Renewal Reserve to pay for the unfunded TEP, TEIPs, then our roads aren't going to get fixed the way they do and they're only…they are…we're going to be faced with the same situation next year as many of the pothole repairs will fail. But if you approve today $7 million out of that reserve, then to help our roads I can only ask, I am sorry I'm going to be sarcastic, please plant the flowers in the potholes this year. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Questions? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm essentially grateful for Mr. Ryback's concerns. The question is, of course, what do we do about these things? He raises important concerns. Now he's raising issues regarding construction and maintenance of our infrastructure, and we're talking about where the money is going to come from. One thing I can't ignore is the fact that these are the very costs that are going up the highest at city hall. It's not...it's not...it's not the…by and large the services that the City provides, except for that to do with construction. Is Mr. Ryback aware…Ryback aware that in the last 30 years, the costs of construction have gone up 10 times higher than the wages and the salaries of the people that pay for it, including, by and large, the wages and salaries of the City workers of Winnipeg?

Kelly Ryback: Madam Speaker, and thank you, Councillor Schreyer. And I am aware of that. I'm also aware that…and I don't know what the solution is regarding that amount other than specifically to what I have seen in road maintenance on multiple cases just in my neighbourhood that there is poor productivity and poor quality of work being done that could move to why those costs do increase. For example, a 12-foot-by-20-foot patch was put in right by my house in a sewer

repair and it was barricaded for 22 days unnecessarily. When Rouge Road between Sansome and Allard was resurfaced, the entire crew showed up except for one critical piece of equipment and the crew sat there for 2 1/2 hours because that one piece of equipment was the first one to be used. And there was workers sitting on the grass on their phones for two hours. That if you want to address the costs of road construction and the increase that it is, you first need to address quality and productivity. Another example was in...on Corydon Avenue that I did a 311, that I graciously, Councillor Rollins escalated for me because it was dangerous sidewalk, they came and fixed it very quickly after the escalation; they did it wrong and had to come back a second time. When you have to look at…why not have a forensic accounting on how much re-work and poor quality of work is being done and how much correction is being needed. And that's one of the reasons why costs escalate so much: poor performance, poor quality.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I do appreciate the answer. There's a lot to talk about here. In terms of the...the proportion of the cost of construction workers to the cost of construction and construction maintenance, those costs for construction workers hasn't gone up anymore than anybody else's wage and salaries, but the cost of construction has gone up 10 times higher than that, not the cost of the construction workers.

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Well, this is a very important issue. Does Mr. Ryback believe that we should have a real overhaul in terms of analysing where our construction costs and our taxes are going to?

Kelly Ryback: Madam Speaker, I know that another reason of construction costs is because the City used to have its own plant and no longer does, so having to go to market rate. But the question is very important, but is not relevant to this item that we need to address today on where $7 million is going or not going.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Would Mr. Ryback like to know, since he's mentioned this is a very important point, whether the City has, in fact, saved any money at all when we sold off our quarry, and if so, how much? Would Mr. Ryback like to know that? I would like to know that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Kelly Ryback: Madam Speaker, I would like to know that, but I don't need to know that today.

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

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you for your presentation this morning. I'm just…not that it justifies those sitting around waiting for pieces of equipment, but was it City of Winnipeg staff or a contractor, the instance that you're...because if it is a contractor, it's based on a contract and they have to perform those services within the letter of that contract at...and if they're sitting around, it's at their cost, not the City of Winnipeg.

Kelly Ryback: Madam Speaker, it was...it was a combination. There's many examples. I'll give…there's...if we want to continue on it, just on the same budget, that two years ago, I live...I live at the corner of Pontiac Bay and Allard Avenue. I am responsible for 130 feet of boulevard with a public sidewalk. For the first time, and I have lived there now 30 years, the City came and power raked the boulevard and then cleaned the street. That was the day after they cleaned the street. This year, on Buchanan Boulevard, they cleaned the street and two days later, they power raked the boulevard and they cleaned the street. Last week, on Disraeli Freeway, there was a power sweeper cleaning the sand and gravel off the concrete median. And behind it to block traffic because it was throwing it onto the street, was a pilot truck to stop traffic because of the danger of not only to protect the driver of the sweeper, but also because of the spraying of gravel on to the street. There wasn't a sweep cleaner in sight and that gravel sat there for hours. So, when you look at that and the examples I gave is just in an area of 50 houses, it's exponentially how many problems there are. The waste throughout the city and beyond construction but in other areas, that is for another discussion.

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

Kelly Ryback: I appreciate that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, we have Penny McMillan who is appearing remotely in support of Item 5 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated April 5th, 2022. It's regarding Regulating Short-Term Rentals. Welcome, Penny.

Penny McMillan: Thank you. Your Worship, councillors, thank you for allowing me to address you today and to speak in support of Item 5 – Regulating Short-Term Rentals. I have appeared before a number of you in other committee meetings to speak on this matter. But first, let me say, that the majority of the people that I have been in contact with in regards to this matter, I've not heard anyone that disagreed with implementing the collecting of bed tax, which is part of this...of this exercise. Everyone agrees that accommodation is being provided, so the tax should be collected, and should be paid into the city, into the funds, that supports and markets the Winnipeg to visitors. The Hotel Association, like those of us that are living with the spread of the business of short-term rentals, recognizes the impact that this unregulated businesses are having. Operators say, oh, they just have one or two units and they're doing all kinds of things to ensure that they are always operated in a responsible manner. But the reality is that they are creating tremendous impact on neighbourhoods, where it's houses and on condo buildings or apartment buildings where it's units within those larger accommodation elements. They are operating businesses, a business that is negatively impacting on others. A business that is not paying appropriate taxes. A business that is not regulated, although it's too often negatively impacting on City services because of increased demands on police, fire and paramedic services. Because other cities have already addressed this issue and have put in place regulations, Winnipeg has the advantage of looking at a copy of the work that's been done in those other cities and implementing regulations that we know work. Toronto is considered to have the best regulation and those are part of what is noted in the administrative report that you will have received. Toronto has done the testing for us. The other cities have done the testing. We don't need to do more testing. We know that more than one regulation type is going to be required. We know that self-monitoring and declaring is not effective. Voluntary compliance just does not work. Experience has shown that regulations that are having the most positive impact on the issues around short-term rentals requires owners to live in the property at least for a portion of the year. Then you are actually truly talking about short-term rentals. If that regulation is not imposed, then the owners are going to simply keep on running their business in the way that they have. There will be increased demands continuing as far as City services are concerned. When you are dealing...excuse me, when you are dealing with short-term rentals and there's no regulations, you can run into situations…and I would just like to share one with you. Problems in a building...in a condo building in Winnipeg came to the attention of the managers of that building. They contacted the owner who lives in Toronto, who operates, it's known, several different short-term rentals. And her answer to the call from the building manager was, I know Manitoba regulations have a maximum fine that can be charged to me of $100 a month, so I'll just send you the $1,200 and you won't have to bother calling me for another year. That's the kind of things that happen when you have an unregulated environment. These people, no doubt, at one time she lives in Toronto, I don't doubt that she probably had short-term rentals in Toronto until the regulations went in there and then she simply moved that business to Winnipeg. They are businesses. We know that long-term rental availability is critical in communities. And we know what's happening in other cities, and no doubt, it's moving here as well, probably faster than what most of us would like to admit. These Airbnb short-term accommodation rentals are negatively impacting on the amount of space that is available in the community for people that are looking for rental accommodation. New regulations are being implemented in Manitoba regarding hotels to address trafficking issues. And we know what that's going to lead to. It happened when COVID was on. The hotels were, for all intents and purposes, almost empty. And that's not the environment that these kind of people like to be part of, because it's too easy to see the business that they're running and how they're behaving. So they moved into condo buildings and created all kinds of difficulties in ways that we have never experienced before. In this kind of...when you are dealing with condo buildings, that kind of proximity, you just cannot escape it until you really have it, not just on your sidewalk in front of your property, but you have it when you step out of your door and they step out of their door in the next door and the next condominium unit. We do have to recognize and we have to control the kind of people that are using short-term rentals to their advantage. And that can only be done if there's regulations where people is actually looking at what they're doing. Please regulate these businesses. And they are businesses. Tax them accordingly. Put regulations in place. And set taxes that cover the cost of the enforcement. We in condos cannot do this. It has to be done by legislative groups or bodies and the City Council is a body that can regulate this. So, we implore you to look at this and take action. There's talk of needing more time to study the matter. Why? We've been at this for months. Other cities have done the research. Winnipeg is not going to be substantively different. The information exists. Please get this into place. Summer is coming, the peak demands for accommodation are coming and it's just going to be a free-for-all. Reports show that 700 short-term operators exist in Winnipeg and that's probably a low number. Versus 125 hotels. We regulate the hotels, but we've got this other group that's just running wild. We need to get a handle on this for the benefit of all of us who are living in this city and are paying taxes and would like to be able to enjoy our homes. The tools are known, the negative impact on property owners is known. Condo boards, again, do not have the hotel...or do not have the tools to address this situation. But you, councillors, Winnipeg Council, have the legal means to make changes in this industry. You can insist that businesses operate like businesses, and that includes paying taxes and living with regulations that are there for the betterment of all Winnipeggers. Please act as soon as possible. The regulations that other cities have test run for us are there. There will still be cheaters. We know that, but let's try. So, I implore you to please move forward with this regulation and to look very carefully at including as part of that regulation a requirement that people live in those short-term rental units at least for a portion of

the year. That has worked very, very successfully in other jurisdictions. Thank you for your time. I'm pleased to answer any questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Penny. If you could just stay online with us, we'll take questions after the next delegation.

Penny McMillan: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Next, is Laurie Foster who will also appear before Council in support of the same item. Laurie, welcome.

Laurie Foster: Thank you, and good morning. Given that I'm limited to five minutes, I would like to get right to the heart of the matter. I most strongly oppose non-principal resident short-term rentals. These are ghost hotels, and no matter what name they use, their function is that of a daily rental hotel. At no time in the last 50 years could I have come before City Council and received an approval to develop a hotel in the middle of an R1 residential neighbourhood. I would have been told, correctly, that developing and operating a hotel on a residential lot in an R1 residential neighbourhood would not be in keeping with the letter or the spirit of residential zoning by-laws. Hotels do not belong in residential neighbourhoods. Almost three years ago, the house across the street from me became a ghost hotel. It's advertised to accommodate up to 12 adults per day at a cost of $229. This ghost hotel is owned by investors. They have never lived there. They previously had tried to operate a student rooming house until that market dried up. In the last year, we've had about 1,200 strangers driving over 550 vehicles, plus their visitors and food delivery, on our residential street. Their clients are a mix of commercial and pleasure travellers and I suggest they all had one thing in common: they were trying to save money. Something else that appears to be attractive is the lack of regulation. For example, during COVID lock down, our hotels had regulations to enforce, and we were not allowed to even have family members enter our home. We watched hundreds of strangers from across the country stay and party at this ghost hotel. I was absolutely stunned to be told by Councillor Lukes that it's not against existing zoning by-laws to operate a ghost hotel in an R1 residential neighbourhood. How can that possibly be? How can a hotel exist on my street or your street or in your condominium building? We tax paying homeowners rely upon zoning by-laws to ensure safety and livability when we…in treating our neighbourhoods and investing in our homes. By not enforcing existing zoning by-laws or by not enhancing existing zoning by-laws to deal with these ghost hotels, the City of Winnipeg has been, in my opinion, derelict in its primary duty to existing residential homeowners regarding safety and livability in our neighbourhoods. I have heard from many homeowners around the city of their real-life experience in dealing with those hotels. They've had to deal with increased traffic, noise, sex workers, drug dealers, drunkenness, fighting, multiple police visits and an awful lot of very challenging circumstances, to say the least. None of these situations should ever be accepted as normal in residential neighbourhoods with residential buildings. I have listened to your debate about whether you should look at the Toronto model or the Calgary model or the Ottawa model and I strongly suggest you look at the common-sense model, hotels do not belong in residential neighbourhoods. There's a big difference between someone renting out a room in their home or operating a bed and breakfast in their residence than a hotel operating in the heart of a residential neighbourhood, regardless of the name the ghost hotel goes by. We have a regulated hotel industry that is there to provide accommodation to travellers. Hotels are rightly located and properly zoned commercial areas with other compatible businesses. I strongly, strongly urge you to maintain the integrity of our zoning by-laws that clearly separate commercial hotel enterprise from residential neighbourhoods. Residential neighbourhoods are designed as places to live in peace and raise our children in safety, not places to invite hundreds or thousands of strangers to come to ghost hotels. When you go home tonight, I want you to look across your street or across your condo hallway and imagine what it would be like for you to have 1,200 strangers to descend on your home. By voting to completely ban non-principal residence short-term rentals, I believe you would be living up to your duty of trust to Winnipeg residential neighbourhood residents. And that's all I've got and if anyone wants to ask me a question I would be very happy to answer it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We'll now take questions. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. First of all, I want to thank mister…Laurie, there, for coming in or for Zooming in. Constituent in my ward who is really doing a great job articulating this issue. I wanted to ask...I guess I'll ask Laurie this; were you aware or are you aware that the following municipalities have short-term rental regulations that include primary residence category? These are the ones that have short-term rentals, but it has to be your primary residence. Were you aware of this? Toronto, Vancouver, Brampton, Mississauga, Charlottetown, Victoria, Ottawa, Squamish, London, Town of Lake of Bay…Township of Lake of Bays, Québec City, Richmond, St. Catharines, Vaughn, Niagara Falls and Oakville. Were you aware that all of these have primary residence regulations?

Laurie Foster: Yes, I am. I am also aware of multiple places in California that are years ahead of us who had this experience and they've either shutdown short-term rental completely or limited it to prime principal residence only. I mean, we've got to get real here. I don't care what you call it or what kind of an internet app that somebody dreams up, allowing the house across the street from me or across the condo hall from Penny's to operate as a daily rental hotel is a dereliction of duty on the part of our city. Period. This isn't allowable. This is ridiculous.

Councillor Lukes: Okay, I have another question. And maybe you will be aware of this too. Were you aware that when we had our very, very intense illegal rooming house issue in the Fort Richmond, Waverley Heights area that ultimately, we…the City had to hire more by-law officers and basically had to do countless studies on reorganizing...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, the question.

Councillor Lukes: The system. Were you aware of the cost to taxpayers that that resulted in?

Laurie Foster: Yes, I was. But I'm also aware of the cost to taxpayers to have police enforcement of laws, by-law officers. If somebody opened a brothel across the street there would be somebody there who would show up to shut it down. It's something that...you can sense my frustration. To suggest that this should be allowed to operate because it might cost the City some more money or, rather, to look at the budget, that is ridiculous. This is an operation that is either illegal because of in contravention of zoning by-laws. And I can't imagine how it would not be against our existing zoning by-laws. Or it's something that the City just has to find the money to put the people on the street to enforce. Period.

Councillor Lukes: Right. Okay, So, and I guess my last, 'are you aware' and I'll just end it. Are you aware that I'm fully supportive and I'm going to be doing all I can to ensure that whatever we come out with is involved with short-term rentals that it's the primary residence? That I think is key to this whole issue is that short-term rentals must be primary residences. Are you aware that I'm fully supportive of working towards that solution to end this?

Laurie Foster: Yes, and I appreciate the help that you and Councillor Chambers have given me over the last several months. As I mentioned, you know, someone renting out a room in their house that they live in, that's gone on for years, that's fine. I live in the University of Manitoba area and people have had students…a student or two in their house for years. That's never been a problem. It's when people...real estate investors are buying up our real estate, and you already heard about the people from Toronto coming to buy it cheap in Winnipeg, and you can operate a daily rental hotel. That has to stop. It just has to stop.

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

Laurie Foster: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next is Jamie Buhler in opposition to the same item. Welcome, Jamie.

Jamie Buhler: Hello, thanks for having me. You'll have to excuse me if I sound a bit under the weather, my voice is a little hoarse today. I would like to thank the Mayor, Council and all the guests for allowing me the opportunity to speak this morning in opposition to the matter in Item 5 – Regulating Short-Term Rentals. As was already mentioned, my name is Jamie Buhler, I am the president of a property management firm here in Winnipeg, specializing in the management of the long-term rental of single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes in the city of Winnipeg. As such, it is safe to assume that compared to the average citizen, I could be considered an expert in the Winnipeg market as it pertains to rental housing. And I stand here today in opposition to any and all measures to regulate short-term rental housing. This may seem odd to some, as short-term rental housing is a direct competitor to my business model. I.e., the more homes that enter the short-term rental pool means potentially more homes that leave the long-term rental home space. This is precisely why my concerns deserve to be heard today. Any organization in support of regulation, such as the Manitoba Hotel Association, for example, that stands to gain a competitive advantage from such regulation, should be dismissed out of hand. I have no respect for any organization that seeks to use the means of bureaucracy and politics to crush their competition. I don't have too many points this morning but I will explain in more detail throughout. Both of those points will draw from my vast experience in the rental market in Winnipeg. Number one, regulation of short-term rentals will be destructive. And number two, the regulation of short-term rentals is unnecessary. Earlier in this conversation I referenced how short-term rentals potentially pull homes from the long-term rental pool. Before using that as a reason to regulate, let's first ask the obvious question: why would someone who owns a rental unit choose to operate that unit as a short-term rental as opposed to a long-term rental? To put it simply, again, as an expert in the field, current regulations surrounding long-term rentals in the city of Winnipeg make operating a long-term rental an incredibly difficult and often unprofitable venture. Between the bureaucratic nightmare of navigating the Residential Tenancies Act and the corresponding Residential Tenancies Grant, many investors in rental property are choosing to opt for alternative means of profiting from ownership of rental property. By-passing the branch and the act through the short-term rental market is an appealing option for some who have been burned already by the long-term rental bureaucracy. Aggressive legislation around rent controls and the difficulty experienced by many in attempting to remove non-paying violent tenants has de-incentivized many from even investing in long-term rental property in the city of Winnipeg. This has led to everything from the innovation of short-term rental housing to the blight of boarded up homes in the North End. I am sure many of us recently watched a video put out by CTV news titled, "Winnipeg's Vacant Homes Spell Danger for Neighbouring Residents". Noticeably, but not surprisingly, absent from the video was an interview with the owner of one of these homes to ask what should be an obvious and simple

question: why would a home in the city of Winnipeg be vacant and boarded up in the first place? After all, a vacant home is generating no revenue. If they had interviewed a landlord, any landlord, they would have heard stories of an inability to remove unpaying tenants for upwards of six months. They would have heard stories of the difficulty in simply trying to arrange a visit from an inspector to get the home looked at or a simple permit approval process. Every single time you see a boarded-up home in the city of Winnipeg, you're looking at a landlord lost in the bureaucratic nightmare of trying to bring a home to market. What does all of this have to do with short-term rentals? I fear a knee jerk reaction to regulate something new and misunderstood will put short-term rentals in the city of Winnipeg on the same path that long-term rentals are currently on. Regulation here will de-incentivize purchasers of short-term rentals which will negatively impact everyone's property values. Make no mistake, housing regulation kills housing. STR regulation leads to the less STR supply, which leads to less visitors to the city. This will have an impact on everything from shopping to commerce to restaurants and everything else individuals come to Winnipeg for. Look at a map of Canada; Winnipeg is the major economic centre for everyone from Moosomin to Thunder Bay all the way up to Nunavut. Forget about shopping in restaurants for a second. Consider life saving and enhancing medical care. It seems disingenuous to begin this meeting with a land acknowledgement only to then consider regulation that would make it more difficult for First Nations to simply find a place to stay while coming to Winnipeg for medical treatment. As I have already said, regulation of short-term rentals will be destructive. Number two, regulation of short-term rentals is unnecessary. After hearing my first point, some maybe tended to think I'm advocating for the wild west and have no concern for the safety of these properties and those who reside in them or next to them. After all, in the absence of regulation, who will ensure that short-term rentals don't endanger our communities and make them more dangerous? Excuse me. And the answer to that question is obvious, we already have regulations in place to ensure the safety of our communities. More regulation is unnecessary. For example, the neighbourhood Livability By-law already applies to every single property in the city of Winnipeg and has been in full effect since 2008. It's a 68-page document covering everything from basic maintenance to derelict vehicles, to littering, to signage, noise control, to firepits and on and on. It includes fines for infractions direct to the owners of the property. This sounds great and all, but what about illegal activities that are not covered under the Neighbourhood Livability By-law? That's why we also have the Safer Communities and Neighbourhood Act. Again, Safer Communities and Neighbourhood Act deals directly with the property owner as it pertains to infractions. This act reprimands owners of properties that are regularly associated with drug use, prostitution, firearms offenses, child exploitation and more. As a landlord, we work closely with Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods to ensure our properties do not become a problem for the neighbourhoods we serve. For neighbours, SCNA is simply a phone call away to begin an investigation. And finally, self-regulation. The short-term rental market, and especially the Airbnb platform, has built-in checks and balances. Users can rate hosts, hosts can rate users and all of this information is public. A poor rating for a user ensures that it is more difficult for that user to secure short-term rentals in the future. A poor rating for a host ensures that the host struggles to find good users in the future. As a manager of long-term rentals, I'm sometimes jealous of the immediate feedback that is available to this market. We can access Residential Tenancies Branch or their search system, but that is sometimes months behind active (inaudible) orders. In short, regulation of short-term rentals is unnecessary. In conclusion, I want to inform everyone present as to why I am logging in via Zoom instead of joining you in-person. The reason for that is that I don't live in the city of Winnipeg. I live just outside of Winnipeg and commute to run my property management company. As a result, I am a regular user of short-term rentals as I often have to stay in the city for a day or two at a time. I would hate to see a thriving industry serving so many people be decimated by crippling and, ultimately, unnecessary regulation. In our current economic climate still reeling from the impacts of government intrusion during the COVID-19 pandemic, don't hinder Winnipeggers and STR owners and operators any further than they already have been. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Jamie. We'll now move on to the next delegation and come back for questions. If you stay with us, please. Asmara Polcyn, also in opposition to the same item – Short-Term Rentals Regulation. Asmara, are you here with us? Madam Clerk do we have...okay, welcome.

Asmara Polcyn: (Speaking Indigenous language)

Translation of French Spoken:

Asmara Polcyn: Hello everyone.

Asmara Polcyn: Greetings everybody; staff, Council, everyone. I am here on behalf of a fledgling short-term regulation association. We're currently lining up our ducks best we can outside. Just to clarify before I get started, I know I've only got a few minutes here today. I am actually not in opposition of regulations because I think you've come up with some solid ones. And I'd like to speak to that. I think what's at the heart of this is, what does it mean to be a good neighbour? I happen to live next to a gentleman who likes his fires and I don't know where he's finding his wood but it's pretty smoky and I just happen to be in the prevailing westerly path of his fires. But, you know what, the rest of the time, if a garage door is open, you get a call that you're, you know…that you can press a button and close up your garage. You get a call that your window is open, this sort of thing. So, people are looking after each other. And I think that's what's at the heart of all of this is being a good neighbour and looking after each other. I do feel for Mr. Foster and his concern with the

Waverley West property. That does sound like a huge amount of traffic. I'd be concerned myself if that was the house across the street from me and I would certainly make some allowances for that. The issues with the condos and noise and disturbance, my heart goes out to people living in those situations, absolutely. My own short-term rental property is a triplex in Broadway neighbourhood, West Broadway neighbourhood. It's not the one that's got the police cars outside usually. It's not the one that's got the blowing garbage. It's the one where things are tightened up best we can because as the speaker just before me, Mr. Bueller, mentioned, the Airbnb platform is quite tightly regulated. And even a four-star review plummets your ratings, brings you away from the top of that list and people are much less likely to hire your space and to count on you for a good, safe place to stay. I do think that short-term rentals are serving a very valuable space in between hotels and whatever else is out there. For example, a lot of the people who are currently evacuating from the White Shell are driving into Winnipeg with their vehicles and a fridge full of groceries. And in these inflationary times, the cost of gas alone, plus that fridge of groceries, when you go to something like a short…like a short-term rental or an Airbnb, you have saved all of your steaks and your vegetables and they're going right into the fridge. Whereas in a hotel, you've got two beds in a room and it's just...it's just not the same offering. What I'd like to do is to work together with Council to look at something more like a zipper merge and I know we've managed to do that just about here in Winnipeg so far, is let that other person in, is really work hand-in-hand to make this work for everybody because I think there's a lot of interest here that deserve to be respected and work cooperatively together. What's a little bit difficult for me in terms of the regulations on the table with number five there, is the primary residence. For me, personally, as a solo female traveller, I would actually prefer that I know that once I walk into a house, there isn't a guy on the other side of the bedroom door. That is just for me personally. And certainly, for a lot of families that I know with children, that would be something as well where that issue of privacy is just to be able to walk into your house, sit down on the couch, close the door and that's it. There's no noises from upstairs, you're not worried about anything else. So, that's something that I think that would be problematic. There's been some discussion of the Neighbourhood Livability By-law and there's some excellent points there and I'd certainly like to help you beef up the...you know, whether it's the regulations themselves or the enforcement of it, there's a lot of excellent information already on the table that I think we can work together to continue to support that. You're all right in that there's no need to reinvent the wheel here. We've got regulations, we can continue to work with them. The...it's a new world. I heard the phrase digital nomad the other day. It's nice to be able to go to work somewhere and put your feet up and have fast Wi-Fi. And I want to put hotel Wi-Fi in quotes because that's notoriously iffy. I know a lot of business travellers and medical travellers come to our house specifically so that they can continue to either work or keep in touch with loved ones. Thanks so much for your time today. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Asmara. Any questions for either of our delegations today? Seeing no questions, thank you both for your presentations to Council.

Asmara Polcyn: You bet.

Jamie Buhler: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, I'd like to call forward Daniel Guenther. He's from the Garden City Residents' Association and he's appearing before Council in support of Item 8 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated May 9th, 2022. It's regarding the Expression of Interest No. 422-2021 and the Associated Lease for a Relocated West Kildonan Library. Welcome, Daniel.

Daniel Guenther: Good morning, Council. Thank you very much for this opportunity to come here today and to present regarding now support for taking this report as information. As many of you all see, I'm a familiar face here regarding the West Kildonan Library. And I'm here with two hats, both as chair of the Garden City Residents' Association, but also as co-founder and co-chair of the Friends of West Kildonan Library. First of all, I would like to thank Mayor Bowman, Councillor Rollins, Councillor Allard and Councillor Browaty for their leadership last week in standing up with their colleagues on the Executive Policy Committee, for listening to our community, for understanding the issue, and for respecting the voice of our residents. I believe it was heard very clearly that this is a flawed proposal and it's not accepted by our community and it doesn't meet the needs of our community. So, thank you very much for that support. I would also like to thank our community. And I would like to begin by thanking the community educators, including our local schools: R.F. Morrison, Seven Oaks Met School, including Katelyn Panchoo who came to speak to the Executive Policy Committee. And I believe there was a comment made about a bright and best citizen here telling you what this proposal means to the students and the community. And she said it best, so I won't repeat everything but I would like to acknowledge Katelyn Panchoo for her support her leadership and on behalf of the students of the Seven Oaks School Division. I would also like to thank the students of Garden City Collegiate, Forest Park School, H.C. Avery, Collicutt School, Victory School, École Belmont and École Seven Oaks. I would also like to highlight the support that we received in this opposition from the Seven Oaks School Division and the Winnipeg School Division. We had both boards come out to support us in this fight and that was a very important ally because they speak volumes for the education and for the users of that library. I would also like to thank CUPE 500 for their support. And I would also like to thank our instrumental community leaders, such as Harriet Zaidman who came as well to speak about this proposal. Harriet said it very well when she said a library is to lift you up.

That is the role of the library. And putting it in Garden City Shopping Centre is not lifting our library users up. It is relegating it to a back, dark corner without any windows, without any greenspace, no trees and some glaring accessibility concerns of that space. So, the current West Kildonan Library does raise our users up and does raise up our residence. It is an absolutely beautiful building and is accessible, but could use some additional accessibility improvements. I would also like to highlight that this flawed and ill-conceived plan should never have made it this far. The resulting community outrage that you have all heard and the intense scrutiny, as well as coverage in the media, is a symptom of zero resident consult…consultation for this library proposal. And I believe it has been heard loud and clear that this is not acceptable for a library anywhere in Winnipeg. But northwest Winnipeg and our neighbourhoods are standing up to say that this is not acceptable for us. I would like to thank the residents of our northwest neighbourhoods of Garden City and West Kildonan who have stood up with us and said that this flawed proposal for an inaccessible library is not wanted and have poured their support behind our coalition including many petition signatures, door knocking and calling and e-mailing Council colleagues. $6.5 million of taxpayers' funds should not be handed to a private developer. This is not a way to build a quality library. In fact, it's creating a second class and second tier library branch. Right now, we have West Kildonan Library, which was opened in 1967 as a Canadian centennial gift. The branch does need some work, but that work is far more economical compared to pouring $6.5 million of taxpayers' funds into a space that the City will never own. And from a leasing perspective, it is a pretty sub-par space; no windows, no greenspace and no dedicated interests…entrance. This is not acceptable for any library user anywhere in Winnipeg. Some of the reasons why residents have said that Garden City Mall is not accessible to them is that there are no sidewalks beyond the boulevard. There is no way to access that mall safely as you are walking across a dangerous parking lot. And I would like to highlight the unfortunate death of a resident back in 2019 traversing that exact parking lot at the exact corner where our residents would have to be crossing to access the proposed library space in the mall. This is not a suitable location for any public hub such as our community library. Speaking of the library plan, digging back into the dates of this, this first started back in 2005. Not the entire plan, but it was…the gears were put in motion back in 2005. That is a long time ago. We are almost nearing 20 years. This is out-of-date data. And we are now seeing that we need an updated library strategy. Our city has grown. All your wards have seen grown. City hall has also changed. Faces around this council table have changed. And you will see that the libraries also need to change, just like with other City services. As our city grows, the City services that we need to grow we should not be cutting them from our successful and mature neighborhoods in favour of just moving them to a newer development. This is not how a successful city manages civic services or grows properly. Just a small update with the petition, we have now surpassed 12,000 signatures, both paper and online. Myself and my co-chair Evan Krosney were out last night door knocking again and talking to residents all around the West Kildonan Library, as well as in Garden City. And people have said we need to keep this fight going until this proposal has been stopped once and for all. I unfortunately was at this podium back in 2019 fighting for this library. And it's frustrating that residents have to fight seemingly every few years to keep a beloved library. It should be heard loud and clear that West Kildonan Library is a quality public library and must remain open. And we must grow our library services as our city grows. We are not saying that the residents of Amber Trails and the further suburbs north don't deserve a library, they do, just as the libraries should grow in further into the south suburbs of Winnipeg. I would like to thank you again for your support from the Executive Policy Committee. And I believe that we have reiterated the resident opposition to this plan. If there are questions, I am available, but thank you very much again for this opportunity.

Madam Speaker: We will take the next delegation first and then come back to questions. If you want to just stand down, Daniel, on the bench. Thank you. Evan Krosney, Co-Founder, Friends of the West Kildonan Library, who will also appear in support of this same item. Welcome. And we have five minutes on the clock for you.

Evan Krosney: Sorry, five minutes?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Evan Krosney: Okay. Good morning councillors. Thank you for the opportunity to be here today and bring a voice to this important issue. The West Kildonan Library has been a pillar of our neighbourhood for over five decades. It's accessible, it's a community hub where families, students and seniors can walk, bike, bus or drive to access the City services they need. And it's a well-used space that's been the community pillar since 1967. But now, our library is being threatened. The proposed deal to shutter our library and relocate it to an inaccessible, windowless mall in a…windowless room in a private shopping mall is a blow to our community and to all Winnipeggers. The proposed deal, as it's written, would see our community space sold off and privatized while taxpayers would be left on the hook for about $6 million all handed to a private developer. Meanwhile, those who use our library regularly would no longer be able to access the services they relied on for decades. That means no more walking field trips to the mall for the local schools. No more kids riding bikes to the library. No more seniors using it as a gathering space to combat social isolation. No more baby rhyme time for the dedicated kids space for the parents who use the library. And no more community hub that's been a pillar 55 years. Now, we know that the community is growing and northwest Winnipeg needs more library spaces, but this is robbing Peter to pay Paul. And instead of taking out a dedicated community space to shove a library in a shopping centre, let's invest in the West Kildonan Library and make sure that we can bring an additional library to northwest Winnipeg the same way we

built standalone facilities in Windsor Park, Transcona and River Heights. The northside deserves no less. Now, today I am here as co-chair of the Friends of West Kildonan Library Coalition, but more importantly, I'm here to represent the voices of our community. I'm here to represent the voices who have spoken, who have expressed their concerns and the thousands who have sent in their comments over the past few weeks about why this is a bad deal for northwest Winnipeg. So, I'd like to take a moment to read a few. From David Mathers, "When my daughter was young, we attended the story time program in the evening and took our books out each week. We'd return them on Saturdays and take out more books. Because she was introduced to books and the love of them at young age, she did well in school and became a teacher. Without having the library within walking distance of our homes, we have not…we would not have had those great experiences." From Susan Bosc, "I live kiddy corner to the library and I would like to stay living kiddy corner to the library. I've been here 42 years, we are not moving and neither is the library. I see so many people going in and out, back and forth, up and down the stairs, up and down the ramp. Happy people, young and old. We like the library where it is. I took my kids there, I continue to take my grandkids there. I joined the book club there and I will not want to see our library moved." From Harriet Zaidman, "The West Kildonan Library fulfills everything that a modern society is asking us to do. It feeds the needs either by walking or driving of neighbours, five surrounding schools, a community center, daycare and school division office. Contrast that to the plan we're seeing in new developments, there are no spaces in those developments for commercial space, not even a strip mall or convenience store, a dentist, a family doctor or a salon. Conventional services we see in older communities, this is counter to everything sociologists and climatologists are telling us about how to bill sustainable communities. And this speaks to the question of what philosophy guides a city in its decisions and what developers do when they submit their plans." From Stacy Jacques, "I was upset when I heard the City Council was looking to move the West Kildonan Library. This is where I attended when I was younger and the library my kids know best. We all love to read and it would be a shame to take that away. As of right now, the library is a 15-minute walk from our house and moving it, it would be more of a 25 to 30 minute walk." And from Ms. Dana Brown and the grade four students at Collicutt School, "I read my first book there. My tita took me there. I remember my kindergarten teacher taking us there. I also watched a puppet show there with my family. I used to beg my parents to take me there for the new storybooks at nighttime. I have wonderful memories of taking my own children there to read, get books and borrow movies." From Hadass Eviatar, "My kids went to baby rhyme time and took part in the summer reading programs. We went there often after school and one time my child forgot his Gameboy there and they phoned me about it even though there were no names or identifying marks." From Jamie Ennis, "As a senior, I feel the West Kildonan Library is a vital part of our community. It's been ages that this library has been established." Councillors, these are only a small portion of the thousands we heard from. And in closing, I would like to remind you of what's engraved on the plaque outside of the West Kildonan Library for over five decades: "Construction was made possible by the cooperation of the province and the Government of Canada. Erected by the city of West Kildonan in permanent commemoration of the centennial confederation in 1967." Let's respect that commitment we made 55 years ago. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Evan. We do have some questions. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, question for Mr. Guenther. Thank you for the presentation. Thank you for some of the issues you've raised. Truly, an architectural question; I just wanted you to talk a bit about that. You had raised that. But two things: to say, we just want another one added in the northwest just like you did in Windsor Park. For clarity, there were two branches, there are two branches. Windsor Park closed to be replaced by a new Windsor Park. So, it's not your best argument to say, we want a new one just like Windsor Park. River Heights closed to be replaced by River Heights. I believe Transcona closed to be replaced by the very nice, new Transcona Library. So, there were closures there. That said, St. Vital didn't close, I fought to keep it. My ward would have had no library, the exact issue Madam Speaker talks about. Russ Wyatt appeared when we announced we were saving it and said to me as he walked, this place is great. Now I see why you fought so hard to save it. So, it's from 1963, not unlike West Kildonan. I got it on the architectural list, the first building from the '60s to do that. Talk to me a bit, please, Mr. Guenther, just about the architectural issues around West Kildonan.

Daniel Guenther: So, it is a beautiful building. I don't know how many on Council have actually visited it. Going into the space, it has floor to ceiling windows on the east side, as well as entirely surrounded by glazing up on the…the top level, which allows natural light into the entire space. It was designed by George Stewart, who was an architect here in Winnipeg and he was a very instrumental architect. He was the Head of the University of Manitoba's Planning and Design Office and did many of the buildings, including St. Vital Library, in your own ward. But also, he did West Kildonan Library as part of this centennial gift to the community. And he didn't even recreate the St. Vital branch, he did something entirely different and something that stands on its own merit as well. The St. Vital Library branch is a beautiful example of mid-century modern architecture and I believe West Kildonan is also a wonderful example of that as a purpose-built library that is still functional in 2022. And that's the sign of good architecture.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thanks for that. And just…can you just reiterate your point of we…I don't think we have to have a finite number of branches. We can…I see the point from Madam Speaker about her branch…her rapidly growing area not having one. There is a plan, there is a study in the budget to look at Sage Creek getting a new library branch. So, I find if you have a finite number it becomes very divisive around the table. So, I'm just…I'm trying to…I think what you're saying is it doesn't have to be a finite number with losers.

Daniel Guenther: Because we shouldn't be cutting existing services. You all have existing services in wards that should not be cut in favour of when a new development goes in to provide that service to those residents. As a city grows, the city needs to grow those services. And especially in 2022, libraries are very, very important. And I believe having this 20 number is limiting the city. You know, it's limiting our potential and I don't think that is a good number to stay on or stay fixated on. I think we need to grow and develop that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pleasure to meet Daniel Guenther today. I am not sure to whom to address my question. A couple of things; I used to live in West Kildonan on Matheson Avenue and I spent dozens of times in the West Kildonan Library there on Jefferson. Just for the record, Councillor Eadie and I, of the two current…of this current Council, are the first two councillors to oppose moving the West Kildonan Library. And that is all on record and the frustrations we went through about four years ago. We knew we weren't alone and it is a pleasure to see you two together and all the work you have done, the petitions and the expression of all the support that there is to keep the library possibly where it is, ideally. But you know, there is room for consideration as things move. But to keep it, essentially, in the neighborhood. My preference, I think, in my opinion, would be to leave it where it is. Having said that, there's reasons why there was pressure four years ago that Ross and I had to sort of contend with for moving it. Areas like Waverley South and Old Kildonan are growing. Do you accept the fact…do you acknowledge the idea that soon these two communities specifically will need a library?

Evan Krosney: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. And absolutely. As I mentioned in my speech, we shouldn't be robbing Peter to pay Paul for our City services. We have seen beautiful purpose-built libraries in growing communities around Winnipeg. And as Councillor Mayes had just mentioned, the City had originally proposed to close the St. Vital Library, but Councillor Mayes fought to save that as well. We recognize that there are growing communities around Aurora, Amber Gates, Amber Trails and all of the growing suburbs in northwest Winnipeg. But providing services to new communities and to growing areas of our city should not come at expense of existing services in established neighborhoods. I live at the corner of Kilbride and Powers. I bought my house knowing that that community service was there. We were going up and down Jefferson Avenue last night, and as I mentioned in my speech, we spoke with a resident who lives kitty corner to there, they bought their house and moved in knowing that that community service was there. We know that we need to service growing communities, but they should be serviced the right way; with the proper purpose-built facility, the same way that it's been done in Transcona, Windsor Park and River Heights instead of shoving into a leased space in a mall and handing money over to private developers. So, absolutely, we recognize that, but let's make sure we're doing that the right way while preserving existing City services.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just rise. I think that our delegations here have explained it all, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to actually thank Evan and Daniel for all the work of getting…getting the residents of West Kildonan and, you know, Old Kildonan, as well, on this issue that I had great difficulty in dealing with in the past. So, I wanted to thank you for that effort. And maybe...I don't think I heard you talk about…and in our recreation strategy it talks about locating library services near recreation and so on. I think this one would be for Evan. Evan, could you…you live right near old…the old city of West Kildonan's education, recreation, leisure library area. Maybe you could describe that for my Council friends a little more?

Evan Krosney: Sure, thank you, Councillor Eadie. So, I've kind of likened the area where the West Kildonan is as downtown West Kildonan. It's a space that, as Harriet mentioned in her comments, that it's surrounded by five schools in the immediate area. It's surrounded by a school division office, a learning centre. Garden City Collegiate is down the street along with a number of small businesses; mom and pop shops and the corner stores. And just down the street, as well, is our local IGA, the grocery store. So, this is kind of a community hub where all of our City services are located within walking distance. It's serviced by transit lines running up and down Jefferson, Salter Street, which is just a block, and McGregor, which is just a couple blocks over to the…to the west. And is accessible by foot on neighbourhood footpaths and on the neighbourhood greenway, Power Street, where there was a 30-kilometer per hour pilot implemented, so it's serviced there by cyclists and cycling infrastructure as well. And Councillor Eadie, I appreciate your thank you. This was also, though, I should acknowledge so it's on the record, a community-led effort. Sure, we spoke up and were here at City Council today representing folks in our area, but it was everybody in our neighborhood. It was our MLA, Nahanni Fontaine,

it was Greg McFarlane and the Seven Oaks School Division. The Board of Winnipeg 1 for coming out in opposition as well. So, we are by no means the only ones here today who are speaking out in opposition. Having 12,000 signatures on a petition, I think, speaks for itself. And that's why we are urging Council today to follow in-suit with EPC and simply accept this as information today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, can you describe how far…how far you have to walk to get to the West Kildonan Community Centre, West Kildonan Hockey Arena and École Seven Oaks Middle School, Evan? I didn't hear you mention those City-services like the community centre, pool, and all that.

Evan Krosney: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. And they are right across the street from the library. So, it's…we've been speaking as well with board members from the West Kildonan Community Centre who, I believe, had submitted, actually, a written delegation to committee a couple of weeks ago. But yes, the community center is immediately adjacent to the library. And I should add as well, I know that parking has been a concern at the existing facility. Not only is there ample street parking up and down Power Street, which is often vacant, but the community centre parking lot immediately across the street and serviced by a crosswalk is fairly regularly vacant and available for use. And I should add that the walk from that community centre parking lot to the library is a shorter walk than it would be from a mall parking lot to a shop inside the mall.

Madam Speaker: Final question, thank you.

Councillor Eadie: Sorry. Just the final question is, given that Mr. Krosney lives at the corner of Powers and Kilbride, he also realizes that Powers is the actual active transportation greenway that takes you all the way from West Kildonan all the way down to the…to the CPR rail main line.

Evan Krosney: Thanks, Councillor Eadie. I rode my bike down here today on Powers Street. So, I appreciate you having that on the record.

Madam Speaker: I'll move extension of two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Any other questions? Councillor Eadie, if you could take the Chair. Councillor Eadie, our Deputy Speaker, if you could take the Chair, please. I would like to ask a question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I am in the Chair.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. I'd like to thank…thank you both for your presentation today and for your continued advocacy on this. My question is for Daniel. Daniel, you stated today and prior to…prior, as well, as the city grows, we should not be cutting services from our mature communities. And you also said today, we have been fighting every few years about this. Can you elaborate, it was a few years ago during the budget cycle, you and I stood here in this very chamber together and addressed Budget Committee at that time when library services that were to…to be going in the growing Old Kildonan Ward were cut. So, we are having this conversation every few years. Can you elaborate on the discussions we had and the presentations we made at that time?

Daniel Guenther: Those presentations, I thought at the time, were very loud and clear. West Kildonan Library is a beloved community space and needed to be protected. City hall recognized that and we were able to have the service preserved and our library branch preserved. And also, as part of that, there was some funding that was cut for an eventual expansion of library services, investment in library services in northwest Winnipeg, and that was also cut. And we advocated for both. We said that West Kildonan Library is a very important institution and needed to stay open. But we also said we need to make sure that people further north have those properly library services to meet the needs of a growing city, because northwest Winnipeg is growing just like south Winnipeg. Every year it gets bigger up there and we need to be planning just like we're planning for schools and firehalls and other City-services in those areas. We need to also plan for libraries.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. And second question, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Councillor Mayes rightfully directed a question to you and mentioned his Sage Creek Library. I did alert you that there is an amending motion at this committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Extension? Okay. All those in favour of a two-minute extension? Okay, go ahead.

Councillor Sharma: I did alert you to the fact that there is an amending motion to change the Library Redevelopment Strategy, the policy around that. It's not policy on the fly that we are doing today, this is a long-term discussion. Are you in support of…

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is a…thank you. Thank you, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Sharma: Are you in support of the amending motion to amend the library policy?

Daniel Guenther: I can't speak to the exact motion as I haven't seen it, but I would want to support any motion…I would implore Council to support any motion to revisit the Library Redevelopment Strategy because I think this ensuing situation that has happened is proof that that strategy, right now, is flawed. Because that strategy, right now, on the West Kildonan Library, which is the last library as part of that redevelopment strategy and this has happened. So, I think this is very clear that we need to revisit that strategy, revisit things like this limit of 20 branches. Why are we limiting ourselves to 20 branches? So, I would be in support of a motion, I think, to revisit that strategy, because let's update it. It's 2022. It's time for a new strategy and to make sure that it reflects the diverse needs of Winnipeg that has also changed in the past 10 years.

Councillor Sharma: Sure. So, again, you're in…final question, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yeah, no preamble, straight…straight-forward.

Councillor Sharma: You are in support of looking at the policy and perhaps we can look at it again as…when there's further growth in Sage Creek down the road?

Daniel Guenther: Absolutely. I would never advocate against a community not having a library. I'm a full supporter of library services wherever they would need to be in the city of Winnipeg, but to make sure that those don't come at the expense of a mature neighborhood.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. No further questions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

Daniel Guenther: Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there…oh, we're almost out of time for questions? Was there any other councillors?

City Clerk: Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No? Okay.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I will take the Chair back then. And I thank you for your presentation today. Our next delegation, Debbie Van Ettinger, unfortunately had to depart the meeting. She had another commitment, but she did send a communication to Council on her topic which is the…which is the relocation of the West Kildonan Library. She did send a communication piece to Council. Okay, just give me a moment, I want to look at these new motions. Okay, with that, Mr. Clerk, that concludes our delegations for today. We are now going to go back to announcements that were missed earlier. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor for your morning announcements.

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you very much. Good morning everyone. I want to begin just by recognizing all of those that are watching these proceedings as well as those that are in the gallery with us today. Madam Speaker, the city of Winnipeg recently welcomed hundreds of Ukrainian citizens to our community. I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to those that have fled a unjust and unprovoked attack on their country. And I want to also applaud the City's Public Service who is in dialogue with provincial counterparts to determine ways in which we can better support those that are arriving in Winnipeg from Ukraine. Of course, this council has led with the creation of the Human Rights Committee and a resulting Newcomer Welcome and Inclusion Policy which I expect will provide some benefit for those that are arriving in Winnipeg in the coming weeks. Madam Speaker, it has been a…it's been a long winter, went right into summer almost. And I am very pleased that we will be having in the next four weeks a number of festivals including Pride, the Manitoba Electronic Music Exhibition, the Winnipeg International Children's Festival and the 2022 Winnipeg International Jazz Festival, as well as the Red River Exhibition. I want to encourage Winnipeggers to support these festivals. I also want to acknowledge and just offer our support, of course, to fellow Manitobans that are battling flood conditions right now outside the perimeter. And obviously, we want to do what we can to provide support to fellow Manitobans. Madam Speaker, I recently had the honour of providing a key to the city to Cindy Blackstock. And I want to just acknowledge and applaud her and all those that support her, really,

national work in the interest of protecting children and reconciliation. I want to thank my council colleagues who were able to join me for that event. I have also had the honour recently of providing community services awards to the Winnipeg Free Press marking 150 years. The Manitoba Runners Association. Yesterday to Kemosabe. And on Saturday, I'll present the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band with community service award recognizing 100 years of service to our community. I also had the opportunity recently to participate in the grand opening of the New Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada with our council colleague, Councillor Gillingham who spoke eloquently at the opening. It is an incredible facility that will welcome all those that arrive at our airport for generations to come. And just want to applaud everybody who helped ensure that that Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada is what it is today. I want to welcome…wish the Winnipeg Ice all the best in their playoff run against the Edmonton Oil Kings. I am going to close with a bit of a somber note. Firstly, Winnipeggers learned yesterday of the passing of Cliff Derksen, one of the founding members of Candace House and a tireless advocate for victims of violent crime. I know I speak for Council when I say that our thoughts and our deepest condolences are with Wilma, the Derksen family, and everyone at Candace House. Lastly, I want to recognize the horrific tragedy that occurred in Texas on Tuesday, Madam Speaker. I know our thoughts are with the families and co-workers and the entire town of Uvalde and those that have experienced such devastation from the loss of life after a gunman opened fire at Robb Elementary School, Madam Speaker. Thank you, merci, megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Allard, your morning announcement. No longer than one minute, please.

Councillor Allard: I just need to find it in my documents if my colleagues will allow it. Okay, and I will speak in French, if you want…if some of my colleagues want to check in with their audio devices.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: So, it's an announcement to bring forward the need for action against climate change in the city of Winnipeg. In current information, last month, carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere of the earth hit 420 parts per million. So, they are now higher than they have ever been in over 3.6 million years. So, I will repeat in English because I think that maybe certain people…I speak slowly, so it might be lost in translation.

Councillor Allard: So, Council colleagues, taking a moment to let everybody know that last month, carbon dioxide levels in the earth's atmosphere hit 420 parts per million and are now higher than they've been in over 3.6 million years. I want to take the…this moment to highlight that particular data because it's higher that…it's higher than it has ever been and we are heading in the wrong direction as a…as a society in general. And a reminder about how important climate action is, including action on the things that we know better our own situations pertaining to climate. Things like mode shift, things like better insulating your buildings, things like better transit, things like more density, things like planting more trees. So, I thought Council would like to know that on this existential issue we are now at the highest point that we have ever been for 3.6 million years. So, with that, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. And our final speaker, Councillor Rollins. One minute, please.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that all of Council stands with me in shocked and disgusted with the recent attack in saint…in south Osborne that is uncharacteristically hateful and racist and white power and with Nazi sympathizers. And it has come to my attention that a business in the south Osborne district was hit by disgusting graffiti. And I want to condemn it, Madam Speaker. And I know Council stands with me in condemning the racist hate and stand in solidarity with all business owners with the Jewish community, with all of those that are attacked by a racialized attack when one business is attacked because those walking down the street, online, the hate has grown at alarming pace needs to stop, Madam Speaker. And so, I want to stand and recognize that this won't be tolerated in Winnipeg and stand in solidarity with the South Osborne Business District who was hit this morning.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Okay, we will now move on to reports of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 18th. We do have some amending motions for Item 17, Mr. Mayor, and Item 8.

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Mayor Bowman: Okay, thank you, Madam Speaker. I trust those two matters would then be pulled. And it was Items 8 and 11?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Mayor Bowman: Okay, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Oh, pardon me. 8 and 17.

Mayor Bowman: Okay, thank you. I will introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 7, 9 through 16 and 18 through 23, inclusive, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I would just like to speak briefly to report Item 20.

Madam Speaker: 20 has been pulled – Winnipeg Police Board Appointment. Any others? 8, 17, 20. Okay, any others? Okay, then I'm going to call the question. Item 1 through 7, 9 through 16, 18, 19, 21 through 23. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 8 – Decriminalization for Simple Possession of Illicit Drugs

Madam Speaker: Okay, Item 8 has amending Motion 9 going with it that's moved by Mayor Bowman and seconded by Councillor Rollins. Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to introduce the item. Yes, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I haven't had time to read the amendment. Could I get the 'be it resolved' on the amendment?

Madam Speaker: Yes. Madam Clerk, if you could read it into the record.

Motion No. 9
Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 8 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 18, 2022 be amended by deleting Recommendation 3 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

3. That subject to the approval of Recommendation 1, to allow for a whole of government approach, that the Public Service be directed to report back in 120 days with a process to review requests for letters of support by Community Based Organizations in Winnipeg who wish to apply to Health Canada for an exemption from provisions of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. The process developed by the Public Service should not overburden organizations in their application process but rather afford the entire Public Service an opportunity to ensure organizations making an application have the resources they need to provide the support for the four pillars and six policy and practice recommendations, as outlined in Attachment A and B.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Should I…just process-wise, should I speak to the amending motion or both?

Madam Speaker: Both the main item and the amending motion if you'd like.

Mayor Bowman: Sure, I'm happy to speak to both briefly. Firstly, I want to thank my council colleagues for working collaboratively with council colleagues, including myself, on this matter. As I have mentioned before, I think we have come a long way as a municipal government at looking at matters concerning illicit drugs to ones that are through increasingly harms reduction lens and through a health lens. This…I have struggled with this motion. Primarily, my concerns were, I was concerned that the way in which it was initially drafted could potentially have unintended consequences, not in the spirit of the motion itself. And I have had discussions about that with the mover, with Councillor Rollins, and that is why I

am pleased to provide a recommendation or an amendment for Council's consideration. This amendment, if it is passed, effectively addresses my primary concerns about this matter that I believe on something where we, as municipality, would be requiring our Public Service to send letters of support. I think there does need to be some due diligence so that we can ensure any organization that is supported with a letter of support from the City of Winnipeg that there has been some due diligence from the Public Service. And this provides an opportunity for a whole of government approach for a process to be considered and brought back for Council's consideration about how that support would be given. I think the intent of this motion which is to try to provide a support role to voice our concern for the lack of addictions support in the broader community and try to work with community stakeholders, I think is needed. And I would ask my council colleagues to consider supporting the amendment, and subject to its passing, I will be supporting the entire report, as amended. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the amending motion and the motion that's in front of us here today. This is really critical that the City moves forward with this. We are…we have an epidemic in front of us here today, a crisis in terms of people that are living on the street due to drug…drug uses. And we need to make sure that we are doing what we can as city to make sure that we're getting the fund in the hands of the people that need it the most. The money here today that is sitting with the Federal Government can easily be drawed down with some of the help from the city. And I really want to thank, I think it was Councillor Chambers, Councillor Mayes, the Mayor, but most importantly, Councillor Rollins who has been at the forefront really, you know, pushing…pushing the envelope on making sure that we do look at how we're going to support people that have addictions and look at harm reduction. And I think that this is a serious discussion that we need to have. I wish it would be having…they'd be having this at the provincial level. But without that being said, the City is left to deal with some of the crisis that we are seeing. This is one way we can do that, trying to get the money in the hands of organizations that are at the frontlines dealing with people with addictions. This is one step further that…one role that the City can take. And I just want to thank my councillor colleagues for bringing this forward and the Mayor for supporting this here today. I think this is a good start to helping us deal with some of the addiction issues that we see right in front of us here in Winnipeg. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins…Councillor Gilroy, pardon me. Councillor Schreyer, followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am here in support of the amendment and the main motion. I heed His Worship's remarks because it is an issue of when we have unintended consequences for our decisions. Now, and this is really serious, especially on this issue, as an example. Now, bear in mind, let's say, technology and profit motive created positive benefits for our society. They also create unintended consequences, many of them negative. Councillor Allard just talked about the environmental state of our world this year, which is unprecedented. A product of technology and productivity. When it goes unchecked and these are the consequences. Bear in mind, technology and profit motive have done great things for the evolution of chemistry. We also know that we have heard of drugs in the last decade that we never thought of…we've never heard of before because of technology. And these are the unintended consequences. These weren't the consequences we want, but these are the consequences we are living with. So now, we are trying to deal, but we're trying to deal with things that are unintended. We don't…we wish these issues didn't exist. We can't get rid of them now. Well, we'll see what we can do, but there are new drugs coming on the market under the radar; the black market, the street market. Regardless of whatever use they might have in pharmacy, the reality is that there are new drugs that I never heard of. I watched a documentary last week and they are just coming out. These are the unintended consequences of our modern society and we can't ignore this. We can't put our…can't put our heads in the sand. And unfortunately, and it is unfortunate, that we have to deal with issues like this. And on that basis, I am supporting the amendment because the amendment is…you know, I hope it's not just an indication of a symbol of our concern, but that something positive will come from the amendment. It's a cautious approach to see what we are going to do about this, but it's something that we cannot pretend to ignore because if we ignore it now, it's only going to get worse. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is quite a rarity. It was rare to have a tie vote on a motion and it's rarer still that we have been able to come back and rework the motion a bit and I think have enough support today to have it passed. I'm one of the people who opposed the original motion along with the Mayor who I thought spoke very well. The motion has been changed a bit and I want to thank Councillor Rollins for doing that, for saying, okay, well, how can we…how can we incorporate some of what you said? It wasn't all of what I said, and we haven't taken out all of the original, by any means. So, it's a balancing act. I'm supportive this time. I…it has my name as a seconder. That really doesn't matter. I want to thank Councillor Rollins and Councillor Chambers for putting this forward originally. I think that took some courage. It is not something 10 years ago I would have every thought we'd even be debating here, but it is, as Councillor Schreyer says, an important issue of our times. What has changed in the motion? A couple of things. I think there was

some talk in the original motion that the police chief's report called for decriminalization and this would save money for the police forces that could be redirected. No, the police chief's report says pretty explicitly this won't save any, we'll still be enforcing it, will still illegal, but it will be a regulatory offense, not a criminal offense. So, that was one thing. The other thing that troubled me in the original motion was this idea that we were…as a city, we're going to request exemption so that if you are outside the city it would still be illegal. If you were on reserve, if you were, to use the example that was given; if you were driving from the city to La Barrier Park, you would be fined in the city, you'd be fined in the park, but if you are caught somewhere in between in possession, you'd be subject to criminal charges. This addresses that and says, no, it should be a national approach. And the major difference here, and Councillor Gillingham spoke to this in the original debate: decriminalization without any sort of support might well make things worse. This addresses that. This talks about the four pillars. This talks about treatment. So, I think a better motion. I don't take credit for that. I will give the credit to others. And Councillor Rollins certainly accommodated some of the concerns I had. So, it's a positive. It's relatively rare that we're able to reload or reconfigure and say, okay, how can we get this important issue back before Council during the life of this council for another vote? I have switched sides due to the wording change. Thank you to those who were prepared to work on that. It sounds like the Mayor, with this additional change, which I will support. is now also on side to change. It is a powerful issue. I had people calling me up from my ward and talking about…you know, it was quite moving, talking about their children who had gone to high schools in my ward or in Councillor Chambers' part of St. Vital. And you know, this is not just an inner-city problem. This is not something we can say is restricted to certain wards or certain areas. It covers the whole city. What is the…what is the correct approach? I am not sure, but I do know when I read the report from the chiefs of police of Canada advocating this path, I think it is important to listen to that and think, well, maybe I…maybe this is a good option. Because some of those parents who were on the phone with me, it was very moving. It was very respectful. And they didn't claim to have all the answers, but they certainly told stories of how if the decriminalization had been in place, maybe the people who were with their daughter when she overdosed, maybe those people would have called the police being unafraid of getting a criminal record for calling it in. So, it's a step forward. I think it does say to the other levels of government, you, too, have a role in this. An important role. But it takes a national approach. It takes an approach that I think is worth trying. So, thanks to the colleagues around the table here for trying to work to find a solution that can get majority support. And I look forward to supporting the amendment and the main motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Next speaker, Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well said by all my colleagues, Madam Speaker. There are times where you know you don't have the votes. But there…it is rare when you are just missing one. And because of the drug poisoning crisis we are experiencing that is visibly seen on Winnipeg streets, I do think it is important when you see something so visibly wrong in a city that we have co-commit work here at Council. And maybe each and every month to address it. And certainly, we do this month. We have a motion that it took some time. And we don't often talk about the fights that happen behind the screens. The gnashing of teeth. How they can sometimes be very difficult and protracted fights, Madam Speaker. But today we have through conflict, an agreement on St. Boniface Street Links and Main Street Project. And I'm hoping today with Moms Stop the Harm behind me, moms that represent some of the 400 deaths we saw this year that are holding other moms and other parents and other sisters and brothers up, I hope today they will see the nine votes that we need. We need to be a city that adopts and shines a light on policy that works. Why? Because we are not a country that shines a light on policy that works yet when it comes to primary health and healthcare approaches to addictions. And that is coming at a terrible cost for our city. That is coming at a terrible cost in each one of our wards. Each one of us on Council, I have no doubt, have sat with family who have experienced inexplicable losses. And Madam Speaker, since the time of the last writing of decriminalization, I want to acknowledge all the losses, including families that I've sat with my own ward that were really hoping us as a Council pass the last decriminalization motion and folks that really need us to do something because why would you lose your son, as my friend Arlene Cope has. You then, apparently, sometimes dedicate your life to speaking truth to power in various forums, no matter how pained you are in doing it. And so, I want to acknowledge all of the moms and sisters and brothers turned activists. The cousins and uncles and aunts that have called our offices and said, please, Council, you don't have to get into healthcare, but we do need you to speak to this. Innovative and evidence-based is the jumping off point, the last principle that I hope today we are adopting. It…folks have done really good work to combine Main Street approaches to ensure that people have access to the most competent, professional and culturally grounded assistance possible. And that is what we need in our city to save lives. But we don't have to be the government body that does it. And so many of my colleagues, Madam Speaker, pointed that out to me. And that's why they said they couldn't vote it. So, this hugs so tightly what is good about the federal process on decriminalization, the federal health process, as well as, hopefully, people that can be supported. I want to acknowledge that this also supports the community-based organization, including, with the Mayor's amendment, and I want to…and I call it the Mayor's amendment, because I think we get them. We get them. We get them with this amendment and that is important. And it's important because it is an important legacy piece of his good work, work that I have sat shoulder to shoulder with him as his Chair of Protection. But the words of this amendment…the words of this amendment said community-based organizations in Winnipeg who wish to apply to Health Canada for an exemption…exemption from provisions of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. Really important. But that it should not…they should not be overburdened in their

application process, but rather, afford the entire Public Service an opportunity to ensure that the organization is making an application have the resources they need to provide those supports according to the four pillars that I think we are going to adopt as a city today and the six policy and practice recommendations…the principles that we adopt today. Madam Speaker. I have three minutes left. And with those three minutes, I want to acknowledge the community-based organizations that wrote in each and every time, Madam Speaker, each and every time we have this. And you know, these are the same letters that are going to be forwarded to parliament and to ask them, please, support this in a policy committee with a bill that is going before them in June 1st. Hazel Wittering, Employment and Educating Coordinator for Indigenous Women's Healing and Health wrote us, Madam Speaker, as a Council. Dr. Tamara Taillieu wrote us, an instructor with the Department of Community Health Sciences. Dr. Lisa Lazarus wrote us asking for us to work together on evidence-based solutions and with the passing of this motion, that is what we are doing. Kyle Labelle, a counseling student, wrote us, Madam Speaker. As always, we have the full support of the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network, to which I am a both a volunteer, Madam Speaker, full disclosure, as well as a city councillor that supports them. Also, Laurie English, the West Central Women's Resource Centre, wrote us. Michael Payne, the Executive Director of Nine Circles, wrote us. All…many more wrote us, Madam Speaker, they all want us to see this successfully pass today. I want to acknowledge the losses, Madam Speaker. That's what propels us sometimes for the better. And I think today we start today not by looking at the garbage, looking at the mess that is caused by people with co-commitment mental health and addictions. But really, looking at holding up the families and the advocates, the folks that have the 'vote yes' shirts that come to Council and go to the legislature and go to parliament and go to Ottawa and sit and experience (inaudible). Because that is all they have left, but today, we can say, no, you have much more. You have a legacy of policy work. A day where all of us stood together and said, yes, we believe in health-based approaches. And no, no one…no one should be dying inadvertently. We need to boost these services up in Winnipeg. We know that. We rely on other governments to do that. But today, I hope the vote here successfully passes and that we really stand with the families to give them more of what they want, more of what they need, more of what they are asking for before…because lives are at stake, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a really important issue as we see how addictions have had such an impact, not just over these last two years, but for as long as people have been self-medicating to address emotional issues, stresses in their life or in some instances, pain. You know, we have to think outside the box, Madam Speaker, and work collaboratively with families who have lost loved ones to addictions. We have to evolve strategies that refocus the lens on reducing harm. And taking more of a proactive approach to addictions while providing supports here in our local community. You know, we have seen the absence of common-sense gun laws in the United States that have continued to perpetuate the massive loss of life. Young life. Black life. All life that matters. Yet, nothing changes. We have an opportunity today to address the loss of life by being proactive, to reduce the harms of dirty drugs and the stigma of addiction. Let's not be absent today. The CACP, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, supports this approach and further acknowledges the focus should be on the suppliers who are proliferating our neighborhoods, our communities, our families with these illicit drugs. While not everybody is ready to receive the supports to address the issues of addictions, we need to support individuals until they find their strength to seek the supports they need. I want to take this time to thank Councillor Rollins for being so proactive on this file. Councillor Mayes, for letting your expertise in terms of getting this across the goal line by recognizing the four pillars and the policies that are needed at the back end to support individuals in crisis. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I want to acknowledge all my colleagues that have worked hard on this motion. It is difficult for me. And it's difficult because I don't know if we are doing enough. I am going to support the motion because I grew up with a circle of people in my life that suffered from addictions. I sat in a courtroom and watched the man who killed my mother use addictions as an excuse. We had violence throughout our family because of addictions. And in this motion, we are taking an approach to say, this falls on the Federal Government. And we'll support those that want to apply. But is it enough? We know doing the research that very few people are charged with simple possession in the city of Winnipeg, but the numbers are there. But what is more important is what are we…what are we really advocating for? What can we do more of? We have land, we have vacant buildings in the city of Winnipeg. Should we not be putting a strategy together as well to say, we'll do our part, we'll donate that land. We'll help you get quick permits, but we need the governments, both levels: provincial and federal, to step up. To step up and say, here is the funding so somebody can get the medical attention, and I say that strongly, medical attention that they need because this is a disease. We need to help. We need to focus on getting people help. And I see what this motion's intentions are. And I commend my colleagues for that. I'd like to see us start putting a plan in where we're directing more of our time and effort to pressuring our federal representatives and provincial representatives to take action. We cannot simply leave it to one or two groups that care to resolve this problem for our residents. We need a commitment. It always bothered me that we never saw the taxes that are being generated from cannabis sales directed to addictions and to solutions. We just tacked

it on. We made it legal and that was it. We had…there's another revenue stream when we should have put that 100% towards addictions. I appreciate the amendment that was put forward by Mayor Bowman and by Councillor Mayes. I think it is reasonable. I think it's fair. I support this because we're simply acknowledging that we agree, things have to change. And we agree that it's the…under the jurisdiction of another level of government. Both good steps forward. But as you will see a motion that I want to move today, the Supreme Court of Canada made two very big decisions in our country just recently. That, you know, reinstates the defense of extreme intoxication for violence offenses of general interests including sexual assault and homicide. That also goes to illicit drugs. Not when you hear intoxication that isn't simply alcohol. As a defense and we know that a lot of cases are normally violence towards women and children. We also know that this may have changed the history for us today, but it doesn't solve the problem. And again, we need the government, we need elected officials that are going to take action and invest in our future by putting the money out today for the treatment centers and the medical approach that is necessary to help. So, I thank my colleagues for this. I know it was a change from what they wanted. I think we are making a statement today, which I support. But I really would like us all to sit down someday and consider as a working group, how do we apply pressure and to whom do we apply it to make sure action is taken. These are great words, this is a great support tool, but now what do we do to ensure that action is taken?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Klein. Councillor Santos, will you move a motion that we work past 12:00 to finish the item?

Councillor Santos: Yes.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next speaker? Any further speakers? Councillor Browaty, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Not a single member of Council wants to see another life destroyed, another family destroyed from illicit drugs. I think for enough people, the fact that these products are illegal is enough for them to not try starting them. It's always been, just say no. We're going around with t-shirts that say yes…we're saying yes to possession of an item that you cannot legally obtain in any way, shape or form. I know everyone's well-intentioned here, but I simply cannot support the motion. I will support the amendment. I think it cleans it up a little bit. But I will not be supporting the amendment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Now that we have warm weather, Madam Speaker, I've been…and certain duties I have to fill to make sure that the North End stays healthy and clean. I have spent a lot of time on the streets the last week or so. Walking around in the areas where there is a lot of people with some serious addictions out there. And Madam Speaker, even if they find a way to stop at least for some time and each time they would stop and there is always a try and a miss try, if you have a criminal record, try to build your life back once you kick…get that monkey off your back. Once you get rid of that addiction. Well, you don't actually get rid of it, you stop it, and you're always susceptible to get dragged in again, Madam Speaker. But you know, I want to…in context to…you know, there was the prohibition period, Madam Speaker, it was illegal to drink alcohol. It was decriminalized. It is a…for a lot of people, a very addictive substance. Maybe not in the same was as heroin or other addictive ones, but nevertheless, Madam Speaker, there is no criminal charges related to drinking unless, Madam Speaker, while intoxicated you actually commit a real crime, Madam Speaker. The decriminalization has nothing to do with how people are acting out and it is devastating and people need help, but the thing is, if they don't get charged for consuming and they stay out of trouble, it's really abusing their own medical health, Madam Speaker. What is the issue? I don't see it. It's the same thing with alcohol. If you are drinking and you're not injuring or committing a crime, Madam Speaker, then it is pretty simple. But what I can say, Madam Speaker, it is amazing from the days when I was young out on those streets in the North End where there were people with addictions and so on. But Madam Speaker, out there today, it is an epidemic. It really is. And we need to, as Councillor Chambers referred to, get out of a box. Realize how to do it. I heard some cool ideas from another councillor about vacant derelict houses and so on. So, Madam Speaker, I am going to be…and you know, the amendment is good, I understand the mover of the original motion and seconder of the original are okay with the…with the amendment, Madam Speaker. So, I'll be voting for the amendment. And I will be voting for this very important, very important initiative that the City can do to in trying to push changes at the provincial and federal level, as well as allowing our police officers to focus in on the actual sellers of these addictive substances. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, this is a very critical issue, a difficult issue. You know, like so many other families, I have talked about this before, our family has faced addiction and a loved one who spent some time homeless and for many years struggled with addictions on the streets of Canadian cities. What we have before us here…I appreciate the work that everyone has put into this motion and these motions and the Mayor's amendment. But

recommendation one talks about supporting the Canadian Association of Police Chief's four pillar approach. The very first bullet point in that document says, “That we, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, recognize substance use as disorder as a public health issue.” What we see here in this motion are references to two documents: the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police report and also the policy brief on Indigenous harm reduction. What we don't have before us is any analysis from health officials. We don't have any analysis before us on the health implications, the social implications, the legal implications of such a change. I think we are all in agreement or most of us seem to be in agreement that because this is primarily a health issue, the Provincial Government really should be taking the lead on this. It is a health matter. And it’s tied up in needs for continuum of care, health, mental health, addictions, which is part of health, housing, in many cases as well, and other social services that the Province of Manitoba is in the position to provide, that are required to address the issues that so many Winnipeggers struggle with. I appreciate that Councillor Eadie talked about alcohol. I am not saying go…I’m not in any way saying go back to prohibition, but if you talked to the City of Winnipeg Police Service, they maintain that despite the prevalence right now of illicit drugs and opioids, it is still alcohol that is the number one, I’ll say, problem or calls for service related to alcohol and alcohol intoxication over far outstripping illicit drugs. I am not going to be supporting this motion today. I will support the amendment that the Mayor has brought forward, but not supporting the main motion because I believe that this discussion that we have before us today really needs to be founded on, with all due respect to the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and with all due respect, certainly, to the Indigenous harm reduction policy brief, that the information we need and the data we need to make a decision like this is that related to the social implications, first and foremost or the primary, the health implications, the legal implications, the criminal implications of adopting such a position. If you look at the number of cities across Canada where there are supervised consumption sites in various forms, some stand alone it seems, some with other services wrapped around or the continuum of care services wrapped around. There’s varying degrees of, I would say, for lack of a better word, progress…impact, I will use the word impact, in the communities and specifically related to the individuals who need the care. And so, though it is an important topic, it’s a critical topic for us, I really think that the two supporting documents are not the supporting documents that we need to be talking about the health issue. For that reason, I won't be supporting the motion today.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I recently had the opportunity to travel to Vancouver for personal matters. But while there, I did, along with several other Winnipeg residents, had the opportunity to drive down East Hastings. And it is something that no city or community should be experiencing. We know the government of BC is a progressive government. The community is working on safe consumption, safe drug supply, but just the abject...I struggle for words. But it’s definitely a hostile looking environment. The mass and scale of it is something to behold. Now, looking and hearing from people of how Winnipeg seems to be going down this same route is challenging. Over the last couple years, we have seen it. It is visible. It is in our face. I travel through almost every ward of the city except for Waverley West. I occasionally get there. But on my daily travels to take my children to their events, to school, my eyes are open, Madam Speaker. And I see the challenges that we have in the alleyways, in our bus shelters, you know, right outside these doors, Madam Speaker. I can't tell you how many times I have seen emergency services right outside my window, right across the street trying to revive people with Narcan or whatever other products that they are trying to do to resuscitate. I recently attended a family funeral for an overdose. It is challenging. I don't think we are quite there yet. I will be supporting the amendment, but not the motion as a whole. The Province needs to show leadership on this file. And you know, hearing…hearing from my colleagues, I am close to supporting the main motion, but I am just not there yet. You know, the approach that this has taken that there is no report from our Public Service, no direct report from the Winnipeg Police Board, I don't know if this matter even went to the Winnipeg Police Board to hear from the chief of police on this. What his experience, what his position is for the city of Winnipeg. I agree with my colleagues that we are talking about it being a health crisis. It certainly is. You know, I know in talking with St. Boniface Street Links decriminalization is something that they are looking towards as a way forward. I want to take this opportunity to say, I certainly appreciate the great work that Morberg House has in this regard that St. Boniface Street Links has been doing in our community to try to effect positive change to connect people with the resources that are out there. Are they everything that is needed to deal with this crisis? No. But again, the Province of Manitoba, under the leadership of Premier Stefanson, need to step forward. Need to be a louder voice on this. But you know, I look forward to see the outcome of the vote, Madam Speaker, whatever it may be today. More work is definitely needed by all, including our Indigenous leadership, to help forward this. And thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank my council colleagues for…I want to just acknowledge all the comments that have been made. I will just remind members of Council and the public that are watching these proceedings that the City of Winnipeg has played a leadership role in trying to advocate to other levels of government to do more on this topic. It was our initiative to create the Illicit Drug Strategy Taskforce which…the recommendations of which we have been implementing. I remember as a result of the initiative to create Illicit Drug Strategy at tri-level, we had…did a press conference at the legislature with then, I believe it was in the health minister portfolio at the time, I’ll have

to doublecheck. But Mr. Cameron Friesen and member of parliament, Robert Falcon-Ouelette, the objective was to try to coordinate, recognize there's different roles the various levels of government have to play. And so, I just note that the recommendation to include a request for federal and provincial governments to take greater actions. And for that reason, obviously, as I mentioned earlier, I will be supporting this. And you know, hoping that my council colleagues can also support the amending motion as well, please. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Yes, there's been a call for a recorded vote by Councillor Rollins. All in favour of amending Motion 9, please rise. Yes.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 16, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 9 passes. All in favour of the main item, as amended, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Chambers, Eadie, Gilroy, Klein, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Nays

Councillors Gillingham, Lukes, Nason and Browaty.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 12, Nays 4.

Madam Speaker: Item 9, as amended, passes. We will now recess and reconvene at 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
May 26, 2022, at 1:39 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of May 26th, 2020. We are on the report of the Executive Policy Committee, Item 17. Madam Clerk.

Item 17 – Use of Surplus Funds from the Millennium Library Community Connections Space Project under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will note that we have amending Motion 5 going with this. Moved by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Nason. Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to speak to the item and the amending motion if you wish.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will wait to hear from council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker? Councillor Allard, do you wish to speak? You are the mover of the amending motion.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 17 of the May 18, 2022, report of the Executive Policy Committee be amended by deleting Recommendation 1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following;

1. *That the Public Service be directed to provided a grant in the amount of $76,500.00 to St. Boniface Street Links and $76,500.00 to the Main Street Project, for total funding in the amount of $153,000, funded from the Destination Marketing Reserve and that these funds be provided as soon as possible in order to further support their mobile outreach work.*

Councillor Allard: Yes, I think the substantive change is that it was identified that not all of the available resources were there and therefore, the change and the amending motion. The 50/50 split that had been proposed by Executive Policy Committee is still there. And it's a lower number because it was brought to our attention that there wasn't as much money in the fund as we thought was available originally.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Madam Speaker, I rise in support both of the amendment, which is kind of inevitable, because that's all the money there is to spend. So, we should ration down what was approved at EPC and spend this amount. But I also support substantively the motion. Lots of good work on this. Another good example of various parts of Council cooperating. Councillor Rollins saying, well, there was an RFP about where to spend money on homelessness, but we have…we've got some more money here to spend. Councillor Allard going to bat for St. Boniface Street Links saying, they appear to be short, can we get them some money? Not so much as he originally would have wanted and went to bat for, but he is willing to compromise and therefore, will get some money into their hands as well as Main Street Project. And I want to thank Councillor Nason, in particular, on this because he and I started this ball off a couple of months ago saying, look, there was a federal funding program last July, councillors were not given the chance for input, we'll come back to that later. But the idea was, if we get any of this federal funding, then councillors will have a chance to discuss reallocation outside of the downtown because we only put in for downtown. I have to say how disappointed I was and surprised when the staff came back saying, well, we did get funds on one project, but we recommend not reallocating. Now, we didn't tell you that back in July that that would be our recommendation, we said, you could reallocate, but now we're going to take the onus and say, you shouldn't reallocate. I think Councillor Nason and I were both troubled by that. And I was looking around for a way to reallocate this that wasn't all outside the downtown, it wasn't all inside the downtown. So, in collaboration with Councillor Nason, he came forward with the idea of doing some for St. Boniface Street Links, some for Main Street Project. So, I am very pleased to see this, having taken some turns along the way as to how we were going to get there, ironically, we've ended up back where we…back where we started. So, very pleased to support this. I think it's the right thing to reallocate this freed up money. We have it because the feds, kudos to the feds, put some money into Millennium Library. We have a chance to do the right thing here and help out both…both Street Links who operate outside of downtown, at least in part, as well as Main Street Project, who operate both within the downtown and outside. So, very pleased to see this going forward and I'm certainly supportive.

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

Councillor Allard: Yes, I wish to close saying, I believe St. Boniface Street Links has done exceptional work. I believe that they need to be funded more than we are doing today, but this is a step in the right direction. The February report of Council shows the exceptional…the exceptional results that we get from St. Boniface Street Links based on every dollar that we…that we grant to them. As well, I understand that we need to support their outreach team because if they are to continue, there is a very good chance that there is more funding coming from the Federal Government to help in their…in their efforts. I believe we have an addictions and homelessness crisis in Winnipeg. They are part of the solution. I have seen them house people, I've seen them cleaning up camps on riverbanks. They have a very, very good experience in…experience in getting people housed and we need to fund organizations like Street Links in order to get to the bottom of our homelessness and addictions crisis. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the question on amending Motion 5. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Now, the main item, as amended, Item 17. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next, we have…we'll move on to the notice of motion under executive...pardon me. Thank you. Item 20, Madam Clerk.

Item 20 – Winnipeg Police Board Appointment

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

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, I'd just like to thank Councillor Eadie for allowing his name to be brought forward to Council for consideration for service on the Winnipeg Police Board, once again. I want to just take this opportunity to thank our Chair and all the members of the Police Board. As I know several members of Council have had first-hand experience on the Police Board know, it is a tremendous amount of work, an incredible responsibility and appreciative of Councillor Eadie allowing his name to stand and I will be supporting it.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just rise. I would like to thank my colleagues Councillor Chambers, the Mayor and others who I…and EPC all supported this and I am sure the rest of Council will, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise and just express my…why I wanted to get back onto the Winnipeg Police Board. I strongly believe in the ability of citizens out there who are not part of Council, not part of a police service or anything to actually look at overall governance of and direction that the Winnipeg Police Service goes in. And yeah, there is controversy about funding and so on and so forth, and that's…you know, those are…those are the debatables between board police service and Council for that matter. But ultimately, I want to be and serve on there for the two main reasons, which is to be supportive of the citizen members who are…have served on there, and there's a number of citizens that have served quite eloquently and quite well as appointed by Mayor Bowman and EPC and Council. And so, I just want to be there to support them as well because in the Mynarski Ward, but all around the areas where I grew up all my life here in Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, policing is very important. And…but it's very controversial. And while we need the police service and we need to see continual improvement in how they work and relate to people out there on the streets and in our community, they also need to…and they can improve on that and I think they're…from what I can tell, there have been some improvements, Madam Speaker. But the reality is that there is pretty serious crime happening out there. And it is not just in my ward. And you know, I think it's so important that there is a citizen body that can overlook and ensure and try to steer the police service in the right direction. Lots of it has to do with money, Madam Speaker, but ultimately, though, an overall direction is needed for the police service to better serve our communities all-around the city. And so, that is why I put my name forward to stand on the committee even though it will just be a short while before the next election. But I…it is my...if I have the honour to come back and represent my ward, I will…I will be putting my name forward to continue to sit as the councillor position or whoever the mayor is, maybe they'll want me to chair it. I don't know. There are going to be some changes from the Province, I understand. And I would like to be there as some of those things transition to making it all work much better. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will certainly be supporting this motion to have Councillor Eadie serve on the Winnipeg Police Board. As the Mayor said, it's a challenging task. Many of us around the chamber have had an opportunity to serve. I had the privilege of being the Chair of the board when Councillor Eadie was on the board and I…it will be no surprise to anyone here, I can certainly tell you he worked very hard and is completely committed to the work of the Winnipeg Police Board with a good understanding of it. So, I am glad to stand and support him in this…in his willingness to step up and serve on the board. And I know he'll do a fantastic job for the people of Winnipeg in that capacity.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to thank Councillor Eadie for putting his name forward to take on a second stint on the Winnipeg Police Board…Winnipeg Police Board. There are no shortage of issues that his leadership will be able to help address. As we go forward, of course, we are trying to evolve policing to reflect our current day community to be more reflective of our current day community. I'm hoping that Councillor Eadie will be able to join us next week Friday as we graduate a new fresh class of recruits to the Winnipeg Police Service. And then, later on this fall, of course, the Province is looking at the updates to the Police Services act. There is the next gen 911 that is being implemented that will revolutionize our 911 legacy systems. There's the building of the new north district police station that, of course, we do have…even though it's done through PP&D as part of Municipal Accommodations, there is no shortage of work that needs to be done in that area as well. So, again, great to have Councillor Eadie back on board. His previous experience will serve him well in terms of hitting the ground running. And I look forward to working with him collaboratively on the Winnipeg Police Board. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will just say a few words. Just to reinstate Councillor Ross Eadie on the Police Board, just like it's been said…like all the other councillors who have spoken, there are all sorts of serious issues that we need to address. For example, (inaudible), addictions, the budget, of course. So, all of us can attest to the experience and the engagement of Councillor Ross Eadie in his (inaudible) that we share with him. There is always space for improvement. Like it was just said, there are serious crimes that we need to address, but we need to have good relations with citizens. Good relations, practical relations and that is what Ross Eadie offers to the Police Board. So, it's my pleasure to support him.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next, we have a notice of motion on our agenda. It's from the April 28th Council meeting. And we also have a amendment to that, I believe. Yeah, so this is regarding the authority for submissions of intergovernmental grant applications. So, there is a amending Motion 1 to go with this. Councillor Mayes is the mover, Councillor Lukes is the seconder. Councillor Mayes, to introduce the item, amending Motion 1.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MOTION

Item 1 - Authority for the Submission of Intergovernmental Grant Applications

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion under the Executive Policy Committee titled "Authority for the Submission of Intergovernmental Grant Applications" be amended as follows:

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

  1. *That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to report back to Council within 120 days with recommendations for a process to be utilized when external grant funding opportunities are announced and/or created, including:*

     A. *How and when Council members can receive timely information of the funding opportunities.*

     B. *How the Public Service will proceed in circumstances where application deadlines are occurring before specific Council direction can reasonably be obtained.*

     C. *How the Public Service will proceed in circumstances where application deadlines provide sufficient time for feedback and direction to be received from Council.*

     D. *Any other information required to complete a framework for decision-making in such circumstances.*

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, the amendment is quite substantial in terms of what is being asked for in the motion. But I want to…in talking with Councillor Lukes, I think we both…we both want to give our new CAO a chance to try and come up with a new process that would take a look at how we work with councillors, how the administration goes forward. The original motion that you would have on the screen talked about three episodes over the past couple years. Those are all accurately captured. No one has come to me to say, well, you're embellishing, you are overstating, you are inaccurate, you're out of control. All of that is factually accurate what is down there. Three episodes where we had administration go forward without, frankly, proper consultation with Council members. But as our CAO has said, well, sometimes we can't get a report done in time. So, then, what is the proper way to consult? So, it is a fair response. So, we'll…the idea is to come…have the admin come back with a report that will likely not be in time for the end of this council and that is fine. Or perhaps it will land in September and a new Council can pick it up post-election. But I think the idea is to try and get some better collaboration between the administration and the elected officials. The elected officials are the ones who go to the pancake breakfasts at the museums, to the church meetings, to the community centres. We are in touch with people. We have a sense of what is wanted or what is possible in our wards. The administration is saying, look, we don't want to leave money on the table. To be blunt, we don't want to leave money from other levels of government on the table. Well, okay, but at some point the attitude has to be a little more collaborative from the administration, frankly, and the most telling example, the one I referred to earlier today, four minutes after EPC ends last July, we're…an e-mail is circulated saying, these are the ones we're going to with. This will be our list of…our applications to the Federal Government. Well, you can't help but feel that that's being very deliberately timed just to avoid having the elected officials review or take a…to have a chance to debate these projects. So, thanks to Councillor Lukes for raising it. It was originally raised out of great frustration with yet another example of the administration going forward without proper consultation. But I think the amendment gives the…gives our new CAO who, to his credit, has talked to me and I…about this saying, yeah, there have been some problems, let's try and work together. Let's try and come up with a better process. So, that is by way of introduction of the motion, really, and the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. And the next speaker, Mr. Deputy Speaker, if I could hand that over to you to take the next speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, sorry. I am in the Chair. And Madam Clerk today, right? Madam Clerk, who has indicated they wanted to speak?

Clerk: I don't…I don't think there are any additional speakers.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There are no other speakers on this? Oh no. Well, that's not good because I wanted to speak to it. Pardon me? Okay.

Madam Speaker: Just, Mr. Deputy Speaker, you wanted to speak to the item?

Councillor Eadie: I did, yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I will recognize you.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you. Sorry. Thank you. I'm rising to speak to this motion. I mean, I am glad it is out here and it's on the table because I think it is really important that the way things have happened, it really…it really causes what is always my concern. You are going to hear on a motion that reflects my concern as well that, when we have no idea, we all have projects we want to see get done, madam…Madam Speaker. And I think, you know, it's really important that there is some kind of consultation with councillors. But Madam Speaker, I would also…and I am going to…well, I'm going to vote for the amendment and then vote for the report, Madam Speaker. But you know, essentially, there is a couple things that I noted that are wrong and I just wanted to mention them. It's always when these new funding opportunities pop-up, they are always looking for the projects that are ready to go. There's a design, they got a really good cost estimate, so on and so forth. And over the years, I mean, we do give sort of an element of priority, like, let's say it was active transportation trails. Like, there is…there is a priority, short, medium, long-term, those kind of things. And whether they're ready or not, one thing I note, like, so if my…if a project in my ward isn't at the point where they could submit it to grant opportunities, because we're always…all of us are having to look for money to get things done because there is never enough money in the actual budget to get it done. So, we always have to struggle and…but often what ends up happening is, we are working against each other to achieve a better Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. That is what we want to do. A better Winnipeg that works together where everybody is concerned about everything that needs to get done all over the city cares about it. Not, I live in the south, so who cares what happens in the north and so on and so forth. So, I think part of this goes to it. And the amendment is good, 120 days to come up with some ideas. But you know, like our Public Service and whoever is…sometimes we have to hire consultants, Madam Speaker, to get these projects ready to go before we can even look at, you know, funding them and…or, we're going to fund them, but to do grants you have to have all these details as our Public Service lets us know. So, you know, I think overall and maybe that is for upcoming years, but when these things come, we should be ready, we are going to do a strategic…overall strategic general plan, so when these things pop-up, maybe we can give, as Council, an idea to the Public Service, you know, something that is going to work to get the money because we need to get money from other places, there's no doubt about that. And…but somehow, come up with a way to say, you know, Public Service, if you got to make…if you have to make a quick decision, you know, this is what Council thinks is in the best interest. That hasn't happened. I didn't see that happen in two different processes over the last couple years. So, anyway, I will leave it at that, Madam Speaker. I'm going to be supporting the amendment and the motion.

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

Councillor Mayes: Councillor Eadie makes some good points. And it is just worth repeating that this has been a problem. I mean, if you just look at that original motion, we were told at 5:54 p.m. on June 18th, 2020 for a program with a deadline is June 19th. We were told 3:29 on March 30th of this year about a program that closed the next day. So, then there's a third example in there as well. I mean, it is a problem when you're being told after close of business or late in the afternoon the day before the applications are due that the staff will come up with what the City is going to propose. I think that is a problem. I think our CAO recognizes that. Hopefully, we will come back with something where we can work out, so maybe you can't get everything you want, but at least you can feel that somebody heard you. You've put your particular project forward. It was discussed. The Public Service was aware of it. Because otherwise, frankly, why are we here? Because it becomes a sense of the Public Service will make these decisions, we'll seek the money and then they will decide where…which projects go forward. I don't think that's appropriate in a democratic system. So, we'll have to try and come back with the report, hopefully, from Mr. Jack that will do a better job of having the elected officials, whoever they are around this table, have some more input into what is going forward to the federal and provincial governments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. With that, I will call the question on Motion 1. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next, we have…pardon me? Yeah. Yeah. So, just to be clear, that was Motion 1, as amended. Or the

main motion, pardon me, the main…notice of motion, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We'll now move on to motions that have been circulated. Motion 2: moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Mayes. It's regarding the park renaming. Auto referral to the Executive Policy Committee. We have notice…

Councillor Mayes: Why wouldn't that go to Parks and therefore fold into the Welcoming Winnipeg? Or have I misdirected it to EPC where it would fold into Welcoming Winnipeg?

Madam Speaker: Clerks have circulated with the reference to Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Clerk, is that correct?
City Clerk: I believe it is correct, Madam Speaker. I believe the Welcoming Winnipeg process falls under the authority of EPC.

Madam Speaker: Thanks for the question. Next, is notice of motion: moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Nason. It's regarding concerns with Supreme Court decisions. That's also going to the Executive Policy Committee as an automatic referral…notice of motion. Next Council meeting. Thank you. Motion 4: moved by Councillor Orlikow, seconded by Councillor Mayes. it's also regarding a park renaming. Automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. Motion 7: moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Rollins. It's regarding resale of high value metals. It's an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. We will now move on to by-laws under Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the park located at 635 Berkley Street is currently known at Berkley Square Park;

AND WHEREAS Dawn McEwen is a retired curler and long-time lead for the Jennifer Jones curling team and help win gold at the 2014 Winter Olympics, and is a two-time World Champion, having triumphed at the 2008 and 2018 World Women's Curling Championship;

AND WHEREAS the City has named parks after team skip Jennifer Jones and second Jill Officer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the renaming of the park located at 635 Berkley Street to Dawn McEwen Park.*

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

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

WHEREAS a recent decision by the Supreme Court of Canada in R. v. Brown, 2022 SCC 18 and R. v. Sullivan, 2022 SCC 19 that reinstated the defence of extreme intoxication for violent offences of general intent, including sexual assault and homicide;

AND WHEREAS the implications of these two decisions will have a negative impact on victims families;

AND WHEREAS intoxication is used in cases of domestic violence involving women, children, and others;

AND WHEREAS my brothers and I lost our Mother to domestic violence, murdered by a man who attempted to blame alcohol for his actions;

AND WHEREAS the increase use of methamphetamine in our city, province and country and abuse of these drugs is firmly linked to psychosis and extremely violent attacks, some of which ending in death;

AND WHEREAS it is our duty to protect the residents of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada suggested a number of ways the law could be improved.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That Council place on record and advise the Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of its concern with the recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions with regards to R. v. Brown, 2022 SCC 18 and R. v. Sullivan, 2022 SCC 19.*
2. *That Council urge the Federal Government to act now and close any legislated gap and replace s. 33.1 of the Criminal Code with a constitutional provision that removes the defence of extreme intoxication for violent crime.*

3. *That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

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

WHEREAS the park located at 605 Lindenwoods Drive West is currently known as Lindenwood Drive West Park;

AND WHEREAS Kaitlyn Lawes was the long time third for the Jennifer Jones curling team and helped win a gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics and capture a World Women's Curling Championship in 2018;

AND WHEREAS Kaitlyn also won a gold medal in the mixed doubles event at the 2018 Winter Olympics;

AND WHEREAS Kaitlyn is the first Canadian curler to win gold in two consecutive Olympics;

AND WHEREAS the City has named parks after team skip Jennifer Jones and second Jill Officer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the renaming of the park located at 605 Lindenwoods Drive West, known as Lindenwood Drive West Park, to Kaitlyn Lawes Park.*

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

Motion No. 7
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS catalytic converter thefts have been a growing problem in Winnipeg and in many Canadian municipalities;

WHEREAS anecdotal evidence suggests that these thefts are well organized and coordinated;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has adopted new scrap metal regulations in recent years intended to curb the re-sale of metals from stolen property;

WHEREAS current market prices for precious metals contained in catalytic converters make them a highly lucrative target for theft, and economical to transport long distances to other jurisdictions for processing and re-sale;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has had success in the past with specialised law enforcement responses to specific criminal phenomenon, such as the historic arson task force;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service report back to Council within 180 days on a menu of options in response to the wave of catalytic converter thefts in Winnipeg, including but not limited too a catalytic converter task force to respond in a specialised way to the crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service call on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to discuss a coordinated response among municipalities, provincial and federal governments to the resale of high value precious metals which are economical to transport long distances for processing.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 1ST READING ONLY

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 62/2022 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 62/2022.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READINGS

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, I'm just…I seem to have misplaced my notes.

Madam Speaker: It's…

Mayor Bowman: Are we now 64?

Madam Speaker: 42.

Mayor Bowman: You know what, I'm going to have to…

Madam Speaker: If you could move, Mr. Mayor, the second and third reading for 42/2022 and 45/2022.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Thank you very much. Sorry, my apologies to my Council colleagues. I move that By-law 42/2022 and 45/2022 be read a third time…sorry, a second time.

Madam Speaker: Second time. Thank you. I guess it's second and third reading for that one. Yes, okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 42/2022, By-law No. 45/2022.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move that By-law No. 42/2022 and 45/2022 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: I think we just did that one.

Mayor Bowman: No.

Madam Speaker: Yeah. Oh, pardon me. Got it. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 3RD READING ONLY

Mayor Bowman: There we go. Thank you. I move that the following by-law be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed: By-law 119/2020 and By-law 120/2020.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: May I go to 64?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Okay, I move that…we're good? Okay, I move that By-law No. 64/2022 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 64/2022.

Madam Speaker: Same one for second time, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I move that By-law No. 40…64/2022 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 64/2022.

Mayor Bowman: And I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 64/2022 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Any questions for Mayor Bowman? Councillor Nason.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you, there have been a series of media articles that indicated specific report that the public service has failed to release to the Council entitled Procurement Law Office Professional Corporation. Through you, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Mayor can confirm if he's received a copy of this report and if he would support releasing to Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Perhaps, Madam Speaker, I'm not…perhaps if Councillor Nason can specify which reports he is referring to and just add some clarity to his question so I can do my best to answer.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: 2018 Council was provided a brief for the Procurement Law Office Professional Corporation. Has the Mayor received that report?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Again, I am sorry, if Councillor Nason can just specify which report he is referring to. Also, if he could perhaps re-read the year he is referencing because I…if I heard correctly that predates my time in office.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason…

Mayor Bowman: That's why I'd like Councillor Nason to just repeat the question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason, if you could restate the question, your second question.

Councillor Nason: Madam Speaker I know this is probably a delay tactic. I am not a lawyer, but Procurement Law Office Professional Corporation. Has the Mayor received that report from the public service?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Madam Speaker, I would ask Councillor Nason to perhaps drop me an e-mail and I can do my best to respond to him. Off the top of my head I can't recall reviewing a report that he is referencing. So perhaps if he can just drop me an e-mail, I'd be happy to do my best to respond.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: If the Mayor reads his e-mail, perhaps he saw a response on May 12 from the head of Legal Services Doug Brown. Did he read that e-mail, yes or no?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: That e-mail I have reviewed and I believe the Councillor has received a response. So I am not sure why he is asking a question to which Legal has responded.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Okay. We have amending motion with Item 1. Councillor Allard, your report dated May 4th.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, isn't there…doesn't Council have to approve an extra extension for the April 6th report?

Madam Speaker: Oh, yes. Yes, April 6th.

Councillor Eadie: Council still has to approve their…EPC's decision for another 30-days.

Madam Speaker: Yeah. Councillor Allard, your report dated April 6th.

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

Madam Speaker: Okay.

Councillor Allard: Okay, well I move the EPC recommendation.

Madam Speaker: Just…just one moment. We're on the April 6th report, Mr. Clerk. Yeah. Councillor Allard. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: So, I move the EPC recommendation. It's basically requesting layover.

Madam Speaker: Requesting an extension of time of 30-days. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now, the report dated May 4th. There is an amending motion going with Item 1, Mr. Chair.

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DATED MAY 4, 2022

Councillor Allard: So, I would normally move the consent agenda.

Madam Speaker: Pull down…1 will be pulled out. I will call the question on 2 and 3 and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And Councillor Klein noted in opposition to Item 4. Councillor Nason noted in opposition to Item 3. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Transit Fare Structure and Fare Reductions

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I rise. As the mover of the motion to amend, to withdraw at the request of my seconder who I didn't properly explain what I meant to do. So, I'm…I think you have to get confirmation from my seconder.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Thank you. Councillor Eadie wishes to rescind amending Motion 10 and we'll have the concurrence of Councillor Schreyer, the seconder. And I see he has given that. And with the concurrence of Council, like to rescind Motion 10. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Yes. And Councillor Eadie, if you wish to the speak to the report.

Motion No. 10
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 6 of Item 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated May 4, 2022 be deleted in its entirety, and replaced with the original Recommendation 6 of the Winnipeg Public Service, namely:

"6. That effective January 1, 2023, the provision of free Transit conventional fare passes to eligible Transit Plus registrants and CNIB clients be eliminated and the Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy be amended, as per Appendix C."

Councillor Allard: I'll introduce the report.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, yes.

Councillor Allard: Yes, so I think this is an excellent report. It has one slight amendment to the Public Service recommendation which was to cancel the free fare for Transit Plus eligible customers. And so, that was the one amendment from the Public Service recommendation. So, this report makes sense of our fare structures. I think the big highlight is 50% cash fares for WINNpass eligible users. So, that means that if you can't…if you meet LICO, if you can't afford the $50 for a monthly bus pass, you can pay 50% of a cash fare. So, I think this will open the door to many people, many households that meet LICO eligibility and increase ridership and make transit more affordable to the Winnipeggers who…who most need it. So, I think it's a very good report. I would ask you to support it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, our Mayor was interested to note that I spoke to the committee, a person who is totally blind with a disability, about giving free rides to persons with disabilities, not just people who are totally blind, while at the same time, Madam Speaker, we are telling all these other people who have various disabilities, who live out on the street, live in poverty, we tell them, no, you can't have free fares. Free fares are only for those special disabled people. But what is the reasoning behind stopping the Public Service from implementing what we all voted for in the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan? It was in there that they were going to be cancelling any free trips for persons with disabilities. It was very clear. And we have made a lot of improvements to Transit Plus. It is not so much Transit Plus aggravation, which is what I've always called it. I never use it because it is very aggravating when it was Handi-Transit. But I also never used it because I don't need to use it. And there are many people who are totally blind who don't need to use it. They don't. This system, through millions of dollars of investment in our transit system since I've been…was an activist back in the early '90s. Low floor buses pushed for by activists, persons with disabilities who use wheelchair, walkers, everywhere. We got those low floor buses. We started investing in those, Madam Speaker. The whole thing about people who are blind to get around on the streets, we've got audible signals at every signalized intersection in the city of Winnipeg. Millions of dollars. Things that persons with disabilities want for accessibility. You need to be able to get across an intersection to be able to use the regular transit system. We did that. The winter is difficult, but you know, winter traveling for somebody who is blind, unless you have another disabling factor besides being totally blind, like, winter is actually easier to get around because the snow gets packed where you are supposed to walk. And it's all loose and bumpy where people don't walk because it is not safe. Anyway, so I heard many premises why we shouldn't continue to give free transit trips and people who are blind don't pay anyway because of that CNIB thing that was invented years ago when it was thought somebody who is blind can't achieve a life that's similar to yours, Madam Speaker. The ability to do day to day things and get a job. But there are a lot of people with disabilities who don't have work. So, let me point out an irony about this. The reason this is being done, the premise is that the flood gates will be open, all those people who are getting free trips are going to be using Transit Plus. Aggravation. But it's not so aggravating any more. But I want to point out something, there are people who are eligible to use free regular transit, but they can't use it because they have…their disabilities are too severe or they have double disability factors, Madam Speaker. And they don't get to use free regular

transit. They are paying for their transit on Handi-Transit unless you are totally blind and you have a CNIB card. Can't you see the irony of this? I demand my human rights all the time, but there's responsibilities that come with it. And I have my Peggo pass right here in my pocket. Right here, Madam Speaker, because I can afford it. And the regular system is not that bad. So, I don't think it is right, but nobody wants to be the one who seconds taking free trips away from people with disabilities, Madam Speaker. Like, can't even get a seconder, Madam Speaker, to realize the irony. What we should be doing, and I didn't move that either, is if you're going to give those people with disabilities free trips, give all people with disabilities free trips on transit. There's lots of people with disabilities up here on Main Street. Go take a look. You all want to talk about it, there's tons of people with disabilities out there, they got to pay to use the bus. Think about it. I care about them, but nobody wanted to go with Councillor Santos' free transit fare for everybody. Heaven forbid. Where is the money? So, what really upsets me here is that because a so-called rush on Transit Plus swelled from people who supposedly won't use regular transit any more because they're getting free trips, which is not…that's not the reality, Madam Speaker. Transit Plus's budget is going to go up hugely because of the changes we made prior to that that people with disabilities wanted us to do. The provincial ombudsman asked us to do. Human rights basis told us to do, Madam Speaker. So, the thing is, unless we give free…free bus fares to everybody who lives in poverty, like, I am not going to vote for this. Like, it's just…it's not right, people, it's not right. It's not. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is really a frustrating issue for people because the most…the best thing we can offer people in terms of getting around to make sure they can get to work, to make sure they can keep their home, to make sure they can feed their children. The best thing we can do is offer them effective public transit. And yet, it is one of those things that's an indication of society itself. Who can afford what? Who needs what? To what extent do we all benefit when we all can partake in this public resource that we create for ourselves over the generations? I'm just going to…I'll be very brief. So, the question is, how do we do this? And various countries and cities around the world handle it different ways. Just bear something in mind, you know, in 50 years or so, the cost of a transit fare, the cost to get on the bus has increased 20 times. It's increased by 20 times in my lifetime. Have peoples' wages and salaries increased by 20 times in my lifetime? No. Have the wages of the bus drivers increased by 20 times in 50 years? No. Have the costs of the mechanics, have their wages gone up 20 times in that same amount of time? No. So why do the bus fares go up 20 times? That is the issue. That is the problem. That is what we are dealing with today, that's what we're constantly dealing with. That's what people have to deal with every single day. So, if we want to solve a problem, we need to understand it. In order to understand it, we have to deal with the fact and acknowledge as a team, as a group, as a city, that the cost to take a bus has increased 20 times in 50 years, but people's wages and salaries have not. Why? When we solve that, when we discuss it like we are right now in this chamber, action…we have an opportunity, a chance, to actually deal with things practically. For the purposes of why we create these things in the first place to sustain our economy for the well-being of everybody. If we can't look at it that way, well, what is public transit about? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, Handi-Transit is a very important service and provides mobility access to Winnipeggers that have mobility challenges. The reality is, it's a very, very, very subsidized service. Transit is subsidized. We know that. We appreciate that. Transit Plus is a subsidized service. We all know that, appreciate that and understand that. There are cases, though, where people who are eligible for Transit Plus are able to take the fixed based network. They can take a regular bus, you know, on certain trips because the service is handy or the service is accessible enough to them. Maybe even times of the year. So, being able to give them a free bus pass is a cost saving measure. And then, you know, when certain times and certain trips people who are eligible for Transit Plus can take it. Otherwise it is the exact same price. If you could have a vehicle that comes and picks you up right at your door and takes you right to the door of where you're going for the same price as a bus that may be a little less convenient, I know what option I would take. This is, I think, a cost saving measure, not a cost. And that is why I move that amendment back at SPC on IRPW. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you and thanks to all for feedback. For me, the rationale on why it didn't make sense to remove the free transit for Transit Plus eligible users was that we don't have an accessible transit system. We have an accessible transit system as it pertains to the buses, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Eadie, who I notice is reacting to my statements, perhaps. But what we don't have is an active transportation network that leads to those bus stops. What we do have are broken sidewalks leading to some of these bus stops. What we do have are sidewalks that are full of snow to the point where you have to walk on the street in order to get to your bus stop. What we do have is streets that don't have sidewalks so that people in wheelchairs need to get through to their bus stops using roads. And they have to get through a ditch in order to get there. So, that's what we do have in terms of the transportation infrastructure that leads to the, yes, now fully accessible bus fleet. So, I moved a motion at Public Works asking for a report on what are the costs. What would

be the network to build active transportation sidewalks to every one of our bus stops? I would like to bring this up in the…in the developments parameters update as well because we don't want to have to be fixing developments after we have built them and then finding out that we don't actually have an accessible transit system in the new developments that we've approved. So, those were my actions at committee. We are waiting for a report on the Public Service side in terms of how much infrastructure is lacking to get our persons who are eligible for Transit Plus to get to our now fully accessible transit bus fleet. So, I think the rationale from the Public Service to say our transit bus fleet is fully accessible is only part of the truth, the other part of the truth is that many of our citizens are not able to get to their bus stops. And that is why I think it's still important to give free transit to those Transit Plus eligible people who choose to ride our public transit system, which, yes, the system itself is accessible. But no, getting to the bus stop itself is still not because of our infrastructure that is lacking. And in some cases, because of the level of service for those sidewalks and those active transportation facilities to be cleared in order for people to get to the bus stops is still lacking. So, that is my rationale. So, I think this is a good report. I hope everyone will support it. It will do tremendous goods…good for those LICO families and overall a good report. Thanks to the Public Service. We made one slight amendment. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Just to be crystal clear, the agenda item we're voting on today is completely separate from Motion 11, right? Motion 11 is something completely different than what we're voting on today? It's not tied to it?

Madam Speaker: That's correct.

Councillor Gillingham: Okay, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the question on Item 1. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Eadie and Nason

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 passes. Next, we have Motion 11: moved by Councillor Santos, seconded by Councillor Allard. It's regarding a planning model of Winnipeg Transportation Master Plan that's an automatic referral to the standing committee. Following that, we have Motion 12: moved by Councillor Nason, seconded by Councillor Klein. Regarding the condition of Cordite Road. It's also an automatic referral to the standing committee.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS

Motion No. 11
Moved by Councillor Santos,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

WHEREAS the Transit Fare Structure and Fare Reductions report (the Report) submitted by the Public Service at the May 4, 2022, meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, suggested that a reduction in fares might yield a nominal increase in net operating revenue, due to increased ridership offsetting the fare reduction;

AND WHEREAS the Report also stated that the results of the modelling of fare reductions in PM peak period show that although ridership continues to increase as fares decrease, revenue appears to be maximized at an approximate 20% reduction in fares;

AND WHEREAS the Report stated:

> *"Should Council direct Winnipeg Transit to consider the reduction of fares to this extent to coincide with the introduction of the WTMP route network, significant additional work would be required on the part of Winnipeg Transit to refine and calibrate the planning model of the WTMP network, and to carry out the analysis. The assistance of a consultant would likely be needed for this work, which would require additional funding. Ideally, Winnipeg Transit would only report back on the results of this modelling when seeking approval to implement the WTMP network."*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funding for a consultant which would assist Winnipeg Transit in refining and calibrating the planning model of the Winnipeg Transportation Master Plan (WTMP) in order to reduce cash transit fares by approximately $0.25 cents annually until such time as the cash fare is $1.00, be referred to the 2023 Budget Review Process.

Motion No. 12
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg collects substantial taxes from the Businesses that operate on the north side of Cordite Road;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has provided minimal maintenance on this roadway in terms of gravel and dust control that has lead to increased costs in operation of businesses due to dust and road deterioration;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg is identified by the area Businesses as utilizing this roadway as a training space for City of Winnipeg employees operating heavy equipment;

AND WHEREAS The Manitoba Public Insurance facility in the RM of Springfield recently started utilizing this roadway for Class 1(Transport Truck) driving tests leading to significantly more wear and tear thus contributing to further deterioration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council on the measures that can be taken to immediately improve the condition of Cordite Road and longer term measures that can be considered via capital investments.*

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

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

Madam Speaker: We will now move in to by-laws under this committee. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'm caught with the by-laws. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 63/2022, By-law No. 66/2022.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 63/2022, By-law No. 66/2022.

Councillor Allard: I move that the By-laws No. 63/2022 and 66/2022 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 63/2022, By-law No. 66/2022.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 63/2022 and 66/2022 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'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Chambers.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, I had an e-mail from a resident this morning…constituent this morning, that lives on Kilkenny Drive, where…which was part of the open streets program for the last two years. And as part of the streets program again this year, but this year, it's a reduction of the speed limit from 50 to 30. The resident is asking what's the point of reducing the speed limit if there is no enforcement of the new speed limit? Can the Chair of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works provide some update in terms of the coordination of enforcement of the 30-kilometer…the pilot project, 30-kilometer hour speed limit, to ensure that our streets are safe during the open streets program?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the councillor; I would suggest that the administrative report that we considered and approved at Council does talk about traffic calming initiatives on 30k streets. So, that is within our power. I would also like to underline that it would be up to Police Board to ensure that we are seeing enforcement of the Highway Traffic act. Enforcement that I believe to be somewhat lacking in the city of Winnipeg. I see many, many traffic violations from all road users. And if we did have better enforcement of those violations, I believe we would all be better for it with safer roads. I would also like to note that in the past, I did move motions to take the proceeds of photo radar enforcement zones and put those towards traffic engineering improvements in order to actually reduce the speeds from drivers, but that motion was defeated. So, that would be another opportunity for Council to consider.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you, I will stay on the theme of the open streets. I had the pleasure to drive down the Transcona one. Almost losing my front end in my vehicle. I am just wondering if the Chair has got any feedback from cyclists with regards to the overall road condition of the open streets and potholes?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to Councillor Nason, I'd say I think the response from Winnipeggers has been overwhelming that Winnipeggers are stunned to see how many potholes that we have had this year. I think it is understandable that the reason that we have seen so many potholes materialize is because of the freeze-thaw cycle and the almost unprecedented level of precipitation that we have seen this year. I think number three on record. Our crews have been addressing the issue by filling said potholes. And I also point out to the fact that this council has invested, to my knowledge, a record $160 million in road renewal. And there is still a lot of work to do despite that $160 million. And so, in terms of the councillor's question, cyclists specifically, I think not in particular, but I think Winnipeggers in general recognize that there is a pothole issue in the city and that the pothole issue may not be as much recognized is because we need to fix our roads. We need to fix our roads because past councils have decided to freeze taxes and that has had the impact of our taxes staying relatively the same because education tax went and ate up the space that could have been taken by the municipality. And so, there we have it: crumbling infrastructure, we have a dedicated 2.33% to roads…2% to roads,.33 to rapid transit. But still, with that, we have many, many years of catch-up to do to get to the point where we don't have pothole gate in the spring. We don't have pothole gate when there's too many freeze-thaw cycles because I noticed that for the streets that have recently been renewed, the potholes weren't an issue. The potholes were an issue where the streets needed to be fixed and that is what this council has been doing. And I notice the councillor asking the question has voted against most of our budgets, despite record investments in road renewal. So, if the councillor would like to share his thoughts about how to better the situation, I am all ears. But if we are looking for somebody to blame for our crumbling infrastructure, for our roads that are falling apart, it all started with Mayor Susan Thompson and we've been freezing taxes since then. We even cut taxes with some…with some mayors. People forget Mayor Sam Katz actually raised taxes. Mayor Sam Katz actually brought in the program to fix our roads. But clearly, it is not enough because we still have pothole gate this year. And I am not sure what the relation is between cyclists and potholes, but I do see the relation between freezing taxes, not investing in our infrastructure and the problems that we're seeing today.

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

Councillor Nason: Yeah, follow-up question. He did mention about the 1% for local roads, 1% for regional roads. Could the Chair respond with regards to confirming that the 2022 budget actually is going towards that or is it going towards balancing the budget?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you very much for the question. I would invite the councillor to ask the question to the Finance Chair if the councillor is interested.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next, Councillor Lukes, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Chair. Through you to Councillor Allard; the Provincial Government did an announcement allocating $9 million to the City of Winnipeg for road repair. I am getting very conflicting versions on where this is at. The season is fast flying by if we want to get out any tenders for anything. Can the Chair give us an update on what the roadblock is to getting this $9 million?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: My understanding is that we're waiting for the program details to be released so that we can apply. I'd also like to point out that this is a happy reversal of the cut, the arbitrary cut made to our roads budget by this same Provincial Government. It is a step in the right direction but it does feel like cheap politics when we see potholes on the street, yet we've seen a provincial government that cut us without any warning. And now they come at us.

Councillor Lukes: That is not my question.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, the answering the question that was asked. And I believe there is a supplementary question.

Councillor Allard: I think the answer is, despite the cut from the Provincial Government in the past and pothole gate having dollars materialize, that we are waiting for program details in order to apply.

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

Councillor Lukes: Okay, so I just want to confirm on the record here in the chamber that you're saying that the Province of Manitoba has not…they did the announcement but they've not provided City of Winnipeg with any guidelines or any requirements or anything? So, is that what you are saying, that we are waiting on the Province to get the $9 million? Is that what you are saying?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, Madam Speaker. Given the very broad nature of the question, including guidelines, something else and anything at all, I believe the answer to that question is there may have been some type of communication, albeit not program information on how to actually apply for the funding. However, if the councillor would like to clarify given that the nature of the question includes the word 'anything at all', which could really include a lot of different things.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Maybe not the best time for this debate. But my first question is, I'm wondering if the Chairperson remembers the original local road renewal program which didn't call for…at one point, it was calling for a $1 frontage fee in order to stay on top of construction inflation, which $1 a foot raises approximately 12 to $14 million in this city versus 1% property tax which is somewhere between $6 and $7 million. Are you…do you remember that in the charts and tables that were available to you in your first year of Council?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question reminder. Yes, that is one of consideration in terms of the total tax portfolio, the frontage levy. There have also been many fees and taxes…many levies and fees and other ways in which the City of Winnipeg has garnered more dollars in order to fund its operations. However, our major funding source is property tax

which was the reason why I focused on that tax in my comments regarding our infrastructure that is in terrible need of renewal in the billions of dollars.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Eadie: Second question is: are you aware that because we need a much larger investment to fix our local and…well, more so our local roads that need reconstruction to the point that there is at least probably 20 blocks in my ward that need reconstruction that are actually dangerous to pedestrians where the sidewalks heave and jolt in the roads or awful…like Magnus, east of Main, you should try it. Are you aware that those are also pedestrian safety hazards that need more funding to get done?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the councillor; I would like to note that there are many, many instances in which it is not safe to use our sidewalks or roadways in the city of Winnipeg. I would welcome a motion from the councillor in order to audit all of our sidewalks, all of our streets, identify where the City is liable to be sued because we have sidewalks, we have streets that are not safe to cross, especially if one is a person with disabilities, especially if one has issues with their visibility. I understand that if we did a full audit we would have a huge liability. And maybe that would get Council and the Public Service to fix our sidewalks and to get it to the point where we actually do have an accessible transit network where anyone can get to that bus regardless of their station in life.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Chairperson knows that, just ask any councillor in their area, they'll probably give you that audit to tell you what streets are totally wrecked that aren't fitting into the local road program to get fixed. I can give you that number now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the councillor, I do very much appreciate the councillor's offer. I would welcome that information with open arms. I believe, however, what we would need in actuality is some type of expert audit in order to confirm which streets, which sidewalks are actually unsafe and make the City liable. And once the City was in receipt of that information, of expert knowledge, about which streets are safe, which streets are not safe, which sidewalks are safe, which sidewalks are not safe. Once we have that information, we would have the case to make our city safe. And so, to the…to the councillor who asked me the question, I would love to see that list and perhaps be a 'whereas' as part of the preamble to be it resolved the Public Service hire a consultant to find all of the deficiencies in the city of Winnipeg, find all the places where somebody can break a hip, and perhaps then and only then will we be able to make this city one that is accessible to everyone regardless of their station in life, regardless of their ability to get around.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I won't do a preamble, but in the area of Fort Garry-East Fort Rouge, I have noticed that the active transportation trails are in a sad state. They weren't cleared properly during the winter and have remained covered in a lot of dirt. I'm wondering if the Chair could comment with regards to better maintenance of the bike paths?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the councillor, I would welcome any policy idea that would better the maintenance of our active transportation facilities. In the event where Council policy is not being respected, I would also welcome examples of that so that I could bring it to the attention of the CAO and Executive Policy Committee. So, if there is a policy change, I would love to see it as a motion as I would like to let the councillor know. And if there is…oh, thank you, Councillor Schreyer.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Yeah, okay.

Madam Speaker: There's more questions. Thank you, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yeah. Okay, so if there's a policy change required, I would welcome a motion from the councillor. If there is an incident where the Council the policy is not being followed, that is in the purview of Executive Policy Committee, the Mayor and the CAO.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer moves extension for two minutes. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried.

Councillor Allard: I would welcome those examples in order to ensure that Council policy is indeed being followed. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. Look, I really appreciate this question and answer. It is really important. And Councillor Allard has made the point that he is open to discussion. We have to be open minded about this stuff. Having said that, he talked about an expert audit in order to give a…to undertake an analysis of where our problems are. I've always said, the biggest problem…I've talked about it. There's more to say, but I've said a lot. The costs have gone up higher than our wages of the taxpayers. They've gone up higher than the construction workers. Do you think it would be practical…does Councillor Allard think it would be practical to use an expert audit to find out why the costs are going up higher than our City's resources?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, through you to the councillor, I believe the issue of construction inflation was referred to in one of our budgets. I believe there was direction of the Public Service. I would have to check in in terms of where that is at. Perhaps that question could be forwarded to the Finance Chair. I will leave it at that for now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We'll get right into question period. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? He is eager and waiting. Councillor Gillingham.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. I do have one question. I think a former…just the previous chair, Chair Allard, in his capacity, may have answered it. But I'll ask Councillor Browaty, as the Finance Chair. Through you, Madam Speaker; whether or not our Finance Chair has any update on the announcement by the Provincial Government for 8…of $8.9 million to the City of Winnipeg related to infrastructure, I think specifically potholes. Just wondering if we have any information on that as to the allocation of it, how that allocation will be determined and when the money may flow and whether it is incremental. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker; through you to Councillor Gillingham. I just wanted to say, first of all, that the extra, and it does sound like it is incremental, $8.9 million from the Province is very much appreciated this year. I think we all recognize that our streets took a particular beating this winter. I think the spirits of Winnipeggers took a beating this winter with a winter that felt like it was never going to end. So, again, it's been several years since we've had a winter this bad and this much freezing and thawing. I personally think that, you know, some of those potholes that may have, you know, been exposed in recent years didn't come about because we have had milder, drier winters. So, they've sort of caught up with us and we've definitely done more than our fair share this year. In regards to the $8.9 million, speaking to the CFO this week, she tells me that the intentions of the Province is to move that money out the door as quickly as possible so that it could be out there literally filling potholes, but as of right now, we do not have it.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. We'd…through you Madam Speaker to Councillor Browaty; maybe you can restate…restate your last sentence or two. You cut off there. But I'll ask my…I'll ask my follow-up, Madam Speaker, as well. And that is just, when the allocation is determined for Council, how can we expect that information will come? Will it from through the Standing Policy Committee on Finance? Will it come through IRPW? If we could just…if the councillor has any information, that would be helpful, too. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty, and your last answer was cut off by about 10, 15 seconds.

Councillor Browaty: Okay, thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you to the councillor and all of them; as of earlier this week, the CFO has informed me that there were no details yet in regards to the specifics (inaudible) for that $8.9 million. We are still waiting for those details. And I don't believe the money has flowed yet. But for sure, we are waiting on those details. We do not have them yet.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. And you know, new chair or not, the Chair was part of the Budget Working Group. I'm wondering if he could articulate a question I had asked earlier with regards to the 1% dedicated for tax supported operating budget in 2022, for local street renewal, plus a further 1% dedicated tax supported operating budget in 2022 for regional. Why is that 2% not being spent on the roads but yet going to balance the books?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to Councillor Nason; it's not a state secret that COVID-19 hit the city's books in a big way. We chose, we made a decision not to ratchet Transit down to the point where the service was basically unusable. We decided to provide a greater support for it than we ever have before. We spent more money on Transit by tens of millions of dollars during the pandemic than we ever have before. That was a conscious decision. We could have gone the other way and said, no, we're going to ratchet Transit back down, we're only getting 50% ridership, we're going to cut the service in half. But then it doesn't really become usable to Winnipeggers. We had things to do this winter in terms of snow removal. We had an unprecedented winter and spring, now, in terms of snow. Parking revenues. We've had all sorts of challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We took a one-time, one year holiday, on the one and the one, as Councillor Nason knows from the budget process. Did it kill me a little bit inside making that decision? Yes. Did it…was it the right thing to do under these extreme, extreme circumstances? I believe it was.

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

Councillor Nason: Snow clearing aside, because that was a separate ask. What does a 2% property tax increase equate to in 2022 dollars?

Councillor Browaty: Thank you. I believe it's around $6 million a point. So, somewhere in the 12, 13 million-ish.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions, Councillor Nason? Seeing none, Councillor Klein, followed by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you to the Chair, I was reviewing the consolidated schedule for reserves that was sent to councillors and put through the Finance Committee. I'm wondering if the Chair of the committee can tell us, Madam Speaker, what the plans are to replenish the reserves, for example, the environmental projects capital reserve was drained by about $40 million, a little bit over $40 million. What is the plan to replenish these reserves? And how quickly will that be implemented?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much. Through you to councillor…through you to Councillor Klein; in terms of the environmental project reserves, a lot of those reserves are set up for specific environmental projects, like the North End Sewage Treatment Plant upgrades. I'd have to…I'm not 100% intimately familiar with the one you mentioned, I will endeavor to get you an answer on that one specifically. In regards to the general reserve, which is projecting a $20 million potential hold later this year, I am hopeful that the incremental $20 million of support from the Federal Government will help make that whole.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just give me one second here.

Madam Speaker: Please give Councillor Chambers the floor. Thank you.

Councillor Chambers: No worries. Thank you. Through you to the Chair, with respect to the $9 million from the federal…Provincial Government with regards to potholes. I am wondering whether potholes include the granular roads south of the perimeter between the Seine and the Red River because I have been getting a lot of calls about the

deterioration of those roads. The potholes and the washboard conditions. I've actually tabled a motion to get some additional dollars for the granular roads in my ward. And I'm wondering if that would be included in the $9 million top-up from the Provincial Government?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much. Again, we area still waiting from the Province for details on those roads. I don't think it would be unreasonable to believe that some support for those roads could happen. I know, definitely, we are hearing about gravel roads, chip seal roads, various types of services that are being impacted more than normal this year because of the weather conditions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That ends question period for our Chair of Finance. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes, on the report dated May 3rd.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATED MAY 3, 2022

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll move consent agenda Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We have…we have a motion. Motion 8: moved by Councillor Nason, seconded by Councillor Klein. It's regarding gray water capture and treatment systems. This is an automatic referral to the standing committee. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Klein, followed by Councillor Nason.

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

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

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg published a document under the title of Sustainable Water and Waste where it indicated it will consider water recycling/reuse technologies such as grey-water and rainwater harvesting as an efficient way to maximize, supplement and protect its existing water supply;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg further indicated that Water use efficiency has the potential to reduce hydraulic loads on existing infrastructure by reducing flows;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg further indicated that any undertaking in support of grey water recycling/reuse technologies with the following considerations, Must be safe for public health, particularly in regards to possible cross-connection with the potable water supply, comply with all building codes, regulations and by-laws, and be subject to inspections and enforcement;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has experienced multiple environmental negative releases of partial and non-diluted sewage in the Spring of 2022 that is simply unacceptable without additional corrective measures to support environmental stewardship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Council on the requirements to allow for the installation of grey water capture and treatment systems in single and multi-family residences, via a permit approved process.*

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

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair. And through you…Madam Speaker, and through you to the Chair; I recently noticed a number of public announcements by Keurig speaking to the fact that for some reason in Winnipeg, their recyclable coffee containers cannot be recycled. And I'm wondering if the Chair could tell us, is the department looking at why that is or will they consider what the issue is and try to address that knowing how many of these coffeepots are now being used throughout our city?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you for the question. It's a good question. I will ask the staff hopefully prior to our next Water and Waste Committee meeting. I think if you look back at the arc of recycling over the past 10 years or so, there was quite a big increase vote that occurred in October of 2011, two months before I was sworn in to introduce the new blue bin system. So, we're about 10 years into that now. I think we will be as of October 1st, exactly 10 years into that implementation. Hard to forget the first days when there was the garbage apocalypse to use one of Aaron McDowell's quotes. Lots of issues. South of the perimeter wasn't even serviced, but garbage and recycling service, I think, has come a long way in that…in those years. Certainly, our diversion rate shot up dramatically in those first few years. Some of it being the yard waste that was no longer being thrown out, it was being diverted from landfill. So, a tale of much improvement and then we've kind of plateaued, so we are looking at things like compost to increase the diversion rate. But it's a fair question on that part of recycling. Is there something more we can do? Then, yeah, I'll get back to Councillor Klein and try and be ready in time for the Water and Waste Committee meeting.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Chair…Speaker. And through you to the Chair; I appreciate that response. And in the past, he has been very diligent on following up on matters that have been brought forward. So, I look forward to hearing from the department and himself. The next question I have is regarding culverts and ditches. We have a number of issues happening specifically in the Charleswood area with culverts and with ditches, you know, not draining and culvert damage and such. I want to know if there is a plan to do a public awareness campaign or even a Council campaign on who actually is responsible. All the questions that we direct to the Water and Waste about culvert damage or draining issues in the ward are…we are being told to talk to Public Works. Public Works is saying, well, did it…was it caused by snow removal? So, I'm just wondering if there's some clarity that the Chair, through the committee, can provide to myself and maybe others that have ditches throughout the ward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I think it was Grant Nordman who said, you will hear the word 'drainage' far more than you ever thought you would once you start this job. And it's true. This…especially in some outlying parts of the city, there are different sorts of issues than you get in the inner-city. It's part of the interesting workings of this job, as Councillor Chambers knows all too well from having that south of perimeter situation; no City water, no City sewer and gravel roads, nuisance beaver shooting permits being issued. All sorts of stuff in the outlying parts of the city. The culverts and ditches; that is a valid question, again, from Councillor Klein. I certainly have more dealings on this when I still had south of perimeter in my ward. I can certainly…I think that's something that we should get the new director, Mr. Shanks, to talk about or get both Mr. Shanks and Mr. Berezowsky in front of the Water and Waste Committee and try and get some concrete answers. It will be of little concern in some wards. It will be of slight concern in my ward. I do have areas: Egerton, some areas down near Darwin School that have ditches still and issues with that. Obviously, have quite a bit of concern in Charleswood-Tuxedo and probably in Transcona, probably in some outlying parts of Councillor Chambers' ward. So, I will undertake to get an answer for Councillor Klein, especially having been told that I am always diligent in following up, but now, trapped myself with that. So, I will have to follow-up.

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

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you to the Chair, the last question deals with some e-mails that I have copied him on. We have a new development that was built in Charleswood and there is several drainage issues. And the response that was received from the department was, tell the residents to take them to court. That it is not their responsibility to check on grading. I am wondering if the Chair in his available time could report back on what are the requirements of Water and Waste when it comes to approving grading for new developments, and if it is proper to tell residents to go to court and sue the developer.

Councillor Mayes: Some overlap there with my unhappy period as chair of the Planning Committee as I think some of that rests with Property and Development. So, I will undertake to talk to Councillor Gilroy and see the lot grading issues that probably all councillors get these questions from time to time. So, I do think we seem to have had a number of them out in Councillor Klein's ward this term. I will talk to Councillor Gilroy and see if we can sort of jurisdictionally, does this lie with Planning and Development or is this more with water…Water and Waste?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, recently we did suffer some significant weather events. We sat around this table talking about the south Winnipeg plant that was overwhelmed. And not one-time, even at our standing committee, was the North End brought forward until just a couple days after our last standing committee where it was released that four times the regular amount, 1,600 mega liters of partially treated sewage, was released, yet again, from that one plant at the North End into the river systems, and ultimately, up into our lakes. I'm wondering if the Chair could entertain or inform us with regards to why we would have received this two days after our last committee meeting where we were talking about the south plant?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I don't know. There have certainly been unprecedented rain events. And certainly, we had a pretty full discussion about the load shedding incident with all of the raw sewage being dumped into the river and we had questions for the staff. So, I…I mean, we can ask more questions at the next Water and Waste Committee meeting. I do want to say, though, I mean, a) we have that committee now thanks to the Mayor's creating it back in 2015. There was some lobbying by Councillor Lukes and myself that I think was the right thing to do. So, that's to the credit of the Mayor. And North End, we are…we are actually have shovel in ground. You drive up there, there is work going on for the first time in…well, we've been talking about it the entire time I have been on Council. Finally, there is some activity. Hopefully biosolids, the next phase, is approved before election day 2022. I think it will be. Get that announced. That would be a huge step forward at $400 million. Phase 3, not yet there. Obviously, that may take quite a while. The interim solution building with the phosphorus removal, to which I give some credit to Councillor Nason and Councillor Klein. That's…that's in the works, too, alongside the biosolids building. So, I mean, yes, we can ask a detailed question about North End, but the larger point is, yeah, we're trying to build a bigger, better North End plant that is needed. We are running out of time to do it. But we have never been closer, I think, to finally getting phase 2 underway. That would be a huge accomplishment. You sometimes hear people say, well, you know, you guys haven't done anything in this term. That would be a huge thing. We've already got the phase 1 underway, clearly, in this term and I think we will get phase 2 underway. And if that's how…if that is the big capital project for this term, that is okay, that's a pretty great accomplishment.

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

Councillor Nason: Would the Chair consider having the environment as part of the committee a conflict in terms when you've, in one month, have exceeded over 3,000 mega liters of pollution into the environment?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I am not sure I really understand the question. Is it positive for the environment to have raw sewage dumped into the rivers? No. That's pretty easy to answer. Are we trying to do something about it with the North End and South End? And we put hundreds of millions into the South End. So, that shouldn't be forgotten. That's…that's being done. And frankly, please vote for budgets where we're increasing funding for the CSO program like the one we just voted on that we went from…we had increased by $60 million over a four-year arc; 15, 15, 15, 15. And do I want to speed up the CSO work? You've heard me say it dozens of times; yes, I do. I'm hoping it will put Councillor Schreyer on something concrete that will be coming soon to say, yeah, the 2095 date, that's just not acceptable for getting that work finished. Will that cost more? Yes. But so, I guess the answer is, no, I don't know that there is a conflict there. Is it good for the environment? No. Are we taking some steps to address that in terms of the plants and the CSO program? Yeah, absolutely we are. I'm proud of it. If that's how I'm remembered, that's fine by me too. So, we'll have some more news, hopefully quite soon, on the CSO program and trying to avoid having, as I've said before, our children's, children's, children there at the finish of the CSO program. Let's get this done in 20 years as we are supposed to be doing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. We'll get right into question period. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Chambers? Any questions? Seeing none, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development, the report dated April 5th. Councillor Gilroy.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED APRIL 5, 2022**

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move Items 1 and 3 and pull 5, please.

Madam Speaker: 5 is being pulled. Any others? 5 is regulating short-term rentals. That's been pulled. I will call the question on 1, 3…1 and 3. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Regulating Short-Term Rentals

Madam Speaker: Okay, Item 5, as well, I want to note, is a layover from the last meeting. There was also an amending motion that went with it and I'll…I'm going to ask that it be circulated right now to make it easier for everyone. So, Item 5 was the layover and with it comes an amending motion. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And just a little background information. Of course, this was a layover. There was lots of discussion. I really want to thank all the delegates that came out…came out in full force for short-term rentals. We had many delegates and standing policy committee and I believe also at EPC. So, there was a really good discussion on that. And you know what, I really do think that most of my councillor colleagues are in support of some sort of reform around short-term rentals. I think that that is clear. And I am getting lots of that information to me at this time. I am hoping that somebody here will maybe move referral back to committee. And although I know that that isn't something maybe we heard the delegates talk about wanting us to get on it fast, I think there is still some more work in terms of getting this past the finish line for Council. And then, I would really encourage all my councillor colleagues to, I think, this is a really good one for us to follow and so listen to the debate at standing policy committee. And I know that lots of my committee members ask really good questions. And I have full confidence will ask many more questions moving forward. I just think that, in terms of the motion that's in front of us, I think I have lots of my councillor colleagues wanting to make sure that we are really narrowing it down, what we're asking our public administration for. I know they would be wanting that as well. So, I really hope that we do…this is going to be a new policy for Winnipeg. I know that my councillor colleagues want to move forward with something. We still want be to see what that is. We want to go and do that consultation, but I do think that there needs to be some work amongst us to make sure that we're…the motion that we're sending forward to the Public Service is the right one. So, I encourage the delegates that are here today, you know, still come back. We want to hear from you. That will allow the councillor colleagues that maybe weren't sure on the motion that's in front of us here today to really understand what the Public Service is going to be looking for. What we have learned from other…other cities. And, you know, what kind of consultation work that we're going to do in the community. So, I'm hoping that that will be supported if somebody moves a motion that this goes back to committee. That would be my intent after working with some of my colleagues here and understanding that there is still more work to do before it goes on to the Public Service. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To just acknowledge the start of the 2022 CFL football season, I'm going to try an analogy here. We're third and short yardage situation. Play has been called, but I think we can go back to our coaches and ask for a little bit more dialogue to make sure that we can get this past the goal line. So, with that, I'm requesting referral back to PP&D for further discussion to get this over the goal line for that touchdown.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers moves referral back to the committee, the standing policy committee. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. So, it's the motion and the amending motion will both go to the standing committee. Okay, next, is the report dated May 9th. Councillor Gilroy.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED MAY 9, 2022**

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move consent agenda Items 1 through 18.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer? 6 – Re-purposing of City-owned golf land. That's been pulled. Item 4 – Proposed lease agreement with Manitoba Tennis Association has been pulled. Councillor Klein, 3 – Amendment to Council decision declaration of surplus land City-owned property – 1350 Pembina Highway has been pulled. That was No. 3. Any others?

I'm going to pull No. 8 – The lease for the relocated West Kildonan Library. Any others? Okay. So, I will call the question on 1 and 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. All in favour? Oh, one more page. Hang on. 15 through 18 as well. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And Councillor Klein noted. If you could rise and you're noted in opposition for?

Councillor Klein: Yes, thank you. Just got to get back to it now. My apologies. Item No. 13 and 14.

Madam Speaker: 13 and 14, noted in opposition. Councillor Lukes, did you have your hand up? No, okay.

Councillor Klein: She's just helping me.

Madam Speaker: Okay. She's very helpful. Councillor…or pardon me, Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Amendment to Council Decision – Declaration of Surplus Land – City-Owned Property Located at 1350 Pembina Highway

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I thank the Chair for the discussion that we had at the committee on this. But I just want to, again, make it very clear that we are agreeing to potentially sell this land when we put so much time and effort into developing the new Winnipeg Fire-Paramedic Service strategy and overall plan where they have identified lands along this stretch of Pembina for…with a need for a station because of the growth that's happening there because some of the retail and industrial nearby. So, at committee, I voted opposed to this because I though we haven't done enough, we haven't put enough effort into talking between departments to see if this is really necessary. I heard that, well, they are not ready for funding, they're not ready for this. And they…it feel…they feel it is better just to sell the land and I disagree with that because if we in five years have to turn around and buy land along Pembina, which would be the most ideal location and most efficient location for a fire station, then we will get ourselves into what we have been in in the past where we're trying…we're paying more for land than we need to or we're buying land and looking to make deals. So, I wanted to get on record here at Council that I don't support this. I don't understand why we wouldn't hold off on this because we are asking many departments to put together strategic plans for the next 20, 30 years, yet we're not supporting those plans and other decisions that we make. So, I wanted to get that on record. And I will not be supporting this motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: I couldn't agree with Councillor Klein more.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Okay. Seeing none, Councillor Gilroy to close.

Councillor Gilroy: Yeah, so we did have a…we did have a good discussion and I think it was hard. We did ask a lot of questions to the Public Service. I mean, the challenge is, we do ask all of our different departments if they do require the land and if they said that they didn't, it is hard for the City to decide on if this will be the right place 20 years down the line if that, you know, if they do require, you know, another police station or another fire station. So, it's very difficult. These things change, and they just felt that this wasn't, you know, maybe another place that might be required, so to really hold on to property for a good length of time because you need it in the future. You know, it was just very challenging, so what do we do with this property in the meantime? So, there was a lot of concern and a lot of great discussion, and we decided to move forward. And so, I hope you support what's in front of you here today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 1? Contrary? Okay. That's 3? Item 3. All in favour of Item 3? Contrary? Okay. And 3…that carries. 3. Thank you. That carries. Pardon me? They didn't ask to be recorded, so. Okay, Councillor Klein would like to be recorded in opposition. Councillor Nason and Councillor Rollins. Item 4.

Item 4 – Proposed Lease Agreement with Manitoba Tennis Association (Tennis Manitoba) Inc. for City-owned property at 2050 Ness Avenue (commonly known as Deer Lodge Tennis)

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I'm…I'll wait to hear from my councillor colleague. I know he's a fierce tennis player, him and his family, and I had the pleasure of losing to him in tennis match. So, looking forward to hearing what he has to say.

Madam Speaker: Tennis, pickle ball, runner; where does it end? Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I probably shouldn't say anything after that from Councillor Gilroy. And yet, I'm in favour of this. This is a good arrangement. This was a City-run facility, which is kind of…kind of odd given that none of the other tennis clubs are still City-run facilities, so perhaps, inevitably, it came down to the City just pulled out and nothing was done for an entire year. So, I'm glad to see our staff moving forward. We do have some good tennis arrangements with people Kyler…George Kyler's got Sargent Park and this will be, I think, a good arrangement, too. I have sat many icy cold evenings on the deck, watching my son play. Councillor…Councillor Gillingham joined me once, I think, and praise to Councillor Gillingham for not meddling in this one because there's certainly a lot of people calling me and I think calling the area councillor trying to get their bids put forward or get some treatment on this one. So, it was an impartial process. Tennis Manitoba put in a good bid. It's being used. I've…you know, I was there last summer and people were saying, hey, the building's really coming along. Some money's gone in. The entrance has changed around. So, I think it's helping upgrade the club there. So, I'm certainly in favour of this. We'll see how it works on the longer term, but for the short-term, we haven't lost the facility, it hasn't fallen into disrepair and it's a good training facility now for tournaments and Canada Games preparation. And so, thanks to Councillor Gillingham for his role on this. And it's a good step forward for the city. And I should say, Tennis Manitoba has gotten under our skin, I think, a bit over the years. Chiding us back about 2013 about the lack of public courts. We have fixed up and built a ton of new courts in this city over the intervening seven, eight, ten years. I know Councillor Orlikow has done several. I have done some. Councillor Chambers helped me out at Dakota. I hear some barracking from over here, which would suggest Councillor Rollins has put some money in. So, we have, actually, with…because it coordinates now with pickle ball, you get two for one on this. So, we've actually done quite a bit of work on the courts over the years and this is…this is part of that program as well. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I certainly rise to support this report. And I, too, through you, want to thank Councillor Mayes for his advocacy for court sports in this city. Yes, he was receiving calls and I was receiving calls and both of us were giving the same answer, look, there's a process, you know, follow the process. I will hear you out, but we're not putting our thumb on the scale in any way. And we didn't and the Tennis Manitoba won out. And I can tell you, I just was there, actually, last week. Councillor Mayes, was there just last week, meeting with Mr. Mark Arndt who is head of Tennis Manitoba and is running the facility. And already, they have seen growth. There are plans for work to be done to improve the site. I know that we've put some funds into repairing the site just not that long ago. There's other parts of the site they want to repair. We're coordinating efforts to plant trees together this spring kind of just on…on the adjacent park, City-owned park. And some of their programming has seen expansion and growth, so they've got a lot of youth tennis that's happening. Kind of…they've got one where I think it's moms and kids, and they've got some other various programs happening, as Councillor Mayes points out, that is preparing players for competition, and other provincial province-wide competitions or national competitions. And so, it's really going…really going well. And they have ability, obviously, too for individuals who just want to pay by the hour to play. And just recreationally as well. So, it's good to see the work that's happening. They're going to be painting the facility as well and kind of some new signage. And so, they've really taken this City facility through a lease and they're making improvements both to the services being offered, the number of players involved in the sport of tennis, and then also, just improving the physical asset as well that is the City's. So, it's a good news story and I'm certainly glad to support this arrangement.

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

Councillor Gilroy: You can call the question, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Madam Clerk, Item 6.

Item 6 – Repurposing of City-owned Golf Land

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy, to introduce the item.

Councillor Gilroy: Hi, Madam Speaker. Yes, you know what, this is an extension of time, so I will wait to hear from my councillor colleague. I know that we are doing work on how we're going to repurpose our golf courses. I know there's been lots of discussion from what other recreation facilities can we have at those places or even doing reforestation projects. So, eager to hear from my councillor colleague on this issue.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Because it has not yet been completed, maybe it's a good time to say a few things for the record as we continue for another up to 180 days on…on the creation of this report. My understanding is that this started back in March of 2020, was part of the first multi-year budget. And now it's being pulled for extensions for two years. So, now we're going on two and a half years on this one. So, it has been mentioned today, you know, when you don't vote for a budget, this is what you didn't vote for. Yeah, that's true and we all take hits for what we do and do not vote for. This one's separate. Happens to me, in my case, I tend to vote with the majority at city hall here. I'm not proud of it, I'm not ashamed of it. It's not my responsibility or my job to vote with the majority or the minority. But it's certainly my responsibility to account for my vote. And when it comes to…this has been separated, but when it comes to the budget in general, my point has always been that it's the budget in general which is the problem because I don't see the sustainability of it. I don't see how we can forecast a dozen years, 20 years in the future and say, we're okay at the rate we're going because I'm saying, we're not. No one's ever told me, oh no, Jason, you're wrong, it is sustainable, and this is why. No one's ever told me that. The budget is sustainable, Jason, and this is why it's sustainable. No one's ever said that to me. Okay, in this case, we can separate it, so I'm able to vote on this separately, but when it comes to the budget, I'm saying, it's unsustainable. I don't know how we can continue at the way we're on…the way we're going. Not just the city budget. I've never blamed any particular politician or level of government for the situation we're in, but it's certainly our responsibility to deal with, otherwise, what are we doing here? Why do we vote on budgets? And when it comes to multi-year budgets, I mean, I don't know what to say. I was thinking four, five years ahead, anyway. I mean, how do you not? Before we voted on our first multi-year budget, the administration was already giving us multi-year forecasts. Well, that was practical. That made sense to me, but I wasn't just voting of…to the extent in which a greater budget matters in terms of the sustainability, the economic sustainability of a budget, we have to look beyond that. Is it ridiculous to think in terms of 20 years? We've had city councillors that we all know that have been here 20 years. So, I'm not saying just in the lifetime of somebody, I'm not just saying in the adult lifetime of somebody, literally in their own political career, voting for budgets for 20 years. So maybe there's someone here that's going to be here for 20 years. What I'm saying is, I do not see how the budget's sustainable at the rate we're going. I talk about this all the time, but I just had to say that because it was mentioned today in terms of when you vote against the budget, well, yeah. I'm not looking to vote against…against projects. I'm looking to vote for them, including projects to find and figure out how we can make our budget sustainable. And I talk about this a lot, so I don't think I'm surprising anybody with what I'm saying in this case. In this case, we're talking about something smaller, but it's important. We're talking about an extension of time on something in which we still have six months before the plan may be, may be completed…the project, the plan, and recommendation. Maybe they'll be asking for another half a year after that. I don't know. But the specifics of this one is looking at repurposing of City-owned golf land, a plan to repurpose up to 30% of all City-owned golf lands. Repurposing options of those golf lands may include, but are not limited to: public greenspace, active transportation, reforestation, community gardens, residential development with affordable housing and recreational opportunities. Well look, it all sounds very nice. An awful lot of things we deal with sound great, including our budgets. My concern...well, there's a few. In terms of just being practical in terms of selling off City-owned property, and in terms of that being golf land, it's not exactly fungible, you just can't piece off parts of golf courses and then you…and maintain the integrity of the golf course. So, 30% of City-owned golf…golf lands. It doesn't say specific golf courses, so I look forward to seeing how we piece off pieces of golf courses if that's even part of this. It's not explicit in the wording here. So, I might as well mention it. Now, the issue for me, and I'm not the only one to raise this. You know, and Councillor Eadie has talked about this. We've helped the…literally, in trying to figure out what affordable housing means to the city hall when we're going to support affordable housing investments. And we've literally helped the system in basic ways because we…we don't know. We've never actually crystallized it in terms of, what affordable housing means to us at city hall, what the type of affordable housing we encourage, and how. And what are the specifics about it? So, you know, it's just, when it comes to something like affordable housing, I just don't like it being heisted in the name of, you know, sounds great, good works. It's deeper than that. And in fact, when you deal with this stuff, it's not fun. It's not rah, rah, it's hard. It hurts. Why do we need this stuff? Because people are suffering. Saying we developed some affordable housing doesn't make me feel good. Especially, you know, after being elected now for over, you know, almost two terms, I wince whenever I hear it now at city hall. I'm just being honest. I wince because to me, it's like, here we go, another press release that's meant to sound good, and yet, we know that poor people are getting poorer, and the middle class and the working class is shrinking, and for the most part, for those people, it's just about how fast they're getting poor. So, of course, we're dealing with affordable housing. It's not always an issue of affordable housing, although, how are people going to afford their mortgages and their food and their taxes? But in this case, because it mentions a residential development with affordable housing in parentheses right after that, I've just got to register my...it's there. I'll read it to you, Madam Speaker. It says, "Repurpose up to 30% of all City-owned golf land for the purpose of residential development with "affordable housing"." So, there it is, Madam Speaker. We're talking about affordable housing when we're talking about getting rid of the City-owned golf lands. I'm just…I'm just incredulous a little bit. And don't blame me. I think I've explained myself pretty well. Not just now, but for my seven years here. So, I'll be even more specific if there's any confusion about this. We are talking about affordable housing at Portage Place and Ross Eadie and I were being very specific. What do you mean, affordable housing? What kind of affordable housing? What it it…you know, what are the rates? What are the specifics? And there were…we couldn't get an answer to the extent that we were helping out. We were saying, well, to what proportion of one's income do they pay rent or a mortgage?

Madam Speaker: If you could wrap up, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Sure. I've got 12 seconds. I think I made my point. I'm just saying, watch out when it comes to affordable housing because it's not something to play around with. We just need to be specific. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, just to…just to make sure my councillor colleagues are clear, this is just an extension of time. And for Councillor Schreyer, we also have had a couple of changes that, you know, we do need that extension of time. A couple of changes is, we've decided not to sell John Blumberg. That affects us. We also have put in through OurWinnipeg and Complete Communities, adding more greenspace into our plan, so that'll affect whether or not we do any kind of development on these lands. So, there's still a lot more work that needs to happen. And because we've made some changes along the way, it does require an extension of time. But I heard what you had to say, so thank you very much because I know you also love affordable housing just like I do. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. With that, I'll call the question. All in favour of Item 6? Contrary? That's carried. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I will hand the Chair over to you, and the next item is Item 8.

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, Madam Clerk, I believe it's report 8.

Item 8 – Expression of Interest No. 422 – 2021 and Associated Lease for a Relocated West Kildonan Library

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay, Chairperson Gilroy, would you like to introduce?

Councillor Gilroy: Please, yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I just want to thank all the many delegates and the people that have had written submissions. This has been a very interesting…interesting debate for all of us. And I do also want to thank…I know Councillor Sharma will be speaking soon, and I know she's been doing a very good job advocating for her community and making sure that they get a library. And I hope we do see a library there soon. Her community does deserve it. And I also want to thank you, Mr. Chair...Mr. Speaker, because I know that you've been dealing with this with your community. So, there's a lot of tough choices that had to be made, and through the process, we've just decided that we would keep the library as it is. And so, now we would have to work on, you know, making sure that there's a new library that comes forward in the north...in the north because there is a northeast, in that vicinity, because there is…there is…there is a large amount of population there that is without a library. And we want to make sure that we…make sure that they get a library. But in particularly, at this time, you know, it was felt that we would keep the library services in at the West K Library. So that's where we are, and looking forward to the discussion. I think it'll be a great discussion that we continue to have here today. So, thank you for that. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Chairperson. I believe first up would be Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I rise today in support of receiving this item as information, but I also want to speak to the broader issue and need for library services in northwest Winnipeg. Residents in northwest Winnipeg deserve a modern library branch that goes above and beyond what is currently being provided by the West Kildonan Library. While today's motion keeps West Kildonan Library open in its current location, we need to acknowledge some of the history of how we got here. Northwest Winnipeg is rapidly growing and continually welcomes new residents as we build new communities in Amber Gates, in Aurora at North Point and now, in Highland Point. I've been advocating for improved library services in this part of Winnipeg for a long time. Even when it was proposed that this library redevelopment be taken out of the budget in 2022, I stood with community members and organizations like the Garden City Residents Association, Daniel Guenther, Immigrant Partnership Winnipeg, Seven Oaks Neighborhood Resource Centre, Seven Oaks Immigrant Services, Wayfinders, and countless Winnipeggers were here with me. Together, we kept it in the budget and together, I think, we're going to carry forward and give northwest Winnipeg the library it deserves. This isn't a new topic. As we know, the Library Facility Redevelopment Strategy passed by Council in 2013 identified the existing West Kildonan Library as needing redevelopment to better serve all of the Mynarski and a Old Kildonan residents. Now, there were a number of positive aspects to the Garden City Shopping Centre proposal. We received many letters from various community organizations and many of them pointed out things like the accessibility was good, the linkage with existing transit hubs, and the fact that it's a central location. It is clear, though, that we must do more meaningful community consultations as we improve library services in northwest Winnipeg. We cannot put this in the back burner, even as we receive this item as information, we must realize the status quo for library services in northwest Winnipeg is insufficient for its growing needs. And that is why later today I'll be seconding a motion that calls for an amendment to our city's library proposal…library policy, pardon me. I'd like to thank the residents that came forward for both in support and against this relocation because this raises up an important conversations about the evolving need for library services in the Old Kildonan and Mynarski wards. Libraries are important public spaces to learn, grow, and connect. I hope we can

move forward after this vote and conduct a timely and meaningful consultation with the community to reinvigorate library services in northwest Winnipeg. It's needed and you all know that. We've all been part of this conversation for many, many years. So, to sort of wonder how it got to this point, there should be no surprise. It was in and out of budget. The same people...Daniel Guenther came earlier today and spoke with us. Well, he was here in 2020 and prior to that, many conversations have been had. So, I think by receiving this as information, what essentially is happening is we're going to lay the status quo, but there is money in the budget. I want to remind everyone of that for a facility in Old Kildonan. And that will remain in the budget, it's there for next year. So, we're going to have to revisit this conversation in short order. We all know there's a strategic plan that we're going to be embarking on this fall with full Council after the election, and I'm sure this is going to be a topic of conversation. It needs to be. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Speaker Sharma. Madam Clerk, is there another speaker? Hang on, she's not back in the Chair yet, so I'm asking Madam Clerk if there's a…

Clerk: Councillor Schreyer, were you looking to speak to the item or? Councillor Browaty, would you like to speak to the item? I think that…I think that's it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: They don't want to? Okay. Then Speaker Sharma is back in the Chair because I just want to speak just really quick to this, the report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll take the Chair back. And Councillor Schreyer was asking if there's an amendment; no, not to this item.

Councillor Eadie: Not to this one.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, I'll recognize you.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And Madam Speaker, it's been difficult, but I think that we've worked very well together on this. And it's very difficult in our area, but you know, there can be difficulties as we are going to amend, but there could be a lot more difficulties for the city of Winnipeg in growth areas that our policy would limit what's done, which brings me to what I wanted to just say. I, of course, will be supporting for…supporting EPC's recommendation to just receive this EOI lease agreement proposal as information. But I just want to point out with this, and, Madam Speaker, you explain it quite well. So, given the existing policy and the library services wanting, you know, to have the perfect accessible space, although, I'll point out that I haven't visited a strip mall library that was accessible for me because I had to walk-through a parking lot, including the one on Henderson Highway. Very busy parking lot, as a matter of fact, the Henderson Library. But Madam Speaker, I digress. What happened is, because of the policy from 2005, only 20 libraries...and they don't make a difference about whether, you know, it's a central, they just say, one library or whatever. But you know, every…I don't know, most cities have a central library, that's for the whole city, which is the Millennium Library in this particular city, as well as, happens to be the St. Boniface Library as a central French library for a bilingual city, a bilingual province. But ultimately, in order to serve the growth areas, so we needed to renovate and make our buildings accessible, but there's also a pull to bring library services out to those growth areas. And in this case, as was pointed out, it's very central to all the main roads that will take you through where this particular regional library, the West K Library is thought of to be regional, it serves pretty well everything north of Inkster, west of the Red, all the way out to Oak Pointe Highway, Brookside Boulevard, Route 90. And serves that whole area north…and north of Inkster. There's a huge amount of people there, Madam Speaker, but all those roads where you were proposing to have this lease, and all the bus in the...buses in the area get. So, this was the Public Service's. Look, when they went in EOI and they said, well, the City doesn't own any land, so we're going to put out an EOI for a private company to put in expressions of interest. And you know, lo and behold, this was the one. It was more central, and that's because the Public Service knowing that we can't add a library because of the policy, this is where we're going to centralize everything. So, I, of course, never agreed with that in the sense that I always agreed that people…Old Kildonan was a way…much bigger in land size than municipality than the West Kildonan city…municipality. And so, there's been a huge amount of development to the point, Madam Speaker, where, actually, you know, your ward, Old Kildonan, had to give up Riverbend and Rivergrove over to North Kildonan, which it's never been part of before until our political boundaries did that. But basically, they're part of that region of Old and West Kildonan, right. So, anyway, I just thought I'd point that out that there was a pull here to centralize based on the old policy from 2005. Everybody thought Waverley West in 2005 was going to be the only big growth area. Well, I'll tell you, the puck...anyway, I'll speak more about this on the other one. But so, I will be, Madam Speaker, voting for EPC's recommendation on this, but I just had to express sort of how I view how things mutter along. And I'm not going to debate whether a mall or a new building is the best…best thing, but I would point out, though, that a shopping centre is a lot better than a strip mall.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Oh, I wasn't going to say anything yet, but given Councillor Roddy…Councillor Ross Eadie's speech, I'm rather…rather inspired. Councillor Eadie and myself, in my very first term, I think seven years ago to the month, we were dealing with this very issue. Oddly, I recall it being an issue with Community Services. And it's not always that the Executive Policy Committee sees things my way and comes around, but it does happen and the longer I'm here, the more often I see. And in this case, it's nice to see. Now, it's for other…other reasons, other factors, but nonetheless, for all the different reasons for which people come to consensus, this is one. And this is politics, and it's come to this. There's a lot more to say about this. Having said that, I've never, in any way, implied that our policy for libraries was adequate, which would imply, if I did, that Waverley South or Old Kildonan doesn't deserve a library. I've never implied that. My concern was that the neighborhood where this library is, of West Kildonan, it belonged there for the betterment…betterment of the community. There's more to say in terms of how we argue with each other over a piece of a dwindling pie. It's a dwindling pie for Community Services and libraries in proportion to the budget. It's not like our budget is decreasing or our fees, fines, levies, and rates. No, they're all going up and our debt, it's all going up. Funny thing, though, you know, we need to take it out somehow. As our population grows, we need to somehow take it out on libraries. So, I'll just ask this question: are the costs of library services going up at the same rate as our budget? No, they're not. So, why are we having this problem?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, if any? Okay. Back to you, Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: You can call the question. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Call the question on Item 8. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Okay. There's a lot of paper here. We're on to by-laws. Councillor Gilroy.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 1ST READING ONLY

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move the following by-laws be read the first time: By-law No. 70/2022 and By-law No. 71/2022.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 70/2022, By-law No. 71/2022.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move that By-law 72/2022 be read a first time.

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

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

Clerk: By-law No. 72/2022.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move that By-law 72/2022 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 72/2022.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 72/2022 be read a third time and the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Any questions for Councillor Gilroy? Okay, seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, the report dated May 6th. Councillor Rollins.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED MAY 6, 2022**

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move consent agenda Items 1, 2, pull 3, 4 and 5, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: 3 has been pulled. We'll pull 1. That is for the geothermal option for St. Boniface Industrial Area. Any others? Okay, I'll call the question on 2 – Winnipeg Park Strategy. All in favour? Contrary?

Councillor Rollins: All of them were pulled, Madam Speaker. Okay.

Madam Speaker: Oh, pardon me.

Councillor Rollins: 3…like, 4, and 5? Were you moving those too or?

Madam Speaker: Yes, you know what, I'll call the question on 2, 4 and 5. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried.

Councillor Rollins: All right, just to introduce the…

Madam Speaker: Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Request for Approval to Apply for Third-party Funding for a Geothermal Option for St. Boniface Industrial Area and Windsor Park Station Consolidation Project

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Really, a bit of good news here. The Department of Winnipeg Fire-Paramedic Service is absolutely doing the right thing, they're coming to Council and saying, you know, in the long-term what you can do to save some costs, well, we can look at geothermal. And so, it's a challenge I think that they take seriously given Council's commitment and direction on the environment and climate change specifically. Council approved a budget of $13.4 million, this install will cost $300,000, but there are federal subsidies for geothermal, so up to 40% so far, and the department was clear at PCSP. This is money to-date. So, so far, it looks like $130,000 of that approximately will...they can recoup and there's more. So, we're really looking at recouping costs and substantially reducing operating costs. While…why, Madam Speaker? Well, we all know the price of gas is only increasing, and in the long-term, we can save the city money, and it's what we should be doing. I'll wait for the question, though.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I appreciate Councillor Rollins' start…giving some explanation on this. The reason I pulled it is the financial impact statement of this report, I find, lacking. It's talking about an increase of $300,000 to the overall project cost. The total Council approved project budget for consolidation of St. Boniface Industrial area-Windsor Park station is $13.4 million. Is that $13.4 million inclusive of the $300,000? Is the $300,000 incremental? There's no details as far as of how much the $300,000 the staff can recoup or fund with grants. The councillor…the Chair has provided some of that information. I'm going to support it today because…because this…I know Councillor Rollins is very attentive to this, and I know that she'll be asking…she and her committee have asked the questions, will be asking the questions on that to determine how the staff will be applying for grants, and what grants are applying for and how much of the funding will come back to recover some of the $300,000 cost. So, I just kind of flag it today to point it out that I think in the future, not in the future, I think...I would ask that in the future, that reports include a better financial impact statement so that's it's clear to this…to all of us when we're making our decisions as to how much of the funding and how the funding will be recouped when it comes to $300,000. And I ask, through you, that Councillor Rollins, please…and her committee, please continue to provide the scrutiny on this file. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is…this is a specific instance, a single project, in terms of how we deal with economic sustainability and ecological sustainability at the same time. Because in both cases…as I've said before, in both cases, what is our challenge as a society and what's our jobs here in terms of being responsible for government is the fact that we as a society, we as humanity, we have to deal with scarce resources on an economic and environmental level. If they're not scare, it's not a problem. It's not a scarce…if there's no scarcity, there's no economic

issue. If there's scarcity, there's no environmental issue. But when it impacts on the limitation of our resources, what we have living here on earth, that's when you've got a problem, especially when you're dealing in the industrial era that we live in. So, in this case, in the executive summary, it says that the geothermal system has an estimated life of up to 50 years. So, that would be 50 years of not using fossil fuels assuming that it's not an opportunity of cost according to hydro, but they would have been using natural gas. So, let's assume that's true. And at least part of it would have been using natural gas, let's say. And with an estimated capital repayment period of 15 years, so you see the economic viability of this is 15 years. You see the environmental viability of this being 50 years for its financial investment. So, this is an indication of why or how, specifically, these things are to our benefit. When you're dealing with things that have…when you're dealing with fossil fuels, which is our prime challenge right now, you're dealing with economics and you're dealing with the environmental challenges, and this is just one, one little aspect of that. And here in the executive summary, 50-year life span, and 15 years repayment period. So, it gives you a very good example of what can be on a microlevel.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, next speaker.

Councillor Mayes: Thanks. Just briefly, my friend Rob Altemeyer who's a tireless champion for geothermal would be disappointed if I didn't speak in favour of this. But I do want to come back to that just to say, this is the only place where we can talk about geothermal, and we'll come back to that in a few minutes, hopefully we'll be talking about arenas under the rec strategy. We do have some opportunities in other parts of the city, but good to see this moving forward. As indicated by Councillor Rollins, the fire and protection staff actually putting this forward as a potential. I think that's…we do have both the fire hall and then the old library site out there in Windsor Park. We do have some options, but again, it's something we should be exploring more, especially given the economic conditions, but I'll come back to this as well in the context of our arenas.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. So, to my council colleagues, absolutely, it has been confirmed by the department that $300,000 is within the Council directed envelope of $13.4 million, Madam Speaker. Really important because we did just move a motion that I didn't…I barely lifted my hand, Madam Speaker, to direct the Public Service to let us know in increments of 100,000 if they were applying for federal grants. This is 300,000, so they have to come to Council with this. I am concerned about what we just did because of good work like this, I just want this to go. So, they've come to Council. They've done the right things. $300,000, maybe more, but that's what we want the Public Service to be doing, we want it for, perhaps, geothermal and other things, too. So, it's giving me pause on the previous Council direction that we just did this one, because this is the right thing to do and I bet it's going to be unanimous.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Winnipeg Recreation Strategy

Madam Speaker: There is amending Motion 6 that's on the floor, amending Motion 13 that's on the floor. And then, we have a third…third amending motion that would require suspension of the rules to be heard.

Councillor Rollins: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: So, for the first amending motion is Motion 6: moved by Councillor Eadie and moved by myself regarding the library policy. Amending Motion 13 is moved by Councillor Mayes, seconded by Councillor Allard. The Motion 14. Okay. So, we have no suspension for that? Then we'll move on. Councillor Rollins to introduce.

Councillor Rollins: So first, Madam Speaker, really big month at Protection, Community Services and Parks. Why? Because it's…we're dealing with a substance of that committee, the named committee.

Madam Speaker: Just excuse me, you do realize we didn't move suspension for 14? So, I'll just ask, is that the intent?

Councillor Rollins: Yeah, well so moved.

Madam Speaker: Okay. You'd like to move suspension for it to add 14? Okay. Councillor…Madam Clerk, if you can read that.

Motion No. 14
Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 3 of the May 6, 2022 report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection Community Services and Parks be amended as follows:

- *Add the following to the end of Recommendation 2:*

  "with the following amendment:

  A. That the following text from Page18 be deleted:

  "How Winnipeg has grown further amplifies the challenge. From 1971-2019, Winnipeg's population grew by more than 197,000 people, a 37 percent increase. However, Winnipeg's physical area increased at close to three times the populations growth rate and the city doubled in size.

  Additionally, the population in older, mature neighbourhoods declined substantially as the population shifted to newer areas.[10] Reduced populations in mature neighbourhoods mean fewer people to support existing infrastructure and facilities, fewer people to volunteer at the community centre or participate in a recreation program."

  and that it be replaced with the following:

  "How Winnipeg has grown further amplifies the challenge. Like most North American cities, Winnipeg's urban footprint increased significantly relative to its population in the post-war years. From 1971 to 2019, its settlement area nearly doubled in size (an increase of 92%), while its population only grew by 37 percent.[9] At the same time, the population of Mature Communities declined and in 2016, there were approximately 82,000 fewer residents compared to 1971.

  However, in the latter part of the 2000s, the population of Mature Communities started to grow again due to increasing rates of infill development, although numbers remain short of 1971 levels. Specifically, Census data indicates that the population increased by 4,630 persons in Mature Communities between 2006 and 2011.[10]

  Like many other cities, this has left Winnipeg with an urban fabric that is increasingly difficult to maintain. With its budgets for both the maintenance and construction of new infrastructure stretched increasingly thin, Winnipeg is struggling to keep up with the needs of a growing city."

Madam Speaker: Thank you. There was a request to suspend the rules to hear the third motion on one item? It requires two-thirds. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Councillor Rollins to introduce the main item, and you can speak to the...you have an amending motion or any of the amendments.

Councillor Rollins: Okay. So just to introduce, because it is a bit of a...it's a bit of a motion. It's an omnibus motion, and it's an omnibus motion that I hope that all of Council feels that they have been a part of. Certainly, there were two Council seminars on Protection, Community Services and Parks, the Park and Rec Strategy. Two Council seminars carried over for two months at Protection, Community Services and Parks Standing Policy Committee. Why? So that councillors had a good chunk of time with staff over the course of two months. And why? So that councillors could have a good chunk of time with the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. An omnibus motion was circulated in all of Protection, Community Services and Parks, save for some amendments that we will get into, was supported. And I'd like to thank them for that. I think it was a good policy process. I think it allowed for a lot of time. And I think that we're going to have a good strategy at the end of the day out of this. It doesn't mean there's not more policy work to do. With respect to the omnibus motion, the elements that I would point your attention to today and introduce and dig into the agreement a bit is pertaining to...and it's broad. It covers a lot of things. Is pertaining to what we just...what Leah just read into the record, which was great. Thank you. Which is wording that is found in OurWinnipeg Complete Communities, and I'm in full support of that amendment. Also, wording that…pertaining to libraries that Councillor Eadie and Councillor Sharma referenced in the previous PP&D debate and I'll get to that a minute. And then there's also a motion…another motion by Councillor Mayes and Councillor Allard that really, I think, gets into the heart of why councillors are here sometimes. The...Winnipeg does grow up in different ways, and our rec amenities grow up in different ways over time for various reasons, and some of those reasons point to the very features of unicity. Our ward and our ward boundaries and our ward names have all changed over time. And I think that that's important to introduce because public services including

library services are generally not delivered by ward or community committee. I can't, as Chair of Protection, Community Services very well understand why St. Boniface has eight pool amenities, more than any other ward, except for the fact that St. Boniface grew up as a distinct city, and they like their pools, apparently. And so, to dig into this debate, I think that we certainly serve the constituents of all of our areas by understanding that it is the amenities that are a permanent thing, not the geographic boundaries of wards and community committees that are sometimes arbitrary. Sometimes, and most recently, based on population targets. These are important, but they are not how we grow up. You take the communities of East Fort Garry or Fort Garry, this is the most arbitrary thing you can find. Nobody in Fort Garry thinks that they're arbitrarily split down Pembina, they just don't. That was something that is really inside our ball park and really not a feature. It just so happens they have two councillors to serve them. Same thing with people who enjoy an amenity, you know, like the Westwood Library. Are folks from St. James going there? Absolutely they are. So, there's…we understand our amenities in really different way. To dig into this debate, I think we have some really good motions. And in the interest of time, I'll just introduce and say that I'm a proponent of what's before us. The Items 1 through 17 in the omnibus sort of amendments to the Recreation Strategy that added. I'm obviously a proponent that we dig in a bit to equity, diversity, and inclusion within our facilities, and if you are too, like Councillor Lukes expressed, and others, you know, there's something in it for you. The topics of 13, 14, and 15, that the expression of interest identify areas of the city that provide the greatest opportunities to meet service level targets through an investment of a new facility. In 2022, we voted on a rec and library strategy that had $8 million attached to it. In PCSP, with the exception of Councillor Nason, supported, Madam Speaker, that we'd go first out to the public with an expression of interest of $8 million, and then, we would consider looking at a rec…the $8 million for repair and maintenance. I see that there is an amending motion that Councillor Mayes has introduced, and it takes away the expression of interest piece, deleting 12, 13 and 14, and then just adding to direct the moneys to City arenas. And there is merit in this. While I won't be supporting it, and I will be supporting the status quo motion before you, there is merit to considering a refunding strategy. At PCSP, we oftentimes deal with washrooms and gender-based washrooms that aren't working for people. So, the reinvestment strategy is compelling. In the motion that is currently constructed and the status quo, well, you kind of get both the best of both worlds. You get an expression of interest so that we could look at leveraging $8 million, perhaps, to make $30 million in a construction project and a net new facility. And you also get the peace that we will reinvest it should the expression of interest not be successful. So, as the Chair, I'm supportive of the status quo. I do want to say that I'm supportive of both elements, though; the expression of interest and the reinvestment strategy. I want to end with libraries. There's also an amending motion by Councillor Eadie and Councillor Sharma, and for context, I do think it's important to go back into the conversation that, really, community committees, the language you use at Council isn't the fabric of the neighbourhoods that folks understand out in Winnipeg. North River Heights, Crescentwood, Earl Grey, as well as Wolseley all use the Little Cornish Library and they don't understand it as something different and unique to the ward of Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry. They really don't. We could have between...in the city 20 and 33 libraries if the city population reaches a million. With the language that we currently have, 15 and 25 libraries, cities-wide, for the current population of about 761,000, currently, we have 20. So, the notion in this motion that I'm not supportive of it, is that it further breaks down to central libraries. I think this is generally immaterial overall as these libraries, and it refers to Millennium and St. Boniface specifically, serve double as branches, for instance, the downtown or St. Boniface and central locations. For instance, the francophone community. I think it's important to note, whether we're discussion arenas, libraries, wading pools or more, targeted facility ratios are really not triggers for closure in their own right as we've just seen. It's the careful consideration of our geographic areas, of the overall operating capital resources, for sure, and community that will say yes or no and the politics and the political makeup of this council that plays the role. So, with that, I'll introduce all of the amending motions and the motion before you caming up from PCSP that I can support in its current state. And I'll leave it at that, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to introduce amending Motion 6.

Councillor Eadie: Councillor Eadie introduces the amending Motion No. 6, is that right, Madam Chairperson?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: I think that's…

Madam Speaker: And you can speak to the main item, as well.

Councillor Eadie: So, I'd like to introduce it, Madam Speaker. And I can speak to the whole main item as well right, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

WHEREAS there are two wards in Winnipeg without a library to serve the large amount of growth since 2005: Assiniboia Community Committee, Waverly West and Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Committee, Old Kildonan;

AND WHEREAS the 2005 Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy (RALF) did not properly take into consideration the adverse effects the growth of the city would have on service delivery in Winnipeg's long established community committee areas and neighbourhoods, and the 2022 proposed Recreation Strategy and Policy simply continues this inappropriate policy under 4.5.11 which only allows the long existing twenty libraries to serve up to one million people;

AND WHEREAS the attached spread sheet, as of 2021, demonstrates adding a library branch to Old Kildonan would mean four libraries serve an average population of 38,813, and adding a library branch to Waverley West would mean four libraries serve an average population of 38,444, aligning these community committees with the Riel Community Committee's four branch libraries serving an average of 37,964;

AND WHEREAS there is no acknowledgement that a city requires a central library for its library system with Winnipeg, Manitoba requiring a bilingual approach to central library services;

AND WHEREAS in 2021, the attached spread sheet demonstrates two central libraries and twenty library branches would still fall within the 30,000 to 50,000 population range at 34,073;

AND WHEREAS this amendment to the policy section of the Winnipeg Recreation Strategy has no financial implications for the 2023 fourth year of Winnipeg's four year budget while providing for potential of twenty two libraries for up to one million Winnipeggers over the next decade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated May 6, 2022 be amended as follows:

- *Add the following to the end of Recommendation 2:*

  "with the following amendment:

  A. Delete Section 4.5.11 in its entirety and replace it with the following:
  4.5.11 Library service provision will be delivered with two central libraries and at a ratio of one branch library per 30,000 to 50,000 people, recognizing the need to provide equitable access for Community Committee areas and adjust this standard to reduce physical, financial and social barriers to access."

Councillor Eadie: So, to be clear, Madam Speaker, Ross Eadie has been heavily involved in the library community for many years. The library forward thinking committee of 1996. This city struck, it said we needed a better central library, called the Millennium Library today. And at that point, we also acknowledge that the St. Boniface Library is a central library, Madam Speaker. And this is pre the 2005 realm, yeah, when they came up with a policy, but at the time, the city wasn't projecting to grow all that fast. As a matter of fact, I think the city was losing population, Madam Speaker. So, but move forward to 2005, 17 years prior to today. There was projections about growth in the city, and they made a decision about what would a policy look like. And it was 20 libraries for 1 million people, up to 1 million people. Those 20 libraries actually existed, except…actually, there was 21. Councillor…Councillor Orlikow has seen a combination of what was once called the River Heights Library and the Brock Corydon Library next to Brock Corydon School, which I worked at back in the early '80s and knew that the library was there. And it did merge. So, but the policy said 20 libraries. And by the way, 2005 was prior to Councillor Orlikow. And so, when we look in it and we go further today, the way the growth has happened…and I would invite all my colleagues. I gave you the Excel S spreadsheet where I did…it wasn't a frivolous, quick little policy change on the go. I used our city's estimates, population for 2021, Madam Speaker. And what you'll find very interesting...I don't think I'm going to be supporting amending…amendment 14 because it doesn't acknowledge something that's very important you need to note. Madam Speaker, did you know that for every new dwelling that you add in Old Kildonan, you're getting approximately 2.2 people living in it? Did you know that for every unit of housing that we add in the City Centre Community, there's just slightly over one person per unit? So, we want to talk about how we're geographically spread across the whole city, Madam Speaker? You know, you also have to look at who's moving in where, what…you know, like, actually, in Waverley West, if you do the study on Assiniboia, every new unit that you add there, Madam Speaker, it's under…it's less than what every unit adds in Old Kildonan in the community committee area called Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan. And these community committee areas, Madam Speaker, were created at unicity to represent big

areas. And so, I think you need to consider this library policy. It gives you the ability to have 20...two central libraries plus 20...up to 20 branch libraries. The way the policy's written, it just says X number of libraries. Well, there's a big difference between the Millennium Central Library for the whole city, and the St. Boniface central for Franco-Manitobans and Winnipegger who live all across the city. I have step family who live in Charleswood who read French. That's their thing. So, when they go to their Charleswood Library, maybe they're drawing a book out of St. Boniface. Anyway, Madam Speaker, we need to look at this city from a community committee perspective. And they've changed slightly, but every ward was just changed in 28…'18, so my colleague from Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry, just prior to that person running, Madam Chairperson, we changed the wards. But what…what…what our Clerks and what they did was, they respected neighborhoods. So, when they changed the boundaries this time, they made sure that they kept neighborhoods together, not split. And I think that's a better reflection of our wards. But there is two wards that…within our community committees that don't have actual library services delivered, and it happens to be the two fastest growing areas...community committee areas in the city. I want to talk about community committees because there is City Center and then there's four others all around the quadrants. And we all want to see, and I do, absolutely, I want to see as we move forward into the future, and Winnipeg is growing. Mayor Bowman is right. This city is growing. And we need to govern the city to handle growth as well as handle our long existing neighborhoods, which are more oriented. Like, Wolseley, actually, uses the Cornish Library too. I get that, but there's whole sections in Assiniboia and in Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan, there is no library nearby. And I don't know that anybody really uses libraries. Maybe, I'm not sure. But Madam Speaker, the policy change that I recommend there means 22 libraries. It doesn't commit you to any money. Please make a decision. But I wanted to note some other stuff in this rec strategy. Councillor Wyatt moved a motion to have rec plexes, big rec plexes, in three places. He made a decision when he was around, he was the budget guy and whatever. And he said, well, we have three parks and open space districts. We've got north, south and east. So, when he looked at, well, we need a major rec plex over there in Waverley West, but then we need one…next one needs to be east of the Red, it's a whole region. It's supposed to serve that whole district. And then, there was supposed to be one, Madam Speaker, in Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan. That was the original plan. What happened? What happened, Madam Speaker? Is there some kind of…there is nothing about...you know, there was an application. People put in. We already have the pool, which is great, but we don't have the big indoor gym space. And there was a proposal, a very good proposal, it would have been funded third if you follow the past what Council was saying. I don't know where it got changed, but there is no rec plex for northwest up in Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan. Nothing. So, like, I don't know. And that is north district. It could be anywhere in north district for that matter. It doesn't have to be in the Maples, it could be…but it's in the north district, that was the idea. So, anyway, I just…the library policy does need to change because alls it does is it creates great animosity between neighbourhoods, between councillors and it is not good for the city. I will end with…like, if we get this amendment in, I will vote for the rec plan. I can't vote for it if we don't change this library thing. But you know, I was pointing out that…well, I will finish. There is a gentleman who is currently the mayor and he was quoted before he committed totally to government, and he said to the media in the fall of 2014…2013, actually. Said, if I'm governing, I am governing for the whole city, which is…I took to mean, he would consider…we have all these growth areas and we have all these old neighbourhoods and there is a lot of pressure on the City to continually cut services. But I heard our mayor say that he would consider policies that are good for the whole city. And changing this library policy is in the best interests of the city of Winnipeg. It is not just about you and I, Speaker Sharma. It is in the best interests of our Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Mayes, to introduce amending Motion 13 and speak to the main item, if you wish.

Councillor Mayes: Is 14 in front of us at this state? I know councillor…

Madam Speaker: After.

Councillor Mayes: So, if I wish to speak to 14, I have to wait for Councillor Rollins to bring 14…

Madam Speaker: No, I think you…she already addressed all of the…you can speak to them right now.

Motion No. 13
Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 3 of the May 6, 2022 report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection Community Services and Parks be amended as follows:

- *That Recommendations 12-14 be deleted and replaced with the following:*

    12. That the $8 million in arena funding, identified in the adopted 2022 Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy capital project, be used for funding the repair and maintenance, as determined by

the Public Service, of the following arenas as well as a community centre arena in each ward in which there is not a City arena, with each receiving at a minimum $100,000:

A. Bertrand
B. Billy Mosienko
C. Century
D. Charles Barbour
E. Eric Coy
F. Maginot
G. Charles Gardiner
H. River East
I. Sam Southern
J. Sgt Park
K. St James Civic
L. Terry Sawchuck
M. West Kildonan
N. St Vital
O. Allard

Councillor Mayes: Okay, getting different signals. So, 14 is on the table. Okay. Thank you. All right, I will speak to…I'll speak to the main motion then to come up with some of the amending. Couple things in front of us here. A) thanks to Councillor Rollins who has put a lot of work in along the staff, particularly Ken McKim who I know and think highly of, on the rec strategy. That is worth saying. And to some extent, it's like so many of the other documents we've debated this term, a rather large strategy, a visionary, aspirational, there isn't the money there to do this actual strategy, but we will put it out to there anyway to the public. It is what it is. We asked for the strategy, the strategy is in front of us. We might all want our individual projects moved up some more, but it's not a bad balance, I think, of the older parts of the city and the newer parts of the city. So, on that extent, I support that aspect of the strategy as a whole. I do want to speak to a couple things briefly. Motion 14 is merely trying to clean up. I'd have done it at EPC, but unfortunately, I was at my son's high school graduation the day of EPC, so I couldn't do I there. It's more a cleanup of wording that…the rec staff were using wording from an older Planning Department document. We went through the long tedious debate about how to amend that wording when we did Complete Communities. So, we are now lifting the wording from Complete Communities and dropping it into this document. The gist of that was…the original document claimed the city had doubled…if you're going to say it's grown by 90% or doubled, then you know I'm going to come back every time that something's increased 90% in my ward and say, I demand more money because it's doubled. So, it's very poor math, frankly, from the staff on that, but we've cleaned it up to say, they're using this rather bizarre term of settlement area as if it would have been better for the city to mow down all of Assiniboine Forest and put houses in there. Somehow that would have been better, that would have meant smaller settlement area. It would have been better if we just mowed down Bois des Esprits and put houses in there rather than going into Bonavista. That somehow that…it's all uncontrollable sprawl and we've doubled in size. We haven't doubled in size. If you think it was bad to acquire the Assiniboine Forest, get up and say so, I don't think that was a bad policy. So, the wording's an attempt to clean up some of the rather over the top wording that was in the original draft of some of the planning documents. Can't blame the rec staff for copying that. To their credit, they've changed it. That's Item 14. Not really fatal to the whole prospect here. Item 13…Motion 13 is far more important. I want to talk to that about arenas. First, briefly on the motion as a whole. One thing: it's $400 million. Could we not start costing these huge proposals the same way each time they come forward? We have CSO Master Plan, August 2019, not voted by Council. We doubled the $1.15 billion. You've heard me talk about this before; why do we double it? We don't, the staff do it. Never comes to a vote. Suddenly, it's a $2.3 billion project because they've used the upper end of the cost estimates that we…they feel they are supposed to do under the city. Four different times in the document; as agreed with the City, the upper range of the class 5 estimate is to be used for budgeting purposes. In 2015, the City moved to the AACE classification system and the top end of accuracy range was increased to 100% of capital cost. That's exactly repeated on the City website. Then again, fourth thing, when the top end of the accuracy range is applied, plus 100%, the CSO Master Plan is estimated to be at $2.3 billion. Suddenly, we've added over a billion dollars to the CSO Master Plan because, well, that is what you have to do when you are doing city budgeting. That's what the City website says. It's not a construction inflation, that's totally different. This is in 2019 dollars. We've had it said to me, well, we had to double the price, it was going to take so long. And then a few minutes later, well, it's going to so long because it is $2 billion. Well, that's a is causing b and b is causing a. Let's say it's not 100% markup on CSO Master Plan because we aren't marking up these other huge projects by 100%. Transit Master Plan; hundreds of millions of dollars. Standing right there we have staff say to me, well, we marked it up by 30%, because that's what…that's what the consultants were comfortable with. So, suddenly, hundreds of millions of dollars difference in plans because, simply, we are doing different accounting. This today, $400 million plan. Is it doubled like the CSO plan? No, it's not doubled. There is contingency built in on some it, some of it not. McKim explained some of it to me, to his credit. But I'm going to be coming back here, hopefully with Councillor Schreyer's support, on the CSO Master Plan to say, this is just not acceptable. You can't build in a massive contingency and then throw up your hands

and say, well, we'll be done by 2095 unless we build in a massive contingency on our other hundreds of millions of dollar programs like this one. So, that I'm supportive. Can't really blame the rec staff for trying to keep the numbers down, but that was clearly not how we treated the CSO Master Plan. I will be back on that. Why would we increase one by 100% as a contingency and not do anything on other plans? It doesn't make any sense. On to the business at-hand, though, of the arenas. This is one of those votes that really do matter where we're all…there's 16 votes around the table. I think everyone is independently going to vote on this. The motion I've put forward with Councillor Allard, and thank you to Councillor Allard for his support on this, is as simple as this; there are $8 million set aside in the 2022 budget for arenas. What it says is, there'll be an EOI, expression of interest, as per the 2010 City arena policy. The City 2010 arena policy is, in my view, a spectacular failure, but let's not get into that. It does say, among other things, that its role…City will review the provision of arenas with the intent to eliminate or reduce its role as a direct provider over time to move towards a more financially sustainable model, the City of Winnipeg solicits expressions of interest from the private sector and community organizations. So, that's…that's the expression of interest we are looking at. Looking at private sector and community organizations with the goal to reduce the role of direct service provision and, frankly, close some facilities. That is option one. Option…which is the status quo, as Councillor Rollins put it. Option two is what you have in front of you, which Councillor Allard and I. Let's take the $8 million and fix up some of the existing arenas. We know they are in poor condition. We know they're all built between 1960 and 1975, the City owned ones. Some debate at EPC, apparently, about, well, we have to exclude the three that are City-owned but not City-operated: St. Vital, Allard in Councillor Klein's ward, West K in Councillor Eadie's ward. West K, there is an exciting proposal there about geothermal. We could put hundreds of thousands of dollars in there and make some savings. Why would we exclude St. Vital, Allard and West K? They're capital needs are still addressed by the City of Winnipeg. We know that because the City of Winnipeg staff wouldn't let St. Vital minor hockey go forward to the Federal Government with a capital ask under the program last July. So, we know the capital aspects of those three arenas are still under the purview of the City of Winnipeg. It isn't like there's 12 that are City-owned that operated and three out here doing their own thing. It's 15 that are City-owned, three of them are run by community groups, unless they aren't, because Rollins was saying, well, I think West K is different. When we had to vote on the free water provision that Councillor Browaty put in, we had to deal with those three separately. So, it's 15 City arenas. They're all built between '60 and '75. Let's go try and fix them up. The motion does two other things. It says, if you don't have one of those City arenas in your ward, we would put in at least $100,000 toward a community centre arena. So, there are certainly wards that don't have City facilities due to some of the way the ward boundaries have been drawn over time. I don't think…I think, in fact, Councillor Nason no longer has a City facility because we closed Michener as part of a different strategy. So, hopefully, we would then have Councillor Nason's ward getting some arenas money. Every ward that has either a City arena or a community centre arena would get some money. I want to be clear on that. This isn't just one group. The intent is, all of the City arenas would get an amount and if your ward doesn't have a City arena, the community centre…a community centre arena in your ward. Okay, so why do this? So, we have heard the criticisms. Well, I believe in, we don't put lipstick on the pig. We're going to build new arenas. Great, except the problem is, we know that $8 million won't build a single new sheet of ice. We know that because we stood here in February 13th of 2013 and said, yes, there's $9 million to add a sheet to the East End and it was $17 million to add two sheets in Garden City. A sheet of ice costs more than $8 million. The $8 million isn't going to build a single sheet of ice. And we've heard it might attract $32 million in other investment. Where is that coming from? Might have…how do we know that? For one thing, it's Provincial money already under the rec and library strategy. So, we are saying to the Province, you should match us. It's already Provincial money that's being put forward. So, my view is, let's use the money to fix up the existing arenas. We really haven't done anything on arenas, frankly, on a city-wide basis for, it would be eight years or since that 2013 vote. It is an opportunity…I think I may need a brief extension. It's an opportunity to take a look at our existing fleet arenas and actually do something. You could say, no, I prefer to wait for an EOI that might favour one part of the city or another. It might attract $30 million in investment or $300 million, we don't know.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. My arena, St. Vital Arena, is actually in pretty good shape. I have put in some ward money. There's been some money from the centre that's gone in. I would say Councillor Allard's are probably in much worse shape: Bertrand, Maginot. People say, well, we should close those and open up new ones. Do you have $17 million to do that? I don't think we do. If we did, where has it been in the last seven or eight years? So, my view is, we have $8 million. Let's do something responsible with it, let's help out our communities here, each and every one of these arenas. Councillor Chambers has said to me, well, how do you know which one would get how much? I don't exactly. Every one should get some help, but if Mosienko needs more than Sawchuk, needs more than St. Vital, so be it. I will let Brad Erickson sort that out. I have great faith in Brad Erickson. The idea here is not to favour one ward or another. The idea here is to try and address the problems we have with an aging fleet of arenas. We have $8 million, we have it. Let's spend it, let's use it, let's not do an EOI that's going to be hugely controversial, that's going to talk about reducing the…our role in provision of arena services. We won't get anything back for quite a while. We don't know what we will get back. We don't know what part of the city it will favour. So, the motion that Matt and I…Councillor Allard and I put forward it's, frankly, probably favours the older parts of the city in some ways since all…the most recent of these arenas is, I believe, 1975. Let's take the chance to do something for our existing fleet of arenas. We can put money and exactly how much in each arena, we'll let the staff

sort that out, but every arena would get something. If your ward doesn't have a community…doesn't have a City arena, then a community center arena would get some help. So, I think that would make for a truly visionary approach to our arenas. We don't have the money to build new, let's fix the old.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And this would be my opportunity, I believe, to speak to all amendments and the main motion. Everyone is nodding their heads, so great. Let's proceed. First of all, I have to agree with my colleague Councillor Mayes, Madam Speaker, on the fact that we are referring to a 2010 policy, but we don't seem to be following that policy currently. I think there has been numerous opportunities for this council and the Public Service to work with community groups that were interested in taking on the responsibility of many arenas that are currently owned by the City and follow some very successful models that we can reference in Councillor Mayes' ward and others. I also would note that Councillor Mayes talked about the fact that he has put ward money towards some of the operations in his ward and I think all of us have. I know I have done that through our Community Incentive Grant Program, but we failed to recognize in this program that that money is gone. That the last budget that was put forward eliminates the Community Incentive Grant Program which leaves little for councillors to do to support some of the City owned facilities that may be run by community groups or that require assistance to replace an ice machine, for example, a compressor. A compressor is over $150,000 out of old money. Who knows what it is today with the inflation rate. I want to acknowledge the work done by Councillor Rollins on this and the fact that she had taken it back and she wanted more discussion. I appreciate that, but I don't think we are there yet. I really don't. My questions really revolve around this; if you look at Items 2 and 3, the parks and rec, $700 million in external debt that we're going to move and talk about in the 2024 budget, it appears. But that means we are putting forward a plan that could only work if we get money. And how does that reflect back to where we are today? Well, the city debt today $1.6 billion. That is about double the taxation revenue we collect of $800 million. So now, we want to put another $700 million up. Now, I understand, it will be over the course of a few years, but what is the plan? When I look at the debt and then I look at the fact that this only works with some funding and you see the various motions that are coming forward to alter the strategy. I looked at the strategy page that says, "Vision, values, operating principles and goals." I don't…(inaudible) a request for interest, I think that is great. But where is the innovation that we talk about? Where is the public good; the inclusion, the sustainability, lifelong participation? We know that community programming…community recreation services, is more than an arena, it's more than a pool. There were…there was a time when cities helped with recreation programs and made it so that everyone could participate. And we know from our very own Winnipeg residents that when we saw declines in community services, we saw an increase in youth crime. Now, that wasn't just based on Winnipeg, it was based on a survey or a paper that was done at the University of Winnipeg. So, I don't see that being addressed in here. I see our goals as connecting people with nature. I guess that is part of the park strategy. I see supportive environments, but again, I don't see the going back to values, the innovation. I see that everything…our operating principles will be evidence-based. Again, it goes back to what Councillor Mayes is talking about. We have all these arenas, we need to put money to them. We need to put funding towards them because they are becoming near their end of life in many cases because we don't have the funding to do that. So, I am just concerned we are close but I don't think we are there yet where we should be saying, this is it, this is our strategy, we're going to wait now until 2024 to see if it can get into the budget and calling it the multi-year budget. So, I have some concerns with that. I really was hoping to see a strategy that was more well-rounded. I like the idea of having the request because I think that that is important that we start being more innovative with partners and community groups that want these facilities to be maintained. And we don't have the funding. And how do we have the funding by taking on another $700 million in external debt and then pay that down on top of the fact that we've already doubled the debt the City's had…the City had five years ago. So, I am concerned with this is that it's great political…there's a great political statement with this. We are taking a…we're implementing a strategy. We asked the Public Service for the strategy, they brought us a strategy, but the strategy only works with $700 million in external debt. And the strategy really doesn't include a lot of innovation. It doesn't talk about the operating principle of high-quality and relevant. It doesn't look at…I don't see anything on the goals for capacity building. So, I am really in a difficult position because I want to see a recreation strategy and I am very happy to support Councillor Rollins on the objective that she's brought it back several times, but I don't think it's there yet. I think we're pushing this through in an election year, but there is more work to be done. There's more work to be done on this and I don't see the urgency of putting it through today.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Deputy Speaker, could I pass the Chair on to you so I can address Council as well?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Absolutely, Speaker…miss…Madam Speaker. When you're ready.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. I am happy to address Council with respect to amending Motion 6, moved by you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's regarding our current library policy. As I mentioned earlier when I spoke today, libraries are very important public spaces to learn, grow and connect. We have heard vibrant discussions over the years and especially this last month about all that libraries mean to a community and the integral resources they provide. I would like to quote Andrew Volk, Principal at RF Morrison School, who recently said, "Libraries are safe haven of democracy. Spaces in which

the public can feel safe and most of all, a community resource." And I also quote Immigration Partnership Winnipeg who noted to this council, "Libraries are essential supports for newcomers. Learning English, applying for jobs, assessing reading materials, computers and affordable programming." And this is going to become increasingly important as our city welcomes new immigrants and refugees. As we have seen, some of the first families from Ukraine have been arriving in Winnipeg just this past week. Harjinder Kaur Brar, President to the Sikh Society of Manitoba, also wrote to Council, you received that communication today. She said, "We recognize firsthand the value of making community-focused investments and providing a space for learning, particularly for young people." My own earliest childhood and school memories are associated with libraries. I remember the exciting learning opportunities and space for growth and inspiration that local community libraries were in my life. There is no debate that libraries are places to learn, but also to gather together, meet new people and connect with communities. They are often spaces used to access technology and computer programs. They're powerful launching points for newcomers to learn a new language and learn more about their new home. They come here to help build Manitoba, let's not forget that. Libraries are the foundation of an educated society. We all know our city is growing. We're expecting to grow beyond 1 million Winnipeggers and therefore, as demands rise and we further recognize the importance of libraries as community cornerstones, we must also update our Winnipeg Recreational Strategy accordingly. And that hasn't been done here. It doesn't matter if we laid it over twice, there is a gap. We are missing something very important. And there's…why the rush to the finish line today? Let's do this right. The Old Kildonan Ward has seen significant growth to the point that Riverbend and Rivergrove neighbourhood were moved to the North Kildonan Ward just before the 2018 election. Councillor Eadie pointed that out earlier today. And since 2018, the population continues to grow quickly, just like Waverley West. The very old library policy that we have in front of us didn't contemplate this growth. Therefore, this 17-year old library policy is actually causing new neighborhoods to adversely affect our long-established neighborhoods. We have heard that loud and clear. Some of our colleagues attended a very important rally recently. You heard first-hand, I'm sure, there. So, our policy is flawed that's in front of us today. I have listened to West Kildonan Winnipeggers and I agree with Councillor Eadie that the best way to represent all Winnipeggers is to change the library policy to allow for library services to be delivered near the high growth areas of the city while maintaining library services at or near current locations. In closing, I want to highlight just one part of this motion before you, and it talks about financial implications. And there are none at this very moment for our current four-year budget. Instead, it provides a critical opportunity for us to look forward and build this into the Council's strategic plan that we will be embarking on this fall. I hope you join in supporting this amending motion. It is long overdue, it really is. We have such an old library policy and it's embarrassing. It really is. So, I hope you will support the motion today. And that is it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Sharma. Very…very good points. Madam Speaker, who do we…or Madam Clerk, do we have someone else who wants to speak?

Clerk: Yes, His Mayor Bowman and Councillor Orlikow after that.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Oh, okay. Your Worship Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. The…firstly, I want to…I want to thank…I want to thank our delegations from earlier today and also just acknowledge the work that's going on here amongst my council colleagues. I will be supporting the main report. I want to thank our committee chair for her stewardship. You know, the $50 million Library and Recreation Investment Strategy is…it is a first of its kind investment strategy, multi-year, trying to help in areas of greatest need in our community. And I think it's…it's some really good policy work. The issue of the arena funding is one that, to the credit of Councillor Mayes, he has been raising this for some time saying there's dollars there and you know what, we need to deploy those dollars and make them put to better use in the broader community. And I do think there is a legitimate public policy debate to be had, as we're having here today, on what to do with those funds and how best to utilize them. So, I will share my thoughts on that. I also…with respect to the amendments that are before us, I appreciate the amendments Motion 6. I am…I am not sure at this time the ratios that are referenced, I think that is something that I think can and should be looked at at a later date, but for today, just seeing this now and looking at it, I am not planning to support it. While I appreciate the intent behind it. Motion 13, for reasons that I will canvas in a moment, I am not going to be supporting, but I will support Motion 14. With respect to the main, I think…I would argue the main matter before us regarding the $8 million. I perked up a little bit when I heard private sector because I think the private sector can be a…can be better utilized by the City of Winnipeg. And I don't think just because, you know, investment may be coming from the private sector it should be disqualified. In fact, it should be leveraged to the extent that we can. And so, the $8 million, I think we should canvas through expressions of interest. We should canvas to see what opportunities may exist to leverage the $8 million. And failing that, then of course, the investments that are kind of the fallback that would be deployed in existing arenas, I think, does make sense. The one thing I will say is when, you know, my children play hockey. I spend a lot of time at respective rinks and I know there's other hockey parents around the council chamber and throughout our community. What I would say is that, when a child arrives at a rink, they are not asking, what percentage of dollars at this rink is private sector investment, how much is public sector, which level of government has invested for this arena? They don't care. They just want to play sports. And that's the thing that we need to do is think about the users of the facilities, try to deploy these dollars, you know, in the smartest way possible so we get the best value for those that need to rely on

our recreation facilities in a growing city to the best of our ability. And so, if we are able to leverage $8 million with third-parties, if that materializes, that would come back to Council. And that would ultimately be up to Council to assess it and to determine if, in fact, that is a smart use of dollars. If that doesn't materialize or it is not in…it's not in a way in which Council approves of it, there is always the opportunity to deploy the dollars as proposed in kind of that fallback on the existing…existing arenas. And so, right now, we do know that there is a need for these spaces in our community. I know there…I think there are hockey players around…I think there are some that have had more extensive hockey experience than I have, even reffing experience around this chamber and I know there's hockey parents here. And so, I know we all support seeing these dollars utilized, which is why I welcome the debate today. But I will…I will be standing with our Chair regarding amendment 14. I will be opposing 6 and 13, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mayor Bowman. Yeah, Madam Speaker…Madam Clerk, I mean. Is Councillor Schreyer next?

Clerk: I believe it was Councillor Orlikow and then Councillor Schreyer.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay, Councillor Orlikow, please.

Councillor Orlikow: Well, thank you very much. It is a pleasure to be speaking today for my first time. But this is, actually, first of all, a little bit of background. I'm going to just…regarding the arenas, the extra sheet of ice. And it kind of flies into the…another amending motion regarding community committee areas. So, I will be kind of putting those together. I've been spending a lot of years now working with different area groups saying, hey man, this money may be coming up. We've got a sheet of ice maybe for it. We've got some money. Councillor Mayes has quite appropriately said, well, $8 million is probably not going to cut it, but maybe $8.5, maybe $9 will cut it. But again, so what…they are waiting, in my opinion, of what they've been asking for and I have three groups in specifically and three areas, specifically, or actually, four that I have heard of that there is some interest out there to try. Now, again, interest and actually putting your pen on paper and committing are two different things. But again, right now in the River Heights Ward area and adjoining areas, if you want to play hockey or speed skating, remember speed skating, you have to travel quite far out of the area. One of the biggest complaints I get in River Heights-Fort Garry area…is one, is Charlie Barbour. Charlie Barbour went on fire again this year. The plant erupts. The gases leak out constantly, the duct tape is just…we are running out of duct tape for that place. Lovely arena. So, we did, prior back, we looked at a redevelopment plan for the Grant Park area campus model where we have now the universal play structure, the pool and can we put another sheet of ice or a twin sheet on that ice? Well, we went on to a brand-new look and having the community centre run it. Well, the community centre, again, is an interested party. They just decided, you know what? We're going to have too hard of a time trying to manage four sites because they have the Crescentwood site, River Heights site and Sir John Franklin site. So, why don't we look at adding a sheet of ice to the River Heights site? They did a plan that's actually with the department to look at as a possible choice. Okay, so that's another one. Century Arena; that's actually a pretty solid arena. That one also, again, it can take some…Fort Garry Arena, Fort Garry Lions may not be too happy about it when we have to shift them off to Grant Park, but again, that is another option that is available to us. There's private developer who is looking at doing a sheet of ice, not in my ward, but just outside of my ward which leads me into this community area conversation that would serve as Councillor Klein's area, Councillor Lukes' area, River Heights area specifically because we really don't have a lot of sheets of ice around that area. That's just the reality. So, when we talk about those…you know, we talk about there's pools in the…I don't have that many pools that Councillor Allard has, but I also don't have that many sheets of ice. Now, River Heights, I will plug in for River Heights guys right now, they actually spent a lot of money and a lot of time and effort to redo the boards at the River Heights Arena, the barn, we call it, because those boards were getting incredibly treacherous. It is fricking wonderful now. Again, the Federal Government came in to help us out. I leveraged some money through my grants. The City put some more money into. Now we have a sheet of ice. So, they've asked me now, can we look at the second sheet of ice here? And it's going to be a different type of sheet of ice. It won't be a standard sheet of ice, you're looking at more kits, and so it's half rinks or whatever they call them. I am not sure exactly what. And they could take one of the outdoor rinks that's along the back lane, they can put it there and it's already tunneled into it. Not bad. I don't know if it will actually work or not, but it's…they would like to have the opportunity to at least try to see what is going forward. The other one at Century, same thing, that's more of a junior hockey team, that is a community partner. They want some space and it would free up the other sheet of ice that is City space. But they want to have more of a dedicated sheet of ice so that they can play there. So, that is not a bad idea either. The gentleman who was running the show got sick recently, so I am not sure where that proposal is, but I would like him the opportunity to come forward. And the other sheet of ice, I can't mention because it is confidential, but it's not in my ward, but it's pretty close. It's actually in another…in Councillor Klein's ward more, but it's a good project. And it has everything we are kind of talking about. Again, we all hear great projects, but until you actually have pen on paper, they are just ideas in the sky. But again, I would love to give them a chance at least to come forward with the idea. Now, so I won't support the…I do understand what he…what's been trying to be done here, but I really do want to give them a chance. We are not going to be able to build these…any of these large investments, $100,000 plus whatever it is, for these arenas this year. The departments are scrambling already just trying to get stuff out with all the…with the COVID relief money and all our LDR before our election moneys.

Everything's just shooting out the door. So, I…they're not going to be able to do it anyways. So, in the interim, let's try to do an ROI. Let's just get it out the door and see if it happens. I am not sure if it will, but I would like to try. I have been working on this for a really long time because this area, which I would call southwest quadrant including all the way out there, it really needs at least one sheet of ice if not two more sheets of ice: one for hockey, one for speed skating. My bias. So, again, I appreciate the fact that we're fixing up old to new. I really don't know if Charlie Barbour is fixable. It…you know, again, so…and it's not lipstick on a pig, it's just a reality. We have an asset management plan that we seem to be pulling away from a bit. I don't want to lose Charlie Barbour. I'm not going to be able to sell that land for anything, but right beside the school, we're right beside a few soccer fields. So, what am I going to do, sell it to a hotel? That's not going to happen. So, again, which leads me to my…another point we'll have real quick is the fundamental problem I'm seeing today, and people who…when I was on the budget team and we had these conversations, is the transformative fund. You can't pull stuff out of the neighbourhood and give them nothing back. That's just a fundamental fact of reality. So, we have done that. We've pulled out…tried to pull a library out. You're going to try to pull an arena out. But there's nothing there to replace it so every councillor here will get his neck out because he's going to be worried about the blow back. So, I am very concerned about that. So, while I appreciate reinvesting in our old, it's very important, I really just want to give the EOI a chance. And I want that out the door soon and we'll still have a chance to come back if this all fails. So, 13 I won't be supporting today, 14 I will supporting. I really just don't have enough information. I like the idea about 6, but again, it goes back to the thing about community committee areas. I don't need the double sheet in River Heights-Fort Garry Ward or in Fort Rouge or in Daniel Mac, it may be Waverley West, it may be in Councillor Klein's area, I don't care as long as it's close enough that we're not driving…people aren't driving Virden or have to go take the second-tier rinks around. So, that…so that's where I have a little problem with…why I can't be supporting today, but I definitely understand the contents of No. 6. So, that's where I'm at and I will be supporting the motions as are, except for 14. Is it 14? 14 I will support and 13…and the amendments…other amendments I won't be able to support today.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay. Thank you, Councillor Orlikow, for your learned speech. I think it is Councillor Schreyer. You're up to the plate, please.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I was raised on skates. I was raised on skates and at the library and at parks all over the city and province. I remember…I have been skating for so long that the first time I skated in an arena, I couldn't believe that kids got to play hockey in an arena. I mean, I was set for my whole life to play hockey and never set foot in one, minus 40, whatever, but things evolve. And I remember skating at…playing hockey at River East Arena, the Incinarena. That was a big deal for me coming from the sticks, as they say…coming from…living at that time just outside the perimeter. And it is a big deal, but now we see we've got some infrastructure issues after decades of these…of these arenas. And we do have to deal…we have to question the lifespan and the viability. And we do…if we are going to keep them, we have to maintain certain investments. In terms of the library, you know, today we're hearing a lot of speeches, a lot of good speeches, but this reminds me kind of like a budget meeting. Now remember, at the budget…at our big budget meetings, we have got amendments coming in and all sorts of things on what are rather large financial issues. And we are regularly, constantly, continually bombarded with amendments as we go through our days in the council chambers. They are not all as well prepared as Councillor Eadie's amendment 6 in terms of giving some background and some insights in terms of how do we solve what we just voted on in the last round of vote and we just dealt with the West Kildonan Library. Now, I have been dealing for years, well, I…with trying to maintain the West Kildonan Library for where it is, but that doesn't address a larger problem. There's reasons why there was pressure to move it to Garden City Shopping Centre. Let's not pretend there wasn't. There was reasons for it. So, let's deal, let's cope. We're talking about a recreation strategy here and we are in an excellent position to make sense out of what we just did just a few minutes ago or a few speeches ago, obviously more than a few minutes ago now. Because leaving the West Kildonan Library where it is doesn't solve all of our problems. We need a more insightful and practical library plan. Accepting the fact that we're going to need a couple more libraries unless we want to move them out of more denser…denser areas. Well, I am not sure about that. Yeah, I suppose we could do that, but I would rather not. And for those that would rather not, let's face it. We are dealing constantly with increasing our taxes, our fines, our fees, our levees, our rates, and yet, we constantly are arguing over specific resources or services for different parts of the city. I have to ask this question again, is the cost of servicing a library, the library's costs, going up at the same rate as our budget? At the same rate? No, they are not. They're not going up at the same rate. So why is that? Let's face it, if you really take a…an analysis of our budget and what we offer as a city, not just Winnipeg, municipalities all over the place. The greater relative efficiencies, incredibly, I wouldn't have said this 8 years ago. I wouldn't have thought of it. The logic was all there, all the information was there 8 years ago. It becomes very evident. Where is our relative efficiencies? In the City operated services. It is just a budgetary fact of reality, we can't escape it. So, why do we want to go about bringing about a recreation plan which doesn't take into account the fact that our library plan is inadequate? And we can solve that today, we can be on the road today. Not everything is as efficient as running a library. I understand the cost of the building and the infrastructure that goes up, but you know, that is a one-time cost and from then on, you can run it for decades and generations. The Maples isn't going away. It's only getting bigger. And that's the case as well for Waverley South and these areas. So, incredibly, I wouldn't…I just wouldn't have said it eight years ago, but I can't deny it, the relative efficiencies in terms of…in terms of our increase in our budget is actually in the traditional City services because they haven't had the same cost increases. It just…we just haven't had to

raise our taxes to pay City workers to do their…to do their jobs as we've had to do for infrastructure. It's just the way it is. So, if you are looking for efficiencies, incredibly, don't have to believe me, just check it out. The relative efficiencies in the last generation are proven to be by City workers. You don't have to believe me, but it's kind of obvious when you really take a look at it. Of course, I have never even said it that way before, but it is true. So, we're going to say, oh, we can't afford libraries? Well, the only reason we are looking at changing the library plan is because our city is growing. It is because there are people in these areas that don't have libraries. So, if you look at the proportion of density of libraries, I mean, I can't complain. I am doing all right. In Elmwood-East Kildonan, no one is complaining about the lack of…lack of libraries. I wouldn't say we've got too many. I've got one, Transcona's got one, North Kildonan's got one. That is pretty fair. Some wards have more. But why should that be at the expense of emerging neighborhoods, and that have been there for a while, that don't have any? What is wrong with this picture? It's not like that is what is causing our taxes and levees and fines and fees to go up and go into debt…further into debt. That's what's…not causing it. But why are we having a recreation plan in the first place? Because it is important to us. It is part of our human values, our recreation, it's learning, it's meeting. Libraries advance our society on a local neighborhood and city level. And it doesn't cost us the same it does for all sorts of other things we are dealing with. So, what is really sad to me, I mean, of course, it's a classic but here it is before my eyes with two terms, talk about emergency amendments coming in on huge, large things like $2 billion budgets, every single year this happens. And trying to argue over each other over who is going to get a piece of a dwindling pie, shrinking pie. Oh no, the budget is going up, but for some reason, we got to take it out on what's been our most efficient services, the ones whose costs have gone up the least. That to me is illogical and unfair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. You've concluded, Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: I'm done, thanks.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Okay. I believe Councillor Chambers, you…oh, sorry. Councillor…Monsieur Allard. To me you do. Go ahead. Monsieur Allard. Monsieur Allard, your turn.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you. Thank you to my colleagues for your attention. I will be brief, I think. I noted…I know that it costs more to close an arena than it does to keep it running. So, we have billions of dollars in assets to maintain and we're talking…are we seriously talking about adding more to the portfolio of the billions of dollars in assets that we can't maintain? That was a rhetorical question because I'm speaking and you can't respond to me. Anyhow, I think the motion brought forward by Councillor Mayes is a good one. I think it gives a bit of a boost to all of the arenas in Winnipeg as well as empowering the Public Service to identify opportunities to fix some of the arenas that really need the help in order to continue operations. I don't see how the $8 million leveraging additional moneys from the private sector will help us in any way. It will only add to our…to the portfolio that is currently falling apart. I know that I didn't vote to close any arenas. I didn't vote on any strategy to close any arenas. Perhaps we need to have another debate how to manage our resources…our recreational resources. That is not the debate we're having today. But today we see $8 million and we see what we could ask the Provincial Government to do with it. I think the more cautious approach is to invest in our existing facilities. And on a more philosophical level, I prefer…maybe it's because I grew up in St. Boniface, and to Councillor Rollins' point, Councillor Rollins…the city of St. Boniface used to be its own city and there are many amenities. And those amenities I was used to walk to and bike to and this idea of these big regional mega centres, I think, don't lend themselves well to building communities. And I think we should maintain the facilities that we have. We should invest in them, we should make sure that they can continue to operate. And I think that's what this $8 million can do. And I thank Councillor Mayes for Councillor Mayes' work on this. I hope you consider what I…ironically, perhaps, coming from me, would be the more cautious fiscal approach of not adding to our already multi-billion-dollar infrastructure deficit. The motion proposed by Councillor Mayes and seconded by me would help our existing portfolio instead of adding additional liabilities which we already know we can't afford. So, please support this motion. In terms of the library motion, I will be supporting as I understand it I will be keeping the current library open and will open the door to additional new libraries. If I am incorrect in that, someone please correct me. But I do plan on supporting that motion as well. So, those are my comments. Thank you very much for your attention.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Monsieur Allard. Who was next? Councillor Browaty, I think, was it? No. Madam Clerk.

Clerk: Councillor Browaty, I believe.

Councillor Browaty: I wasn't in the queue, but I'll…I'd like to speak.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Oh, there you are. Hello, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Hello, thank you very much. Again, regarding the various motions here today, well, first of all, as a macro piece. The rec complex…the rec study, I think, has some really good aspects to it, it has some fluff that I don't think is necessary, but again, I think it is a positive step forward. I'll support Motion 14, I will not support Motion 13. And Motion

6 is a no. So, again, I mean, when you look back in history. You look back in history, I mean, back in the Glen Murray days, there were financial challenges in the city. He reduced taxes at one point because ours were out of whack with the rest of Canada. One of the things he did that was super unpopular at the time, was dramatically cut library operating hours. Locking up books. Do we want to have 20 lousy libraries that are barely ever open or do we want to have 15 good regional libraries that are, you know, superstar libraries that are, you know, with the modern times? You know, do we want to have 20 arenas that are, you know, being held together with duct tape or do we want to have, you know, 18 or 16 or whatever the number is that are, you know, part of a multiplex that have modern amenities that people are looking for? The Mayor was right, you know, kids don't care if the ice attendant is a CUPE worker or somebody that's a volunteer or somebody that's working for our community centre and perhaps part of a union too. I mean, Gateway is unionized as well. I don't think it really matters. That's not the point, frankly. Had the opportunity as being an FCM rep to go and look at other communities' complexes. They're awesome. The family goes out for a day, one kid goes to swim lessons, one kid has taekwondo, maybe it has a library branch. Mom can grab a nice coffee, all in one destination rather than having a, you know, 50-year-old library branch over two floors that, you know, is only open four days a week between some lousy hours. I think we need to look at, you know, what services do we offer, how are they offered and you know, the rec study, I think, is part of that. So, again, the reason I am not supporting 13 is, again, let's give it a chance. Let's see if there is an interest in taking two of these antiquated dinosaur arenas and maybe create something better. You know, earlier today, I didn't speak on the library today, but you know…you know, maybe we do have to consolidate. I'm sorry, Councillor Allard, I mean, you are used to have a swimming pool there all the time, but you know, maybe the wealth has to be shared with other neighborhoods. So, again, there was interesting comments today and that is how I am voting. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Are you finished, Councillor Browaty?

Councillor Browaty: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you for your 16 years of experience from your perspective. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Much like many around the room; Councillor Gillingham, I think Councillor Klein, Mayor Bowman, myself, Councillor Schreyer, we all grew up playing hockey. I don't think there is arena here in the city of Winnipeg that I haven't played in. And played in as a youth, you know, in the early '70s. Of course, back when I was playing hockey, outdoor ice was predominant. And when we had the opportunity to play indoors, that was a big treat for us. And it was typically around playoffs or typically around tournaments. So, that does give you an indication of just how old some of our infrastructure is and the need for it to be patched up every now and again to extend its shelf life. So, there are aspects here that I am supportive of. Recognizing that it's, you know…I think it was Councillor Orlikow that talked about the cost of $8 million back in 2012 for a second sheet of ice. Given, and I dare say this, construction inflation, those costs would be significantly higher. So, it would be difficult to build a second sheet of ice with just $8 million or even $10 million or potentially even $12 million. So, at this point, if we do have access to that $8 million and we have arenas that are in need, that is money well spent, in my opinion, to make sure that we can extend the shelf life of those arenas, can continue on with programming for kids and adults that enjoy recreational sports such as hockey or whatever sport that they're going to utilize out of that arena. Noting that some of them have been utilized for indoor soccer as well. I am okay with Motion 14. I can live with that, the amendments that are made. And Motion 6, not so much. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Madam Clerk, is there?

Clerk: I believe that is everyone.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I'm wondering if Madam Speaker would like to take the Chair back so I…we can close on our amendments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We will now close on the amendments. That would be councillor…

Councillor Eadie: Councillor Rollins.

Madam Speaker: Well, Councillor Rollins is also closing on the main item. Okay, so we could leave you for last if you wish. Councillor Mayes, to close on amending Motion 13.

Councillor Mayes: Not sure how much time I have. No time at all. They are sending me message. I'll go on and on then. There's no limits.

Madam Speaker: The clock, please.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. The trouble with the motion, I'm realizing, in a way, that Councillor Allard and I bring forward is, it's based in reality and it's competing against visionary visions. $8 million isn't going to get you a single sheet of ice. Councillor Chambers caught what I was saying. If it cost $9 million toward a single sheet of ice in 2013, it's not going to cost $8 now. If it cost $17 million to add two sheets in 2013, it's going to cost probably $25 now. So, we can step there and Councillor Browaty, I don't want to pick on Councillor Browaty, saying, well, maybe we'll…instead of the 15 or 20 old junkers, we'll have like 16 new sheets. Well, no, we won't. Not with $8 million. But if you want to vote for that, I guess I can't stop you, but listen to the numbers, please. And Chambers did, which is, $8 million doesn't get you a single sheet of ice. You could sit here and say, yes, but maybe the $8 million will attract $100 million in private sector investment. You can say that, there's no evidence in front of you to suggest that. There's nothing that would have stopped people over the past 8 years from coming forward with that. But we can say that is what is going to happen. I have this vision of the new mayor coming in and saying…he or she saying, okay, what do we got? Well, we've got the $400 million rec strategy and we've got the…we've got the billion-dollar requirement for CSO, North End sewage, oh, and the Transit Master Plan which is, if you take it a face value, $800 million. Great, and how much left in the debt ceiling? Oh, there's $100 million left. There's $100 million left to do all that. So, that's not going to add up. So, but somehow, faced with that, faced with the legal requirement to do North End, faced with the legal requirement to do CSO, faced with some obligations we're going to have, hopefully the feds are going to give some money on transit. Somehow still, we're going to find all this money somewhere, somehow to build all of these new arenas even though we haven't done any of that for the past eight years. I mean, if you want to vote for that, go ahead, I guess. But as Councillor Allard is saying, on a practical level, we have…we have $8 million. It is great. It's found money. It is from the Provincial Government. We would spread it throughout the city. We would fix up the arenas. The analogy of the kid doesn't care who is running the arena; yeah, but the kid would care if there's arenas. The kid would care if the arena is closed because there is no money to fix it, but there was $16 million to build two new sheets in Waverley West or Bridgewater or in my ward or in Devi's ward. If that's the solution, we're going to build two new sheets because we're going to have, I don't know, $16 million come in from the private sector. Okay, vote for that, but don't pretend that is fixing up Charlie Barbour, Century, Mosienko, Bertrand, Maginot. Are they in good shape? No. Are some worse than others? Yes. Is the one in my ward slightly in better shape than others? Yes. I wouldn't be the big winner coming out of this by any means. But my frustration is, it's a practical motion based on the amount of money we actually have. It can help fix up some arenas and therefore, the kid can there go and continue to play hockey at an improved arena. If your vision is no, this is going to trigger a massive $30 million investment from the private sector, and it is going to have to be the private sector, because that is what the EOI, based on the 2010 policy, says is, we'll solicit from the private sector or community organizations. It doesn't say the Province, so if the Province says, 10s of millions more to match its own funding that they gave us, which would be curious, then they are not part of the EOI. They would have to funnel their money through a private organization or a community organization. That seems unlikely to me, to be blunt. If that was coming, why hasn't it come today? So, I would implore you to think about, we have $8 million. Let's go fix up some of the arenas we have. You could say, well, no, I'd rather have all-new 16 arenas. So would I, it's just not realistic. And I have sat here and listened to people at that microphone go on about how you can't close Vimy, even though you built the new one up in Devi's ward, even though you've built the new one conditional on us closing Vimy, now that it's time to close Vimy, we are opposed to closing Vimy, and hear a bunch of stats and I will fix the light bulbs myself and this sort of presentation. So, the idea that we are simply going to close these old arenas effortlessly and build new ones effortlessly, I wish it were true. I wish it were true. I wish we had the money. We don't. And we've got a huge debt problem coming and we don't have much debt ceiling left. And if the idea is, let's just get rid of the debt ceiling, okay, but let's be blunt about that. So, I appreciate the works John's done. If John had come to me…Councillor Orlikow and said, on January 1st, an inch away on Barber. I've got…I'm almost there. I'd have said, you have been working on that for years, fair enough. I would put the $8 million there. This Grant Park thing. If for no other reason, I wouldn't have to debate the Grant Park thing anymore. That would be worth $8 million to me. But that isn't there, I wish it were. But what certainly isn't there is we've got these four different proposals and they're all going to happen and we'll have four new arenas. No, we aren't for $8 million. The math isn't there. Marcus…Councillor Chambers was listening, it's right. If it was $9 million in 2013 to do one sheet, it is not $8 million now. I wish we could leverage this into a brand-new plan. I really wish we could, but let's be realistic. We've got $8 million and a fleet of aging arenas, some will need more work than others. If our view is, well, they're all done, well, I haven't seen too many councillors come out here and say, please close my arena and we'll take the operating funds and put it somewhere else. I don't think I've seen anybody. Klein is right, we've all put in money into our arenas. I think…I think almost to a person…I know Councillor Allard has in Notre Dame, I know I have in St. Vital, I know others have in their wards and John's worked very hard on this and as have others. So, I guess the choice here is $8 million, let's fix up the existing fleeting of arenas and realistically get some more life out of them or let's cross our fingers and hope that we somehow, with $8 million leverage, $20, $30, $40, $60, $80, $100 million and then the kids can all go to new arenas. But frankly, my bet is, the kid will be just as happy to go into the fixed-up Bertrand Arena, rather than going to a closed Bertrand Arena and being told, yes, but we built two new sheets out in Bridgewater Forest or somewhere. I just don't think that's…that's really the most likely outcome, not to pick on councillors. Two new sheets somewhere in one location is what will come out of the EOI. Frankly, I think our proposal is better for the city as a whole.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Eadie to close on amending Motion 6.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, what can I say? The reason I looked at this from a community committee area, and you know, there are libraries that are adjacent to other community committee areas. There's libraries here, there's libraries there. Community committee, when it comes to governance, there's a number of councillors around here who were quite proud to send a whole bunch of different policy objectives, governance and all kinds of $10 million strategy, it went to…where'd it go? To go to community committees. Community committees, their areas are representative of the whole city. They…but they…but they are kind of areas of the city which grew up kind of differently, Madam Speaker. So, to some degree, when you look at the library service, you know, it's over…what is it now? About 108 years old, our Winnipeg Library system. All of those libraries that are in the centre of the city because, well, that was mostly the centre of the city. And Saint John's Library was built there, it was one of the first, along with the Cornish. You know, like, they exist there and we make sure they stay there because many of those libraries are close to Sir William Stephenson Library is very close to the poverty initiatives that we have in this recreation strategy. I am happy that we included that. We worked hard at that. Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Rollins, steering committee, Madam Speaker. So, when it comes to the libraries, and what is happening here with libraries is kind of similar to what is happening in the hockey rinks. They mentioned Vimy, okay. Well, they also closed the Old Ex Arena. And the reason…rationale, Old Ex wasn't falling down. The main reason they said, well, we'll decommission that one is, it didn't meet hockey standards. The sheet of ice was too small. Well, nobody said, let's keep it and use it for kids, Madam Speaker. So, it's kind of like our older libraries and older neighborhoods. They are well used. Very well used, Madam Speaker. And so, I did a lot of research. You know, I heard some people pretending that somehow this hasn't been looked at. I…again, City of Winnipeg Library Policy, and somebody referred to some of the (inaudible). I go back '96. Library forward thinking again, Madam Speaker. And at that time…and actually, Glen Murray, as well. You know, when they first stopped raising taxes, Madam Speaker, somebody wants to blame it on Susan Thompson. She just started it in '98 and then things continued. I wouldn't blame it on Mayor Susan A. Thompson. Anyway, so the…the history of libraries, our population is growing like mad. In the '90s and in the early 2000s, like, it just started coming back. Population started to increase around 2003, keeps going, growing, growing, growing and it's still growing really well, Madam Speaker. And as a matter of fact, the populations grown way faster in our community committee area even though we don't have quite the same number of dwellings, our population is booming. So, we need the service. So, I did those numbers. And you can look at…I gave you the Excel spreadsheet. You want to do the work, I did a lot of work. I don't know where Motion 14 comes from or who did the analysis or who gathered the data, but I can tell you and assure you that I used the base of city provided data for 2021 and it's a very strong estimate. Unless you…Council wants to tell our economist…economy, whatever, economic growth department; you want tell them that they don't know what they are talking about, then do that. But from 2016 to 2021, it is…Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan is growing faster. And actually, they took Riverbend and Rivergrove out. If you added that in, we would be at 180 something thousand people, Madam Speaker. Like, please there is no money...there is future debate and discussion. That is all that will happen as a result of having two central libraries and looking at one branch library for every 30 to 50,000. And right now, if you added those 20 plus the two central, based on our 700 and…almost $750,000 population as of 2021, it's still…it meets the requirement. The debate will be capital budgets, operating budgets for the next four years; 2024 to 2027. So, Madam Speaker, I don't understand why people are opposed to this. Is it because I brought it forward? I don't know. I don't know. But listen, I do a lot of work and I do a lot of analysis and it really irks me because when I ask for reports and get EPC to give reports, think about it. Like really, I am just trying to represent and help Winnipeggers wherever they are. And this library amendment, it's sound, it's good. It provides a basis for going forward and dealing with growth. It is as simple as that. And pardon me for losing it, but you know, I spent hours and hours and hours and hours doing this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next, Councillor Rollins to close on the main item and motions.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I do appreciate all of the debate today and all the work that it takes to do amending motions and the motions. And I think there is an artful piece here. If you turn to page 8, on the public consultation, the feedback Winnipeggers gave us, they said the top three actions the City can take to increase participation in recreation opportunities to reach our active living goals is to improve the condition of existing facilities, 42%. So, lots of points made here today in reference to what their priorities were for us. But providing multi-use facilities that offer more opportunities that perhaps a single location, 40%. Offering more programs and activities. When asked about how to prioritize new or enhanced facility investment, respondents identified developing multi-use facilities that would meet the needs of many different programs and users at 58%. And the availability of external funding from other governments was also a priority for them. But they also wanted to see high poverty that is under…in underserved communities as top priorities. So, I close just handing it over to Winnipeggers and what they…they told us was important. And I am really happy to say that this debate and the motions that everyone has moved forward has really underlined some of those things. I want to close on my council colleague who I have written most close…and the Mayor, by the way, said I had to hit this out of the arena today. I know that was terrible, Madam Speaker, I apologize. But with respect to the work ahead in budgets, my colleague Councillor Sharma, Councillor Lukes is an example of the hope and hard work and the risk. Manifesting a whole community centre from the $12.5 million she had in her hand, Madam Speaker, and today that…that investment is $90 million. And so, I really do appreciate the motions before us. I really do. I promise to do more work. There is more work implied in this strategy, in fact. More work on equity, diversity, inclusion and programming that we

didn't get to to Councillor Klein's point, through you, Madam Chair…Madam Speaker. But when asked…I am just a proponent of getting to the vote. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. With that, we'll vote on amending Motion 14; moved by Councillor Rollins, seconded by Councillor Mayes. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Amending Motion 13; moved by Councillor Mayes and seconded by Councillor Allard. 13. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Chambers, Eadie, Gilroy, Mayes, Nason, Santos, Schreyer, and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Gillingham, Klein, Lukes, Orlikow, Rollins and Browaty

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 9, Nays 7.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 13 passed. Now, the question on amending Motion 6. Recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Eadie, Klein, Mayes, Nason, Santos, Schreyer and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Orlikow, Rollins and Browaty

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 8, Nays 8.

Madam Speaker: Motion 6 is lost. And now, the main item, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? And that is carried. I will be recorded in opposition. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Recorded in opposition, absolutely.

Madam Speaker: So, Councillor Eadie. Is there others noted in opposition? Okay. This is on item…Item 3, as amended. The Winnipeg Recreation Strategy. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Eadie and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Item 8 passes. We will move on to by-laws under this committee.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I'd like to move By-law No. 73/2022 be read a first time, Madam Speaker.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 73/2022.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I'd like to move that By-law No. 73/2022 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 73/2022.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 73/2022 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. We'll now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Rollins? Next is the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Eadie, will you move the by-laws, please.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I will…sorry, I'm just getting to the right spot, Madam Speaker. There we go. I…I think I move it first. Yeah. I move that By-law No. 65/2022 to amend the procedures by-law protocol for members of Council be read a first time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 65/2022.

Councillor Eadie: I move that By-law No. 65/2022 be read, I think, it is a second time. Yeah.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 65/2022.

Councillor Eadie: And I move to suspend the rules and read for a third time By-law 65/2022 be taken as read and whatever it is…signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Councillor Eadie, will you move adjournment?

Councillor Eadie: I will definitely move adjournment with the thanks of Speaker and the Clerks.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 5:38 p.m.