COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, September 22, 2022

The Council met at 9:40 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Mayes.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And good morning to all those that are here in-person, those that are joining us virtually and, of course, good morning to my Council colleagues. As today's meeting is the final sitting of 15th Council of the City of Winnipeg, I would like to take a few moments to acknowledge all those whose dedication to our residents has made Winnipeg a welcoming, inclusive, growing and thriving city. It's been one of my greatest honours to work alongside each of you for the past four years and for most of you for the past 8 years. Even though it might not have seemed like all of us were always working together, that actually couldn't be further from the truth. Every discussion, every debate, perspective, suggestion and idea has contributed to our collective work inside this chamber and beyond in immeasurable ways. Diversity of opinion is the cornerstone and most the critical aspect of our democracy. And in fact, for democracy to be truly effective, it requires this from all of us. Madam Speaker, I feel confident that on this particular point this Council was especially aligned. Though I will not be returned to the seat that I have had the great pleasure and honour to serve from here in this chamber when Council reconvenes next months…next month post-election, many around this chamber will return to your seats. Including at least Madam Speaker in this chamber and, of course, Councillor Chambers, who have both been acclaimed. Perhaps Winnipeggers will even choose one of you to return to the chamber to serve in the mayor's seat. Another noteworthy and significant aspect of democracy, these seats and roles that make up the elected body of council remain constant. It is all of us who are temporary. Our time to make positive changes as decision-makers on this floor is occasionally recurring, but always temporary. Whether you return here to your seat this fall, to a new seat, or if it's filled by someone new, it is my hope that you reflect on your contributions to our city with great pride. Together as Winnipeg's 15th council, our efforts have made our city, our communities and this chamber more inclusive and welcoming than ever before. The collective pride we should all feel for what we have accomplished together must also extend to the extraordinary contributions of the dedicated members of our Public Service. Whether here on the council floor providing the invaluable insights and expertise of your departments and roles or on the frontline serving residents ensuring the city runs smoothly, your professional commitment to our residents is absolutely commendable. As mayor and as a member of this Council, I want to recognize all that you do every day across our city under the leadership of our Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Jack, Chief Financial Officer, Catherine Kloepfer, City Clerk, Marc Lemoine, City Auditor, Brian Mansky, who I note will be retiring after over 25 years of service at the City of Winnipeg. And we congratulate him today, once again. And all civic department directors, City Clerks, and civic employees; thank you. Your expertise, leadership and vision is fundamental to the decision making of mayor and council, but most of all, to the well-being of the residents every single day. I also want to recognize the outstanding team that I have had the pleasure of working with in the Mayor's Office. Professional, ethical and dedicated to Winnipeggers, you won't find a better political team in Canada. After all, they helped get me elected and that speaks to how amazing they are. I want to recognize and I also want to thank my family; Tracey, Hayden and Austin. So, each of them have served Winnipeg over the last 8 years and we have all enjoyed doing so. Tracey is the rock star of our family. I have been riding her coattails since 1994 and I rode them into the mayor's…Mayor's Office. So, I want to thank her. And finally, I want to recognize Winnipeggers from every corner of our city. Everything we do here at city hall within the Public Service and throughout our communities is because of the input, the ideas, the passion, the perspectives and the voices of Winnipeggers themselves who give us each the great honour and privilege of serving on their behalf. I want to say thank you for the honour, the trust and the absolute privilege to represent you, your families and neighbourhoods as Winnipeg's 43rd mayor these past 8 years. I hope that each of you in this chamber and beyond reflect on your important contributions to the city of Winnipeg with tremendous pride because our perspectives, our knowledge, skills and passions, they intersect here over our time together. You have significantly shaped Winnipeg for future generations. And on this very day, for our work together, I want you to all know how proud this makes me. I want to wish each of you on and off the council floor across the Public Service and viewers from all corners

of our beautiful city watching the livestream, much continued success wherever that may take you. Thank you, merci and megwich.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's difficult to follow a speech like that. But if Tracey is the rock star of the Bowman family, Tracey for mayor. We have our…another rock star here in the gallery this morning, by name of Vivek Bhagria. Vivek Bhagria had set his sights on gold as he prepared to represent Canada at the prestigious international soccer tournament in South Africa in June of 2022. He was the only Manitoba at the Copa América Talla Baja, which roughly translates into America's Cup for Little People. And this was in Lima, Peru in 2022. And most recently, he was in Mexico City for another tournament where he scored a bucketful of goals while representing Team Canada. He completed…he has competed in the annual indoor event in 2019 in Argentina where North American teams played…placed fourth out of nine…nine teams. The tournament then went on a two-year hiatus because of COVID. He has gone shoulder to shoulder with some of the best players in Canada, United States, Mexico, Morocco and all over South America, which is…which is very impressive. Vivek is an active member in the community where he currently works to maintain the South Winnipeg Community Centre – Richmond King Site and manages the online registration of sports. Vivek has risen to any challenge that he faces and is an inspiration to many, including myself, as he continues to compete against others and while challenging himself to a commitment of continuous improvement. Madam Speaker, I give you Vivek Bhagria and just applaud him for his efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. I'd like to make remarks, as well, and then we'll move on to another speaker. This is our last Council meeting of this term, and it's quite a reflective day for all of us. I think back on all the work we've accomplished together, as Mayor Bowman stated in his remarks, and the dedication to our city that each person in this chamber has demonstrated. Some of our…some of us are moving on to other paths after this term. Some face re-election campaigns ahead. Regardless of our next steps, I want to wish you all the very best and express what a pleasure it has been to work alongside you. It takes such courage, we all know that, to put your name forward on the ballot and serve in public office. In particular, I would like to take this moment to thank His Worship Mayor Brian Bowman, 43rd mayor of the City of Winnipeg, for his commitment and hard work these last eight years. Being mayor is an incredibly challenging role, but I know his impact on Winnipeg will continue to shine for years to come. Mayor Bowman, I wish you success alongside every colleague in this chamber, success and happiness in your future endeavours. Congratulations to you and your family. Please join me to thank Mayor Bowman. Next speaker, Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Continuing on the theme, I, too, just wanted to take a moment to first of all, thank the people of St. James. Of course, this is my last Council meeting as city councillor for St. James, and it's been such an honour to serve the people of the great city of…we used to be the city of St. James. At my first election in 2014, I knocked on the door and I remember one elderly woman saying, we never should have, you know, amalgamated with the rest of Winnipeg. So, so the sentiment had still been there. But it's been such an honour to serve the people of St. James over the last 8 years. I thank them for their support and their trust in me and all of the different committee members...community members, I should say, that we've worked so closely with over the last 8 years to accomplish great things for the community. I want to thank my councillor colleagues. Many of you, as Mayor Bowman said, we've been together since 2014 and it's been an honour to serve as a colleague on the council floor. We haven't always agreed. We've worked hard to collaborate. You have taught me. I have learned. You've educated me. And I believe I am a better, stronger person for the work that we have done together. I want to thank Mayor Bowman especially for just the opportunity to serve together, for the opportunities you have given me in various roles. And I've…I'm…I'll always, always be grateful for our time together and all that we have accomplished. I want to thank our Clerks, members of our Public Service, especially the Corporate Finance team, who I got to work closely with over the last six years. Just outstanding individuals. And I do also want to thank Christy Lakie, my executive assistant over the last of couple years. Every councillor knows that this city hall runs because our executive assistants do outstanding work. Our staff members do outstanding work for the people of Winnipeg behind-the-scenes, but they're usually the frontlines and they're the first ones to answer the call and Christy Lakie has just been remarkable and has made my job a lot easier and made our office successful. I want to on thank Marla, my wife, and our children Hannah and Andrew. Without family support, these roles are next to impossible to do. And so, I just want to thank my wife and our children for all that they, too, as Mayor Bowman talked about his family sacrifice, and we all experience that. I want to thank them for the sacrifice they've made. And I want to, finally, wish the next city councillor for St. James all the success in the world in continuing to strengthen the community of St. James and building the city of Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Next is Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I was school board chair when Mayor Bowman asked me at Robert H. Smith School to run for office. You need to ask folks to run sometimes, especially if they are traditionalists like me and doesn't run if you're not asked. And luckily, more people did and here I am. The people of Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry overwhelmingly

voted for Mayor Bowman, Madam Speaker. In the last four years, I've had the pleasure to serve on EPC. In the last four years, I've had the pleasure of working with his office, the Mayor's Office. And I want on behalf of the ward to thank them, Madam Speaker. And, too, thank His Worship Mayor Bowman. In the past 8 years, he leaves office pretty much as he began. When you wondered where he was, whether I was the Chair of the largest and oldest school division or the councillor for Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry, Madam Speaker, he was always with the children. He visited absolutely every school. I would watch, Madam Speaker, as the Chair, children running into his arms. If they didn't have a father figure, well, they did in Mayor Bowman. That helped me to think of a full-time political job. And some days, as you know, Madam Speaker, when you've got the weirdoes and stalkers on your e-mail, you wonder why you would even bother. But on the days that you see…the days, Madam Speaker, when you see service like the Bowman family has given to the city of Winnipeg. And Mayor was absolutely right in his speech today that this is very temporal. We are all here, but for the elected…those that elect us and the residents. But when you see the service like the Bowman family, you have to stand and appreciate that in awe. So, Madam Speaker, I thank you for your words with respect to His Worship. And I want to break protocol and thank you, Brian Bowman, directly.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Any further speakers? Seeing none, let's move on to today's agenda.

MINUTES

Councillor Nason moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on July 21, 2022 and September 20, 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary Carried. We'll now move in to delegations. First up, we have James Heinrichs, Executive Director, Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, in support of Item 34, the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14th, 2022. It's regarding Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation – Amendment to By-law and Articles of Incorporation. Our delegation is with us via Zoom. Welcome. James Heinrichs, welcome. If you could unmute. Madam Clerk?

Clerk: James, you're currently unmuted, so you can begin your presentation.

Madam Speaker: Doesn't appear that he can hear us. If you could turn your YouTube off. Can you hear us, sir? We'll take a pause, go on to the next delegation and Madam Clerk, if you can try to make contact with James Heinrichs.

James Heinrichs: Good morning.

Madam Speaker: Hello, sir, welcome.

James Heinrichs: My apologies, I could see everything, but I could not hear everything. So.

Madam Speaker: If you could begin your presentation.

James Heinrichs: So, I have the floor now? Okay, thank you very much. Good morning, Mayor Bowman and city councillors. It's a pleasure to present to you this morning. I'm presenting in support of Item No. 34 – the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (WHRC) – Amendment to By-law and Articles of Incorporation. So, I'd like to provide, first of all, a little bit of introduction and background. Winnipeg Housing was founded by the City with provincial approval in the late 1970s as a non-profit charitable corporation mandated to develop, manage, retrofit and provide affordable housing in the city of Winnipeg. Our staff and volunteer board of directors is committed to provide community support by clearing out neighborhood housing visions and providing affordable housing. WHRC currently owns and manages approximately 1,850 low to moderate income housing units and we are a licensed property management broker enabling our corporation to engage in third-party management. Since 1980, we have been actively serving the City of Winnipeg and developing a range of affordable housing projects, with recent projects up to $25 million. During the past 20 years, WHRC has developed approximately $100 million worth of affordable housing with the majority of those units located in the city of Winnipeg housing improvement zones. The City has been supporting WHRC through an annual grant for more than 15 years. The grant facilitates the corporation being able to provide support to non-profit agencies that currently do not have the capacity, expertise or experience to develop housing. The grant allows WHRC to provide these services and assist with the development of housing projects prior to confirmation of funds and financing. And I'd like to emphasize that this…the grant that we get from the City of Winnipeg is extremely important for our support of other agencies and the development of projects throughout the city of Winnipeg. In addition to the development of affordable housing, WHRC also provides property management services for the City's residential rental portfolio through management agreements. The management agreement requires WHRC to collect rent, pay expenses, purchase supplies, deal with inquiries, maintain

financial records, conduct inspections and effectively do all things necessary to manage a rental portfolio. So, the reason for the requests; as you may be aware, Council approved the sale of land on Transcona Boulevard adjacent to the Transcona Public Library to WHRC for $1. We thank you so much for that. WHRC is in the process of applying for (inaudible) under the core investment fund for a new mixed-use affordable housing development on this property. In discussion with the CMHC and their review of the current by-laws, the question that was raised on the type of entity that Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation is, our organization has self-identified as a private non-profit corporation, but based on their review of our incorporation documents, the review classified our organization as a municipal non-profit, or essentially, a government entity or agency that is an extension of the City of Winnipeg. While this did not affect how we were treated under seed funding, which we applied for and received, it does affect the support provided by other programs such as the National Housing Co-Investment Fund as it's assumed that we have an advantage being a level of government. There are a number of criteria used to determine the status, but at this point, the main one, the one that we're talking about it being used, is that the City of Winnipeg appoints all members and they are entitled to four of the 10 representatives. So, the City, effectively, it can exert control over the corporation. So, social housing agreements entered into by WHRC, if we're entered into under a private non-profit (inaudible) versus a municipal non-profit. So, our understanding at the time was that the structure of appoint of members was a legacy issue from the creation of organization, and other than the members and the board, the City were not engaged in the day-to-day operations of the corporation. So, in planning for the development of the land in Transcona being identified as a municipal entity would carry a price tag of approximately $10 million reduction in available funding to WHRC for the development of approximately 150 to 160 units. So, the proposal that you have before you to amend our corporation structure could result in more affordable housing and development by WHRC through access to funding from CMHC. WHRC will continue to operate in a similar fashion as other non-profit housing providers in the city and be eligible for funding from senior levels of government in line with its counterparts. WHRC has matured over the course of its existence, reached a level of independence and now is in a position where it provides advice, assistance, coordination of services and mentorship to other non-profit organizations with less experience in delivering affordable housing units and supports. The proposed changes to remove City control over the appointment of an authority of the board of members would more closely reflect our current operations. While WHRC was initially created as an entity with oversight by the City for the past 20 to 25 years, it has been operating much more independently as a non-profit corporation. Regardless of the structure and governance protocols, the City will continue to maintain a relationship and working partnership with WHRC as it does other active non-profit housing corporations in the city. The City will continue to be involved in the affairs of WHRC and maintain a presence on the board. And while WHRC It is an important part of Winnipeg's affordable housing community, it is one of many non-profit housing providers that will continue to…continue the successful implementation of the City's housing vision goals and objectives. The corporate structure of the organization should have no impact on the City's ability to achieve these goals. And of course, there is no financial risk to the City should Council agree to reduce its authority to appoint board members. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to present this morning and also for the tremendous support that the City has provided the WHRC over all these years. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are there any questions for our delegation? Seeing none, we appreciate your presentation today.

James Heinrichs: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, I would like to call forward Garth Steek who is appearing before Council in support of Item 35 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14th, 2022. And it's regarding Provision of Safe and Secure Parking for Winnipeg Police Service Members. Welcome.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, good morning. Mr. Mayor, members of council, bureaucrats. Like countless people in Winnipeg, I am deeply disturbed by the level of random unprovoked violence that we now realize. The crimes that we are seeing committed are reckless, ruthless, cruel, evil, unconscionable. It has to stop. Everyone has a right, Madam Speaker, to be safe, and that includes the members of the Winnipeg Police Service. That is the reason I am here today. Like so many Winnipeggers, I was stunned to see that the Mayor, Councillor Rollins, Councillor Allard did not support this initiative. It is the same mayor…Madam Speaker, this is the same mayor that two years ago drove this train over the cliff in arbitration where we paid $600,000 in both penalties and damages to Winnipeg Police Service, and here we go again. The Mayor argues that $95,000 is something that simply can't be afforded. Have a look at the administrative report on page 4. It says point blank, that is the extreme number. Maybe it's only $25,000, maybe it isn't anything. When Michael Werier, the arbitrator, handed down that decision, he made it abundantly clear that the City was in violation. You are going there again. Councillor Rollins, who I know personally, I have no problem saying this, I am disappointed in your position. Let me get this straight, you and the members of EPC passed a budget of $320 million for police services. 27% of your budget. And now, you are claiming that parking is more important than the lives of the men and women who protect you. I thought it was interesting in that your closing comments…

Madam Speaker: Councillor…yeah, just, yeah.

Councillor Rollins: Put words in my mouth that I absolutely didn't say, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, thank you. I was just getting to that. As you know, the rules of procedure in the chamber, please direct comments through this…through the Chair. Thank you.

Garth Steek: Certainly. Through you, Madam Speaker to Councillor Rollins; the position you are taking is like somebody buying a million-dollar home and saying, I'm not going to put insurance on it. I have absolutely no idea as to why Councillor Allard did not support this, he was silent at EPC. But there is a shining light on this Council. If you think back to the train wreck, Councillor Mayes' preeminent Labour Council warned you about this train coming down the track, and yet, you ignored it. Councillor Mayes at EPC said, if you don't stand up to vote for this thing we are going to arbitration and it could cost millions and millions more. Why would you not listen to learned council and your own EPC when you have already been down this disastrous road once before? The Winnipeg Police Association means business. I am sure all of you read this three-page document they sent you. One of the deficiencies in the report from the administration, which usually goes back to confederation, in this instance, doesn't reference what happens in other jurisdictions. I took the liberty of contacting them. Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver all supply secured parking, Madam Speaker. Card access, no question about it. Also, protection for the civilians that work with police services. What is happening here is unconscionable. Take a look at the administrative report on page 7. I would argue this is the essence of the whole thing. This is a long-standing negotiation between the Winnipeg Police Service, the association and the City of Winnipeg. Page 7 and I quote, "The Public Service is supporting resolving the grievance, but more importantly, satisfying the overarching concerns being advanced by the association." The overarching concerns are about violence. Through you, Madam Speaker, to Councillor Rollins; she talked about stalkers online. How about real stalkers? How about the stalkers that try to shoot, try to maim and intimidate your police service? Those people are the thin blue light between you and the criminal element. It is simply profound that there could be any question about supporting this. The other thing I would note is that remember the administration is supporting this. These are the same bureaucrats that didn't support you in arbitration the first time around. These are the same bureaucrats that told you to challenge impact fees. You refunded $7.5 million in interest. The same bureaucrats who forgot to file statement of defense on the water and waste treatment plant issue. These same people are now coming around and saying to you, we do not want to go to arbitration. How many of you read this document from the Police Association? Talk about direct and unambiguous. Madam Speaker, it is well marked that the moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice. It is time to do justice for the members of a police association who protect you every day. It is time to do justice to their families who fear every day that they may not come back. To do justice to their husbands, their wives, their children, their grandchildren. How many times did I hear people talk about the sacrifices that city councillors make? How many of you have been threatened in the parking lot? How many of you pay for your parking pass? That is rhetorical question because we know you don't. How many have home alarm systems because you want to be safe? How many of you maybe have home alarm systems paid by the City of Winnipeg because you want to be safe? Madam Speaker, to not support this initiative is indefensible. It is outrageous. It would be a damn disgrace and it's an abrogation of your responsibility. Finally, Madam Speaker, I think it's fascinating to note that those clowns who come here and want to defund the police don't seem to be here today. You know, with all due respect, I withdraw that comment about clowns, it's not fair to circuses.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Steek, let's keep our comments in line with decorum. That's expected in this chamber, please.

Garth Steek: I appreciate. That is the reason I withdrew it.

Madam Speaker: Well, let's hear that again, please.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, I know.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, with all due respect, I don't believe he withdrew the statements because of the second comment that was made after. (Inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. We have one minute if you could retract your statement and let's continue.

Garth Steek: You know, with all due respect, I'm only too pleased, Councillor Allard. The….

Madam Speaker: Through the Chair, please.

Garth Steek: Through the Chair to you Councillor Allard; I am pleased to withdraw that comment about circuses and clowns. The critical issue is this, Madam Speaker, I know that after short presentations like this there is always an opportunity for question and answer. I hope that those who had the courage of their convictions will explain why they can't support this initiative. I hope that we can have a civilized debate. I look forward to it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any questions for our delegation? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Question for Mr. Steek. Are we saying that in the past the City of Winnipeg has given consideration for parking for members of the Winnipeg Police Service?

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Schreyer; the documentation is very clear that this thing goes back to 2015. The final negotiated settlement between Winnipeg Police Services, the Winnipeg Association and the City has now come to the point where you are going to vote on it or it is going to go to arbitration. Madam Speaker, what I would draw to the attention of Councillor Schreyer, this is a city that's had 38 murders thus far. We're on track for 50. We take more illegal guns off the street than any other jurisdiction in the country. Winnipeg has a population of 830,000 people, Toronto has 6.3 million and we take more illegal guns off the street. There has never a more evident time than to proceed now. And if you don't, Councillor Mayes indicated, you're going to go to arbitration. The documentation here from the Police Association is very clear. it's direct and its unambiguous.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thanks to the delegate for the kind comments. Just for clarity, though, you had talked about, I think, accurately the train wreck of a couple years ago that did end up going to arbitration where the City was held responsible for paying damages of $600,000 to the members, not to the service, but that was in regard to the pension matter. I don't think that came through. So, different issue, but I just want…give me a chance to make it clear, that debate, that eventual arbitration which the City lost, that…and it wasn't just me, it was a 9-7 vote here. I was on the seven end of things. Rarely do you get the chance to then see something adjudicated. And…but in any event, that was the police pension matter you were talking about.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Mayes; I certainly recognize the distinction in the two issues. I brought it up because of the fact that there is a history of making the wrong decision. $600,000 down the drain. Now, there seems to be concern that we couldn't cover up maybe $95,000. Well, $600,000 would have gone a long way to cover off six years if that were the case. I would also like to say this, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Mayes; I have immense respect for somebody on the Executive Policy Committee that would stand their ground and do the right thing. Councillor Mayes has been a voice of reason in a wilderness sometimes. But I have to emphasize this, when you read the report from Winnipeg Police Services; stabbings, potential shootings, violations to people, assaults. If that happened to one person on this floor of council, it would be a frontpage headline. And guess about the kind of security you'd have. And yet, for some inexplicable reason, you want to deny this to Winnipeg Police Services. There's absolutely no rationale for it because everyone has a right to be safe.

Mayor Bowman: Point of order, referring to stabbing (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think that has been heard. Any further questions? Councillor Nason, followed by Councillor Eadie. Five minutes left on the clock.

Councillor Nason: With consideration, Madam Speaker, of recent tragic circumstances in Toronto involving Constable Hong, I think, you know, the discussion that we're having and will have later today has incredible merit with regards to the safety of our men and women of law enforcement. The delegation made several assertions. Parking provided for Council; yes, for many of us as we attend business day in and day out. You know, prior to serving on Council, my vehicle had never been the victim of having been broke in. It has happened two times as councillor. Cost me several hundreds of dollars myself. That is not paid by the taxpayers. But the assertion that I want to ask for clarification on, Madam Speaker, through you; is with regards to security, there seems to be some assertion that some members of Council may have their home security paid for by the taxpayers of Winnipeg. And I'm wondering if he could expand on that assertion.

Garth Steek: Through you, Madam Speaker, to Councillor Nason; I just put that out as a thought. I am not suggesting that any of you have, but I am sure if you had you would be more than willing to acknowledge it. But I think what is critical, Councillor Nason, through you, Madam Chair; is that you recognize the fact that your vehicle has been vandalized twice. The members of Police Association go out in the freezing cold at midnight, 2:00, 4:00 in the morning to their vehicles which are unprotected. I don't think anybody here goes out to their vehicle at 2:00 in the morning. And there is a one marked difference, they are facing the potential for violence every time. Other police areas of the city have secured parking, but we don't have it downtown in an exceedingly violent area. That makes no sense. When you look at the report that came to you, the Winnipeg Police Association isn't asking for something for free. They are paying $275 a month. They're paying fair market value. If you take a look at the report from the association, Edmonton gives free parking. Vancouver, free parking. Calgary charges the lofty sum of $27 every two weeks to the members of their association. They are not asking for something for free. They are asking to be safe and they are willing to pay fair market value. What more can you ask?

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to preface, I totally support providing safe parking for our excellent police service members. Madam Speaker, I just…for the presenter, I understand the wait, but can he please tell me what his position was in his early days as city councillor on…in this chamber in regards to the City employees who were attacked in the parking lots just around here on King Street and what actions did Council take at that time to ensure that all people are safe and not exposed to a violent potential rape, stabbing and so on?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Speak…Steek.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Eadie; first of all, thank you for your support for this initiative. Secondly, I am just not certain on what you are referencing. You know, I was here on City Council before the magna carta, so it goes back some time. And quite honestly, I am not certain of the specifics you talk about. I do know this, that when it comes to Winnipeg Police Services they walk female members to their cars to ensure they're protected. I do know that there have been re-occurring threats, stabbing, assaults and the horror of horrors, it's well documented, one of the members of police services had somebody come up to them with a firearm that misfired twice. Now, put yourself in that position. It is inexcusable. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm wondering if Mr. Steek could comment on the fact that the Chief of Police himself indicated that the service did all it could and felt that the grievance that was filed was without merit.

Councillor Klein: Point of order, please. I think…I believe I understand what Councillor Chambers is trying to say, but I would like to know where that was quoted from because in other media reports, I've read that the Police Chief, in fact, supports the notion of the parking.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein, thank you. Councillor Chambers, so I hear it again, could you please restate your question?

Councillor Chambers: Yes, the fact that the Chief had indicated that he was not in support of the grievance, but his support of the settlement that has been reached.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie moves extension for two minutes. All in favour? Contrary. That is carried.

Garth Steek: Councillor Chambers, first of all, through the Speaker to you; thank you for your service as Chair of the Police Board. It is a daunting task. The Chief did not support the grievance and you are correct. However, the Chief made it abundantly clear that he does not want to see this go to arbitration. He knows what could happen. As a matter of fact, the last line from Winnipeg Police Services here says, a settlement that is supported by the Chief of Police. It wouldn't be in this document if it wasn't factual. So, I understand…well understand that the Police Chief is between a rock and a hard place, but as an elected official, you have a duty, a responsibility, to keep all citizens safe. And that starts with the members of the Winnipeg Police Service. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, if I had a dime for every time someone, and particularly men, commented, Madam Speaker, on what it's like to be stalked, I would be a rich city councillor. It's a step too far, I think, to…for downtown ward residents to have looked at the Winnipeg Police Association's press release with respect to parking and downtown safety and not interrogate pretty well in this chamber and in my position given the duty, the odd governance that sees the CAO of the City handle a grievance with no member of the Winnipeg Police Association or the Police Services coming. I have to, Madam Speaker, thank my neighbour. I do…we do know each other personally. We hold very different politics, Madam Speaker. And I finally ask the question to…of him…

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

Councillor Rollins: If he, like me, agrees that it is an odd governance for both on behalf of members of the Winnipeg Police and on behalf of city Council that sees him, not them, as speakers today on this floor advocating for them. Is it an odd governance that should be changed on behalf of the police service?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Steek.

Garth Steek: I'm just trying to clear the fog here for a moment, Madam Speaker. The fact remains is that the Winnipeg Police Association sent you a three-page document that very clearly articulates their position. I am not here representing the Police Association, Madam Speaker. I am here as a concerned citizen. I want to make that abundantly clear. And there are thousands of people in this city who feel the same way. Someplace along the line you expect leadership from Council. You expect the kind of leadership we have seen from Councillor Mayes. I hope that answers your question.

Councillor Rollins: Shining a light on governance that works or doesn't work; yes or no, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Steek?

Garth Steek: I am going to be very frank with you, I just don't understand the question. Perhaps you can re…perhaps you can rephrase it for somebody with a simpler mind like mine. I would appreciate that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That ends our question period under this presenter. Thank you for joining us today.

Garth Steek: Madam Speaker, it was my pleasure. I thank all members of Council who will be involved in this critical vote to do the right thing. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Moving forward, we will now here from Hae-Kyung (Heather) Shin who is appearing before Council in support of Item 37 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14th, 2022. It's regarding the Waiver of Fees for 157 Scott Street. Welcome.

Hae-Kyun Shin: Good morning. My name is Heather Shin and I'm the owner of the building 157 Scott Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba. This building has two floors: E-Mart; a commercial retail store on the first floor and residential living space on the second floor. On August the 15th, 2021, the building had caught on fire due to an arson causing a total loss in property damage, injuries to my nephew and the death of my 60-year-old sister-in-law. This event has shattered our families and has left us feeling hopeless and broken. It is to my knowledge that this store had been running for as long as 50 years. And before passing the business to my extended family, me and my family have been running E-Mart for five years from 2014 to 2019. If the circumstances were different I would not be standing where I am right now. Nonetheless, I am very grateful to have been a part of community and to be able to provide a service to families who love to come to our store. We really enjoyed talking to each customer as if they were neighbours or even family. I always felt safe in our community and I love everyone in it. After the building was burned down, I felt that the entire community had been affected and not only was my family in mourning, but the entire neighbourhood as well. Hundreds of people gathered around 157 Scott Street and left the flowers, candles and painted portraits and letters. Afterward, we even did a candle walk around Osborne Village in memories of my sister-in-law. This was not organized by our families at all, but was all…all orchestrated by the community members themselves. They'll (inaudible) that E-mart had a strong impact on the community and that they, too, are waiting patiently for the store to be opened. I understand how many (inaudible) this was to community really helped me to understand how significant our store was to them. During the pandemic E-Mart provide safe alternative place for people to get essential…to get essentials during their hard times. And not only did it provide essentials to a wide range of people but it also provides service to elderly who did not have access to transit or commute to the farther grocery stores for their living needs. Especially during the Winnipeg winters, going to farther store is just not a viable option for them. We have number of elderly citizens that work from their homes and we have always helped them get in and out of the store by 10. I also strongly believe that the store had a positive impact on our city's economy. Although we may not be a large chain department store, we still were successful to the point where employees were needed to run the store for certain instances. By having the retail business available at this property wherever the country is making more jobs available for our city. Now moving on to my…why I am here talking to you. The process of rebuilding has been extremely difficult. Applying to rebuild, the City of Winnipeg declined our application with the reasoning that a commercial property was not allowed to be built due to rezoning restrictions. Up until the tragic event, I did not know that this property was a residential only zone, when I pay my property tax, the taxes indicate and defines it as a mixed commercial zone. When I heard the reasons why the City of Winnipeg would not allow us to build a commercial property, I decided that there was nothing I could do but just to build a residential building. However, sometime after I was given grateful news that the City would love for us to build a commercial property. This made me extremely hopeful and happy, so I went ahead and spent the extra architectural fees to redesign and building plans, once again, to commercial. If it was not for the zoning, the start scheduled build date would have been April 1st, 2022 and the end date, January 2023. 157 Scott Street is my only source of income and having further delays directly affects me and my living situation. I am in a very financially vulnerable position as time passes by. My situation becomes worse and worse. As I stand here in front of you today, I sincerely ask you to let us build a commercial building and waive the zone transition fees of $20,242.67. This building has been grandfathered and has been there for more than 50 years serving the Osborne Village neighbourhood. Please from the bottom of my heart and with the best interest in mind for the community, please waive this fee for us so that me and my nephew can move forward with our lives. I hope that I have expressed enough and (inaudible) all into understanding what situation my family is in. Thank you so much for hearing me out, again. And I deeply appreciate your time. Heather.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Heather Shin. Any questions from our delegations? We are actually going to pause and just…there is another presenter and then we will take questions for both of them at the same time. I would like to call forward Pat McCorriston who will also appear before Council in support of this item. I believe attending via Zoom today. Oh, in person. Welcome. There will be five minutes on the clock, please.

Pat McCorriston: Good morning, Mr. Mayor, councillors, fellow delegates. My name is Pat McCorriston, I'm here to speak on behalf of Ms. Shin's appeal. I heard her recently that Ms. Shin's appeal to waive the over $20,000 rezoning fee was turned down. I found that upsetting and e-mailed Sherri Rollins to see if there were any other alternatives. She has suffered a family loss, as well as her livelihood. An arsonist murdered her sister-in-law and destroyed her store. Then the City asked her to pay an exorbitant amount to rezone her store in order to rebuild. This store has been a grocery store for over 100 years. My grandfather, Norman McLean, owned and operated it for more than 40 years. My mother was born in 1915 in the apartment above the store. Some years later, he purchased the house next door and resided there with his wife and six children. He was still operating the store in the dirty '30s and helped his neighbours by accepting things in trade, running up tabs, sometimes giving them free milk for the children. It has always been a community store and I would hope it could stay one. Why shouldn't Ms. Shin be allowed to pick up the tattered pieces of her life? I live in Fort Garry and participate in activities in the area and have talked to many people who all agree that Ms. Shin should be allowed her appeal. This is a very unusual and tragic situation. I don't see anyone…anyone else appealing under these circumstances. I think the store would be an asset to the community and would bring revenue to the city. I sincerely hope you will support Sherri Rollins and Ms. Shin. Thank you. Also, just an aside, I do have an archival sign that used to hang in my grandfather's store. It's a license to sell postage stamps. And it was issued by the Government of Canada in 1919. So, if anyone is interested in seeing it, I have it up in the gallery. Is that…

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation, both of you. And we will now have an opportunity for questions if you would like to stay with us. Councillor Eadie, questions for either of our delegations here today?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to clarify, just maybe in shorter language; you can just either answer yes or no, but it seems to me that this cost to rezone is a result of a grandfathered situation with very old building establishment, important establishment in the community, but is…so the insurance company coverage that you have will not pay for the rezoning in order to rebuild what you insured?

Hae-Kyung Shin: Unfortunately, two months before the fire happened by…silly mistake by me and also the insurance agent, it took off the by-law…all the coverage insurance. So, I do not have insurance coverage for that.

Councillor Eadie: Follow-up question then is, did you take that action because your insurance costs were going way too high?

Hae-Kyung Shin: Well, because I don't…I don't run the store anymore. So, I kind of asked if there is some policy which I didn't understand. So, I called agent to what is that? And she kind of say, you know, because you are not running the store, so I don't think you need that policy. But she never mentioned about that's the by-law cost coverage. But I later found out from my other insurance agent saying that that is very basic that the coverage that owner should have it. But well, so that…I admit then, it's…I agreed…I kind of say because she is saying, oh, you know, I don't think you even need it, so we…you know, trying to save the…some insurance. And I got some refund of $119 versus this huge, not only that, but upcoming all the by-law…like, a City by-law upgrade that I have to pay my own expense in the future, again, for anything there be dated. So, that is what happened. And I…just a very silly mistake and things happen. And it's…I am…I don't have other choice right now.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Okay, seeing none, thank you for your presentation today. Next, we will move to David Grant who will appear before Council in opposition to the following items of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14th, 2022: Item 12 – Implementing Nine-Point Plan of the International Energy Agency. Item 13 – Open Government Policy the Annual Review. He is in opposition to Item 1 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development dated September 12th, 2022 regarding Centreventure Annual Report. He is in opposition to the following items of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated September 7th, 2022: Item 2 – Review of Motor Vehicle Noise Policies. Item 3 – Service Delivery Options for Snow Clearing on Sidewalks. Item 4 – Enhanced Summer Bike Route Program Update. Item 6 – Free Transit on Orange Shirt Day. In opposition to Item 2 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment dated September 12th, 2022 regarding Financial Incentives for Composting. We'll have 10 minutes on the clock. Thank you.

David Grant: Thank you. It's unfortunate that list is so long. I want to thank Council for inviting me to speak. I want to thank the hardworking Clerks and bravery of the other four who spoke in delegation, especially Mr. Steek. As the Mayor made clear a few minutes ago, hour ago now, I guess, this meeting and our participation are essential to democracy. I strongly agree with that. Under SPC IED No. 1: eight years ago, I was hard at work in the election campaign for the person I really wanted to be mayor. We won. In one of our first acts as mayor, he raised awareness of what seemed to be a conflict of interest. The apparently conflicted person won the resulting public battle. I was sad that my hero did not win that very public debate. This report fails to state plainly who is getting the CentreVenture funding. The criteria used in deciding on that funding and who is serving on the CV board. This report makes an important statement. It says that glossy pages divert our attention from the lack of openness in government. That also makes me sad. And what I must stress, I still have great respect for the guy that I helped become mayor in 2014. He was certainly on the right track then. Under Water No. 2: I have been composting household waste since I was a kid. I have spoken to you before about that. This should be voluntary. Doing or talking about this should make no one rich. The only net benefit of getting more of us to compost is possibly extend the life of our landfill. Centralizing…centralized composting produces more GHG (greenhouse gas) than landfilling the waste. Money spent on programs like this is probably more than the value of landfill space that has been saved. Until your civil service can provide you with a value for money you should not fund this application. Please shelf this matter until the amount of money saved can be quantified. I suspect the real analysis will prove that this is a waste of tax dollars. But remember, I am still in favour of composting but strongly believe that that is a personal choice and that we should support people doing it in their own yards. On IRPW No. 6: Free Transit on September 30. This bit of generous virtue signaling highlights two points. The City is nearly out of money, but the handouts going on. No one seems to realize that we cannot afford the path we are on in general. Since bus riders have all seen that paying to ride is optional, why are we pretending that transit will free on the 30th? It is free for everybody that doesn't want to pay right now. One of our candidates for mayor has pointed out that the tens of millions of dollars the City is foregoing by not ensuring that everyone pays until they…transit develops a way to collect from every rider, this action is a somewhat hollow signal. On the official comment here on No. 4 is in your agendas. On the Closed Streets Program; the street closure program has been unlike any other in recent decades. The program is unrelated to the need. Very quiet roads where everyone feels welcome to ride, need no new rules. Riders on busier roads might benefit from new rules. Those writing the new rules have ignored good advice all along. In a year when the City cannot afford to do its primary jobs, why is a pointless boutique program like this not postponed until we can afford it? And I must point out that I do ride my bicycle. I have stopped my bike and spoken to Mr. Allard on the Provencher Bridge and I ride down through my area. But this program was a waste of money, in my opinion. It is good to see that the 2022 rules have been softened to remove the blatant human rights violations of the rules in previous years. On IRPW No. 2: photo tickets for noise. Testimony was provided to the SPC, but it is not on the public record. Once again, Council allows verbal only reports. Until technology has been proven…has proven that nonoffending drivers will not be wrongly ticketed, we should not waste our time with this way too lucrative topic. Real officers can be sure of the real offenders and issue real tickets. And am strongly in favour of that. I support WPS and support them issuing tickets for vehicles who offend on noise. IRPW No. 3: sidewalk plow. There's a report. There's no mention of the need to plow those streets upon which some folks depend to walk from their homes. For me to walk to a store or to the bus, I have to cover several hundred meters on the street. So, the street is my sidewalk. That applies to many people in this city. The report support…this report supports the injustice and bias of City plowing operations. Sidewalks and the plowing of them is not universal doing many people to another winter of dangerous travel on foot playing in traffic. On EPC No. 12: Western Europe is having a hissy fit against the energy supplier. Winnipeg has no analogous fight with our energy suppliers. Canada has enormous energy resources: electricity and petroleum. We have the third-largest supply of oil in the world. There's no reason for us to freeze in the dark. We could take the information that has been suggested in this report to be taken as information, but the agenda item is called adopting these European rules. So, send Europia…Europe a sympathy card if you want, but do not tell our people to not use our abundant heat and light resources. We should use – not waste – but use all of the resources that are available to us. On EPC No. 13: I still have a soft cover book that the City gave me 30 years ago. It was filled with answers to nearly every question we had about city hall. It also contained contact info for every employee who had the answers to our other questions. Item 13 fails to lay out a path toward the level of open gov we had decades ago. We are not, it seems, headed back to where we were as far as a really open government. On the other hand, city hall goes to great lengths to hide information from those who want to know and claims that we have the most open city in the world tend to vex those who know the truth. I am a strong believer in decorum and am not able to express the feelings of some of those who still wish for what we term open government. Open is good. No matter how many years you publish reports showing green lights and telling us you are open, Winnipeg is not quite there yet. I note that there are things that are mentioned in by-law, they're substantial things, but they do not have agenda items on their own. So, hat is an interesting and probably illegitimate way of hiding significant changes in the rules we operate under, but they are buried deep in a boring pile of residential rezoning documents. So, my opinion is, things like the justification for the profitable school zone that isn't legitimate. You know, those sort of things probably shouldn't be buried in the by-law changes and should be items for debate. Anyway, I would, again, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We have a question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to David Grant, once again, for his insights and advice. On this one in particular, it's really important not just for our city but for society in general when it comes to composting. Sometimes, we have to look at things in a way that's counterintuitive if we are serious about it. David Gregg…David Grant made the point that he is doting whether there's a net benefit from collection of compost. We do know that we can harness greenhouse gases at Brady and use that methane instead of taking natural gas from the ground. We also know that the vehicles create exhaust. I want to know if David Grant, once again, can give us a little further insight in terms of what he is…what he's saying in terms of the net benefit of composting as part of the city system of transportation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Grant.

David Grant: Thank you for…thank you for the question. And through the Speaker, thank you to Jason. The facts, I don't have the numbers for comparison. And this is something that the civil service could provide for Brian's committee on waste, but the obvious things are that if you bury the kitchen garbage in the landfill it doesn't turn into methane for a very long time. And so, it's stored, so that delayed a little bit. That is a small effect. The effect of grinding away garbage truck tires as they collect the waste and burn diesel fuel, those are substantial effects. A previous set of speakers' delegations to Council did make reference to the kitchen waste in the landfill makes methane, but if we collect it and compost it at a centralized facility it wouldn't make greenhouse gas. That is patently untrue. And I think the…there is lots of evidence of that both in public works operations across North America and just when you think what we do in our landfill. So, the collection of waste, it's the right thing to do because we have had this habit of doing it and it makes wonderful garden soil. It is the natural way. That is the way nature does things is lets them rot, not bury them in clay. But as far as the amount of greenhouse gas made one way or the other, we should be aware that whether stuff rots over the next 20 years in the landfill or rots over the next 10 months in my backyard, it still makes methane and CO2 and so what, it makes some great soil. So, the saving is a tiny bit of space in the landfill and the feeling of doing the right thing. And personally, I'm doing it, but I think the City has an obligation to spend money wisely, and we know the way this works. We can study how it is done elsewhere. Funding an organization which is only there to collect kitchen waste from apartment buildings, that is something that is something that's hard to justify because these people don't have…people living in those situations don't have an option, and it provides them that option but at a substantial cost in greenhouse gas…extra greenhouse gas and in City expenses. So, doing research or spending money on a private company to do that research is, some would say a waste of money, some would say it's an investment but I say the return on it is pretty thin.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Grant, I'll…there's a second question. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: I have been composting for decades, but that doesn't mean that having the program for the city is going to be a net benefit for greenhouse gases. Mr. Grant mentioned that it takes many years, maybe, to get the methane from a green…from a landfill, but it takes millions of years to create natural gas from the ground from which we don't get back. Is Mr. Grant saying that it's not worthwhile because of the number of years it takes to create methane from a landfill which we can now harness? Is he saying it's not worthwhile or it's still worthwhile to harness that natural gas, the methane, from the landfill site?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next…your answer, Mr. Grant.

David Grant: Thank you. The…storing things in the landfill, unfortunately, that is not the optimum way of recycling organic material. I gave a talk the very first webinar for (inaudible) the engineers, several years ago on compost digester for garbage. And places that don't have a wonderful facility like Brady are stuck. And big cities in urban density areas do things like a compost digester, so it's a big tank and all the garbage goes into it and rots. In a matter of days, all the methane, 100% of it is collected and used. In the case of Brady, the methane is emitted from a huge area collecting it is an iffy thing. We can't collect it all. The methane that comes out is diluted with air, water and other horrible things, so it has to be cleaned up. So, the economics are probably never going to be good as far as the natural…making use of the natural gas produced. And that is why a lot of places just burn the gas because then you don't have to clean it up as much, at least methane isn't going into the atmosphere. But as far as that's concerned, yes, I would say that the economics of methane capture and reuse are never going to be very good, but it is...so anyway, that is the just…gist of that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: How do we know that the report that could be undertaken by a private corporation might not agree with David Grant's conclusions and insights?

David Grant: If you are referring to the…a little company on Portage which is being granted some money to continue its collection or to expand its collection of waste from apartment buildings, from multi-family places, that company, I believe, is in the business of collecting. And I don't think their mission is to decide whether what they do for a living is a good idea or not. There would be an obvious conflict. There, they are going to be in favour of doing the business that they are doing.

So, that is where a review, you know, by the civil service of the economics of centralized composting, that sort of thing could be prepared and presented to Brian's committee and then to Council. And I think that would be the more practical way of studying this matter. So, I don't think we can count on that little contractor to decide that it's a good idea because they are enthusiastic good people and they're going to, of course, say it is a good idea.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. That concludes our question period for this delegation. Now getting into the reports. The report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14th, 2022 noting that Item 35…yeah, that will be stood down later. And we have a...sorry, that's the next motion. Mr. Mayor to introduce this report.

REPORT OF THE
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Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 through 43.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes? 7 – Welcoming Winnipeg.

Councillor Lukes: 37.

Madam Speaker: Pardon me? Okay, not 7. Just one moment. One moment, I will recognize each member. 37 – Waiver of Fees – Scott Street. Councillor Schreyer? 35 – Provision of Sale…Secure Parking. Councillor Nason?

Councillor Nason: 8 and 19.

Madam Speaker: Okay, 8, 19. 8 is Historical Marker: Dawson Road. And the other one was 19 – Naming Rights Sponsorship with CN for Protective Structure. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: 9 and 22.

Madam Speaker: 9 – Welcoming Winnipeg – St. Johns Park. The other number was 22? 22 – Strategic Priorities Action Plan. Seeing no others, I will call the question. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

Item 8 – Adding to a Historical Marker: Dawson Road MB Centennial Panels

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I can't recall who pulled this, but I will wait to hear from my Council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Nason, Item 8.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. While I don't stand here opposed to the item, I am…it is a new process, the Welcoming Winnipeg, and we are all adjusting to the undertakings. When I saw this report appear on the Council agenda, I do note that there was a couple interactions that seemed to be missed. The item 1 that's listed in here is not in the St. Boniface Ward, but is in the Transcona Ward. I will note that when this first was being brought forward by residents in the Southland Park community through the Welcoming Winnipeg process, I did reach out to try to understand as far as interactions and engagement when this was being looked at and how it would come back as a report. Didn't have much in the way of interaction. Sorry, I'm having sun shining on me here, it's making it a little challenging. What I am challenged with, and I did have a quick conflab with Councillor Allard and understand that there is a large portion of this that will reside in the St. Boniface Ward, and there's a group that's pushing this forward. There is money that's being requested or identified but there is no money that's source. And I know my colleague Councillor Gillingham has long and held me to account when I brought motions forward that had motions where there's money…talk about money, but the source is not identified. As this is the last council of this Council, I do find it challenging that we are putting forward items that have dollars attached to it, but no funding identified. So, we are kind of approving stuff in absentia. And you know…you know, seeing where the budget lines are, Madam Speaker, on many things including parks and Community Incentive Grants, it has been nothing but cuts, cuts, cuts in the budget line. Identified two of those items for the last few years. So, not saying

that this isn't needed and warranted, but a $5 to $10,000 cost for the Transcona residents to bear for a sign renewal is a challenge. I just don't know if today is the day that we approve that, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any other speakers? Item 8? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor to close. I will call the question. All in favour of Item 8? Contrary? That is carried. Item 9, Madam Clerk.

Item 9 – Welcoming Winnipeg – Naming Healing Forest at St. John's Park

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

Mayor Bowman: I will wait to hear from Council colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just…I had to rise and speak to this one. This name comes from the Indigenous and non-Indigenous people's organization that saw fit to become part of a healing…national healing forest movement as a result of all of the truth and reconciliation calls for action and so on, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to just say how proud I was yes…Tuesday in this chamber when our First Nations Indigenous people were able to provide items here. But I just wanted to say, Madam Speaker, before I speak more specifically to this…to the Wandering Spirit Healing Forest, and that I wanted to thank Mayor Bowman for his work in trying to resolve the racism that was called upon him early in his…in his first term, Madam Speaker. And I just wanted to applaud the Mayor for creating the conditions that allow us to move forward with more reconciliation and efforts that will help Indigenous people heal. And you know, frankly, I think that there are some people who are non-Indigenous who need to heal because of what their truth really was in this country, Madam Speaker. So, given that, though, St. John's Park is a park that I've spent many...well, I'm over six decades now. And my mum used to take me there when we first moved on to Mountain Avenue in the North End in 1963. And she used to take us to St. John's Park to go to the pool and play in the park. But what has happened is, the community and the bigger community in wanting to educate people and to provide a peaceful place for Indigenous people to heal and to contemplate moving forward in their lives. And Madam Speaker, I was there when they announced what name they wanted to proceed with. Madam Speaker, I was so impressed. Like, because when I lost my eyesight, because I always loved that park, I made a decision to go on with my life early on. My spirit was really wanting. And I decided – I was in that park, Madam Speaker – and to hear the name that they came up with, just, it really, right here in the heart just like the drum. So, Madam Speaker, I thank welcome…Welcoming Winnipeg…Welcome Winnipeg. It is a bit of a bureaucratic process, but you know what, it's obviously working. And, you know, we…oh, I should point out that, you know, 15, 20,000 people enjoyed that space, the Wandering Spirit Healing Forest, last year on September 30th. And prior to that, We Are All Treaty People have been doing an event there where we educate people that we are all treaty people. And finally, I just wanted to end in that it is actually a wonderful place to hold the service for Indigenous people. We are your friends. My friend Byron Prince, we had a service there, it was just an informal service in the Healing Forest. Byron Prince being a relative of Tommy Prince. And…which means it goes back to Chief Peguis. And I think it was just…we were all there, all us North Enders were there and we weren't all indigenous. We're of all colours, of all races there, celebrating this life of Byron Prince who Mayor Bowman had an opportunity to meet outside in the courtyard, he was that fellow…older fellow with all the tattoos. Bare body…he was running…I think he was running 15-kilometers a day in the really hot sun. Anyway, Madam Speaker, that concludes my speech. And I really thank, actually, the organizers, the…Kyle Mason and his family and St. John's Anglican Church and all of them, even Judy Wasylycia-Leis, for helping to get the saint…the Wandering Spirit. I can't be pronounce the Anishinaabe name, but the Wandering Spirit Healing Forest.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mayor Bowman to close.

Mayor Bowman: I'd just like to thank my Council colleague. Councillor Eadie just once again shared pretty deeply personal reflections. And I do want to thank him and I also want to thank members of Council. I mean, on the broader issue of our work in reconciliation, today is the first meeting of Council in which we have Indigenous symbols and cultural items here permanently residing on the floor. And you know, our work of reconciliation and human rights is ongoing. And it's a…you know, the work that we have been successful at to-date recognizing that more work to do is a shared success. And I think Councillor Eadie and all members of Council should take great pride in the work that we have amplified in recent years.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I will call the question on Item 9. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next, Madam Clerk.

Item 19 – Naming Rights Sponsorship with CN for Protective Structure of CN 2747

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

Mayor Bowman: I will wait to hear from Council colleagues, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Always a great day to thank the Sponsorship Winnipeg. I believe it was started under Mayor Katz and members of Council that may still be here today – there's a few long serving members. 2747 is an important piece of rail history for Transcona and one that the community has rallied around to restore and preserve. And these funds that we are approving today under this sponsorship agreement with CN and their commitment to our community is one that will help preserve and be a lasting testament to their commitment to our community and for the City as far as preserving history. The museum and their volunteers have been working very diligently over the last several years; first, restoring the train in its place in Rotary Legacy Park. I hope I get that one right because…well, actually, it might be heritage park because there's two parks right beside each other. But you know, they have been working very diligently preserving it, you know, blasting it to get the…some of the bad spots resolved and painted to a nice shiny black. And now, you know, working towards this permanent cover that school children, families, others from around the city can come and enjoy looking at this piece of history, rolling history, of our community. And I hope that my colleagues today will be supporting this. And that if you get a chance, come out to Transcona and take a look at that history because it is very large. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. You can call the question on Item 19. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk, Item 22.

Item 22 – Strategic Priorities Action Plan (SPAP) Process

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just say briefly, the administrative report that we're considering today proposes to establish a new recurring strategic planning process an incoming Council can use to prepare its first strategic priorities action plan following the civic election this next month. And I just want to thank Council colleagues and the Public Service, including Jonathan Hildebrand, who I know has been working on this, for all their efforts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Eadie, you stood this one down.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to begin by stating that I will be supporting the work of the Public Service in putting together potential process and means to try to bring 16 members of Council, Madam Speaker, as you know, not an easy thing to do in deciding what are the priorities for the City to move forward on from the governance overall perspective. And I, too, Madam Speaker, have had concerns about various strategic actions that have already been lined out before this Council. And this 16 members were able to actually give an idea of what we believe should have been strategic actions to take. A number of them are kind of strategic action planning, Madam Speaker. I'm not going to be critical of some, but I have had issues with them, Madam Speaker, in that underlying it seems that it's the…that's it's our civil service, our administration, that was really driving and consideration. And you know, this being the end of my third term, I have to say, that it is always been my concern, Madam Speaker, that there have been policy and many initiatives that have gone from one term and then sort of getting ignored or brought forth and a new council sometimes doesn't give consideration to all of the work that we do in our term. And we have done a lot of work, colleagues, a lot of work. This term was huge in big policy, big plans and I have to say, it was hard to keep up to, Madam Speaker. And so, hopefully, in part of strategic planning and helping, I mean, I have heard, in the current campaign, I have heard of ideas, but it is very clear, Madam Speaker, that when you work on policies, a councillor's office is severely challenged in being able to meet the demand and to keep up to all the different policies that come along, especially that you have one staffer and, you know, they are handling case work and so on, but trying to also assist the city councillor. So, but I just wanted to say, no process, Madam Speaker, is perfect. I believe that there was a sincere attempt in putting this together to try and find a way that 16 members of Council can work together with as little as possible support from the Public Service because I know people are sensitive about, you know, the senior Public Service driving the agenda, but we developed OurWinnipeg 2045. We listened to the people this term. It is very clear what was priority, alls you had to listen to is the debates and discussions we had. And to ignore that with a new council, Madam Speaker, I think is atrocious and would be an awful thing. But we do know in OurWinnipeg 2045 and same with its predecessors all the way back to even plan…Plan Winnipeg 2000, I think it was, and 2020 when I first got interested in politics at the city level. And Madam Speaker, for a city to do everything that everybody expects us to do, it's darn near…well, it's impossible. But…and that is why, from a governance perspective, we have to say, well, we've heard from the people. And it's all the same issues that are covered under OurWinnipeg anyway and Complete Communities. All those same issues are in there, just new people might have some different perspective, but you have to respect, Madam Speaker, all of the work that went into OurWinnipeg 2045. And we're going to have to figure out as Council members whoever is here in the future. Madam Speaker, you will be here. So, that is good. You can bring that experience and wisdom that does come with having been here. And Councillor Chambers now not being a freshman anymore is a good thing. So, Madam Speaker, I just…I am going to support this. It may not be a

perfect wheel, but I have to say, Madam Speaker, I know that Mr. Hildebrand and my brain's not…Ms. Rempel? Put a lot of work in trying to bring this forth. And they did listen. Just like Ross listens, Madam Speaker, they listened. You know they did. We were on the phone and in meetings with them. They listened and they tweaked it to the best of their ability. And we'll see how…what happens in the future. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to thank Councillor Gillingham for bringing forward the motion to develop a strategic plan. For years, many of us around the council chamber wanted to see a strategic plan. As we have seen in the governance review, nine major Canadian cities have all had strategic plans. In my time here, I've worked with the Public Service, I've worked with Property, Planning and Development Department, the Public Works Department when major leaders in those departments were begging for a strategic plan. A strategic plan is not OurWinnipeg, it takes elements of OurWinnipeg and incorporates it. It was…in was just incomprehensible that we didn't be have a strategic plan for the last eight years or prior council didn't have a strategic plan, even though, in this age of openness and transparency and accountability that a strategic plan wasn't put in place. I want to thank, also, like Councillor Eadie, the Public Service for working on this. They really made an effort. They really listened. I don't agree with everything in what is being presented in this strategic plan, but I look forward to, if I am so elected again, to working with the new mayor and council to really refine the focus and clearly articulate the strategic plan of the City of Winnipeg for the next four years so that residents, so that citizens can…can use a form of accountability through the strategic plan on our actions. You know, we say there's accountability, yet we have no accountability on our floor, elected statutory officers, we've not had performance reviews, we look at the audits today, no performance reviews. So, for councillors, I am…again, I want to thank Councillor Gillingham. He worked diligently on this. I was on his case for a long time. He had the ears and influence and had the ability to pull everyone together in the upper echelons of the Executive Policy Committee to bring forward a motion that was supported. And I just, I want to thank him for that. I want to thank the Public Service for their efforts in this. And hopefully, I'll be part of working together on trying to put together a strategic plan next term. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to echo a lot of, actually, what Councillor Eadie and Councillor Lukes have both said about the importance of the strategic plan that is being contemplated here. I do also want to thank Mr. Hildebrand and Ms. Rempel for their excellent work. I know they spent a lot of time with every councillor to make sure to get input and I think the executive summary really captures what we can anticipate in the next term. And it's important for the people of Winnipeg to develop the council…next Council develop a strategic plan. That strategic plan be informed by the documents, the hard work that we have done over the last term, as Councillor Eadie referenced. OurWinnipeg 2045, Complete Communities 2.0, Transportation Master Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, which is in the works; those are significant planning documents. It is impossible to do all within those documents simultaneously at once within a four-year term. So, priorities have to be determined. Priorities have to be determined and pursued, measured and managed. And that is what a strategic plan can assist the next term of Council in doing. It also shows the public where the next term of Council will be going, what the next term of Council will be prioritizing and how it will be measured. I think what is important, as well, to notice, though ultimately is, this will be Council – not the Public Service – but Council's plan. Informed by Council with all 16 members of Council equally building and informing the plan and determining the directions. And then, ultimately, budgets fund the plan. And so, the next multi-year budgets will fund the strategic plan and determine how and when and at what speed the priorities within that plan will be pursued. So, I think it will give not only the citizens of Winnipeg a clear sense of the direction of the next term of Council, but it will also help councillors…councils and the City's stakeholder groups and funding partners like the other levels, the senior levels of government, really understand the priorities of the next term of Council. So, again, I wanted to thank everyone who's been involved to this point. And for the sake of people of Winnipeg, this is a very good step.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I won't repeat some of the same comments that have been made. I will just say, as a note of caution, I am glad to see something being proposed. The exact details of it, I think, will have to be worked out by the new Council. I hope we've moved past the draft that allocated all of one hour – one hour – for the 16 elected officials to sit in a room without any civil service, we were to be trusted for an hour and then civil service can (inaudible) and there were instructions on where the seats would all be placed. Hopefully we've moved past that. Whoever is elected, it will be a group of adults, it will be a group of people with the courage to have put their names forward. A lot more than one hour is needed for the elected officials to sit down together and talk about the priorities and what they ran on and what they would like to see accomplished. We…I look forward…I hope to be part of that. So, the danger comes in…well, to use on anecdote I've used before; OurWinnipeg: I had a motion a few years ago to raise the minimum raise at the City to $15 an hour. Administrative report opposed that. It was defeated at EPC, my motion. Very soon thereafter, and Councillor Gillingham knows the tale, OurWinnipeg came out call not just for a minimum wage of at like $15 for City employees, but

for the contractors as well. Much, much beyond anything I had proposed. I then (inaudible) point this out to the senior administration, who say, oh, we don't need that, most of our part-timers are just other students and part-time workers, so we don't need that. And I said, well that, actually, totally conflicts what you've just put in your 2045 plan. Oh, we will do it someday was the response. We'll do it someday. Not the current CAO, this was not…it's not the current CAO. So, when you've got that, the grave cynicism, starting off, it's a little hard to buy in, but OurWinnipeg 45 is a bold document that proposes many, many things. It would be helpful if we have a realistic discussion at the start of the next Council, who's ever here, as Councillor Gillingham has said, in conjunction with budget to try and talk about what the priorities will be. We cannot fund all of the Recreation Master Plan, the Combined Sewer Master Plan, the Transit Master Plan. These are huge expense items in addition to the hole we've already got to deal with. So, some priorities will have to be set. I do think it is important to state that the elected officials should be steering the ship. There is an official plan 2045 that is not a straitjacket, that is not a prison, that is not govern from the grave. There will be people elected with their own priorities. I may share some of them, I may be here, I may not. But that debate needs to happen about what people ran on, that is the democratic exercise. When I was a school trustee I remember sitting there and getting a briefing right at the start. All nine of us are there and we're told by the staff, well, we really should know…we're the experts, we'll know exactly where to spend the money. All you folks need to do is set the dollar figure that the annual property tax increase. And my friend Ramona Coey and I both asked basically the same question: how would we know what the numbers should be if we don't know the expenditures should be? And the answer was, well, we'd help you out. We'd determine that for you, too. So, really, why would you need an elected official, then, in that scenario? And there has been some of that flavour here, I have to say. So, good to be optimistic about the future. Good to see that there'll be some plan in place. The elected officials should meet. There won't consensus, it's virtually impossible with 16 players in the room, but at least there can be some attempt at it and hopefully some priorities arrived at rather than simply being told, well, though you were elected, your role is to just handle the complaints because we are busy running the city. So, there needs to be some respect for the elected officials. And I hope, and I think…certainly, in all the discussions I've had with Mr. Hildebrand, he's been very clear that he gets that. And I do appreciate that. Hopefully this process will allow that to happen.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thanks to all my Council colleagues. Yeah, it would be a lot easier if every member of Council came in with the exact same priorities and exact same agenda and everybody agreed on everything. And also, that there was total alignment with the Public Service, which on a number of issues, they may or may not be. And so, this work…I wish this kind of work had been done in advance of the election of the previous Council. I know that there has been some really good work and input by all members of Council. I do also want to commend Councillor Gillingham for his stewardship on this and also for working in budgets to make sure that the funds are there to back this up. When I was first elected and then, again, re-elected in 2018, I invited all members of Council to meet privately with me so that I could try to better understand what their priorities were. And I want to thank all members of Council. I think I met with every member of Council, especially those who endorsed other candidates. Councillor Browaty, I'll name Councillor Browaty as one, who didn't endorse me. I know he regrets this and he'll regret it for everyday of his being. But jokes aside, when we returned, he was very clear that he accepted the will of the people and the residents, and as did I. And I know others around this Council did as well. So, the question is, how do you…how do you work together? I had…and I am not going to name names, I had one meeting where someone said, I knew you were going to ask him that question, I'll get back to you, I'll think about it. I am still waiting to hear. But those meetings are useful. This structure, though, I think Councillor Mayes is correct in saying that it doesn't mean that it is going to be easy. Democratic work on a floor of council, it isn't easy and it shouldn't be easy given the different view points on a number of issues in our community. But I think this does provide a positive change, I think it provides a framework where I am hopeful the next mayor and Council will be aided by a structure to help build alignment at the political level and greater alignment with the Public Service so that there can be even better outcomes going forward. And I am really proud of the work by members of Council and the Public Service to get us to this point today and armed the next mayor and Council with a framework that we haven't had to date. So, very happy to support it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I will call the question on Item 22. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next, Madam Clerk.

Item 35 – Provision of Safe and Secure Parking for Winnipeg Police Service Members

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And there is an amending motion that was circulated to go along with this item. Mr. Mayor to open, followed by Councillor Klein to introduce Motion 8.

Mayor Bowman: Yeah, and thank you, Madam Speaker. I was going to move this as information. I do recognize the...I am not sure if I can still do that and then have the amending, so I will move that we receive it as information. I do you want to recognize the amending motion, which I'm sure we'll turn our attention too, as well.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Should I also speak to the matter itself at this time? Okay.

Madam Speaker: You can.

Mayor Bowman: You know what, I think a lot has been said. I will defer until my closing remarks. But I think my vote is a matter of public record and I will be consistent with my vote at committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Klein, you have a Motion 8 to introduce.

Councillor Klein: Yes, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Yes?

Councillor Eadie: I don't know if he's going to read it, but Madam Speaker, could the…

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Could the…could Madam Clerk…

Madam Speaker: Yes, we will do that. So, it's Motion 8; moved by Councillor Klein, seconded by Councillor Mayes. And if you could read the resolve, at least, something into the record. Thank you. Madam Clerk.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 35 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 14, 2022 be amended to include the following Recommendations, as provided in the report of the Winnipeg Public Service:

1. *That Council approve having one floor of the Millennium Library Parkade reserved for the exclusive use of Winnipeg Police Service members with appropriate modifications installed at a cost of $200,000, on condition that the Winnipeg Police Association determines within 90 days (with an extension of 30 days if agreeable to the Chief Administrative Officer) that sufficient committed interest exists among Winnipeg Police Service members to occupy one full floor of the Millennium Library Parkade (264 spots) on a 24/7/365 basis at rates equal to that charged to other monthly parkers (currently $275/month for each spot).*

2. *That Council delegate authority to the CAO to negotiate with the Winnipeg Police Association the details of this arrangement, including what would constitute sufficient committed interest by Winnipeg Police Service members to warrant reserving a floor of the Parkade, and what will happen if the number of parking spaces rented by Winnipeg Police Service members declines, and whether to expand the number of spaces reserved for Winnipeg Police Service members if the demand is present.*

3. *That the capital and operating budget implications in this report be referred to the 2023 budget process.*

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, Councillor Klein, to introduce amending Motion 8.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And again, I want to acknowledge and thank the second…seconder of this motion, Councillor Mayes. We both stood in solidarity when the previous changes were suggested to a police contract and we are on the right side of that discussion. And I think we are both, with some of my other colleagues, on the right side of this discussion. The City of Winnipeg is one of the largest employers in the city. And to attract employees and to maintain and grow employees, we need to be an employer of choice. Decades ago, hundreds upon hundreds of people would apply to be a police officer. It was an honourable job. And they were respected throughout the community. Today we have seen attacks on people because of their profession. Verbal or physical. This, quite frankly, I believe, is a simple decision. Every one of us around this table, many of the executives for the City of Winnipeg and some staff have their parking paid by the residents of Winnipeg. And it would be in my opinion, Madam Speaker, hypocritical for us to then say that our team members, remember these are…we are all employees, our team members would not be granted safe and secure parking when we have that. When you enter the building today, I noticed that we've increase the security at city

hall because of the actions that may or may not happen. We take every step to ensure the security of those that work at city hall. We should take every step to ensure the security of our staff, no matter what department they work in. That includes bus drivers and others. We have taken steps to protect them and we should take steps to protect the Winnipeg Police Service. I would ask my colleagues to consider some of the facts that we heard today. Calgary, Edmonton and others provide free parking to their police service. We do not at one location, at other locations we do. So, it would seem to me that we are using it for political gain when really this is a matter of managing and good HR practices for the members of the service. So, I encourage you and I look forward to this motion, the amending motion that Councillor Mayes and I have put forward, passing to show the respect and gratitude to the employees of the City of Winnipeg and the City of Winnipeg Police Service.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, Winnipeggers, pollsters, advocates and more are concerned with budget. They are concerned with the relative budget that emergency services are taking up in the city of Winnipeg, and they are concerned, moreover, of the relative budgets of things like libraries and community services, Madam Speaker. This is absolutely a human resource matter. It's a human resource matter that strangely enough is delegated to the CAO of the City of Winnipeg. Strangely enough and due to an odd governance arrangement that we have, Winnipeg Police Services, through their proxies perhaps in this room, including, maybe, Garth Steek, the Chair of the Board of the Police Services, Mayor and maybe Mike Jack are all coming together to talk about this item, Madam Speaker. This is a parkade for a library, our flagship library in the system. This is a parkade that Jets users use, Madam Speaker. This is a parkade that needs capital improvements. None of that is here before us. Neither the work with external partners like True North in my ward, Madam Speaker, like the arts, sports, cultural community, concert-goers, anything. None of those parking spaces that will be used up from the Winnipeg Police Association are here. We do not have that briefing. Why? It is strictly a human resource matter. Madam Speaker, I do have thoughts on the press release from the WPA, an ironic one, I thought at the time, that talked about their safety. Why? Because as you know, Madam Speaker, the Winnipeg Police Service can direct more resources to the downtown to help folks across the downtown including their own members. That is perhaps why, and we don't know because he is not here, neither was he at EPC, that Chief Smyth, you know, did not support the grievance, but in the background through third-parties, we might see that settlement supported. Great. Bad governance is, frankly, at issue here. This has been brought to Council. Some may say that that in of itself sends strong signals to the Winnipeg Police Association that their security does matter, actually. That their concerns does matter. That they have no place to park is unfortunately wrapped up in a headquarters that we know absolutely on the record and still continue and perhaps next term is grossly insufficient for their needs, including archives, parking and more, Madam Speaker. But I stand as a local councillor and I stand still as Chair of Protection, Community Services and Parks. And I hold the duty to not only protect Winnipeg Police Association members and I take that seriously, but I also hold the duty to ask the larger questions; the ones pertaining to governance that I think, frankly, Madam…Madam Speaker, people turtle on, people shy away from. There is a rich debate here, and it's, frankly, insufficient to hear me and to hear Garth Steek…Mr. Garth Steek, Madam Speaker, speak on this. There are players and leaders that are simply not in this room. Whether they are folks that need those spots and want to add con…you know, context to that or whether it is the leadership responsible for Winnipeg Police Association, Winnipeg Police Service, that are absent in capital costs. This $200,000 does not represent the capital costs of that parkade. We have not seen the department have their hand up on that. So then, it just falls to me as Chair of Protection to say, whoa, there is significant costs here this this. There has…there has been previous talk that we may sell it, Madam Speaker, when it was, frankly, a community services item. Madam Speaker, I see, yes, political opportunity in standing hand in hand with the Winnipeg Police Department, Winnipeg Police Association, if they are interested in the capital costs associated with that parkade. That could actually leverage protection for that parkade, Madam Speaker. I can see that, too. But that isn't here. It is, again, as one of my colleagues, Brian Mayes, said this earlier morning; we end as we begin. This does deserve rich debate. It doesn't deserve the politics and accusations that my colleague from Charleswood-Westwood-Tuxedo will say is just headline and politic-ing. No. These are actually rich governance issues. They're governance issues that hundreds of Winnipeg organizations has brought to this floor when it asked us in previous budgets to look at a 10% reduction in the Winnipeg Police Service budget. When they…when they come and ask us to step up, as they do time and time again at the Winnipeg Police Board, Madam Speaker. But it is just the basics of the costs that aren't here because this item is being brought to us as a straight grievance, as a straight HR matter. And you know what? On behalf of my downtown residents, Madam Speaker, who also are concerned with downtown safety, that is, frankly, a little too narrow and a little too rich. So, I, like the Mayor, would either not support this motion today and would move to receive all of this as information and hope that the next Council has the fortitude to deal with the governance issues that are omnipresent, that are thematic, that need to be addressed and that sheer lack of leadership, the lack of fortitude and conviction in discussing this in all of its complexities that no one is here and no one will go to Finance to just brief on budget in the department of police is too rich. People don't understand it. And the polling, unfortunately, the polling, Madam Speaker, is starting to show a shift that I, frankly, am concerned about. So, Madam Speaker, I will not be supporting the new motion and I would call a standing vote.

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

Councillor Mayes: I will try to speak to this without impugning anybody's motives for voting for or against it or fortitude, lack thereof. It is a grievance settlement we're voting on, which is relatively unusual, that is true because it involves a certain change in procedure and change in policy. What was the most memorable line at EPC on this? It came from some anonymous voice, "They can pay for their own effing parking." From one of our senior administrators, and it had to be one of our female administrators because that is all of the people who were left on the online system. They can pay for their own effing parking. I should apologize to Moira Geer. I asked her, was that you? And she was appalled and said, no, that absolutely was not me. So, if anyone thinks it might have been our Deputy CAO, she went out of her way to say, that was not me. Doesn't really matter who it was, because it's just completely factually wrong. Read the…read the report. They are paying for their own parking. It's not rocket science, it's right in the report. So, it's not free parking, it's providing secure parking. So, if you want to make things up, pretend that they are not paying for their parking. It's pretty obvious the settlement requires for people to pay for their parking. Item number one: I have never seen the garbled-ness around…the for around the Chief denied it and said it didn't have any merit, but he's in favour of the settlement. A) when we debated the pension matter, and I will come back to that, no one asked what the Chief's position was on that, interestingly, because I know the Chief was not in favour of unilateral grab at the pension. Would we all like to pay less on police? I suppose we would. We don't simply defy collective agreements and think we have the right to do that, though. An expensive – an expensive – lesson learned through the whole debate about the pension. $600,000. By the way, we have people coming saying, well, you could spend this parking money on the homeless. Could have spent $600,000 on that, but the group I was part of lost that vote and the arbitrators say, in essence, the City doesn't have the right to do this and we had to pay damages, pretty rare in a labour relations context. So, that was $600,000 gone. Perhaps we can learn from that lesson today. If the Chief felt it had no merit, that's fine, then let us never ever try to settle any grievance again, they'll all go to arbitration because why on earth are we here? Our staff spent all this time negotiating a settlement, bring it to us with a recommendation and then we also have people saying, but the line staff actually don't think it has any merit, unless they do now because now they favour the settlement. This is why we have a Labour Relations Department. This is why you have the CAO. The CAO brings forward our reports that says, yes, you should take the settlement. This is the settlement in front of you. If we really cared about what the Chief said, if the Chief had the right to veto all of this, why in the hell did we do all that bargaining then to get to a settlement? It would make no sense. The answer is, Chief said he's in favour of this settlement. Third thing: what is in the settlement? Here is what is in the settlement: the City will provide at some cost – correct from Councillor Rollins – safe and secure parking at the Millennium Library. You can say, oh, we're going to win this…shoot it down, we'll win at arbitration. Really, do we provide secure parking at other police locations? Yes, we do. Did we provide it when they were working downtown? Yes, we did. So, I am a little concerned that people think we have a bulletproof case going in to arbitration. Heard that when we debated the pension matter that we lost. Heard that when we debated the impact fees, we lost. We've lost some other ones, we have, on occasion, won a few. So, I am not too confident of those who tell me we have a bulletproof case going to arbitration. I used to do this for a living, as a matter of fact. Sometimes I was wrong, sometimes I was right. I happen to think I was right on the pension matter here. Incredibly, we actually have a second chance to debate some of the same issues. The vote is not about whether you want more money on policing, the vote is not whether you think that 27% is too big a share of the budget, it's a settlement of a grievance. If we had the unilateral power to lower everybody's wages across the board, that would save the taxpayer money, too, but we have a legally binding collective agreement. So, this is a grievance under one of those collective agreements. So, the settlement does have an incredible bit of drafting that, actually, is in the City's favour. This is the settlement. Vote for it today, it goes to the officers. If the officers don't take it up, you would think it would go to arbitration, but no, it is dropped completely. We have no downside risk. If we vote for the settlement today, there will be a cost. We will know what it is. Or it will be zero because the officers just don't take it up. Not a bad downside risk. Or you can get up and say, you are the taxpayers' friend and you're going to vote no and there'll be no cost, you are gambling. You are gambling that we will win at arbitration. We didn't on the pension matter. And there is all the cost of our legal fees, the arbitrator's legal fees and we took a $600,000 hit in damages, as well, on the pension matter. So, to be clear, if you vote no, you're saying, I want to…I want to gamble and I'll send a bill to the next Council. If you want the bill to be zero, the only option, frankly, is to vote for it. And then, if the officers don't take it, it doesn't cost us anything. So, it is not a vote about we'll all be vilified by somebody online for even talking about police. It's not about that. It's not about lowering the costs in the budget. It's about settling a grievance, a grievance which is long standing, so there could be retroactive payments who knows what on this. It is a grievance that is based on the fact that the City provides parking at other locations, other…other police stations outside the downtown. We do that. So, I am far from convinced that we would knock it out of the park and win. And once bitten twice shy, we certainly didn't win on the police pension matter in front of the arbitrator. In fact, we ended up paying a $600,000 damages penalty. Perhaps that could be the lesson learned then. Well, we don't like it. We don't like that we have to spend more. That's fair enough, I don't like a lot of grievance settlements. We've had to pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars to people we've let go because that's employment law. That is labour relations law. We have a grievance that was filed. If it all mattered…if the only thing you care about is the Chief said no at the start, then why on earth did we squander multiple years trying to come up to a settlement? You will note, we settled other grievances; the CUPE one…the CUPE one on collection of bulky waste and collection of garbage, that was a grievance settlement. It's not that unusual. But this, this is a second chance, I think, for this Council to say, well, we voted for what looked like a big savings on the police pension matter; A) we paid all the legal costs, B) we paid the damages, C) we didn't get a deal, we could have been saving some of that money for years, but we, frankly, didn't try and

sit down and settle it as we could have done years ago. Well, ironically, here is our second chance. So, am I happy to spend more money on policing? Not particularly. Am I happy to tie up a floor of the Millennium Library? Not particularly. But what if we lose? Councillor Rollins makes a good point, this is soaking up spaces in the downtown. Of course, if we lose, it's the same math. We'll have to find hundreds of parking spaces in the downtown possibly at greater costs. That will displace Jets parkers, special event parkers, members of the public because we'll have to provide safe and secure parking somewhere if we lose. This at least controls the revenue stream coming back to us. I want to thank Mike Jack for his work on this. So, am I delighted with it? No, I'm not. Do I recognize this is a legal process and this is a settlement that, frankly, reduces the downside risk to zero if the officers don't take it up? And frankly, I'll need a very brief extension, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: So, you can…you can vote against it, but please don't argue that somehow that makes you the taxpayers' friend because that didn't work on the pension matter. You can vote against it for any number of reasons. You can even agree with our anonymous public servant who said, the can pay for their own effing parking. Well, what do you know, that is what the settlement requires. These people are going to pay for their own parking. So, it's not free parking. It is…it's an attempt to settle a long running grievance that I think actually dates back to…Councillor Havixbeck raised this as a concern, to her credit, some many years ago. Here we are, that is how long it's taken. We're at the end…eight years later, here we are at the finish line. So, you can vote it down and say that you don't want to spend more on policing. You can vote it down and say they already make too much. But just be honest. Just say, so I am going to take a gamble and I'm going to send this off to arbitration and maybe we'll end up paying hundreds of thousands of dollars more or have to find hundreds of other parking spaces. So, I think…thanks to Councillor Klein for moving the motion. Is it…is it the best politics to be standing up here and taking a position on this? I don't know. But I was a good enough lawyer to know a settlement that's worth taking when I see one. And when you've got a settlement where if the other side rejects it they drop the grievance, that's a…that's a good piece of bargaining by our City staff. So, I would encourage you to see this for what it is. Yes, it's a cost, but it's a settlement of a long running grievance that will mean it doesn't go back to an arbitrator and we won't have a repeat of the $600,000 payout that we had on the pension matter. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, do you move a motion that we work past noon to finish this item?

Councillor Eadie: I will do that as well as want to speak to it. But yes, I move a motion to complete this item before we adjourn for lunch.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Councillor Schreyer, next speaker.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am glad to stand this item down. Obviously, amongst a number of councillors who wish to speak on this. I'm going to be supporting the amendment brought forth by Councillors Kevin Klein and Brian Mayes. A number of really good points mentioned already in this discussion. Now, bear in mind, we want to save money. So, how do you do that? Sometimes you have to do the counterintuitive thing. As an example, Councillor Mayes talked about how we lost the vote 9 to 7 on the police budget issue. I was one of the 7. I lost. But it would have saved us money to have done it that way and to accept certain kind of conventions by which our society and our country runs. Legally and within the spirit of our constitution. Why do we say the spirit of the constitution? Because our constitution is not fully written in this country. We still go by conventions, statutes passed over decades and generations. And so, within the spirit of the interpretation, I was saying it was not within the spirit of arbitration and contracts that we should question the police pension in the middle of a contract. Apparently, it looks like the court decision agreed with me. Not just me, but with other members of Council. But that was my point. Sometimes you want to do the right thing, you spend some money to save some money. And that was the case then. I believe that is the case, as well, here. Now, of course, Councillor Mayes makes the point, it's not free parking, but it is about safety. Now, Garth Steek was here today. I remember back in the '90s listening to him having no idea that we'd be in the same chamber discussing these issues on losing…literally, I was losing my hair in my early 20s, watching Garth Steek speak and he still have that full head of hair, and he still has a number of points to make. My point is…one big point is this, we want to save money. And if we really want to save money, if we really want to deal with this so that it actually affected in the polling in terms of what people understand to be true in terms of their budget. Because if they don't know what is true, we're going to make wrong decisions. You can't solve a problem you don't understand. You can't solve a problem you can't explain. And we give the impression every single month that the police budget is the largest part of our budget. In some way, shape, or form, it's either the largest part of the budget or its got the highest inflation rate. It is neither. The police budget is neither the…it just isn't. I don't care where you come from on this issue, just the reality of it, so we can all agree on a reality, before we apply our values and opinions. But we want to save money, let's get straight. It is by far the capital and construction budget that is the largest part of our budget, not only is that the largest part of our budget, it is a higher rate of inflation than the police budget. It's just the way it is. It's been like that for years and decades. So, let's just deal with that when we talk about saving money. We want to talk about communicating with the public on the budget and how it affects people's concerns over different sectors of our

budget and how we decide on our budgetary process? Well, good, that is what we are supposed to do, but let's give them the information. Otherwise, we are basing it on the idea that…it's the police budget is the…that's the biggest problem, pressure on increasing taxes, reducing services, and still selling extra debentures and going into debt. It is not the case. Having said, I believe the police budget is second largest and it is for concern. But don't mislead people, let's not mislead people every single month, every single year into thinking this is the reason why we are reducing services or we can't put money into homelessness and poverty programs. That is really misleading because it's not true. Having said that, we have some…we do have, constantly…more…not primarily because of the police budget, apparently because of our capital and road repair budget, because that budget, that's the primary reason we are raising taxes every year, reducing other services and going further into debt. We have some things to deal with. Do I want to be the taxpayers' friend? We all do. Let's give them the reality on this and stop implying that the police budget's the cause. Having said that, we've got to deal with every budget. We've…we have to negotiate, we've got to haggle, we've got to get the best bang we can for the buck for the taxpayer. In this case, I would say that I am going to vote for the amendment by Councillors Klein and Mayes. It is not obvious to me at all this is going to be an over-expenditure of money. As Councillor Klein made the point, this might save us aggravation and finances as it has in the past when we lost…when we lost the vote to save us money on the police budget. And having said that, this is not a great expense as budget increases go. It is not free parking for the police, but it is about safety. And when you think about that right now, I am hedging my bet on the future to do the right thing. And I believe that we have what it takes in this Council and this…the administration to take this amendment for this motion to the budget and do the best and do the right thing that way. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: I'll try to be brief, Madam Speaker. Actually, I just wanted to rise, Madam Speaker, given the presentation and all the stuff that's going on, I want to…you know, there is a true…a truth to this phrase: aggression begets aggression. So, when we are looking at what is a substantial issue in this city because it was aggression on one part, we get aggression from another part and all of a sudden, you know, people are saying the police budget is out of control. Police budget is not out of control, Madam Speaker – at all. The reality is that a police service is a human service. And humans are not perfect, Madam Speaker. And there are people who have seen and hear in the media about aggression. And the public…the police service, the sworn members, they are there to try to keep us safe. And I have to say, the majority of Winnipeggers, Madam Speaker, know that we need a police service. Absolutely. I don't care about polling. There is polling, I am just saying, we know. But in the North End, we have a bunch of people who hate the cops and we have a bunch of people who under…and even some of those who don't like the cops, they know – they know, Madam Speaker – we need a police service. So, somehow in a collective bargaining agreement we got into this whole debate. And yeah, there is a cost. Like, there is a cost to everything, Madam Speaker. I mean the police service isn't a volunteer thing. They have volunteers, Mr. Steek is one of those volunteers and that's why he gets so passionate about it. But again, he gets too aggressive, Madam Speaker. And so, I just want to say, I am supporting this. Like, to me, it is very clear that we are to do this. And our Public Service negotiated with the representatives of the police service members and, frankly, I will just say it for the public, I think sometimes the WPA gets way too aggressive, too. I don't know how, and this is why a collective bargaining process can take a long time, if you are too aggressive against each other in that little room, and I have been part of negotiations and collective bargaining in school divisions. And you know, there has to be a respect and a consideration on all sides for the public interest. And this is in the public interest to provide a secure place for our excellent officers who try to serve the people of Winnipeg. And yes, some of them…you know, again, human beings, Madam Speaker. And so, I just want to conclude with this; I asked the question of Mr. Steek in regards to parking lots for other City employees or even for our general public. I can understand how people in the public would say, well, like I deserve to be safe coming out of work late at night, riding the bus or in the parking lot. And back in the day, just for…because I was, you know, an advocate down here around here all of the time. And we still have some Clerks here who remember the day when that is surface parking lot over there across James and King when it was very dangerous back in the '90s. Actually, in the '90s, the violence we're seeing today out on the streets, it's more immense. But we were seeing that in the '90s as well. And so, I just wanted to bring that to your attention. I am voting for the amendment. And you know, again, I don't think the police service budget is out of control. The police service is trying their best to meet the expectations of Winnipeggers which is on 24/7 basis. The huge amount of calls for service is just maddening. Maddening. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today. I plan to support this motion that was drafted by Councillor Klein and seconded by Councillor Mayes. In these decisions, you know, it is never a binary decision in terms of a yes or no. You have to consider all of the variables that co-exist with the decision that is being made. And of course, you know, there is a $200,000 ask to secure the floor of the Millennial Library for Winnipeg Police Services to park their vehicles. And as such, the officers will be paying fair market value for each of the spots that they are renting. So, this isn't a situation where the cost is being subsidized or that they are being provided free parking. There will be revenue to the City of Winnipeg as a result of membership taking up spots at this location once it is fully converted to be safe. The other

thing that you have to reconcile your decision with is the fact that this is part of a grievance. And if it is rejected today there is...you know, it does go to arbitration where an arbitrator can state, you know, based on the fact that the other district offices have secure parking lots that they are paying a different amount. And I recognize that downtown rates are different than rates in the suburban areas where the other district offices are located. But an arbitrator could, in fact, state that in the downtown area they should also be paying a subsidized rate. So, there's so many different ways that this can go. And it is a matter of Council members risk managing that potential decision to say what is in the best interest of taxpayers. And where we have a revenue stream coming in where the ask is nominal in the sense of $200,000. If that is spread out over 10 years, that is $20,000 a year. I don't think it's a big ask. But also recognizing the fact that this can go completely different as we have seen in the past with the pension decision that was overturned by the court and as a result, $600,000 in damages had to be paid. You know, regrettably, I was on the wrong side of that decision. I have taken full ownership of that. But I am not going to make a wrong decision again. This is the best decision for both parties. And when I say both parties, in terms of the taxpayers not having to go through a grievance where it could cost potentially much more dollars to satisfy, as well as satisfying the needs of our law enforcement community that has been subjected to threats, subjected to violence, subjected to…you know, being threatened at gunpoint where, you know, by the grace of god their life was spared because of that trigger jamming and not firing on that officer. So, again, these…there's a lot that goes into the decisions. It's never black and white. You have to look at all of the areas of grey and consider what is in the best interest of taxpayers, what will make this go away and recognizing, as well, that even if it is passed here at Council, it then is incumbent upon the WPA to sign up the membership to 264 spots. And if they are not successful in getting those 264 spots for a 24/7, 365-day basis, this grievance goes away and, again, costs the taxpayers nothing. So, again, a little bit of risk management to ensure that we are considering all of the options that save taxpayers money. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Next, Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. There seems to be a lot of misconceptions and misinformation out there about what this is proposing exactly. So, I just want to put out my best understanding for everybody here to understand. No, it is not free parking. They are getting a deal. No, it's market rate and that market rate will change over time. Price goes up for regular parking, that goes up. This is our main library, we're going to lose parking for the public that wants to use the library. No, my understanding is, the same number of available casual available stalls is going to be available for the library users, is my understanding. Again, what about downtown overall for parking? Well, these officers currently are parking downtown. Some cases they're walking a couple blocks away to the Radisson, they're parking on-street, they're parking in surface lots, whatever, they'll all be there. What does it say that the officers don't feel safe in our downtown? Well, it is true that…I mean, they have every…that they are just as likely to face a random attack as you or me on the street. And yes, they do have better training to deal with a random attack than, well, at least myself. But the reality is, they can be targeted. They took away somebody's child with CFS. They busted…you know, their…one of their gang buddies got taken away and they…they're upset. Retaliation. They are vulnerable on the street more so than you or I. That's where the big difference is in my mind. After hours, who says they can't potentially use the skywalk between the police headquarters and the library to have, you know, secure indoor access between police HQ and their parking if this moves forward? The reality is, they need to…as an employer, we need to make sure that every safety option is out there for them. This is not free parking. There is a grievance. We don't know what is going to be settled on. As council…as many of my colleagues have already pointed out, it could be far more expensive to taxpayers. We were burned on the previous matter regarding pensions. There is, you know, a real possibility that they could come up with a solution that is going to be far more costly to taxpayers. So, again, $200,000 is a one-off for security and securing the floor off, not all that material in the grand scheme of things. Yes, it's an investment, but again, in terms of the alternative risk, I think this is…this is a no-brainer. In terms of the annual "loss" because there's going to be less casual revenue from people using the parkade to go to events at Canada Life Place or the Met or anything else in the SHED district; fair. I mean, that is a possibility. We don't know that for sure. The number was, you know, I don't think much better than something drawn on the back of a napkin, but you know, there is that real possibility. But again, I think this is the responsible thing to do. I think it's the responsible thing for our officers and I also think it's the responsible thing for taxpayers. So, I will be supporting the motion here before us today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Now, Councillor Klein to close on the amending motion.

Councillor Klein: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thanks to all my colleagues for their comments. And I think I am hearing some good information and a common theme that we are not presenting this as it is. This is a grievance. So, all of us should know, as leaders and elected officials, that a grievance can lead to what happened previously and more expense, greater expense, and possibly long-term greater expense because of the failure to accept the terms that the Public Service has already agreed upon with the Winnipeg Police Association. It is a grievance. It's not a personal opinion. It's not about your beliefs about policing or other costs. We've had lots of suggestions come forward without a financial impact study. I acknowledge Councillor Browaty's very accurate words that we are not sure what the cost would be and that we believe there is sufficient parking for people attending the Millennium Library. So, I would ask you to put politics

aside, put personal opinions aside, and look at the facts. This is a grievance. No different than when the UFFW contract came forward and everyone supported it. If we had said no, we would have been in a crisis then. We do not want to send the wrong message during a negotiation. And this was a negotiation for the grievance. We do not want to say to any of our staff that their safety is not important. We get free parking. Some staff of the City of Winnipeg at executive levels get free parking. Some other staff get free parking. This is simply two parties that sat down under a collective bargaining agreement and negotiated a settlement for a grievance. Failure to act reasonably and accept the solution that was put forth by the Public Service will result in additional cost. Because if it goes to arbitration there are costs associated with that. I can speak to that because I have been there with other organizations. I understand the ins and outs of a CBA and certainly, the benefit of negotiating with both parties when you are in grievance situation. Everybody wants to reach a reasonable deal. And they want to do so during that process, during that negotiation because arbitration can lead us down a dark path. So, again, today is not about your feelings on police. It's not about your feelings on, you know, whether or not this certain station requires free parking. It really is about the Public Service has come forward, they have negotiated a deal, they have negotiated an agreement in good faith and they just need our approval to finalize this agreement. And I am hoping that you will all see the risk associated with not doing the right thing, the risk associated with becoming engaged and trying to, I would say, oppose an agreement that you have given the power to the Public Service to negotiate. This is a simple answer. You must agree to the terms that were agreed upon by the Public Service and the Winnipeg Police Association in the grievance. It is a grievance. And we know what happens when we take grievances to arbitration and we know how much it cost us previously with another issue with the police. So, I would urge my colleagues to put politics and emotion aside and to vote properly in this situation and to accept the terms of an agreement that we asked staff to negotiate. Thank you.

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think much has been said on both sides of this vote. But we are voting on the administrative report and the administrative report alone right now. I look forward to the vote.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I will call the question. Call for recorded vote. Thank you. Yes. Was there a call for a recorded vote? All in favour of amending Motion 8 put forward by Councillor Klein, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Santos, Schreyer, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillor Allard and Councillor Rollins.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 3.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 8 passes. Is there a need for a vote on the item as well, as amended? Yes, so the full Item 35, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Okay, that carries. And we have three recorded in opposition: Mr. Mayor, Councillor Allard, Councillor Rollins. That carries. And now, we will recess until about 1:30, 1:35 p.m. 1:35? And we will reconvene at that time. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 22, 2022, at 1:44 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of September 22nd, 2022. We are on Item 37 of the reports of the Executive Policy Committee. Madam clerk.

Item 37 – Waiver of Fees – 157 Scott Street

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

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good afternoon everyone. I'm going to be supporting this. I would ask my Council colleagues to consider doing same. I am deferring to the vote by the community committee as well as the local councillor. And also want to thank both of the delegations earlier today for coming to city hall and urging us to support the waiver of fees in this situation. So, I'd be happy to do so. And I look forward to hearing from my Council colleagues on this issue.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, members of the public, Madam Speaker, have argued the basic economic arguments, that a grocery store and residence on a tiny half lot actually pays for itself in economic multipliers. In jobs and procurement of local goods that are sold. The founding family was here today. The granddaughter of the first Scottish immigrant owner. I'll also note that Pat McCorriston is herself someone who we should honour because her husband worked for the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and, indeed, lost his life in service to the city with presumed…presumptive cancer from his service. So, it means a lot for various reasons that she came forward in support of Osborne Village owner of 157 Scott, Ms. Shin not only because she has served her city, her husband served our city, her son serves the city in the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, but because she knows all too well what this grocery store, this E-Mart Grocery Store, means to the city of Winnipeg, has meant to her family and has meant to Osborne Village. That has meant to the seniors in Osborne Village, the community and what she wants is what Ms. Shin wants, that historic presence to endure. The corner store provides a living for the owner, tax and income for the City and beyond. Fire destroyed this building and resulted in a tragic loss of life, Ms. Shin's sister-in-law, and injuries to her beloved nephew. The economics of dense mixed-use neighbourhoods like Osborne Village and this property on 157 Scott. This story is on a half lot. A lot that is 41 feet wide, 45 feet deep, it's pretty tiny. There's a renter that wants to see the house back that she lives in. Of course, the residence on top is all burned out. And the convenience store has to this day flowers outside of it, a big heart on the building, Madam Speaker, that says, please come back. But I would be remiss if I, you know, stuck to, you know, the values of the situation with respect to the neighbourhood values and what local folks wants if I didn't just talk about the economics on this half lot and how it will just mean more revenue for the City. Our policy is that under a total loss, the store can't be grandfathered. And so, the property has to be rezoned. And ironically, the intent in Osborne Village is mixed-use. As I have remarked and others, there is more work to do. And Madam Speaker, Councillor Allard spoke to this when he supported the motion at EPC, that there's more to do on our…you know, to acknowledge the density and the relative costs of rezoning and variances when you have a dense neighborhood like Osborne Village. Sometimes I and the other downtown councillors are sort of alone in that density and that policy entrepreneurship when it comes to parking or density and more. But we need not do that, because our by-law, Madam Speaker, allows for the recognition of special circumstances when it is of benefit to the City of Winnipeg. And you can read into that benefit however you wish. I am arguing for the economic benefit, I'm arguing for the local as a local community councillor and certainly, I am arguing for the benefit of the social and economic cohesion of the neighbourhood surrounding Ms. Shin, their family and what the neighbourhood and Winnipeggers want to see; what I believe they want to see, Madam Speaker. But the wisdom in the writing of our by-law to acknowledge the work of the community committee, to acknowledge the benefit of Winnipegger, is that it has the provisions of good for the city, it has the provisions to accept the wishes of the community committee and support Ms. Shin with Council direction today. It came up as an item at PP&D, so…with EPC's full support, it comes to the floor. And I think it's emblematic of the stuff we can do as Council and as councillors today. That we can direct an exemption to the rule, and Madam Speaker, I think we should vote positively as Executive Policy Committee did last week. And I think we should support not only Ms. Shin, but local councillor voices, community committee voices and, of course, the voice of all those Winnipeggers like Pat McCorriston, who lives in a really different area of town and support Ms. Shin. And Madam Speaker, for the second time today, I'm calling for a standing vote on the matter.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Next speaker, Councillor Lukes, followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Again, as I did when it came to the Property, Planning and Development Committee, I would like to express my condolences to the owners of the Scott Street business, for the devastating loss noting nothing…nothing anyone can say can take away pain and sorrow of the loss of a family member. I know the compassion of so many within the community will be providing some comfort. Today, colleagues we have a motion in front of us asking us to waive rezoning fees. We've heard an incredibly sad and tragic situation that triggered this motion to come before us. For the record, I want to be clear on a few issues that have been tangled into this fee waiver request. Zoning, zoning reform; for sure there's a need for zoning reform on a variety of front. As many of you know, there has been an incredible amount of development in south Winnipeg. And I have seen many, many situations that are in dire need of zoning reforms. I and others have made motions to improve zoning requirements which also have been supported by colleagues. But for clarity, the motion in front of us today is not regarding zoning reform. The motion in front of us is to waive fees basically based on compassionate reasons. I also want to note for the record, as former small business owner, I am aware of how a business can create vitality and improve the liveability in a neighbourhood. I think everyone understands how small businesses are the heart of our community and how they build and strengthen neighborhoods. And I also wanted to note for the record, I'm very supportive of the 15-minute city concept. A 15-minute

walk. So, everyone living in a city could have access to essential services within 15 minutes. But again, for clarity, the motion in front of us is not opposing small business in a community or not allowing a small business on a corner lot or denying revenues for the City. The motion in front of us is to wave fees. Madam Speaker, as of July, according to the Downtown BIZ, over 70 businesses have closed their doors. And this is just in the downtown. Not throughout the city, just in the downtown. These businesses, like the businesses on Scott Street, have also had a huge positive impact on our economy and our city. Many of these 70 businesses will have declared bankruptcy, many will be struggling to pay their suppliers. For sure, every one of these businesses benefited the city socially and economically. And I think we recognize that with 70 business closures there are also 70 very, very sad situations. And I can assure you that many of these 70 closed businesses will still have outstanding City of Winnipeg property taxes and business taxes that they are struggling to pay or simply cannot pay. If we support today's motion and waive the Scott Street rezoning fees, we in-turn are welcoming dozens, probably even hundreds of others to come to city hall to tell us their story and ask that their fees be waived. We are inviting them to reach out to their councillor and have a fee waiver motion brought forward. We are inviting them to come and share their tragic stories and hear their requests to waive fees. And then, based on compassion and situations we will decide if we will or won't waive the fees. We are at a time in our city where we can look out the door and see hundreds of sad and tragic stories. And of course, we need compassion in our decision-making process, but where does it begin and where does it end? Who is struggling more? Whose tragedy or sadness deserves a fee waiver of City charges and whose doesn't? I won't be supporting the motion in front of us today. It's not because I don't have compassion, I just really think that there's an awful lot of tragedy and sadness in the city. And a lot of people owe the City money. And where does it begin and where does it end?

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

Councillor Klein: Yes?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Klein?

Councillor Klein: Yes, I am.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, I…did you raise your hand earlier?

Councillor Klein: No, that was my colleague Councillor Gilroy is probably just hitting me.

Madam Speaker: Yes. No violence here, please. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the motion. And I did support it at community committee, I also support it at Property and Planning. And the reasons why I did support it is, you know, Councillor Mayes has been in this room and he's talked a lot about us, you know, the…coming up here and talking about what is best for our community and us having a voice. And this is one issue that we do have a voice. There is an appeal process and that is what our job is, is to come and listen to the appeals that are in front of us and make the choices. So, this is our job and our role. And I think this is an example of something that has come forward that I do support. And the reasons why I supported it, is because we learned at the…at the community committee level and a little bit at the Property and Planning, that there was some confusion in which direction that the Planning Department gave in terms of whether we should go with the variance or what kind of plans they would need. So, a lot of work was started and there was a cost related to that work. And very confusion on which direction they should go in terms of variances. So, I did believe that there was a little bit of onus on the City in terms of us being responsible for some of the burden…the burden of the costs associated. And I do want to remember…remind everybody, this was a property that was also grandfathered in. And if this property was burned to the ground, there…we wouldn't even be here having this discussion. So, I think this is one of the issues that warrants us to take a sober second thought and really look at this and say, okay, does this warrant an appeal? Was there some negligence on the City in terms of how we communicated that maybe we could have reduced the burden of costs to the appellants? And I think, yes, I think there was some ownership on the City's responsibility. And I believe that our job and our role is to look at these appeals as they come forward. Each of…each one of them is different and individual. And I believe that this warrants an appeal…granting the appeal. So, I hope everyone supports this motion here today. We heard lots about it at Property Planning. We also heard lots about it at the community committee. And I think to move forward as a city to help support, not only the local business owner, but the community as a whole, I think this warrants the support. So, thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you for your attention. I would like to support this motion from EPC. Thank you to Councillor Rollins for bringing this forward. Thank you to Councillor Gilroy for Councillor Gilroy's support at community committee. I'm going to more or less repeat what I said at Executive Policy for those who didn't have the opportunity to hear it. So, I

believe our zoning fee structure is penny wise, a pound foolish. In 2017, this council voted to increase zoning and variance type fees by about 10-fold. And I think that was a huge mistake. It means that rezoning an R1, residential-1 property, property to residential-2 where it used to cost about $1,200, now costs something like $12,000. And as a result, I think we have seen…we've seen relatively…relatively few rezoning applications from R1 to R2. And the reason that I believe this is being penny wise, pound foolish is that I think that when we do increase intensification of land use, we increase land values and as we increase land value, we can reduce the tax burden or we can choose to increase services or invest in our infrastructures. And so, I believe that in this case we should be waiving the zoning fees. And in many, many other cases, we should either be…we should be drastically reducing the amount of money that it takes to rezone a property because we are shooting ourselves in the foot. We are telling…we're telling landowners that they've got to spend $12,000, roll the dice to see if they can have a two-family designation on their residential-1 lot. Speaking to people who work in the investment and development industry, this simply doesn't make sense from an investment perspective, so it doesn't happen. And so, I will be supporting this fee waiver for this particular circumstance which certainly warrants the waiver of the fee. And if we do, Madam Speaker through you to Councillor Lukes, want the 15-minute community, we absolutely need to be supporting these types of initiatives and we do need to hear the stories from the community about how zoning fees are impacting them and how they can't…they can't make applications to intensify their land use, which the rising tide actually floats all boats in municipal finance. If all of our assessments go up, that increases the tax base and it means that we have more to work with at the municipal level. So, I will be supporting this.

Translation of French Spoken:

I would also like to make some of my comments in French. So, I believe that in this case…I want to thank Councillor Rollins…

Interpreter: I would like to thank Council Rollins.

Councillor Allard:

Translation of French Spoken:

Does it work? Does it work or doesn't it work? So, it works?

Can you hear me on the? Okay.

Translation of French Spoken:

Yes, so I want to support this motion from Councillor Rollins. I believe that we should support this motion. I also believe that we should listen to the stories, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Lukes. I think that, yes, we need to listen to the stories of people who want to maximize the division of their property and who sees that the rezoning fees are a barrier for redevelopment. I believe that if we can raise the resale value of our properties in the city of Winnipeg, it raises lot value and in exchange, we can make the decisions to lower taxes or we can make the decision to raise the investments in our infrastructure. So, in 2017, and I voted against this report to raise the rezoning fees by about 10 times as much, that we haven't seen all sorts of development, notably, the 2-family developments. Madam Speaker, during the Executive Policy Committee, Councillor Mayes spoke about the fact that even in the community…even in his community of Glenwood we saw a lot of (inaudible) development. The choice of the developers was the build single family homes, to divide the lands and we almost never saw two-family homes that have their advantages, that are more…they are better at energy consumption levels because there are less walls that we need to heat. And to conclude, yes, I support this motion. And yes, I would like to see the rates, the fees for rezoning be reduced because I think we're in the process of leaving a lot of opportunity pass because lots of land owners see the zoning fees and say, it's not worth the effort to try because I have a $12,000 risk to possibly have nothing in return at the end of the process. So, I support this motion. And also, I would like to see the next Council preview this list of fees for rezoning and find a way that's more fair, maybe proportionally, because R1 to R2 for $12,000 makes no sense. Maybe…maybe it can be proportional, maybe there's another way to address it, but generally, we should reduce the costs so that we can accept more applications for the densification of our lands. And with that, we would all be all of Winnipeg with the densification of our land, which we know means the delivery of services would be easier, would mean that we would see less development outside of the city where we see our conservation lands destroyed by an urbanization that has no end, that destroys our agricultural lands with low-density residential. So, we need to do more inter-city development of densification and how can we do that if we need to pay $12,000 for just the chance to build a duplex where there is already a single-family home. So, it's for these reasons that I'm supportive of this motion. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer:

Translation of French Spoken:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am influenced by the words of Councillor Allard, so I will say a few words on this, but not many. In this case, I'd like to recognize that there's times, many times, too many times and (inaudible) all over cities across the nation, all over the globe when it comes to a process to resolving problems, representing problems of citizens that these problems fall across the (inaudible).

They fall between the cracks.

Translation of French Spoken:

It happens all the time, it happens too often. In this case, I admire…in this case, people like Councillor Rollins, that we can resolve, at least in this case, something that won't fall through the cracks. In this case, I am confident that we can resolve something (inaudible) individual. In this chamber, it doesn't happen very often, but in this case, we can do it. I don't know that it's the best process to resolve. I would hope that we can resolve this in a new process before it arrives here because it's not very often that we will do it like this in here. But in general, I am happy and I will support the motion. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well, let me get this off my chest first. But Madam Speaker, the by-law which this particular issue falls under I believe does have clauses that talk about being able to apply for a waiver of the...I think it is of the zoning fees. So, Madam Speaker, why would we put a clause like that in the by-law? Maybe it is because we have circumstances like this. I don't know. I know that, Madam Speaker, in my ward, there have been a lot of fires for businesses, the buildings still stand there, actually, burned out. People did get hurt and injured. And you know, that is never a good thing, Madam Speaker. And that was a tragedy. And I'm not…I am going to be voting not based on, you know, sympathy or empathy for what happened to the woman's family. Which is sad. But the reason we have and the reason we raised our zoning fees and fees so much, that came out of, actually, my first term, I believe, where we established fees that were more in line, Madam Speaker, with what was happening in Vancouver and other major cities where we still, Madam Speaker, don't charge anywhere near what you have to pay in these other cities for rezoning fees and variance fees and conditional use fees, and so on. So, I am not subscribing to that. What I have heard, Madam Speaker, and I am not speaking directly about Scott Street here, but what I am talking about is, is that there is a huge demand for property and development, Madam Speaker, to give better turnaround on many different permit applications, many different things that you need to apply for through zoning and permits and planning to get things done, Madam Speaker. And we have funded it through these higher fees. That is how we are covering the costs. So, it does cost the City to deliver the service. We can use fees to cover the costs. Or we could use property taxes to cover the cost, but somehow the cost has to be covered. Because we pay our employees to do the work. We pay for inspectors, we pay for all of these things. And somehow, they need to be covered. I am hearing, you know, discussion about making it easier and…you know, making it easier for businesses. Well, you know, and I am all for that economic development, small business economic development, I am totally into that. But the actual issue is it costs money. So, maybe the alternative should be I heard talking about using the added value on the house. And actually, I am not hearing that there is a request to waive the land dedication reserve 10%, that they're going to have to pay on the added value to that property because it is rezoned. As a matter of fact, that will go into the LDR fund for the Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward. Well, shared, I guess. The point is, is it's going to City Center Community area. But…and she's going to have to pay that because there is no provisions to try to waive LDR. It is in the Charter. So, I just thought I would point out some of this stuff. But if there is an added value for this woman, she will be paying higher property taxes as a result of whatever does get rebuilt there because it is obviously going to have substantially more value than a house with a building on it that was over 100 years old as we heard. And so, I will be actually voting to waive this fee. But for those who are concerned, think about it this way; we're are getting more property taxes from this woman's property. And just think of that extra taxes she is paying as those…paying off those fees that she got waived. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will vote…I'll be voting this morning in support of this motion to waive the fees for this business owner in Councillor Rollins ward to recognize the, you know, the traumatic experience that she has been through, her and her family has been through, as a result of the loss in this fire. And not only that, but the loss of her business. And as mentioned by Councillor Eadie, once a new business is built, it is going to have a higher tax rate that the City will be recovering. But also, as importantly, providing a valuable service to the area in terms of the grocery store that was there before and the new grocery store that will be built on this site, as well as the jobs that would be created. And currently, in its absence, there is nothing there. You know, creating economic activity and so this is an

opportunity to bring something back to the community that will serve its interest as well as create employment for individuals that are seeking employment as well as the benefits to the City in terms of the higher tax, both business tax and property tax, that they will be paying as a result. So, again, I'm supporting of…support of waiving these fees, seeing it is an investment towards bringing the community together once again. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Any further speakers? Mayor Bowman to close. I will call the question, then. All in favour? Contrary. It is carried. Next item, Madam Clerk. Okay, that's it for this. Just one moment. We will now move under by-laws. Pardon me? Yeah. We are doing motions, yes. Thanks, Councillor Browaty. Motion 6 is moved by councillor…Councillor Chambers and seconded...pardon me, let me just grab this. We first have Motion 4 that…moved by Councillor Chambers second by Councillor Mayes; that's requested to be withdrawn because we just have a date change in the next version. Councillor Chambers, Councillor Mayes, you concur in that withdrawal? And with the concurrence of Council, all in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Motion 6: moved by Councillor Chambers, seconded by Councillor Mayes will be an automatic referral. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move suspension of the rules to debate Item 6.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty moves suspension of the rules, time sensitive, to debate Motion 6 today. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Councillor Chambers to move the motion and introduce it.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Happy to move this motion here.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, can we please have Madam Clerk introduce it first?

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

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) advocates for the interests of all Manitoba municipalities including the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Jeff Browaty is the current City of Winnipeg representative on the Board of AMM and has worked on many files of interest to the City including successfully advocating for the province to make-up for shortfalls in federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes due to rebates of education taxes on property;
AND WHEREAS Councillor Browaty has expressed an interest in seeking a leadership position within the organization by running for the position of Vice President, pending re-election to council;

AND WHEREAS the AMM constitution requires a council endorsement for executive positions by October 31, 2022 and there are no council meetings between the election and that date;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *Winnipeg City Council strongly support and endorse Councillor Jeff Browaty for the position of Vice – President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.*

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers to introduce Motion 6.

Councillor Santos: I see there's two motions: there's Motion No. 4 and then there's Motion No. 6.

Madam Speaker: 4 was withdrawn.

Councillor Santos: Removed? Okay. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: A few moments ago. Thank you. We voted on that. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I am moving this motion this morning in support of Councillor Browaty's interest in receiving an endorsement to become the Vice President of AMM. Councillor Browaty has shown through the years his…his energy, his…his knowledge and his collaboration in terms of working with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. He has been…he's been very diligent in reporting back to his Council colleagues on activities of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, reporting back to us and, as well, advocating on behalf of the City of Winnipeg to the Provincial Government in the role that he plays with the AMM. So, happy to support him in this…in this opportunity. I think he has done a fantastic job and will continue to do a fantastic job in terms of his role on the AMM. And happy to support him in this cause. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer:

Translation of French Spoken:

Once again, Madam Speaker, I will support this motion. Everyone knows that Mr. Browaty has experience…is very experienced. So, he'll always share his experiences with the association and with us here at Council. And I have to say, the experience is always (inaudible) and it implies that in the next term we need to also include the problems, the difficulties that all the Canadian and Manitoba municipalities share, that is (inaudible) construction. I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: No, you can just call the…call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. Can you please take your seat for the vote. Thank you. The…call the question on Motion 6. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Now we will move on to by-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 121/2022, By-law 122/2022, By-law No. 123/2022, By-law 124/2022 and By-law No. 126/2022.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Just a reminder, please, at your seats for the vote or you will…you'll be marked absent. All in favour? For any vote. All in favour? Don't make me write a policy. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 121/2022, By-law No. 122/2022, By-law No. 123/2022, By-law No. 124/2022 and By-law No. 126/2022.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 85/2022…sorry, 85/2022 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 85/2022.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that By-law 85/2022 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. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Yes. I move the following by-law be read a first time: By-law 125/2022, By-law 127/2022, By-law 128/2022 and By-law 129/2022.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 125/2022, By-law No. 127/2022, By-law No. 128/2022 and By-law No. 129/2022.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I move that the By-law Nos. 125/2022, 127/2022 to 129/2022, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 125/2022, 127/2022 to 129/2022, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 125/2022, 127/2022, to 129/2022, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. His Worship's last question period. 60 minutes on the clock. No one is correcting me. 30 minutes on the clock.

Mayor Bowman: I object.

Madam Speaker: Getting ready for the courtroom. All in…Councillor Eadie, first question

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QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Simple quick question; Madam Speaker, I am wondering if the Mayor is going to miss all of us on Council? Am I hearing an answer?

Madam Speaker: It's a big question. Big question.

Councillor Allard: Remember, Mr. Mayor, you are not under oath. Well, no, he did…no, he did take an oath of office.

Mayor Bowman: When you get an open-ended question like that, there's so many places you can go with it.

Madam Speaker: Filibuster.

Mayor Bowman: I am going to miss…I am going to miss serving. I respect and appreciate the work of every member of my council team and this council team, but I am going to continue to reside in this community and I'm going to continue to support the work of the next mayor and council. And for those that are returning, I hope each of you will be successful. And for a more fulsome answer, we can talk later tonight.

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

Councillor Mayes: First question I've had in about seven years for the Mayor. Two issues surround Bishop Grandin Boulevard of great concern. One is the completion of the easterly extension. As the great thinker, I think it was Kelly McCrae, the great thinker who once said, I have been to the edge and there I stood and looked down. Luckily, that program is not…those of us who've been waiting for extension are pleased to know it looks like it's going to be done by October 1st. So, perhaps the Mayor can attend that opening. We cannot as councillors. But I know that's been a concern for Councillor Nason and I. But the other question that is far more serious about Bishop Grandin is…and I had a gentleman ask me about this the other day; the renaming, that's something…I think we have not always agreed on things, but I certainly think the whole reconciliation effort has been undertaken with a lot of energy and a lot of good faith by this mayor. That was part of that program, the renaming. Where do we stand on that right now?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I want to thank my Council colleague for the question, as well as his support for Welcoming Winnipeg. A different and, really, as far as we understand, the first of its kind process in Canada. It's something that there…because

it's new, you know, there's…there is definitely challenges with doing something that's never done before. So, I want to thank my Council colleagues, including Councillor Mayes, for…for his support and ongoing stewardship of the…of the intent of Welcoming Winnipeg. When we first launched it, I believe Councillor Santos and Councillor Chambers were also at the launch of it. And I remember that day quite vividly and it's…we have done a lot of good work since then. On June 16th, 2021, Executive Policy Committee directed the Public Service to engage in consultations with Indigenous people including but not limited to residential school survivors, elders, knowledge keepers, as well as Indigenous governments and community organizations to bring forward their proposal for renaming Bishop Grandin Boulevard to a name which honours Indigenous experience, culture and history. This process has taken longer than I would have liked. My understanding is that a name has been developed through consultation with appropriate stakeholders. And I'm looking forward to the Public Service working together with the community on bringing that name forward in the right way at the right time.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Is the Mayor aware that I'm very appreciate to have served with you over the last 8 years? This is my only opportunity in the meeting, so. And I just really wanted to thank you for the work that you have done and instilling some trust in me as not only sitting on your Executive Policy Committee. I think Councillor Rollins said I was the longest woman serving on the Executive Policy Committee and also, the first Chair of Property, Planning Heritage and Development, first woman. So, very honoured to have served in those roles. But your work, really, supporting the work I have done with the UN Safe Cities file and I know that you have taken money out of your own budget to help support that work and I hope the new mayor will continue on. And I just really wanted to…are you aware, how much I've appreciated working with you over the last eight years.

Mayor Bowman: No, not at all. No, jokes aside, you know, and I can make an announcement today that I am going to pledge on behalf of the next mayor to...no, I'm just joking. You know what, I have I have really appreciated working with all of my councillor colleagues. And Councillor Gilroy, in particular, has been someone whose council…she doesn't speak loudly or as often as others, but when she speaks, she comes from a place of experience and wisdom. We haven't agreed on every single vote, as evidenced earlier today, but I have been very pleased with the Executive Policy Committee appointments that I have made over the years including, of course, Councillor Gilroy serving from what we understand is the first…first female chair of that very important committee on behalf of Council. I also…and you have spoken about this publicly, so if you'll allow me the discretion; Councillor Gilroy when we met raised the issue of growing up with dyslexia. And was asking, you know, is this going to pose an issue? It hasn't been an issue at all. In fact, she has served exemplary. And I think she is a role model for those that have dyslexia, also other challenges that they may see as challenges. I haven't been seen that with her work. And I think she has served very, very well. I am very pleased to call her a colleague and friend. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Happens to be the case, when you look at it, look at the voting record, the Mayor and I have voted together the majority of the time. But we haven't always voted together and those differences are important. They're part of the debate at here at City Council. Happens to be that I've agreed…I believe we agree on something, at least when it was formulated. When the Mayor brought in the first Winnipeg food Council, which I've said publicly for years, is my favourite committee. It was done with insight, thoughtful and it's far sighted. And I have a question for His Worship: does the…does His Worship agree with this councillor that the Winnipeg Food Council should continue after this mayor is…has left Council?

Mayor Bowman: I'll take it under advisement. No, the work…the work has been…actually, Councillor Mayes deserves credit for the Food Council. He championed it and has…has been someone who has…it was a different…it was a different idea when it was first raised, as are a number of initiatives by members of Council and myself. But I think they have done really good work and I really appreciate it. The issues of food security in our community, unfortunately, have grown. And we know the need is there. And so, I want to thank Councillor Schreyer for the question as well as his work and the work of the Food Council.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you to His Worship; are you aware just how incredibly grateful that I am for the opportunities that you have provided here at city hall, which actually, precluded my time in terms of being elected. I recall you participated one year in Drive for the Stars, the golf tournament that I used to…used to run to raise money for the Human Rights Museum, and then taking time out of your very busy schedule and day to sit with me and chat about the role of City Council, just up the street here, which meant a lot to me as I was able to make my decision to run for City Council and was actually successful in being elected and being the first black city councillor on Winnipeg

City Council and first elected black politician in our province. Which really meant a lot, not only to me, but to my family. And as an immigrant family, to all immigrant families to be able to realize those types of opportunities and break that glass ceiling. As well, I want to acknowledge, Your Worship, the fact that I have two sons who are, you know, my…my heart. You have two sons that are your heart as well. And the leadership that you've provided not only for the city but for your sons certainly will pay off. So, again, I am eternally grateful and appreciative the opportunities and wish you well in your future endeavors. Question is: will you enjoy your future?

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you (inaudible) for his generosity and his comments. Yeah, I remember the conversation we had, we were at Parlour Coffee and we talked about what it was like working in this environment. And it was definitely a…you know, it was a steep learning curve in the initial months and first few years. With the right support team around members of Council I know you can do really good work. And mentioning family, I mean, he comes from a family that has an inordinate amount of passion and energy as do members of Council whose families I have gotten to know over the years. And so, just want to say thank you to Councillor Chambers for the question. And yeah, I am looking for…I am looking forward to the future. And I'll be…I joked today saying, you know, when people ask me, what am I going to do next, I say, well, I'm going to do what my trolls do, I'm going to complain about the mayor. And I say that jokingly because the next mayor and Council, all Winnipeggers want them to be successful. And I will be there to support the next mayor and the next Council, build upon the successes, keep working in areas where we need to keep working as a Council and as a community. And after this meeting, one of the things I will be doing is just preparing for a smooth and orderly transition.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move to the next Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development. Councillor Chambers, on the report dated September 12th, 2022.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce and move adoption of consent agenda to Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. There's no motions today under this committee or by-laws. And questions for Councillor Chambers? Any questions? None today. Next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Gilroy, our Chair, your report dated September 8th, 2022.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT,
HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, I would like to move adoption and consent agenda Items 1 to 16.

Madam Speaker: Okay, 1 to 16 has been moved. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next, we have Motion 2. Motion 1? Motion 1: moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Lukes. It's regarding vacant buildings. This will be an automatic referral to the standing policy committee. Motion 2: moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by councillor...okay, we'll move that. Okay, no problem. Motion 5? I do not have a copy of that. Thank you. Motion 5 is next. Moved by Councillor Gilroy, second by Councillor Rollins. And this is regarding our garbage plan. And this is also an automatic referral to the standing policy committee. We'll now move on to by-laws, Mr. Clerk. Yes?

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

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

WHEREAS boarded vacant and delict buildings are a fire and safety risk;

AND WHEREAS neighborhoods that have higher percentages of vacant and derelict housing have seen a sharp increase in arson related activities resulting in safety risks to nearby houses;

AND WHEREAS insurance premiums increase for residents in these neighborhoods due to a higher risk of arson;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Development Procedures By-law No. 104/2020, a public hearing is required prior to the issuance of any demolition permit or removal permit where the applicant has not already obtained a building permit;

AND WHEREAS it would be more prudent to have a more flexible approach to the demolition of vacant and derelict residential buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Public Service be directed to draft an amendment to the Development Procedures By-law No. 104/2020 to delegate authority to the Director of Planning, Property and Development, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, to approve demolition permits for residential buildings without requiring a public hearing.

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

WHEREAS landlords of multifamily building have a choice on the use of city services or private contract service for garbage pickup;

AND WHEREAS this could result in a building owner not having a garbage bin on site and large amounts of garbage are left out and scattered throughout the neighboring properties resulting in health and safety hazards for the community;

AND WHEREAS the city by-law enforcement has had to go to these building and issue tickets and there is a large cost to the city on dealing with these matters because there is no requirement of a bin if you are not using city services;

AND WHEREAS the community should know that when a building is in use, that it has adequate garbage bins and garbage plan to mitigate the mess related from garbage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review the occupancy permit process, and other relevant processes, to establish a requirement for multi-family residences to have an adequate number of garbage bins on the premises, regardless of whether garbage collection is provided by the City, or a private contractor.

Councillor Eadie: This…this Motion 5 goes to a real serious problem that's happening all around, especially the inner-city. I move that we suspend the rules and debate Motion 5 now.

Madam Speaker: Can I have a copy of that back? Yeah, so Motion 5; Councillor Eadie has moved suspension of the rules to deal with the item at this time, the motion. And it requires two-thirds. Does…do we need…does everyone have a copy of Motion 5 or do you need it read into the record? Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Just a clarity question; if we support of the suspending of the rules to hear it now and it fails, would it still be able...

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Gilroy: Okay. Right, no, I want to be clear on that.

Madam Speaker: You can still have it be automatic referral if the rules…is…that was the question?

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, he is saying no.

Madam Speaker: There's…it doesn't go to a…okay. So, just to be clear on that, if the rules are not suspended then there can be no automatic referral. And it cannot move on to…yes. So, that's what I was just saying. And just to clarify that, Mr. Clerk. If we vote on the suspension of the rules and it fails, then there is no automatic referral for this item. Just one moment. Councillor Gilroy, to clarify your question, Councillor Eadie is asking for suspension of the rules. If that passes, but then the item ultimately is defeated, then there is no automatic referral. Okay, Alright. So we're clear? Do you have a question, Councillor Nason? Or you're just dumpster diving. Okay, let's pay attention here. So, I'm calling for a suspension of the rules. Councillor Eadie has called for that for Motion 5. Okay, on a garbage plan. So, all in favour of suspending the rules to debate the item today? All in favour? Contrary? That is more than three, I think. Raise your hands, contrary. I think we're going to have a recorded vote. All in favour of suspending the rules to debate the item today, please…please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gilroy, Mayes, Nason, Rollins, Schreyer, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Gillingham, Klein, Lukes, Orlikow, Santos.

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

Madam Speaker: Okay, the suspension is lost and the…the motion is an automatic referral to standing policy committee. Move on to by-laws under this committee. Councillor Gilroy.

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

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 130/2022, By-law No. 131/2022, By-law No. 132/2022 and By-law 133/2022.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 130/2022, By-law No. 131/2022, By-law No. 132/2022 and By-law No. 133/2022.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to move the following by-laws be read a second time: By-law No. 34/2022, By-law No. 37/2022, By-law No. 82/2022, By-law No. 97/2022, By-law No. 99/2022.

Madam Speaker: That was for second and third reading. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 34/2022, By-law No. 37/2022, By-law No. 82/2022, By-law No. 97/2022, and By-law No. 99/2022.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to move that By-law Nos. 34/2022, 37/2022, 82/2022, 80…sorry, 97/2022, and 99/2022 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. Thank you. Councillor Gilroy, next.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 30/2022, By-law No…is this the same one? Sorry.

Madam Speaker: I think it's for all three readings.

Councillor Gilroy: Oh, right. Okay, sorry. By-law No. 30/2022, By-law No. 131/2022, By-law No. 114/2022, By-law No. 134/2022, By-law No. 35/2022, and By-law No. 36/2022.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2022, By-law No. 113/2022, By-law No. 114/2022, By-law No. 134/2022, By-law No. 135/2022, and By-law No. 136/2022.

Councillor Gilroy: And I'd like to move that By-law Nos. 30/2022, 113/2022, 114/2022, 134/2022, 135/2022, and 136/2022 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2022, 113/2022, 114/2022, 134/2022, 135/2022, and 136/2022.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to move that the rules be suspended and By-law No. 30/2022, 113/2022, 114/2022, 134/2022, 135/2022, and 136/2022 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 for Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: I am hoping that the Chair of this committee is ready for this one. Prior…prior council approved the name of a street in my community, Van Slyk…or Van Slyk Way. In 2012, there was a motion before community committee that would have corrected this. However, it was voted down by the councillor of the day. I am wondering if the Chair feels it is appropriate to place the cost and burden to correct a mistake by the City that misnamed a street after an individual?

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like…I'd like to thank Councillor Nason for the question. I know Councillor Nason has brought this up to me and I did contact our department. He is correct, there was a motion made to a previous councillor and the name was spelled correct…not…it wasn't spelled correctly. So, the sign went up with the wrong spelling. And Councillor Nason has asked the department to change that name and the department is not wanting to do that. But I have supported Councillor Nason in that and asked the department to reconsider as this was not an issue related to him putting this through. It was another councillor's error. And normally, if there is incorrect spelling of a name, the department would carry on those costs. So, I am…I am supporting you, Councillor Nason on this. I will have to wait and get back to you on what the department says. But I believe that you are correct. I concur with you that this was not your fault and that the name should be correctly spelled on the sign as it was meant to be at the time that the sign came through at the committee. Sorry.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Second question.

Councillor Nason: Second question, this may be a bit of a curveball and we may have to talk about it after. For more than five years, there's been a piece of property that is in question that has stopped twinning of a roadway and completion of an active transportation corridor that the Public Service hasn't been able to complete the transaction. I'm wondering if the Chair is aware of the Marienne Cerilli Trail issue and if she is prepared to question the Public Service on why it's delayed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Councillor Nason, for the question. No, I am not aware. So, I would have to find out more details and ask those appropriate questions. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, there is a couple of motions that appeared here on our agenda for automatic referral, Madam Speaker, trying to deal with the real serious problem, Madam Speaker, that we are finding in the Daniel

Mac Ward and the Mynarski Ward and the Point Douglas Ward, Madam Speaker. And I just would like to ask Councillor Gilroy, I believe it's a motion here in regards to giving the Director of Property, Planning and Development the ability to avoid a hearing. And I was wondering if Councillor Gilroy could…and actually, explain Motion 5, as well, as to…I think they are excellent motions. So, if she could just describe them so that the public can hear, that would be great.

Councillor Gilroy: I would like to thank Councillor Eadie for the question because this has been an issue I think in both of our wards. And it's been a struggle to try to find out what kind of barriers we're having to dealing with some of these issues. So, I think working collaboratively with the fire, by-laws and Winnipeg Police Services I've kind of found the things that are falling through the cracks that might help some of the issues relating to garbage and derelict buildings. So, that's what I'm hoping through the three motions that were brought here today And I also want to thank Councillor Lukes and Councillor Rollins for helping me out with those motions. I know that they are passionate about these issues, too. So, first, in terms of the Director having…the Director and councillor, ward councillor, having the authority to decide on if we can tear down a building without efficient plans. I think that that's critical. At one time, we don't…we don't really allow a building to be torn down without plans to rebuild because at one time we were concerned in the inner-city about people just parking on those…on those properties. I think now it's a totally different issue, we're in a different era and the concerns are very, very different. So, we have to kind of look at the communities as a whole. And one of the factors is that when you have a derelict building, sometimes it's the cost associated with another plan to rebuild is a barrier to getting that house torn down. So, that is what we are trying to do with eliminate…eliminate that…eliminate having to go through a public hearing and just have the authority be granted to the Director and also the area ward councillor who really knows and understands the local issues the best. So, that is what we are trying to do. And hopefully get to some of those buildings that are just sitting there derelict and really causing a lot of costs on the City in terms of fire, inspections, Winnipeg Police. So, this might help with reducing the burden of the costs of having to have a plan…a plan to go ahead to rebuild. And (inaudible)…the other one is, when it turns to garbage, I found out the hard way, one of my buildings actually just didn't have a garbage bin and garbage was piling up all over the place. And there was no bin and we're trying to figure out, well, why isn't there a bin and you are being told many different things; that the City of Winnipeg just took it away. But investigating it, you can decide…in a multi-family, you can decide if you want to have a private bin or City services. So, if people had signed on to have private services, the City has no control over that other than finding people when there's garbage spilled all over the ground. But that's a huge barrier and a huge cost to our…the City coffers. So, by making sure that we are using occupancy permits through our Planning Department and that we're issuing those, making sure that there is a plan and process, whether it's a City garbage plan or whether it's a private sector garbage plan, that there's one in place before they can even get an occupancy permit so we don't have apartments sit…buildings sitting there without…without garbage bins to be able to deal with the garbage. So, those are really critical things for issues, I think, pertaining into the inner-city where we're seeing a massive amount of garbage and overfilling. And it's just, you know, the cost saving measures of some really bad landlords out there that aren't even having a bin. They just hire a local truck guy that comes whenever they're at whim to do the garbage and that's just not a safe garbage plan, not a healthy and safe for the community all around. So, hopefully these motions will help us moving forward dealing with some of these issues. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: That is okay.

Madam Speaker: Anyone else? Any further questions for Councillor Gilroy? Seeing none, next committee: Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks.

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, and I would be remiss, Madam Speaker, if I didn't call you the acclaimed councillor for Old Kildonan, Madam Speaker, Devi Sharma. Thank you very much for your leadership in this chamber, Madam Speaker, and to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, all those that served this term, I thank you very much. And for you, I do this: move consent agenda 1 through 5.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. Now, I'd like to move that by-law no.

Madam Speaker: We do have one motion first.

Councillor Rollins: Oh, we do, yeah.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, we have Motion 2; moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Lukes. And this is regarding property tax bills. It's an automatic referral to the standing policy. Next, we have Motion 3; is moved by Councillor Gillingham and second by Councillor Klein. And it's regarding the CIGP grant. It is an automatic referral to the standing policy committee. Okay, next.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
MOTIONS

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS the community by-law enforcement division is responsible for carrying out inspections under the Neighbourhood Livability By-Law No. 1/2008;

AND WHEREAS provisions set out in the By-law identify applicable fines and monetary penalties for specific infractions;

AND WHEREAS the collection of unpaid fines and monetary penalties are sometimes sent to a collection agency while others are added to the real property taxes, pursuant to section 187 of the Charter;

AND WHEREAS it can be difficult for the city to recoup all of the fees sent to a collection agency due to change in company ownership, and other methods of evading payment of the fines;

AND WHEREAS recouping the costs associated with the enforcement of the neighborhood liveability by-law will ensure a safer and stronger sense of community among neighbors and will also ensure that property owners are being held responsible for the maintenance of their properties;

AND WHEREAS when these fees are applied to the property tax bill they must be paid, and if not, the city has means to take over property due to non-payment of property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not currently have the authority to add certain fines to real property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter to allow for the addition of fines and penalties, not limited to those listed in sections 185 or 186, directly onto the property tax bill of the offending property.

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

1. *That all eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, and that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $60,000, funded from the St. James Ward allocation, to be approved to the St. James Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association Inc. to assist with the cost of the condenser replacement at Allard Arena (application attached as Appendix A).*

2. *That the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the St. James Assiniboia Minor Hockey Association Inc. and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

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

Councillor Gillingham: I would…yeah, thank you. I would like to move suspension of the rules and if we can deal with the matter and it goes through, then it's all kind of tied up for everybody and done, completed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the notice. So, Councillor Gillingham is calling for suspension of rules to deal with the CIGP Grant today. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Councillor Gillingham, your opportunity to introduce the motion.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I want to thank Councillor Klein for seconding the motion. I think it's pretty straightforward. It's a matter of a compressor on an arena which is in Westwood. And so, they need some more funds to complete their work.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Happy to support this as Councillor Gillingham's final grant, at least as councillor for St. James. I know where this is because I was out there with Councillor Klein looking at the Westwood running track. And he said, you know what that building is? It's the Allard Arena. So, you vote about…on these things for years and then you figure out where they are, what they look like. We've actually done some good work on the older arenas this term. Recent motion with Councillor Allard on getting that $8 million into the City's arena. This is…this is one of those three that falls into the…there's West K, there's St. Vital and there's this one that are community-run, not necessarily run by the City, but they're covered by that motion as well. So, pleased to support this. And we've…this term of Council, we have done…done some good work on our fleet of arenas and this will…this will be part of that, too. So, pleased to support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Klein.

Councillor Klein: I just quickly want to thank my colleague Councillor Gillingham. The Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward has already given a substantial money which is being matched by the St. James ward. So, I'm in full support of this which will allow them to move forward with the project complete and get underway with the hockey season. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham, do you wish to close? Or I'll call the question. Councillor Eadie, I did ask for the close, but…

Councillor Eadie: I'll totally be supporting this, but as I understand it, if they're still working on the compressor, they might be starting their season up late. But I think at the Allard Arena, Madam Speaker, I believe…I believe it's their…the hockey team community that's…a hockey leader, whatever, that's running it, I think. I think councillor…Councillor Gillingham gets to close, but I'd be interested in that in that I know at West K we dealt with last year a real problem with the compressor and the whole ice plant. And they had a hard time getting it up and running in time to rent out the ice and to make a break even point in their thing. So, I will be supporting this, but I would be interested to hear.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gillingham to close.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. To Councillor Eadie's, I guess, question; I am not sure of the impact of the, you know, season, but we do know, of course, this work needs to be done. So, I thank my councillor colleagues in advance and Councillor Klein for…certainly, for his support of this. Thank you.

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

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

Councillor Rollins: Yes, I move By-law No. 96/2022 be read a first time, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 96/2022.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law No. 96/2022 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 96/2022.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 96/2022 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We will now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Nason.

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

Councillor Nason: I can't remember what it is I wanted to ask her. Oh, yes, the most important thing in my ward, that would be the East of the Red Rec Complex, Madam Speaker. Much to do, much to do. There was a report that was paid for out of some funds out of the Transcona Ward, but alas, it didn't make it to the agenda for the standing committee to review and approve. But we've had a rec strategy that has identified the East of the Red as the next regional site that's of the most importance. And I'm wondering if the Chair might be able to articulate why there was a delay of this report and reaffirm the community of the importance of this regional (inaudible).

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I thank Councillor Nason for the question, through you, of course. The East of the Red campus project is a priority for Community Services. Definitely in discussion with Community Services, the department, the need to develop recreation facilities that support areas of Winnipeg that have experienced substantial residential growth, such as the north east of Winnipeg is something that I knew coming into office. And as Chair of Protection and Community Services, it was a project that I would check on from time to time. Now, it predates my time in office with the 2018 (inaudible) architects that completed the East of the Red Plex feasibility study. The study did recommend the development of a new 92,000 square foot City of Winnipeg City-owned, operated, multi-use rec complex to be situated on approximately five acres of City-owned land, strategically located in the north east of Winnipeg. The recommendations from the study referred to the 2019 capital budget process for consideration and that's about the time I arrived, Madam Speaker. On June 28th, 2021, that East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee resolved, likely through the help, as Councillor Nason knows, Madam Speaker, that the funding in the amount of $75.000 from the East K-Transcona Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve. It was allocated and recommended for approval to assist with the cost of the report review of the East of the Red Plex feasibility study and final report. It included an update of construction costs and updating of financing and funding options for the facility and updating the necessary community consultation and engagement for the facility. And that went into the field, Madam Speaker. Back in 2022, Councillor Nason was advised that due to a variety of reasons including vacations of staff, temporary lack of internal resources, the August prorogue, and the October civic election, as well as the need for us to conduct our own internal due diligence within the department, the report was most likely to come forward around, and the timing is January, 2023. I have more information, Madam Speaker, in terms of the consultation that went on. Something that I have spoken here on the floor before, including the engagement process that I became a current…you know, concerned about and wanted to make Council aware around. The…the Homes for Heroes project; that changed somewhat the economics of the community centre project, where one acre of the City-owned property located on the north side of the Transcona Boulevard was dedicated, as you know, unanimously for Homes for Heroes. So, there's more information, Madam Speaker, but if Councillor Nason has a follow-up question on this matter, I can for sure provide it to Council, the background, for further reading.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Any further questions? Seeing none, let's move to the next committee: Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. There is an amending motion going with Item 7. Councillor Allard.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Councillor Allard: Yes, I'd move consent agenda.

Madam Speaker: Item 3, is the amending.

Councillor Allard: Right. So, all items except Item 3. Can I say it like that?

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Councillor Eadie? Consent was moved.

Councillor Eadie: I wanted to step down 4 and 6.

Madam Speaker: 4 is Enhanced Summer Bike Route Program and 6 is Free Transit on Orange Shirt Day. So, I will call the question on 1, 2, and 5. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Service Delivery Options for Snow Clearing on Sidewalks

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard to introduce the item, followed by Councillor Browaty to introduce amending Motion 7.

Councillor Allard: So, we've had this debate a few times at IRPW, at Executive Policy Committee and now at Council. I think, essentially, we need to decide if we want to support Councillor Browaty's motion, which is to bring in new, private snow clearing for sidewalks. I don't support this motion for a few reasons. One, I don't' think we should be made to make this choice. I think we should have received the report earlier, that would have given us options. Two, we know from the past that if you don't properly consult the workers, you may have a grievance, and with grievances comes potential legal costs, and with legal costs, as we know – as this Council knows – can lead to settlements that cost the City money. And so, I think we're in a very similar situation to that situation where there were talks about workers not being properly consulted in the Water and Waste Department. Councillor Mayes can speak to this better than I can. And so, I don't think this is a zero-sum scenario being presented to us by the Public Service. I think there could have been options. I still think there are options to provide additional snow clearing services using our public forces. I understand that if there are workers available, machines or no machines, there's always some work to do. We have a…we have a large compliment of machines. Sidewalk snow clearing machines; yes, but we also have other machines, like machines that will cut snowbanks and put those into trucks that clear those snowbanks away, for those who recall the tall snowbanks on our…on our city streets. So, I'm convinced there's work to do. I don't…I'm not convinced that we need to go down the route of private contractors. The other, I think, note or interest or thing to consider is that the Public Service is saying this is only a one-year thing. However, we are debating a report…we are debating a report that required over a year lead time in order to purchase the machines in order for the Public Service to do the work. And so, I'm concerned that we're buying a pig in a poke here, that we're actually…if we do vote for the private snow clearing this season without buying the proper machinery for the possibility of public snow clearing, we're actually committing to more than one year because we'll be in the same situation. The Public Service will say, we don't have the machines in order to do the work, therefore, we should continue the private contracts. And then, is it going to be a year? Is it going to be five? Is it going to be seven? So, I think there are options. I think the Public Service can…can secure equipment somehow. We have single source mechanisms, we could delegate…we could delegate authority to the chief financial…the Chief Administrative Officer to pursue options of public snow clearing. So far, that hasn't been…there hasn't been a scenario presented by the Public Service where we can deliver this service with public…with public forces. So, from a financial perspective, I think we are exposing the City if we go forward with this like we did with the RFP situation at Water and Waste. And I don't think we should have to decide in this way at the last minute, at the 11th hour, we should have had a choice, we should have had more options in order to deliver more of this service with public forces. So, I'll be opposing Councillor Browaty's motion. And by doing that, I will be opposing the expansion of private snow clearing on our sidewalks, which I understand to be about 80% public forces, 20% private forces at this time. This would stack…this would move that number in favour of private forces. I also think we should have a larger debate on private versus public snow clearing with our public versus private compliment being reversed at the street level. So, I think we need a better mix and I think we need to have the debate, and I don't think we should be in a situation where, at the 11th hour, we're forced to vote for…we're forced into this kind of situation where you either put the City at financial risk or you extend snow clearing with private contractors with the possibility that you're actually doing it for more than a year because I don't see the Public Service being ready with a plan to deploy public forces since we're only buying the machines to do the current work with our actual employees who currently can't do their job because the machines aren't working the way that they should. So, I'm going to be opposing this. I would have liked to see options. I didn't see options. If you vote for Councillor Browaty's motion, you might get some streets cleared, some sidewalks cleared by private contractors, and you also may be opening the City up to another grievance, and we might have to settle and lose a bunch of money again. So, that's my reasoning. I'll let Councillor Browaty introduce his motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty moved Motion 7, seconded by Councillor Lukes. Your opportunity to introduce the motion.

Motion No. 7
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1 of Item 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated September 7, 2022 be deleted and replaced with the following:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to negotiate and approve one-year contract extensions for sidewalk snow clearing for services beginning October 2022 through April 2023, including the additional 217 km of sidewalks.*

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Going…this is basically taking things back to what the Public Service recommended. A one-year extension, not two-years, not five-years, not ten-years. This Council has already voted to purchase additional snow blower equipment. Not the little blades, but the actual blowers. That's the right type of equipment later in the winter when our crews can't do the work internally to do that work later in the winter. Snowbanks are already high, a little blade is not going to cut through the snow that's there. So, again, if we want to see better snow clearing this winter our Public Service has told us they can't do it. They do not have the internal resources. They do not have the equipment. Again, I mean, I sometimes get frustrated with our Public Service. Sometimes it feels like if the Public Service wants to do something, you know, they'll magically make it happen. This is the case where they've made it very abundantly clear that they're not...it's not possible. So, again, I support the motion to buy the right blower equipment. CUPE staff will be operating those blowers in future years. I guess you just can't walk into a sidewalk blower store and order a fleet of additional snow…these big snow blowers. It's going to take a year to procure them. There's a shortage of everything right now, as we know. Supply chains are wild. So, again, this is a one-year extension. If people are complaining this winter that the sidewalks aren't cleaned, make…you know, remember this vote today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. This has been a frustrating file for me. Last time, I was a little off, I guess, or I'm not, I'm still a little…those ideas that, let's go buy all those machines, I assume those machines were the cart before the horse before we had the debate about bringing the services back in-house, which actually, I do support. I think it should be, but I need to see some options. I need to see the costs, I need to have a look-see on that. But I was actually wrong. As I got out of there and had better conversation with people, it was replace aging machines that we have existed. So, fair enough. So, I did get some calls from my labour colleagues after who were quite upset that I voted in that way, and I said, well, really, what I'm voting for was about these snow machines. Like, I just didn't understand why we…before we decided that, why would we do that, because I can be…actually, I am…like I say, I think this is a service that we should do in-house. I don't think we should be contracting it out. It's a very…it's a vital service for people to get mobility who have mobility issues or don't even have mobility issues, but just to get them around. Last winter was atrocious. We all felt it, we all heard from our residents and how horrible the service was, both from public and private, because their machines were cracking out with the cold and there just wasn't enough of it. So, again, I heard the residents last year quite clearly, and I was very proud of them to all, just saying, we really want to have our sidewalks clear. So, we can…we have Councillor Gilroy, who was very upset, and very…rightfully so about how do we get them to the bus stops? Well, we need to increase the service. So, that's where we were last time, I think okay, it turned out fine. We're going to have to really…I was told quite clearly that we…it isn't you go down to Canadian Tire and pick one up. These are real machines. I remember last year when we started doing ad hoc machines, well, I spent most of the spring trying to figure…fix up boulevards and replace hedges, that these machines just weren't built to fit…to fit on the sidewalks. So, again…so, now today, what…again, I'm not on EPC anymore and maybe I should have followed-up a little sooner, but I thought we had a plan. I thought…and that's why I was a little confused why it's back again. I thought we had a plan, we'll do one-year only. So, you're going to say, like, well, we should have more options? Well, we had this debate last month and probably even before that. So, how do we, you know…so now, let's not do anything. Let's just…some magical way, even though the department said they can't do it, let's just try to make it happen somehow with magic. Even though we don't have enough machines and we don't have enough staffing. That's what I've been hearing. I wish we did have a whole bunch of staffing, that we could do this, but they said, even in the report, it's seven to eight months before we can actually get that system all geared up to do it. So, I'm sitting here today and I really think this is as simple as ending for the grievance stuff in there and sure, that may be something, but that's the first time I'm hearing about this one, too. We're asking for…what I am stuck with right now, and I believe with whoever's going to be talking after me, to try to clarify this; and not with magic, but with reality, the fact of the matter is, I want to have our sidewalks cleared more. I want more sidewalks cleared, I want I AT paths cleared, and I want it done this winter. And I'd also like it to be done in-house. In-house is not right now. We have to go through that process a bit more, consult and I'm okay with that. But again, if I'm here today and if again you can say, well, the administration, they're just leading us along down this dark path but we don't…they don't really know what they're talking about or we don't know what we're talking about, and we're just going to say we don't need the 250 kilometres extra of sidewalks clear. Okay, but I really, really do. I think the residents want it. I think we all do want it, so if someone today can tell me how not going forward with this report to have a one-year extension, and not about, oh, this could be ten-years, who knows. But again, I can only handle one-year, because again, I stress, I do want it to come back in-house, it's my personal preference but…even if it costs a bit more because it's more accountability for us. So, I don't see how you could say, let's just not do anything different and we'll just say those extra kilometers will magically happen somehow. I don't…someone needs to convince me that will happen, and right now, I don't see that anywhere here. I'll just say, Councillor Browaty's motion here says, let's go with administration's...let's go with the administration. That's what they said quite clearly in the report. I read his…I read it last night, and it says we can do this, but it's going to take at least...at least eight…Madam Chair? It's a little difficult to speak when people are speaking beside me.

Madam Speaker: You…Councillor Orlikow, you have the floor. Thank you. Let's respect that.

Councillor Orlikow: No, it wasn't Councillor Nason this time. So, again, I'm going to…I feel I'm getting a little bit of gotcha caught moment. And so, if someone could say, not because, oh, they can make it somehow happen, because administration said they can't do it in the next two months or month and a half. And that's okay. And then the winter time when they come…when the residents come back to us and say, why is the snow clearing on our sidewalks not any better? Well, because we decided not to do anything different. We decided not to hire those extra contractors for one year so we can actually plow our sidewalks better. Again, because we don't have the equipment, we don't have the staffing right now. So, if someone can explain to me how we can actually get more sidewalks cleared, get them done better in this one year, then maybe I'll go…I'll follow the motion that was brought forward by EPC. Otherwise, the public wants to have their sidewalks clear. They…we want the sidewalks clear. Mobility, accessibility, and just the surface. So, explain to me how that can happen if we don't support Councillor Browaty's motion today. I'll be more than happy to...so, my mind is open, as I say in public hearings – my mind is open. But…so I leave it to my colleague. Councillor Allard, please. Please. Go.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, second time, I'm reminding everybody in this chamber, you do have the floor.

Councillor Orlikow: Yes, thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: And walking around can be distracting. Let's take our seats.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. Yeah, it's a little…just a respect…it's a little respect for that because it is difficult, especially when you're trying to get your message through when people are still talking beside you and still going around. Okay, so I think I made myself clear and I hope that people will be able to explain to me how we can get our sidewalks cleared for this year, this winter, which people are demanding, and explain to me how without hiring one…contractors this year, which has to start right away, how that will happen. So, I look forward to hearing my colleagues tell me how that can happen.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Sorry, I didn't realize I was next up. One of the things I appreciate about this level of government as opposed to provincial and federal is it…a lot of our votes don't breakdown on ideological lines and I'm hoping this one doesn't. Public Service has provided an administrative report that previous Council…sorry, I'll just wait until the discussion is finished.

Madam Speaker: As I said, this is the third time. Please, folks find it distracting. We're trying to get through these last set of reports, and let's respect the speaker that has the floor. It's not just you, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I'll be sure to raise this next time anybody speaks to anybody at Council.

Madam Speaker: There's a few people doing it, not just yourselves. It is getting distracting for myself, as well.

Councillor Allard: Okay. I'll keep this one in mind. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mayor Bowman.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This particular matter has been voted on, at least the funding has already been approved. And so, Council in previous month, we voted to purchase additional equipment, they will not be received by the City of Winnipeg in time for this season. We have existing contracts which the Public Service is recommending we simply extend and leverage the existing contracts that we have. So, the…we hear from our residents every year, we hear from members of Council that they want to improve snow clearing. This is very simple. If we vote for this, we will provide...we'll be able to leverage the dollars that have already been budgeted for to extend existing contracts to leverage equipment that we don't have in-house for this winter to be able to make some improvements to snow clearing. And so, I realize, and I'm not going to impugn anyone's motives, but the effect is, the way I see it, is we're either saying it's CUPE or nothing. I say we should be voting for this. I appreciate that bringing in-house does benefit a certain particular bargaining group. That's fine. I think in future years, if the equipment comes in, that should be anticipated and, in my view, supported; but for this year, I'd like to see improvements to snow clearing. And so, if we don't...if the amending motion from Councillor Browaty and councillor…Councillor Lukes, and I want to thank both of them for bringing it forward; if it's not supported, then the dollars we've previously budgeted can't be utilized to contract out for this year to make some improvements. And no one cares. No one cares who's operating the plow. People just want to get the snow cleared so they can get around the community, as they've told us year after year they want to be able to do so. And so…and so, it's...

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I am finding it very distracting to...in any event, I would ask that members of Council support the amending motion. Again, I don't think people care who's operating the plow, whether it's unionized or not, whether it's in-house or private sector. Practically speaking, this is a path forward to improving the snow clearing for this year. It is, as Councillor Orlikow, our Deputy Mayor, has pointed out, this is a one-year extension. If there's going to be future debates, you know, in terms of in sourcing or out sourcing, that's a debate that can be had. I won't be part of it, but I think for this year, I'd like to go on the record and you know…I'd like to go on record voting for this because I'd like to demonstrate to residents that we're doing what we can right now to improve snow clearing for this year. And so, yeah, those are my comments. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I'll just begin by explaining that how I voted the last time we debated this had nothing to do with any political ideology. I spoke, Madam Speaker, about the mismanagement that seems to end up that we have to contract out to private services. We're looking at a bit of mismanagement in fleet management there too, eh? Did you see the auditor's report, Madam Speaker, that was on our agenda today? You know, we had a big snow problem back in 2014 go…right, you know, before the winter after an election, Madam Speaker. And what the City did was they came up with a whole bunch of extra money for the private sector so that they could buy more equipment and fix their equipment. And then we shrunk the snow zone so that they could actually accomplish the work they needed to do, Madam Speaker. So, here we are, and we're talking about a procurement thing. Well, the City has a procurement process that's more difficult, but I want to point out something, Madam Speaker. In the debate last time, we heard how the administration somehow...or sorry, the private sector somehow can buy this equipment and get it on the street faster. Now, if there's already existing equipment out there in the private sector, what the City will be doing in entering into a one-year contract with these equipment providers, is you're going to take away the ability…if I own a parking lot or a small, like, parking lot and that kind of equipment that does sidewalk and people use like that bobcat to move snow, that kind of equipment, Madam Speaker, what's going to happen is there's going to be no equipment out there. You know, right now, I'm trying to get a tree cut down in my yard. You know what? All the tree contractors out there are working for the City. We're still waiting for it. We got a quote, we're still waiting for them to show up to do the work, Madam Speaker. You're going to do the same thing out there to the people who have to pay a private service already. Think about that. That's a practical issue. So, people won't be able to get their snow moved for the parking lots that we need to use, that the pedestrians sometimes have to walk-through because there's no sidewalk to get to the storefront. So, like, I don't understand the comment that the private sector can buy the machinery, and to say that there's the supply chain problem, but the private sector…we were told, the private sector can buy this equipment faster than we can. Why am I not seeing an amendment to our procurement process so that we can expediate the purchase of equipment that our public servants require to do the job, Madam Speaker? I'm getting sick and tired of this. This is…this is happening again. We know it snows in Winnipeg. We know we have to have equipment that operates properly, and this is what we're taken to? Now, this is what leads to conspiracy theory and the shock doctrine. This is what leads people to it. The mismanagement has led us to this. There will be grievances, trust me. I guess they can find them other work. I don't know what they're going to do. Maybe they'll shovel snow around the…around the bus shacks because I'll tell you right now, the snow service that we provide around those bus stops is not very good. So, like I don't know, I have to say, this thing is ridiculous. Why is there not a a motion to forgo the City's proper procurement process...and by the way, Madam Speaker, when did…when did Council and EPC vote on a new capital program to buy all new side…buy all this sidewalk? I keep hearing reference to, there was a decision. I don't remember it. Maybe in closing…I know…I know President Allard is kind of heated at the moment, but hopefully he can explain to me when that capital program was added that they needed to buy all that equipment because if the police service, heaven forbid, wanted to buy more cars, holy, look out. It would be a big kerfuffle. A big wow. What? So, Madam Speaker, maybe I can get some answers, but I'm not going to be voting for this amendment. The City managers, they brought us into this. There are possibilities that they could entertain to get more equipment out here. And I don't know how much of that equipment is repairable, but maybe...maybe they'll have to go and get some of that sidewalk equipment repaired by a private equipment mechanic or something like that, temporarily, but I don't know why our workers can't be driving City-owned equipment to clear the snow. So, I won't be voting for this amendment. Oh, I just…for…I want to mention one other thing. I say oh, only for one year, I hear. Read the actual amending motion. With an option...it says, one-year, with an option to renew more years into the future every one year. What they're telling you, Madam Speaker, in this particular motion, is what they're saying is, we're going to delay the procurement process forever. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. There is a saying that goes, it's right as rain. Here in Winnipeg, we say it's a certain snow. We know that, as Councillor Eadie had mentioned, it snows every year in Winnipeg. Last year, we

had the second highest amount of snow accumulation since records have been kept in our city, which really exposed some of the vulnerabilities of our snow clearing efforts. And sidewalk clearing was one of the issues that was brought up because during the winter months, people are still out actively walking, whether they're walking their pets or just out for some exercise if the weather's not too cold. And so, it does require that our streets and our sidewalks be cleared consistent with the policies that we have in place. In this particular year, going forward from 2022 into 2023, I'm hopeful that we won't exceed the snow accumulation that we had in 2021-2022 or even equal the snow accumulation that we had in 2021-2022. But it will be more of a normal year where both our City crews, as well as those that are contracted out to do this work, can't do it without it being a situation where they're overwhelmed and their equipment is overwhelmed. It is a gamble in the sense that we don't know how much snow we're going to get this winter, but recognizing that last year or last season's accumulation was an exceptional year that really highlighted and spotlighted the gaps in our policy and in the service that's being provided. So, I'm hopeful this year. Again, it won't be as excurgent as it was in this past year, but recognizing that we do…we are purchasing more equipment to have our sidewalks cleared in a timely manner that's consistent with the policies for P1, P2 and P3 streets. And again, that it could be done by our City of Winnipeg staff as that equipment comes on-line. So, I'll be supporting the motion, the original motion, unfortunately not supporting the motion…the amending motion that Councillor Browaty has tabled. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move referral; can I speak to that or go back to standing policy committee?

Madam Speaker: You have not spoken, but you certainly can refer it back. It would be the amending motion and the item back to the committee.

Councillor Mayes: Alright.

Madam Speaker: Are you moving referral?

Councillor Mayes: I am moving referral.

Madam Speaker: Yes. Okay, we'll deal with that now. Yeah, you have not spoke, but we'll take the referral and I'll call for the vote now.

Councillor Mayes: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? All in favour of a referral back to the standing policy committee, the amending motion and the item? All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Chambers, Eadie, Gilroy, Klein, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma.

Nays

Councillors Browaty, Gillingham, Lukes.

Madam Speaker: Okay. The item will be referred back to the standing policy committee. Thank you. The Mayor was absent. Surprise vote in the middle of the debate. We had a number of speakers lined up, so unfortunately, Mr. Mayor, you missed that vote. Just as many others have done. Thank you. You had checked with me prior. There were speakers. I apologize. Okay. Next, just one moment. I just need to procedurally look at something here, too, for our next session…section. I just want to take a five-minute recess. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 22, 2022, at 3:48 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I'd like to reconvene our Council meeting of September 22nd, 2022. We are on the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, the report dated September 7th, 2022. Item 4, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Enhanced Summer Bike Route Program Update

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

Councillor Allard: Well, yes, I think this is one of the great achievements of this Council. It's expanding the enhanced holiday Sunday bike routes throughout the city. There are many new routes, there's more time and I think many Winnipeggers have benefited from the enhanced and new hours and the new routes. And this is the update and this is now the…what the Public Service is recommending and supporting going forward. I think it's a good program, it's a great achievement, and we were unanimous in many of the votes that led to this program being created. So, I'll wait to hear from my colleagues.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I rise in support. I didn't mean to take too much time, but there was still a little bit of confusion about to what's happening on Scotia. So, as a result of this report…and actually, I heard that the police did stop somebody who they thought that the law was that they could only go one block. And what we did on Scotia was we tried to compromise for all the people who…in the neighborhood. This is…Scotia is not Wellington Crescent with the amount of traffic that that street has and other streets have, Madam Speaker. So, I just wanted to clarify that the 30-kilometre an hour stays, and for the most part, Madam Speaker, people are following that speed limit, but as I sit outside with, actually, Councillor Schreyer sometimes, we hear a car going by at more than 30. Anyway, but the thing is, is it's still marked as a bike route when you drive on…come down on to Scotia. It's very clear, it's a bike and pedestrian safe place supposed to be where we all share the street with respect for each other. And this year, I have to say, the way we implemented, I didn't hear a lot of…about a lot of disrespectful incidents along Scotia. Which you know, people…people have a perspective and they want to express it or whatever, but I think this is the way to go forward on Scotia. And I always thanks Councillor Allard for his move for these routes. And that's it. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Seeing no further speakers, Councillor Allard to close, if you wish. Okay. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried, with Councillor Klein in opposition. Next item, Madam Clerk.

Item 6 – Free Transit on Orange Shirt Day

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

Councillor Allard: I'll wait to hear from the other speakers. I would like to add that at Executive Policy Committee, we took the recommendation from Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and referred it to the budget process. So, that would be a change from the community committee recommendation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I rise. Madam Speaker, as you know sitting on the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, we moved the motion. And everybody in this room, if you're reading the 'whereas'', we all understand the significance of the residential school survivors, no child left behind, missing and murdered women, and actually, the awful things that, you know, happened in the past before residential schools started in this country. Madam Speaker, Truth and Reconciliation, that's the national day that we're talking about. I simply proposed it, and I know that my colleagues support looking at this. It was kind of…I was disappointed. I mean, the losses that Transit are…is experiencing, I know it's significant, but, like, $120,000, I didn't think foregoing that revenue and having Council forgo that $120,000 revenue for one day this year, in 2022. It would have been too bad. But I understand referring it to the 2023 budget, and…which allows for more planning. And you know, in hindsight, as to what happened, as I mentioned at St. John's Park, 15,000 to 20,000 people, Madam Speaker, with visitors coming in to Winnipeg. Well, yeah, visitors from other parts of territory one...or treaty one. Territory? Treaty, treaty one territory. You know, having free bus fare to get to Oodena Circle this year because it was so big. And you know, there's people going to be coming in in all kinds of different ways. And if 20,000 people show up and they use cars at The Forks, we know that that won't be accommodated. So, I don't know what's going to happen, Madam Speaker, but we'll get a sense of it on September 30th, and I believe we were all invited to the survivors walk to the RBC Convention Centre, and then, the powwow starts at 1:00. And I think we were all

invited to that. So, regardless of this being referred, so 2023, I think, I will be supporting EPCs decision here then. I don't want to put anybody in a position that…because I know we all respect the indigenous people here in Winnipeg and Manitoba and Canada. So, I'll be voting to support this report. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. With that, Councillor Allard, would you like to close or I can call the question. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Now we'll have by-laws under this committee.

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

Councillor Allard: I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 117/2022, By-law 118/2022, By-law 119/2022.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 117/2022, By-law No. 118/2022 and By-law No. 119/2022.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I move that By-law Nos. 117 to 119/2022, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law Nos. 117 to 119/2022, both inclusive.

Councillor Allard: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 117 to 119/2022, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Okay, that's carried with Councillor Nason noted in opposition to No. 118. We will now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Allard? Councillor Lukes.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. Councillor Allard, do you…I don't know if you've got any idea on how the department is monitoring it, but the bike lanes on the roads with the paint and the signs – do you have any idea how they are monitoring the impact of the painting and how if it's having any impact on traffic calming? I don't see any ropes out. I am just curious. I know that the reason we are doing painting and the signs is to, you know, see if we can slow down traffic. I'm just wondering how they are monitoring it? If you don't know, that is fine, I will ask the department.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you for your…for the question. I have to follow-up with Public Service on that.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And through you; active transportation is an increasingly important mode of transport for people in the city of Winnipeg. And there is that's along Dugald Road that for the past two years has seen cracks, crevices, filled with debris, filled with grass and plants growing. I am wondering if this is an acceptable approach to maintenance and if the Chair is aware that the Public Service has not addressed these challenges?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I am now aware of issues on this particular stretch. I would need to follow-up with the Public Service either through 311 or through the director's office to look at the conditions of this site if there is maintenance to be done, it should be done. If there is a capital investment to be made, it should perhaps be made or should become part of the budget discussions, perhaps by debate or motion coming from the city councillor.

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

Councillor Nason: We saw earlier in the term of this Council, Madam Speaker, streetlight being proposed to be disconnected, turned off to save money. I'm wondering if the Chair can advise on the new streetlights that have been installed along Dugald Road?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I would have to ask that very specific question to the department regarding new light standards installed along Dugald Road.

Madam Speaker: Final question, Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Lastly, there's been a situation over the last year plus involving Manitoba Hydro and these new LED lights that are failing and turning a blue purple-y hue. I'm wondering if the Chair has an update as to when we'll actually have proper LED lighting on our streets.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We have talked about this issue at Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. For a more…well, for an answer, I will need to follow-up with the director and get that information available.

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

Councillor Chambers: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Nason asked the exact same question that I had put my hand up for. I have been fairly diligent in sending pictures to…and through you to Councillor Allard; been quite diligent in taking pictures wherever I come across areas where these blue lights are. And entire sections of street have these blue lights that do not provide sufficient illumination at nighttime. And now is where, you know, the days are shorter and the nights longer, this has…is impacting on traffic safety as the areas are not well illuminated and these lights are failing. So, again, that question was asked by Councillor Nason. And I'm hoping that Councillor Allard can, through the department, find an answer or work with Hydro to get these lights changed to provide proper illumination at night time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard, if you wish to respond.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm…my memory is being challenged. I remember when the original LED lights were installed that there was some controversy around from moving from the incandescent light that offered a warmer, softer light…I think it was incandescent to the LED that offered a colder, stronger light. And I think the concern at the time from some people was having more blue in the spectrum that could be disturbing to sleep patterns, to humans and could impact animals in different ways because the lights resembled sunshine more than the former incandescent lights. I was chatting offline with a colleague in terms of who does the procurement on this. I believe it is Hydro, but I will ask the…I will ask the Public Service to follow-up on this. I, too, have noticed these lights that have different colors. I don't know if it is an error or if it's by design, but it certainly is a different colour and we should know why.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you, Councillor Allard, for that question…for that response. I am shifting gears here a little bit and asking with respect to and, I am hoping that it…this falls under his purview, but the amount of shopping carts that I have seen in the south area of the city, in Councillor Mayes' ward, in my ward, the amount of abandoned shopping carts that's seen strewn along…along streets is a rising concern not only for me but for other citizens in the ward. And I'm wondering if there is something that is in place that either works with, you know, the grocery stores or department stores that utilize shopping carts to get them back into their properties and off our city streets?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you for the question, Madam Speaker. Through you to my colleague; I am aware that there is a private service. My understanding is that the retailers, I think, work with this private service in order to retrieve carts. I am not aware of this being a service provided by the Public Service. If it were a service provided by the Public Service, it would then need a budget and a program, which I am not aware of that existing. I am also aware that some stores actually offer it as a service to their clients to go and pick up the cart at the…at their place of residence. So, there are a number of different possible ways of tackling this issue. But for now, I think it is mostly within the private sphere. And if there were an interest in a City program we would need to create and fund one.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Chambers: Is there a by-law in place that would hold the stores accountable for their shopping carts that would provide as an incentive for them to contact this private service to retrieve their shopping carpets off our public roadways?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.
Councillor Allard: Yes, that's an excellent question. And I had not considered this approach in the past. But we would need to create a by-law in order to make store owners responsible for carts being left by their clients or by the people that are not their clients. I think right now that would fall in the category of dumping or leaving refuse behind which is…which is a violation, but it's a violation for the individual that is engaged in the act and not the…not the store providing that is providing material that is being left on public places. So, there would be an opportunity to explore a by-law. To my…it's my understanding that currently, the by-law would only be applied to the individual and not the business. That being said, I think that there…if there was a will, there would be a way to craft such a by-law to make the grocers responsible for that particular issue. However, I'd…I'd like to point that this is only one type of litter or objects that are placed on our public rights-of-way and that would be a very specific by-law to be imposing on a very specific service that we need and is essential to our lives. So, I would be careful with that. Perhaps a more general by-law of making businesses responsible for refuse generally might be a better approach to bring everybody in because there is dumping that happens in the city. Sometimes it is related to business. Carts are a visible problem, but they are not the only problem. And our grocers are an essential service to our citizens, so we'd want to be…I think we'd want to be careful about impacting their operations. So, I think it's worth looking into. I would propose looking into it from a broader lens, looking at private refuse objects being left on public lands in general and then coming back with some actionable by-laws. I would prefer not singling out the grocers. But it's an interesting idea I hadn't considered before. Thank you to my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And that…Councillor Nason.

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a quick question on bus shelters. Or not bus shelters, but the recycle bins that our third-party contracted and the contract's now expired. I'm wondering if the Chair has an update if that's going to go for tender.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: I need to follow with the Public Service on that. I'm not aware.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no further questions, let's move to the next committee: Standing Policy Committee on Finance. We will get right into question period. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Not today. Let's move forward: Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment. Councillor Mayes, the report dated September 9th.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT
AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Councillor Mayes: Three things. Thank you, Madam Speaker. If Councillor Allard can say that the bike plan was one of the spectacular things we did as this Council, we have to, I think, acknowledge the Mayor's work on the North End plant. We've got phase one going, we've got phase two going. That's a good term in and of itself. This committee exists because of the Mayor's creation of it in 2015, which I appreciate. I will say, Madam Speaker, 24 years ago, I organized the Winnipeggers there at U of Toronto law school go to the internet cafe to watch the election results because we wanted to see if Glenn Murray would get elected. So, hard to believe that we're all…it's come around full circle. The Mayor and I were there at the same time. One of the ex-Winnipeggers. We're both Winnipeggers again. So, I want to thank the Mayor for his faith in me. At this stage, I am the only one to have been on EPC all eight years with the Mayor and I think I know him well enough that he would say, still five weeks to go, don't push it. So, I do thank the Mayor for his faith in me over the eight-year run we've had here together. So, with that, I will move Item No. 1 and pull Item Nos. 2 and 3 for some brief comments.

Madam Speaker: All three have been pulled. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Consolidating City Garbage Services

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

Councillor Mayes: Will wait to hear from Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, in the interest of trying to speed things up, I will try to make it quick because I just heard questions of the Chairperson of IRPW, Madam Speaker. The consolidation of…it's not really the consolidation of all garbage, it's the consolidation of collection services. Because that garbage and stuff that you were talking…that we were…just heard in question period, it is inevitable that the dumping and things happen. And streets has a…collects stuff sometimes depending. Sometimes stuff in the back alley will get hauled off through solid waste. And then, you have the dumping places like by bridges and various open spaces that happens because there is no facility sometimes or because the 4R depots don't accept construction waste for various reasons. There are so many improvements that we could do, Madam Speaker. But the resolution to all these garbage problems begins with consolidating collection through solid waste. Even collecting the bins that are in parks. Not saying they are cleaning up the litter and stuff on the various green elements or whatever, they are collecting it. Parks and Open Spaces would still be responsible for if there is litter laying all over the place. We have workers, they'll have to clean it up. We have…we have people demanding to have more litter bins on our street beautification routes. We have litter on these routes. And if you go to…go to the website, I noticed that IRPW Assiniboia moved something that, you know, let's share out more of these letter bins all over the place. Well, if we consolidate the collection of those bins, again, not solid waste cleaning the litter off the streets. In many cases, the BIZs are picking up litter. If there are more litter bins closer, we can consolidate it and maybe…listen, it's all of our garbage. It's the businesses garbage, it's my garbage, it's your garbage, it's everybody's garbage. Somebody bought the garbage that ends up and gets dumped out on the street. So, the businesses it may…you know, it's our responsibility. So, the first thing we need to do, though, is look at…and this is the resolution because you don't understand in my office and in Councillor Gilroy's office, the garbage call…oh, and Councillor Santos. The garbage, it's inevitable. It gets dumped. What are you going to do? We need to improve and deal and provide a better garbage system and it begins with consolidating solid waste collection under one domain. So, I appreciate it went through committee, it went through EPC – thanks for the support. And I think Council will vote for this unanimously anyway. I think it will probably provide some advantages in terms of consolidation as well. I am also a business person besides a hybrid socialist. I have a business acumen, I do. I'm an entre…absolutely. So, anyway, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Seeing no further speakers, Councillor Mayes to close if you wish. Or let's move on. I'll call the question on Item 4. Pardon me, not Item 4, Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

Item 2 – Financial Incentives for Composting

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, this is a good little item here. Not a ton of money. It's something we're doing an interim basis. Councillor Gilroy had said, I don't want to delay the big vote that it is to come for the next Council. Fair comment, but no, this isn't delaying that, this is actually trying to do some interim work to promote composting. I want to thank Councillor Klein for pushing this forward. It came…as was said earlier, it started off in a different way, but it has evolved forward into doing this. So, the interim…just as we did the interim phosphorus, I think that was pushed by Councillors Nason and Klein. And I think I've said some comments about Gillingham earlier today, so I'm balancing that, to an extent, by giving some credit to Councillor Klein for pushing…pushing this forward. And the Green Action Centre was the only compliant bidder, so the money would go to the Green Action Centre. And the next Council, whoever sits here, will have a choice to vote on the city-wide compost. I hope to be here, I hope to vote for it. We'll see what happens. For today, we've got an interim measure.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe I seconded this motion from Councillor Klein back in the day. At least I supported it. I did second it? I did. Fair enough. It's a good motion in the sense that…well, look, I am not convinced in terms of how we go about composting and how we get our net benefit. Having said, that in this case, providing financial incentives for people to compost is one that I do know is economically efficient. I can't…I can't say it is to have a city-wide composting program. I like to think it is, I can't prove it to myself. I can't prove it. I haven't seen the data to prove that. This however, gets people to compost and that is important. Whether to have a city-wide system using resources, using fossil fuels to run a city-wide compost…compost program with large vehicles, I don't know about that. This encourages people to compost at home and I do know that that is economically efficient and ecologically optimizing. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Back to you, Councillor Mayes, for close, if you wish.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah, my apologies for council…to Councillor Schreyer for missing him on that comment. I had forgotten he'd seconded. He has certainly been a crusader on a couple of issues environmentally here. Food Council and, certainly, on the whole heating of buildings issue which I think he has put on our radar for the next Council. So, I want to thank him for that and his persistence on it. So, yeah, that is my close and I hope we can all support this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour Item 2? Contrary? That's Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 3 – Formalized Ongoing Engagement on The Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, Creation of Climate Action and Resilience Committee

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes to introduce.

Councillor Mayes: Well, it's very appropriate, then, that we end with an item that will certainly be before the next Council, which is, climate change. And this is a advisory committee that was talked about in our climate plan several years ago. We've had Curt Hull, we've had Dudley Thompson, we've had others appear at budget time and say to us, you still haven't created this thing. And so, I'm pleased at the very end of the term to come to this item. Some of you will have seen this on an election questionnaire. So, I would encourage you to vote for it, not for political reasons, because it is right thing to do to create this advisory committee. There is a big budget ask in conjunction with this and I am not convinced we need this much walking around money as somebody put it, but let's refer that to the budget that the next council will deal with. For today, we are just going to take steps to formalize and start this new advisory committee. There are two people who have championed this internally I would say; Councillor Rollins and, certainly, Councillor Gilroy who has talked about this on a number of occasions and I think pushed for it coming out of the last budget. So, a good news item to end with I think, Madam Speaker. We are finally taking steps on this. It is something to…it's in a way passing the torch to the next council in terms of we were…we're taking a small step forward here on climate change and that item will certainly be much debated by the next council. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. On this one, this is big. Now, this of course, is merely formalized ongoing engagement, so it is sort of…it's sort of creating a framework. But having said that, I just want to speak in terms of what I believe this committee is…when it comes to climate action and resilience committee. I am just looking forward to finding out who's going to be on this. They're going to have their hands full. Let's face it, our initial greenhouse gas reports didn't include in any formal way that we could see the issue of converting natural gas buildings to hydro or in terms of a future orientation of prioritizing the use of hydro or geothermal over natural gas when we knew that was the major…the first or second cause of greenhouse gas emission from the city of Winnipeg. So, we need to remind each other. We need to have these discussions. There is going to be something else, and that is, in the future Winnipeg, just like when it comes to heating buildings with hydro in terms of natural gas, we have been…we have a special obligation in the city more than most places in the world because very few places in the world receive their electricity from 100% renewable sources. And we do. We create so much hydro electricity in this province we export it internationally. That is where we are at here. Most places can't say that. I'm going to…I've said it before, I'm going to say it again, because it needs to be part of the framework of perspective. When you charge an electric car in Alberta with electricity, you're charging with three-quarters fossil-fuels. Fact of life. It's not their fault, they don't have the hydroelectric capacity like we do. When you charge an electric car in Winnipeg, you are charging with 100% renewable clean hydroelectricity, okay. There's a big difference. That's our obligation to climate action. And I don't know how other jurisdictions are going to attain their climate action goals. I do see now how Winnipeg can. There's a difference. We can actually do this stuff. Now, in the future, we are already dealing now, we've got in our plans, we're talking about formalizing the acknowledgment that Winnipeg can make a difference in terms of our environmental footprint, our greenhouse gas emission, by prioritizing hydro over natural gas which is a limited resource, by the way. Extremely valuable resource – natural gas. And it is limited. Hydro is not. It is not just about the fact that one source of energy creates greenhouse gases and the other one doesn't. One is finite, the other one is, essentially, eternal. If you maintain those hydroelectric dams, they'll last as long as the pyramids. The source that being sunshine, evaporation, rain, rivers, gravity. That is eternal. At least a few more billion years, that's what we know. So, what we have done in this term for hydro, for buildings we'll need to deal with electrification or only to deal with electric cars in the next term. Same thing. And so, I look forward to the new climate action and resilience committee. It has been said that Manitoba does not have the capacity to deal with going from essentially gas…or gasoline burning cars to electric cars. We don't have the capacity. We do have the capacity. I know Manitoba Hydro had said in our article related to Brian Mayes' motion, which I seconded, regarding formalizing the City's acknowledgment of using hydro and geothermal and renewable form of energy for buildings. In that same article it said…it said (inaudible) we did not have the capacity to convert to electric cars in this city. I am saying we do and it's not difficult to explain. In 15 years, you could convert…15, 20 years, you could easily convert a third of the cars in this city with half of a major hydro project. We have not…we've not completely harnessed the hydro potential in this province. So, ever heard that phase…that phrase from Back to the Future; 1.21

gigawatts? Well, you know what, that's about the same size as Manitoba's largest hydro dam. It's about 1.21 gigawatts. Just saying. For half of that, for about half a giga watt, you can convert about a third of the cars in Winnipeg to electric cars. So, that is where I am coming from for the next term should I have the honour of getting re-elected. But whether I get re-elected or not, that is something we have to deal with. These aren't opinions. These are just facts. And how we use the facts, yeah, that is up to our own perspective, values and opinions, etcetera. But let's get the facts straight; Manitoba does have the hydroelectric power to convert to electric cars. Most people on earth…most places on earth don't have our capacity to do that. Not only where we are now export…exporting hydro internationally, but in terms of still able to increase our capacity to include hydro, to include electric cars and in a practical way, trying to do a third of them in 15 years, something like that, so that we can actually attain our greenhouse gas emissions goals. I don't know how other jurisdictions are going to do it. I really don't. And I didn't…I don't know how Winnipeg's going to do it unless we acknowledge and include the issue of hydroelectric…use of hydroelectric energy and geothermal, as well, when practical. So, I do look forward to the next term. I do hope I am re-elected to deal with these future-oriented issues. These are the ones I was raised on: energy and the environment. And it looks like we are realizing these are the challenges that we have to deal with in the next 15, 20…for the next generation. And we can deal with them practically, realistically, we can here because we are lucky. We actually have the ability to do so. Of course, when it comes to energy and environment, we are not alone. Just cause we attain them, doesn't mean we've created some ecological miracle for the world. We are just one place in the world, but we've got to do our part. I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Nason: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to try to be relatively brief. But you know, my daughter during my time here on Council has challenged me to be more conservative in a way, but to be more concerned about the environment and conservation. It's kind of interesting that, you know, my work on Red River Basin Commission has opened…on behalf of Council, has opened my eyes to some of the changes that are being experienced outside of the perimeter and what we do inside the perimeter how we negatively, hostile-y impact others around us. But you know, my daughter is, you know, going to be 16. Sweet 16 in another week. My son is 14. These are the future. You know, we go through election cycles, but many of us are a little bit older. But we…we have a…we have a job to protect and do what we can for the future generations. And as Councillor Mayes mentioned, you know, the work that we have done with regards to the North End plant is setting the stage for future generations. You know, it's…is it taking too long? Yes. But you know, we are doing what we can. The point that I really want to strike, and I appreciate and I'm somewhat surprised that it made it to this point, but there is a young man named Riley in my community that approached me about youth and youth having a voice on committees. So, we have another motion that's going forward that my community committee members supported that would give them an opportunity to apply for boards. They need to have a voice. We gave a voice to persons that are permanent residents on our boards and commissions. So having youth have a voice on things so important to their future is great to see. And I am pleased that this made it through EPC and made it to today for us to vote on that one position on this committee will be for those eligible under the age of 18 to participate. I think that is an important point that the future is included.

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

Councillor Eadie: I already discussed this, Madam Speaker, at committee, so I'll just…I wanted to put some levity on…this is good. And what I like about the committee is that it is going to report directly to Water and Waste and anything they have to recommend would then move up the chain. Don't know if there will be just a separate water waste, riverbank management and the environment standing committee, but I think it was an appropriate standing committee that was created by Mayor Bowman…or through Mayor Bowman and recommendations from his advisors I am sure. And I just wanted to mention one thing, Madam Speaker, because I hear there's going to be some debates about the environment and as the City proceeds. And I was hearing Councillor Schreyer and I was telling him on the Scotia stoop recently, Madam Speaker, that in Europe there…they have. And what they're finding with that experience in some of those places over the long-term is that, actually, people don't want to give up the convenience of their car. So ultimately, when Councillor Schreyer talks about the conversion of so many vehicles to electric, personal vehicles that hold two, three people, one, two, three people, the thing is, our transit system will never be able to provide the kind of convenience that the general society wants to find. And so, really, while it's very important to provide the electric bus stuff, which…what you will find is, is that the automobiles that we drive and people own and have, they need to go electric. So, anyway, I will leave it at that. Thank you. I will be supporting this motion.

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

Councillor Mayes: Well, in the words of Brad Paisley, last time for everything. So, this has been…this has been a very good committee to chair. I thank the members I've had on there with me and I would certainly hope we can support this. It's a small step toward our climate change goals, but it's a significant one I think. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Question period for this committee, for Councillor Mayes, any questions? No questions for Councillor Mayes? That concludes that committee. And I turn to you, Mayor Bowman, to move adjournment.

Mayor Bowman: I think we are just getting going. No, I'll make a motion…I make a motion that we close. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. This meeting of September 22nd, 2022 of this Council session is now adjourned. And we'll have roll…thanks. Stay seated please for the final roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 4:31 p.m.