

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Thursday, March 23, 2023

The Council met at 9:44 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 Eadie.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Let's welcome our pages; Abigail Rojo from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate who resides in the Daniel McIntyre Ward, and Nicole Sylvester from St. Mary's Academy who resides in the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward. Thank you for serving Council today, great to have you. We'll move on to morning announcements. First speaker is, of course, you, Mr. Mayor. You have the floor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Good morning to everyone and welcome to our pages. Great to have you here. Ramadan started yesterday evening and so I wanted to wish Ramadan Mubarak to everyone in the Muslim community across Winnipeg. At an invitation to the Manitoba Islamic Association, I will be joining them. I know Councillor Lukes and maybe others are joining them at the grand mosque tomorrow evening as well. I was pleased to join Minister Goertzen at the Manitoba Legislature last week as the Province introduced legislation to expand the scope of the authority of community safety officers. And this is something that I had requested from the Province and it will pave the way for us to proceed, as per yesterday's budgets being adopted with the Transit Safety Initiative. So, I'm very appreciative of the minister's assistance in this regard. And certainly, more to come in the weeks ahead. Applications for the third round of the Rapid Housing Initiative have now closed and the administration is reviewing the applications right now. And I think all of us look forward to learning more about what projects will receive funding under this program and how many new units of housing will be created. I once again want to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to the Federal Government for prioritizing housing in our city. We all know that we hear consistently from people working with those who are unsheltered, working with those who are unhoused, who are homeless at this time, that we need more housing and we need it as soon as possible. And so, once again, grateful for the Federal Government's commitment to the Rapid Housing Initiative. And finally, today I want to recognize two of our local university athletic teams who recently competed in national championships. The University of Manitoba Bisons women's volleyball team took part in the national championship in Victoria last weekend. And the University of Winnipeg Wesmen men's basketball team were in the national championship for the first time in 30 years earlier this month in Halifax. So, congratulations to all of them. And for those students, as we...who are graduating from university or college this year or high school, I wish them all the best in the final months of their schooling and certainly look forward to all of them as graduates come in to our community, working, getting full-time jobs and building up our city and hopefully you stay in Winnipeg and not moving elsewhere. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next speaker, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise to acknowledge that this week was the first day of spring and many Winnipeggers are celebrating. It's an exciting time for many. Spring brings the meaning of rebirth and a new beginning. And while it is a time of celebration for many, many Winnipeggers are having a bittersweet celebration as there is so much unrest in their home countries. I want to wish Happy Nowruz, happy Persian new year, to the Iranian, Afghani, Syrian, Iraq, Turkey, and many countries throughout central Asia. Vaisakhi is coming up. I hope we're having a celebration here at city hall. And we've got Sri Lankan new year and Napoli new year, it doesn't end. And today is the Ramadan, the start of Ramadan, which is considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. So, to everyone in these really challenging times, may this spring season bring much hope and peace throughout. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Next is Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It was this time last week when we as citizens here in the city of Winnipeg learned of the unfortunate situation that took place in Edmonton, Alberta with the shooting of two...two Edmonton police officers; Constable Brett Ryan and Constable Travis Jordan. This was a very unfortunate act that was done by a 16-year-old youth that I can only assess had mental health issues, turning the gun on his mother and then on himself. But before that, killing two officers who didn't have a chance to respond. The way it's been described is as an ambush. Today is the funeral of those two police officers. And I just ask that Winnipeggers who have seen this event unfold and over the last year in 2022, there were five officers across Canada that were killed or lost in the line of duty. It's becoming off...all too often. You know, we also recognize the officer in Ontario that was killed responding to a call. And again, it's becoming all too often that these occurrences are happening. And we don't want to normalize this behaviour and want to call it out when it does happen. There are those that, you know, are in opposition to police, but I ask those individuals to look beyond the badge and see these individuals as humans that are doing their job, responding to us in our time of need. And understanding that they have families as well. And fully expected to go home at the end of their shift. I had the opportunity in terms of looking at social media to see the posts of the family members who were so proud when their sons graduated from recruit class and were able to join the Edmonton Police Service as full members. Just the pride in their hearts and how they were moving forward and looking at even one of the officers that will never ever see his child, and that child never knowing their father because they were lost before they were born. So again, my heart, my thoughts will be in Edmonton this morning with the families of these two officers and with the community of Edmonton as they grieve the loss and hope for this to never ever happen again. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Council Wyatt, will you move that the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2023 be taken as read and confirmed. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now get in to delegations. Before we hear from our first delegation, I would like to just point out that both the first and second delegation are on the list...on the list. Pardon me. They are appearing before multiple items, including Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 15th, 2023, regarding the Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Litigation. Section 51(9) of the Procedure By-law prohibits any delegation or representation with respect to a matter which is presently the subject of any action or proceedings. Because of this, Council will not be hearing delegations on this item. Our first delegation is Christopher Clacio who is appearing before Council in support of the second notice of motion under the Executive Policy Committee regarding a request to the Province to establish a Commission of Inquiry. Mr. Clacio, if you could come down. I believe he's here in person. No? Actually, don't see him here, so we'll move on to the next delegation, which is David Grant who is appearing before Council remotely on the following items: in support of the Executive Policy Committee notice of motion Item 2 regarding Commission of Inquiry. In opposition to the following: Item 5 report of Executive Policy Committee dated March 13th, 2023, regarding Welcoming Winnipeg – Naming Unnamed Trail in Transcona to Cousineau Family Trail. Item 3 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services dated February 28th, 2023, regarding a Status Upgrade on 'Places to Go' Framework (Public Restroom Strategy) and Temporary and Permanent Public Washrooms. He is in opposition to Item 5 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated March 7th, 2023, regarding Neighbourhood Greenway Reduced Speed Pilot Results and Recommendations. Welcome, David Grant.

David Grant: Thank you. Greetings to Your Worship, councillors and staff. I was very impressed with Your Worship's opening comments. We really are moving forward. Thanks also for the land acknowledgment. Too bad it was not inclusive, it fails to mention First Nations 37 and 39, which are also on our source of drinking water. It is good to see Zoom up and running again. Under Public Works No. 5: this report includes a number of exaggerations and errors. It also highlights how far wrong we have gone in our public consultation efforts. The City once made traffic engineering changes largely with internal staff. Politicians approved what the City engineer suggested. He was a very good man and I miss him. In more recent years, politicians lead the way. Engineers cannot say, wait a minute here, without getting in some degree of trouble. The City's public meetings are too often devoid of relevant facts. Attend one of these meetings and ask for the facts and find that no one has the information. When the bike lanes along north Pembina were proposed, Mark Cohoe and I were in solid agreement as bike users in making a simple change. This change never happened and the bikes still ride among all the nasty debris shed by cars. It's been the bane of my use of bicycles for my whole life. When the City wanted to modernize Chevrier, they ignored good advice and made it unusable by commercial traffic. Those of you who...I worked on Chevrier for decades and it is one of the most heavily used commercial roads by heavy trucks. Newly poured curbs there had to be pulverized so intersections could be aligned properly. What looked cool in someone's drawings did not work. I fear that we are about to blunder again on St. Boniface because of flood reports that hide out these problems. Very long vehicles have to move on some roads. Very wide loads, too, sometimes. The facts, I suspect, I fear, that the facts are missing when they show how wrong a proposal is. Proponents fail to pull those who use roads for parking and for unusual traffic and fail to objectively assess the plans. Too often dissent and good ideas are ignored. That costs us all.

Under OurWinnipeg 4.10, it is wrong to claim that the changes proposed will cut serious injuries. Evidence does not exist to support any correlation between injuries on these streets and the posted limit being below 50. Simply requiring cyclists to wear fabric identification bibs would encourage safe decisions by all of those on these modes of transportation. In competition, cyclists wear these bibs every day. They provide a number, easily visible number. License plates make our use of cars more responsible knowing that we could get in trouble if we make a mistake. Anyway, this...these bibs would improve safety stats for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists on major routes. A pedestrian who is narrowly missed by a bicyclist would have a number to report that would make the cyclist more responsible. These numbered bibs are required in many situations around the world and can easily be made mandatory here. At the moment, this is now the best way to improve cyclist safety. Under 5.2: changing the posted limits does not, in fact, support AT. It might make some AT users feel better and it might be called for, but that is a questionable claim. Under climate action; installing Winnipeg's typical speed bumps, which slow most traffic to under 15-kiloms on paved roads, I know there are good designs and bad, increases fuel consumption substantially. City engineers have declared that every reduced speed zone of the new zones in the city requires either speed bumps or all-way stop signs, what they call traffic calming. Now, all of these waste fuel for careful drivers. And also, another fact that I missed in this section is that cars used more fuel per mile at very low speeds than in their designed speed range. Appendix B is full of misleading statements. It pretends...I won't get into the details, it pretends that the numbers in it are significant. The methodology used prevents any of those numbers from doing what they purport. Participants are fed spin, then asked to choose from a short list of responses. The actual open response opinions of residents were not collected. This sort of bias runs through the work of the City's, you can call it spin docs, they're professionals. It is imported by real data collection professionals. The report fails to explain how changing the posted limits puts more dollars into the hands of those suffering poverty, although it does purport that. Under EPC No. 5: naming rights. Naming a City feature of facility is primarily...was once primarily for the benefit of residents who used or referred to the facility. If you name a sidewalk on Regent in a way that does not refer to Regent, you'll confirm...confuse all of those who might want to refer to it. Winnipeg is already a long way down this road to confusion. As Council takes us down this path, I ask that some of you reflect on what you are doing. I note that none of the rules serve to remind you of the purpose of the names. Adding rationality may be impossible under this rule set. 2: naming major bridges after parts of the city that they connect is logical. Posting signage on the bridge for road users and for boaters is logical. Naming City facilities for sponsors is wrong, in my opinion. It can be profitable, but fails to inform those who use the name less frequently. Should you include geographic references in each new name? If you use the term Bob St. Norbert Trail, people will know something. If you just say Bob's Trail and you are not there, you really don't know what it's referring to. For most of us, what does Canada Life Centre mean? Adding the commonly used terms like arena or convention centre to the name would make the whole process more rationale. Only in this way can the new name truly serve the public. Should there be limits to the list of City facilities for which you rent out the naming rights? If the convention centre is on that list, should bridges, parks and trails be too? Next time a big company wants to put its name on the convention centre, why not just sell it to them? The naming rights bring in more net revenue right now than does the whole building. Sarcastic, but. Anyway, moving on; Services No. 3, topic three. This effort is nice but perhaps moving in the wrong direction. This important discussion seems to be missing any frank assessment of the situation. It is good to have washroom facilities for anyone who has no other option. This whole effort seems to miss the greater need felt by those who are unhoused. Everyone needs a warm and private space. A plastic port-a-potty or bus shelter can serve this purpose, but not very well. Until the City can reduce or meet this primary need for a warm and private space, this fact will confound the effort to provide places to go. On a side note, the port-a-potty industry could easily make more flame-resistant facilities, but until customers like us require that they be flame-resistant, we will see them continue to be burned to the ground. When this happens as a person is trying to stay warm with a little fire, we have compounded the tragedy. I will leave that with you. On EPC No. 1: I'll cut this short, as you seek ways to reduce expenses, please consider reducing the degree to which you subsidize these self-promotion groups. They serve a very useful purpose and they could be more completely funded by those who benefit. And I will thank you again for this time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, David Grant. We're moving on to the next delegation is Christine Skene. If I could call her forward. I see you in the gallery. Appearing in support of Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated March 2nd, 2023. It's regarding Crescentwood-Enderton Park Heritage Conservation District Plan. We'll have 10-minutes on the clock. Welcome to you.

Christine Skene: Thank you. Mayor Gillingham, councillors, good morning. I am Christine Skene and today I'm presenting as a voice of support for the Crescentwood-Enderton Park Heritage Conservation District Plan that has been presented to you. As a neighbourhood, we have worked long and hard to get the protection that this designation will give us. The report of the Standing Property Committee on Property and Development notes the start of the process to develop an HCD in Crescentwood-Enderton Park was June 6th, 2019. For those of us who live in the neighbourhood, this process started much earlier. Shortly after my husband and I moved into our home at 53 Kingsway in 1991, we were enlisted by the neighbours to consider Hartley Richardson's request to convert 484 Wellington to allow for three condominiums. We have been working nonstop since then to try to preserve our built heritage. In September of 2011, at the end of a City Center Committee meeting that didn't go our way, I stopped to talk to then Councillor Gerbas about my frustration with the way that rezoning was eating away at my neighbourhood when there was clearly opposition to that move. She told me

to keep track of what was starting to happen in Armstrong's Point. She said we probably needed a heritage conservation district designation. And with that suggestion, our journey started. We have been working for almost 12 years on this. We kept track of the progress and the setbacks across the river, we attended the open houses and we talked to anyone who would listen about our interest in a similar designation. Always we were told we had to wait until the process was complete before we could apply. While we waited and watched, unbeknownst to our neighbourhood, 514 Wellington was quietly removed from the protected list of heritage buildings. The value of this change would prove to be beneficial to a developer, when in 2016, Mr. Jeff Thompson bought 514 Wellington and started his move to demolish this key building. It took this threat of demolition of 514 Wellington Crescent for the Planning Department to realize that catastrophic loss of our built heritage was a reality and we got our nomination as a heritage conservation district. Although the loss of 514 Wellington was a catalyst for the Planning Department, the neighbourhood had been exploring the possibility since 2011. In the time that this designation has taken to come to the current stage, we've lost four homes with at least one other in very precarious condition. So, why do we feel that a heritage conservation district designation is needed in this part of Crescentwood? We need the extra layer of protection that this would give us. As of now, anyone can get a demolition permit if they present a set of drawings for new building whether or not they even build that building. Our experience tells us that the new build never preserves the finer features that our current built heritage exhibits. We have the opportunity to preserve a nearly intact neighbourhood where 80% of the homes are older than 1920. Our home at 53 Kingsway, one of the early builds, was completed in 1908. Our home is solid, well built, with wonderful architectural features that showcase the skills of the craftspeople over a century ago. Our recent experience with the new infill guidelines, at best, a blunt instrument, make it even more urgent that we have a designation that helps us deal with development in our neighbourhood. I would like to draw your attention to a letter in the submission package from the SPC meeting that you have received written by Bob Eastwood, retired architect, formerly of Number 10 Architects. And he states, "All neighbourhoods deserve attention to their scale, character, density and urban streetscape. With the new city urban infill design guidelines...while the new city urban infill guidelines are a good general basis of design for some areas, they do not speak to character, scale, materials, urban quality, preservation and greenspaces with the same clarity and strength that the HCD guidelines set. City Council and its committees have been overriding the infill design guidelines in a manner that could eventually gut the intent and positive aspects of these guidelines." At 514 Wellington we now see a building approved that exceeds the height restrictions, not only the zoning that was granted for this building, but also the infill guidelines. It will be too big. The Crescentwood Heritage Conservation District Plan gives us a means to protect not only the exteriors of our heritage homes, but also the greenspaces, the trees, the setbacks, the boulevards. A recent addition to Harvard Street with its flat roof and low, wide profile caused the demise of all the trees along both lot lines and presented neighbourhoods on both sides with flat black walls as their view. The previous heritage home on that site had room for side gardens, shrubs and gracious elm trees. Heritage is a city-wide interest. In 2016, facing the demolition of 514 Wellington, the neighbourhood created an online petition and received over 5,200 signatures, not only from all over the city, but around the world. Recently, after an interview with CTV, I thanked the interview for the interesting coverage. He said articles on our neighbourhood and saving heritage in general get the biggest response to anything they cover. That article on 514 Wellington he had done the week before got over 20,000 responses. Today if you google heritage conservation districts and property values, you will see many studies from cities across Canada and North America. The overwhelming conclusion of these studies is that HCDs add to the value of the properties they're within. A study done in Hamilton, Ontario looking at property values concluded that the average assessed value of Hamilton's HCD districts in 2010 was 78% greater than their respective ward averages when compared to other areas of the city. By 2016, that difference had grown to 87%. People want to know that when they invest in a home in an area that they are going to have some say, that they're going to know what is going to happen in that area. HCDs are good for city revenues as increased property values mean more property tax revenue. The process to develop the Crescentwood-Enderton Park HCD was comprehensive. In person meetings were led by the planners at Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram just prior to COVID lockdown. All property owners in the proposed district were advised by a mailed letter. The COVID lockdowns prevented any further in-person meetings, but were led and held in zoom, again, with full notification to the neighbourhood. Additionally, I personally sent notices to everyone in the neighbourhood who had registered their e-mail address with me. I find it difficult to understand how anyone can say that there are insufficient opportunities to ask questions about the process. Heritage is important and the granting of a heritage conservation district designation for Crescentwood will mean that each of us will be relieved of the work to apply individually for a designation for our house. I don't think you want 80 of us showing up here one after the other asking for you to help us protect our homes. It makes sense to protect the whole neighbourhood. I thank you for your attention and consideration on this important matter. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation. I will ask you to stay behind on the bench and we'll take questions momentarily. The next presenter is John Youngman on the same topic, also in support. And the delegation is in person. Following that, we will hear from Kevin Toyne, also in person. Welcome.

John Youngman: Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Mayor, members of Council, administration. My name is John Youngman and I live at 10 Ruskin Row within the proposed Crescentwood HCD. And I am in support of the HG...HCD plan. I am also honoured to be addressing you from Treaty 1 Territory. I am an infill homeowner. My home, 10 Ruskin Row was built in 1974. The original 10 Ruskin Row was built in 1913 and was possibly the grandest residence Winnipeg

has ever seen. Sadly, that residence fell into disrepair to the extent that it could not be fixed, not be repaired, could not be sold, it was unmarketable. And it was demolished in 1963, 50 years after it was constructed. Sound familiar? Lesson learned, when demolition is possible, neglect is always waiting in the wings. Protection from needless demolition is a key component of the plan before you. I should tell you that I would like to echo Christine's words, I received plenty of notices about the proposed district by mail, flooded with e-mails. I, certainly, as a resident knew that this was happening. So, I would like just to say that for the record. I would also like to congratulate the City for putting the legislation in place that allows the creation of heritage districts like this one and for understanding the historical importance of irreplaceable neighbourhoods like ours across the city. To value something is a prerequisite to preserving it. The fact that Winnipeg approved its very first heritage district in Armstrong's Point is to be commended. Like Armstrong's Point, we care deeply about our neighbourhood, its beauty and its historical significance. As a homeowner, I am 100% in support of the Crescentwood HCD and have no problem abiding by the rules in place on homeowners like me. They are reasonable and they are measured. There are plenty of ways I can still improve my home under the plan, just not in ways that ruin the neighbourhood. For me, the HCD is a good thing. It's a positive. And incidentally, I believe it will have a positive impact on property values within the district as we have heard Christine say. And I know that is something that is music to all of your ears. As much as residents like me enjoy the neighbourhood, it really is a resource for the entire city. The epicenter of the Crescentwood HCD is Enderton Park or Peanut Park. And it is a magnet for residents all across the city who come here specifically to enjoy this special, special place. There are parents, there are grandparents who drive to the park so their kids can enjoy the park. There are young couples walking over from Dorchester, McMillan and Grosvenor, often juggling baby carriages, dogs on leashes, and they make their way to the park. In the summertime, you'll see folks enjoying yoga classes in the middle of the park. Why here and not some other park? They come to our park because it is in the middle of an incredible neighbourhood that makes people feel good. They want to spend time there if only for a little while. Isn't that the dream of every community or every city for that matter? To be a place that is special and where you want to be. That is why I am here. At our core, we are a close-knit community that cares about our quality of life. And we want to make sure our neighbourhood remains a jewel to be enjoyed by all Winnipeggers for the next 100 years. That can't happen unless we receive your support today. My last point, and it's an important one, when a community cares about something good and is...great timing. And is passionate about it.

Madam Speaker: If you could just wrap up, please. Yeah, and we'll take questions. Thank you.

John Youngman: Yeah. And is passionate about it, that is something that is wonderful, to be supported and that is what we are asking you for today, your support. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, John Youngman. We'll now have questions for either of the delegations on this item. Any questions? Ms. Skene, if you could come forward. Seeing none, thank you both for you...okay, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. I am just curious; in this process, it looks like...good people that here today for presentation were part of this process for a while. I would like to know, just, I am Chair of the Historical Building and Resource Committee these days. I'm learning a lot over the past number of years being on the committee. And what was the biggest challenge that you found in dealing either with the City or with community in coming forth to establish where we are today?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer.

Christine Skene: I have a little bit of hearing loss. I hope I got your question right. COVID definitely was the biggest challenge in that it got in the way of the public consultations. We did them virtually but there's nothing quite beats coming together. The first meeting we had in the pre-planning process was in person. We had about 50 people there. And you get all this excitement and people talking and ideas generated. The Zoom doesn't do that. I would say that was...that and the delay. The second part that was difficult, it galvanized us, but it got in the way was the whole situation around the loss of 514 Wellington. Like, it certainly made the neighbourhood determined to go forward, but it created all kinds of ripples and, you know, anxiety in the neighbourhood.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you. Were you surprised or was there anything that surprised you from the beginning of the process to the end of the process at least where we are today? Anything you found surprising or anything you learned?

Christine Skene: The more I researched heritage conservation districts across the country and realized how little effort Winnipeg had made in that direction, that surprised me because we are known as a city with fabulous heritage, built heritage, you know, traditions, you know, the French Canadian community, the greater Winnipeg community. That surprised me that we were so far behind. And it really...I mean, a lot was made of Armstrong's Point, but we have even more historical buildings in our neighbourhood. I mean, I am happy they've got the designation, but there's other parts of

the city that should also be looked at for preserving things that are really integral to Winnipeg life. And so, that was probably my biggest surprise is the work we still need to do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you both for your presentation today. Next is Kevin Toyne of Hill Sokalski Walsh, appearing before Council in opposition to Item 4 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated March 2nd, 2023 regarding the Crescentwood-Enderton Park Heritage Conservation District Plan. Thank you. Welcome to you.

Kevin Toyne: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, members of Council, Mr. Jack, other members of City administration, thank you for having me. I am here to speak about two issues in particular that were flagged in a written submission that has been previously provided to you. I don't intend to read the document, instead, what I will do is simply draw some of the points to your attention before you vote later today either for or against this particular proposal. And those two points are: first, whether or not appropriate attention has been paid to whether or both of the eligibility criteria have been satisfied under By-law 87/2018. And secondly, whether or not the proposed language is too vague and should be reworked so that there is an appropriate and sufficient level of clarity so that people who live within the proposed district or who may be looking to do work in the district have some sense of what their obligations under the by-law are. Now that first issue, whether or not the eligibility criteria had been satisfied, flows from by-law 87/2018. And the two eligibility criteria before a part of the City can receive one of these designations, is that the area must be of special architectural and historical significance. And secondly, at least 50% of the proposed character defined elements are at least 40 years old. Now, the material that is before you focuses, at least on my read of it, exclusively on that first eligibility criteria, whether the area has special architectural and historical significance. And that makes sense, because By-law 87/2018 repeatedly talks about that criteria being satisfied as a designation slowly works its way through the process to get to where we are today. But satisfying just that first criteria is insufficient. And the second criteria also must be satisfied and that is that at least 50% of the proposed character defining elements are at least 40 years old. Now, the administrative report that was prepared and submitted to you, the HCD plan, the HCD study, at least my read of them, don't set out whether or not that second eligibility criteria has been satisfied. And if that second eligibility criteria has not been satisfied, then I would respectfully submit to you that City Council is not yet in a position to proceed with this type of a designation and can only do so once it is satisfied that that second eligibility criteria has been met. Now, one of the challenges, at least in my respectful submission, in making that assessment is the lack of clarity in the way in which the character defining elements have been drafted. And for those of you that have read the HCD plan and are familiar with it, you will know that the character defining elements are set out in section 2.4 of the document, and that's page 23 of the HCD plan. And there's five different categories of character defining elements. And two of them that, at least as I set out in the written submission that was provided to you in advance, that are lacking in sufficient clarity and are vague, are the sections dealing with buildings and the sections dealing with yards. And the reason that that's an issue that you should turn your minds to, for today's purposes, is that at a high-level, citizens or people who want to become citizens in Winnipeg should be able to understand their obligations under the different by-laws that you pass, particularly when there is significant consequences if they breach or violate a section of one of those by-laws. Now, in section 2.4 of the HCD plan, in the building subsection, the character defining elements are defined with what I would characterize as lengthy run-on sentences. There's language that adds things, there's language that takes things out and it's not particularly clear what qualifies as a character defining element and what does not. Leaving that aside for a moment, as soon as the document has set out what those two definitions are, it then goes on to apply a different, though related concept, of heritage versus nonheritage buildings. Now, it is not made clear in the HCD plan or in the admin report how a property that is satisfied the requirements of By-law 55/2014 or older By-law 1474/77 to be designated or listed as a heritage property, how those designations somehow satisfy the character defining element definition of this proposed by-law. But they certainly don't necessarily equate with one another. So, just because something is or is not a heritage building does not mean that it is or is not a character defining element. The HCD plan also, after defining character defining elements, and then using a different concept of heritage versus nonheritage buildings, then goes on to add additional confusion by suggesting that nonheritage buildings may still require heritage permits in certain instances. It purports to set out exemptions for when heritage permits are required, but it's also not clear if, when or how those particular exemptions may be available. And one of the examples that struck me as problematic, it can be found in section 4.2 of the HCD plan. And this is the section that purports to talk about exemptions from when a heritage permit is required. Subsection 3 talks about private yards. So, when are...when are changes made to your yard? Something that does or does not require a heritage permit. And the document suggests, at least to start, that you don't need a heritage permit if you are installing, pruning or maintaining trees and soft or vegetative landscaping or plants. But a few paragraphs before that, the document also says that that exemption, if it is available to you, is based on the understanding that specified works are generally undertaken within a small area or confined to areas generally out of sight from public view, constitute routine maintenance, are easily reversible and would not have a negative impact on the heritage value and character defining elements of the HCD. So, to get that exemption, you have to satisfy all of those criteria. So, in the submission that I provided, and you may or may not have had an opportunity to look at it, I raise the question; if someone who lives in the proposed district wants to plant flowers in their front yard, do they require a heritage permit or not? And the document doesn't make it clear whether they do or whether they do not. And that is one of the problems when a by-law is drafted in ways that are vague, unclear, not specific. People

don't know when they require a permit. And if they get that wrong, By-law 87/2018 can impose a very significant fine of up to \$1 million. And in some cases, up to \$1 million per day. So, Mr. Mayor, members of Council, I come before you today not in the traditional adversarial role that I will often play on behalf of clients, but to draw these two issues to your attention and to suggest that you consider them as you vote today either in favour or against. Happy to answer any questions, but I see that my time is almost up. So, I will turn the mic over to the other presenter, one of the homeowners who's going to speak in opposition as well. Thank you very much for having me.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation. I will ask you to wait on the bench. Next delegation on this same topic is Glen Harvey, also in opposition. If you could please come forward and then we will take questions. Welcome.

Glen Harvey: Thank you. Excuse me, I have to get my glasses. Good morning, Mr. Mayor and councillors. My name is Glen Harvey. I own a premier heritage home on Peanut Park, number 25 Ruskin Row, the corner of Harvard Avenue and Ruskin Row. Being one of the most expensive homes in the affected area. I am one of the longest standing homeowners in this affected area having purchased my home in 1987. So, I have been part of this community for 37 years. I love this area, have raised my family here, and would do all in my power to protect the integrity of the real estate values in the area. I am a licensed realtor in Winnipeg since 1976 or with 47 years experience in the sale of residential real estate in the Winnipeg real estate marketplace. I know property values and I know resale values and what can negatively affect them. I am appearing here today in opposition to the passing of the HCD designation for this area. I'm sorry, I wished I knew more about this until recently, but I have been out of the country for over the last month and therefore, was not able to attend the previous Council meetings in opposition, as I only arrived home late last night. It is important for me to be here today. I have spent a lot of money on property taxes, at approximately \$10,000 a year for the last 37 years or roughly \$370,000, plus hundreds of thousands of dollars on total refurbishing and renovations to my home without the burden and restriction and being government...governed and having to answer to a 62-page rule book telling me what I can and cannot do to my own home. Had I known that was a possibility, I would never have bought here...excuse me, bought here. We live in a democratic society and it is my democratic right within the law to deal as I see fit with my own real estate, just as all of you do. Not to be restricted and burdened and governed by the wants of a select few championing the HCD designation. A select few, not the majority of affected 112 homeowners. Over the last two weeks while away, I have been contacted by numerous people who are, like myself, blindsided by what is happening to our area and this strip of proposed HCD designation. How fast it has come upon us like it is being rushed to be put through. I can tell you in certainty that this is not the will of the majority of the 112 homeowners who are in our area, but a select few who are upset with the outcome of losing their zoning battle at Kingsway and 514 Wellington Crescent and want a new cause to champion. That is where the entire championing of this HCD proposal was born, a select few, not the majority. As previously mentioned, I am a real estate agent with 47 years experience in the Winnipeg real estate market. And I know that for sure if awarded this designation, it will have a huge negative effect on property values just as it has in Armstrong Point, a neighbouring community. It is a well-known fact among realtors that property values in Armstrong Point have grossly declined and then expensive homes are not selling or are having to be greatly reduced in price just to render them salable. I do not want that for our beautiful little pocket of Winnipeg real estate. It would be a travesty of justice. I don't understand what the rush is here to get this HCD designation through...pushed through and jammed down our throats whether we like it or not. I know people have not been properly informed and educated on the ramifications of what a restrictive and governing burden an HCD designation can impose on our area and the negative impact it will have on our property values. How is it that this has passed through Council up to now? I will tell you why. It is...how was I completely blindsided by this and found out about it due to raft of irate phone calls from people in the area? I had to find out this while in Hawaii because frankly, people just weren't made aware of it, just like I wasn't.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Santos moves extension of two-minutes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Glen Harvey: I know...I know several of them that are against this. I am astounded to learn there has not been one in-person...one in-person hearing or a community consultation, not one. None of us knew what was going on. It has been stuffed under the radar and shuffled there. There were five in-person meetings in the Armstrong Point where a designation was awarded. There were three virtual community meetings here all being during COVID from 19...2019 and to 2021, with dismal attendance because of COVID-19. People were worried about their lives and getting sick, not a virtual HCD meeting. All three meetings were between 2019 and 2021. The first virtual meeting, 12 people out of 112, the second, 18 out of 112 homes, the third, 8 out of 112 homes came to the meetings, some with multiple people from the same home. This is not indicative of what the majority of our community wants. Where were the other 100 people and their votes? Why haven't they spoken up? Because they weren't aware, just like me. This has been improperly advertised. There have been no educational seminars, in-person meetings to educate us whatsoever. No community meetings, in-person meetings. The people of our area are ignorant of what the HCD designation can mean to our area. It would not be morally right or ethical for this to be granted before we have access to a study on how the Armstrong Point HCD has affected homes there and resale property values. I can personally tell you as real estate agent how negative and devastating it has been to property values. There are a lot of unknown issues here. How did the map get shrunk down...

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Harvey. We'll have to wrap up. If you could just wrap up quickly.

Glen Harvey: Yeah, I sure will.

Madam Speaker: 15 seconds. Yeah, we are going to go on to questions.

Glen Harvey: Where is the transparency here? In closing, I am imploring Council to delay this vote. What is the rush? What does it hurt to do so until the residents of this affected area are properly educated...educated in a proper forum to discuss this HCD and the impact it will have to our community? And in-person consultation at Kelvin High School...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. We will now have questions, Mr. Harvey. I would like to call back Kevin Toyne. We have a clock and we have a system here, apologize. Let's stay on track. And questions for either delegation now? I'll ask one more time, any questions? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, by the way, both of you for...for your presentation. You are talking about the rights of people. When it comes to rights, I think constitution, are you saying it goes against the constitution or against certain provincial...provincial laws, when you're saying the rights of the homeowners?

Glen Harvey: I am sorry, I'm a wee bit hard-of-hearing.

Councillor Schreyer: This...you're saying it goes against the rights of homeowners as citizen. Are you saying it goes against our constitutional rights or against our rights by certain provincial laws? I wanted to know what you meant because I take that seriously and I think you do too.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any of the delegations can answer the question.

Glen Harvey: An unethical right to protect their property values and the value of real estate within the area. And I distinctly believe that this designation will grossly negatively affect those values. And I implore you to come up with a decision to postpone this to allow us all to be properly educated so we can really, truly make a methodical decision as to whether this HCD designation should be awarded or not. That is only the right thing to do. That is the democratic way and that is the ethical thing to do. Thank you very much. I truly appreciate you hearing me.

Madam Speaker: Second question, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before it got here, there were meetings in the neighbourhood. And then, before it got to the Council meeting today, this issue actually went through the Planning and Development Standing Committee. Do the delegations here right now believe there was proper due diligence through the standing committee process?

Glen Harvey: No, I do not.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Glen Harvey: I don't believe that people in the area were properly informed. There was no in-personal meetings. There was no educational meetings as to what an HCT designate...HCD designation can mean to the residents of the area. I think the residents of the area, 85% of them have no idea what it can...how this can impact their real estate values. And that is important. They, you know, used all their hard-earned money to, you know, purchase a home which is probably, in most cases, the most expensive piece of...or asset that people have and they have the right to protect that. And without being properly educated, how can they make the logical decision as to the value of this HDC designation? So, why not postpone it for a while so that the residents can truly, ethically know what the true ramifications of this are before having it imposed upon them, without...you know, which is against their will?

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentations today.

Glen Harvey: Thank you again.

Madam Speaker: Moving on in the agenda, we will now have the reports of the Executive Policy Committee. Mr. Mayor, the report dated March 13th, 2023.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 13, 2023**

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 to 14. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I would like to stand down Item 10.

Madam Speaker: Item 10 – Shareholder Approval of an Option Agreement Term Sheet for sale of the Portage Place Mall.

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, and...that's it for me.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 is the Approval of Business Improvement Zone Levies. Item 12 – Settlement of a Potential Claim. I'll call the question on the other items; Items 2 through 9, 11, 13, and 14. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Approval of Business Improvement Zone Levies – 2023

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

Mayor Gillingham: I look forward to hearing from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I rise on this item. This is an item...excuse me, this is an item that we have annually on our agenda at this time of year. And I am standing it down simply because I think it deserves speaking positively about our business improvement zones in the city. Those of us in the city that have them. The business improvement zones was a concept that was developed many years ago. Have been existence now for some time. And they do tremendous work in the city. The Transcona Business Improvement Zone, our Executive Director, Leila Dance, and our board of directors does amazing work in our community, and the support the local businesses and many initiatives that come forward. And I will just name a few initiatives to give you some examples of how important they are and why, if where we can, be facilitating more business improvement zones. To establish...just FYI for maybe the new member a Council and some of the newer members of Council, to establish a business improvement zone in an area, you need two things; you need 50%, if you're...first of all, you need to establish a boundary area. You need 50% plus one of the businesses voting in favour of establishing a business improvement zone petition. And as well, you need 50% plus one of the assessed value of the area voting in favour to establish a business improvement zone. With those two things, the zone will be established under the City by-law that we have. And they receive revenues based on what they deem on top of the actual rental value in terms of the business tax that we have to fund their entity. Over the years when I first got elected, 2002, the Transcona Business Improvement Zone had a very limited budget. We were struggling in many ways to do things to support the business improvement zone. We were able to expand the budget, not by raising the business improvement zone taxes, by...but by first of all, enhancing the area to attract more businesses. Therefore, you would have more business tax ARV revenue coming in. But we also did it through various initiatives in terms of reaching out for grants from other levels of government and programming. I'll never forget when a number of years ago in 1999, the city of Winnipeg hosted the Pan-American Games. At that time, the City of Winnipeg chose to make the city look beautiful and pushed about a million dollars into the budget up to...leading up to 1999 to clean up graffiti across the city. When the games were over, the budget was slashed. Graffiti was out of control everywhere in the city. And I...it was all over my community. And through the business improvement zone, actually, initially it was a gentleman who was a retired firefighter now by the name of Murray Rougeau. As we all know, firefighters, you know, they have four days on, three days off. Well, he was a painter on the side. He was...volunteered his time to start cleaning up graffiti. And I was able to secure some funding through Per Capita Grant at that time at a minor amount of money to help him with supplies. We went to Larry Vickar at Vickar Community Chevrolet, he donated a van to us. And we went and got a grant for a student and we started cleaning up graffiti. We were able to evolve that, though, working with the Transcona BIZ and with EPC. I wasn't on EPC at the time, but reaching out to the relatively new mayor at that time, Mayor Katz, we were able to have an announcement where we established a program through all the business improvement zones of upwards of funds through the zones that they would manage and clean graffiti throughout the city to assist us on top of the regular graffiti that we clean up, we do now with Public Works. Public Works will relatively clean graffiti on a lot of hard to reach, difficult places like where you see it over on a train overpass or something like that where it is not safe. But our business improvement zones today go throughout the community and clean graffiti. And some, matter of fact, I think it's the West End Business Improvement Zone, will actually clean graffiti on other zones by contracting to them because they don't have the capacity to do it themselves. They are smaller zones and

smaller budgets. That's one example. Another example of what the BIZ does, it produces a quarterly magazine that gets directly mailed to every household advertising businesses, welcoming new businesses. Create...it has a complete index of all the businesses and their contact information that goes directly through the mailbox to every household. They have an active social media online account. And when we established a Transcona centennial square in the heart of downtown Transcona, which became a public park, it's actually a city park, the BIZ does every year active programming. On Fridays they...and Saturdays, they have one of those big screens and they show movies. People come with their lawn chairs and you can watch a movie in the square. They have yoga in the squares on Saturday. They have farmers market in the squares in the summertime. They have...you know, on Thursday nights as well I think. And then, they also, you know, have managed to expand their programming with regards to doing storefront improvements. We've created a storefront improvement grant program, whereby the BIZ offers up some money to match a business who wants to fix up their facade on the front of their business. And that is done a lot to kind of create a better streetscape, safer neighbourhood. They do tremendous work that way. And I just want to stand up and compliment the Transcona BIZ on the work they're doing, and all the business improvement zones throughout the city, because they just...they do a lot of work. And you know, if there is any way we can assist other councillors, other areas to establish business improvement zones, I am more than happy to get involved with that. I know our BIZ is. I know they used to have and I still...I don't know if they do, the executive directors used to have kind of...of all the zones, have regular meetings. I'm not sure if that's active any more or not. It was before. But you know, it's something that is tremendous to do. We were able to also expand the zone when we created Park City Commons on Plessis Road. We were able to, prior to all the stores going in, the property owner who was developing agreed to expand the zone by agreeing to follow the rules that we have in place to do so. And therefore, all the businesses that now went be in there are now contributing to the zone. So, it's made a huge difference for our community. The BIZ, I don't know what we would do without Transcona. The forerunner to the Transcona BIZ was the Downtown Transcona Merchants Association that my father started. And one of the annual things I had to do to help my father as a kid was to put up the Christmas tree in front of the museum on Regent Avenue. And I can tell you, that was a precarious thing to do because this was a full-size, massive tree. And we had to wire it to the top of the Transcona Museum. And anyway, we weren't exactly experts on tree...Christmas tree, but it was always kind of like taking your life in your hands every Christmas that year, and doing it with dad and a few other business owners down there. Anyway, and then when we established the BIZ, the Merchants Association bank account and their entity kind of fell under the BIZ and they later on dissolved it. But that was the forerunner to it. And so, it's...they do great work. And I just wanted to thank them here on the floor of Council for their work, ongoing work, and look forward to working with them in the future. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: I wasn't going to speak on this, but once again, I am inspired by Councillor Wyatt telling us a good story about how, actually, these things happen. And it's a chain of events, efforts by people and by businesses working with the community, working with the City over years and this is what happens. But let me tell you a little bit of a story. This is where we are at in Elmwood and East Kildonan. We go back now, I think it's 22 years, back around the year 2000. Jan Stoic who had a business, a floral shop on Henderson Highway in Elmwood, she worked with Lillian Thomas, our great deputy mayor and city councillor for Elmwood-East Kildonan. My...how can I put this? My chosen predecessor. And I was her campaign manager (inaudible) before that. And having no clue I'd be the city councillor and having no clue I would take up the torch and the challenge, trying to establish a local business improvement zone for Elmwood-East Kildonan, for Elmwood, for Henderson, however we can do it. Because there is...there is a mood for it amongst some, but again, people want this caution as well, and I don't blame people for that. But we started literally 22 years ago. Lillian Thomas and Jan Stoic went door-to-door and they got pretty close. They got pretty close. And in the process of not quite yet establishing a business improvement zone, there were by-products of that, which were pretty positive, including Happy Days on Henderson. We now have an annual fun day on Henderson Highway. And of course, Councillor Browaty is welcome too, because he represents Henderson Highway. It's essentially a south Henderson thing, but we notice when it comes to affairs in Elmwood, people come from around...around...around the city. What I do notice, and I'm just going to...I'm just saying, when it came to the winter fun day at Clara Hughes Park on Henderson Highway just a month or so ago, and when it comes to the Happy Days on Henderson, which is in June, which has been either...traditionally, either at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute or on the grounds of the Chalmers Redwood Renewal Corporation right beside them on Poplar Avenue, right behind...right on the property, if you will, of Lord Selkirk School, is that we get a lot of people, for some reason, from St. Vital. I don't know why. It's a good thing. They hear about it, they just come up St. Mary's or they just come up Archibald to watch and they show up...they show up at Elmwood festivals, which is a great thing to see. I don't mean to digress too much on this.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: But I'm not...I'm not...okay, fair enough. And thank you, Madam Speaker. It's just, we're talking about things that are good. What we see, what the results are. What we see is, we...I guess my point is, we all share the benefits of this. And that is my point. And that's actually very relevant. And on that basis, I am glad I mentioned it.

And...which we've tried again. Rob Massey working on the...on a motion by the Chalmers renewal...Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation a number of years ago at their annual general meeting to increase relationship with the local business community. And again, Jan stoic was there, you know, 20 years later, and she's there helping out trying to see if we can establish, again, a business improvement zone. And again, we have been doing good work. Another by-product for...it ends up sort of falling on the councillor in terms...another by-product of trying to establishing a business improvement zone is the Beautify Elmwood Committee. And other projects that I end up working with, with the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and other businesses. I do want to say that they...we have in the process, trying to establish a business improvement zone, talking to the different businesses whether, at this point, we've developed...whether we are going to develop a business improvement zone. I have been developing plans and projects and ideas with local businesses to increase people's pride in the area. I started a music series, a outdoor music series. I hosted...not just...I started hosting it. And then the local businesses on Watt Street took it up and said, Jason, keep doing this. And I said, I can't, it's an election year. And thus, we had Dan and G from Cool Delights, as well as from the local...the local food store right across the alley. They took up the...I guess what's now become a tradition of hosting an outdoor little music festival on Watt Street. These are the kinds of things, just as Councillor Wyatt was talking about the different programs, such as outdoor yoga and things like this, these are the things we are doing. However, the mood is still there. I just heard from Leilani Esteban who is the Executive Director of the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation that there is still a move, we're going to try and create a business improvement zone. So, we are not giving up. I will continue to work with the local businesses, include...to encourage them, work with them, to enhance our sense of neighbourhood and pride in our neighbourhoods. And I am yet again gratified by the comments by Councillor Wyatt. He's told us a story about how these things happen. I have told a story about how we are not there yet, but we still want to move on this. We're not giving up. I am not giving up. The Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation is not giving up. And yes, Councillor Wyatt, we would appreciate your advice and insight, and all other councillors, in terms of where we can go from here to improve our neighbourhoods, our pride in neighbourhood, and whatever projects we can do to do that, as well as the potentiality of one day establishing a bona fide BIZ in Elmwood and/or East Kildonan. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be short. I just thought I'd rise...quite familiar with our business improvement zones. And they all...16 of them do...do excellent work. A lot of our improvement zones, there is a wide variety and just so...this is to answer a question or something that Councillor Wyatt put forth, Madam Speaker, there...in the past, there used to be a business improvement zone association of which all of our improvement zones were members of and it had a bank account. But over time, Madam Speaker, what has happened is, there is now what is called the Winnipeg BIZ Alliance. And anybody who sits on any of the BIZ boards who are on Council, and there are a number of us, Madam Speaker, there is a meeting on Monday, March 27th, in the wonderful Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone in Councillor Allard's ward. And we are meeting at a...what sounds like an excellent restaurant at the corner of Taché and Marion. And Madam Speaker, that alliance, what we do is, we share concerns and progress in various areas and discussions that look at assist. For example, over time, the West End BIZ, actually, because some of the business improvement zones, Madam Speaker, are quite small and in order to operate, say, a graffiti removal, the West End BIZ does offer a excellent service. We...we on the Selkirk Avenue pay \$1,100 a year and they remove graffiti along our improvement zone. And I just wanted to conclude, attempting to establish more improvement zones...and I know Councillor Santos has tried to work at it. It is very difficult. So, just to remind those of us who were around last term, our Auditor did a review of business improvement zones. Or in Ontario, they call them business improvement associations. Calgary, Alberta has different name. Anyway, the point being though, is that the thresholds to meet, to establish business improvement zone in other cities is quite a bit easier here. We have to get not only 50%...over 50% of the businesses to agree, you have to get over 50% of the annual rental value. Very difficult to do in that you have some huge grocery stores. Although, I think there might be a chance, but when you have a nationally owned corporations operating their businesses in these areas, it is so difficult to get somebody or find somebody to say, yeah, we will sign on and then...and usually they have huge amounts of square footage, which is a large ARV, so the total ARV, trying to get, is difficult. What people might want to try, try not to be so ambitious that...St. Norbert is. I think it's only three blocks, Councillor Lukes could change me, but what happened there is, I think at the time, Councillor Swandel...and they worked at it, that was a small area to start with and the idea was, when people started to see how...what good things business improvement zones do, they might be able to expand that zone in the future. So, I will leave it at that. Of course, I am voting for all these levies. They need...they need...it's the business' money. This is not...that levy is not the City's money. That money belongs to the business improvement zone and the member businesses in those zones who contribute.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt...Councillor Eadie, pardon me. Thank you. Mr. Mayor to close on the item.

Mayor Gillingham: I want to thank...Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues for their comments on the BIZ zones. And I will echo what my colleagues have said, just to express an appreciation to all the BIZ zone executive directors and their teams for the great work that they do. And I'll invite you to call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk, Item 10.

Item 10 – Shareholder Approval of an Option Agreement Term Sheet for a sale of the Portage Place Mall Assets by North Portage Development Corporation to True North Real Estate Development Limited

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it's understood by pretty much everybody in this chamber and, really, throughout Winnipeg, that Portage Place Mall right now is really an underperforming piece of property in our downtown and it's key to the health of our downtown. So, it really needs to be a successful space. And so, what we have before us today, as a shareholder, as a decision to make, to approve an option agreement term sheet. And so, this is our role as the City of Winnipeg as one of three shareholders in the North Portage Development Corporation. And so, I will certainly be supporting this. And I am frankly excited to see what True North will bring forward. A part of what we're agreeing to today in the terms of this agreement, is that True North will be required to do extensive public consultation. And so, I think through that public consultation process I, like I'm sure everyone around this chamber and throughout the city, is looking forward to some of the concepts and ideas that could be proposed for the location. And so, I certainly will be supporting this motion today.

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

Councillor Eadie: I rise to speak to this. I am...actually, I am in opposition. I know it is only an option and it's not actually an offer to purchase at this point, Madam Speaker. But I have to say, the last experience...and I agree with the Mayor and we all do agree, Portage Place isn't working. And I won't get into the recommendations. I spoke to the former executive director of The Forks North Portage in that I said we were going to get stuck with a white elephant before the 50 years were up. There's all kinds of agreements. I studied the whole thing back in the late '80s when I was in business administration at Red River, now called Red River...the College Polytechnic, Madam Speaker. And...but I voted to have Starlight move forward. And some people in the social justice movement have misinterpreted and said that, you know, Council unanimously said to sell it off to a private company. I initially wanted Starlight to explore it because Portage Place has a problem. But as soon as they came back and they wanted public dollars, Madam Speaker, knew it was going to come, they asked for, what? \$200 million loan to build and to build the vision that Starlight provided, which wasn't a bad vision. It was a good vision to open it up because I remember the days when I could walk across Portage at Edmonton and Kennedy and be able to get to other businesses in other places along Ellice. And being blind, walking through Portage Place is not a...it's not a fun thing when you are on your own. Although, it is (inaudible). So, the thing is, what I think should be happening here is, we are shareholder, we should be asking...there are some really good not-for-profit housing corporations who have had experience in building high rises, many apartments. And what I think should be happening is, if public dollars are going into this, then what I think is, as a shareholder, we should have been...be demanding that The Forks North Portage actually move forward with undertaking and opening in a section, building a couple of towers of housing with rent geared to income, Madam Speaker. But not all of it, Madam Speaker. Dispersion...if you build enough units, you can get a number of rent to gear and there's a way to make that work when you are not pulling profits to make those buildings work and to maintain them way into the future, Madam Speaker. And so, what I think is should be happening here is...you know, I am not...I'm not going to get down on Mr. Chipman or anything like that. I mean, I think it's a true sincere effort to try to improve Portage Place. But you know what, ultimately, affordable rent at medium market rents, that doesn't work, Madam Speaker. Doesn't work. It...like...like, I don't know if any of you ever lived in poverty. Like, those kind of rents aren't affordable, I can tell you that right now. And you need a place to live. So, Madam Speaker, I won't be voting to support this. What should happen is, we, as one of the shareholders, and the other two shareholders should be engaging with the not-for-profit groups and then, you know, there will still be businesses on the main floor. You could build the towers. We know that when Portage Place was built, it was built with the intention to be able to do something. So, no private company holds a right to whatever...you can build two very large apartment blocks there and make it all work and have rent geared to income instead of this...the private sector's only offering us medium market rents, which, you know, they're quite high, Madam Speaker. And so, I'll just leave it at that. I'm going to vote against this. There are better things that we could be recommending as a shareholder. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this item here today. Portage Place has been a real struggle in the community. And I really like that this is a local company that is looking at major investments. I am on the other side of things, I think we need to have major investment into this area. I really believe that if we want to be a healthy city, requires a healthy downtown. And in order to do that, we need to have that investment within downtown and at Portage Place, in particular. And I really believe that at this time we have...this mall has been up for sale for years. There has been no interest. And if there are interests, especially somebody local, we definitely have to take that serious and look

at it. And hopefully that they do collaborate with the community. I want to encourage, you know, True North to really do that. I think it's an important part to make sure that becomes a very big asset within the community and also something that the community enjoys and a place that everyone feels welcome and safe. I think that that is critical. I know that the community is, you know, concerned a little bit about gentrification, but I also believe that this is a big opportunity. We know that malls across North America, throughout the world, really, Madam Speaker, that malls in general are struggling. And they have to find a new way to reinvent themselves. And they need people to take that investment seriously and to make the financial commitment and investment. And I know that we'll be seeing more of this as it goes through its system and as it goes and it communicates with the community. I do...I do expect there might be an ask of the City just because there was an ask with the prior developer on this issue. And I have been saving some...some finances within Community Services that I know everyone is trying to grab at, but I've been saving some of that money to ensure that there is kind of a community space. So, I'm hoping that the developer and True North will do its due diligence on this matter, make sure it's a safe, inviting place for everybody. And I am really open to hearing what they have to offer and what that can bring to Winnipeg and the Daniel McIntyre Ward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Back to you, Mr. Mayor, for close.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank my colleagues for the comments, especially Councillor Gilroy, I know who has been really working on this property and very focused on what could become of this property and her dedication to the residents of the area. And the transformation of this property is something I think...I certainly appreciate, I know my colleagues do as well. Winnipeg's downtown needs investment and needs investment now. And I think, you know, without predetermining the future outcome, what I am excited about here is that there will be public consultation and there's a potential here for substantial investment in Winnipeg's downtown. And if this works out, then by a proven local investor. As Councillor Gilroy pointed out, I was going to say the same, so I'm glad she mentioned it, this property has been on the market for years. Several years ago, The Forks...The Forks North Portage listed this property and made it known that this property was for sale. And there just really has not been any interest except for Starlight. The least that we know of as a shareholder. So, this is before us today, it's the first step. It is a step. It's an option agreement term sheet that we are voting on. This is not a vote as a shareholder to sell the property. This is not a sale decision. This is an option decision that we are voting on today. And so, it's the next step. And I am asking all my councillor colleagues to support this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer, Wyatt, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillor Eadie

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 15, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 10 passes. Next is Item 12. Before we get into...well, we'll let you, Madam Clerk, first introduce the item. Go ahead.

Item 12 – Proactive Settlement of a Potential Claim against 5174245 Manitoba Ltd. (a corporation operating as Tartan Towing)

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Before we get into the Mayor's introduction of this item, I want to raise some boundaries. I want to remind Council that when debating items before Council, it is important to ensure you're always being respectful of all the parties involved and debating only the merits of the items presented on the agenda. This is especially important for items involving settlements, including this next item involving a settlement with Tartan Towing, the upcoming item on the settlement regarding the Winnipeg Police Service headquarters litigation. And also, the call for commission of inquiry on this matter. These are items that may be going to the courts or are already before the courts. So, while Council has the right to debate these items in open sessions, members of Council should ensure that they are debating the merits of the report only, that is whether or not to accept the settlement proposed. As per the Procedure By-law, members of Council should not be dealing in personalities. This means not supposing anyone's guilt or innocence.

Not discussing the motives behind anyone's actions or anything else outside the settlement report in front of you. I'm going to be strict on this subject and will be warning members if they stray and taking further actions if required. I thank everyone ahead of time for your respect and support with regards to these rules. And with that, Mr. Mayor, if you could introduce Item 12.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the guidance and the caution. I think...I certainly appreciate it, I think we all do. So, I appreciate you making those comments today. I'm going to be supporting the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation on this matter. And the recommendation that came from Executive Policy Committee is that the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service not be concurred in. I do understand, certainly, as per the report, the implications of not concurring in the recommendations of the Public Service. And I am good with those implications, personally. Maybe just put something on the record, I have been asked as future item coming up that you mentioned as well, Madam Speaker, coming up after this is the Winnipeg Police Service headquarters litigation. I was asked the question, why would you say yes to one, the police headquarters litigation, and agree to the settlement, but say no to this matter? And my answer is, for me, because we are at two different...the City of Winnipeg is at two different ends of the legal process spectrum on those two matters. And so, I will be, again, siding with what came out of Executive Policy Committee and not supporting the recommendation of the Public Service when it comes to this matter. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, will be supporting the EPC recommendation, which basically states they are not supporting the Public Service recommendation with respect to this matter. I just believe that it is incumbent upon us as stewards of the civic purse to be responsible and accountable to city of Winnipeg taxpayers. There are some processes here that appear to have not been followed. And as a result, the City of Winnipeg was taken advantage of to some degree in, you know, what we have seen unfold in terms of the information, the factual information, that has been presented. So, again, I think it is incumbent upon all of us as stewards of the public purse to be responsible to get all of the dollars back that are due the City of Winnipeg that were...the services that were not tendered during this process. Back in 2021, I did ask these very same questions, why vehicles were not being towed during snow clearing operations. I know that many residents in my ward were very frustrated with respect to, again, paying taxes for this service and not fully realizing, you know, the services that were claimed to have been rendered. So, again, I think it's important for us as stewards to go for every dollar that is due the City of Winnipeg because, again, processes were not followed. And you know, we ought to do better. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise also in support of the Executive Policy Committee motion and echo the words of the Mayor and Councillor Chambers. I thank the EPC and the Mayor for not supporting the recommendation coming before us today. When you read the report, it's quite concerning, the information that we do have in the report. I am of the view at this point that in a scenario like this, we should be considering canceling the contract immediately, suspending their action with the City of Winnipeg until we conduct further review. I am of the view, and I preface this very clearly in light of the comments that you rightfully made, Madam Speaker, prior to this debate, that when you read the...here, and I say this very clearly so that I do not in any way criminalize myself in terms of litigation, in terms of...what's the legal term? Pardon me? Yeah, well I don't want to...you know, somebody say that I slander...slander. Thank you. Slander. I don't want to say that it appears there's potential for fraud, not necessarily fraud. And so, I'm being very careful in what I am saying here. I don't want...you know, I think this should be referred to a law enforcement review agency, whether it be our own public Winnipeg Police or the RCMP. And we should send a very strong message, as was said by Councillor Chambers. We need to send a strong message that if you're going to do business with the City of Winnipeg, we are not going to tolerate this any more in terms of...not to say that anything fraudulent took place here, but we are not going to tolerate where we can be...we can have the wool pulled over our eyes in any way, shape or form. The citizens of Winnipeg, I think, expect that as a minimum. And you know, if anything, because we are dealing with the public trust, we're dealing with public money, we have to have a higher standard than a private company entering into a contract with another private company. We are a public entity. Yes, we are a corporation. We're not a level of government under the Constitution, but we are fully funded by the public and the public trust must be preserved. I don't think that has been done in this case. I think, again, strongly support the Mayor and EPC; immediate suspension of the contract, bringing in an outside entity to review it and law enforcement agency and frankly, deal with this matter asap in that manner. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have a tendency to want to vote as EPC did, but I am more than likely going to be opposed to the recommend...to the EPC recommendation. And this particular situation and settlement has revealed to me some important details that you might find in common with other issues that the City's been dealing with, Madam Speaker, in that, if you think about these are a lot related to ticketing and then towing related to snow

clearing operations, I think for the most part, Madam Speaker. And if you think about it, and we look at the supervision over a private sector corporation, a private company, you know, one of the...actually, one of the...I will step back, one of the advantages of our Public Service undertaking work is, you know, there is managers and enough people to oversee to ensure that our public servants are undertaking and doing the work that's to be done, Madam Speaker. But if you think about it, there is one...just think about this, Madam Speaker. So, we have a huge area of snow clearing zone and you have basically one individual in that whole area making sure that the work is being undertaken properly. Now, then if we want to make sure everything is on the up and up, work is being undertaken and so on, you need to have the people on staff to undertake the work at examining documentation and so on. And I will note that in this presentation the issue was discovered as we started to implement the new, I can't remember exactly what you call it, but we're dealing with this through digital photo identification of motor vehicles in violation. And Madam Speaker, the digital process is much easier to manage and oversee and overlook. I don't know what the Winnipeg Parking Authority utilizes when they're dealing with their regular parking ticket system. We have a private company that, actually, is out there doing the ticketing enforcement on our behalf. They're not City of Winnipeg staff, but they have certain measures in place to ensure that everything is going smoothly. And what is right is right, what is done is done. So, I believe that...and I will make this point, Madam Speaker, we are not going to take the public's...Public Service's recommendation here it sounds like. So, then I will ask, so there's other actions or things that might...may or may not happen, Madam Speaker. But I do know, in the end, when you have a collectible, receivables that go bad, you end up selling it to a bill...private bill collector and they buy it off you for, you know, maybe 5 or 10 cents on the dollar and it's up to them to collect money. And I think we utilize that practice sometimes, maybe...or well, we don't, actually, now that I think about it. But anyway, that is the way a lot of things are dealt with. So, you know, ultimately you say, here is...they say, this is the potential of what the problem was. Here's...here is the settlement that they presented, the recommendation. And Madam Speaker, I think we should just simply settle it. Right now, we are making it clear there is a message. I hoping the...our public servants, we're the governance and that actions are taken to ensure that any contracts we have with any private companies that everything is being delivered the way it is suppose to be delivered under whatever agreements they sign to do work on behalf of the City with public dollars. So...and some people say, oh, the government has too much red tape. Well, Madam Speaker, there is a reason for lots of red tape, quite often. It's your spending public dollars. And in our society, some people think that they have a right to that. It is my money, whatever. Because they are paying taxes, Madam Speaker. Well, that's just a...that is an inappropriate attitude from this taxpayer's perspective, Madam Speaker. And so, I'll leave it at that. I just...I really think we should take the Public Service's recommendation on this. And I will leave it at that.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I have already said a lot about this particular issue at hand. It did...falls into the Public Works realm. And I guess, you know, I do want to say, I am glad to see that the Public Service is presenting more accountability over the file and how these are reported. It was concerning to me that that wasn't in place or, you know, was debatable if it was in place. But I am pleased to see that because these are taxpayer dollars. And it is our duty to really ensure we have accountability. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. Any further speakers? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard:

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: So, I'll speak in French a little bit. (inaudible) we can celebrate bilingualism with our interpretation services throughout this month of the Francophone. So, I think we should...thank you to the Executive Policy Committee and the Mayor to have...to have not approved the recommendation of the committee...or of the direction. I believe that we should send a message that when we ask for services when we have contracts, that we should receive the service or goods of the contract.

Councillor Allard: So, I want to commend Executive Policy Committee and the Mayor for their position to not concur in the Public Service recommendation on this issue. I think we need to send a message loud and clear that in the case of service provisions for the City of Winnipeg, whether it's a service, whether it's a good, that Winnipegger...Winnipeggers expect to get...to get what they paid for. So, thank you for the...thank you for not concurring. I hope that the Mayor and Executive Policy Committee is aggressively looking at next steps. And I think...I think you luckily are, so thank you for that. And I will be supporting this report from EPC.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You call the question please.

Madam Speaker: Call the question on Item 12.

Mayor Gillingham: Sorry, Madam Speaker, just to be crystal clear, if you don't mind just giving yourself...the Clerks to be clear that the vote today, if you vote in favour...if you are voting in favour of EPC's recommendation to not concur in the Public Service, correct?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I was just going to do that. And I believe there's a call for a recorded vote. So, all in favour of not concurring with the recommendation of the Public Service, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer, Wyatt, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillor Eadie

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 15, Nays 1.

Madam Speaker: Item 12 passes. Next report is the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 15th, 2023. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED MARCH 15, 2023**

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. A couple of significant reports here in a row. Significant for us as Council, and certainly significant for the people of Winnipeg, the citizens of Winnipeg, taxpayers of Winnipeg. And so, the matter we have before us today is the Winnipeg Police Service headquarters litigation matter. We have before us a recommendation regarding a settlement. The City agreed to a full settlement, both the deficiencies action and the fraud action and also, shady claims currently filed in the Court of Kings Bench. I will be supporting the recommendation of the Public Service in this matter. What we have before us is a matter I...a recommendation that will provide, I think, a measure of certainty and recovery for the people of Winnipeg. I said this is a victory for the people of Winnipeg, I truly believe that. It will secure \$21.5 million for taxpayers at a minimum. It provides certainty for the people of Winnipeg. It avoids an additional \$6.4 million in legal costs that will be required to proceed with the legal procedures. And we have already spent \$4.1 million on this matter in legal costs. It avoids years of legal proceedings. And the great likelihood that whatever the outcome, there would be an appeal. And so, we just don't know how long the legal proceedings would take, how many more years, how many more dollars would be involved in this. And so, I am certainly looking forward to hearing from my council colleagues on this. But I would ask my colleagues to support this recommendation of our Public Service to settle.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next speaker.

Clerk: Just to introduce the item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Litigation

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Wyatt: Amend the report coming forward, just to let members of Council know.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Nothing's been circulated at this time, so we'll proceed with the speaking order. And then, of course, if something is circulated, we will have the member introduce. Councillor Eadie, followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Eadie: There is an amending to this report on this settlement?

Madam Speaker: There's an amending motion, but nothing's in front of us yet. It's not circulated.

Councillor Eadie: All right. Well, it would be good to know what it...anyway, I will rise to speak to it. I don't know what the amendment's going to be. I will decide after I speak whether or not I will support the amendment.

Madam Speaker: You can speak later, if you wish. I can move on or something is circulated, you can speak once again.

Councillor Eadie: I'll speak...no, no. Anyway, I will speak now and I think...

Councillor Wyatt: Is it possible just to wait a couple of minutes for it to be circulated so that members could speak to it if they wish? Just a suggestion.

Madam Speaker: No. We generally proceed with our meeting here. Councillor Eadie has the floor. Councillor Eadie, go ahead. Councillor Eadie has the floor. We've heard a motion will be coming moment. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Are we not entitled to speak again once there's an amending motion?

Madam Speaker: Yes, and I just mentioned that (inaudible). Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your wisdom. All right, I stand and I will be supporting the recommendation that we have here from the Executive Policy Committee which is to accept the Public Service's recommendation. Very serious matter, this particular one. Although, the...any...any issues of this ilk are important, including...you know, you've seen my vote on the other one, but that is not to say I don't think that there has to be a demand for accountability, transparency and so on. And so, I am going to speak to an item that has concerned me and it concerns me, Madam Speaker, is just how our Public Service makes decisions when to spend money, when not to do it, when to spend what our mayor, Mayor Gillingham, has pointed out is almost...already over \$4 million spent. It could be a lot more action, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, there is an option as in, you know, if you have to monitor and follow things, you end up...you have to spend the money to have enough staff to ensure that proper things are happening and moving forward. I am not saying what specifically happened or anything in this regard. But what I do know, Madam Speaker, is that even our City Auditor makes decisions about when to proceed or when to do something based on dollars. I say it wouldn't have cost us 4 mill...4 point whatever million dollars so far if the proper actions were taken in the first place. Monsieur Allard produced...put forth a motion I think that got referred to Governance in regards to who does the auditor report to. And I think he had solid grounds on it into following that recommendation. But we'll speak more of that under the Wyatt/Eadie motion that's up for discussion...debate. But Madam Speaker, I think that over \$20 million is good. I think it is very important. I think it is a reasonable settlement. And if it isn't paid, it escalates based on, I guess, prevailing interest rates that are projected, Madam Speaker. But there is always an issue, Madam Speaker, about no, you settle and there are agreements and so on and so forth, but as we now know, contracts can be not followed through on, Madam Speaker. And so, there is always, you know, the issue, will we get all that money? I don't know. But I know that...I know that...I think we are doing pretty good here. I think that if our Public Service earlier on took action that they should have, I believe that things would look a bit more expensive for this settlement. But that is neither here nor there. I am just supposedly considered to be a novice or whatever. But I like to make sure that the public's money that we are getting the supposed value that we ask for. And that we get the proper facilities that, you know, are, in this case, our Police Services need to undertake their work on the behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg and on behalf of Council. So, I guess that's it. I am not sure what the amendment is going to be. And I was...thank you for allowing me to maybe speak to...I may not have to. But I just wanted to make it very clear, I think that this is a reasonable settlement that's been recommended to us. I don't like a lot of what happened in the past, Madam Speaker. I was around for this stuff, demanded things to happen, asked for things to happen. People never took action, very disappointing to me, but here we are. We have a settlement and I think we should take it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. We now have an amending Motion 8 that's been circulated in hard copy. I will give Councillor Wyatt an opportunity to introduce. But before that, if I could ask the Clerk to read the 'resolve' into the record, please.

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

WHEREAS Members of Council are not employees of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Legal Services Department provides legal advice to the Chief Administrative Officer and members of the Public Service;

AND WHEREAS legal advice is often vetted by the Chief Administrative Officer prior to it being presented to Members of Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 1 of the Executive Policy Committee Report dated March 15, 2023, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendations 1-5, and replace it with the following:*
 - "1. That the Public Service be directed to engage alternative private legal counsel to review the proposed settlement in order to provide an opinion directly to Members of Council, without consulting the Public Service in advance or during said independent legal consultation.*
 - 2. That City Clerk's Department be directed to cover the cost to obtain the alternative private legal counsel proposed in Recommendation 1, from within existing resources. "*
- *That the remaining recommendation be renumbered accordingly.*

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Madam Clerk. This amending motion was moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Allard. Councillor Wyatt, your opportunity to introduce the amending motion and speak to the item.

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Speaker, I rise to move this amendment to allow us to obtain our own legal counsel via the Clerks Office to review the settlement that's before us today. I think this is important in light of the fact that there's been a lot of water under the bridge with regards to conduct of concern with regards to the settlement, private sector, public sector, Public Service, you need to, I believe, have our own independent legal counsel to give us advice on the settlement in terms of risks and risk management. And I don't see this as something that would require a great length of time for us to organize or do. And therefore, not jeopardize the settlement in terms of the mid-April deadline. And I guess, you know, you could say, well, why don't you trust us? Well, to quote my father, "You know, in god I trust, all others pay cash." And you know, this is a significant decision that we are making today. I attended the briefing, but I left because I brought my executive assistant. I was told he couldn't stay because he is not a City employee. Ironically, none of us are City employees. I asked if he could sign non-disclosure agreement even though I was not being asked to sign a non...sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, let's stick to the report in front of us, please. Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: No, I just want to say that the tone that I got...I'm talking to that. The tone that I got at the meeting was very blunt. And we have an hour and that is it and then we got to be somewhere else. And really, okay. That's how it is going to be. I want my own legal advice. On something like this, if this was involving myself, my own personal life, my own personal business, I would get independent legal advice. Why wouldn't we do it as a Council? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. We have others in the queue. Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is my one shot and I must speak both to the amendment and to the item.

Madam Speaker: Yes, to the amending motion and the main item. Thank you.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. A) I agree with the Mayor almost entirely in his remarks that this is a victory for the City of Winnipeg. I will be supporting the settlement. B) I do not support the amendment. Intriguing, though, it is, in part in terms of getting separate legal advice from members of Council. I think there are times when that would be appropriate. Speak to the amendment first. For example, we have had situations here, very unfortunate situations, where some of my colleagues have been sued by name, as well as City of Winnipeg staff and City of Winnipeg. When we started on that odyssey, we were told, you find your own counsel, it's at your expense, we'll just...we just cover the employees of the City of Winnipeg. Ms. Boryskavich, when she was here, head of Legal, I think was persuaded by something, perhaps my arguments, that that just wasn't fair to the elected officials, so we've rectified that. But the...I mean, the...I'll say it's well intended, the amendment, seeking more legal advice. I think that in this situation would be a waste of time and money, frankly. Not in every situation. I get the intent. But the...this is a long running complex piece of litigation involving a settlement with multiple parties. I don't think getting some other counsel to scan it, look it over at this late stage, it would be fair to any of the players involved. There is always some buyers remorse with these legal settlements, in my experience. I have done a number of these. I have won some cases at court, I've lost some and I've settled a bunch as a lawyer. Quite often, people will call you later and be upset. And on this particular instance, I think this is a good settlement. So, I don't

favour the amendment. Sometimes we...you know, I certainly disagreed with the legal advice when we were told, you know, we are going to win on the police pension. I disagreed with that. And I think the arbitrator sided with my view of things. But also, if you looked at the legal opinion we got, it didn't say it was a slam-dunk. It was kind of how the staff characterized it, frankly. Some of the staff who were here at the time. So, I appreciate Councillor Wyatt's point in this and there may be situations where I would agree with this idea of getting a separate review of a proposed settlement or a proposed legal action. Impact fee litigation; one could go on about that. The concept was probably right. I think the way it was argued had some shortcomings. So, how do we...how do we...who's...what went wrong there? Well, we'll have to leave that for another day. On to the main motion, Councillor Gillingham, as some call him, Mayor Gillingham, is...it might take a while. Mayor Gillingham is right in saying it's a victory for the City of Winnipeg. I never expected to get anything out of this litigation. I'm delighted that I was wrong and the City of Winnipeg stands to gain over \$20 million out of the litigation. Certainly, there are substantial legal costs and risks going forward. It does make sense to settle. This does not cover the other group of defendants, that's still a live court case. This does involve, I think, dozens of defendants. This is a massive bit of work. My...part of my misgivings at the start of this litigation were, and this I have some experience with pleading fraud in civil cases. And thank you to the external counsel who gave us the briefing. I was at one before the one Councillor Wyatt was at. Can't speak to his experiences. We got off on an excellent briefing from the external legal counsel. The legal counsel also made it clear that in fraud cases, if you are unsuccessful, the plaintiff, in this case, City of Winnipeg can be on the hook for all of the legal costs of the defendants. Different than in a lot of legal proceedings. If you look at the request for additional funding received by this Council in 2022, the City staff, I thought, mentioned three times how, well, if we win, we can get all of our costs covered. It doesn't mention the downside risk. I was told, that's editorial choice or it's implicit in what we said. Well, if it was so implicit, why did you repeat three times that if we win we can get all our costs back? The corollary is, and if you lose, you're on the hook for a lot of legal costs. So, thank you to external counsel for saying, yes, there's a risk here if you proceed and lose on fraud actions, you can be on the hook for a massive amount of legal costs for the other side. So, that does drive the economic math here to say, yes, this is a good settlement. We'll have a discussion later on, I think, and the next item talks about inquiry. But I think in this particular instance, I oppose the amendment based on the facts in front of me here. I may support Councillor Wyatt on something like this in the future on a different legal matter, but on the main body here, I think it's actually a good settlement for the City of Winnipeg. We can go forward. There are...there are risks with proceeding. I think on this situation, given the dollars at stake, given the length of time this would take to litigate, it does make sense to get this settlement with whatever the conditions of how we go forward are and then, I guess, we will still have the other group of defendants to deal with and that's...that's very live in front of the courts as we speak. So, I'll have some other comments on the commission of inquiry, but I will be voting against the amendment and with the Mayor on the main...the main item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Seeing the hour, we are going to now recess and reconvene at 1:30 p.m. sharp. Okay. 1:30 p.m., thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
March 23, 2023, at 1:36 p. m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I'd like to reconvene our Council meeting of March 15th, 2023. We're at the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 15th, 2023, Item 1 – Winnipeg Police Service Headquarters Litigation. First speaker is Councillor Wyatt who is introducing amending Motion 9. Motion moved by Councillor Wyatt, second by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Wyatt: There is a...that motion is getting pulled and there is a slight emendation coming forward to...pertaining to that motion because we are only allowed to have two motions to amend on the floor at once. And therefore, there is a slight change coming forward on that motion, Madam Speaker. So, I will delay my comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Chambers. So, in the meantime, you wish to rescind amending motion...which one, 8? So, amending...so you're rescinding amending Motion 8.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, we're having...we got a new motion coming.

Madam Speaker: And you've got the concurrence of your seconder, Councillor Allard, to rescind that? Okay, that's what we're going to deal with at this moment.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, we're going to have the...the Clerks are just typing up the...there it is here.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And Council's permission to rescind amending Motion 8. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Councillor Wyatt, amending Motion 9, your opportunity to introduce that.

Motion No. 9

**Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,**

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 1 of the Executive Policy Committee Report dated March 15, 2023, be amended by adding the following new recommendation:

"6. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to Council every 24 months on the funds collected to date, until the full funds are collected, as stated in this report herein."

and renumber the remaining recommendations accordingly.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. That's just simply, I think, something that maybe was missed in the report in terms of reporting back with regards to...in the event that the settlement does pass, that there be a mechanism to report back. I'm suggesting 24 months, I mean, it could be any amount of time, as long it's reasonable, I suppose; to report back to Council in terms of the success that we will have on the collection of the funds that are being acquired through the settlement to keep Council updated with regards to this. I saw there was no formal mechanism for that, so I thought that this should be part of it. I'm assuming it would have full support. It might...if in the event the settlement passes, that the same councillors will support that. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I saw that Mayor Gillingham had his hand up.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of the motion by EPC or the recommendation by EPC to accept this settlement for the police headquarters that has come forward. I recognize, Madam Speaker, that back in January of 20...or sorry, back in 2014, there was an audit done, it was July 14th, 2014. There was an audit done by KPMG with respect to the police headquarter construction project. And it was audited in terms of the procedures. I really believe, Madam Speaker, that not only is and was there an opportunity to revise some of the internal processes that led to where we are today, but more work still needs to be done. And clearly, this report provides some observations in terms of the processes that took place that talked about inconsistent compliance with the City's capital project management policies, reporting on project status against baseline budgets, inadequate project management discipline related to contract management, so on and so forth. And then, there was a series of recommendations that were presented to promote and improve governance and transparency. And certainly, with...with that, you know, upon our briefing, I asked that question of our CAO; what measures had been put in place to prevent against future occurrences like this from happening, and just increase our understanding of what our liabilities are as we go through some of these big construction projects. And currently, we're...I'm undertaking one of the biggest construction projects in Winnipeg's city history with the north Winnipeg pollution control centre. And so, we want to make sure that we're getting this right, but clearly, more work needs to be done to ensure that, you know, the City is getting its bang for the buck and that proper processes are being followed. I also bring it back to Mayor Gillingham's campaign promise that...while he was campaigning, he talked about a construction engineer that would be hired by the City to oversee a lot of these projects and make sure that due diligence is done, that proper processes are in place and that the City is getting the value for dollar that it's spending in terms of these construction projects. So, again, I am supporting the recommendation of EPC to accept this. And again, in, you know, listening to Mayor Gillingham this morning; why this one and not the Tartan one? Well, again, you know, we modernized our systems to the extent that we have proper processes in place. And certainly, there is always room for continuous improvement around these issues. And again, Mayor Gillingham commitment to hiring a construction engineer will assist in that. But you know, the other issue that we spoke about this morning with respect to snow clearing and courtesy tows, there's still work to be done on that file and sending that message that, you know, instances like this can no longer happen. The City of Winnipeg should not be taken advantage of and that the proper services should be deployed when we enter into contract negotiations with various vendors. So, again, I am supporting this this morning...or this afternoon now and urge my council colleagues to consider the same. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Next speakers are Councillor Allard, followed by Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Allard: If I can, I will get out of line and I'll get back in later.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this matter. We did attend a Council seminar in which we did hear from our lawyers on the matter and also, too, we did hear from our outside external lawyers that we have hired. So, we have hired outside external lawyers on this matter. And we got information on what we should be proceeding with. And I concur with our lawyers on this matter. And so, I don't feel that there's a need to go with any outside lawyers because I feel that we already have done that. And also, too, I would like to just state that I am not sure about his amending motion if he was pulling the amending motion. There is another one added here. But on the added one here, I would support in the Public Service reporting back on the amounts that are collected. So, on the amending Motion that...9, I would support Councillor Wyatt's amending Motion No. 9, but I won't support his last amending motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. The only live motion is Motion 9. The other one was rescinded, 8. We now we have another motion that's been circulated, amending Motion No. 10: moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Allard. Madam Clerk, if we could read the 'resolve', please, into the record. Thank you. And the motion is being circulated around the chamber right now. And we'll have our clerk momentarily read it into the record. Again, to reiterate, Motion 8 has been rescinded.

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

WHEREAS Members of Council are not employees of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Legal Services Department provides legal advice to the Chief Administrative Officer and members of the Public Service;

AND WHEREAS legal advice is often vetted by the Chief Administrative Officer prior to it being presented to Members of Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Item 1 of the Executive Policy Committee Report dated March 15, 2023, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendations 1-5, and replace it with the following:*
 - "1. That the Winnipeg Public Service confidentially supply a copy of the actual legal agreement between the parties, and or said "terms" as well as all written correspondence between the parties to all member of Council.*
 - 2. That the Public Service be directed to engage alternative private legal counsel to review the proposed settlement in order to provide an opinion directly to Members of Council, without consulting the Public Service in advance or during said independent legal consultation.*
 - 3. That City Clerk's Department be directed to cover the cost to obtain the alternative private legal counsel proposed in Recommendation 1, from within existing resources. In the event fund cannot be secured through the Clerk's Office interested Councillor can pay the associated legal fees through their Councillor's Ward Allowance."*
- *That the remaining recommendation be renumbered accordingly.*

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt to introduce amending Motion 10.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I did attend the seminar, it was stated to me when I requested a copy of the agreement, I was told there's not an agreement, they call it the terms. I requested a copy of terms and I was told in no uncertain terms...sorry for the confusion, I was told that the copy of the terms being provided is not an option. Members of Council will not be given the actual legal terms that we are settling on. So, we...unless we have a chance to see exactly what we are agreeing to, it is a concern. I've also, in another e-mail, requested to find other contracts we have entered into this party on other capital projects around the city. And my concern is, are we including that as part of the settlement? I don't know. But my...until we see the terms and correspondence between the court...and that was the other thing, no correspondence that we can see. I understand these matters are confidential and that is why I stressed that in the motion and that we have the opportunity, as I spoke earlier, about the need to get independent legal counsel. I think our own legal counsel, in light of the fact that technically the legal counsel we have today reports directly through to us via

the CAO's Office. My concern is that we need to have that separate level of objectivity. I know in the past, even the last mayor did obtain his own legal counsel on different items. And it has been done in the past, but what I'm asking for here is not precedent setting, it's been done before. If not informally, not through motions at Council, it has been done informally. And that if we are voting on the terms, there is not an agreement, the terms, which is being summarized in a report here today, I think a request to see the terms is not a strenuous or over the top request. I think it's quite reasonable especially if it is done in confidentiality and if a non-disclosure agreement requires to be signed, I would be more than willing to sign that. And that of any independent legal counsel that Council would obtain, any party. Our own legal council, they have been required to sign an NDA. I am sure that I would not want to hire legal counsel until I...they agree to sign NDA to deal with some of the terms of the agreement and any kind of correspondence. So, I think this is a reasonable request in light of the settlement and the decision we are making here today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker? Anyone wish to speak? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be brief. I think...I think in this case we want Winnipeggers to know that we absolutely got the best advice that we could possibly get. My concern is about potential perceived conflict and I think that boards of governance, when they go into these types of situations, they do ask everyone to leave the room and you talk to your legal counsel. And I think that is not unreasonable request to have a third-party that what's being offered here. And for that reason, I'll be supporting...I'll be supporting this amending motion and I will not be supporting the main motion...the main motion.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Briefly, this is a big deal. It's a big deal to Winnipeggers. I don't think we should be...it's something we have been talking about for years. And on that basis, we need to show...show proof of due diligence. And in the...it's a really tough one because of the issues of just the practicality of the settlement, unfortunately, unlike...unlike other situations. Having said that, the integrity of our system is at stake, it truly is. And the faith of Winnipeggers and taxpayers in terms of how their hard-earned tax dollars are dealt with, how we feel about it here at city hall to the extent we disregard their concerns, their money. And we are their legal representation, effectively, when we vote in this chamber on issues such as this. And on that basis, I am inclined towards, unfortunately, and I am willing to weigh in and say, I am in favour, essentially, of a form of settlement. However, we need to show proof of due diligence. And in that...on that basis, to show the greatest caution towards that and the greatest respect...the greatest expression of that to enhance where we are going is with Councillor Wyatt's and Councillor Allard's amendment. And on that basis, I support the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to rise to speak to this. And I am in support of the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service. This is simply about accountability. We, as elected officials, are accountable to Winnipeggers. Our Public Service is accountable to Winnipeggers and the private sector should be accountable to Winnipeggers when they are dealing with the City of Winnipeg. This is across the board. We need to reinstate the faith of Winnipeggers in all levels. We need to send a clear message to all the parties that if any underhanded business takes place while dealing with the City of Winnipeg, we will exercise all available options to pursue this in the best interests of all Winnipeggers. Having said that, to go any further with this matter, in my opinion, would not be in the best interest of Winnipeggers and that is why I am now standing to speak in support of this recommendation by the Winnipeg Public Service. Thank you.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much. I wasn't planning on speaking, but I'm going to be exceptionally brief here. The reason I am voting against the proposed amendment is, again, I do believe we have a very good deal. It was stated in the report that should we not accept the deal, the lawyers in question, lawyers that have given us their advice, stand to bill us millions of dollars more for providing further service to the City. So, again, if there was any self-interest to the lawyers that the City has retained, it would be to continue potentially billing the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Now we'll have an opportunity to close on the amending motions. Councillor Wyatt, your opportunity to close on Motion 9 and 10 if you want to do it together or separately.

Councillor Wyatt: No, I am not speaking to either. Call on the questions.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I thank my colleagues for their comments on this matter today. I will...I'll support Motion No. 9, the amending motion. I think it's perhaps a bit redundant. Anytime the City receives revenues, if this is indeed what happens in the settlement, it comes through Councillor Browaty's committee. The Finance Committee through regular reporting in finances as far as the income of revenues. But nonetheless, I think having a specific report back to Council within 24 months if, indeed, the settlement goes through as far as the receipt of funds collected, then I think that that is good also. So, I will support motion...amending Motion 9. I will not support Motion No. 10, though. First of all, we already have external legal counsel. And they have been at this and on this file for years. And already have...you know, it's cost the City of Winnipeg \$4.1 million so far of external legal counsel and other...others to get us to this point...this point of settlement. So, I believe that we already have the work being done to hire an alternate legal counsel at this time, in my view, any counsel...any lawyer worth their wage would want to do due diligence. And so, I don't think by any stretch of the imagination would this be a quick turnaround time. I think it would take months if not years for an alternative counsel to determine whether or not the settlement is something they would recommend, they support or we support or not. So, I think given that the administration report says, not only as Councillor Browaty just pointed out, this initial \$6.4 million that we would need to approve so that legal...legal team could proceed. But also, within...within the very report here, it does indicate, right now, that dates have been set for the City of Winnipeg's examination...examination process to start next month. So, our external legal team would need to be at work...or work now. They would need funding because there is work to do and to do next month. To not do that could jeopardize the settlement that's before us. So, I think that to go with Motion No. 10 is fraught with complications and could jeopardize everything that is before us. So, I'd...other than that, I, of course, will be supportive, as I indicated, the main motion to approve the settlement for the reasons I gave in my opening, so I won't...I won't restate though and invite you to call the question. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I will call the question on the amending motions first in reverse order. Call for a recorded vote. We'll vote on amending Motion 10. Those in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Schreyer, and Wyatt

Nays

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

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

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 10 is defeated. Now, onto amending Motion 9. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

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

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

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Allard and Wyatt

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 1 passes, as amended. Now on to notices of motion under Executive Policy Committee from the February 23rd, Council meeting. You'll find them published on your electronic agenda. The first notice of motion is moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding an amendment to the City of Winnipeg Charter to require City Council to produce a four-year strategic plan. Councillor Wyatt, to introduce your motion.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Item 1 - Requirement for a Four-Year Strategic Plan for the City of Winnipeg

**Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
 Seconded by Councillor Eadie,**

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is facing significant and diverse socio-economic challenges requiring collaborative leadership from City Council as a collective body;

AND WHEREAS the traditional ward-based and "strong Mayor" models of municipal governance inherently prevent City Council from tackling city-wide issues and embracing transformational city-building initiatives;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Scott Gillingham has set a strong example of inclusive leadership by holding a strategic planning session with members of City Council, symbolically sitting in alphabetical order amongst City Councillors in Council Chambers during meetings of City Council, and holding regularly meetings with City Councillors; and

AND WHEREAS an annual strategic planning process, with a formal, City-Council adopted plan would serve to coordinate City Council's governance and ensure that municipal government is working in unison and in an accountable manner to address the pressing demands facing the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the City of Winnipeg call upon the Province of Manitoba to amend The City of Winnipeg Charter Act to require City Council to produce a four-year strategic plan (the "Strategic Plan") prior to March 31st in the calendar year following a Winnipeg Civic General Election;*
2. *That the Province of Manitoba, in its amendment, require:*
 - A. *all City Councillors to participate in the creation of the Strategic Plan, in a manner to be determined by the incoming Mayor;*
 - B. *that all City Councillors sign the Strategic Plan, with an option for dissenting City Councillors to issue a separate minority report in the event of non-unanimity;*
 - C. *that the Strategic Plan be subject to a vote of City Council requiring the support of no less than a 2/3 majority; and*
 - D. *that the Strategic Plan be subject to an annual update by City Council in the years following the adoption of the Strategic Plan, no later than March 31st of each calendar year, with respect to City Council's progress on the Strategic Plan, subject to a vote of City Council, requiring no less than a 2/3 majority;*
3. *That the relevant by-laws or policies of the City of Winnipeg and Council be amended accordingly; and*
4. *That the Proper Officers of the City of Winnipeg do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. And I move this motion. This is far nicer motion to speak to than the next one. And this is, you know, timely. Through the leadership of our Mayor, we have undertaken a strategic plan. Working together as a group. I know we are following up with a follow-up meeting on April the 4th as a group to further review the work that came out of that weekend. I want to complicate...compliment, again, the Mayor for the work on bringing that strat plan forward. And I think this is a very positive initiative. I have always said that we want to have our procedures and our model of governance and everything to be in place, not necessarily for the ethical good mayor scenario we have today with us, today our mayor in terms of his approach to government and his straight-up and honest approach. You want to have the rules in place for the rascals just in case. And you want to insure that they are strong and that they're in place so that you insure that in the future going forward, no matter who the mayor is that a strategic plan, even if there is disagreement amongst parties based on personalities or based on political view points or political parties, that members are off privately or what have you, that Council still necessitated under the Charter to come together following an election to write a strategic plan. And members of Council who have been here before when I was here before, when it heard I had previously quietly tried to lobby the previous mayor shortly after the 2014 election behind the scenes to encourage him to do a strategic plan with all of Council. And after about 16 or 18 months when I realized that that lobby effort was going nowhere, I then took a motion to the floor of Council requesting that we vote on a strategic plan. Of course, it was defeated, but I think the legacy of that is it left a mark which I am proud of, to be honest with you, in terms of the fact sometimes ideas are good ideas, but their timing is not necessarily right, but ultimately, do come if they are a good idea. And I want to thank the Mayor and EPC for bringing forward the strategic plan and thank the Mayor for making it a priority as an election platform and following through with that priority. And you know, I was very excited to participate. And I was supposed to be away. When I saw the date in April, I changed my trip so I would be back for...flying in late...changed it so I'd get in late Monday night, so I will be there on the fourth. I think it is important. I know some councillors can't be there for the previous trips, and I respect that, of course, completely. But you know, if we have this in the Charter, I think it's just a very positive thing for us to ensure that we have that. I have always said that, you know, how can you write a budget if you don't know what your priorities are? If you're...in your household, like a family household, how do you know where you're going to spend your house budget if you don't know what your priorities are as a house? You know, you're going to renovate the house, you're going to take a trip, do you need more money for this, more money for that? What is the priority so you as a family make your priorities? And we're really no different, we're just a bigger family with a bigger budget. And we have to know what our priorities are based on our strategic plan, know what our plan is. And our Public Service, we heard it from them over the years, how they really have wanted to see us do this because they find it difficult when it comes to knowing how they should spend their time and their resources, their limited time and limited resources. We are not like the Federal Government here with money out the yin yang, you know. We have limited time and resources. And they want to know what things they should concentrate on. To give credit where credit is due, the last mayor really to undertake a strategic plan that was actually implemented. I was not here, though I read about it and spoke to former members of Council who were, was shortly after the '98 election which at that time was Mayor Glen Murray. And the Council of that day made the decision, it was a (inaudible) decision, they called it the downtown first policy because the downtown at that time was collapsing. The MTS Centre or the Canada Life Building was not there then at that point. There was a lot of concern about the downtown. We kind of have come full circle in some ways. But there was no Waterfront Drive like you see today. A lot of stuff had...and they...as Council they made this up, Peter Schmidt was the councillor who was here when I arrived, he'd already been already here from the...and he educated me on these things. A former councillor from your area, Councillor Gillingham. The former Brigadier General and a great guy. And anyway, and he took me through it saying, you know, this made a huge difference for us. And really, it really...it had a remarkable effect on me in terms of the importance of strategic planning. And then, when I had the chance to go to FCM for a while, in terms of our City rep, I spoke with other cities. And I'll never forget, a councillor from Calgary saying to me, don't talk to me about strategic planning, I'm sick of strategic planning. We strategic plan for everything. We strategic plan as a council, then we...we have our own sub-committees or...like, Public Works has its own strategic plan based on the council's strat plan. But we're always in strategic planning sessions. We are sick of them, you know. And I'm like, well, I would just like one. And so...and you know, so it was a real eye-opener hearing from other municipal representatives around the country in terms of how they prioritize and write their budgets based on the overall plan. And I know that there will be moments going forward that we won't all agree what's in the final strategic plan, probably. And you know, it may not cause...may cause us not to vote for it. But I...as far as I'm concerned, the way I look at, at this point in time, with the challenges that I listed off yesterday in terms of what we're facing as city, I think you could almost take a dart and throw it at a dart board before we hit something and it's good to do. You know, we've got a lot of stuff to do. And I will just be happy we've got a strat plan to come forward to get going on. You know, to focus us, to get us moving. I think from what I saw, the ideas that I thought...saw when we went to...out to Wasagaming, I was just...I was impressed. I was impressed by everybody on this Council, how passionate everybody was, how they came forward with sincere ideas. And I...there's some of them I disagree with, but I just love the level of passion and the concern. And you know, I have been with a number of councils over the year, and I got to say, this council is really exciting. I think we've got a real...a good mayor, we've got a good...good policy team and staff. We've got good...I think we're...we have the makings of doing something very unique this term, I guess is what I'm saying. If we can keep communication, that's...if anything comes out of the strat plan, that would be the biggest thing is those lines of communication between the various offices even when times get tough, right? That is when the phone needs to ring. We can phone each other, to have the ability and not carry a black book. Not carry

a black book. What happened yesterday is yesterday. Not be personal. Stick to policy so that we can work together on the next issue tomorrow. So, anyway, this is my kumbaya councillor (inaudible) try to be funny. Anyway, yes, I know all the songs, councillor. Anyways, so, this is the motion coming forward. And I hope it has support to move forward to request the Province to...or if you...if somebody wishes to refer it to do word change...wordsmithing to it, if you want it for EPC, I wouldn't be against that either, if there is any kind of concern regarding the wordsmithing here. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll...I'm in support. I don't know, frankly, how much we need this, given what's happened today during this term. But that's just this term. Councillor Wyatt...Councillor Wyatt is right in a couple of things. He did make this pitch back in about 2014. I think he was right then. I remember people saying to him, we have a strategic plan, it's OurWinnipeg. And then, we got to debating OurWinnipeg a few years later and people went out of their way to say, this is not strategic plan, this is more of a visionary document. So, it's...kind of go, then what's our...what's our strategy? What's our strategic plan? So, we are enmeshed, engaged in that now, which is a good thing. Councillor Wyatt probably was right back some years ago to say, look, let's have some sort of strategic plan. I think my view at the time was, well, let's just get more people involved in the budget. That is more...that's where we're setting priorities. I kind of like how we've landed so far this term, though, in terms of trying to develop some sort of strategic plan. I mean, I do think we need...and I also agree with him, if nothing else comes of it, just better lines of communication. Some more alignment between the civil service and the (inaudible) members because we had, in the last term, and Councillor Wyatt wasn't here, the business of...I make a motion saying we should have a fair wage policy, minimum wage of \$15 an hour. Report comes from the staff opposing it. Weeks later, days later, staff issue a draft of OurWinnipeg. What is in there? Let's have a living wage for all of our employees and even the employees of our contractors. Much broader. So, I say to the then CAO, oh, perhaps it's just the author that mattered, I'm not the author now. Great. I will have a motion saying we should do this. Oh, we don't need that. No, no, no. Most of our...most of our staff under \$15 an hour are part-timers. They're temporary workers. Well, then why don't we just put it in this huge document that's supposed to guide us? So, just misalignment. So, we do need to...and we did eventually pass a motion setting a \$15 an hour wage. And it's the...it will matter for a few months and then it will be overtaken by the provincial standard anyway. But just better alignment between the elected folks and the civil service, I think, is not a bad goal coming out of any strategic planning exercise. So, yeah, I'll be in support of this. The next one will be more difficult, but yes, this motion I'm supportive.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It was my honour to second this one to entrench the strategic plan into the Charter. We do have a commitment from our now Mayor Gillingham. But this strategic planning, actually, started prior to the last election. And...because...well, I think most of us agreed with Councillor Wyatt and I think it was Councillor Lukes. I can't remember all the motions. And I remember the try of the strategic planning process when Councillor Swandel was still...I think he was the deputy mayor at the time when he tried. But we had...the process was laid out, so the groundwork leading to our strategic plan for...a four-year strategic plan, the groundwork was laid earlier. So, but just like the budget, I think that we need to have this entrenched in the City of Winnipeg Charter. You never know in the future who the next...how the next mayor or whoever will decide that they don't like it, Madam Speaker. But if it's in the Charter, it has to be done. And I would...I would use an example of, you know, coming out of an election and there is a lot of hubbub and consideration about trying to tone down the strong mayor model in that allowing the 15 Council members to decide who the chairpersons were of the standing committees. And turned out that some of the close people around the then mayor decided that they liked the power structure and didn't want to change anything. So, by putting it in the Charter, whoever follows our honorable Mayor Gillingham will find out. And I also wanted to say, that this process is much better leading into a four-year budget. I know when Councillor Wyatt, Madam Speaker, came back and he started to hear what the targets were for the various departments in terms of how much the budgets could increase, that actually came out of...and I wish I would have been made aware of it, of the first time we had a meeting over there at the golf course. If I would have known that we were going to start setting targets based on that process, which I didn't think was a fair process for all of the members on Council. This one is much better. We have already started it and I think it is good. But...and you know, the model of strategic planning, there's, you know, you can do it in some certain ways and certain levels, Madam Speaker. That will still be, even though it's in the Charter, that will still be up to the councils going forward that will be looking at tweaking the process. And I'm sure we will have ideas of how to tweak the four-year strategic planning after we are done here if there were any issues. And I've already had some concerns, Madam Speaker. But anyway, so again, it was my honour to second it. Thank you for requesting by the mover. And I don't think I will be standing alone on the vote on this one.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, Mayor Gillingham.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for the motion and Councillor Eadie for seconding it. And I want to echo what has been said about the importance of strategic planning and, again, take the opportunity to express appreciation to everyone around this council chamber and to our Public Service who has been involved in the strategic planning process to this point. It was a good meeting up at Elkhorn to begin the work. And obviously, now that we are through the 2023 budget, and that's adopted, the next big task collectively that we are working on is the next steps of the strategic plan. I am going to actually be voting against this motion today. And the reason is because I sent a letter to the Province of Manitoba asking that Council would have more autonomy in our decision making. And so, to codify this and the details outlined in this motion would actually be to very much...to tie the hands of future councils. I'll remind us too, that even within our own strategic planning report that we voted on just before the election, those of us that were here, and just before the election last fall, in September, Appendix A of the report outlines that strategic planning be adopted as a recurring...that there be...adopted as a recurring strategic planning process beginning in the first month of an incoming Council's term following the civic election. So, what we've already done as a council, is we've already determined that strategic planning and the timing of strategic planning is Council policy, Council adopted policy. And so, I believe that we have really already made that determination that it's Council policy. So, I can see, you know, why the motion has come forward to ask the Province to put it right within the Charter and to change the Charter to ask for it, but for the reasons I've just expressed, I won't be supporting the motion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. As we all know, I look forward to a strategic plan. I still have some reservations on how we're going to do it. But again, we are all a part of the team. And it's because we are all a part of the team, this can't be a 50 plus one, the vote. So, when I saw this motion, I was going, well, I am a little nervous because what happens if 50...we don't get two-thirds? Well, then I should say, the strategic plan is not ready to go. That is what I will say on that. It's going to be a very difficult...very difficult process that we're going to go through. We're going to have probably a million dollars, you know, just hypothetically request with about \$4 in our bank. So, it's going to be very hard. But if people are believing that in the end of the day that 50 plus one, then after that, we keep saying...again, the budget is different. The budget I don't think should be two-thirds because you have to have a budget. Strategic plan has to be agreeable to all of Council. As a councillor who's been both in and out of EPC, that's fine. I believe Mayor Gillingham has done a very good job at trying to devolve some of that EPC kind of shadow, I guess we'll say, or the...the mayor centric model, which goes a long way to this. But again, I think if we are going to actually go on a four-year path with a strategic plan, year by year, whatever, it doesn't really matter to me, because some of these...some of these motions are actually already in Council policy. But at the end of the day, if it takes two-thirds to sell a piece of park land, then I think it really takes two-thirds to do a strategic plan. And we all have to agree...we are not going to all 100% agree. I can guarantee there will be a few people that will never agree with the strategic plan if it doesn't do exactly what they want or close enough to what they want, or just be way off from what they're feeling. That is fine, it's called dissenting opinions. I don't really like the word 'opposition'. I think I saw that in here. You know, but everybody...to be determined by incoming councillor, dissenting city councillors, well, we always have an opportunity to do a report and that is fine. So, but again, for me, that really stuck out, which I was a little bit leery on until I really just had to put a thought down is, the two-thirds is very important. Am I willing to sacrifice if we choose a plan because it's really only 50 plus one? Yes, I am. Because, as again, we'll just create nothing but animosity going forward. So, we have to work diligently, diligently to get two-thirds vote on a strategic plan so we're all on the team together and allowing people with dissenting voices. So, based upon that, I will be supporting Councillor Wyatt and Councillor Eadie's motion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer. Or let me just check my list. Yeah, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Madam Speaker, just given the way this is moving, people are sort of in accordance with it, they agree with it, but there's sort of misinterpretation. I move referral without instruction back to Executive Policy Committee. This can be further hashed out as the good councillors are doing right now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Councillor Eadie, do you wish to be recorded in opposition?

Councillor Eadie: To the referral? Yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay, got it. Thank you. Next is another notice of motion. Moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's calling on the Province of Manitoba to conduct a formal commission of inquiry under the authority of the Manitoba Evidence Act. Councillor Wyatt to introduce the motion.

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Councillor Wyatt: I am introducing the motion and therefore, reserve the right to speak to it after my introduction. Therefore, not speaking together.

Madam Speaker: You are speaking to your motion and entirety at this moment. And then...

Councillor Wyatt: Am I?

Madam Speaker: Yes. You will have an opportunity to close, though.

Councillor Wyatt: All right. I've been ruled by the Speaker, who I greatly respect. The...therefore, I will be...I will summate everything together. I guess I moved this as a notice of motion last month. It got very little attention at the time, if not any. I thought it was kind of like, what's that old expression? Kind of like apple pie, right? And everybody likes apple pie or ice cream. That we had voted on previously motions to call for public inquiry. I mean, I had my disagreements with the previous mayor over many occasions, but the reality is, Madam Speaker, him and I agreed on this. I'll never forget, he made a point of going for lunch together at the Peasant Cookery prior to removing his motion for public inquiry back in, I think it was, February of '16 or '17. And we went in January prior to that. He said, are you be supporting my motion for public inquiry? I said, absolutely. And you know, Madam Speaker, it's not a question of finding, crucifying, witch-hunt, it's...which I know the media...that is the lens that lends itself to the reporting. It's just by the nature of it, I think. To me, the thing that I want to know is, what went wrong? The full story. And indeed, how to not only put in processes in place, but also how to protect certain public servants who I think were probably told, do this or we'll make your life miserable or you're going to be gone. I think of people who are pushed to prejudice themselves or do things that they necessarily wouldn't have done. And I'm not saying who, either side; who did...telling them that or the ones who received it. But I think I know the people who had huge impacts on their life because of it. So, to me, a public inquiry would allow us to ensure that something like this never happens again across the board. And I speak to...and again, I want to preface by saying, no reflection at all on the mayor that we have sitting today. As a matter of fact, again, similar to my remarks earlier, you don't build a system of government or a model around the good mayors. You build them around the ones you never know. You are worst case scenarios. And I believe that the powers that we have delegated through the strong mayor model are so great that, you know, in a generation or two we could have the same political sort of scenario that we have had before. And that would be a shame because we don't have, necessarily, the checks and balances in place that other cities have. Most cities do not have a strong mayor model. So, my concern is that a public inquiry may also shed some...or my hope is a public inquiry may shed some light on that too, in terms of reforming our municipal government and our governance structure in terms of why this is happening here and not elsewhere. It's interesting that a similar scenario happened in Quebec where they actually did call a public inquiry, the Charbonneau inquiry, where they do have a party system, a strong mayor system, because they have majority government system. Very different from English Canada. And it did happen there. So, they got the public inquiry, unlike here. I also want to say, I don't understand why two premiers have refused to call public inquiry. That this council sent the same request, other than the fact that I may need to add another capital project in here, Convention Center. This council sent the exact same request to Broadway, Premier Pallister who refused to call public inquiry. And my understanding is, premier Bowman did request of the new premier, Premier Stefanson, the public inquiry. And the Premier has refused to do so. I don't know who the Premier is...why the Premier is refusing when a city mayor of the City of Winnipeg has requested something of significance like this, something as important like this, to refuse it. There must be something more to it. Protecting individuals? I am sticking to the item. Well, no, I'm speaking exactly to the item, because the fact of the matter is, we need a public inquiry because of the fact...the commission inquiry, because of the fact that we have not had one called yet by the Premier of Manitoba. I am speaking to the item, Madam Chair...Madam Speaker. That we need to get and find out the whole story and we've asked both Premier Pallister and now Premier Stefanson. And why Premier Stefanson continues to refuse to call public inquiry makes no sense. It almost gives you the impression, you know, that we live in a banana republic in this province. That you can almost do anything to hoodwink the City and nothing...there will be no consequences. And this, to me, Madam Speaker, is not acceptable. When you've had a previous mayor...the previous mayor just spoke up last week again calling...hopefully this will...the settlement will bring up public inquiry. Well, we'll see. I moved this motion last month as a notice of motion. No idea that the settlement was going to be here before us. And I am choosing my words extremely carefully because I respect the will of Council of the last decision. And that is why I am focusing my comments partly towards the Province and the fact that the Premier of this province has refused to call a public inquiry. And I can assure you from what I'm hearing from the leaders of the opposition, that public inquiry is going to be coming, whether it be this premier or the next. Because it will become a provincial election issue. This is important enough to the citizens of Winnipeg. And the last time I checked, out of the 57 seats, 31 of them are in Winnipeg. 32. Thank you. Thank you. We've got some provincial gurus here. So, you know, I believe it will be a provincial election issue and it will be an issue of substance, why the premier of the day continues to refuse to call public (inaudible). I was hoping, actually, when the media...when this started, the media appeared on the Council agenda on Friday of last week. And then all of a...like, I had mentioned it to the media, but (inaudible). They came out of the agenda that by then, the Premier would have called it before today. And of course, wishful thinking. To me, Madam Speaker, I

think this is a reasonable request. It is one which I think we have made before. It is consistent. And from what I understand, Council stood by that policy. It would be a shame to send the wrong message today to the Province, especially when the Premier's already saying no. I stand with the leader to the opposition who are calling...two separate parties calling for public inquiry. I don't agree with everything the opposition stands for, but I do agree with them on this. And I think the majority of citizens of Winnipeg believe there should be a public...should have been a public inquiry and it's still not too late for that public inquiry to find out the full story. Again, not to incriminate, not to crucify, not to witch hunt, but rather to find out exactly what happened where, and when and why and what processes we can we put in place to ensure...including potential government reform of this structure in terms of its elected body to ensure there's checks and balances in place. To ensure that one person cannot have the kind of powers to be able to affect that kind of...to affect decision making. And I also want to make a note, that there's certain people in this chamber who did have the courage. Did have the courage not to vote to make Phil Sheegl the CAO of the City of Winnipeg. Councillor Eadie, Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Gerbasi...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, stick...and stick...

Councillor Wyatt: Myself and Councillor Smith voted not to...

Madam Speaker: To the topic in front of us.

Councillor Wyatt: I am speaking to the matter. But we had the courage to stand up at that time and say no, which is very rare. Anyway, I wanted to say that for the record. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, it was an honour to second this motion. Madam Speaker, it is calling for a fairly robust inquiry called by the Province of Manitoba, who is not a party to the previous report that we dealt with. Madam Speaker, so they...people ask this question, well, why do you need to have an inquiry when, really, supposedly, we know everything? I would say to you, colleagues, we don't know everything. We don't know everything. So, my concern, the Province, with an inquiry, which would be...usually the public inquiries by the Province are quite robust. They put in place an expert in conducting these kind of inquiries. And you know, our previous audits, yeah, we did vote on previous audits on various things like firehalls and real estate transaction and all that kind of stuff. But one of the limitations to the people who were doing the audits where there were some information they were...how could I say, they weren't held harmless in conducting their work. Like our City Auditor can be held harmless under the City of Winnipeg's Charter, a particular section can't encumber. Because, you know, I don't know if you've heard in the public, when two private...big private corporate companies go against each other, it gets pretty messy. But that's why we have, supposedly, an auditor's position to be able to prevent certain types of action that happen in the private sector every day, Madam Speaker. So, now, some people, we just talked about having autonomy from the Province but the reality, Madam Speaker, is that we are an entity of provincial legislation called City of Winnipeg Charter. And within there, there is a number of provincial pieces of legislation that we are told to follow. And so, Madam Speaker, that is the reality because, you know, in the discussions about settlements and stuff, you know, you hear about, you know, well, we know everything. No, we don't know everything. Again, Madam Speaker, I will say it again, you don't know everything. So, what I would like is an expert who holds an inquiry, gets, you know, testimony from people, submissions are made and, you know, some determinations can be made. And I will point out again, that Monsieur Allard moved a motion about how to have...who does the Auditor report to? That is something that can come out of this inquiry. Because I will tell you right now, I believe the Office of the Auditor failed, failed us. And you know what? This is a guess. I think it failed us because they were worried about how much money it was going to cost. Well, we had a settlement. \$4.1 million. So, Madam Speaker, I think that our colleagues should ask the Province. I think it needs to...I don't...you know, I like to say that, you know, we are grownups here at city hall. We know what we are doing. We should be doing this, you know. And I would just say, if anybody feels that they might be...the only good would be embarrassment, how the City of Winnipeg in all of its corporate and governance structure, ended up failing in this public sector area. And we...we did implement and one of our councillors after the audits went through, Councillor Orlikow who was very serious about all this stuff, was basically put in the role to make sure that all of the...those external auditors reports and recommendations were made. Yes, those were done. But to say that that is the end of everything, I think is wrong. Councillor Wyatt rightly brings this forth. I think that we really need to have an inquiry from the provincial level to explore the information that is expressed in what is a pretty lengthy be it resolved, but it is a good one. And you know, I think they need to be looked at. And I am not worried about embarrassment. Maybe there's something else that can come out of it that will prevent something like this happening way in the future. I know in our distant past as the City of Winnipeg there were elements that may or may not have happened. You know, you read historical information about issues or whatever. And we need, as we go forward, we really need to look at things. Like, for example, it is not clear enough in the employee code of conduct that the CAO, any officer of the City of Winnipeg, there should be a thing that says, no officer under the Charter shall have any business dealings anywhere in the world together. Anywhere. I asked the previous mayor who was very adamant about accountability, transparency making sure things are dealt with in a fair manner. And he's...our former mayor is a sincere, honest person who wants to

make sure that all business dealings with the City are fair, proper and accountable. But no, we let the Public Service create their own employee code of conduct whereas we had an employee code of conduct put together by an external source. Ours is superior, I think, than the employee one. So, in that one, it should have been clear, there is provincial legislation that says the minister shall not deal...have dealings with the deputy minister. The equivalent is mayor, minister, CAO, deputy minister.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. I do not support the motion for a couple reasons. Number one, regardless of what other political figures at other levels of government might say, we just voted on a settlement worth over \$20 million for the City of Winnipeg. Settlements of this sort do not usually require, nor did this one, any party to admit guilt or fraud or fault. That is the nature of settlements that people pay money, therefore, the civil action doesn't proceed. So, it is not like now...now we have shown someone has admitted something. That isn't the case. We have a settlement and I think a good faith interpretation of that would be that we move on and not proceed with calling for an inquiry. If the Province chooses to do so of their own free will, I guess they can do that. So, that deals with the issue of the settlement. A couple of things, as well. And I would...I mean, the question...the period that we are looking at, I thought when we were here in July of 2014, I would never have to say again how I wasn't here for almost any of the timeline that was material during these real estate audits. That there's this little chunk in 2011, a couple days where I was a city councillor. I remember Councillor Vandal yelling, we know you had nothing to do with it across the chamber because he was tired of me hearing. I remember Aldo Santin tweeting out, for the umpteenth time, Mayes is saying how he had nothing to do with it. So, here's one for Aldo, yes, this...the events here transpired largely between 2006 and 2010. Some of the headquarters matters, certainly after that. That is public record. But I raise that because I wasn't here when there was a vote to hire the then...to hire Mr. Sheegl as CAO, which I certainly probably mentioned dozens of times back in about 2014. And Councillor Wyatt is right, I think, in listing out who...I think that was an accurate memory of who voted to do what. Why do I raise all of that, you ask? Because paragraph two of this motion is, frankly, reason enough to vote against it given the breadth of paragraph two, which would require an audit of...the inquiry investigate all City of Winnipeg construction projects which were under the subject of the real estate review. Investigate other construction projects of city wide or regional importance occurring in the years proceeding or succeeding the same. Including, but not limited to the Winnipeg Convention Centre. So, in other words, anything from then to now is open to audit. If it is a City of Winnipeg project of city wide or regional importance, define that. Shouldn't we be looking at, my goodness me, Assiniboine Park, the new Leaf building. We have people standing right there in 2019 saying, well, we are up from \$75 million to \$99 million, then it went over \$130 million. Is that a City of Winnipeg project, though, because it's APC? Is it of regional importance? I mean, the breadth of the second paragraph is...I mean, the expense that would be involved in that is massive because we don't know what...what we would look at since 2014. To me, you should probably look at the south end sewage treatment plant. That's \$16 million over budget, at least, during Mayor Bowman's tenure. I guess that would be it. Moreover, it does mention the real estate review. July, 2014, Councillor Orlikow was certainly here, as were many others. There were 36 different projects in that review. So, if we're to go back and have an inquiry about all 36, do we remember the scandal at 21 Iroquois Bay? No, we do not. Do we remember the scandal at 91 Arrowood? No? There's one of those that was listed at the corner of Bishop Grandon, as it then was. Bishop Grandon and Meadowood. There is no corner of Bishop Grandin and Meadowood, the streets don't intersect. That's in that report as well. 36 of those are to be reviewed, not just the headquarters, not just the Convention Centre. So, the over-breadth of this is troubling to me and the sort of open-ended timeline of maybe...maybe North End headworks is in there. Maybe south end, for sure. I mean, that isn't my sole reason for opposing this, but it is certainly reason enough to oppose this. So, I think in light of those two developments, those two aspects at least, I will be opposing this. Perhaps if all of that was cleaned up, we would have a different sort of debate. I am not sure even then I would support it. I don't really have to go any further than the fact that we just voted for a settlement, though. I do think at some point there are certainly other construction projects that have gone over budget. There's no fraud that's been proved. There's no civil action. But we have been over this matter. People have told me, well, the RCMP looked at it twice and therefore, that suggests guilt. Actually, if they looked at it twice and didn't lay charges, I think...I think under most human rights laws, you have a right innocence...presumption of innocence. The fact that it was investigated twice and charges were not laid does not therefore connote there must have been guilt. So, no criminal charges laid. I doubt the result of any...the timeframes on this. The litigation's already been resolved. It was not like we would learn more that would help us in civil litigation. If we learned more, we're not the ones who could do any sort of criminal action. That would be the police or RCMP who appear to have investigated this already. So, if the Province, this government, the next government chooses to call an inquiry and there is still active civil litigation, report's been clear on that with the Sheegl group of defendants. If they choose to do so, that is, obviously, their right. But I think in light of the settlement, in light of the breadth of what's being required here, I am not supportive of this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I definitely want to say, first of all, I respect everybody's opinion on this. It is a little tricky. I will be supporting the amending...supporting the motion. It was...people who were not here at the time, it was a ripping time to

be here, in my opinion. It was...things were being done that I was just floored that you could be doing in public governance. It was happening. Things were happening all over the place. We had firehalls, we had land swaps, we had a whole bunch of stuff. And as a councillor, when we had very strong mayor centric model, I had no idea what was going on. I just knew the fallout was horrible. We used to get reports with words written on her, "Get 'er done". And that would be sent back even though it may not even be appropriate. But again, we had a very...in my opinion, we had a very...in that term, again, as I am on the governance side as a politician, the mixing of the bureaucratic wing and the political wing was just over the top. There was just too much of that. We need, I believe, a healthy government had the bureaucratic wing, a political wing, but they are not the same wing. So, I do understand it when I voted...when I did put that motion forward for the public inquiry for the headquarters, I was told back in the day that the government will go where they want to go. It may not be just to pump the headquarters, the may decide to go look at other things. That's the right of the government, the Provincial Government, at the time, whoever wants to look at it. So, the fact of the matter, that yes, it's a very wide range of ideas, where we should look at. But again, I believe the Provincial Government will choose what they want to go look at going forward. We can ask them, but they will say, okay, we're going to look at this one, this one, this one. And I...I'm not going to say today which one I really want them to look at that is not on the list, but we are going to probably see that coming forward in maybe about a year's time, the fall out from that one. So, I do understand where public concerns about it, the breadth and how big it is. So, again, I think the Province will be able to define what they want to do, how much they want to do. This is just a recommendation going forward. I did agree to the settlement today, I do. This is not a witch-hunt, this is not about criminal investigation...inquiries. Sure, if that is where it pops out, but it shouldn't. It is about finding processes, what broke down, did it break down? And having that public discourse. So, we talk about all these documents are all available at the law courts or something like that. Again, I don't know what's available or not. So, again, I want that inquiry to happen. I want it to lead to where it goes regardless of what we say. Let it lead where it wants to go. And regarding the settlement, you know, part of the reason I'm not going to go for the police headquarters today and the last week was because I was informed that the Province has the authority to call inquiry regardless of what we do today with a settlement. That's the Province's prerogative. Doesn't matter if there's a by-law in there that said, you shall never do a public inquiry on the police headquarters, that doesn't matter. The Province is able to override that. So, again, you know, so in that issue, that settled...that satisfied me and that was, I don't want to say it was from our administration that I got that from. And I believe them. So, I was able to do the settlement, but if a settlement said, you cannot have a public inquiry because we now settled, I don't know if I could have supported that motion at the time. To me, it's just...I'm not saying it...what is a fact to the facts are on the floor. But again, was there other things involved in that that are outside of Caspian or any other group? I don't know. Again, so I stuck it the first day when I did it and I thank Mayor Bowman and the Council of the day that we put the motion forward and we're going on, kind of like some of our reports, going on six years to go through this. But again, I believe there is more to be said and more to be learned. Again, for tomorrow. The past is the past. But how are we going to go forward tomorrow? Not from Mayor Gillingham time. Again, not from Mayor Bowman's time. Not even from Mayor Katz time. But how do we deal with this going forward in the future? Winnipeg is a growing city. Land is becoming much more valuable and it's actually getting harder. So, again, when land values and money goes up, more things can happen. So, I am not sure what the Province will do in the end, but I don't mind if they decide to look at other things as well, such as what is saved down here. So, I understand when...why some people say we are done, we did that, so this should be over. I disagree with that. I say there is still a lot to be learned. I am not sure what to be learned. But again, it was a very, very difficult time where a lot of money was spent in areas where I cannot believe we actually went into that deal. That's where I learned the facts after the fact. How was I not told this stuff? How was I not told at the time that, you know, that the police headquarters...old building was on public land that we can't sell? That was part of the motion. Did they know that ahead of time? I don't know. But again, all of a sudden, we find out after we approved everything that, oh, by the way, we can't actually get a revenue off the police headquarters. You're telling me you didn't know that ahead of time or was that just a mistake, did we just oversight or was that left out of the document? I don't know. So, again, that is just one of them. And so, I do believe we've to get 'er done and we got to get 'er done to have an inquiry so we can put this all behind us and move forward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Next is Mayor Gillingham.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be brief. First of all, through you, Madam Speaker; I certainly, absolutely respect the Council colleagues who are here today who were here during and elected around this chamber during that time. I am not going to be supporting the motion before us largely for the reasons that Councillor Mayes articulated in regards to the sprawling scope of the inquiry being called in recommendation two. But also, I've got in my hand the motion that was adopted by Council on February 22nd, 2017, regarding the call for the inquiry. Just to reiterate that...that motion that was adopted by Council has not been rescinded, it has not been withdrawn. It still stands today. And so, for the reasons...that reason and the other reason I've just articulated, as per Councillor Mayes' comments, I won't be supporting the motion here.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers. Just one moment. Just give me a moment. I'm just going to go to the next speaker and I'll come back to you just in a moment, Councillor Chambers. Councillor Allard, did you have your hand up for a

question...for speaking? Go ahead. Yeah. You had indicated to me that you wanted to ask a question. I am just clarifying. Yeah. Councillor Allard, your speaking time.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: So, yes, I will support the motion from Councillor Russ Wyatt. I think there are lots of questions from the residents of Winnipeg, the residents of Manitoba who want to know what happened during these times. And I think that with a public inquiry like what is proposed by the councillor will give the message to the Province of Manitoba, Madam Speaker, that we want...we won't stop with asking what's happening in the halls...in the judiciary halls. And what we want to know is what happened and what happened with taxpayer money. Were there delays? Were there...were there criminal acts? I think Winnipeggers are asking why we have so many questions that haven't been answered.

Councillor Allard: So, I will be supporting Councillor Wyatt's motion. I think Winnipeggers want to know, Manitobans want to know what went on. I really think...I really think there's...there's an appetite, there's...it's more of an...there's more of an appetite. I think Winnipeggers really want to hear what it is that happened and for people that are public office holders, people who want to be public office holders one day, future public office holders, I think it really is important to get to the bottom of whatever it is that happened here so that we can learn from those lessons, put in the right safeguards and ensure that we put in processes where these types of...these types of things don't happen again, whether it's whistleblower protections for municipal workers which were not there at the time. Whether it's other means in which...in which we can ensure that the public purse, the public dollar and the rule of law is being followed during public...during the public administration of projects. So, for those reasons, I will be supporting this. I also think it is important for us to reaffirm as a new Council that we are calling for a public inquiry. I think that if this public inquiry is going down today, I think it sends the wrong message to any...any governing party. There is an election coming soon, there could be a new government. If we say no today, I think we're...we may be selling Winnipeggers short in getting those answers. Perhaps the Premier today is not willing to call a public inquiry. Perhaps the previous premier was not willing to call a public inquiry. Perhaps the next premier will want to call a public inquiry. And perhaps that next premier will only do that if there is a Winnipeg city councillor that calls for that public inquiry. We have a new mayor, we have a new Council. I am really worried that a no vote today will send absolutely the wrong message to the Province of Manitoba. I would also like to...just gather my thoughts a little bit. Yeah. Yeah, I think we need to...we need to reiterate as a new council that we...oh, yes, the scope. The scope was brought up. My apologies. I think the scope is very broad. I think that is good. I think that gives license to the Province of Manitoba to decide, the justice to decide, how...how far they want to go. And I think giving them as much of a blank check as possible is probably...well, it's probably...is what we want to do because if there were a public inquiry, if there were a justice that had the powers to compel witnesses and to hear testimony, I don't think we would want to minimize that scope. I think we would want to have it quite large so that the...so that there is a very clear message to the Province of Manitoba that this really isn't over. Whatever it is we voted on today is not going to answer all those questions. And so, I am going to support this. Thank you to colleague, Councillor Wyatt, for bringing this forward. Thank you, Councillor Orlikow, for your supportive comments. And my other colleagues for their supportive comments. I really think we need to vote for this. If we don't vote for this, it is saying...I think it might be like those three monkeys that were at the foot of city hall. Is it? Whose motive am I impugning?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Let's see Councillor Allard, continue with your...there is a lot of distractions here where folks are trying to come up and ask me questions. I guess we will have to pause the meeting if this continues. So, I can answer questions. There's folks coming up to me, there's e-mails on the topic. Councillor Allard, proceed.

Councillor Allard: I don't know whose motive I would be impugning. I am making a metaphor about three monkeys that used to be on the grounds of this building.

Councillor Mayes: Vote for this or like, that's who he's impugning.

Councillor Allard: Or like?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, let's stick to what is in front of us. Councillor Allard, yeah.

Councillor Allard: I retract...Madam Speaker, I would like to retract those words. The people are not like that. I think we are sending the message that that type of thing is okay and it's not okay. Those three monkeys on the side...on this building, those were not okay. And we need to know why they were there and where they are. So, thank you for your attention.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker, Councillor Chambers. You have a point of order?

Councillor Chambers: Yeah, point of order. I would like to ask the CAO a question with respect to the statement of facts that are contained within this motion. It is speaking to the inquiry as an investigation into issues, events or series of events which the findings of fact and statement infrequently go well beyond and completely separate from the matters that may be subject to the police investigations or civil or criminal proceedings.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. I'll ask you to submit that to the Clerk while I go to the next speaker.

Councillor Chambers: I did.

Madam Speaker: Well, I haven't seen anything and I need to look at it.

Councillor Chambers: I'll submit it to you and...

Madam Speaker: I'll take a moment to look at that. And...because any questions of the CAO are to clarify the motion in front...any points of clarification. I just want to be sure, otherwise we'll have to take a recess. I want to go to the next speaker.

Councillor Chambers: The question that I asked is a point of clarification for them based on their existence.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we're going to take a 10-minute recess. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
March 23, 2023, at 3:17 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. We are reconvening our Council meeting of March 23rd, 2023, after a short recess. Next speaker on the notice of motion moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Eadie calling on the Province of Manitoba to conduct a formal commission of inquiry under the authority of the Manitoba Evidence Act. Next speaker, Councillor Schreyer.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. If we are going to prepare. To start, I'm going to ask, are we talking about monkeys or (inaudible)? But that is French, nonetheless. In any case, I will be brief, I would like to say only a few words. But I will...I am here to say that I will support the motion from the councillor...our Councillor Russ Wyatt. And I believe that it is a balance. I believe that it's justified because I have always said that we need to do reasonable due diligence in this case. And thus, we unfortunately have to make decisions to not pursue the affair...I should say, judiciary. That we need to go with the rules, with the settlement. So, because of that, we always have to, especially in this case, because of the faith of the citizens of Winnipeg in their city hall, in their councillors, that if we do the inquiry...if we do the inquiry, in this case, we can always support the intentions that citizens expect of their councillors. So, in this case...especially in this case, if we can do something a little more powerful, if this inquiry can be more (inaudible) and we will learn something. So, I must stress that it's very important because it's a big deal. And we have been talking about this for years. Years before I was even elected. And we always need to repeat...I will quote Brian Mayes, that he wasn't implicated because he wasn't here, but it was (inaudible) by another party. By an impartial inquiry. So, because of that, I will only say that. And I will support the motion. Thank you. Megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Councillor Chambers, yes, back to you.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to...in objection to this motion that has been presented. I have been able to confirm with our City's CAO that this information is a matter of public record. It is a matter of court records that have been filed, briefings that have been filed, statements of fact that have been filed. They are all part of the public record take anybody can access to make their own determinations on this. So, to move towards a very costly public inquiry where this information is readily available to individuals who want to do further due diligence on this, I don't know it's within the best interests of the taxpayer. Especially now that we have just previously voted to accept the settlement, you know, that has been put on the table. Again, it is about moving our city forward and moving past this. We have already, again, discussed this morning about the measures that have been put in place to ensure that due diligence is met around construction...large construction projects. Again, mentioning the fact that Mayor Gillingham campaigned on a platform to hire a construction engineer, again, to better mitigate against instances like this. Again, what are we looking for in terms

of having a public inquiry that's going to cost the taxpayer millions and millions of dollars when, again, this information is already in the public domain? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: I would just like to thank all speakers. I know it is a difficult debate that we have before us today. And I would say that, with respect to the previous speaker, that I have to humbly disagree. There is a lot of information that is not been forthcoming and that would be very useful, I think, in reforming government, making it better, ensuring that these errors do not happen again. Ensuring that one person does not have the power to put, as Councillor Orlikow quite eloquently put, put us through his miserable times. And he is absolutely correct. And you know, we were in the midst of the...all of this, Councillor Gerbasi and I moved to create the Integrity Commissioner, the Ethics Commissioner amidst all of this. Very difficult to do, but we have today. In the midst of all of this, upon learning of more deficiencies, we are not members of EPC outside of the Mayor, including former Councillor Vandal, Minister Vandal, former Minister of Finance, Scott Fielding, and I and all members of EPC presented a letter with...a letter to the mayor calling...we didn't know the outcome of the audits at the time and whether it be so-called smoking gun in terms of the actions of CEO. And we decided to present a letter to the mayor calling for the termination of the CAO. And thank goodness we did because...because the audits had sure enough proved that there was money...no...nothing there that we could have substantiated. Which, again, is a reason for public inquiry. So, a lot of...in a strong mayor model, when you have these things going on, there were glimmers of hope where we did take action. But...and this is one of them where we need to move forward on. I stand by the previous Council decisions to call for the public inquiry. I stand...even though the mayor, previous mayor, and I did not agree, I stand with his call for public inquiry, leaders of the opposition. It's not a right wing or left wing issue...issue, frankly. This is what's right...what to do...what is right, versus what to do...what is wrong. To send a message that the City of Winnipeg just can't be rolled over. Those are my comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the question. Call for a recorded vote. All in favour of the notice of motion, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Duncan, Eadie, Gilroy, Orlikow, Santos, Schreyer, Wyatt

Nays

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Lukes, Mayes, Rollins, Madam Speaker
 Councillor Sharma

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

Madam Speaker: Notice of notice is defeated.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We'll now move on to motions under the Executive Policy Committee. We have Motion 4: moved by Councillor Chambers and seconded by Councillor Duncan. It's regarding the use of TikTok App on the City of Winnipeg issued devices. This will be an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. We have Motion 6: moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Duncan. It's regarding referral to the Winnipeg Police Board. And it will be an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. Motion 11: moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by the Mayor. It's regarding homelessness. And we have...we have Motion 1. And Councillor Eadie, if I could give you the Chair. So, Motion 1, and I would like to call for suspension of the rules on Motion 1. Moved by myself and seconded by Councillor Lukes, regarding our CWA.

Deputy Speaker: Okay, so I'm going to call the question. And just because of my lack of eyesight, I'm going to...I'm going to ask you to stand when you vote. All those in favour of suspending the rules to hear this important motion? I'm sorry, what? Oh, you want to speak to the...

Councillor Sharma: No, you'll have to call suspension, but you might want to try a voice vote first.

Deputy Speaker: All right. Okay. All right. You weren't here in the early days yesterday...early times yesterday. Okay. All those in favour of suspending the rules? Is anybody opposed? That is carried. All right. Thanks, Madam Speaker...or Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. And I wasn't here yesterday, you're correct, but livestream exists everywhere. I was watching.

Deputy Speaker: They were very clear this time.

Motion No. 1

**Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,**

WHEREAS City Councillors are provided with an annual office budget known as the Councillors Ward Allowance (CWA), which is used for staff salaries and benefits, the purchase of items required to operate their offices including supplies, equipment and furnishings as well as and other business expenses that are incurred in order to execute their duties, communicate with their constituents, and represent their wards;

AND WHEREAS a Winnipeg Public Service report as well as the MNP City of Winnipeg Governance Review, revealed that in comparison to other major Canadian cities, City of Winnipeg Councillors receive amongst the lowest levels of funding to perform their duties;

AND WHEREAS on December 7, 2022 the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council, and referred to the 2023 budget processes a request for an increase to the CWA, with funding dedicated specifically to staffing, the maintenance of a constituency office and general expenses;

AND WHEREAS the 2023 Operating Budget provides a prorated increase to the CWA, but does not include spending categories;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Councillors' Ward Allowance Fund Policy be amended in accordance with Attachment A, in order to have funding allocated into the following three categories:

- i. Staffing (56%)*
- ii. General Expenses (26%)*
- iii. Ward Office / Meeting Space (18%)”*

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. The amending...the amending motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker...the motion, pardon me, not amending motion, is regarding our councillor's ward allowance fund. And yesterday in the 2023 operating budget approved yesterday, it outlines funds for our councillor's ward allowance. We have known for years that in comparison to other major Canadian cities, City of Winnipeg councillors receive amongst the lowest levels of funding to perform their duties and serve their constituents. I am very pleased the budget we approved yesterday finally addresses that deficiency. And here, what we have in front of us is some parameters around how we are going to spend that funding. So, this...the wording here is nothing new to anyone in this chamber. It was circulated to all of you earlier this month. So, it's asking for three categories in spending: staffing, general expenses, ward office and meeting space. So, it's very straightforward. Something you have seen earlier this month, so I hope we can get your support. Going forward, of course, there is discussions on any policy, including this one, so I look forward to any further discussions. But today, I think it's really important to bring forward the parameters given the fact that the increase in funding was just approved yesterday. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Sharma. Would anybody like to speak to the motion? Councillor Mayes, please.

Councillor Mayes: Councillor Sharma has been very diligent on...well, Councillor Sharma deserves credit for the fact that a lot of us have decent offices, frankly. We'd still be in the basement if not for Councillor Sharma. So, that is to her credit as Speaker. This is an issue that she has pursued for some years. Fine with all the...I mean, I would probably have different parameters. I am reassured by the Speaker that this is kind of a measure that's going to be in place for now. We may have to review that as part of the multi-year. We may have to take a look at that. There may be some opportunity to talk to Governance Committee about that. So, I...not wild about the parameters, frankly, but for today, I am prepared to support and go along. And then, I guess we will see how it works. And may have some further discussions, may have some...we certainly had appeals at Governance over time. Perhaps the most memorably, Harvey Smith, where I was pleased to vote that he'd be allowed to pay...use his funds to purchase the lane that denounced me, among other people, so it was actually one of the more enjoyable things here. So, people have come to Governance requesting permission to...for certain expenses over time. So, we may see some of that. But yeah, it is a good problem to have, I suppose, that

we'll have a bit better allowance to disperse. And how we work out the details of that and the parameters, hopefully, we can work on that later in the year. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Did anybody else wish to speak to the motion? Councillor Schreyer, please proceed.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I guess I should weigh...weigh-in on this one, having been the lowest spender of the last decade on the ward allowance since...apparently since my first month. And apparently...essentially, unbeknownst to me, that was the case because I just didn't do much advertising, I think. Never spent money on food or drink or bus benches. And I think that is, essentially, how it...how it went down from day one. Although, I second in the first year to Councillor Dobson. But something...something like that since day one. Having said that, I do recognize the fact that aside from advertising budget and budgets for food and drink, that it is true, it needs to be said, it needs to be understood. And I feel obliged to weigh-in to do my part on behalf...on behalf of Council here. It is true. And I will state for the record, for all citizens that care to concern themselves with this, that city councillors get...well, I have worked for MLAs and MPs; rural, urban, northern, what have you. So, I've worked for them. I'm just going to let...I'm just going to let you know, we get the most calls. We get the calls people can point at things. They get the calls where they expect results, physical results, that they can see from one day to the other. And we represent twice the area that MLAs do in the city, twice the population. And we do not have the same amount of resources per capita. We don't. We don't have the same caucus resources, provincial party resources, caucus resources. We don't have that. It is us. It is us individually. We don't have the same...to the...the same supports from the administration. It works differently. That's not on the administration, that is up to us. Having said that, I wish there was more that we could call upon the administration to do, but that can be up to the individual councillor to decide what that is. And on that basis, it is fair. It is fair to us, it is fair to the citizens of Winnipeg that we have the extra resources to do the job that people expect, such as they expect from their MLAs and members of parliament. And on that basis, I am going to support Councillor Sharma's motion for an increase to the...to the councillor's ward allowance. Having said that, I did like being in the basement with Councillor Mayes and then Councillor Eadie.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Is there anyone else who'd like to speak to it? No? Okay. To close, Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. It's very simple what is before us. As I said, there's been a lot of discussion over many, many years and also recently. So, everyone is very familiar with that. So, please call the question.

Deputy Speaker: I will. All those in favour? Is there anybody opposed? That is carried unanimously. Thank you, Councillor Sharma. Would you like to have the Chair back?

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Chambers,
Seconded by Councillor Duncan,

WHEREAS TikTok is a social media platform that has been linked to potential security risks;

AND WHEREAS according to TikTok's privacy policy, the app can access a user's personal data among other information; aside from using this data to personalize its algorithm, it can also share it with other social networks or to advertisers and other subsidiaries or affiliates with its corporate group;

AND WHEREAS other governments including the Federal Government of Canada has joined the US and EU in enacting a sweeping ban preventing TikTok from being installed on all government-issued mobile devices;

AND WHEREAS many chief information officers across Canada have determined and stated publicly the app "presents an unacceptable level of risk to privacy and security";

AND WHEREAS all data is stored within China, as a result there are mounting concerns this information will be shared with the Chinese government for intelligence purposes and surveillance;

AND WHEREAS government issued devices may contain sensitive and personal data of residents that must remain protected to ensure the high level of integrity that exists when communicating with residents and non-public data can be accessed or released and users may be vulnerable to surveillance, TikTok can use a phone's SIM card or IP address to track your location even if you aren't currently using the app – as it has access to other apps on the phone;

AND WHEREAS the use of government issued devices should be limited to activities that are necessary for the performance of official duties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the use of TikTok on City of Winnipeg issued devices be prohibited effective immediately, unless authorized for a specific purpose by the Chief Technology Officer of the City of Winnipeg.
2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Duncan,

WHEREAS in accordance with The Police Services Act, the purpose of the Winnipeg Police board is to provide:

- (a) civilian governance respecting the enforcement of law, the maintenance of the public peace and the prevention of crime in the municipality; and
- (b) the administrative direction and organization required to provide an adequate and effective police service in the municipality.

AND WHEREAS in order to meet that purpose, it is imperative that the municipality has the ability to provide recommendations to the Winnipeg Police Board so that they may be considered and discussed openly by the entire board at a public meeting;

AND WHEREAS section 33 of The Police Services Act further states that, "Subject to the requirements of this Act, a Police Board may determine its own practice and procedures";

AND WHEREAS section 8(1) of the Winnipeg Police Board Rules of Practice and Procedure states that, "The secretary to the board must prepare an agenda for each regular board meeting after consultation with the board chair and the liaison officer, and in accordance with the direction of the board chair";

AND WHEREAS on February 23, 2023, Council referred a motion regarding the reopening of the District Police Stations, to the Winnipeg Police Board for consideration, and the motion was not placed on a public Winnipeg Police Board meeting agenda, and was never formally considered by the board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Winnipeg City Council formally request that the Province of Manitoba to amend The Police Services Act to mandate that the Winnipeg Police Board place Council Referrals, as well Provincial Ministerial formal requests and/or communications sent to the Winnipeg Police Board, as a separate item on their next public agenda for formal consideration and response to Council.

Motion No. 11
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,

WHEREAS government-held social housing stock is decreasing, and vulnerable people without access to social housing are increasingly pushed to live in private market housing without ready or appropriate access to social and mental services support;

AND WHEREAS many private market landlords are not prepared or equipped to address health and safety concerns arising from this trend;

AND WHEREAS the City has been required to respond to many of these challenges on a case-by-case basis through by-law enforcement, Winnipeg Police Service call responses and Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services calls, within jurisdictional limits;

AND WHEREAS these health and safety issues are having a negative impact on the health, safety and overall livability of rental market homes and the surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS many of these buildings have tenants that rely on EIA.

AND WHEREAS because of the safety concerns within these buildings, some individuals feel more safe on the street or in other unhoused or marginally housed circumstances, resulting in threats to safety or even loss of life;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and City of Winnipeg could help to address a range of housing, social and safety issues by addressing this challenge more systematically:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. *That the City of Winnipeg request further dialogue, cooperation and assistance with the Province to address ongoing efforts to reduce and prevent homelessness stemmed from building neglect and safety concerns;*
2. *That the City of Winnipeg work with the Province and other stakeholders to identify and track private market residential buildings where there is a need for social and/or mental health supports for residents, based on the number of recent interventions by City of Winnipeg departments and/or stakeholders to respond to safety and health concerns;*
3. *That upon collection and aggregation of data through Recommendation #2, the City Public Service be asked to consider procedures to better manage clean-up of garbage and other debris around these buildings, helping to manage the impacts of mental health and addiction issues that cause hoarding in our public spaces;*
4. *That the City asks the Province to assist landlords that are receiving government funding primarily through EIA (Employment and Income Assistance) to help arrange support for vulnerable residents, including connection of social and mental health supports directly to market rental apartments where appropriate; and*
5. *That the City request the Province to consider licensing and standards requirements, similar to daycares and seniors' complexes, for low barrier buildings that are primarily funded directly through EIA.*

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will take the Chair back and we'll get into by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I move that...sorry.

Madam Speaker: Just before we do that, Mr. Mayor. Yes, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I have to declare conflict interest on By-law No. 28/2023.

Madam Speaker: If you could depart the chamber and we will deal with that by-law first. Thank you. Stay close by so we can continue our meeting. Mr. Mayor, we will deal with 28/2023 first.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Certainly. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-law be read a first time: By-law 28/2023.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 28/2023.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. If our page could see if we can get the councillors back. Oh, our commissioner is going down. Thank you. Mr. Mayor, onto the next by-laws.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 27/2023, By-law No. 48/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 27/2023 and By-law No. 48/2023

Madam Speaker: By-laws under all three readings, Mr. Mayor.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I move that By-law No. 25/2023 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 25/2023.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-law No. 25/2023 be read second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 25/2023.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the rule be suspended and that By-law 25/2023 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Mayor. Yes, Councillor Wyatt, followed by Councillor Allard.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Wyatt: Question through the Mayor to the Chair of the Police Board, my clerk practiced in the past I hope.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, Police Board questions generally have been through Community Services. Mr. Clerk, we did that not too long ago.

Councillor Wyatt: Oh, ok I stand corrected then, ok thank you very much for the clarification Madam Speaker. (Inaudible) but I do have another question. Thank you, I know the Mayor spoke very well at State of the City which I had the honor of being able to attend in terms of the need to where...I don't have the speech in front of me I carry it with me and I saw you know where the debate about as he put it and I'm paraphrasing that historically issues of homelessness, addictions were not municipal but for the first time we do have to weight it to these challenges. Can the Mayor give us an update in terms of the efforts underway and again to reiterate the fact that there are members of Council like myself who are prepared to assist. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Through you Madam Speaker, I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for his question and for his willingness to assist, you know, the Councillor has been forthright about his desire to make a difference in this city, specifically related to assisting people that struggle with mental health challenges, addiction issues, and so I do appreciate that he's standing at the ready to assist. One of the things I think that has been important for us as a city is the Provincial announcement on their strategy around homelessness and addictions as well. And I just recently spoke through you Madam Speaker, I can tell my colleagues, recently spoke with Minister Squires after her announcement and expressed my appreciation our appreciation, but said that I really want to continue to work together with the province, our Council and the agencies within the City of Winnipeg that are helping people that are working through addictions, unsheltered individuals, homeless individuals, really to establish or re-establish one plan, one coordinated plan for the City of Winnipeg. There is a lot of work yet to do, I think we understand that nothing moves quick, you know, at the City of Winnipeg, but there are some matters that I think we really need to take a longer-term deeper view on and so there's...this will be a matter I believe this will be a matter we'll be working on together in earnest over this term of Council. And so the update is I'm still working to identify an individual to serve in my office. I will hire as an advisor on homelessness and addiction to advise me and certainly councillor colleagues would have access to that individual to work together on that, but I certainly I think the Councillor and I have a lunch meeting coming up sometime in the next few weeks and I'll look forward to discussing this specifically with him further at that time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, in Transcona I'm sure. Next question.

Mayor Gillingham: I believe so.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any further questions of the Mayor? Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So 2022 regretfully has been the worst of the last five years for collisions involving serious injuries or death traffic fatalities and pedestrian fatalities. I moved the motion at the last Council that was not considered by the Standing Policy Committee of Public Works so that it would be part of the budget discussions where we have \$7,656,654.00 that's going to traffic engineering improvement program dollars as per the...or as of...that was how much money is in the bank in the traffic engineering program open capital projects and in terms of the...in terms of the warranted, but unfunded projects, they are \$7,000,886.70 and after today's budget were down to unfunded road safety upgrades of \$6,000,586.70. Why are we not funding where our staff have clearly stated our warranted road safety upgrades to protect our citizens?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, yesterday almost every councillor voted for a budget that includes two brand-new full-time equivalents to establish a road safety committee that will look at these very things.

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

Councillor Allard: Just...do you know, Madam Speaker through you to the Mayor, why my motion normally debated in the month of Council was not considered before the budget vote and today's...with a recommendation for today's Council?

Madam Speaker: Could you re state the question?

Councillor Allard: Why was the motion that has millions of dollars in the bank, millions of dollars of unfunded projects not considered prior to our budget vote yesterday or for consideration today?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker through you to the Councillor, I believe he can...I would encourage him to clarify this maybe at question period with the Public Works Chair, Councillor Lukes, but my understanding is that there is a report coming forward and I'm going to leave it to the Public Works Committee to deal with this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker to the Mayor. Will the Mayor commit to fully fund our road safety deficit to protect Winnipeggers from further injury and fatalities?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor

Mayor Gillingham: Again, I'll reiterate Madam Speaker what I just said a moment ago regarding the budget that was adopted yesterday as we have for the first time two full time equivalents that will be hired to deal specifically with road safety and to look at the projects that the City of Winnipeg put forward and in our capital budget where we are designing buildings, reconstructing roads and seeing those roads, building those roads for road safety land. Road safety lands, I believe to my knowledge it's unprecedented, it's a historic move yesterday and I was glad to support the budget that included that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions of the Mayor? Councillor Allard, we'll come to you second round. Any further questions for the Mayor? Seeing none, Councillor Allard, second round.

Councillor Allard: Yes, Madam Speaker. I'm moving a motion today, well one's on a docket. I'm moving another one to ask for higher levels of set standards for sidewalk snow clearing, levels of service for sidewalks for obviously inferior levels of snow clearing for roads, the other day I saw a man in a motorized wheelchair going under the underpass by the Polo Park mall at 60km/hr underpass probably because there was no sidewalk fit to use, so human rights, human rights, The United Nations declarations say that we have a right to mobility, access to equal levels of service and be the ability to participate in society, does the Mayor agree that levels of service for sidewalks are inferior to levels of service to for roads?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. I do want to remind you Public Works question period will be later on. Mr. Mayor if you wish.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I look forward to that motion coming to Public Works hearing the debate and seeing it come up through the committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Allard: I mean the Mayor I think is the at large elected official who should answer in my opinion all questions and I'm happy for the referral to the Public Works...

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Does the Mayor believe that all residents of Winnipeg regardless of how they get around the city should be safe in doing so?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank the Councillor for his question. I think that the Councillor has brought the motion that he's...that's about to be introduced to refer it to I think Public Works. He's brought it several times. My position has been clear on that. I don't think clearing snow on sidewalks to pavement is realistic across the entirety of the City, it's about managing expectations we have a very strong snow clearing policy as it is already and...but I'm certainly looking forward to the debate on the motion when it comes before me.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final Question.

Councillor Allard: So, if we are looking at equal levels of service being a human right, does the Mayor believe that human rights of Winnipeggers are being respected if they don't have the same level of service?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor

Mayor Gillingham: I look forward to the debate.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Let's move on.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED JANUARY 9, 2023**

Madam Speaker: Next is the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated January 9th, 2023. Councillor Wyatt, I believe you have a conflict to declare on this item?

Councillor Wyatt: January the 9th, I have a conflict on Item 6.

Madam Speaker: Item 6, that's the only item on the agenda.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, that is correct.

Madam Speaker: So, just stay close by, please, and we will deal with this one item.

Councillor Rollins: So moved, Madam Speaker. Just so prepared to move Item 6, Madam Speaker, when we're ready.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Rollins: I'm going to stand in...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt will come back. The next is report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated March 2nd, 2023. I am trying to talk slowly. Councillor Wyatt, I think he's back now. Councillor Rollins, Madam Chair, if you'd like to introduce the report.

**REPORT OF THE
 STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
 DATED MARCH 2, 2023**

Councillor Rollins: I sure would, Madam Speaker. I want to move consent agenda Items 1 through 7 and then pull No. 5, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: No. 4, No. 6.

Madam Speaker: Any others? So, 4, 5, and 6 have been pulled. I'll call the question on 1, 2 and 3, and 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Crescentwood-Enderton Park Heritage Conservation District Plan

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I'll wait to hear from Councillor Schreyer who pulled it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer, speak to Item 4.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, I just want to acknowledge...we checked on this. The due diligence that took place in establishing the district plan for Crescentwood-Enderton Park. And it has been brought to my attention by Councillor Mayes that this should continue in other jurisdictions. And I would think that next on the list is for Chalmers and Glenelm in the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward. We have been working for years with the good people of the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association and the Chalmers Neighbourhood Resource...Neighbourhood Redevelopment Corporation and we look forward in the years to come. Hopefully next year if all goes well into establishing a district plan for south Henderson area. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I can't resist. This is a historical area district plan, I believe, which is somewhat different than the other kinds of secondary plans, Madam Speaker. And I would just point out that I am happy to see that this historical area within our city and I kind of remember walking through this neighbourhood in the distant past. It is a beautiful historical area. I think it's important. I would point out, though, that after the Armstrong's Point District Plan, Madam Speaker, that there were a number of neighbourhoods that were looking at trying to get one of these in place, including the north Point Douglas neighbourhood, which is substantially older than this particular area. And so, when we talk about our planners having time to do various plans, it seems to me that the historical area, actually, of the...of the original reserve for the colonizers would be a realistic kind of thing to look at in terms of having these kind of plans, Madam Speaker. So, to define that, it's not just a specific neighbourhood. And this particular part is part of a...this one here is part of a bigger neighbourhood, Madam Speaker. So, I would just like to make that point, as well, that I know that we have limited abilities to plan and those kind of things. And I know that a smaller area for a district plan is being undertaken at the direction of Councillor Santos and Eadie, but it's kind of limited in the scope of the area in which it is more of a planning exercise to determine employment lands information and that sort of thing, Madam Speaker. So, anyway, I would just...wanted to point that out. A lot of work went into this particular district plan. And I think that the result...I mean, we heard some people opposed to it, but I know that a lot of work went into getting this done. And I think it is a good plan. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am supportive. Good work by Councillors Orlikow and Rollins. I ranted on about this issue in comparison to some other parts of the city like Glenwood at EPC, so I'll save those comments. My theory is that Councillor Schreyer heard me saying the Glenwood PDO is now done, so he is stepping in and saying, well, let's do the Chalmers...Chalmers Glenelm, which includes Glenwood Street, I think. So, fair enough from Councillor Schreyer. I think that's been kicking around since 2016. I would like to see that done. There's some that are...and I think there's one old that's maybe as old as that. So, fair point by Councillor Schreyer that it might be time to turn our efforts of our Planning staff over to that, Chalmers. In terms of Councillor Eadie's comments, if you look at 5, there is mention that north and south Point Douglas, the work is to be planned to be released the request for proposals by the end of '22 and then with work beginning in 2023. So, it looks like from No.5, that north and south Point Douglas secondary plan work is getting underway. I certainly stand to be corrected on that. But I certainly support this one and I would like to see some progress on Councillor Schreyer's as well because I feel that the one that I ranted about a few years, and Glenwood has been done, so it's...there are some other areas that could use some work.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker? Seeing none, Councillor Rollins, do you wish to close?

Councillor Rollins: Just to call the question, Madam Speaker, with thank you to all parties including the delegations we heard, both for and against. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. All in favour of Item 4? Contrary? Carried. Item 5.

Item 5 – Local Area Planning Initiatives Update 2022

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins to introduce the item.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, just to introduce the item, the Public Service considered, along with the Standing Policy of Property and Development, the recommendation to rescind the 2012 Mission Industrial motion as a matter of housekeeping. My understanding is that Councillor Allard and perhaps Councillor Mayes want to keep Mission Industrial on the department list of outstanding secondary plans requests. And you know, what this would mean, of course, is that it would continue to remain on the list of outstanding requests for future prioritization for the department. In the meantime, Madam Speaker, I want to assure the colleagues that comprehensive growth management lens is the direction of Council. And the department is working towards this end. And so, what I think that might follow is Councillor Mayes, perhaps, standing up and saying he wants to move the item to Water and Waste. That is okay by us. Why? By me, Madam Speaker, because we are allotting land use and development activities with city infrastructure planning. So, it goes, I think, without saying, that Councillor Mayes and I are going to be walking shoulder to shoulder, Madam Speaker, for some time with a growth lens that makes sense. So, that is how I will introduce the item. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I think that was a somewhat elliptical reference to my shoulders reference from yesterday. But in any event, I would like to, actually, do something more simple, Councillor Allard can speak to this, I'd like to lay this over for a month so that at Water and Waste we can just ask the questions. We'll add that to the agenda. Why, you say? Because Mission district after...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, you are moving layover to the next meeting of Council?

Councillor Mayes: Can I not speak with reasons to that?

Madam Speaker: No. Next meeting of Council or referring back to the committee.

Councillor Mayes: Can I move referral to Water and Waste, then, and give reasons for that?

Madam Speaker: You can...you can move layover and then speak to it for a few minutes.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah. I'll do that.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Speak to the layover only.

Councillor Mayes: Yeah. This will give us...the Mission Industrial area is...has been the subject of a requested study since 2012. Not my ward, Councillor Allard knows far more about it than I do. I do know this though, that the next CSO district to be done after we do Armstrong up in Councillor Eadie's ward, the next one is the massive Mission CSO. \$160 million worth of work, \$60 million worth of green infrastructure. Second biggest one to be done after Jefferson east. So, Mission CSO work is coming. We sit here and we bemoan, oh, we never think about the sewer issues and then we give out development permits and then people go crazy because they're told they have six units and then the sewer people say they can only have three.

Madam Speaker: Speaking to the layover, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: We need a chance at Water and Waste to make sure we are not running. If we're going to have massive CSO work done in the Mission area, what does that mean for any planning?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. So, layover to the next meeting of Council, that's what's been moved. Councillor Rollins, do you wish to rebut?

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, layover to the next meeting of Council sounds great to me.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Item 6, Madam Clerk.

Item 6- Extension of Time – Subdivision and Rezoning – Lands Bounded by Marion Street to the North, CN Railway and Speers Road to the East, CP/CN Railway to the West – File DASZ 30/2020

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins to introduce the item.

Councillor Rollins: So, Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development with respect to a time limit to satisfy the coming into force of the by-law. On this, I will wait to hear from who pulled it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I stood the item down to refer it to committee. And as Councillor Mayes explained why on the other item, I would just like to explain. I believe I have an option to do that.

Madam Speaker: You are moving, sorry, what?

Councillor Wyatt: The refer back.

Madam Speaker: Referring back to this committee?

Councillor Wyatt: Right.

Madam Speaker: Yes, and you have a few minutes to do that.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. My explanation is this, I know that we do have the Transit Master Plan. I know the Transit Master Plan decided not to have dedicated corridors, at least where we had them aligned before. The Emerson subdivision is a railway line that runs to the west of this property. Because of that decision, the decision was made not to allocate or acquire land for future AT or...and/or rapid transit corridor. I am of the view that that was the decision of Council being now, going in the future, with the growth of the city and the development, the railway corridors, I believe, are crucial to the future development and growth of our city in managing transportation. We've heard already from the railways that they are prepared on the secondary lines. They're more reasonable to move out of the city or at least to build along them, than the main lines. If we go forward with this application it stands right now, we lose the ability to acquire land without compensation along this right-of-way, which we have the ability to do with...through applications. I understand this application has gone through a lot of the process already. I understand it's been through an extensive process already. And I know that I'm asking for lots, but I'll quote the former head of the Manitoba Transportation Institute, Dr. Barry Prentice, when he was on the Rapid Transit Task Force made in Winnipeg solutions, it recommended over and over and over again it strongly. "Whenever you have an opportunity to acquire right-of-ways, whether you are unsure you're going to need them or not, acquire them because acquiring them later is a lot harder, a lot more expensive." We have an opportunity here potentially without dramatically impacting this development to ensure we secure right-of-way. In the event, to Councillor Mayes' work that he's doing, he's looking at potential right-of-way along St. Mary's, in the event studies come back and say the cost to assembling land on St. Mary's is so much, so expensive to a future rapid transit corridor, we need another alternative. This was the alternative to get into the southeast Winnipeg. I'm suggesting that we refer it back to the committee so discussion can be had with the applicant in terms of...with our Public Service to allow us the ability to acquire at least some land or to ensure at least, the very least, that we have right-of-way here and if we don't, that we can acquire it. Now, I understand berming because of the railway guidelines. Berming is already in effect with this developer that they have to do so much metres of berming line. There may be a potential to incorporate the berming and the fencing on the berming to require greater right-of-way that we would then have. In other words, the berm and the fence would not be on their land anymore, we would acquire it to be our land. They still have to build the berm and fence as per the railroad guidelines, however, we would have that option. I've had the conversations with the...consult with the applicant prior to this Council meeting. We do have the potential to do that, I believe. I think it should be explored and I'm just kindly requesting it be referred back to law for that exploration. And I give all the respect to the committee Chair who is bringing this forward and hope it can be done. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, an opportunity to...

Councillor Rollins: I was going to close, so I...

Madam Speaker: An opportunity to rebut. Yeah.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, on the record we have an extension of time. And in the Public Service, we have a backing of that extension of time. So, you know, with all due respect to the referral, the committee did consider that. Again, the applicant wanted an extension of time, the Public Service backing that extension of time, EPC backing that extension of time. Again, the land assembly happened until 2024. So, we're, in fact, I think, saying the same thing.

Councillor Allard: My only...my only concern is that this time's out and then we...we're in a big...I know it's not a point of order, but I wanted to say something.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, thank you. We're now voting on the referral back to committee. Councillor Wyatt, it's a referral back to committee. Yes. Okay. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. It sounded carried to me. Next item, is the standing...report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated March 9th, 2023.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED MARCH 9, 2023**

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Move this...the Item 1 that is this next item and so moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now move into by-laws under this committee.

Councillor Rollins: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Just one moment. We're missing something. Oh, yes, thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I would like to declare a conflict on By-law No. 38/2023.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we'll deal with that one first if you could come back into the chamber following.

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

Councillor Rollins: I'll move by-law be read first time: By-law No. 38/2023, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 38/2023.

Madam Speaker: Just give me a moment here. Next set of by-laws, please.

Councillor Rollins: Sure. I'll move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 39/2023, By-law No. 40/2023, By-law No. 41/2023, By-law No. 42/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 39/2023, By-law No. 40/2023, By-law No. 41/2023, By-law No. 42/2023.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – 2ND AND 3RD READINGS**

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, second and third reading.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law No. 140/2022 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 140/2022.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law No. 140/2022 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next section for all three readings.

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that the by-laws be read a first time: number...By-law No. 29/2023, By-law No. 45/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 29/2023 and By-law No. 45/2023.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that By-laws No. 29/2023 and 45/2023 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 29/2023 and 45/2023.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 29/2023 and 45/2023 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker, so moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. We'll now have question period under this committee. Councillor Eadie.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker a little bit of a preamble, is the Armstrong...oh no sorry, that's (inaudible). Sorry, so Madam Speaker, you may recall that we had the...each ward received some money for the coming out of COVID, getting the City back into gear, and Madam Speaker, you might recall that each councillor indicated which projects they wanted to recede under that program and I'm asking the question. I'm wondering if the Chairperson of Property and Development is aware that the funding of the secondary plan/PDO for the north Point Douglas, south Point Douglas employment lands is funded through that program? I'm wondering if the chairperson knows that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker I might need to seek clarity because at first I thought Councillor Eadie was talking about a small fund that we created through the pandemic that we loosely called around here the happiness fund and I was going to shuttle that over to my contiguous colleague, Councillor John Orlikow and then it took a turn the question on a PDO Point Douglas employment lands, and so I'm going to...I think the question is around the fundamental source of funding of the PDO of North and South Point Douglas so I'm just going to ask a quick clarification.

Councillor Eadie: I'm just going to follow up with the next question. Councillor Santos and I had utilized some of that money to get a plan going in place. My next question is just simply how was the Glenwood PDO funded?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I've taken careful note of Councillor Eadie's questions and I'll endeavor to get back to him in the fullness of time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question.

Councillor Eadie: the other question is how was the plan that we just passed for the (inaudible) how was that funded?

Councillor Rollins: For the Enderton. Okay. Madam Speaker, I will endeavor to get back to Councillor Eadie, but on the substantive points of planning, I appreciate that...that you know we've looked at the unfunded list today in...in just the last item, Item No. 5 pertaining to mission industrial and we've looked at, you know, some items and if my colleague from Mynarksi, Madam Speaker, is really pointing to equity in planning issue and under...and trying to underline that as I know him like I do, Madam Speaker. I will take on that challenge as chair of property and development and really look at that lens, Madam Speaker, through an equity lens and making sure that there is no north south divide or at least closing that gap, Madam Speaker. So I'll take that on, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Community Services. Councillor Orlikow, on the report dated February 28th, 2023. Three items.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. I'll move that consent agenda for Items 1, 2 and 3.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next report, Councillor Orlikow, March 6th, 2023.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED MARCH 6, 2023**

Councillor Orlikow: I'll move consent agenda Item No. 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Let's move into by-laws under this committee. Councillor Orlikow.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Orlikow: Do you want me to first start? Oh, sorry. I move that By-law No. 24/2023 be read for a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 24/2023.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that By-law No. 24/2023 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 24/2023.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the rules be suspended and By-law 24/2023 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Question period under this committee. Councillor Wyatt.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair, the chairperson of the Police Board recently myself, Councillor Duncan, we were in attendance at the Police Board pertaining to the request to get the East District and West District Police stations open again and accessible to the public in terms of having staff at the station as per was the commitment given to Council in July of 2003 with the Ford District model that with the reduction of stations, Public Accessibility and access would be guaranteed if not in fact enhanced, the Chief at the time, Jack Ewaski, it was required to have no less than 9 public consultation meetings around the City over and over again, the reassurance was that the service centres would be available for the public to go to meet where they need to see somebody instead of being closed. I understand the pandemic was an issue for the service centre I also understand there's security issues to take into consideration in light of some of the incidences that have occurred downtown, Taking that into consideration though and the need for possibly upgrading our security even at the district stations in the East and West, could we foresee in the future a path forward to have those offices staffed with staff to greet the public when they come to make a report, police reports for the purposes of safety for the purpose of outreach that there be people there to greet members of the public if they have to go make police reports or safety concerns of any kind available for the public? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Councillor Wyatt for your question. Again the Winnipeg Police Board was provided with a presentation by Superintendent Mil with respect to the district offices and the upgrades that will happen at each of the district offices allowing members of the public to come and do reporting, crime reporting at the district offices through a process that will allow staff that are there to assist for those that are not technology savvy, it was discussed and again when the original report was done back in 2003, it was a much different Winnipeg, in the sense that there was no Winnipeg Police Board, don't believe the neighborhood Waverley West even existed or Bridgewater existed back in 2003 or the parts of Sage Creek. So it is a very different Winnipeg with demands of the service have outstripped the resources and technology is being used in much more of an efficient way to allow individuals to report crime on a 24/7 basis. We do encourage Winnipeggers to report crime as it happens so that resources can be deployed to the best efficiently as possible. But for right now, Madam Speaker and again through you to Councillor Wyatt, Superintendent Mil did provide a very comprehensive report on the next steps at the Winnipeg Police Service is implementing to ensure that members of the public can adequately and effectively report crime and for those that do attend the district offices will have sufficient assistance in putting those reports in as they occur. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: I don't recall a time, Madame Speaker, when the Police executives never had enough resources, they never had enough resources back then and they don't say they don't have enough resources today.

Madam Speaker: Question please.

Councillor Wyatt: However, I think to have those offices open is a bare minimum in terms of the fact that we've eliminated community-based police offices, we've eliminated some of the community (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: The question.

Councillor Wyatt: When can we foresee those offices to being open with human beings staffed open to the public, make reports not through technology, but for the seniors and those who need to be able to access them, to be able to access those offices with police staff, no different than in the downtown.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Again, I want to thank you for the question and the follow up question, again as mentioned Superintendent Mil did provide a very comprehensive presentation with respect to the district offices. We recognize that during the pandemic and as a response to crime that was happening downtown, resources were deployed to foot patrols to address the rising concerns and to request the citizens to see more visible presence while their out and about in the public domain so this was his direction an strategy that was implemented by the Winnipeg Police Service as a response to the concerns that were raised by citizens here in Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Wyatt: We're in the process of building a multi-million-dollar north end Police Headquarters another district office. Is it not fair to say that the fact that it's not going to be open to the public? We're building private offices that the public...police can operate it, but the public can't access, in the North End of all places, not to mention the East and the West. Don't you think it's time to open these offices?

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: And again, thank you for the question. Yes, the North District station is being built, it's being built in partnership or partnership's not the right word, but in collaboration with WASAC that's going to be there as well. There's opportunities for that collaboration to bear good relationships to build on and build good relationships with the community, you know, the other part of it is that the Chief has promoted an inspector to the rank of superintendent that focuses on building those community relationships as well. I know that for myself as a city councillor and Councillor Lukes just recently undertook this as well, and I know that you, Madam Speaker had planned to do a session as well, but we've all engaged members of our public and have created opportunities whereby we've invited members of the public to a community centre and have had Winnipeg Police Service from the community support unit provide information to members of the public to engage with members of the public to build those relationships. They have no problem in handing out their business cards to members of the public to come and ask questions on their own in a safe space. So These opportunities do exist, we recognize that right now it's not optimal in the sense of having officers sitting behind the desk when there is, you know, crime that is happening outside of the district offices and that's where there focus should be. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Through the Community Service Chair to the Police Board Chair, does the Police Board receive numbers of individuals who are on light duties or alternative duties that may be able to serve in different capacities other than frontline constables?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers

Councillor Chambers: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to the Chair of Community Services, through to Councillor Duncan, yes, great question. This was a question that was asked at our in-camera board meeting to the service and they are looking at ways that individuals who are being accommodated whether it's through a physical injury or otherwise can perform some of these tasks while they're not deployed in the field. So yes, this is a question that was asked and the service is doing their best to accommodate those individuals while recognizing that there may be opportunities to have them fulfill these roles as well.

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

Councillor Duncan: Through you Madam Chair, we have individuals who have training to deal with the public to document incidents that are sitting behind desks throughout the City employed by the Winnipeg Police Service, does the Police Board not feel as though this would be a good use of resources to have them serve our community at the police district?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yes and I just again...thank you for that question. I just caution in the sense that in terms of Police operations and the employment resources, that is strictly up to the Winnipeg Police Service. We do provide as a police board information with respect to the concerns that are raised by Winnipeggers as well as stakeholders, but ultimately the deployment of resources and personnel is operational and something that the service should be responding to.

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

Councillor Duncan: The members of the Winnipeg Police Service have been dealing in what we might all agree as a crisis out on the streets of Winnipeg and have been taken away from the opportunity to serve the community and be known in the community, again to promote safety amongst the officers.

Madam Speaker: Question.

Councillor Duncan: Promote safety in the community. Would it not be a good idea to give these officers the opportunity to interact one on one with the members of public no matter what their questions are right at the district offices?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, and again, thank you for that question. There is every opportunity for the members of the public to engage and interact with police officers. I've indicated that there is no shortage of opportunities that we as city councillors provide, but as well as whether their on-foot patrol or, you know, out in the public domain members of the public have the opportunity to engage with police officers on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair of Community Services, Councillor Orlikow? Seeing none. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I'd like to, through the Chair to Councillor Chambers, nothing in the last election in terms of when I spoke and put on social media this issue with regards to the closure of the non-accessible East District Station, received more public attention, more public response than anything else during that election campaign. I was surprised by the response of the public who to say lightly that they were outraged is putting it lightly, they were very concerned and upset that the office is closed. They saw it as a bare minimum...

Madam Speaker: Question.

Councillor Wyatt: My question is in light of the fact that on a Friday or Saturday night at anybody's suburban where there's often cruiser cars in the inner city being pulled out of our areas which is understandable that we can have these district stations open to the public so that they can come and report crime. Isn't this a bare minimum of service that we could ask of the Winnipeg Police Service in light of the fact we made it clear in the motion if they need to exist more resources in terms the fact that they've got other issues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for the question. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Wyatt: Could we not get these offices open?

Councillor Chambers: So again, if...just real quick, if the Councillor could just repeat the actual question.

Councillor Wyatt: In light of the response from the public during the election, could we not get these offices open if we need to get extra resources so be it come into council. Could we not get these offices open?

Councillor Chambers: And again, thank you for your question, Councillor Wyatt. I will take this information back to Winnipeg Police Board and ask those questions. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Orlikow will be relieved, my question is also for Councillor Chambers through Councillor Orlikow. If there is to be a consideration of the expansion of hours, it's at the four remaining police district offices, and the North being obviously in a state of construction. If there's to be an expansion of ours open to the public, could the Police Board also duly consider that the fact that the one office I'm aware of in south end on St. Mary's Road was closed by then under the leadership, shortly after the Police Board itself was introduced, so there was no longer City Hall jurisdiction.

Madam Speaker: Question please.

Councillor Mayes: If those...if the expansion of hours is being considered for other districts, could the Police Board also look at reopening an office somewhere in the South End, perhaps in Councillor Luke's ward, yours or mine?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you for the question, Councillor Gillingham or sorry Councillor Mayes I'm getting my exercise up and down today. I will take that information back to the Winnipeg Police Board where we will have robust discussion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, the report dated March 7th, 2023. Madam Chair, Councillor Lukes.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MARCH 7, 2023**

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. I'd like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 through to 7.

Madam Speaker: 2 and 4 have been pulled. And I'll call the...

Councillor Lukes: Enhanced summer bike routes. Yours is 5.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So, we've pulled 2, 4 and 6. I'll call the question on 1, 3, 5 and 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and Rural Municipality of Rosser and Traffic Control Signal Installation for Brookside Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue

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

Councillor Lukes: I'll wait to hear from my colleague.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand it down just to make a point, I guess. I'm on the committee and we decided to support this report. However, I just want to point out the fact that we have an example here of the impact of the industrial development of us...is having on us. Not only are we having to pay for 50% of the cost of a traffic control device at the corner of Jefferson and Brookside, largely because of the impact of the RM of Rosser's industrial development on the west side of Brookside Boulevard. But there's also Jefferson Avenue on the north side of an area called Castlebury which is a gravel road, which the traffic light will no doubt drive traffic...more traffic on to and leave us without any kind of option with regards to who is going to pay, other than us again. And the traffic volume will increase, the state of...as a matter of fact, it was, I understand, closed last year because of the horrific condition of Jefferson east of Brookside Boulevard. And the road is unimproved. Whether the road has to be there in the future, there's been no precinct plan of my knowledge of that development in the area, so we don't know the future of that road. But yet, we are going to be driving more traffic on it by the very fact that we're going to be putting another traffic control intersection light on a major corridor. And this is only happening because of the ex urban industrial development, an industrial development which is eroding the tax base, the employment sector, real estate, assessment base of the city where one industry after another has elected to go into the RM of Rosser. The RM of Rosser which has no business tax, which has a mill rate, half our mill rate. And well, processes in terms of pulling permits everything, which I guess are a little less red tape, they're out there and they're moving out there and we're losing our employment task base. So much so that a...that even though there's been not much comment on it, we lost \$6 million revenue annual Amazon plant that would have been located in Transcona into the RM of Rosser in the previous administration, previous mayor and the premier. So, you know, we're doing this, but I just want to make it known to Council that, you know, we're not getting our fair share back from the RM of Rosser and their industrial development. We need to relook at that deal. Apparently, according to the director, this was something that we agreed to at the time and this has been negotiated. And I find that hard to take considering what's been happening in terms of the erosion of our tax base. And the RM of Rosser which, frankly, they offer, also by the way, a lower level of municipal service requirements in terms of road construction, sidewalks, active transportation. Forget active...non-existent there. Forget about active trans, non-existent in their industrial park. You know, and the next thing you know, we're going to get calls wanting transit service to service the workers who are actually going to be working. You know, so it's...you know, we need to relook at these things, especially in this area. I know there's a lot of talk of how great CentrePort is and how important it is to our city, but frankly, I think that's debatable because we are...we're definitely getting the short end of the stick when it comes to CentrePort and the industrial that we are losing one company at a time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers on this item? Councillor Eadie, could you take the Chair? I'd like to address Council on this one as well.

Deputy Speaker: I'll take the Chair.

Councillor Sharma: I just briefly wanted to thank Councillor Wyatt, Mr. Deputy Speaker for his comments. I share most of what he said. I've had several occasions...several conversations, pardon me, with the director on this topic and talked about many of those things. And he's assured me that Jefferson is going to be paved when the time is appropriate. I'm

going to hold him to his word and we're going to have further dialogue with him. Madam Chair of Public Works is also aware of these conversations that we've had. She's had conversations with our director as well. So, thanks, Councillor Wyatt for raising some of those points. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Sharma. I'm going to let...hold the Chair to end this report. Nobody else to speak to it? Would you like to close, Chairperson Lukes?

Councillor Lukes: No, I'm fine. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: You're fine? I'll call the question then. All those in favour of the report? Is there anybody opposed? That is carried. Thank you. Chair back to you, Speaker Sharma.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Thank you. Item 4, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Report on Sidewalk Plow-to-Pavement Pilot Project

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to introduce the item.

Councillor Lukes: Oh, I'd love to hear what our colleague has to say.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will take that comment literally. So, thank you for consideration of this motion. Last time I pulled it to basically protest because it was the second time that the idea of a pilot project for plowing sidewalk to pavement was taken as information, even though I had really lobbied hard, right. Every level of...every level of Council; Public Works, Executive Policy Committee, turned down twice for information. You know, the Mayor talked about having a new Council that would collaborate and we would be able to, you know, be stronger together. My experience so far has been most of the motions that I moved have been taken as information. And I'm not operating very differently than I did in the last...the last term. So, I guess I'm looking to find my feet with this new mayor and Council. I hope I find...I hope I find them soon because I really felt that I was moving this city in the right direction with my contributions in the last Council and I found it to be more challenging this time, so far. So, anyhow, the reason...the reason that I want to see this pilot project is because the last two councils have done tremendous work. Councillor Lukes...with Councillor Lukes' leadership, we got the Transportation Master Plan. We got...no, not the Transportation Master Plan, we got the Active Transportation Strategies document passed. And that was...that was a big deal. It's good. It's worth \$334 million and we're building it. And I think we're spending...spending more than we have in the past, but there's still a lot left to go with the document having it at \$334 million. So, we have...we have a road network that works relatively well. We have an Active Transportation Strategy that is being built. We have an updated snow clearing report that we passed at the last Council that links all of the roads that are existing that link to active transportation...existing active transportation facilities so that we actually have a network if you are riding a bike. And so, the last big piece that we're missing, I think, to have a city where you can have...you can truly have modal shift, you can truly have residents of Winnipeg get around using different modes of transport, including walking, is levels of...levels of snow clearing for sidewalks. And so far, it's been information, information, information. I listen to the conversation at every level. There was a proposal of maybe looking at extending the level of service at the current snow pack levels. That's something else I'm interested in in terms of making the transportation network available to all, regardless of their...the way that they get around the city. Like, a basic unfairness that I want to point out is that if you're driving a car, you can get around the city in the winter. If you're riding a bicycle, you can get around the city in the winter because we've updated the road clearing network so active transportation facilities are connected to the road network. So, we have that. We have that. When it comes to walking on sidewalks and transit, we have a gap and the gap is sidewalk snow clearing. And so, I've been...I've been talking about it a lot because I think that we need it in order to reach our mode shift goal of 50% mode shift by 2030. I mean, most councillors here voted for that. Mayor Gillingham voted for that. Perhaps Councillor Lukes can tell us if Councillor Lukes thinks that that's going to be in the Transportation Master Plan because that's what Council ordered and I don't think that that's changed. And I think we've funded another \$150,000 of this budget for the Transportation Master Plan. So, why to pavement pilot? Well, the city of Edmonton does it. Other cities do it. I've had tremendous interest and support from putting the idea up on the web. I was...I...until...until Executive Policy Committee unanimously voted to take the report for information again...and this isn't a pilot, this is a report on a pilot. This is the farthest thing from something that's true as you get around here, a report on a pilot. And so, I heard the explanations from the director, the manager of streets was not there at the last meeting. I've spoken to the Public Service, they know they can have levels of service to pavement. Yes, there's a cost. There are different ways of doing it. One of the ways that I didn't hear mentioned is the way that Edmonton does it, which is using salt and anti-corrosives. And so, that's something that could be considered. That's something that could go into a report. And so, like, I'm making two value arguments here. I mean, Winnipeg is the city for human rights. We have the Canadian Museum for Human Rights here. I read the declaration, the UN declaration of human

rights. It says we have the freedom to be...the freedom of mobility. We have the freedom to have equal access to services, and this is where I think that we're failing in terms of the...in terms of the people's human rights in the city of Winnipeg by not plowing these sidewalks to pavement or plowing these sidewalks to a level of service that's comparable to those that are either riding their bikes or that are driving in their car. And the other value statement I would like to make is on safety. These sidewalks aren't safe. I saw the other day a woman with a stroller on the street. Why was the woman and the stroller on the street? Probably because the sidewalk was treacherous. I invite you to watch my...to take a look at my Twitter feed, it's full of sidewalks that are full of snow, ice that are treacherous, they're not safe. They are clearly not...if you start...I realized this when I started walking around and I started taking the bus when the Provincial Government cut the 50/50 funding for Transit and I took the January bus challenge as a way to show my protest and to actually try the bus. And I mean, I've been using it since because despite all of its inconveniences, as somebody who is able to get around, as somebody who does walk on the street because the sidewalks are plugged or they're slippery or yeah, I'm not using the sidewalks for the most part, it's still a way that I can get around because I'm an able-bodied person. So, the people that are really impacted by levels of service for sidewalks are seniors, they're people with mobility issues, they're people with...they're people with issues of vision loss. And you will see that I have levels of support from different groups. And you know, this...the letters of support from the different groups, they could grow and grow and grow and there's tremendous support for this. But from a service delivery perspective, if we were being honest, I was...I was...when I moved for the 50% mode shift by 2030 and the Transportation Master Plan, I asked you all to vote for that. I think it might have been unanimous. Maybe Jeff voted against. Councillor? Maybe? But I think even Jeff voted for it. So, it's going to take tremendous investments to get the 50% mode share by 2030. This is probably going to be something I'm going to be saying for a little while, especially if it materializes, but we just opened Pandora's box to have a billion dollars on two road megaprojects. So, the Transportation Master Plan, the Active Transportation Strategies, all in...oh, here we go. All in, is \$334 million according to the latest documents. That's the kind of thing that would lead to a mode shift 50% by 2030. I'm out of time. So, and I guess I don't really have a rebuttal because Councillor Lukes is the Chair. We will have the opportunity to discuss this again. So, I'm only asking for a report, please. There's no financial impact. Let's look what Edmonton does. Let's look what the other cities do. Please.

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I voted against this at EPC. I think more than once. You know what, anything is possible with infinite amounts of money. We could have daily garbage and recycling pick-up, we could have heated sidewalks, we could have every bus come every five minutes everywhere, but to what end? The point is, we have freeze thaw cycles in the city of Winnipeg. Right now, the streets are horrible. I get that. Sidewalks are horrible. I walk my dog. My street, there's still a lot of snow out there for this time of year. So, right now, during the day it's thawing and it's freezing and it's not like that crushy, you know, crunchy snow that has a little bit of traction. It's horrible out there right now, but that's the reality of this time of year. We could, you know...you know, to make streets like mine more passable this time of year, you can plow them again, but that's millions of dollars. On the sidewalks, there's snow on either side of them. They melt during the day, it fills in with water, it freezes again. If you are going to be doing to the pavement, you're going to have to haul all that snow away. It's going to cost a lot more money. If Councillor Allard, you know, does want to have a conversation about improving sidewalk conditions, that's a fair debate to have. I do believe that, you know, in my suburban neighbourhood, we can go for a couple weeks where yeah, it's a little awkward to get to my bus stop, there is going to be a couple bad falls. It's horrible. They are sanding some of my...some of the streets in these neighbourhoods and there are areas where, you know, there's more traffic and more seniors. I would like to have that conversation about, like, higher levels of service where sidewalks...sidewalk dependability is...dependence on sidewalks is that much higher, but that's not what he's asking for yet. We could do this, but you could do almost anything with infinite amounts of...infinite amounts of money. This is not a practical thing or a reasonable thing to do. I do, you know, appreciate his advocacy for better quality side...better quality sidewalk snow clearing, but again, you can't do it everywhere. That's why I'm going to vote against it again today.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, I will not be in support of the recommendation from the...from the committee. I do believe, like Councillor Allard, that this could be very easily done in terms of doing a pilot. It wouldn't cost us money and we already have the equipment, we do clear snow on our sidewalks right now. So, I don't really think that there's not too much to do in terms of cost in terms of a pilot project. I'm somebody that believes that we should be looking at areas that have higher volume traffic, kind of like around the University of Winnipeg, some places along Pembina where we do require a higher level of snow clearing. And I did go to...I want to thank Councillor Lukes, she did put on a forum that talked about snow clearing, so we got to hear a little bit more on some of the challenges that would be with clearing to the snow and some of it is to deal with what kind of the chemicals that they have to use. However, I do think that a pilot project would allow us to be able to look at this...look at this deeper. This isn't telling us that we're going to go be putting lots of money right now into cleaning all the sidewalks to the pavement. That's not what we're asking. What is being asked here is just a pilot project which we could do in adjacent neighbourhood right by the downtown where we're already doing

that work, where we already have the equipment and maybe where we do not have the cracked up pavement, so...the pebble stone pavement, you know, where it is more cement. I do think we can do a pilot project with little cost. So, I don't support the committee. I think we can't be going and telling the public if we can or cannot do it until there's a pilot project on this. And so, that's where I stand on this issue. And I want to thank Councillor Allard for bringing this forward once again. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, as a person with a disability, I appreciate the conscious effort to...concern of the issue of getting to the...to the bare pavement on sidewalks, though, Madam Speaker. I...when it comes to our residential streets, Madam Speaker, it's more about how frequent can we plow the sidewalks. Motor...that's right. Councillor Wyatt had the best presentation at the Public Works on this. And it is about...on our residential, and I'm not talking about...I happen to live on a P2 and from Main Street I can take a P2 that is cleared like a P1 sidewalk because it's part of an AT trail, Madam Speaker. It's about frequency because right now I believe it's...you don't get sidewalks plowed...well, if there's an ice thing, maybe you'd get a...you'll get them sanded. But it's 10 centimetres of snow accumulated before we get...any resident...even on the streets, residential plow. Now, for a motor vehicle, they haven't plowed the snow, that motor vehicle does have...hopefully it has winter tires. There's ways of doing it if you only get four or five centimetres, I...there's not many motor vehicles that I know of that are prevented from using it, but on a sidewalk, five centimetres, not...it doesn't have to be to the concrete. What the problem is, Madam Speaker, is, yeah, it's a frequency, but then it's also the windrow from the street plow. So, you get to Seven Oaks Avenue, there's a...there's an intersection there and you can cross the street, catch a bus, there's bus stops there. What happens is, the street plows, nobody comes back and removes the windrows at the curbs. So, whether you are using a wheelchair or you are blind, the problem is, you trip and it's happened to me. There's a windrow there and I step off of it, it's like maybe a foot and a half high, and I come off of it and I lose my direction and then I do a diagonal through the intersection, try to find the sidewalk. So, the issue is...and for wheelchair users, it's also the windrows. You don't need...like, wheelchairs that, you know, you are moving around in the winter, the...it doesn't need to be concrete. The wheels can handle it. And actually, just for people to understand, when you are vision impaired, you're blind, and you are using...you know what, the easiest way to get around is where the snow is packed, you don't even have to worry about getting lost, you know what direction to go because it's already there. Like, the path...it's easier to be blind in the winter. It is. Trust me. It's easier because you know where the path is. Try walking down Main Street on the sidewalk which is like 10 feet wide or whatever it is and it's...it's totally cleared, try to figure out if you are walking the proper path for a pedestrian. In the winter, you know, if you got a snowbank sort of around the sign poles or, you know, you've got a bit against the buildings, you know which direction to go, it's pretty easy when you are using a cane. So, but I just want to step back and say, what we should really be doing is looking at the ability to do a little more frequency in terms of the residential sidewalks because in order to get to our new frequent bus service, we're going to be walking down residential streets...sidewalks to get to those wonderful new faster, more frequent bus service. And then, we need to...in our master plan, hopefully Public Works is looking at it, but we need a much better snow clearing where you make connections to buses and their frequency and they need to remove windrows that make you trip into the street. It has to be done or you can't get over if you are using a wheelchair or a walker. You need to be able to get to that bus stop to make your transfer, to get off and go. So, I'll leave it at that. Oh, and one other thing, when it comes to human rights, there is an issue...this was...this one's for Councillor Browaty, at some point, governments can plead undue hardship. I don't know what it would cost to plow. Like, I know it's going to cost more, you need more expensive equipment, you need to do this, you need to do that, you can argue various points, Madam Speaker. But when it comes right down to some human rights, the audible signals that we have at the intersection, they...the City could not claim undue hardship because it...in relative to the amount of money that they were spending, it was...it wasn't undue hardship, so we won our case. We won at the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. The City had to install it, that's what happened. But at some point, there is undue hardship and I'm thinking it'd be a huge amount of money. Maybe on close the Chairperson, I think, I don't know if it was quoted by the department or not what it would cost to actually go to pavement for all of our residential sidewalks. I don't know what that is. But anyway, I'll leave it at that. I'm voting for the recommendation that came from Public Works. And if it had been changed by Councillor Wyatt who knows it's more about frequency of moving the snow than it is about getting right down to the pavement.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt. Oh, pardon me, Councillor Santos, I did miss you. And then we'll come to you Councillor Wyatt. Yeah, she'll arm wrestle you for the spot if you don't sit down.

Councillor Santos: I wasn't going to speak today but this one I'm going to speak to because I did second the motion with Councillor Allard. And this one bothers me the most when it comes to equity in our city. Roads versus sidewalks, what gets plowed more, what doesn't get plowed, P1, P2, P3. I think those are just, like, nothing burgers. I think that's the right word. I want to give an example; I was recently maybe about a week, two weeks ago, driving down Portage Avenue under the underpass near Polo Park and there was a vehicle that was slowing down and I didn't understand why the vehicle was slowing, I thought maybe it had broken down. I pulled over and what do I see in front of this vehicle is a lady in a wheelchair, motorized wheelchair, going under the underpass on Portage Avenue. And there was a church, so I pulled over, made

sure that she was okay. And she was stuck, for a good minute, two minutes and I didn't understand. So, I get out of my car, walk over to her, me and a couple of other people have actually pulled over. A piece of ice was stuck underneath her wheelchair. And I asked the lady, is there anything I can do to help you? Do you want me to, you know, put you on the sidewalk and take you to wherever you need to go? She looked at me, she says, thank you very much, but no, I'm fine. I said, are you sure, because it's very dangerous on Portage Avenue. And she's like, no, it's safer for me to be on the road. Inappropriate. Why, again, I ask the question, does someone in a wheelchair prefers to take the road instead of our sidewalks? And it was icy and treacherous, Madam Speaker, that day, and she chose the road. She put her life in danger on Portage Avenue, four lanes of traffic. Like, it just blows my mind. This is a human rights issue and I agree with Councillor Allard, I cannot support this decision. We need to be doing a better job of taking care of our residents, especially those who are visible minority. And it goes to question, you know, frequency, I get it. We have the berms and the windrows, I get it. I think of McPhillips, I drive down McPhillips, we have plows that actually clean up the windrows. I've seen them do it. Time and ten...in the middle of the night, they're cleaning the big, huge windrows along McPhillips Avenue. And I'm sure they're doing it on other major routes too. So, we shouldn't be working in silos. Can they not do them in tandem? If you are going to be cleaning the windrows along McPhillips Avenue, you can easily take, you know, a sidewalk plow that's going to come and properly clean up. So, that kind of answers a little bit to the question or the comments of one of my councillors where the snow melts and, of course, it pools and it makes it icy. Well, we are already cleaning up the berms, the windrows, the boulevard snow on major artillery routes. I think it could be efficiently done at the same time. And then, another comment I want to add is, a couple weeks ago Public Works had reached out to me saying that they're going to do a street renewal on a P2 collector road and there's no sidewalks. They come and ask me, would you like to install a sidewalk? I said, well this is the first time I ever had to...occurred where Public Works has reached out to me asking whether or not I want to install a sidewalk. They said, yeah, it's kind of a new process we're doing. We want to, you know, have consultations with the city councillor to make sure that, you know, if we're installing a road, we can also include the sidewalk into the RFP and we want to reach out to you because you know what is best for your community. So, we had two roads, we kind of talked about it. And the biggest one that I said...the biggest issue that I said was, I see kids walking on the road instead because there is no sidewalk. He's like okay, we could use that argument and we're going to build the sidewalk. To my point, to my point, we want people using the sidewalks. Public Works agrees with that. We want to use sidewalks. So, these issues go hand-in-hand and I cannot support the fact that we're going to say no to a pilot project or even look at a report. And just, it's really, really irritating that we always have to continue to come back, try to do pilot projects, try to get reports and it just gets knocked down. Again, we're not looking for money at the moment, we're looking at how much it's going to cost our city. Why can we not do that. It's very frustrating. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thanks, Madam Speaker. This was something that we discussed I think to a great extent, out of respect to the mover at the Standing Committee of Public Works, and I know he was there as well. The matter, as it was explained, and maybe it was partly the wording of the motion. I hear both sides. And it was partly the wording of the motion where the director and the department started looking at this from the point of view, okay, if we're going to do this, then ultimately, the logical conclusion, you're going down the road or the proposal is that we will implement a policy, potentially city-wide, to get down to pavement. The reality is, as we know, the challenge that we heard from the director is that it would require a whole new fleet of vehicles. Right now, we have sidewalk removal equipment, but it would also then require us to get out and also purchase a whole new fleet that we do not have of Bobcats to get down to pavement. That's the technology today. Maybe the technology in the future with artificial intelligence, robotics will change in the next generation or two where we will actually have these machines do it on their own and it won't be an issue one or the other, but that's the challenge today. Now having said that, having said that, I believe from reading the motion before us today, it was not specific enough. I hear the issue that Councillor Santos is now raising. And I hear...and I too have seen individuals who are in disabilities who are on major thoroughfares. It's one thing to be on a...even a collector street, a P2 or a P3 in a wheelchair or what have you, it's a different thing if you're going down Portage Avenue or Main Street. Now, maybe we...I know that the standard we have in the downtown is higher. That we do get down to pavement in the downtown on the sidewalks. Maybe it's something we should look at on certain major regional roads, P1s. Only certain ones. Maybe that's...but it was the wording of the motion that caused the director and the Public Works staff to go down the road to sort of looking at a pilot project that potentially would see the whole city going down the road of having down to pavement. And to Councillor Eadie's point, if I were to have finite amount of dollars, which we do, are we going to spend it on this right now, first and foremost? Are we going to spend it on increasing the frequency of the snow removal of all the sidewalks in Winnipeg? Not just the P1s and the P2s, but the P3s, where many citizens we hear from all the time cannot move down a sidewalk because, as was pointed out by Councillor Eadie, 10 centimetres of snow, that's quite a bit. Not much for a car, can be a lot for a pedestrian, especially if you have any kind of minor mobility issues. Seniors and so on. If we're going to have a policy to encourage sidewalk use, active transportation, if I were to chose between priorities, that would be the first, to raise up our ability to plow sidewalks all the time wherever they are, versus getting down to pavement. Secondly, secondary would be the ability to take it up a step further in terms of these key streets. Now, maybe there's a saw. I don't know. But it was the wording of the motion that came forward and the director was then guided on that basis to look at the entire system and give us a recommendation that this is where it's going to go, this is what it's going to lead

to and this is the cost and these are the Bobcats that are going to be required, a whole new fleet, not to mention the capital cost to the staffing that goes with it. So, this is why we're receiving it as information. If the Chair wishes to come back or if the...sorry, if the Chair wishes to come back or the councillors come back with a revise to make it a little bit simpler, more specific in terms of P1, maybe it's something we can look at. But in terms of comparing to the downtown, the downtown we did raise that level of service back with the...we call it the clean and green budget, I think it was 2004 or '05. Mr. Kelcey could probably correct me on the year. Anyways, so, long story short, you know what, it's the wording of the clause I can't support, the way the motion is worded today because of that, because of the fact that it's just unrealistic. Why would we raise public expectations for something that is not possible financially at this time? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm on the record of pretty much supporting pilot projects, supporting reports, this is a report on a pilot project, because we learn from them. And we have to because this is Winnipeg. It is the coldest major city in the country. We've got problems, we...we don't have the most snow, but we've got a long season. And it matters what we do, it matters how we take care of our streets and sidewalks. This is a pilot project, we would learn from it. Look what we're talking about today, just in the room today. We touched on something, by the way. It's kind of important because yes, our budget is bursting at the seams. I would say we're hemorrhaging primarily on construction costs. But Councillor Wyatt hit on something, he said the costs of equipment is what the issue is. And bear in mind, when it comes to dealing, really one day dealing with our budget and what's causing the root problems of our hemorrhaging, of our frustrations, it's not just going to come from me, it's going to be coming from Council, it will be coming from the administration. And he said the cost of equipment and he said capital costs. Never said the labour costs, which is interesting. And right now, we're learning something. That is just symbolic virtue of pilot projects because we actually learn something. I think Council just learned something right now. What is the (inaudible) cost that capital cost, the costs of equipment. Bear in mind, mark my words, we're going to hear it again, and not from me: the cost of equipment. So, bear in mind, when it comes to what we can learn from a pilot project, it's the resource, it's the equipment versus the technique, type of snow, season, type of sidewalk, quality of the sidewalk. These are the things that would be good to know more about in discussing the feasibilities, that's why I'm supporting this pilot project as well and the report thereof.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Any further speakers? Any further speakers? We'll have Councillor Lukes close.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. Thank you very much everyone for all your comments. I'm actually very thrilled to hear everyone is so passionate about mobility in our city on sidewalks. I don't have to repeat it, but you know I've worked for two decades trying to improve active transportation in this city. So, we had a very good session on March 4th where we talked a lot about the freeze thaw cycle, the mid-winter melt cycle. And clearly, this was a passionate issue for all the people that had come to attend the session. I think everyone is aware that in June, the Public Works Department comes back and they give an update on things that they have done over the winter related to snow removal on roads and on the active transportation network. I know very much that Mr. Cantor is looking at ways to improve clearing of sidewalks for the freeze thaw melt, the whole cycle. So, I encourage you to watch for that report in June to see what he brings forward. One of the questions that I always had was, well, how come...how come you can get the streets to bare pavement, they're beautiful, and you can't do the sidewalks? But they salt streets, they use salt on the streets and the streets do drain or they...it goes to the side due to the design. We heard it today, the way the sidewalks are designed with the windrows on one side, buildings on the other. So, in the downtown, and I really encourage you to listen to the conversations in Public Works, because we've had three of them, I guess we're going for four now, about how this happens, about the plowing to bare pavement. I mean, you could say it's a pilot, but the City does it in the downtown already when they remove the windrows. So downtown, windrows are removed. So, they have Bobcats, the heavier equipment, that comes out and plows to pavement, it does the fine tuning. To Councillor Wyatt's point, we could change all our fleet, which would be millions and millions of dollars to change our fleet for sidewalks to clean to bare pavement. The problem with the...with the Bobcats is they're slow, they're not fast, they're slow and it would require we could never keep up with the timeframe that we commit to in our policy, unless we had many, many, many, many Bobcats because of the force that's required to plow to bare pavement. To Councillor Eadie's point about frequency, that is the key. And that is what Mr. Cantor is telling us. And this year, what he has done this year, is he is doing more frequent removals because you see...you see when we have the windrows and the lumps of snow fall into the sidewalk after the plows go by. So, what he is doing this year, and this will be in the report in June, but we've talked extensively about this, and now he has the staff doing more frequent plowing and it's going fast because they do the initial plow and then because they've done the initial plow, the second plow goes a lot faster because mostly it's removing the snowballs and the lumps of snow that fall over. What Mr. Cantor's also doing is, to Councillor Gilroy's point, is we're looking at high density areas, we're looking at transit, and we're looking at high needs areas. We've been working with all of the downtown BIZs'. We've been having on-on-one meetings with Public Works, with Mr. Cantor and other staff related to spring clean-up, but we've been meeting with the Downtown BIZ, Osborne BIZ, multiple businesses, talking about how together we can do better sidewalk and snow removal. So, to say that we need to do a pilot, we're doing it. We're doing it downtown all the time. I really encourage you to come, when this is up,

I'm going to send everyone an e-mail when it's up. I'm going to give you an hour's notice of when we think it's on the agenda so you can tune in or you can come, but if there was...if there was a way to do this, well, there always is a way, to Councillor Browaty's point, which I'm having a hard time...to Councillor Browaty's point, we'd have...we are just buying now an additional, what are we buying, 15 pieces of equipment and what was it, over \$3 million or such I believe it was? And those are the light pieces of equipment, those aren't Bobcats. I guess we could contract it all out, but still...it would still probably be a very large cost. Well, for sure it would be. You know, I encourage you to come. Well obviously, we'd be discussing this again at the Public Works Committee. I'm only one vote on the committee and it's come to the committee three times and it's gone to EPC. So, I think there is a lot of truth to what the department is saying. When other cities do it, they don't do the whole city. We do over 5,000 kilometres. Like, they just don't do the whole city. So, to Councillor Gilroy's point, which Mr. Cantor is looking at, is density, transit, high needs. So, we're looking at that. So, and we have that data because we've got, you know, all the permits and we can look at it like that. We've got heat maps throughout the city. So, we're looking at that. So, there's a lot of work that's going on in the department right now. I know they're tired of the e-mails and the calls that they're getting, but I hear you. I mean, I get it. But I encourage you...I see another motion here, we're going to talk about it again at Public Works and I encourage you to come to that meeting. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Wyatt and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

Councillors Allard, Gilroy, Santos and Schreyer

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 4 passes. On to Item 6, Madam Clerk.

Item 6 – 2022 Enhanced Summer Bike Route Results and Recommendations

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

Councillor Lukes: I'll welcome my colleague to speak to it first.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I remiss that I had to pull this down but I was just merely going to vote for it. But I just realized...actually, I should have stood down No. 5 as well. I don't have time to prepare an amendment, Madam Speaker. But I would point out in report No. 6 here with the seasonal cycling routes, we're almost upon that season. And it's important that we pass this so that the Public Works can get on with the making sure things are in place. I would note, Madam Speaker, in report No. 5, because Scotia Street, since the 1970s, has been a seasonal cycling route and it is on the north Winnipeg parkway along it, Madam Speaker. But essentially, this report 6 no longer includes Scotia. Now, what happened last year, is I found a compromise, Madam Speaker, that worked quite well. Instead of limiting how many blocks a motor vehicle could travel, which is difficult along Scotia on the east side of Main, and even to some degree, maybe St. Cross, but Madam Speaker, the 30 kilometres worked. We got rid of everything else. There's 30 kph there. And as far as I could tell, sitting out on my front stairs stoop there, I listen and people were following the rules. And...but again, we utilize 30kph and we did that on Rover as well. Complaints on these streets are the other limitations that you might put on motor vehicles. Like, so, because Scotia is not becoming a greenway right away, and for the greenways, it's what mechanisms do you use to make the street to calm traffic, Madam Speaker. Because there will be a lot of debate, argument and discussion. What I call a bump out that was done way back in 2008 on a recommendation from the...to the City from the Seven Oaks Residents Association, they put in a bump out on Scotia where there's a long way where there's no stop signs and it slowed the traffic down, Madam Speaker. But everybody in the past when Councillor Lazarenko was there, and I remember them wanting to install speed bumps. And I have to say, woo the people were angry, Madam Speaker. Very angry. But nobody complained about the bump out and it works great. And along Scotia, Luxton where you could do a bump out, slow it down over there, that street is up for renewal in 2024. So, providing we make sure we got the money going into local roads, thank you Mayor Gillingham, you ensured that there...that money is there. That's why I voted for

the capital budget. But so, now my problem is this, there is going to be no provision because it's not a greenway yet, Rover and Scotia, the Scotia route, it doesn't...it's not all just Scotia. We're not going to have anything in place to calm the traffic. There's not a lot of traffic on Scotia like Wellington Crescent and those kind of places. Or even...there's not as much traffic on there as there is on Wolseley. So, the issue then is, what am I going to do? So, I just wanted to point out, I'm supporting this report and I supported the other one. There was going to be a consultation and I guess, I just wanted to publicly make it clear to our Chairperson, and that I'm going to need some advice from the Public Service on how we can...like, nobody had a...I didn't find anybody that had a real problem with the 30kph on Scotia because it's a beautiful drive too. So people, you know, take your time going along it, it's a nice drive. It's not like you are in a rush to get somewhere because it's not a...you know, it's only a P2 street because there's school buses and stuff that run up and down it. Anyway, thank you, Madam Speaker. And I just...I just had to specify that. I didn't...the Public Service said, in no uncertain terms, Ross Eadie didn't want it. Well, no, that's not quite it. We have to strike a balance between...so everybody gets to use the street and feel safe. And the real problem is getting people to follow the rules because pedestrians and cyclists have rules and so do motor vehicles. If everybody follows the rules, everybody is safe. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker? Seeing none, Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Sure, thank you. So, yes, it would have been No. 5 there to speak to, but you know what, this is good. 30 kilometres will be on Scotia Street this year. I'm pleased to say that. It's 30? Okay, 30 kilometres. And there is funding in the department and they will be reaching out and doing a consultation to understand what better techniques and pieces of infrastructure they may want to work into the streets so that it keeps it at 30k. So, thank you, Councillor Eadie.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: We have a few motions under this committee. Motion 2: moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Schreyer regarding sidewalk snow clearing. It is an automatic referral to the standing committee. We have Motion 5: moved by Councillor Schreyer and seconded by Councillor Allard regarding potholes. Automatic referral to the standing committee. Item 7: moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Browaty. It's regarding Kildare Road enhancements. Automatic referral to the standing committee. Item 12: yes, moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Lukes regarding traffic calming. Also, an automatic referral. Motion 13: moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Eadie regarding surplus fire trucks to the Ukraine. Automatic referral to the standing committee. We'll now have question period under this committee. Councillor Allard.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS the current City of Winnipeg Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy often leaves sidewalks in a treacherous condition that results in an unsafe condition for all residents who would use these sidewalks, especially for residents with vision loss, mobility issues, the use of wheelchairs, the use of strollers;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is the home of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration of human rights article thirteen (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State;

AND WHEREAS the arterial road network has a level of service that leads, in most cases, to levels of service to bare pavement;

AND WHEREAS access to the road network is not available to those who cannot afford transportation and therefore do not benefit from the road network that has levels of service which, in most cases, lead to bare pavement;

AND WHEREAS those who do not have access to this to bare pavement road network should have equal freedom of mobility in their choice of transportation whether this be in a motorized vehicle, wheelchair, or as a pedestrian including for those people who have mobility issues;

AND WHEREAS those who find sidewalks inaccessible, icy or unsafe, are often forced to choose to either walk in traffic lanes and be exposed to vehicles and trucks in slippery winter conditions, or to remain housebound which further reduces their access to public transportation, employment and schools;

AND WHEREAS Council has the opportunity to amend the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy for a pilot project to plow one sidewalk to pavement per Council Ward to test technologies that are used in other cities;

AND WHEREAS the National Research Council Canada has determined that salt such as Calcium Chloride (CaCl₂) is effective at very low temperatures (-20°F, -29°C), and tends to act more rapidly than NaCl (otherwise known as table salt) because it releases heat as it goes into solution; where in contrast, NaCl requires heat;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg already uses sodium chloride (which is the same product as table salt (NaCl)) on arterial roads, and the salts that the City uses in the treatment of streets are natural substances like calcium, sodium and chlorides that are essential to human life;

AND WHEREAS anticorrosive materials should be used to mitigate their corrosive effects on infrastructure and plant life;

AND WHEREAS in comparable cities, including the City of Edmonton, City-owned sidewalks and pathways use anti-icing calcium chloride brine with a corrosion inhibitor to maintain sidewalks, protected bike lanes and active mobility pathways (including shared use paths) when the conditions require;

AND WHEREAS the City of Edmonton uses as a pre-wetting agent for the sand/salt mix that is dispensed by sanding trucks and sidewalk plows, as it prevents the mixture from freezing prior to being dispensed, which results in a more even dispensing of product (less clumping), and improves the adherence of the mixture to road surfaces;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg should review winter sand specifications and may require a more effective and abrasive/salt mix with coarser and more angular stones and more salt;

AND WHEREAS the current level of service for snow clearing at bus stops is to plow to pavement;

AND WHEREAS this level of service should be extended to the sidewalk network to make the transit system accessible to all residents, including those with vision loss and mobility issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back with multiple options for a pilot project in which the snow on sidewalks is plowed to bare pavement on one street per Council Ward which connects to a bus stop, and include the following:*
 - A. *The application of aqueous sodium chloride, aqueous calcium chloride, anti-corrosion materials.*
 - B. *A separate method of snow plowing on sidewalks from snow plowing on roads to deal with snow drifts and melting of windrows on sidewalks.*
 - C. *Reducing and removing snow banks at intersections and crosswalks to improve visibility and safety.*
 - D. *Heavier and more frequent applications of salt and abrasives on sidewalks that cannot be cleared to bare pavement.*
 - E. *The use of anti-icing agents to reduce the required snow plowing and grooming of sidewalks.*
2. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to update its sidewalk construction standard to ensure that sidewalks are built to last a minimum of 20 years, and that they be designed to permit snow clearing to bare pavement in order to meet accessibility standards.*
3. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Motion No. 5

**Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Allard,**

WHEREAS taxpayers of Winnipeg have consistently complained that we have the worst potholes and pothole repair in Canada;

AND WHEREAS independent contractors in Winnipeg have demonstrated to Councillors a technology and technique to effectively, and at a low cost, fill potholes essentially in all seasons;

AND WHEREAS the reuse of waste asphalt is an efficient use of valuable resources, including fossil fuels in asphalt bitumen;

AND WHEREAS a pilot could consist of a maximum of four days, with one day per season with different street types and locations such as Kenaston Boulevard, Higgins Avenue West of Main Street, and Regent Avenue, where the City has had limited success in pothole repair;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to consult with the private sector and City staff to pilot the use, in a specified way, of recycled asphalt using tamping or other means to bind and / or compress asphalt to fill potholes.*
2. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide quarterly verbal updates on the pilot project to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, beginning in June, 2023.*
3. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Motion No. 7

**Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,**

WHEREAS the intersection of Bond Street and Kildare Avenue West is the location of a recent vehicular accident causing a tragic loss of life that has affected the entire Transcona community and highlighted the need for new traffic measures;

AND WHEREAS the community has expressed support and called for additional traffic control measures, including a four way stop;

AND WHEREAS Kildare Avenue East and West is a significant collector street in Transcona, with numerous stop signs along its route, causing traffic congestion at peak periods and increased driver times;

AND WHEREAS there is an inability to properly enforce full stops at the existing traffic signs on Kildare Avenue East and West, as required by law;

AND WHEREAS Kildare Avenue East and West has the benefit of large boulevards on its north and south side, providing for the ability to build proper traffic circles and a new east/west active transportation route/bike path along the length of Kildare Avenue East and West;

AND WHEREAS the City Councillor for the Transcona Ward has met with the traffic planning office of Public Works to consider converting Kildare Avenue East and West through the adoption of large traffic circles at certain connecting streets;

AND WHEREAS the City Councillor for the Transcona Ward has met with the traffic planning office of Public Works to consider closing certain residential streets that presently intersect with Kildare Avenue East and West to create "T" intersections, such as at Bond Street on the north or south side of Kildare Avenue;

AND WHEREAS: the traffic planning office of Public Works has been receptive and supportive of this potential initiative;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works endorse the Kildare Avenue Enhancement Program, in principle, to allow for:*

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- A. *A budget to be identified, for future approval, for the purpose of providing said engineering designs.*
 - B. *A budget to be identified, for future approval, for public consultation for this initiative pertaining to said designs.*
 - C. *A capital budget to be identified, for future approval, that would cover the capital costs of said program, and could be considered and spread over a 2-3-year time period of the capital budget for project construction.*
2. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Motion No. 12

**Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,**

WHEREAS over the past decade citizens of Winnipeg have been calling on City Council to look at ways to slow speed on residential streets;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg City Council is looking at many options to implement traffic calming on residential streets;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a high proportion of local/residential streets that are considered to be in poor or fair condition, thus requiring either street rehabilitation or complete reconstruction;

AND WHEREAS the unfortunate condition of local/residential streets in Winnipeg considered to be in poor or fair construction nevertheless presents an opportunity for the City to adopt innovative policies, whereby traffic calming engineered designs can be built into existing local/residential streets concurrent with street renewal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on methods for implementing traffic calmed street design when a street is selected for renewal or reconstruction, and include best practices from other Canadian jurisdictions.*
2. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Motion No. 13

**Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,**

WHEREAS Ukraine has been suffering with regard to an illegal and unprovoked invasion by Russia, with Western Countries, including Canada, actively assisting Ukraine with military equipment and supplies;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency manages and disposes of all fire trucks and fire apparatuses;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency indicated in the last Standing Policy Committee on Public Works meeting that said fire trucks and/or fire apparatuses do not provide any dividend to the City when they are at end-of-life and disposed;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency leases City of Winnipeg ambulances via the Provincial Fleet Division and the Province also has a number of end-of-life ambulances being disposed of;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the City of Winnipeg send any end-of-life fire trucks and/or fire apparatuses (ladder trucks, etc) to Ukraine.*
2. *That the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to consider the same with the end of life ambulances, namely send them to Ukraine.*

3. *That the City of Winnipeg work with the Province of Manitoba regarding the transportation of said equipment to Ukraine.*

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Allard: Okay, so last year we had several motions on snow clearing. The strategy of the committee at the time was to collaborate. We omnibussed all the motions the Public Service reported back in June as per the Chairs comments. The city of Edmonton doesn't use Bobcats. It uses a pre-wetting agent of the sand salt mix and is dispensed by sanding trucks and sidewalk plows as it prevents the mixture from freezing prior to being dispensed which results in a more even dispensing of the product less pumping and improves the appearance of the mixture to roads surfaces calcium chloride sodium chloride corrosion and inhibitor and I just took a photo of a thing I bought at Walmart minus 30. Good till minus 31 and this one I don't know if

Madam Speaker: The question Councillor.

Councillor Allard: Calcium magnesium acetate anti corrosion, I'm doing the work for the administration. Why not ask for reports?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Councillor Allard. I do want to point out that 80% of the sidewalks in Edmonton are not cleared in percent are required to be cleared by residents. But that's not a point of discussion. It's just a point I wanted to bring forward. Come to the committee sit their watch listen, your there I know your there all the time, present which you do present. We will ask again, we will ask again, but we will ask again. Thank you.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you to the chair person for clarifying Edmonton has better sidewalk snow clearing than we do. Why not ask the Public Service to report back on a pilot on strategic locations as discussed today?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I'll take that under consideration.

Madam Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Lukes: Madam Speaker, will the chair commit to putting this in a report in June?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I am but one vote on the committee, Madam Speaker. I will bring this forward as we do always in Public Works discuss it and ultimately the committee will decide.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any other questions. Councillor Rollins followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker you know who else believes in human mobility is a basic human rights? Winnipeg Trails, Madam Speaker, and do you know who used to lead Winnipeg Trails? Our chair of Public Works, Madam Speaker, Janice Lukes. I'm hoping, Madam Speaker, that in addition to thanking her for meeting with the downtown and meeting with Osborne Village BIZ in this moment, I was wondering if she could talk to us a bit about how she's incorporated that basic understanding that she had when...as the architect of Winnipeg Trails, working on human right mobility in this city, if she could tell us a bit of how she incorporated that successful run that she had into her now job as Chair of Public Works, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: We all want to go home, I could go on for hours about that, but you know ultimately, you know, the south Winnipeg gets slammed a lot for having good active transportation network, there were many volunteers, not just me, many volunteers that worked on trails and pathways in south Winnipeg, Northeast Pioneers Greenway, we did a ton

of work over there. A lot of the flyovers in Winnipeg separated flyovers, save our Seine non-stop, greenways all over the city. Yeah, there is the deep rooted passion because...and I think I mentioned this to your prior, I was a mom with three kids, I wasn't a spandex cyclist and...but I felt that I represented a percentage of the population and now I'm getting old and I represent old percentage of the population, so mobility and active transportation, clean sidewalks swept, you know, it's a huge priority, so I'm applying all of this and I'm really pleased to see the passion that we have around the table because I wouldn't...I would say it wasn't like this ten years ago, fifteen years ago.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I was...it was amazing Councillor Rollins asked that question because actually I want to ask a question about...could the Councillor, former head of Winnipeg Trails tell us about how when she showed up at Council fought to get the flyover for the Northeast Pioneers Greenway, tell us and remind us of sorry, Councillor Browaty's very familiar, please give us a story (inaudible) today. Come on.

Madam Speaker: Story telling hour, Councillor Lukes

Councillor Lukes: That was one of the easier flyovers to get. That was one of the easier ones, but it was good and Councillor Browaty and I had it out. It was...I was standing there, it was fantastic, but you know what, we got it and I know he loves it, many in Winnipeg love it so it was a good time.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no further questions. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you very much. So Council voted yesterday to spend 2.8 billion dollars on two road projects amounting to a billion dollars, I did some quick math. Thank you to my colleague, Councillor Browaty for helping me read some of the documents, but it looks like the Active Transportation Strategies of 334 million, the...what's left in the Transit Master Plan, 586 million, it's about an equivalent number, 920 million. So, will the chairperson support mode shift by 2030 by championing these initiatives if we are actually going to spend a billion dollars on road mega projects. Are we going to do this as well? Will the chairperson champion that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: So, I'm going to encourage you all, we're going to do some lunch and learns on the Transportation Master Plan when it comes forward and a series of lunch and learns. We're going to talk about the different aspects of the different reports that have come forward in the Transportation Master Plan. I encourage you all to come to it. One of them is how are we going to meet what we set up for climate change. And I think quite frankly to meet it, we may have to close down some roads if we decide to do that. I think it's really important to understand and I'm going to have more data and facts to bring forward for everyone, more granular data and facts but unless we focus on trade corridors, we need to make money to spend money, and trade corridors we need to invest in them because like it or not, we're a multi-modal global transportation hub in the centre of Canada, east, west, north, south. So you know we don't have freeways here, and we're going to have to make some really hard decisions because we have to move goods, but we can't be sitting out on patios being plowed over when semi's turn corners, so we're going to have to make some really hard decisions and it's going to be heated, but we have to understand that we need to make money to spend money and we need trade in our City and we've invested the City, the Province the Federal Government just 18 million dollars I think this week or last week again in CentrePort. We need to really take time when this Transportation Master Plan comes forward and attend these lunch and learns, So it's not one of these, you know, one hour tada sessions and I encourage you all to do it. I forgot your question, but you know what, there's lots to talk about transportation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: So, I take it from the response to meet mode shift...

Madam Speaker: Right in the question, please.

Councillor Allard: The question is, will the Transportation Master Plan deliver the strategies to get to 50%? We have it. We have Transit Master Plan. We have the Active Transportation strategies.

Councillor Lukes: I suggest you come to that lunch and learn and find out. I don't know at this point.

Madam Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Allard: Why would we build a billion dollars in new roads if we need to go in the opposite direction to meet our mode shift targets?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: You know what, we're not building them yet, we're going to get cost benefit analysis and we're going to have reports back on that and we can continue this conversation at that point.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: At the risk of a Schreyer like repetition of a certain item, at the lunch and learn, can we please also have a dissertation on and Councillor Allard saying, well we're already this far and we've only got this much left of the Transportation Master Plan. Yet again, I will say the Transportation Master Plan used a 30% contingency, massive hundreds of millions of dollars. Incomprehensively to me, the CSO find they used 30% contingency and then another 100% contingency because that's what it's supposed to do for class 5 estimates. So you've got two, two projects, both about 700 million, one ends at a billion, one ends at two billion because somebody just put in a different level of contingency, so can at...do a lunch and learn there, thank you for agreeing to do that to your credit. Can we have an explanation of why we are using wildly different contingencies for programs with hundreds of millions of dollars because it leads to this exact total misunderstanding we can be done now, one in only this many years? Well, the other one's going to take till 2097, no it's all just built into the contingency. It does well, frankly lead to a lack of confidence in the numbers when we show these numbers to the public so as part of commendations on having a lunch and learn, but can we talk about contingency in these group plans as well?

Councillor Lukes: Absolutely, absolutely. I think many of us when we look back at the first...well, not the first, but the last version of the transportation master plan, I think we were all shell shocked at the price points and the contingencies and all of that so absolutely.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, going...Councillor Mayes, please I'm asking you a question. Thank you. Madam Speaker, Councillor Mayes did put forward a good question and Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the chairperson understands that if your preparing for P3, they always have a contingency much higher so that it looks good when you end up P3ing it. Does the chairperson understand that?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Very much so as we're very involved in the Chief Peguis expansion, very involved in that and learned a lot about P3's then and also with the transit corridor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development. We'll get right into question period. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Councillor Allard.

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

Councillor Allard: Councillor Browaty himself, I've been asking for months, what is in the Transportation and Enhancement Improvement Fund, there's like \$8 million in it, open capital projects. Some of them haven't been done for years with 7 million unfunded, now 6 million with the budget. How's it possible that the chairperson from Finance, the chairperson from Public Works, the former chairperson for Public Works can't get the answers of what is in this fund? We've asked multiple times. I've asked by motion. The motion wasn't considered at this council. Like, shouldn't this be scandalous?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Probably more appropriate question for the Public Works committee.

Councillor Allard: No, it's for him. It's for Councillor...

Madam Speaker: ...but Councillor Browaty if you'd like to answer.

Councillor Browaty: Sure. I'm not going to go back to my history of being on the Public Works committee and my memory of the TIP program over there, but I do believe we did have a conversation with the CFO. We had a Teams meeting with her where I think she explained the ins and outs of that if not, we can certainly set one up.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Allard: Is the chair aware that my recollection was we had to check the Public Works Department which we did four months, five months ago?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I can't say that I remember that off the top of my head but again, I'm certainly willing to work with the CFO and the department to get you an accounting of what happened there. Again, there is the dashboard that should provide some of that information to yourself and all members of the public.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: This is more probably a question for Councillor Browaty to take under advisement and get back. Is it possible to back in the late 90's early 2000's, the City of Winnipeg entered into an agreement with the Province of Manitoba, there was a few other municipal jurisdictions with regards to transferring both public health nurses and social assistance back to the Province? We negotiated a settlement with them that we continue to pay deducted off our grant and unfortunately at that time when it was done, they took back the average going over the recession of the early 90's which meant we had a higher payment. Would it be possible to provide Council with some information in terms of what that level of...what that ongoing cost is to the City, that net cost in terms of payments that gets deducted off our provincial grant to get that information for us.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Yes, it's 23.6 annually.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Wyatt: Okay. Excellent. In light...I'm very impressed. In light of that Mr. Chair of Finance, is it possible that we could potentially and again take that under advisement that we could potentially look at entertaining a...considering a renegotiating in light of the fact that we did take over the great recession of the early 90's and that time has passed and in light of the fact that we're taking on all these potential extra responsibilities regarding homelessness addictions so on and so forth.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much. Again, the Mayor is in charge of intergovernmental relations, but I think it is a file that I personally believe this is not speaking on behalf of Council, but...or the Mayor, but I think it is probably a good time to review that amount and the history there.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Wyatt: And would it be possible to also, I believe there was a few other municipalities that were subject to the agreement that also has (inaudible) to determine what their level of payment is. Somebody told me today that they may have gotten off the hook of having to pay, but it would be interesting to see what their status is in terms of being their grant deducted and where they're at.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I'll take that under advisement and ask to have that looked into.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste and the Environment. Councillor Mayes.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT
DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 through 3, inclusive.

Madam Speaker: 1 and 2 have been pulled. I'll call the question on 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Regulations for the Implementation of Grey Water Capture and Treatment Systems in Single and Multi-Family Residences

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

Councillor Mayes: If memory serves, this was originally requested by former Councillor Nason, a look at grey water provisions. We don't have the report yet, so it's a layover.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I rise because I want to thank the committee for working on this and asking for more time. And I rise because we've had...you know, in my last life, prior to coming back, I saw where small projects were being stymied largely because the department chose not to or allow for the ability to hold back water, grey water, wastewater, to be pumped out at low pumping times into the system which they allowed before. Now, what is interesting about it is the technologies available where they, actually, it's all computer controlled where they can actually monitor...Water and Waste staff can monitor the computer and actually activate it to allow for the pumping out of a holding tank to allow flow. This is...has to do with our combined sewer system, the ability for us to allow for infill. And I understand that the Mayor's Office has been taking this issue on and I want to thank them for doing that because of the impact that it's had on a lot of small infill developers who are trying to do projects in the city. And I thank the Chair of Public Works, also...or Chair of Water and Waste for pursuing this. I hope that we can look at some flexibility, at least until we can more aggressively implement the CSO program, you know, throughout the city to address this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Well, I wouldn't...I wouldn't hold out undue optimism. The department is certainly taking the consistent line. Cynthia Wiebe, others...Michelle Paetkau and others have certainly talked to us over time about the challenges of a grey water system that people can change the connection within their homes, if there's a risk of back up into the system that...the existing system. So, the City staff have certainly taken a pretty firm...

Councillor Chambers: Point of order, Madam Speaker, is this question period already or...?

Madam Speaker: Yes, sorry. We are on Item 1. So, Councillor Wyatt...

Councillor Mayes: Oh, sorry. That was directed at me. Sorry, that's...that's on me.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, I know we all want to get out of here, but...thank you. Councillor Chambers is the second speaker. Thank you.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the work that's being done with respect to grey water systems. I know for that my ward in St. Norbert-Seine River, this is...in terms of waste water, this is something that's...has stymied development in my ward even though we're not part of the combined sewer district. There are cities in Canada that have undertaken this technology: Pickering, Ontario; Guelph, Ontario. There are companies in Canada that are winning international awards because of grey water recycling systems. So, I'm hopeful that Water and Waste will look at this technology and will allow it to be considered in terms of challenges that we're having around development where sewer capacity has become an issue. I think it's something that, again, in terms of those developers that want to invest here in the city of Winnipeg, in terms of development, want to see that we're...we're utilizing technology to overcome some of these capacity issues that don't necessarily add cost, but definitely add value in terms of development here in our city as well, help to recycle some of that water so that it's not just pushed back into our sewer systems or wastewater systems, that it's actually being utilized for a purpose. And again, whether it's watering your grass or your garden, that it can be utilized and not just flushed into our sewer system. So, again, I'm glad that this work is being undertaken and hopefully we can come to a situation or a point where we're utilizing grey water systems as a way of conserving our water consumption.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to make a note, it's fascinating how things move around here, how things change and the dynamic on this. First time that I recalled dealing with the administration on this was while a member of the Standing Committee for Water and Waste and dealing with Councillor Klein and he brought up the issue of the use of grey water. I'm pleased to see this evolve. And how it has evolved is with some support from Executive Policy Committee. And the further evolution of this is that Kevin Klein is now the Minister of Environment of all things. It's just interesting how things move around.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Apologies to Councillor Chambers there for jumping the queue. As indicated, we await the report from staff. Certainly, we have some very capable staff. The women of wastewater, as I referred to them in the past; people like Cynthia Wiebe, Michelle Paetkau, very capable group. They have certainly pushed back, shall we say, on this over the years to say, look, there are some real concerns and challenges here. I won't make their arguments for them. I do think that...I do think the reference to Councillor Klein, former Councillor Klein, is in order. Thanks to Councillor Schreyer for that. But yeah, I think Councillor Klein had brought forward the study. I think Councillor Nason as well. So, we'll...we'll see what the staff comes back with. But as indicated, they certainly have indicated concerns when this matter has come up in the past in terms of people's ability to change around within their own homes, the technology, the possible impact on the system if there's a leak from grey water, which is used water, back into the clean water supply. So, we'll...we'll see what the staff come back with and look forward to a good debate.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Escalation and Bid Validity Period Recommendations for the North End Sewage Treatment Plant (NEWPCC) Upgrade – Biosolids Facilities Project

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

Councillor Mayes: I believe Councillor Wyatt pulled this. This is a forward looking around our build at biosolids. So, this is not phase 3 yet, which is the epic, huge billion-dollar phase. This is the still several hundred-million-dollar phase to biosolids, our number one priority in the 2019 adopted infrastructure plan by the City of Winnipeg. To the credit of former Mayor Bowman, we got this going in the last term. And this is some, frankly, fairly technical recommendations being...well, being recommended by our staff. So, I look forward to hear Councillor Wyatt's concerns. I will say, there was a reference before to P3s and contingencies. My earlier comment about the massive contingency was entirely about CSOs. So, that \$2 billion, if you take the contingency master plan. So, just for clarity, none...those comments weren't pertaining to North End plant, that was entirely on CSO.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. Madam Speaker, I rise, I pulled it off the agenda to speak to it. I think it was a former mayor of Edmonton, I can't remember his name, who said that when it comes to water and waste and such issues, you know, you don't really have a ribbon cutting when it comes to putting in a sewer line. And so, there's not a lot of excitement yet. It's crucial to the development of our city, how we manage our city, how we treat the environment. And when it comes to this project, what interest me the most was the second clause which is that the Public Service be directed to request a...request special meetings of the Standing Policy Committee of Water and Waste, Executive Policy Committee and Council. And I guess my question, maybe the Chair could address, for the advancement of the award of the design build agreement, so I'm not sure what that means, that terminology kind of threw me; the advancement and what is implied by that in terms of process. That's number one. Number two, this is regarding the biosolids, and as I previously spoken about on the floor Council, previously I was informed, when I was chair of Finance, the biosolid plan was, as I've compared it, a Lamborghini, not a Cadillac even, that the only such plant that exists that was being contemplated at that time, exists in Washington, DC. And as far as I was concerned, it was being built through so that certain engineers could win awards. So, versus what we...the bare minimum or what we really require as a city, and I guess that's part of the concern I have going forward. This is a massive project and I welcome the fact that there will be special meetings, I just need some, I guess, understanding of that process. And if you read the report, what is also another question I have if the Chair is able to address in summation, is the debate on whether or not there'll be the use of escalation charge clauses...use of escalation clauses will be a negotiation option. And what that implies in terms of...I'm assuming because of the way the report reads, the lack of competition in the industry in terms of the bidding that escalation clauses are in the contract they'll make it even less...will in terms of the pricing of the facility and less bidders and thus, just incentive for the private sector to be bidding. And I guess these are concerns that I have with it going forward, especially in terms of the procurement and whether or not we are...whether we have hired the expertise we need or have the expertise to reach out beyond Manitoba in different

parts of North America to assist us with bringing in those who would be prepared to bid, so as to ensure we are not paying a cost which is exorbitant beyond what we've predicted. And I know that's a challenge to do, but there are people who, obviously, in this industry who specialize it in North America and Europe who may be able to assist us on whether or not the department has the capability to do that or not, I don't know, I doubt it. But those are some thoughts and hope to hear back from the Chair on it. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I sit on the Water and Waste Committee and took a serious look at this report and I'm in support of how they're looking at proceeding in order to get enough competitive bids. Like, we need some competition for bidding here and given the actual worldwide situation with the escalation and inflation and a number of issues, I think this is an interesting plan. And in our last term, Madam Speaker, you might recall...and this is a very important thing, Water and Waste has implemented with this whole what I call north Winnipeg sewage plant. It...it deals with the fact that we were looking at a design build. And a former head of Public Works who went to Surrey pointed out, we do have an owners' advocate in regards to this design build phase 1, 2 and 3 project. And the reason we have an owners' advocate is to address the very issues that Councillor Wyatt has wisely raised in terms of having to deal with situations, Madam Speaker. I'm not sure about Lamborghinis or Cadillacs, Madam Speaker, but we have to remember that this biosolids plant actually handles...has to handle the biosolids for the whole city, Madam Speaker. Because they move from the south and west plants, it all comes to the north plant. And it is dealt with in, I believe, what is called the digester, the biosolids aspect of this. And you want to make sure, Madam Speaker, that it addresses the environmental issues and licensing that we fall under the province. And it's my understanding that, you know, we're going to have to look at a biosolids plant that does a little more extra pre-processing, I can't...anyway, there's a lot of details to it. I'm not that kind of scientist. But the...what they call the temporary chemical removal of phosphorus, that's actually...it's temporarily dealing with it, but it's not a temporary facility. It's going to be continued to use to feed into what you could call the Lamborghini Cadillac of the nutrient removal phase 3, which is saying it's like a billion dollars, Madam Speaker, because it is not using chemicals to process and remove nutrients, it's using biological means to undertake that which is a provincial report and licensing requirement. I don't know if a new Provincial Government comes in and changes their minds. But ultimately, this biosolids facility that is being built now, it needs to be able to handle all the biosolids coming from the city of Winnipeg and process it. So, I think that the clause that talks about special meetings and things, when you are moving on a design build and you do finally have a bidder and things need to happen, things need to happen in a smoother flow and I believe that is the reason they gave us is for the provision of number two about special meetings and that kind of stuff. So anyway, thank you Madam Speaker. I'll be supporting this report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, back to you for close.

Councillor Mayes: Always good to have sewage fans in the crowd. A brief...a brief...hopefully brief history, right; when I first got here, some...some 11 years ago, one big project: North End, a little over \$700 million was the view. To the credit of former CAO, Doug McNeil, he eventually said, in essence, we've gone nowhere, we've got to break this thing up, so we're doing three phases. Phase number 1: headworks. Moira Geer once said, if god or Walt Disney came down tomorrow and cleaned up Lake Winnipeg, we'd still need to do the headworks because we've got like a plant from the 1930s. The word 'grit' appears a lot. So, that work's underway, tendered out, stuff is going on. This is phase 2. In and of itself, hundreds of millions of dollars, biosolids. You will remember at some point the reason for doing this shifted from its regulatory, we have to do this, to growth of the city. Jeff Patton in a Jeff Patton-like 45-minute response when I asked that said, yeah, it's because we're running out of room there. If we don't do something, we're going to run out of room by 2030. So, what is the implication of that? No new buildings, no new factories, no new office tower, nothing. It's not the pipes, it's not CSO, it's not river park south running out of room, it's the plant itself. You've got to do the biosolids building or face a scenario by 2030 where you can't build anything new in the city of Winnipeg. Right, so away we go. That becomes a top priority. Mayor Bowman, to his credit, worked with the other levels of government; Premier Stefanson, Dan Vandal, others, Terry Duguid, notably, for the Federal Government. Right, away we go, we have the announcement in 2021, I believe, that we're going on biosolids. So, 2022; hundreds of millions of dollars going into this. This is saying, then Councillor Gillingham had a report entitled 'Lessons Learned at South End', because the south end went, frankly, a lot over budget and there is still issues with the way procurement worked there. So, staff trying to do a new set of procurement model here. What does that mean? Number one: the good question from Councillor Wyatt about did validity...it's what it says. We don't want to go out to market and say, now, you've got to keep your price for six months in a period of rapid and volatile inflation. We want to give them a shorter period for which they have to keep their price. That requires us to get to Council and the committee maybe during the summer, maybe when you are on recess, so you've got to let us call special meetings. Councillor Eadie's got that right. So, that made sense. The other thing is somewhat trickier, the escalation clause. A lot of debate on that. But the core question was, so it's like a standard thing or does each bidder come up with their own proposed escalation framework? And the answer is yeah, we will negotiate with the bidders to try and limit the potential impact of inflation in this volatile, highly inflationary period. So, we go forward. To the credit of...well, a lot of credit to go around. In the budget yesterday, we did add social procurement staff and consultants. Thanks to Councillor Browaty for

doing that and others. Councillor Chambers has championed this over time. This will be a big test case for that whole sort of social procurement framework. It's a big project. It's a big opportunity, as indicated yesterday, to hire from some traditionally under represented groups. This is in response to your question about out of province expertise. We'll see how we go forward with procurement and how much is local, how much is out of province, who's going to bid. It can only go better than some of our previous exercises on this, I would say. So, yeah, this is needed in order to move forward with the procurement. We got to get this thing done basically by 2030 and we're being told it takes about seven years to build, so the math is pretty easy on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Question period under this committee. Pardon me? Oh, yes, Motion 3. That is moved by Councillor Gilroy and seconded by Councillor Mayes. It's an automatic referral under this committee. And biodiversity. Next is question period under this committee. Councillor Allard and then Councillor Eadie.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan outlines the City's role in reducing corporate carbon emissions and taking a leading role in protecting our environment;

AND WHEREAS at the COP-15 conference on biodiversity, which took place in Montreal in December 2022, countries across the world were encouraged to sign on to the Montreal Pledge as part of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

AND WHEREAS a number Canadian municipalities including Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver have signed on to the Montreal Pledge to take 15 concrete actions to protect biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS many of the 15 actions identified in the pledge have already been, or are in the process of being, implemented by the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the pledge encourages signatories to act swiftly to protect biodiversity and reduce pollution;

AND WHEREAS clause 15 of the pledge ensures equitable participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in decision-making and in the process of acquiring and transmitting knowledge about biodiversity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service report back within 90 days on the City of Winnipeg becoming a signatory to the Montreal Pledge: Cities United in Action for Biodiversity, (attached for reference as Appendix A).

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Allard: I just looked through the budget. I didn't see the word, organic. Would the Chair let us know if there's anything in the works, where we're at, how did the pilot go, will we get into the 27% of climate greenhouse gas emissions that are caused by organic waste?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: As I said in high flight yesterday, organics is priority number 8 on that in...on that Masterplan that we adopted back in December of 2019, the infrastructure of 2020 plan. We've not got many of the top ten we have yet topped off organics the report should be forthcoming soon, I would hope if not in April then in May. This is a pilot project that will trigger a good debate over all sorts of issues related to organics. I don't think it's in this year's budget, that's a fair question but debate is coming and hopefully in April or May.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Allard: Any previews I mean surely the Chair has had conversations with the department. Is there anything you know any previews, any sense?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: No, well no, but I think there's certainly consciousness of...there are options here. I don't think that was well presented when this went off the rails back around 2015. Options of animal waste included food...meat and other products included or not that's an option. Councillor Eadie has flagged, I think to his credit, the issue of how are we going to pay for that. Is it going to be a flat rate per household? Is it going to be property taxes? I think the staff are very conscious at least, I don't know what they'll recommend but I think they're at least conscious of those issues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Allard: So Brian, I mean I read all this stuff before is it...would it be possible to flip the fees and have fees for garbage and free recycling and organic recycling?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: You have raised this before and I...it's just disingenuous right, so now we're going to say we've brought in recycling, we've brought in compost, it's free. By the way, we've just increased your garbage by, you know, by 80...by some outlandish amount. I mean I think we've got to be straightforward with people. 2011, I called the then 50 dollars a household fee a clumsy user fee. I don't know how I would feel now. There's a tradeoff to be had here. Maybe...maybe we have to do it as a flat rate per household to get this thing going as you'd said yesterday, the impact of climate change disproportionately fall on the underprivileged, thus the benefits if we do this would benefit the underprivileged. So, I think there's a counter argument to we have to it on property tax, not with a flat rate fee, I think there's a counter argument with that. But I do think it would be disingenuous to flip it as you say. You have been consistent on this, but to say we're bringing in this whole new compost system and it's free, but we're going to charge you way more garbage is, just let's play it out straightforwardly and say, we've got this new thing. We should do it. There's a cost and then figure out if there are enough votes here. I certainly want to do something. Believe me I've come around on this, but I don't think that's straightforward.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Madam Speaker. Pleased to introduce a motion to go past 6 p.m.

Madam Speaker: You got it. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. All in favour? Contrary. Carried. Councillor Eadie, followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker I just want to make sure everything's clear when we discuss and debate reports and that sort of stuff, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the chairperson of water and waste could let us all know what the boundaries are of the Armstrong CSO district.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I believe it touches upon both Councillor Eadie's ward and Councillors Sharma's ward, I'm half hoping to seeing a nod from Councillor Sharma on that. It's one of the most northerly CSO' districts, but the North End Sewage treatment plant and Hawthorne I think is next to it. Jefferson East is...which is the big one, the big expansion. Jefferson East, I think is just south of Armstrong. We all have our favourite combined sewer districts, and at this stage Armstrong is mine, but perhaps, perhaps I'll come around on that at some point, but the exact DP boundaries are crazy and all this, their all jagged, but I mean it's up immediately south of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant.

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

Councillor Eadie: My second question, Madam Speaker, is did Water and Waste actually prioritize the list of CSO districts that it needed to work on? Did any city Councillor have any influence on the order or priority of CSO's that the Water and Waste Department were going to take care of?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Best question ever. The answer is no because the department faced an August 2019 deadline to file the CSO plan which was 1300 pages long. In that plan, there's a...again chart...there's a time chart that extends literally to 2097 which I couldn't believe they actually made public, but there it is. I think can you give me like an easy one for the

2090's to move forward, and they said that's not how we do it. We do it bang for the buck. We sequentially roll through these. We do the most...the biggest bang for the buck. That's why we're...so we got Armstrong next, we go to Mission after that. I think Dumoulin is dead last. It's like 2097, one of the ones in St. Boniface. You will also remember hopefully we voted to shorten that timeframe by half a century to 2047, that'll require some money. We'll deal with that in future budgets. Excellent question from Councillor Eadie. The answer is no, we didn't vote on the order. We didn't vote on the 1,300-page plan. That troubles me, but we are...you know, we have voted to shorten the timeframe by half a century that doesn't change the order around of the districts, but thank you for the question.

Councillor Eadie: Just...Madam Speaker, my third question which he partly already answered. Madam Speaker, I would like the chairperson to explain to us how he convinced Council to vote to add millions for and shorten up ability to get our CSO districts (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: To his great credit, the then Finance Chair Councillor Gillingham has said to me. This is a \$60 million proposal for Armstrong, where are you going to get the money, and I said. Remarkably, we have enough in reserves per Tim Shanks and Tim Wiebe and some of the other folks there. We have enough in reserves because of the timing of the construction on North End being pushed out. We have 60 million. We don't have to increase the water rates. We don't have to do anything on property taxes. Let's roll so we did. So we increased the budget by 50% per annum for four years. It won't be that easy the next time. The staff would want me to say, we probably will have to increase the water rates if we want to keep this pace going or get some help from other levels of government. Yes, Councillor Gillingham unfortunately then would often remind me that I was getting 60 million in the budget while I was also asking for some basketball court or some such thing, but that's a separate debate. (inaudible) True. But at any bit, good question yeah, if we had that money in reserves, the staff at what's next is Armstrong so that's...we are funding Armstrong.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, talk about flipping questions. Look, Councillor Mayes and myself and others have been involved in transferring sort of the ownness from fossil fuels and natural gas to hydro for clean buildings to realistically achieve our environmental foot greenhouse gas, footprint in the years to come. Having said that, we also know that we could be using natural gas or using methane from the Brady Landfill because we're still using natural gas. We could be taking it up to the landfill, harnessing it from the landfill as many councillors such as Cindy Gilroy know as well. Instead of taking it from the ground, we could be leaving it for future generations in the ground and we've talked about this with Councillor Mayes and I wanted to know the question is has the administration been talking about this at all? The idea of keeping our natural gas in the ground an incredibly valuable non-renewable resource for future generations when we could be harnessing methane to do the exact same job from our landfills.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Councillor Schreyer has been very good over the years at saying, look it isn't all, all our climate change, our greenhouse gasses, that isn't all just cars. It isn't all just Brady. There are four main sources Ag and we try for the Food Council. Garbage disposal compost will be the issue there as Councillor Allard pointed out yesterday a lot of it is transport, so that's fair. We're doing electric buses, we're doing that. The fourth thing, building heating often omitted often overlooked, we did in the budget yesterday, add in I believe two staff for the community, the thing with the road map in it. It's late (inaudible). It's got energy instead of a road map at the end. kudos to Councillor Gilroy I think for pushing for this. So we've got staff now who can...or we soon will who can speak to this. I don't think this is being pursued maybe as actively as it could. I know we...you and I have pushed towards trying to get some limits on use of natural gas as development goes forward as other cities have done, but I think with those two new positions added in, the Mayor's certainly has pledged in his platform a pretty big commitment to retrofit to buildings and hopefully we'll be doing that in the multi-year. So good question, more to come certainly committed yesterday in the budget to hire two staff. This...this is going to be their thing. It's...the building heating issues, that's going to be front and centre for them.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next, Councillor Wyatt, will you move the consent agenda of the Governance Committee?

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Councillor Wyatt: So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we'll stand down No. 1. Councillor...Councillor Eadie, you will take the Chair? Yeah, I have to introduce it. Yeah. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Amendment to the City Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 to Transfer Jurisdiction of Audit Matters to the Governance Committee of Council

Deputy Speaker: I'm in the Chair. So...no, he's not the Acting Deputy Speaker. Or he's...

Councillor Sharma: Just a moment. I can introduce the item, Marc. I can introduce the item.

Deputy Speaker: I'll take the Chair and the speaker will introduce the report and then I will have an opportunity to speak afterwards.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So, I'll ask Councillor Wyatt, will you take the Chair as the Acting Deputy Speaker as you did yesterday? And then we'll be able to deal with the Deputy Speaker and Speaker involved in this committee discussion.

Councillor Eadie: My Pleasure. My pleasure.

Councillor Eadie: We need a motion...

Madam Speaker: And we stood down just 1.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, we need to vote on a motion to make him the Acting Deputy Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Eadie has moved that motion. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Acting Deputy Speaker: Does it come with more pay? I'm just kidding, of course. End of the day joke, come on. I'm sure it will be all over social media. Anyway, Kate, we have Item 1 – the Amendment to the City's Organizational By-law 7100/97 to Transfer Jurisdiction of Audit Matters to the Governance Committee of Council. First speaker is Councillor Devi Sharma as Chair recognizes.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Mr. Acting Deputy Speaker. This item originated at the January 26th, 2023 Council meeting; moved by Councillor Allard and seconded by Councillor Gilroy. The essence of the motion is to move the Audit Committee responsibilities from the Executive Policy Committee to the Governance Committee of Council. Everyone may not be aware of this, but at our last Governance Committee, we had decided that we would fold this into the review process of the governance review. Recommendations will be coming forward in the next few months. Councillor Allard was in agreement of that. So, we're not actually voting on the item, we did refer it to the governance review process that we're undertaking currently.

Acting Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma. Are there any other speakers to this clause? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I'm actually going to vote for the recommendation from the Governance Committee in regards to re-aligning the City Auditor reporting through Governance and then directly to Council. It would be my preference. And...but I was disappointed I didn't get to speak to this motion when it first went to...it was referred to EPC. And I just wanted to state that, because I listened to the presentation from Monsieur Allard to EPC. And I heard a lot of, you know, maybe, maybe not. Like, why and, um, but, Madam Speaker, so we could get advice from our Public Service in regards, which is what Governance is doing here by looking at putting that through the review. But essentially, I just would like to point out that there's a lot of just individual position power in the Charter, people and then there's the members of Council. And I would like to point out that the Auditor, its provision, if you look at the provincial auditor, it's very clear that they have a definite arm's length distance from the actual government and are able to lay out their audit expectations and do certain work. And often, any auditor, whether...anywhere in this country, the issue is, what are the resources that an auditor has, the officer under the City of Winnipeg Charter? What are the resources that they have and ability to work with in order to...because we're hiring, and we have excellent...we have auditors. And it's important, and that we hire ones who have good judgment. And when...you know, really, they have to act independently. They can't be hand in hand with the CFO.

So, you know, there needs to be a little more autonomy from the power structure. Not to say that...and again, this isn't about the people who exist today in these positions, Madam Speaker. This is about...

Acting Deputy Speaker: Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Councillor Eadie: Travelling into the future. Yes? What is that? Sorry. Anyway, so I am going to support this, that it goes forward, but I think we need to make it clear from the Council, which is...Monsieur Allard presented this and he's okay with a look at this, but I just needed to put my perspective on the record, which I believe is very important to consider, Madam Speaker.

Acting Deputy Speaker: Mr. Deputy Speaker. Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Briefly, and perhaps a question to the mover who I think is Councillor Sharma or the Clerks. So, all we're voting on today is to refer this back to the Governance Committee so it can be part of the governance review? Some shaking, some not. So, that's okay. Okay. Thank you.

Acting Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, Mr. Acting Deputy Speaker. Through you to Councillor Eadie; I would like you to know that I will be working with gusto to try and get a new committee created. And we propose lining up the report to the recommendations, the omnibus recommendations that we're expecting to make as a committee, I believe in 120 days. So, I didn't want to...I didn't want it to be a stand alone because I didn't want it to get cleaved from the herd, as they say. So, I'm hoping it will be part of a package from the Governance Committee.

Acting Deputy Speaker: Are there any other further speakers to the clause? Seeing none, Councillor Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Appreciate all of the comments today. And yes, we're going to have that fulsome discussion on this topic at the Governance Committee and bring forward, ultimately, any recommendations to Council. Thank you.

Acting Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Sharma. I will call the question on the clause. All of those in favour? Opposed? Seeing none, carried. I'll pass the Chair back to Councillor Sharma.

Madam Speaker: Okay, just to finish off the Governance Committee, I'll now call the question on the remaining Items 2, 3, and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Dobson, will you move adjournment? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And roll call, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 6:14 p.m.