COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, April 27, 2023

The Council met at 9:40 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Gilroy.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. It is my pleasure to welcome our pages for today's meeting. Joining us today are Khan Dang from St. John's High School who resides in the Mynarski Ward and Chahat Sharma from Windsor Park Collegiate who resides in the St. Vital Ward. Thank you for serving Council today. We will now move in to morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Gillingham: Good morning, Madam Speaker and thank you very much. And I echo that welcome to our pages today. Great to have you with us. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending a reception acknowledging Connie Walker's retirement as CEO of the United Way. And I certainly want to, on behalf of all of us, recognize Connie's outstanding contributions during her eight years as the leader of the United Way. And of course, for the several years before that when she was part of the senior administration here at the City of Winnipeg. I also want to congratulate Mr. Michael Richardson on his appointment as the new CEO of the United Way and look forward to meeting him and I know we all look forward to working together with him as United Way continues their very, very important work in making a stronger city. I want to congratulate Hazel Borys on her appointment as the new Director of Planning, Property and Development. Many of us are familiar with Hazel and her work. Her reputation as an innovator, a community builder is literally world renowned. She's a…she's a global…she's sought after globally and I know has done work in Canada, the United States and in parts of Europe as well. And we're certainly, looking forward to seeing what she does in this new role leading to some significant files in the City of Winnipeg. I, for one, am certainly committed to supporting her. We want her to be successful. And so, I know I trust all of you to join me in congratulating Hazel on this new appointment. And I want to thank Mr. Marc Pittet for the work that he has done as interim director over the past several months as well. Yesterday was the transition for the governance of the Winnipeg metropolitan region. A new board has taken over in compliance with provincial legislation. One of the first orders of the new board, one of the decisions the new board made was to maintain the name Winnipeg metropolitan region. And so, different board. Pretty much this is a…you know, a very similar focus with the same name, Winnipeg metropolitan region. I want to recognize the new chair of the board appointed by the Province of Manitoba, Mr. Mike Moore, and the new vice chair of the board appointed by the Province, Ms. Elisabeth Saftiuk as well. And two weeks ago, I guess it's a couple of weeks ago now, I had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Trudeau for about a 20-minute meeting and I raised several matters with the Prime Minister that are important to the city of Winnipeg. One, I raised the fact that our infrastructure priorities, those projects funded by the ICIP Program that all of us, I believe, are familiar with, of course, like everything else, the costs have gone up. And there's cost pressures faced and whether it's three levels of governments that have provided funding, we need the assistance of the Provincial and Federal Governments to share in the increased cost pressures of those projects. And so, I asked the Prime Minister to please have his government give strong consideration to helping defund the increased costs. Also raised the matter of improving community safety and targeting repeat offenders, those breaching court orders. And I raised the matter specifically of the fact that there's just too much youth violent crime in our city, that that is a concern to us as a aouncil, us as a community and asking for his assistance on that. And finally, I did thank the Prime Minister for the Federal Government's emphasis of funding more housing units. And the Federal Government right now has several funding programs focused on increasing the housing stock in our city. And so, we talked about affordable and public housing ensuring that the City of Winnipeg accesses all the funding that we can through the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund and other federal funds. Finally, Madam Speaker, just a quick note to many of our sports teams who are engaged in playoffs right now. The Jets, of course, have an important game tonight. Dealing with a lot of injuries, but we are all confident in their ability to extend the series. Also, I want to note the Moose begin their second round series against the Milwaukee Admirals tomorrow night. And the

Winnipeg Ice of the WHL are taking on the Saskatoon Blades starting tomorrow night in the semi finals as well. So, we wish all of our teams the best of luck in their series. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just briefly, over the weekend, I had a chance to attend a dinner for Jocelyn House, which is a palliative care hospice…well, it's a hospice care in my ward. And death is a subject we often try to avoid. And so, it's a great institution in my ward. They had passed a milestone during COVID. It was the first dinner they've had in a number of years. So, I was able to attend along with Minister Scott Johnson. I also ran into our old friend/adversary, Aldo Santin who had covered (inaudible). And I made a joke about him, it's the first time I'd seen him wearing a tie. And he said, no, and he…we found a picture of his last day here where he posed for a photo with me wearing a tie. So, my apologies to Aldo for the sartorial mistake there. But although, it's great little institution because you never know who you'll meet at these Jocelyn House events. Various people from all different walks of life have had relatives affected by there. So, you'll run into people and you'll say, you're not from this part of the city, what are you doing here? And they always have a story about how they got connected. So, I wanted to give a shout out to our old friend Aldo Santin, but also, Jocelyn House has really been a great…it's a great institution. During the COVID period, Bill Hutton who donated, along with his wife, donated the house that became Jocelyn House. Bill Hutton passed away. So, I think that is worth noting. But also, it's become a St. Vital institution and hopefully will be here for many decades more. Thank you.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise on a somber note at first to recognize my friend and film maker, playwright, composer, lyricist and all-around great Riverview guy, Danny Schur. He passed away on April 11th. And I was very saddened for this loss, as was a community of artists and hockey players alike that will mourn him along with his family. I want to share the thank you, Madam Speaker, to Marc Pitter as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee of Property Development for his work and welcome renowned urbanist Hazel Borys to the City of Winnipeg. But I rise substantially, Madam Speaker, to congratulate Kelvin High School and Institut Collégial Vincent Massey Collegiate at yesterday's provincial Reach for the Top championships at the Canadian Memorial University. They placed first and second. And Madam Speaker, I, along with a team of challengers led by our captain, Councillor Brian Mayes, will challenge Fort Richmond Collegiate. And unless we get the Winnipeg's librarian, Emma Hill, Madam Speaker, and through you, perhaps to her ears, we will likely not succeed against Fort Richmond Collegiate. We lost last year. We…I really…this is just a call out through you, Madam Speaker, to librarian Emma Hill; you succeeded at Jeopardy, you are our only be hope. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. We have a leave of absence motion moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Rollins. It's for Councillor Orlikow who is away today…for today's meeting due to a personal family matter. Mr. Clerk, will you read that into the record?

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

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

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

MINUTES

Councillor Lukes moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on February 23, 2023, March 22, 2023 and March 23, 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. We'll now move in to delegations. We have one registered. David Grant is appearing remotely on a number of items. They are listed in the delegation section of your agendas, if I could draw your attention there. Welcome, David Grant.

DELEGATIONS

David Grant: Thank you. Thank you. On this lovely spring day, after a nourishing April shower, I would like to thank Your Worship, councillors and staff for the opportunity to speak to you. You have a lot to do today, so perhaps it is a good thing that you do not have three hours of delegations to delay your work. On Item No. 2 – Water Survey. This item is years old and it seems that work has not yet begun. Such a delay seems unusual. I recall that Windsor, Ontario decided more than 50 years ago to survey its sewers and cleanup its river. I believe that all was done without…all that was done without enaction of their city council. A year later, in that case, sewer flows had all been measured in dry weather and rainy weather and mitigation actions had all been completed. In 1973, I published ground breaking sewer capacity measurement work as a young public works employee, Windsor Public Works. I balanced the capacity of all combined sewer interceptors to minimize the flow of BOD, that's the bad stuff in sewers, the biological oxygen demand, and greased into the river. This sort of work was new then. It's not new now. Has anyone done anything like this in the past 20 years in Winnipeg? May I suggest that we expand on this item and act to protect the river and the lake by optimizing the combined sewer interceptor chambers like I did in '72. This can both prevent neighborhood flooding, which is important to everybody, and drastically reduce the amount of grease going in to our river. On Public Works parking item – WPA. You expect the folks at WPA to provide a service. I suggest they have failed to do so, and have thus chased away many of the folks who you say you want to welcome to downtown. By not providing a working pay station within sight of metered parking spots, you are putting visitors at risk of tickets. Those who are not adept at paying with a phone must wander the area looking for a pay station. This plays well as a WPA business model, which seems to be making more money from fines than from parking space rentals. Anyone who has faced this problem will avoid downtown Winnipeg and tell their friends. WPA policy works against your efforts to re-invigorate downtown. Metered spots and fines have doubled in cost, but still, WPA spends most of that money. Be suggested that they're spending most of our money on their overhead. WPA reports a degree of failure that you should not ignore. On Public Works fire trucks; seemed like a good idea at first. It is misleading to suggest that any WFPS vehicle that is replaced has zero value. These are the commonly sold at auction, can they not also be used in smaller places in Manitoba? And we've heard people at city hall say that. Has anyone done a value analysis of this proposal? Has anyone reported on the actual current supply of such vehicles in Ukraine versus their need? It seems that if somebody's blown up an apartment building with a rocket, maybe they need more fire trucks. Maybe they have been destroyed. But anyway, a simple net search indicates that the cost of shipping a very heavy vehicle to Europe is more than the asking price for used European fire trucks in Europe. There are hundreds of such vehicles for sale right now in Europe. Keep in mind, also, that service and parts are readily available in Europe for European made trucks. There are good reasons that new Canadian and US made fire trucks do not sell in Europe. Our trucks, the ones we are talking about, are old. Every time one fails in the Ukraine, our old truck would sit idle. Scarcity of parts and of mechanics who know these very special machines would keep our old trucks out of service perhaps for months every time something wears out or breaks. I believe this is a bad idea. Public Works No. 7; when you think about it, the steps that are called 'traffic calming' actually do the opposite. When you scare the average driver, you make the road less safe. Focus on the speed bump or that curb jutting toward your path and your attention is drawn away from scanning for danger. Now, part of very safe driving is to be aware of that kid a block down the road or that dog or whatever. And if you are focused right in front of you on that bump, your eyes are not looking for that kid in the distance. A driver approaching a speed bump is distracted. Please do not add distractions to our roads. For the 1% of drivers, we'll guess that, who ignore speed limits and are a danger, your lumps and curbs have little effect. Have you searched through the hundreds of data points you have for vehicle speed on our roads to compare the worst 1% and compare roads that are…that have calming features? So, you look at the speed measured a couple hundred feet from the calming feature and on an (inaudible) roads with no calming. There may be same level of crazy speeding. Anyways, in my opinion, the only way to deter the worst speeding is with ticketing and demerit points. If you provide area visitation features that can also be used to hide WPS enforcement staff, you will deter that 1%. We have all seen movies; a hedge or a large sign with a police car behind it. They have been used this way for a century. Please provide more of these duck blinds for cops in your beautification features and then they can be used to actually deal with that dangerous 1%. Like all-way stop signs, intersections and speed bumps. Now, they both waste fuel and do not really prevent speeding in between them. On Governance; I support Ms. Walsh and the report she presented and also her call for changes. With respect, may I suggest you consider a new, but related by-law. The number of persons who have complained to her about staff and what lesser offenses, none of which are covered by this current process, suggest that this new by-law is needed. I believe the discussion of such a new improved by-law should begin with a study of the complaints that Ms. Walsh has rejected over the years. When staff obfuscate and stand in the way of transparency, in effect, they help to hide things. High staff loyalty is a good thing, but it means, also, that there are no whistleblowers. The only other way to deter inappropriate actions at city hall is with more certainty in transparency. When FIPPA requests…some FIPPA requests are met with excuses instead of information, any possible crime that might be involved may never be revealed. The best path forward would be with a new integrity by-law that discourages such obfuscation, both by elected persons and staff. On sidewalk clearing; I shoveled the walk in front of my home for decades before moving to Winnipeg. Sidewalks here are now much more walkable than in other cities. When you leave the shoveling to the homeowner, it means they often forget and you have a hard time walking down that sidewalk. On the other hand, the other plowing operations related, when nearly every bike in the city sits idle for half the year and when some bike paths have zero use before noon on a weekday, as you can see in the frost on the ground, it seems that you are wasting some

of our money by plowing them. I committed for two…on two wheels for 20 winters in Ontario. It can be done, but it's not safe. I fell down for a number of times over those 20 years. It is not worth the money we are now spending on plowing of these bike paths. I have pointed out before, and some of you may remember, that my neighbours, including many new arrivals, because quite often when people rent a place in the suburbs and don't have a car, quite often they walk to the bus. When they…in doing so, they face greater trouble walking down a kilometre of our P3 collector street when it isn't plowed and it has no sidewalk than anyone does on a sidewalk currently plowed by the City. Until you take roads that serve as the only walking path out of the neighbourhood from status P3 to P2, you do harm to many residents. Please consider the plight of new arrivals in the suburbs and ignore the bare pavement trial. On EPC 12: Police Games. While anything associated with WPS is good, and while this may be a very…may become a very interesting event, last weekend…last week ended with Earth Day, a time when each of us should be seeking ways to reduce the waste of fossil fuels. Air travel is the biggest discretionary use of fossil fuel we have. Mega conferences and sporting events are major sources of greenhouse gas. To pour tax dollars into such subsidies is to work against your climate goals. So, obviously, you have priorities, but just, that's one that seemed counter indicated. On EPC 14: the Jets is a for-profit, privately-owned company. It regularly has a budget item of more than $80 million on a single line.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Grant, are you wrapping up now? That…or do you need more time? That is 10 minutes.

David Grant: Yes. Okay. Yes, if I could have 45 seconds. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer moved extension for one minute. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried.

David Grant: Thank you. Anyway, the Jets regularly spend $81 million on a single budget line item, they could easily pay the bills for pre-game marketing events. They already pay the normal staffing and set up costs for their parties, they could pay the City's costs. This is not a gift through a charity. Giving to the rich is not particularly noble. On EPC 8…I do…I'm in favour of the parties, just not our paying for them. EPC No. 8: the HRCC report is silent on any complaints to the MB Human Rights Commission involving the City. In the news today, we hear that such complaints went years before they're even considered. I believe that the HRCC should at least list and track such complaints. There are written submissions by me and others on your agenda document, I'd ask that you take a minute to consider each one of them. And thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, David Grant. Seeing no questions, appreciate your presentation today. We'll now move on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 18th, 2023. Mr. Mayor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 18, 2023

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just before I move the item, I'd like to wish Councillor Duncan a happy birthday. I would like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 to 15, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, Items 12 and 13, please.

Madam Speaker: 12 and 13 have been pulled. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: 11 and 13.

Madam Speaker: 11. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: 3, 4, 5, 10, and 14.

Madam Speaker: I will call the question on Item 1 and 2, 6 through 9. Okay, that's it. I'll call the question on Item 1, 6 through 9. Are you retracting that, councillor? The question on 1 and 2, 6 through 9, 15. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 3 – Requirement for a Four-Year Strategic Plan for the City of Winnipeg

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

Mayor Gillingham: I'll wait to hear from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by Councillor Wyatt. You have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thanks, Madam Speaker. Thank you to members of Council. Good morning. I just wish to say that the initiative led by the Mayor in terms of doing strategic planning, I think, is an excellent one. This resolution was to call…is calling for us to ask the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Charter Act to require the items strategic plan. And in other words, right now, we have a council, we have a mayor that presently is committed to strategic planning. We don't know what that will look like in the future. We don't know what future mayors, future councils will deem as important. But I think we've come to the conclusion as a group that strategic planning is very important. That it…that we know, for example, that other cities of our size, even smaller and larger, do annual strategic planning pertaining to council directions they want to go during their term. And this is a standard practice, by the way, best practice in municipality after municipality across Canada. What we're…this motion calls for was for us to make this a practice. I cite precedent in the fact that, for example, under the Charter, OurWinnipeg, Plan Winnipeg, is required every five years to be updated. If Plan Winnipeg is in the Charter in terms of urban planning, at the very least, the importance of a strategic plan and having strat planning in the Charter, I think, would be something very positive. Why was it not included? I…when the city of Winnipeg came as into…as an entity in the 1970s, you know, strategic planning was a relatively newer phenomenon in terms of a management tool. It's grown over the years both in the private sector and in the public sector as a useful business tool to provide direction, provide vision, to give us an overall outline and specifics in terms of where we want to go as a council. I think this motion, receiving it as information, is a lost opportunity. Possibly that the…I know jurisdiction of the Mayor's Office is in terms inter-governmental affairs. However, I do believe that, hopefully, discussions if this motion does not go forward as it stands right now to be received as information, which I will be voting against because I believe that we could have been acting upon this. I hope that informally discussions could be happening with Mayor's office and the Premier's office and the Province in terms of bringing this forward in terms of amending the Charter. It also outlines in the motion the idea of having the minority report, the idea that there may not anonymity amongst our council colleagues in terms of the strategic plan. I think that's something that's good. As well, just to reflect on the fact that we can't always agree on everything and to give an opportunity for ideas that may have been lost through the adopted plan going to Council that the ideas coming forward may still be worthy to be noted for the file and for the record. And that is where the idea of minority report would come in. I am hoping that even though it most likely will be received as information here today based on the direction given by EPC, that the idea is not a bad one. It is a good one overall. And that it can still be pursued. Those are my comments. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Yeah, so this strategic plan, we have been doing a lot of work on this strategic plan as a Council as a whole. And in my time here, in my eight years, this is the first time I have seen such a good effort amongst all councillors and the mayor to put this effort into place. We are one of the only cities in Canada, major cities in Canada, that does not have a strategic plan. I am very appreciative of the effort that Councillor Wyatt made years ago along with Councillor Eadie and myself and others to push forward on this. And finally, we have a mayor who has seen the light and the importance of having a strategic plan for council and for the Public Service. So, I won't be supporting this, but I will be bringing this up, as I hope Councillor Wyatt will, in the discussions with the Governance Review Committee who is going through all of the recommendations that came forward in our governance review. I think that this has merit, but I would like to work on it myself with the committee and, you know, go from there. I would like to note that in the…one of the points that's brought up is for the…an annual review. And I would like to bring up in the report that came forward to all our committees just recently that that is recommended that we do an annual review. So, that's…that's being addressed. But I would like the Governance Committee to have an opportunity to discuss the two-thirds vote, to discuss whether we incorporate it into a charter or not because this impacts all of us. And I appreciate Councillor Wyatt's motion, but I think we've been doing very good collaborative work to the most…you know, as best as we can, actually, better than we always seem to do. So, I won't be supporting it, but I do appreciate that it was brought forward. And I do incredibly appreciate the fact that we are working through developing a strategic plan.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm…I'd be in favour of…basically, I'm in favour of forward thinking. The minutia is to whether it is part of the Charter or not, that's kind of secondary. The fact that we are doing this is important. I would be in favour either way. It's kind of like the budget. Let's face it, when…before we had our four-year budget cycle, we did have projections that went four years, five years, they went, actually, decades. So, as far as I was concerned, there's no way that you can actually believe you are making proper budgetary decisions without forecasting into the future anyway. I truly believe that throughout any level of government, whenever you vote for a budget for that year, you are projecting into the future. And in fact, the administration always helped us with that because they always gave us projections going years if not decades into the future. That's what we do every budget. The fact that we have a four-budget cycle, that's okay with me because I was doing that anyway. Not just me, other councillors were, too, throughout history and in other levels of government. In this case, Madam Speaker, I am glad we're having some extent

of officialization of a…some greater sense of strategy because we have to. Because we have to admit that things are changing. Things have always been changing. And you get to a certain point where you just might not be able to take it any more. What are we referring…what am I referring to? The budget. Because our taxes are going up every year, we're reducing services, and we're going into further debt and we're asking other governments for more and more money. So, if there is any relevance to having a longer budget cycle or a strategic plan, what more relevance can we make of these things to try and find out and explain to ourselves, to explain to everybody what is changing the most? What's been most detrimental? I would say that what is impeding us in terms of achieving any four-year cycle or let's face it, beyond that, a 20-year cycle for a budget. Because the things we do take 20 years to pay for often enough. And in terms of a strategic plan, what is holding us back from achieving it? Essentially, as far as we are concerned here at city hall, we have to deal with every year is our…is how we tax people every single year, every day. And we deal with that in a $2 billion budget, which $1.1 billion, I think, when I started here a decade ago. So, there you go, the budget is going up and we need to account for that. That's why I'm in favour of whatever we do, whatever kind of extra forecasting we do for the budget and for a plan for the city. So, whatever words we use in our strategic plan, I am all…I'm all in favour of the fact that we are willing to work together to try to understand what we can do. But if we fall short on explaining to each other why it is that our taxes are going up, our services are going down, we're going further into debt, I don't know how we will be able to achieve a longer forecasting strategic plan or a budget cycle. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I will be supporting EPC's decision to receive this as information today, but I just wanted to make a simple point. The budget is in the Charter. It says we have to do a budget. Doesn't tell us that we had to come up with four-year budget, it just says we have to each year do a budget so that we end up with a mill rate in order to identify to your citizens who pay property taxes how much they're going to have to pay, as well as those who pay business tax. I just wanted to say, I mean, it is a simple thing. You don't have to get into the minutia within the Charter, but you know, this motion from Councillor Wyatt wasn't just about today and this council. It is about going into the future because we don't know going way into the future whether or not a mayor wants to do what they want. Like, this current mayor also did something that I thought was quite good, Madam Speaker, in that…in that he decided that he would shrink the size of Executive Policy Committee so that…to put out indications that he is willing to discuss matters and not, you know, just shove stuff down our throats. So, simply having a component, something simple within the Charter that just says the City of Winnipeg, you know, must create a…Council must create a council strategic plan actions. You don't have to get into how it is done or the minutia, just…just so it's in there, because once…if it is in the Charter, there's no discretion, you have to do it. But there is discretion, Madam Speaker, in how that, say, four-year could even be a five-year, whatever. We decided on four because that coincides with the four-year budget process which, under the Charter, we only have to do one-year budgets. That is what it tells us, right. But good practice is to create a four-year budget so you can try to project into the future what you can accomplish and what you can't. So, I am just going to vote…accept EPC's recommendation here. But I am…Councillor Wyatt isn't…when he moved this motion, wasn't thinking about this current thing. He is always thinking into the future, Madam Speaker. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, over to you for close.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I'll be supporting the recommendation that came out of EPC to receive it as information. Obviously, I believe in longer term planning and the four-year strategic plan. I want to thank my councillor colleagues, all who have been involved in this current process. And I think, you know, we should always be looking ahead. But to Councillor Eadie's point, you never know what the next mayor and council determines. Maybe they want to look at something other than a four-year strategic plan. I think what is important to note, as well, I just want to remind everybody that I did pen a letter to the Province a while back requesting that they change the Charter to give City Council more autonomy, not less. And so, by codifying more and more things within the Charter that would determine how Council operates, they really…that would remove some of the autonomy away from this council. So, good discussion. Thank you. I look forward to the ongoing discussion of the Strategic Priorities Action Plan which is happening right now and will be part of, you know, public meetings. Also, looking forward to the public feedback on this matter. But today, I'll be receiving this…voting to receive this as information as per the EPC recommendation. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Councillor…it's carried. Councillor Wyatt and Allard recorded in opposition. Next item, Mr. Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Use of TikTok on City of Winnipeg Issued Devices

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by? Mr. Mayor, your opportunity to introduce the item, then over to Councillor Wyatt.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will wait to hear my colleagues' comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, Item 4.

Councillor Wyatt: I just stood this down, Madam Speaker, just to thank Councillor Chambers for moving it and Councillor Duncan for seconding it. I think it is a good initiative and I'll be voting in support. I think it is proactive and there's a lot of developments happening in terms of these issues on national, international stage. Thank you.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Calling the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 5.

Item 5 – Request to the Province of Manitoba to Amend the Police Services Act

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item, Item 5.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Yes, Madam Speaker, I, also, again will wait to hear from my colleagues. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This resolution was brought forward after we…I had a motion moved by myself, seconded by Councillor Allard in terms of the hours of the district stations and in terms of being staffed or not staffed in this case. And the matter was before Council a number of months ago, couple of months ago. It then, at the request of the Police Board Chair, was referred to the Police Board. And it was a bit of a learning experience for me because I am used to City Council and what we do here in terms of matters that are referred. We have the, I guess, business courtesy, I would call it, that it would be on the agenda. It is referred to a standing committee or EPC. It gets placed on the agenda. I was kind of surprised when I, you know, looked up the Police Board meeting and didn't see the item on the agenda for the Police Board to discuss and then I learned that, apparently, under the Charter, it doesn't have to be or under the Police Board, the act governing the Police Board. And that, in fact, it can or may not be accommodated through the Chair's report to the board. Now, technically, the Chair, I guess, we have a very good Chair of the Police Board right now. I just want to say that for the record. He works very hard on these issues, Councillor Chambers. And I respect all the work that he does on behalf of this council. And you know, and he included in his report, which was great. But technically, it could be at the discretion of the chair. And so, I just think…the reason I move the motion was for the purpose of codifying, if you like, to take a word from our French colleagues. Codifying the rules to require the same courtesy that we have when we move motions at this room…in this room. When they go forward to a standing committee, they get placed on an agenda and it is very transparent and open. And it's really about transparency and openness in terms of having it on the agenda so you can see it. And it's a way, also, I would imagine, I am not on the Police Board, but to formally advise in advance of a meeting to the other members of the Police Board of something that's come up before…that's come on before Council that should be brought to their attention and so they can inquire into of the chair or of the executive director. I think it is just a simple courtesy that we've established here, a procedural courtesy, a procedural rule that I think would make sense at the Police Board as well. And I was…you know, I learned something from this through the Clerks that this is not the case as it stands right now; the Police Board, the rules they have. And that is what generated this resolution before us here today. I realize it's been recommended by EPC to be received as information. So, I intend on voting against that. I'm hoping that this…again, similar to the previous matter, that this can be considered again in terms of ensuring that there is a better dialogue. I think that's really…when we move matters, we are identifying the issues that maybe the Police Board, which is very busy dealing with a lot of different things, including chief of police. And we hear things and we see things in our communities. And that this is a way to identify those issues, to identify the issue and the problem with the…going on in the community and to put it in writing and to forward it on to the attention of the board. And to have it on the agenda, I think, is a way to increase the dialogue between this body and that body, the Police Board. And I think that is a positive thing. So, those are my thoughts, Madam Speaker, in the context and behind the resolution that's here today. And again, I hope that it will be something that will be reconsidered or considered in the near future. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to Councillor Wyatt for his comments on the public record this morning. With respect to what Councillor Wyatt has proposed with respect to the Chair's report, this is something that has been discussed. The Winnipeg Police Board in its inception back in 2006, I believe it was, or somewhere around there, it's the original by-laws that I know that I have spoken to our clerk, Sherwood Armbruster about in terms of updating some of the procedures and clarifying some of those procedures in its modern-day context. As well, you know, our Executive Director of the Winnipeg Police Board has been working to invite members of Council to get

together to have the discussions on what they would like to see in terms of some of the procedures of Winnipeg Police Board and how we can make communication flow better between Council and between the board in highlighting the issues that each of the 15 councillors and the Mayor has identified through the conversations that they have on a daily basis with the citizens that have elected them to serve office. So, certainly, it is incumbent in terms of councillors who are sitting here that have been elected to work with us at the Winnipeg Police Board by being open to meet with, you know, the Winnipeg Police Board to have these discussions that we can better define the communication that happens between Council and the Winnipeg Police Board. So, I leave that, again, as open to members of Council to meet with the Winnipeg Police Board. Our board Executive Director, Shauna Curtin, is working to set up a meeting with all members of Council so we can have these conversations. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. No further speakers? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Chambers for his response and just the willingness of himself as the board Chair. And the…Ms. Curtin from the Police Board, their willingness to meet with Council to have ongoing dialogue. Yes, I mean, over the years, the Police Board, I think, was established, I think, in 2013, I believe. Somewhere in there. And I think since that time there has been some, I would say, procedural bumps along the road or miss…I wouldn't say misinterpretations, but varying degrees of understanding interpretation. I want to commend our clerks who work very hard to try to do their best to determine the true interpretation of the Police Services Act and the reporting flow. I know the Police Board does also come to the Community Services Committee, standing committee, you know, periodically as well where this dialogue that happens between members of that body, that standing committee, and the Police Board, also. So, there is opportunity there for dialogue between…between the two bodies. So, with that, I will be supporting EPC's recommendation to receive this as information. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? It's carried with Councillor Duncan and Councillor Wyatt noted in opposition. Next item, Mr. Clerk, Item 6. Pardon me, Item 10. That's right.

Item 10 – Request for Loan Guarantee – Southdale Recreation Association Inc. – North Fitness Expansion

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Maybe I will take this opportunity just to thank the members of the Southdale Recreation Association Inc., the volunteer board, for their outstanding work in providing recreation services for the community. I'll take a moment maybe just the opportunity to thank all of the men and women across the city who serve on community centre, recreation boards who make sure that services are provided for our respective communities. I know people put a lot of time and effort into their work and I want to thank them for their volunteerism. We do have a threshold at the City of Winnipeg of $1 million where we won't entertain a loan guarantee for anything below a million dollars. This is $1.7 million that is before us here and I'll certainly be supportive of it.

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

Councillor Wyatt: I want to just rise to say I'll be supporting this. I want to…I wanted to stand it down because I know…I know that this is…Southdale Community Centre is…serves, also, part of the Transcona Ward. And I want to thank Councillor Mayes for his work behind-the-scenes on this and the Mayor and EPC. And I just want to say that…I want to note the fact that this was done in relatively record time, I think, in terms of…because of the fact that citing page four, second last paragraph, as of December 31st, 2022, the loan is up-to-date. So, that's what flagged and I think that is great. You know, they are ahead of paying down their existing guaranteed loan and they've created enough room of $1.7 million. This allows them to do another phase of a project that does not…that is not considered as part of the original loan guarantee. And I think that shows great flexibility and a great sense of being practical on the City's part. It's fantastic that we're getting…as moving forward on this. Congratulate the volunteers of the Southdale Community Club. I have spent many…many a hockey game with my son in the Southdale Community Club looking up and seeing Councillor Mayes' face on the…on the wall. And it's a great facility. The board is amazing. That is on the mini rink there, I think it's called, I think, Qualico Rink or something, (inaudible) rink, that's where our son Thomas learned how to skate, actually, when he was little one Christmas. So, a lot of memories at Southdale Community Centre. And so, this is fantastic that this is coming forward. I hope it, also, that when it comes forward for other community clubs around the city where there's loan guarantees that we can accommodate them as well. You know, the crucial thing is that when the business plan is done on these community clubs, that the business plan is realistic. I know Council ran into difficulty, for example, up in Seven Oaks. Seven Oaks presented a business plan and they didn't meet their numbers and we ended up having to bail them out in terms of helping them with their payments because it didn't meet the numbers. Meanwhile, other community clubs work hard to strive to make sure their business plan is accurate and reflective. And we then…you know, so in a sense, we reward those who are…who fail, but the community clubs are doing well, well fantastic. Thank you very much. You're

meeting loan guarantee. And so, you know, and that's just something I want to note. It's…when we, for example, did the East End Arena expansion, we were really careful working with the administration in terms of making sure that our numbers worked and our numbers have worked. We are well ahead in terms of paying down the debt. And we didn't build it. You know, we could have built in a walking track, we could have built in more seating, and all these other things and bells and whistles, but we were very, very cognizant of the importance of building a business plan that made…that would meet the numbers. And so, it was frustrating when we saw another community club...and by the way, Seven Oaks, amazing board of directors, amazing community club. I think they just jumped into the deep end of the pool instead of the shallow end and they just…they maybe didn't realize it. So, and I have spent many an hour in Seven Oaks also looking up at the warm faced picture of Speaker Sharma in the arena. And so, you know, I just make that into the record. We want to make sure community clubs are sustainable. And I want to thank, again, Councillor Mayes for bringing this forward and making this happen so quickly. And EPC for bringing this forward. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Take the opportunity to use the words of Moliere, or at least the same language, relatively.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, sorry, I am looking at my speaking order. We'll go to Councillor Mayes first. Okay, he's happy to defer to you.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, it's Councillor Allard's ward.

Madam Speaker: My error. Okay, go ahead. He had his hand up. Councillor Allard, then we'll hear from Councillor Mayes. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: So, Councillor Mayes must have known that I was going to praise him for his work on this file.

Translation of French Spoken:

Councillor Allard: Thank you to Councillor Mayes, to Executive Policy Committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor Gillingham; thank you for this report that I think is an excellent…is an excellent way to improve the recreation services in Winnipeg. By using the financial (inaudible) of the City that is very favourable to help groups to get money from financial institutions, it costs us nothing. It only costs us a bit of risk at the level of credit, but we are already in a very good place at the level of credit at the City of Winnipeg given our fiscal situation that is relatively solid, relative to our infrastructure. But I think this is really an opportunity when we have a group like the Southdale Recreation Centre who comes to us with their proper sources, what we're doing is to guarantee the debt. And so, they are capable of giving us a return on the investment that is really incredible compared to other projects that are…that are supported by the City of Winnipeg. So, I would like to thank Councillor Mayes, the Mayor Scott Gillingham, and Executive Policy Committee to have so quickly done this report that I know that sometimes takes a long time to go through administrative inner-workings. So, thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Might be time to retire, as I have been praised now in both official languages. A relative rarity. Thanks to my colleagues for the overly generous praise. Actually, when this passed, two things: I have sometimes chided the Southdale Community Centre for not applying to our community centre renovation grant program more often and they've said, we are busy with this. We are trying to do this expansion, you know, we are busy. So, to their credit, they have got this going. And as Councillor Allard has indicated, it is some of their own funding. They've got…have pursued provincial funding. So, in…after…after…and thank you to…Councillor Wyatt is right. Due to ward boundary redistribution, he's now got residents…we'll have to get him on one of our Windsor Park Collegiate announcements, I suspect. The thing, though, to mention about this Southdale expansion; after we had the vote at EPC, and I will certainly be supporting this today and I hope others will, and the report endorses it. I praise Councillor Allard on social media after…after the vote at EPC. I should also mention, not always to fashion here, to praise the Province, but I would like to praise the local MLA, Audrey Gordon who has been very persistent backer of this. I will not necessarily miss her asking me at every event where we see one another, how's it going on the Southdale? Where are you guys on the loan guarantee? But she has been persistent on this and effective. So, couple of good champions for this project, I would say, Councillor Allard and the Honourable Audrey Gordon. So, pleased to see it finally here in front of us. And hopefully we can keep our…it moving on our end and hopefully the Province can come through and back it as well. Thank you.

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

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

Madam Speaker: Calling the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 11 – Amendments to the School Resource Officer Protocol – Delegation of Authority

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the item really speaks for itself and I look forward to comments from colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy, you stood this down.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, Madam Speaker. I stood this down just so I can be in opposition to it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, seeing as how it's stood down, I am rising…well, let me first speak and I'll…so, I am not opposed nor am I against school resource officers, Madam Speaker. I have an issue with clause number 1 about who can ask for school resource officers to expand or contract or provide in various city of Winnipeg school divisions, Madam Speaker. The decision as to whether or not to have police officers in schools is a decision of school board, elected school board people who should be hearing from parents and whoever who are opposed to SROs, they should be speaking to those school board trustees. Because ultimately, the divisions are actually paying cash out of a budget the Province may or may not share. I know they backed out in the past. School divisions maintained funding. You've got something in here about the Province doing some funding, Madam Speaker. And then, I also have an issue with, well, I mean I will let it go. I mean, but ultimately, the delegation is to the chief. The chief has to make sure that it meets all the criteria and if it doesn't meet the criteria laid out for the chief, it then says Council will make a decision about we provide, of course, in kind. We have police officers and, actually, the Police Board recommends a budget to the city. You know, and then the allocation is based on the Winnipeg Police Board working with the Chief of Police. How that money gets allocated to what divisions to deal with, whatever the adequate policing needs are for the city of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. So, underlying here, though, I just, I can't vote for this one mostly because of clause 1. It is, again, the school division's decision. We as City Council do not govern what happens inside high schools. Yeah, the building of, but not the operations of. That is elected school board trustees working with their public service to deliver a good education to our youth in this city. And so, I just, I can't support this. It just…there's…it's just underlying…I have spoken to this before. Again, it is a school division decision if they want to have SROs. As I heard, I believe one school division, after petitioning and discussions and dialogue and consultation with their community, decided not to have SROs any more. And you know what? It is their right to make that decision. Not…not anybody who is listed in clause 1. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I had the pleasure of working with school resource officers as chair of the Winnipeg School Division. You know, really, standing shoulder to shoulder with them as…and having on several files of concern for me as a school trustee, Madam Speaker, including when students were in threatened, being trafficked and really needed to complete an education. There were times where school resource officers were there and ensured that they got safely to school. School resource officers who stood shoulder to shoulder with educators and principals and made sure there was a team of wraparound supports in schools. But I also saw budgets being cut as a school trustee. Budgets that never acknowledged the steps and increments that officers would make. The delegation of authority here, Madam Speaker, Councillor Eadie's point, Madam Speaker, is of concern. It's of concern for a few reasons. This is a file within community policing. It can't be understood without. As a school trustee, I often would think, what is happening in July and August when the salaries continue, but the school does not...the school year does not? So, the funding framework has changed. It has not kept up. And typically, on Council, we deal with monetary items and we are agnostic on programming. And I, Madam Speaker, am contemplative as I watch motions that we did not pass today and, perhaps, future motions that are coming up, Madam Speaker. I am contemplative because I don't know that there is a reception. And I am contemplative because I hold out hope there is a reception at the Police Board to hear and understand councillors' concerns. I hold out hope that it is a new day on the Police Board and that when folks bring concerns that it will not be an ethics commissioner trip but it will be a hearing out, Madam Speaker. But I am also weary because there is a very public position paper on subsect of the chief, Madam Speaker, with respect to school resource officers and school division's programming. And I am concerned that that was out there without response. And so, Madam Speaker, I am contemplative and I will be, like Councillor Santos and Gilroy and I, who last term, wanted to host the public that just wanted to come in and talk about this program at Council. I am contemplative of that. And so, on this motion, I will be, you know, voting against it. But like I said, Madam Speaker, I am contemplative and I trust that it is a new day that we'll host discussions and perhaps something in more normative calms, not a sub stack, but normative calms like the Police Board construct and the very media that upholds democracy in a transparent way, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank my colleagues for their comments today. I will be supporting this item with the recommended amendments to the school resource officer protocol. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question, Item 11. Pardon me? Call for a recorded vote. All in favour of Item 11, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gilroy, Rollins, Santos, and Schreyer

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 9, Nays 6, Councillor Orlikow absent.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Item 11 carries. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

Item 12 – Value in Kind Grant, Waiver of the City of Winnipeg Sponsorship Policy and Waiver of Fees related to subleases for the 2023 World Police and Fire Games

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, I'm looking forward to the World Police and Fire Games coming to Winnipeg just in the coming months here very soon this summer. We're looking at thousands upon thousands of people kind of descending upon our city, not only enjoying all that the games have to offer, but also, you know, generating activity in our economy with hotel room stays and restaurants that people will be eating at and hopefully spending within our…within our community, which will certainly help business as well. So, this is a way for…we as a city to participate and they've asked in an increase and our value in kind participation to make the games successful. And we certainly want the games to be successful. It's in our best interest as a city to make sure that the games are greatly successful. And that police who come…the police, fire, paramedics, border service agents, all those who are participants and their families and spectators, that when they come to Winnipeg, they have a great first impression and a great experience as well. So, this is a way to assist to…with…with the making those games a success. So, I will be supportive of this request.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am actually…I asked to have this stood down, Madam Speaker. I'm actually going to be voting for it, but you know, I listened to the delegations presenting to EPC the other day. And the point was brought up, I believe, not sure what type of free bus service is being provided for the games, Madam Speaker. It sounds like it is the chartered bus type thing where somebody usually has to pay a fee to get a Winnipeg Transit bus to take people around. And you know, it's actually a really good thing, Madam Speaker, in terms of climate change and those kinds of things. It's nice to see you're going utilize the bus service in order to, you know, keep…move people around and be a lot less fossil-fuel being spewed into the…into our air. But Madam Speaker, I just wanted to point out that I heard the arguments from the other side. And it kind of sounded like, to me, Madam Speaker, like there is animosity towards fire and police service. I have no animosity to our Winnipeg firefighters and our police service. And of course, I would never condone the inappropriate actions of any police officers or anything like that. But ultimately, this is actually good for Winnipeg. But I just want to point out, like, technically, so I was told when I tried to move the motion and we basically said, well, it is going to cost this much money, people will be upset, they already paid for a bus pass and we are not going to provide free transit fare for Orange Shirt Day. You know, like…like, the arguing is weird. But ultimately, Winnipeg Transit, right, is a property tax and user-paid service. Although, we do get…well, depends how much you want to allocate from the provincial grant, but we do get provincial grant as well for transit. But Madam Speaker, you know, this isn't like the Province and the Feds coming up and giving something. They are the ones who are making all of the money; PST, GST. That is where, you know, there is big revenues, and our businesses who pay business tax and property taxes, right, the…right, they are…they are going to benefit, yes. However, when you look at, yes, this is good for the city and you give it that economic connotation to it, it just, to me, right, these games are not bringing us more property taxes. These games are not bringing us more business taxes. What are we getting out of it? Is the Province going to give us a cut of all the

PST and the Feds, and all the…well, GST, whatever, are we going to get that, Madam Speaker? So, I just wanted to point that out. Like, whereas, you know, for Orange Shirt Day, some people who can't afford to take the bus can jump on the bus. I don't care. I pay for a monthly bus pass. I don't care if somebody else gets on free to attend an Orange Shirt Day event to learn more about the problems that behoove us today because of what happened in the past. You know, like, really? So, I just wanted to rise and make that point that it seems so easy for us to do this for the games, but it isn't so easy for us to make a decision to support national Orange Shirt Day as well as events and what we do in Manitoba. Like, honestly, it saddens me that we put different conditions on different things. And when we look at (inaudible). And I know it's somewhat of a different transit service, but ultimately, I just…anyway, I just had to bear that. I have no…I don't support people who want to get rid of the police. Firefighter/paramedics do a wonderful job, they…and so, I will just leave it at that. And I hope our Winnipeg teams win, win, win, win.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker. Okay, seeing none. Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to councillor…I want to thank Councillor Eadie for his comments. And he raises the matter of, in the situation like this, a circumstance like this where you've got a large convention or large event coming to the city of Winnipeg; yes, it is the Provincial and Federal Governments that more quickly receive the benefit, the financial benefit of such events. And which is one of the reasons why I, certainly not the first mayor to do it, but I will continue to press with the Province the need for a new funding relationship, a new funding model that recognizes more quickly some of the revenues generated within our city by us as a city supporting organizations and events like the World Police and Fire Games. So, I want to thank the councillor again for his comments. And I invite the Speaker now to call the question on this item, please.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I will call the question, Item 12. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

Item 13 – Reallocation of Capital Budgets and Request for Approval of a Contract Over-Expenditure for Building Systems Upgrade – St. James Civic Centre – 2055 Ness Avenue – Tender No. 1176-2019 Project No. 2015-058

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, this project began several years ago and was ongoing through the pandemic. And certainly, began when I was a councillor for the St. James Ward. The project ran into several snags along the way. There was two events where there was dust release that was happened accidentally. It caused significant problems. It shut down the project for months at a time until cleanup and kind of the retesting of all the equipment could be done. So, that, as well as some other matters, have required there to be a reallocation of funding sources so that an increased cost to the project can be accommodated. I will point my colleagues to the very last page of this report, which is the financial impact statement, the very last line, under the additional comments. The summary is that no additional budget is required, simply reallocation of existing budget from Community Services Department to the Municipal Accommodations Division. So, the departments have worked together to find funding sources to accommodate and to cover the costs associated with the increased project budget.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Madam Speaker, I rise because I'm cautiously going to be supporting this. I have major concerns because, Madam Speaker, as you well know, both of us have spray pads that have gone over budget and, in particular, it's because something that they found during the work of remediation. And both of us can't find the budget in order to find the money in order to make these projects go ahead. There was something that was committed through the spray pad revitalization. And so, now we have two projects that I know of, I think Councillor Eadie might have mentioned. And so, we are finding money for this project, but we are not finding money for other projects that are in the works as well. So, I am very concerned that, you know, how this is coming about and how we are finding money for this particular project but we're not finding money for the other projects that are supposed to be going ahead as well under our spray pad revitalization. So, I will support this now, but I am going to be raising this and I am hoping that my councillor colleagues will think about that and hopefully we have money in the kitty still available to make sure that there's funding for the other projects that have no allocation set to it. I know that this project is important, but I also know that other areas of the city also have projects that are as important. And for finding the money, in particularly for this project, we should be finding it also for the other remaining projects that need an investment as well that are also underway. So, thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that you're…you, yourself, have this issue in your ward with your spray pad. So, hopefully we can get this rectified and bring this to Community Services and through Finance to make sure that this matter is looked into. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I am actually going to support this program because St. James Civic Centre, I mean, this I believe was one of those projects under the $50 million. It is a very important facility. But Madam Speaker, as the councillor from Daniel McIntyre Ward eloquently put it, there's projects all over the city where, you know, I'm…I can only be familiar with what is happening in my ward and other…other areas. But you know, a lot of that $50 million or whatever, and there is money. And then, we have the, for example, Councillor Rollins was very instrumental in ensuring that Turtle Island would get a spray pad. And I always appreciate that. And there was…there was a budget put in there. The deal was, we would have to decommission two wading pools. And…but where those wading…two wading pools got decommissioned, we would upgrade those parks. Well, my project, Turtle Island, what they are doing now…well, so far, they are not pairing down the Turtle Island spray pad. But what's now happening is, there is not enough budget there for Community Services pool services to decommission a couple more wading pools and then enough money for Parks and Open Spaces to put in an alternative activities for our young people in the ward. So, what usually happens, and this is…this is what has been happening over the years; now, again, the mechanical systems are probably really important. And I know at Sinclair Park Community Centre that was built just before I was re-elected, their mechanical systems, there's nothing but problems and then it's always been money…where is the money coming to fix it? Because the equipment that was installed was inappropriate or whatever. And we have seen that happen, Madam Speaker, as you know, for example, with chillers at new ice rinks and…as well as old ice rinks. But ultimately, I am not going to say no, like, vote against this because people of St. James and nearby in Daniel Mc, I'm sure there's people who live in Daniel Mc who utilize the St. James Civic Centre. I know I used to go there when I lived in the North End. But it…for the odd time, we would take our kids over there, right. Anyway, some people would say we should have rode our bikes, but whatever. It is quite a drive from the North End to St. James Centre. Anyway, and my former wife is from St. James. But anyway, the…I just…the Public Service, I wish could be more helpful. Like, we do have sometimes money at our discretion, right. But then, we have…we all have areas that are looking for more money for better recreation, improving recreation services. And I didn't want to throw a negative on Councillor Mayes' initiative about the loan, but I think that Southdale has to expand their thing to serve the people of Sage Creek, I believe. So, maybe we could pair down what they are going to build over there into the future because Southdale is providing a regional fitness centre. Anyway, Madam Speaker, sorry to throw out a little negative on that, but we know that up in northwest, there doesn't seem to be enough money to serve the big population increase happening up in Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan. So, sorry to be a little bit negative. But I'm supporting this report. Mechanical systems are so important. And of course, they are costing more. Everything is costing more. And maybe we should be figuring out as a Council…it's too late for the '23 budget, but a bunch of projects that we approved that were supposed to happen a couple years ago, Madam Speaker, are…the money was provided from the Province, but it is needing…it's needing more money. And we have to figure out how to…because I know that my Land Dedication Reserve, it will soon be zero because there's…well, no, because I've got to use it to improve the parks because the PREP Program isn't enough. So, you've got to find the money somewhere, right? And us councillors are always stuck. It would be really helpful if the Public Service, on our behalf, would try to get money from the general budget to help us out. So, that…which is the point that was well-made by Councillor Gilroy. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Seeing none, oh, one more, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, I am just trying to get this clear. The final contract, $7.8 million. The possible over expenditure would be 34%. That was what they put into the contract is my understanding. So, it could be a 34% increase. They already had an over expenditure of 1.3 which was accommodated under the already…the pre-existing overdraft. And then, there's…this is going to be an extra, what, 647? 687. All right, 647. Well, anyway, it looks like it's going to be maxing out the overdraft margin. Looks like it's going to be almost exactly 34%. So, that is kind of magic. But they have given their reasons as the Mayor has explained. It is truly unfortunate. They do explain, however, that in redoing this, there is going to have…going to have greater energy efficient equipment resulting in an estimated 30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions at this facility compared, I assume, to what has been conventionally planned. Nice to see. That is one way to get some of our money back as we equate environmental destruction to the economy, to hard dollars because there is a correlation when it comes to government's involvement and taxpayers' involvement. If there weren't, Madam Speaker, we wouldn't be spending taxpayers' dollars on environmental plans and greenhouse emission plans. So, there is your proof. It's not my words. Sad to see. However, as Councillor Wyatt would point out, we need to be flexible when it comes to community centres because it is good for children. It's good for our youth and it's good for our future. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Mayor Gillingham, back to you for close.

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

Madam Speaker: Call the question on Item 13. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

Item 14 – Value In-Kind – 2023 Winnipeg White Out Events

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, there's been two successful whiteout parties and events. It's been great to see people in the downtown, once again, enjoying cheering for the Jets. And I know that I ran into Kate Fenske the first whiteout party and she talked about the feedback she's been getting from downtown business owners, not just in the immediate area of the whiteout events, but even further out in the downtown who've just expressed, really, a positive response to so many people coming back downtown and coming into restaurants and lounges and bars to enjoy the game. And it's been really exciting to see that many people coming back to the core of our city. And so, as I said before, let's certainly hope that the…you know, we can…the whiteouts can continue, at least one more time. So, we'll all be cheering hard tonight. Thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Go Jets, go. We are down, but we're not out. 3 to 1, you know. We are playing on non-home ice advantage tonight at 9:00. But you know what? It is good to be an underdog, I've always said, right? And you know, if I could give unsolicited advice to the team, Madam…did I? I would say that play with your heart, not your head. Have fun. You know, I am very supportive of this report. I just want to put that on the record. And…but you know, come on. Like, you know, at the end of the day, the longest distance in the world from the head to the heart, right. I heard an interview by one of the players at the beginning of the season. We came out strong at the beginning of the season. One of…and one of the players said on the radio, you know what, we are having fun. We're playing…we're having fun. And that's really what it is. You know, if you're having fun and you don't have the pressure of, oh, the Stanley Cup. Have fun and play with your heart and we can win. We are going to the full seven. That is the plan. Anyway, all the best to the team tonight. Full support for this report. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And 9:00 tonight, it's a late game. We're going to be victorious. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Again, actually, the whiteout is great. The City does some in-kind service I believe for this or I believe some is getting paid. But here's another example of something that's really good, but then we don't get any immediate benefits as the Mayor put forth. And I would just point out that Florida made it three games to two last night against Boston. So, Winnipeg can do it against Vegas. All right.

Madam Speaker: Excuse me. Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Yes, Madam Speaker. I'm rising in support of this and obviously, in support of our hockey team here in Winnipeg. And you know, the immediate benefit argument, there is a lot of benefits that come with events like this. Councillor Rollins, her ward benefits greatly from this. The people of Winnipeg benefit greatly from this from being happy, from having an event to attend, from the businesses that are downtown that are profiting from this. This is exactly the types of things that we need to be doing in our downtown to draw folks back down there. You know, we can't think just short term, we have to think long-term. And re-invigorating the downtown by a whiteout street party or whatever other type of event is exactly what we need to be doing as a city. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Well said by all my colleagues and I look forward to you calling the question on this, please.

Madam Speaker: Calling the question on Item 14. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next is…yeah, motions under Executive Policy Committee. First motion under Executive Policy Committee, Motion 1: moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It's regarding trade route corridors. It's an automatic referral. Motion…Motion 9 is next: it is moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Santos. It's regarding the Governance Committee of Council to look at the Procedure By-law related to printing appendices. This will be an automatic referral to EPC as well. You would like to suspend rules to? Okay, you are calling notice, Councillor Allard. Mr. Clerk, does Councillor Allard have an opportunity to speak to that? We are just going to check on that. You're calling notice, Councillor Wyatt, on the motion that Councillor Allard moved?

Councillor Wyatt: Point of order. Notice…as a member of Council can call notice, the motion that comes forward to the next Council meeting. It's not a vote.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk? Okay. We just want to check on that. Currently, it's a referral to the executive…we're going to take a five-minute recess if we could and we're just going to…I just want to look this up. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
April 27, 2023, at 11:32 a.m.

Madam Speaker: Good morning. I'm reconvening the Council meeting of April 27th, 2023 after a short recess. We had Motion 9 circulated. It's an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. And Councillor Wyatt had called notice on the motion. And that is not in order according to Section 17(1) of the Procedure By-law. A motion must be titled as notice of motion. So, that's not in order. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Point of order, Madam Speaker. We have numerous precedents. I can start digging them up, where this has been called in the past. Our legal system and our procedures are based on precedence. And Councillor Angus, Councillor Swandel, it's been commonly done.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. That is not my interpretation of this section. And Councillor Santos, you would like to rescind the original motion?

Councillor Santos: If we can have an automatic referral to Governance Committee.

Madam Speaker: Okay, so you're not rescinding it? Thank you. So, it stands as an automatic referral. Okay, and again, to restate, for calling notice on a motion, it should be properly titled as such. Thank you. Let's move on.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, a request can be made to suspend the rules.

Madam Speaker: And that is not what occurred, but yes, thank you. Okay, next we'll get into by-laws under this committee.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS on March 15, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the notes of page 55 of the Supplement to the 2023 Preliminary Budget (Trade Route Corridors – Planning and Design) be deleted and replaced with the following:

> *"Class Estimate: Not applicable, as this is a program.*
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> *Funds will support the development of post-preliminary design work for priority major capital transportation infrastructure projects to address priority transportation network improvements. The post-preliminary design work for the proposed widening of Route 90 from Ness Avenue to Taylor Avenue (including both spans of the St. James Bridge); and the proposed extension of the Chief Peguis Trail from Main Street to Brookside Boulevard will include an independent economic analysis and value for money assessments prior to evaluating alternative project delivery methods, which may include traditional design/bid/build, design/build, public private partnership, and/ or construction management delivery methods.*
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> *Work will not commence until an economic analysis and value for money assessment is completed, and a class 3 estimate is obtained.*
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> *Project selection will be determined through the investment prioritization process in keeping with asset management best practices."*

AND WHEREAS on March 21, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council that the first paragraph on the capital project page (page 55 of the Supplement to the 2023 Preliminary Budget) for Trade Route Corridors – Planning and Design be replaced with the following:

> *"Funds will support the development of post-preliminary design work for priority major capital transportation infrastructure projects to address priority transportation network improvements. The post-preliminary design work must include an independent value for money assessment for evaluating business case and alternative project delivery methods which may include traditional design/bid/build, public private partnership, and/or construction management delivery methods."*

AND WHEREAS the revised wording recommended by the Executive Policy Committee does not include the original request for an independent economic analysis;

AND WHEREAS on March 22, 2023, Council adopted the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. *That Council amend its decision of March 22, 2023 with respect to Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 21, 2023 by deleting Recommendation 2.L.ii. in its entirety and replacing it with the following:*

   "2.L.ii. That the first paragraph on the capital project page (page 55 of the Supplement to the 2023 Preliminary Budget) for Trade Route Corridors – Planning and Design be deleted and replaced with the following:

   "Funds will support the development of post-preliminary design work for priority major capital transportation infrastructure projects to address priority transportation network improvements. The post-preliminary design work for the proposed widening of Route 90 from Ness Avenue to Taylor Avenue (including both spans of the St. James Bridge); and the proposed extension of the Chief Peguis Trail from Main Street to Brookside Boulevard will include an independent economic analysis and value for money assessments prior to evaluating alternative project delivery methods, which may include traditional design/bid/build, design/build, public private partnership, and/ or construction management delivery methods."

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

Motion No. 9
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

WHEREAS the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 requires for documents to be printed at Council;

WHEREAS there are cases where reports that are printed as appendices result in printing large amounts of documents that could be provided by other means to Members of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service, through the Governance Committee of Council, recommend amendments to the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, that do not include the printing of appendices to motions tabled at Council meetings.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would move that the following by-laws be read a second time: By-law 78/2022, By-law 19/2023, By-law 46/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 78/2022, By-law No. 19/2023, and By-law No. 46/2023.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, next section.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-laws No. 78/2022, 19/2023, and 46/2023 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. Mr. Mayor, next section.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-law No. 47/2023 to be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 47/2023

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I read…I move that By-law No. 47/2023 be read a second time.

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

Clerk: By-law No. 47/2023

Mayor Gillingham: And I move the rule be suspended and By-law No. 47/2023 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. Councillor Wyatt, Councillor Eadie, and Councillor Allard.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise on April 13, it was published in the Glove and Mail that the Royal Bank of Canada was the biggest fossil fuel funder in the world in 2022 at 42 billion US. The Royal Bank of Canada as the biggest financier, this is on top of previous years from 2016 to 2021, it was placed at the fifth largest fuel…fossil fuel funding. But in 2022 that number grew to 42 billion whereby the Royal Bank of Canada is now the leading bank in the world investing in fossil fuels. Royal Bank of Canada is our (inaudible) lender in terms of our debt. I think this is a bad…we need to send a message to the Royal Bank. I can tell you that there's groups and organizations across the world who have been lobbying on this matter. Greenpeace Canada Senior Energy Strategist, Keith Stewart, in a statement said becoming the world largest fossil fuel funder (inaudible) banker, they can't be trusted to do the right thing on climate change. So, they need to be regulated. On top of that Dave McKay, the CEO of Royal Bank, at their last shareholders annual meeting emphasized importance of energy security and orally transition. However, their talk is not being followed up with actual actions. Is it possible that the Mayor could take this matter under advisement and discuss the matter with our CFO and maybe look at potential options of moving our debt in the event the Royal Bank does not change their lending habits in light of what is happening in the world with climate change.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for the question. And as his request, I will take the matter under advisement.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I had an opportunity to bring Councillor Wyatt from Transcona to the best Moroccan bakery for chicken shawarma in the city, Madam Speaker. But essentially, we got there and my friend, the owner, well he is a resident of the ward as well as a business owner in the ward. And it was to migrate

disappointment that he started an application to...he's got a special oven that will produce the best pita in Winnipeg. Our city isn't too familiar. Anyway, 2017, he applied, put in for permits and everything, trying to follow the rules, and yet today Madam Speaker, today, what is that, five going on six years, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie, the question.

Councillor Eadie: Yeah, no ID to brace it because in order to get the right question, so it's been five years. It's been trouble and Madam Speaker, I know that the Mayor has had a discussion with the owner of Baroque bakery about it. But still today, we have a problem. And in our…we keep talking about saying yes. I am worried that businesses are going to leave my ward when we want them there. And so, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if the Mayor who had discussions with him, has he had any discussions with zoning and permits about helping to move this restaurant…just production facility of pitas along. He is still waiting for inspector's final decisions yet.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you very much Councillor, through you Madam Speaker to Councillor Eadie for the question. I have not spoken…my…I've not spoken personally with anyone with the department. Perhaps what I would like to do is follow up with the councillor after this meeting to make sure that we can provide assistance where possible to the business owner in this case.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor. It has come to my attention that the words independent economic analysis were removed from the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommendation to Executive Policy Committee in the 2023 budget updates. This motion…I am wondering why those words were taken out, given that cost benefit analyzes are required typically for federal funding applications. In particular, the Federal funding application that is funded as currently available. So why were these words removed?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker**.** I wonder if the Councillor can provide the copy of a specific reference to the place in the budget he is speaking of. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Allard: Thank you Madam Speaker, through you to the Mayor, if the Mayor is looking for reference, the Mayor need not to look further than Motion 1.

Madam Speaker: Question, Councillor.

Councillor Allard: So if the Mayor might explain…why is independent economic analysis deleted from the 2023 budget updates?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I look forward to working with the councillor to look into this and get back to him.

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

Councillor Allard: Given we're talking about a billion dollars maybe $2.4 billion, would it not be wise to do a cost benefit analysis of these mega projects versus things like the road…versus things like the Transit Master Plan which we could fund for the same dollar amount?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayor. Pardon me. Mayor Gillingham.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you very much, Councillor. We're doing this to one another, Madam Speaker. Apologize. Yes**,** thank you, I will certainly look into this further with, you know…would like to speak with Councillor Allard on this and get back to him.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Isn't it standard procedure here at City hall to have cost benefit analyses for such major projects?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it is clear in our discussion in the budget that…and I campaigned on as well to do analysis on those two projects, the cost benefit. We did such analysis on the CentrePort servicing, servicing for CentrePort South to put water and sewer pipes in. And we were able to take that report to the Provincial and Federal Government to senior levels of government to show their return on their respective investment as well. What that did was that prompted study permission confer the Provincial Government to step forward and provide $49 million of the $60 million required for the first phase of the servicing to CentrePort South. The commitment is to do an analysis on the value of the widening of Kenaston Boulevard and extension of the Chief Peguis trail. Both two very critical trade routes that are important for Winnipeg's economy. We have to create the environment in this city that grows our economy so that people will move to our city, businesses that are here can be successful and expand within the City of Winnipeg and also to attract mobile capitals looking to invest from other parts of Canada and in fact, other parts of North America, even the world. We've got to be a place that is ready for businesses to invest. And when investors come and they build their buildings and they produce and manufacture products they have to get that product to the marketplace. And so to do that necessitates good trade routes, both air, rail and truck transportation routes as well. So the extension of Chief Peguis Trail and widening of Kenaston Boulevard I believe are very important trade routes for the success of Winnipeg's economy in the future and for growing our city and attracting business and investors to our city, so we're going to do the analysis on that that was voted on within the budget. I might say that, you know, I have heard a lot from the Councillor in St. Boniface regarding the idea of mode shift and the need to support mode shift. I would point out, Madam Speaker, that the budget we voted on and the Councillor from St. Boniface voted against the budget. It has $102 million dollars for Winnipeg Transit. It's an increase in our investment in Transit to get more people off of…out of the cars and into buses. But the Councillor voted against that. It's an increase of $3 million dollars in active transportation over and above what was budgeted to get more people out of cars and onto bike paths and onto walking paths. But the Councillor from St. Boniface who promotes mode shift voted against the budget that invests in mode shift. And so, I just want to point that out as well, Madam Speaker. I will continue to support both.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the Mayor's comments in terms of maintaining Winnipeg as a transportation hub which we've built over generations without going into the same debt that looks like we might be doing in terms of continuing this. I understood that the Mayor talked about providing information data to the Provincial government. Wasn't quite sure what that meant. Is his Worship saying that we did provide a cost benefit analysis regarding Kenaston to the provincial Government?

Madam Speaker: Than you. Mayor Gillingham.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. No, I was saying that we have conducted a cost benefit analysis or return on benefit analysis on the servicing of the CentrePort South. That is a pubic document. Councillor Schreyer during the last term of Council would have seen that document as it came before Council. And that document, that information was provided to senior levels of Government.

Madame Speaker: Thank you**.** Any further questions? Seeing none. Final question. There's three questions allowed. He's on his second question and I see you. Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Having been aware of that. I was just asking about Kenaston Boulevard if we are we are going to be doing a cost benefit analysis on that which is standard procedure at least until now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Mayor Gillingham to answer.

Mayor Gillingham: That analysis will be done.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? And we'll go to second round if not. Councillor Allard, your second round.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, if the Mayor of Winnipeg states that this last budget was a mode shift budget then I would suggest that statement is highly erroneous. We have National funding available. Look at comparable cities. The city of Edmonton is spending per capita $3,695. The city of Calgary is spending $3,175 dollars. Winnipeg is spending a paltry $989 dollars per capita. Those are the funds that have been secured by other councils across the city. Every time we don't

apply for Transit fund and we apply for road project like we did in 2017, Route 90 under the national trades' corridor fund which was rejected by the Federal Government. Every time we apply for an ill informed and wrong-headed road widening project we are leaving these Transit dollars on the table.

Madam Speaker: The question, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Well, my question is does the Mayor really think that $989 dollars is a mode shift budget when he voted against mode shift in the Transportation Master Plan when the city of Edmonton is spending $3,695 per capita?

Madam Speaker: Thank you**.** Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, I voted for a budget this year that increases City of Winnipeg's investment in Transit from $97.6 million to $102 million just to get people back on the buses. I voted for a budget this year, Madam Speaker as per the commitment I made to do all we can to restore Transit Service to 100% service levels. I voted for the budget that makes those investments in Transit. I voted for a budget that increases our investment in active transportation pathways and routes. I voted for a budget that makes better investment than we made last year in all of those infrastructures and service delivery, that hopefully you know the goal is to get more people out of the vehicles and onto buses and onto active transportation routes to do that. I voted for it. The Councillor voted against that investment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt. I didn't see your hand, okay. second question.

Councillor Allard: Thank you. Is the Mayor aware that if we go forward with these road mega projects?

Madam Speaker: Right into the question.

Councillor Allard: Is the Mayor's support of 14-16% tax increases equivalent over 30 years if we approve these projects?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I invite Councillor Allard to share his math with me. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Final question, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Why did the Mayor vote against 50% mode shift target by 2030 which has been in our climate action plan?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would respond why did the Councillor from St. Boniface vote against the Transit budget this year.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Onto Councillor Wyatt. That was three questions for you. That was three. Thank you. Noted. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mr. Mayor, it's more kind of are you aware and if you are that, you know, as a city over last decade or so, I recall and remember well that we were a city that was stuck in the mud when it came to transit for a long time whereby our fleet was priced…had not been increased since Susan Thompson days. Previous council not only…we have increased fleet of transit. We've increased the hiring of transit drivers to accommodate that fleet. We…at previous councils not only did that, but also previous councils now I'm talking…your previous councils when I wasn't here last four years and beyond also invested $450 million in a rapid transit bus corridor, also invested in phase 1 of the rapid transit dedicated corridor $40 million. On top of that we've expanded the south garage. On top of that we're planning on building a brand-new north garage. Investments made in public transit have been significant. Are you aware of these major investments that we continue to make in public transit? And we are planning to make even further more as we go down the road?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Yes, Madam Speaker to the Councillor from Transcona, I am aware, and I want to thank him once again for raising these important investments and I want to reiterate what I said in my opening announcements when I had the opportunity to meet within the last couple of weeks with the Prime Minister. I raised this matter of our…our ICIP funded investments or capital projects which include the north garage for Transit which will further allow us as a city to

pursue investments in the Transit Master Plan and electrification vehicles of buses and providing the required necessary charging and garage to accommodate that electrification. So I am glad to stand on my record of moving forward and prioritizing investment in electrification and significant investment unprecedented investment in this city in transit.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Second question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: And to give point to the colleague, my colleague from St. Boniface, I believe we can do both. We have to do both. So in the sense, my question…my second question to the Mayor, Madam Speaker, is that we as a council have been making investments not just in transit, we've been making investments in roads, and that our practice policy do facto policy, the light has been one that we could walk and chew gum at the same time, that we can do both.

Madam Speaker: Question.

Councillor Wyatt: Does the Mayor support continuing with that practice that we can invest in both sectors?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I do support the Councillor's call to do both, and I am committed to doing both. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions…okay. No further questions from anyone? The standard practice is the two rounds and if there's third round, and then there's third round, then there would require to be a suspension of the rules. Yes. So, moving on to the next committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste and the Environment. Councillor Mayes on the report dated April 17th.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT DATED APRIL 17, 2023

Councillor Mayes: I'll introduce the report and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 to 4, inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Okay, pulled Item 2. Okay, I will call the question on 1, 3, and 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 2.

Item 2 – Cost and Schedule for Existing Underground Water and Sewer Capacity Study

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

Councillor Mayes: As the report indicates, there was problems getting going and getting a bidder, frankly, on the broad original idea of this study, which was to look at sewer capacity on a pretty granular level throughout the city. So, this is kind of a first step toward doing that. There are issues. I think you never heard them here 10 years ago, but now you hear them on any number of developments whether there be within the CSO area or not. Certainly, Councillor Wyatt is familiar with some of these issues. I will wait to hear what he has to say. But yeah, the study is, frankly, a big undertaking. So, this is kind of trying to bite off the first bit of it and get going on that.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report before us today. And just to add, you know, in the work that I had done previous to being back here on Council. It was an extremely…many of my clients, very frustrating dealing with this issue and just also knowing the knowledge that I had gained from being on Council that we have subdivisions, for example, on greenfield land versus infill that are able to move forward that we still as a city have a policy with the Water and Waste Department whereby we subsidize by paying for interceptor upgrades to the benefit…and when I say interceptor upgrades, well, that's the major sewer line that needs to be upgraded to the benefit of major developers, the big guys, if you want to call them that. And yet, the infill developers, they come forward with an application. I want to build six units into…on a right storey. I can only give you four. Meanwhile, it had already been approved by Council. And the report…it's not like Water and Waste didn't have a chance to weigh-in on the ACG, at the administrative coordinating group level, but they have a kind of a get out of jail clause, if you like, that says, we have a right to have a study down the road on this matter. You know, and then, they go to pull a permit, says no, you can't pull permit on six even though you've got Council approval. Council's supposed to be supreme. You have been over to Water and Waste. You can only pull four. And this is the challenge that we're having right now is that we want infill and yet, the CSO issue

is really impacting us. And on top of that, the policy that the Water and Waste Department has provided to the Province of Manitoba, okay, and I've received letters in writing advising the Province of Manitoba in terms of our license for our wastewater is that they will manage the wastewater impact by pushing down the infill. Quite literally, that's what they…you know, at the expense of infill and the Province, of course, says, well, if that is what you want, we will agree to it. This is something that we have to change, hopefully in this term. Councillor Mayes is correct, it's a matter that 10 years ago was not an issue. And now, it's become an issue. And I understand the challenge the Water and Waste Department is dealing with regards…with regards to concerns of, you know, overflow and basement sewer backup and those concerns. But you know, I recall a director not too many years ago said that, you know, based on our existing CSO program, it would take us 40 years to deal with the CSO challenges in the city. And so, I'm hoping that this study that's coming forward being done will try to address that and hopefully, you know, we will be able to bring some policy together to ensure that this is not going to be ongoing. And I know I have had an opportunity to speak with the Mayor's staff about this. And I know they are working hard on this matter as well and I want to thank them for that. And I would also say that, just in terms of the fact that we have not been able to receive any bids, there is no doubt that we as a city, you know, have been impacted with regards to…and I think it is part of…the reason is because we are a city with really no major urban centre near us. Therefore, we don't have a lot of competition in a lot of…in some of the construction sectors. What's really interesting is the Province of Manitoba has a venture capital fund to help set up companies. It would be something to look at to pursue, not only this area, but also in road construction to get more private sector…we know we have a lot of work to do. It's not a question of not enough work. But what we have a challenge with, is there's only about…and we ran into this on the Public Works Committee. There's only about five or six bidders when it comes to roadworks nowadays. And it's consolidated, actually, further. And this is a real concern. You know, when it comes to our…our ability to get fair market value for roadworks and sewer works from the private sector. And we…and not only that, you know, it's…we know what the construction inflation, Councillor Schreyer speaks about many times, and this is a concern as well with this industry. So, it's something…just, I make a note of that. Just maybe it's something to follow-up with the Province in terms of venture capital fund that exists. And I…and I have had an opportunity to speak with one of the members of the legislative assembly who has now recently been made a member of the cabinet, spoke about this issue. And he was the one who pointed out the venture capital fund. So, anyway, Madam Speaker. I thank you for this opportunity and I will be supporting this resolution today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie, will you move a motion that we can work…proceed past noon just to finish this item?

Councillor Eadie: Okay, I move to…

Madam Speaker: Proceed past the…

Councillor Eadie: Proceed past lunch in order to deal with all of the Water and Waste items.

Madam Speaker: Yes, this last item. Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Mayes to close on this item. You would like to speak to the item? Okay, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am extremely grateful that Councillor Wyatt explained his values, but he also gave us some important information that are facts. And in fact, let's face it, your values don't mean much when you can't apply them to reality. So, he mentioned a couple of things that are really important. He mentioned the fact that the Province has a venture capital fund for new businesses. He mentions the fact that we can't get enough competition and bids. So, we really have to understand this stuff. This is really important to us because we are responsible for the budget. And when you have lack of competition, when it applies…there is one thing when it comes to the lack of competition which causes inflation in the private sector. And then, because of that, people look to their governments to save them from what happens in the private sector. That is one thing to which governments may be more reactive. But when it comes to Public Service and what's our job under our Charter coming from a province which has constitutional powers under this…in this federation called Canada, we have got a job. We've got a…we have a public service to provide. And it's written and it's constitutional. And we've got a job to provide for our infrastructure, whether it be roads, whether it be bridges, power sources. And that also means our water and sewer capacity. That is our job as a public service. How we choose to do that, to some extent, is up to us. We have done it different ways in this city, in this country, over the generations. But the reality is, that is our responsibility and there's no way around it. They can't blame anybody else. However, you've got to admit a fact is a fact. When it comes to, especially in this era of private bidding, that we've got less competition. And there's no way around denying that, ignoring that. Why would we want to do a thing like that? We have to account to the taxpayer. So, thank you, Councillor Wyatt for making that observation. I can't understand why the budget is going up. Why we are going into debt and reducing services without understanding that. So, let's be very…more specific. We used to have more competition in the private sector when it comes to different kinds of infrastructure and construction. In fact, Councillor Wyatt talked about road construction. We used to have twice as many companies in this province. And it would be interesting to look at the evolution of these companies, how they started and then how there were more and

then how they ended up being less. It is part of human nature. I am not blaming the private sector. That's the nature of the private sector. But don't confuse that with the Public Service for which we are directly responsible. And it's written. And don't blame any construction company. That is our job. How we choose to do it is up to us. But it's written down, there's no way around it. That is our job, not some construction company's job until they get the contract. And whether they get the contract or not, it is our job. That's a fact. And we can't push this off by a contract. Well, it's just so that the nature of the private sector. Well, whatever. That is our job to account for why it costs so much. That's our job, not theirs. They took the contract. We gave it to them. All legal. But it was our job to decide how it is we were going to do that construction project, whether it be pipes in the ground or pavement on the street, concrete. Or wires across the sky from a power plant somewhere in Manitoba. Regardless of what level of government. So, we should understand the fact of what Councillor Wyatt said because there's no way in understanding what's going on without understanding that. So, we had…be a little more specific into the history of the construction industry, kind of a product of it. Not just me. But we had more, let's say, in the 1950s and 1960s. I won't go into how they…the evolution of that before that, but it is fascinating. Kind of the rough and tumble industry of creating a province, creating the prairies. It's fascinating. But we had twice as many and we had better competition. And everybody got paid. And all the construction companies did well. Check the history books, check the records, whatever. The construction industry did well with twice as much competition. And the prices in comparison to the taxpayer, well, it's kind of embarrassing to have to explain to the taxpayer today how much more we pay to the taxpayer. Not in terms what they do in the private construction sector, that's another…that's another story. But in terms of what we do here at city hall, what we do in government, on behalf of the taxpayers because we take their money, we charge them. So, heed Councillor Wyatt's remarks. There is less competition in the construction industry and we see the…we see the results. He's also mentioned the fact that it's…there is even less competition because it is natural in the private market for there to be buyouts. And that happens. Having said that, Madam Speaker, we can't ignore what he just said because it is part and parcel of why our costs are going up to a level relative to the income of the taxpayer to the extent that we have never seen before. None of us in this room, none of us ever watching today's Council meeting has ever seen the cost imposed on them…imposed, because it is tax money, it's imposed on them, for the cost of construction ever in their lifetime. Which way is it going? Which direction is it going? Where is the trend? That is our job, right? We've got strategic plans. We've got four-year budget cycles. So, what direction is it going? Is it leveling out? Madam Speaker, before COVID and supply chain blocks, Madam Speaker, it was going in one direction for years and decades. And that is the way it is going. And with less competition in the market. What does that mean to the taxpayer, Madam Speaker? And the ability for us to sustain our infrastructure in this city. It's for us to understand that. And it's for us to be able to…to be able to answer that question. To be able to account to the taxpayers for their taxes. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I just want to quickly say, I supported this. And it's really too bad. I hope the public doesn't misunderstand that this report is about trying to find out available sewer capacity so that the private sector can build more homes for Winnipeggers.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes to close.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thanks to Councillor Wyatt for raising some important issues. There are…there are six different strands to this, bear with me, please. We have limits on our sewage capacity in three senses: number one, a treatment issue at the North End plant. That's why we need to do the biosolids building and for that, we are moving forward on. Because if we don't do that by 2030, it's lights out, we don't have any more capacity for sewer be it factory, be it homes, be it other. So, treatment issue. But we are rolling, we're doing phase two. Second issue, the chambers' concern around St. Norbert and other areas. Miles outside the CSO district, but some developer comes and says, I can't build. I can't…they tell me there's no room left in the pipe. The staff say, yeah, some of these places were built for single family homes and we've intensified and there is no room left in the pipe. You're okay if you're on the west side of St. Anne's, you're not okay if you're on the east side of St. Anne's. All of these micro issues that we need to get some sort of map so we know where there's room left in the pipe. The third issue, a limit imposed by the CSO. Roughly 31% of the city still with combined sewers. 50 odd combined sewer districts. We are moving forward. Councillor Gillingham, as he then was, backed in the '22 budget, including 50% increase on our CSO program. An additional $16 million over four-years to get going in Armstrong, which is, of course, in Councillor Sharma's and Councillor Eadie's ward, as he has pointed out to me. So, we are moving forward, I think, in a historic way on CSO. All of these pressures together. The CSO issue, though, Councillor Wyatt was part of the Moore Street incident where had the developer of the little apartment building told, you can't have six units, only three. We know we said six before from the zoning…only three. Couple of doors down, somebody does a lot split is told, take down the house, yeah, you can have…you can have two houses each with a secondary sweet. Four more units, okay. Three more units. It seems irrational and we had a great discussion at committee about this trying to sort out the implications on the sewer system. For those with an affinity for weeping tile discussions, you can go back and watch the video of that meeting. But all of these tensions about how do we handle development in the CSO area? Exacerbated yet further by the fact that we have two public facing maps on CSO, which contrasted my house in on one map, the Jacobs map. My own house out on the yellow map. So, this was brought to our

attention by John Wintrup, former City staffer. He's right. So, we are moving to just have one map on what is the CSO district? So, all of that in play. Councillor Wyatt says…we had a director who said it would take 40 years. That's the accelerated phase one. That's…Councillor Wyatt missed my tour de force speech when we were discussing the staff proposal to finish by 2097 where I said I would vote to save my speech with Councillor Allard's infant son who would then be 80 whenever we finish this thing. I will be gone. Thank God. You have a young child we could hope would be there to see the finish of this thing. All of which was by way of getting the half a century taken off the goal. So, we do have a goal now of 2047. We've got to put the money in to get there and hopefully, our friends in the Provincial and Federal Government will help us get there on the CSO. It shouldn't take till 2097. It's not Chartres Cathedral. It's a sewer system. We should be able to build this thing by 2047. So, all of that. The other strands, again, well raised by Councillor Allard; what do we mean by the infill area? It is not simply CSO because when we passed the Infill Guidelines, it only pertains to the mature communities and the boundaries with CFO…CSO don't always align. So, you can be on Moore Street, as Councillor Wyatt pointed out, that's outside the infill area. Although, if you went across the street, you'd be in the Infill Guideline area. So, there are certainly some challenges. Additionally, you will see in the report, we have a 50% target for infill intensification in the intensification area. And that includes almost…that includes most of the city. If you were in Island Lakes, you are in the intensification area. If you are north of Ward in the brand-new Bonavista neighbourhood, you are in the intensification area. So, people understandably confuse the three things. So, the Infill Guidelines don't just cover the area where we want to get 50% infill. It's much broader than that. To Councillor Wyatt, when he was in the private sector, had a project that was infill, certainly, it was right next to the CSO district, it was outside the guidelines. So, lots going on here. Lots of different strands, but the real point of the study is, well, if we…if we are refusing development or changing mid-development to say, did we say you could have six, we meant you could have three, we need a study. We need to have some ability to say to people, there's room left on the west side of St. Anne's, not on east. There's room left on the south side of Beliveau, but not on the north. All of these micro-issues. So, hopefully, we can get that mapping going. I have said and said when I was at the legislature with Minister Klein, I've said probably I have referred to former Mayor Bowman as the greatest sewage mayor in the city's history. He does not seem to have embraced that title, perhaps. But I hope to stand here in four years or eight years and say, Councillor Gillingham, now Mayor Gillingham, is the greatest sewage mayor we've ever had because we have the opportunity here. We really could shave half a century off on the CSO where we really could finish off this $500 million, if not more, phase two building. So, hopefully, we will have the time to…the chance to sit here and debate that. But for today, yes, we need to get going on this study.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question, Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I don't believe members of Council should be taking pictures of other members of Council on the floor for social media purposes or any other purposes. And I just want to kindly raise that, not as a criticism of a colleague, but just a friendly reminder.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Noted. And I will have a question…conversation offline about that. Thank you. We will now take a recess and reconvene at 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
April 27, 2023, at 1:40 p.m.

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of April 27th, 2023. We are on the Standing Policy Committee of Water and Waste and the Environment motion section. Three motions. Motion No. 2: moved by Councillor Mayes, seconded by Councillor Rollins regarding a carbon tax…carbon tax. Next is Motion 3: moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Gilroy regarding the North End Sewage Treatment Plant. An automatic referral. Motion 6: moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded…seconded by Councillor Schreyer regarding methane…capturing methane. Next, we will have...it's an automatic referral, yes. Thank you. We'll have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Any questions for the Chair, for Councillor Mayes? Seeing none, next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Yes, Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

Councillor Chambers: I move that we skip over to the next…till councillor…

Madam Speaker: Yeah, Councillor Duncan, would…you are on the committee. Would you like to move it or Councillor Browaty, I think you rose. Councillor Browaty.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT
MOTIONS

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

WHEREAS the federal carbon tax encourages the retro-fitting of existing buildings in order to avoid increased tax payments arising out of the consumption of fossil fuels;

AND WHEREAS in his campaign platform, Mayor Gillingham committed to "…speed up deep energy-efficient retrofits of city buildings";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment at its September 8, 2023 meeting on the following:*

    A. *Provide a breakdown of projected carbon tax payments for the City of Winnipeg from 2023 – 2028 (inclusive), based on the projected increases in federal carbon tax rates.*

    B. *Identify the City of Winnipeg structures where retrofits could reduce carbon tax payment obligations in the most cost-efficient manner, including the following:*

        i. *Considerations for levels of services issues, asset renewal, and reliability.*

        ii. *A listing of up to 15 sites and/or $80 million in retrofit investments.*

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

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

WHEREAS in 2003 the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission report on Lake Winnipeg nutrients stated that is was "building on scientific knowledge"; AND WHEREAS both the 2003 report and the 2009 review of that report called for the City of Winnipeg to undertake nitrogen removal as part of its nutrient removal requirements, a requirement reflected in Provincial licence which remains in force;

AND WHEREAS in order to meet the requirements for nitrogen removal, the cost estimate for Phase 3 of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade was estimated at $828 million as of 2020;

AND WHEREAS building on more recent scientific knowledge than that cited in the 2003 report seriously questions the utility and cost-effectiveness of removing nitrogen;

AND WHEREAS the City and the Province recently announced a task force led by elected officials to expedite completion of work at the North End Sewage Treatment Plant;

AND WHEREAS information pertaining to nitrogen removal was published by IISD Experimental Lakes Area Inc. in a 2017 article titled "Biological Nitrogen Fixation Prevents the Response of a Eutrophic Lake to Reduced Loading of Nitrogen: Evidence from a 46-Year Whole-Lake Experiment" (attached as Appendix A);

AND WHEREAS in a letter dated April 26, 2023 (attached as Appendix B), the Lake Winnipeg Foundation has offered support for this initiative; Page 2 of 2

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. *That prior to funding commitments being made for Phase 3 of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade, Council request the Provincial Task Force to undertake the following:*

A. Amend the licence to require phosphorus compliance in Phase 3: and

B. Complete a review of current scientific knowledge to determine whether it is desirable to proceed with the nitrogen removal components for Phase 3 of the project

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 Schreyer,

WHEREAS scientists believe the amount of methane in the atmosphere is underestimated, so cutting methane emissions is seen as one of the quickest, cheapest ways to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions;

AND WHEREAS about 96% of Canada's methane emissions come from three key sectors, according the federal government's 2022 Methane Strategy report: oil and gas operations (38 per cent), agriculture (30 per cent) and landfills (28 per cent);

AND WHEREAS in November of 2022, Ottawa released a proposed methane framework, to meet Canada's commitment made under the Global Methane Pledge, which was launched at COP26, and participating countries pledged to reduced methane emissions by 30 per cent from 2020 levels, by 2030;

AND WHEREAS most of the operation/ownership of landfills in Canada are with the municipal level of government;

AND WHEREAS Ottawa is presently drafting regulations that may have an impact on municipalities, and that said methane emission regulations are expected to be released in 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Winnipeg move quickly to target each and every landfill inside the City of Winnipeg that continues to emit methane, by working the Province and with the Federal Government, to come up with a 'plan' to capture said methane, ending its release into the atmosphere.

2. That the Public Service be directed to report back to City Council by April 2024 with recommendations for the plan, including a detailed critical path, which will outline all the steps required to end landfill methane emissions by the year 2030;

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

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It would be my pleasure to introduce the report of Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated April 6th, 2023 and move as…yes, March 2nd and report No. 5 as consent.

Madam Speaker: Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED APRIL 6, 2023

Councillor Browaty: I would now like to introduce the April 6th report and move reports 1 through 14. Now, there's one that had to be 13…was going to be removed. So, 1 to 12 and 14.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie? Report 2. Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Report 6.

Madam Speaker: Report 6. Okay, and 13 was noted as just here for information. Okay, I'll call the question on Item 1, 3 through 5, 7 through 12, and 14. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Golf Repurposing Study

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

Councillor Browaty: We've had lots of golf repurposing studies over my time here on Council and this one here, again, is probably the least controversial one suggested or brought forward, but certainly, looking forward to hearing comments from my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie stood this down.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Of course, I will be supporting. Actually, we are receiving a report from a consultant. I just wanted to take an opportunity to rise and speak to this report that we were receiving. And first thing I wanted to note is that any of the ideas or suggestions that are in here are simply that. If any of these ideas are to move forward, I'm pretty sure there will be consideration by Council, hopefully, because I don't necessarily agree. Well, it all depends on how you do it, Madam Speaker. But I just wanted to highlight two things out of this report in that, you know, we have a consultant make a recommendation here. Of course, Kildonan…Kildonan Park Golf Course, the regional…I guess our busiest golf course. It talks about there is not a lot of, I guess, opportunity for switching up what kind of recreation green kind of things we want to do there. And it notes…and this is kind of a bit ironic because…and this is why we as a city, in looking at whatever golf course, whether it's Harbourview in Councillor Browaty's ward or Kildonan Golf Course in my ward, although, people who live in…up in the north, they utilize both sides. But I wanted to note that Councillor Eadie, they talk about extending winter service at the Kildonan Park Golf Course, Madam Speaker. It is kind of ironic because myself, I have utilized a lot of Land Dedication Reserve. The clubhouse at Kildonan Park is actually winterized. And I tried to make sure and the head of Golf Services at the time, Alan Shane, we wanted to make sure. He bought into it, but I had to find the funding and I did through LDR. And actually, Madam Speaker, you put into the accessible patio that was done there and to make the building more accessible. And it's winterized and it's already a winter facility. And the only thing that's missing there is they still…the cross-country skiing is tracked there, as well as in Kildonan Park. And they are connected because in the winter, they open up the gate between the two and you can ski trails from there to there. The only thing missing is, and Winnipeg…actually, Winnipeg Trails this winter, a private partner there, came in and they utilized that winterized clubhouse. So, one of the ideas that they are talking about in there, really, it's already happening. And the reason I did that because of past debates in my first term and stuff. But I said, well, we've got to, you know…anyway, because it is an important space and it is all connected to the Kildonan Park. And it's a good thing. The only thing missing is we don't have a permanent entity like at the Windsor Park Nordic Centre, which is the other one I wanted to speak about because, actually, in the winter, I ski there with Manitoba Blind Sport Association. And excellent facility there, Madam Speaker. But at Kildonan, we don't have somebody in there just operating and renting skis. So, and…so if there is nobody in there and there is nobody to take responsibility for the building being open, changing into your skis and having a place to leave your other boots or whatever while you go out and ski, those kind of things aren't there unless you have a...we want to make sure there's a private thing. But to the Windsor Park Nordic Centre, I heard pointed out to EPC, you know, like, re-purposing…it's not to say it's for development or whatever, but there has been a lot of money invested from the Windsor Park Nordic Association or whatever they call them…it's a bigger ski association. At one end we tried to get them over to Kildonan Park, but they…they're…they have enough to handle at Windsor Park, which is such a highly used facility. So, in proceeding and plans, I heard people's concerns. And…but I just wanted to make sure that the public is very clear that…and I hope…I think my colleagues agree, there has to be consultations with communities and people if you are going to change things up because, you know, I've heard people with their ideas about the St. Boniface Golf Course and the Windsor Park Golf Course, you know, and talk about having one…and changing things so you have a much nicer golf course. But again, if you change the agreements and investments for the wintertime, it is not just about golf on some of our golf courses. So, we have to keep that in mind, Madam Speaker. But extending cross-country ski trails from the Windsor Park clubhouse to…into the St. Boniface Golf Course, I don't know if they have any cross-country ski trails there or if they do that kind of thing. But you know, like, maybe you're expand…expanding possibilities and it is all purposed for whatever. But I just wanted to point that out. And actually, this report, Madam Speaker, we are receiving it as information. But it just shows that Council and the people have been listened to, Madam Speaker, because there is no discussion, it's very clear in this report, there's no discussion about privatizing it for some kind of development. We are talking about recreation and green. That is what they are for. So, I just wanted an opportunity to speak to it and just point out that some of the things that they are identifying, they're…it's already happening. Anyway, thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further speakers, oh, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thanks, Madam Speaker. Just more of a clerical matter on page 3. Under March 20th, 2023 Council decisions, the word 'd' is missing on…that these…the sale of these into the transformative, it says 'fun'. It should be 'fund'. I don't know if that was pointed out already or just FYI. And then, the other part of this, Madam Speaker, just to speak to the matter, I will be supporting the report. I think the intent of the previous council was a good one in terms of repurposing. I read here, 3% goal repurposing golf course. Lands may include, but are not limited to public green space, active transportation, reforestation, community gardens, residential development (with affordable housing), and recreational opportunities. I…you know, I think this is something I know the previous council attempted to deal with, for example, the Blumberg Golf Course. It required a two-thirds vote, which I understand did not succeed. But I don't think that means that we can't look at these things. I will note that since that vote took place, Manitoba Softball has walked away from their facility at Blumberg. They have a total of deferred maintenance on it, by the way, of $3.2 million, which means we now have an extra $3.2 million of infrastructure deficit that we never had before. And on that…on that facility that Softball Manitoba used to have. We've inherited it, even though it is not physically inside the city of Winnipeg. And so, I think we should look at still options. And I think there has to be (inaudible) clear from the intent of the previous council, probably many councillors who are still here today, a lot of councillors are still here today from the previous council that there has to be reinvestment into open space, green space, recreation, you know, reforestation and so on. And I think, you know, that…those opportunities still may exist to offset any repurposing of golf course lands. It is something that I think is worthwhile. I am a strong believer in green space. You know, in my first term working with Council and the mayor of the day, we added, you know, 160-acres to the city's…by creating a brand-new regional park called Buehler Recreation Park, which I don't talk about enough. But it did a tremendous job in terms of, you know, they are hosting the fire…Police and Fire Summer Games. And they have hosted national indigenous playoff games for softball bringing, literally, thousands of people to the city of Winnipeg. So, there is…there…you can do things and I think we've had challenges in the past dealing with the golf course. It once was an SAO, special operating agency. It was deemed by previous council to remove that special operating agency, which means that we don't track its losses like we once did or its revenues. Kildonan Golf Course is the only golf course, I think, in the city that actually breaks even or makes money and the rest we subsidize. Now, recreation is something we do subsidize. And there could be an argument made for that. But I would also say that there is a prolific amount of golf courses across the city. It's not like we have a shortage of this recreational facility. And the affordability in Canada, and especially here in Manitoba, is very…even through the private sector golf courses, it's affordable versus other countries in the world. So, I would suggest that we still…we receive this as information, but I think the intent of the original decision by Council still stands and I hope we can still keep working on that goal. And I know I have had a chance to speak to the Mayor about this and the Mayor spoke to me about it. And I welcome any initiatives in that regard. And if I can help in any way as well, more than happy to do so. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you, collectively, to my colleagues here. At one point in the last term, I started making a list of things. Seven items that can still salvage the term. I was not feeling terribly optimistic when I made the list. But one of them was getting this golf study so that it didn't threaten some of the greenspace we have and it doesn't. So, thanks to Councillor Orlikow who isn't here but who did put a lot of work in on this. When it was headed in one direction and then, frankly, we changed directions and got this rather sweeping report that produced a lot of options. And I guess each councillor is going to have to look at the options in their particular areas and see if they really want to do anything. But it…Councillor Wyatt's accurately recounted some of the challenges that have come up around the golf courses over the last 10 or 12 years. And he is right that Kildonan makes money. It's a City operated course. The other three City operated courses generally don't. Windsor might, Crescent Drive is doing well because of the co-use, the new facility there. Harborview, always a problem. But you know, a lot of these, the way we used to account for them, they were saddled with all sorts of debt. I remember saying Harborview couldn't make money if everyone worked for free. Literally, if everyone worked for free, you still couldn't make money. So, we kind of got rid of some of that accounting fog and it's more straightforward now. We…that isn't to say the other courses we lose money on them. At something like Canoe Club, we lease out the land, we get a guaranteed payment and the operator has to do the maintenance, has to maintain the course. It seems to be doing better than it was 10 years ago in terms of maintenance. So, one thing I've learned, and I have spent a lot of time in this file over the years, they tend to all have their own unique characteristics. Councillor Rollins has been quite a defender of the golf courses, as a golfer. And Wildwood has all these flood plain issues. You don't get that at some of the other ones. Canoe Club, also, all these riverbank issues. I remember saying to somebody, I'm not your enemy, the Red River is your enemy, it's…you know, if it eating away at the course. But we're going to have to, I think, look at these one by one. And there may be some options to, you know, shorten some of them to get more soccer use or other options. Councillor Eadie is right about the Kildonan and winter use. He's certainly right about Windsor Park's very well used in the winter by Cross-Country Ski Association. So, in short, thank you to my colleagues for supporting this. I hope we all do. And particularly, Councillor Gilroy, once to have been said…and then there was a great push to, oh, we…you know, somehow this argument of, it's better for greenspace if we destroy the greenspace because then we won't be building out. This sort of cryptic argument that was being made about this was somehow more environmentally responsible. And Councillor Gilroy got up and said, I don't have any golf courses in my ward. It would be easy for me to go along with this. But no one elected me to destroy greenspace in my ward or across the city. So, I'm not supporting this.

Which I always admired. So, my ward, I think, is particularly affected by plans to develop. And so, I think this is a good approach to say there may be some options to try and get some more use, be it lawn bowling, be it soccer, whatever, but we are not, certainly, looking at sweeping privatization of the operations nor are we looking at repurposing into housing complexes. So, I suspect we'll continue to have discussions about some of these courses individually, but for today, thank you to my colleagues for taking, I think, a newer and more pro greenspace approach on the golf courses.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Thank you, Councillor Browaty for stepping in to introduce the item. Back to you, Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. And thanks to my colleague, Councillor Browaty for pitch hitting. And thanks for the debate on, I think, one that will be, you know, one of my favourite reports that we've received on Council. It isn't what it says it is, a Golf repurposing report, as many of the speakers, Madam Speaker, have illustrated. The themes that, you know, we receive it as information today and many people they feel that that signals inaction on Council opposite a report. And I will say some quick actions that I have already taken, commitments, Madam Speaker, that I, you know, made to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development when folks came forward. And that includes talking with colleagues and Treaty One on the Indigenous heritage commemoration and plates, keeping up, got meetings underway. Meeting and following up on alternative recreation opportunities and my council colleague Mayes wants to pursue lawn bowling. I have a meeting booked with, you know, the Nordic skiers, Madam Speaker, that we are really proud of. From Thunder Bay to Calgary, this is the hotbed of Nordic skiing in Winnipeg. Expanding operating seasons to include broader recreation activities, I've booked a meeting. You know, reduction of 18 holes to nine holes to accommodate some more trees. I booked a meeting already on…for Wildwood and much, much more. I want to work with Councillor Browaty to do some place making at the golf course, North Kildonan Golf Course. So, there is a lot to do of this report. I am committed to doing a lot of it. I want to thank folks that came to talk about it. It was a new day. We have advanced the file in adapting golf courses and greenspace and changing our mindsets. But the other thing that is, you know, really weighing on me because at lunch we talked about some very significant losses that we'd experienced on our campaigns, Madam Speaker. And one of the losses that I experienced is my friend Ron Mazur. And he opposite this Council's actions, started a group called Ours Winnipeg and Crescent Park Rescue. And Ours Winnipeg was really a Sam Katz era feature, a response with community mobilization to ensure that greenspace and ecological relationships on our golf courses were understood and preserved. And so, it's with a bit of heavy heart knowing how much he'd love this report, Madam Speaker, that, you know, I will sit down and vote for it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins. And with that, I'll call the question on Item 2. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk, next item.

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: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, our chair, to introduce the item.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, this was an extension of time and it was sent back last Council meeting to the Standing Policy Committee of Property and Development. And at the time, I said it was an extension of time, they're asking for an extension of time, the Public Service concurs. There's an extension of time. We sent it back to the standing policy committee and I want to say, Madam Speaker, when you send something back to a standing policy committee, I think it is really important that you talk about some of the policy reasons you want to…what you want to see more different done. And in that case, I will sit down and wait, you know, for those policy reasons to emerge. But I…there were none brought forward to the standing policy committee. So, I do think it's important to move it forward today. Like I said, no policy reasons pertaining to this that we would hold up the extension of time. So, I will introduce it that way, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I would like to rise and Councillor Rollins is correct. I should have let her know why I stood it down. But the reality is, it is an opportunity. The biggest concern I had, Madam Speaker, and I'll just say for the record. And I know, frankly, I think I did go to the committee, because frankly, it's an extension of time on an existing development agreement. The idea of re-opening the development agreement is probably impractical unless the applicant works with us to do so. I did reach out to the applicant's consultant to talk to him about it. They weren't exactly open to the idea, which is another reason why I didn't (inaudible) to committee. But I will say for the record, that just to note, you know, the concern that I have has to do with…and this is not my ward, but we should be looking at this from the whole city. This is Councillor Allard's ward. That I am aware of the fact that Council adopted a Transit Master Plan in the last term that moved us in a different direction than what we were going before in terms of acquiring transit right of ways. Previously, the Emerson subdivision line, the CPR Emerson subdivision line, which runs on the boundary of this subdivision on the west side was earmarked for a potential rapid transit corridor. The concern I have, I guess is, you know, we were once moving in that

direction, we made a different decision now. However, there is always the potential to move back in that other direction with densities in the city growing, with transportation needs, a need for modal shift, especially if we do a study now and we're looking at putting a direct corridor down St. Mary's and it's…the cost of land acquisition in the area is astronomical or the impact on traffic isn't big, we may be back to the drawing boards. But this right of way, I did speak to Councillor Mayes about this, as well. And I guess because of his interest in LRT in that area. And you know…and so, it's typically through an application, as members of Council are aware, it's through an application that we can…under the powers that we have, that we can take right-of-way without compensation. It's unique to Canada, it does not exist in the United States. And so, we…with this, have not taken right of…we did take right-of-way for the Marion Street widening to the north, but we didn't take any right-of-way in terms of that Emerson subdivision. But by the way, in the conversations that I have had with the railways over the years, these…and I was interested to note the Premier's comments recently in the paper about railway…public comments about what railway relocation that the railways have indicated, informally at least, when I've had conversation with them, and I believe other members of previous councils, that it is the secondary lines like the Emerson subdivision that could be more easily moved out of the city. That also goes for the Letellier CN line could be more easily moved out of the city because of the fact that they are secondary, they are not the main. And this is an opportunity potentially lost. But having said that, having conversation with the developers' consultant, it may not be lost because of the fac that they were required to place a berm because of the guidelines, that CN guidelines, of railway setbacks. There's a large strip along there that they cannot be…use or to develop on. So, it may still give us an opportunity to acquire that land, though, probably at a price. I would add, also, that when we did the Rapid Transit Taskforce and it was issued to Council in 2005, Dr. Barry Prentice was a representative on the advisory board. We worked…the advisory board and the committee actually worked together. Councillor Gerbasi, Councillor Pagtakhan and myself, we brought the advisory board in. We had members from academia, labour and business. And Dr. Barry Prentice, the head of Manitoba Transportation Institute at the time, was constantly emphasizing, which was reflected in the report, constantly emphasizing the importance of securing right of ways at all times. Even if you don't know if you are going to use it or not, if you can secure the right-of-way, get a right-of-way because that is going to be half the battle going forward especially as the city grows. And we couldn't have envisioned the growth in the city in terms of population increase that was about to occur prior…you know, after 2005. But I think he has been proven right in that regard. And so, I took that to heart hearing him literally almost at every meeting speaking to that. And that is why I just want to raise this. It's not a criticism. It's rather just to flag it for the future. And to say that we should be cognizant of the fact, yes, we have a Transit Master Plan. Yes, the Transit Master Plan does not include this. However, we should recognize that previous plans did, more than one, include this as a potential corridor. And it is something that we may need to look at in the future. What's also interesting here is with the development, as you can see, RMF-L, RMF-M, right up against the transportation corridor. I had previously moved to create a transit development authority whereby lands where we would also acquire lands along right of ways that we could actually then do JVs with private sector partners to help pay for rapid transit along key…at the key nodes along the rapid transit corridor. And I think it was Mayor Bowman, if that didn't proceed, but that was a motion that was for the record been filed at this council. So, and the director of the time I worked with Transit, I think it was Dave Wardrop, was very positive and thought it was a great idea. But anyway, it didn't go forward. But doesn't mean…it's just a question of timing, whether it's the right idea at the right time or wrong time. So, those are my comments. I'll be supporting the clause. And I just want to thank Councillor Rollins for the opportunity to make a clarification on this file. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins to close.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, you know, really appreciate the thoughtfulness of Councillor Wyatt and, really, the historical knowledge that he can bring to the table on transportation plan reviews, you know, both Public Works, Transit and more and the corridors needed, that protectiveness I think we can all appreciate. Absolutely, southeast corridor was not intended to be located on Emerson at the time that this was applied for. And absolutely, you know, we…you know, we are moving on here with votes that took place last term. And you know, I would like to move on here, Madam Speaker, on the main item.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Call the question on Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move in to by-laws or pardon me, motions. Motion 4: moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Gilroy regarding net zero…net zero ready building code. It's an automatic referral to the standing committee. Motion 5: moved by Councillor Allard, seconder is Councillor Eadie, regarding accessible dwelling standard. Automatic referral to the standing committee. And now by-laws, Madam Chair.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
MOTIONS

Motion No. 4
Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS residents of Winnipeg who are homeowners and/or tenants are almost always responsible for the cost of heating, cooling, providing electricity and sewer to their homes;

AND WHEREAS these costs will be reduced when the new building code is enacted in 2023;

AND WHEREAS the opportunity is greater now not only to adopt the code in 2023, but to endorse the highest tier as the minimum requirement by 2025 because the sooner more efficient buildings are built the sooner homeowners and tenants will see lower utility costs;

AND WHEREAS the highest tier of code by 2025 will result in further savings for residents of Winnipeg who are either homeowners or tenants;

AND WHEREAS builders have the opportunity to market homes with the added benefit of the reduced cost of maintenance over time which will be net savings of money over the life of a new building.

AND WHEREAS The net zero by 2050 target has been included and approved by Council in the OurWinnipeg 2045 Development Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council endorsed the City of Winnipeg Investment Roadmap and that this opportunity is identified. p. 54 55;

AND WHEREAS the Net Zero Ready Building Code will be released in early 2023 and the City can lobby the Province to not only adopt the code in 2023, but to endorse the highest tier as the minimum requirement by 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City call upon the Province of Manitoba to enact Net Zero Ready Building Code immediately, and to endorse the highest tier as the minimum requirement by 2025.

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

WHEREAS Accessibility Standards Canada building standards offer a standard which is another step towards contributing to a more inclusive and barrier-free Canada;

AND WHEREAS These standards will align with funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and their Sustainable Affordable Housing Program funded by the Green Municipal Fund;

AND WHEREAS These standards will meet or exceed provincial expectations; AND WHEREAS standards for accessible dwellings CSA-B652 are a published document originating from the Government of Canada Accessibility Standards Canada website, attached as Appendix A;

AND WHEREAS Barrier Free Manitoba, has provided a letter of support, attached as Appendix B;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to prioritize permits that meet the Accessible Dwellings standard CSA-B652, by placing them ahead of other permits in the queue.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to move By-law No. 15/2023 and By-law No. 50/2023 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 15/2023 and By-law No. 50/2023.

Madam Speaker: Madam Chair.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I move that the following by-laws be read a second time: By-law No. 120/2022 and By-law No. 9/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Rollins: And Madam Speaker, I move that…sorry.

Clerk: By-law number...

Madam Speaker: We'll have the Clerk read it.

Clerk: By-law No. 120/2022 and By-law No. 9/2023.

Madam Speaker: Madam Chair.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I was late and now I'm trying to get ahead of myself. I move that By-law No. 120/2022 and 9/2023 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. Any questions for our chair, Councillor Rollins? Any questions? Next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Community Services. Councillor Browaty to introduce the reports in the absence of Councillor Orlikow.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED APRIL 13, 2023

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report of April 13th and move Items 1 to 5 as consent.

Madam Speaker: Items 1 through 5 as…have been moved as consent. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have motions. Motion 7: moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Duncan regarding district police stations. An automatic referral. Yes, no, this is marked as notice. Thank you. Notice of motion, so it will appear on the agenda of the next standing committee…next meeting of Council. Okay, following that, we have Motion 8: moved by Councillor Gilroy, seconded by Councillor Santos regarding debris from demolition sites. This is an automatic referral to the standing committee. Motion 12: moved by Councillor Rollins, seconded by Councillor Santos regarding the retiring of Danny Schur's jersey. This is an automatic referral to the standing committee. And now, we will get in to by-laws. By-laws, councillor…oh, none under this committee, actually. Councillor Browaty, question period. Any questions for Councillor Browaty? Any questions? Okay, seeing none. We are moving on to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works. Councillor Lukes on the report dated March 15th. Madam Chair, over to you.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
MOTIONS

Motion No. 7
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Duncan,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is currently suffering from an urban health crisis, including an unacceptable level of crime that is negatively affecting our neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS on July 23, 2003, Council adopted the "Four District Model" for restructuring the Winnipeg Police Service, being four geographic districts designated as East, West, North, and Central;

AND WHEREAS the Council motion adopted on July 23, 2003, provided that the restructuring of the Winnipeg Police Service to the Four District Model would result in a number of benefits, including improved public access to the police service, increased police visibility and public interaction, and cooperative partnerships with the community;

AND WHEREAS the North, West, and East District stations are currently "CLOSED", as stated on the City of Winnipeg website, at all hours;

AND WHEREAS public accessibility to front-line Winnipeg Police Service members is critical to building safer communities and an effective model of community policing, in accordance with the original intent of the Four District Model;

AND WHEREAS all City of Winnipeg services should prioritize "customer service" to residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Winnipeg Police Board to do the following:

1. *That the North District Station at 260 Hartford Avenue, West District Station at 2321 Grant Avenue, and East District Station at 1750 Dugald Road be reopened immediately to the public for 12 hours per day during the day shift, 7 days a week service.*

2. *That each of the Four District stations maintain 24-7 walk-in service hours for the public.*

3. *That each of the Four District stations install and maintain visible outdoor signage advertising that the Four District stations are available and accessible to the public on a 24-7 basis, and that all websites and city public information be changed accordingly.*

4. *That clearly marked areas for free Visitor Parking be provided for the newer District Stations.*

5. *That financial resources and security measures be provided to ensure that any operational changes to the Four District stations' hours does not negatively impact front-line members.*

6. *That the relevant by-laws or policies of the City of Winnipeg and Council be amended accordingly.*

7. *The Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Motion No. 8
Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

WHEREAS there are buildings in the City of Winnipeg that have been demolished and the debris has not been cleaned up within six months by the owner;

AND WHEREAS this has a devastating impact on the surrounding community with respect to cleanliness, health and safety;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of these sites located in inner-city neighbourhoods which is a hindrance to their revitalization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to clean debris from demolition sites and the cost of this work be added to the property owner's tax bill.

Motion No. 12
Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

AND WHEREAS Danny Schur is a beloved Winnipegger, filmmaker, playwright, composer and lyricist;

AND WHEREAS Schur recently passed away after a short battle with cancer;

AND WHEREAS Schur often played hockey at the Sam Southern Arena;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to facilitate the retiring of Schur's jersey at the Sam Southern Arena and that any associated costs be funded from the Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Councillors Ward Allowance.*

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

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MARCH 15, 2023

Councillor Lukes: Yeah, I'd like to move Items 1 and 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. The report of April 11th, noting there's an amending motion going with Item 8.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
DATED APRIL 11, 2023

Councillor Lukes: I would like to move Items 2 to 8, 2 through 8.

Madam Speaker: So, 1 has been…Councillor Wyatt? 1 has been stood down. 3. Okay, 1, 3, 7 and 8.Okay, I will call the question on 2. The question on Item 2, 4, 5. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Fire Trucks for Ukraine

Madam Speaker: Madam Chair, Councillor Lukes, to introduce the item.

Councillor Lukes: I will let my colleague speak to it first.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I rise just to thank the committee and to thank Executive Policy Committee for your support on this and in terms of this matter going forward. Appreciate it very much. And I know other members of Council and members of our community appreciate it. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: Sure, I'm going to rise, I'm not going to be supporting this motion. I know the committee did, but I'm not going to be supporting it. Absolutely, of course, my heart is with Ukraine, my heart is with any country that's at war. You know, I can think of Syria, I can think of Turkey, I can think of many others. I can think of the situations that our indigenous communities have up north that I think maybe they could have that option, too. So, it is difficult. We have a lot of countries in the world that have challenges. We've got challenges right here at home. And I'm kind of to the point that

Mr. Grant made, also, regarding the parts. It's something I didn't really think of at the time, but I will say, I'll mention that. So, the committee did support this, I didn't. And that's all. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Madam Chair. I will call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried with three in opposition. Okay, four. We'll have to have a recorded vote. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Chambers, Eadie, Mayes, Schreyer, Wyatt, and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Nays

His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Duncan, Gilroy, Lukes, Rollins, and Santos

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 7, Nays 8 with Councillor Orlikow absent.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 is lost. Next is Item 3.

Item 3 – Requests to Provincial Government Regarding Modified Mufflers

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Madam Chair to introduce the report.

Councillor Lukes: I will let my colleagues speak to it first.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of this motion that I had originally drafted and put through Riel Community Committee then up to Public Works Committee, then on to EPC and finally here. This is something that I think every one of us in this chamber has responded to with respect to, again, coming up as the weather turns and starts to get a little bit nicer, we are enjoying some outdoor time in our beautiful city of Winnipeg and wanting to have conversations with our neighbours and friends and family members who, from time to time, come to visit us in our homes. But there are those that feel that the modification of the mufflers on their motor vehicles contributed with their need to display how loud those mufflers can get, have been a source of nuisance here in the city. So, again, this motion is designed to address the excessive noise that is emanated from modified mufflers. And, of course, the Highway Traffic Act does speak to what excessive or modified mufflers are, as well as the Manitoba Public Insurance drivers' handbook that talks about modified mufflers and the excessive noise that is created as a result of their usage. Madam Speaker, you know, over the last two years, many of us have experienced, you know, with respect to COVID, the fact that we are spending more and more time in our back yards, at our places of residence and not going away on vacation, traveling as much as we did in the past. Hopefully that will change, but for those, and especially seniors, that are at home whether in their backyards or on their balcony, they want to have those conversations. They want to be able to enjoy the weather from May through to October and being outside and being outdoors and enjoying it. The quiet comfort of their…the space that they are occupying, whether it's a residential home or on a balcony in a condominium or apartment. So, for that reason, Madam Speaker, the motion was created. And again, it's that compliance and adherence with the Highway Traffic Act and with the Manitoba Public Insurance drivers' handbook. So, I also note that the city of Edmonton has made significant changes with respect to this issue that they are having. They introduced a fine process where the first notice is $1,000 fine, the second, $2,000 and so on and so forth. So, a progressive fine system that will deter individuals from excessively revving their engines and creating excessive noise through their modified mufflers. The city of Calgary is also looking at this. So, as mentioned, there are jurisdictions right across Canada that are struggling with the same issues, especially as people are trying to enjoy their spaces. The other part of it is that, you know, for some of these car groups, this has also impacted on driver's safety because it is not just a matter of revving their engines and making excessive noise through their mufflers. We recognize that it is a natural progression towards reckless driving behaviors. And again, not painting everybody with the same brush, but for those that are doing it for attention seeking purposes, creating these loud noise, it is also contributing to unsafe streets based on their driving habits. So, again, this is an important piece of…this motion is an important motion in addressing the noise issues as well as the driver safety issues that emanate from individuals who are, again, either driving erratically on our streets or creating loud noises on our streets. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Lukes: Thank you very much. Yes, I would like to thank Councillor Chambers for working on this motion. I'd like to thank the work Councillor Gilroy has also done on noise. I'll thank myself. I have been working on noise also for the city's motor vehicle noise policy and guideline, which is 35 years old. As cities densify with population, the World Health Organization, I like to always use this one, notes that noise is not only an environmental nuance but also a threat to public health. So, I think this is maybe the third or fourth letter we've sent to the Province. Noise is something very difficult to monitor in a moving vehicle. My wards…both wards I had are situated on the perimeter highway, as is Councillor Chambers' now. We've been dealing with noise infractions on the perimeter highway. Very difficult to monitor. So, I'd highly encourage the Province to raise the fines on any violations and modifications to mufflers. I mean, sometimes the pocketbook creates an action. So, thank you very much for the motion and it is on the floor.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Item 6, Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – Kildare Avenue Enhancement Program

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes to introduce this item.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker, I just want to rise to thank Councillor Lukes for supporting this at EPC. This came out of a horrific traffic accident that occurred a year ago where a citizen lost her life to a drunk driver coming through the…an intersection. Working with Public Works…I thank Public Works for working with me on this project to look at safety issues along the road. So, I want to thank the Standing Committee on Public Works and the Chairperson in regards to this effort that's underway now. Thank you.

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

Councillor Lukes: That's all, thank you.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next item, Mr. Clerk, Item 7.

Item 7 – Traffic Calmed Street Design

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

Councillor Lukes: I seconded it. I'll let the speaker or the motion person speak to it.

Madam Speaker: This was stood down by? Councillor Wyatt, Item 7. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Seeing as how it's pulled down, Madam Speaker, I thought I'd speak to it. I listened to the Public Works meeting and some discussion. Street design does have an effect on how people decide to drive and I am highly supportive of these kinds of initiatives. It's been hard…actually, at one point, like, narrowing an intersection on Hartford while they're doing street renewals. So, the money is already there. It wouldn't cost any extra money to narrow the street. But you know I jumped in about...well, trouble is, oh, construction is scheduled, it's going to happen. You try to throw it in and you think it might be easy to, like, narrow. Actually, this would involve a road that goes through both our wards, Madam Speaker, which I think is highly usable for cyclists and pedestrians. But on Hartford, to narrow…there's a crossing where schools…and doesn't meet criteria for like a crosswalk or anything like that, but you really need to calm the traffic because who knows? There is issues. To simply narrow it, actually, it would have been less concrete required to narrow the street as you come into that intersection so motor vehicles slowdown. Wouldn't have cost any more money. Wouldn't have made a big thing. I don't know how hard it is to redesign. When you are building the road, it is still the road. But the grass boulevard would have been wider at that point. You would have taken away maybe a parking spot on the street or whatever. But ultimately you are looking for safety, right? But I wanted to just say, it is not a panacea of design. Ultimately, you know, safe streets comes down to the people that are driving motor vehicles on them. And you have to follow the rules. There's this…on Scotia, to give you an example, there's this wonderful S turn at Matheson on Scotia. And I mean, it is a severe turn if any of you have driven it and I think many of you on Council have probably driven or cycled. You know, I remember a day, there was this hot mustang, Madam Speaker, decided they were going to be Parnellli Jones and were going to do that S turn at like probably 50 miles an hour, 60 miles an hour. Ran right into the tree because he couldn't make the…it's a pretty severe turn. That was driver attitude, right? Like, what is going on there? Guy was probably wasted. I don't know. But Madam Speaker, I think this is a really important report, motion. But we have to remember, if you don't have people that follow the conditions or follow the rules, we are still going to have problems. It is not going to be…I hear

this zero thing, right. Well, unless you can absolutely change the driver's experience and, actually, the pedestrian cyclists usage, because there is a proper way to utilize all facilities even whether you are just on a pure active transportation trail like the one along the southwest rapid transit corridor. You know, you could have cyclists wiping out pedestrians if they're not following proper cycling rules. And it does happen, Madam Speaker. It happened to me right out front here on Main Street with cyclists running over my cane, knocking me over or trying to knock me over. You know, like, not that they purposely did it. But again, if you are going to be using City facilities for transportation of any kind, until people start following the conditions, following the rules, you are not going to get perfection. So, I hope people don't think that's that. But we could design our streets in a better fashion to at least control to some degree most people's driving habits. Anyway, I am supporting the report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, Madam Speaker, thank you. I rise in support of this motion. I want to thank Councillor Eadie's comments. I think...I…my thinking has evolved over the years on this issue. I used to think most of the responsibility was with the driver, things to do with speeds, but what I've come to learn over time is that the engineering of the road has a very substantial impact on driver behaviour. And yes, drivers need to drive properly. Yes, we all need to be careful on the road. But I think the best solution…best solutions are the engineering ones, as are…as is being recommended in this…in this motion. One of the things that I learned speaking with Mr. Chris Sweryda who some around these halls may know, was that there is a certain percent of people that will follow the rules and a certain percentage of people that generally will drive to conditions. And like, I am one of those speed watchers. I look at how fast I am going based on the posted speeds probably in part because of my work here, I know what the rules are, I know what the consequences are for not following the rules. But I now know that most people don't govern themselves that way and they…if they engage on a road and they feel they can go a certain speed, that is probably the speed they're going to go at. And so, I know that there are some roads in Winnipeg, some residential roads where the posted limit is 50, but were you to go 50, you are probably driving dangerously. But as we can't have a police officer at every street corner as we can't have photo enforcement unit except on specified locations in the city of Winnipeg. We need to traffic calm the streets that need the reparations in their engineering so that people are not engaging in unsafe practices. And mostly the drivers, as Councillor Eadie is pointing out. So, I think this is a really important motion. And thank the movers for bringing it forward. I will be supporting it. And I think what is within our control is the engineering. And I want to also commend the Mayor for campaigning on fixing the engineering of streets before the streets themselves necessarily are renewed. Currently we have a Traffic Engineering Improvement Program that has a stated deficit of over $6 million. That's infrastructure required to make our streets safer. I would like to commend the Mayor and those who voted for the budget for the incremental $1.3 million in that budget towards road safety. The Traffic Engineering Improvement Program is now branded the Road Safety Program. But it's still six…it's still short $6 million. We still have millions of dollars unexplained, which is addressed by another motion on this agenda which I support. But I think the engineering is where it is at. So, thank you to the mover and those who are bringing this forward. I look forward to the report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I will be voting in support of this motion today. I just want to say, though, I don't necessarily appreciate all the language. It is talking basically about all streets are trying to be calmed now. The point of streets is to get you from A to B. That said, I do believe there are enough streets in our city that are too wide and the engineering is such that calming is appropriate. But again, I don't want to put it out there that every street has to be calmed. Every street needs to move people from A to B. I have, in fact, in my ward, you know, I had some streets redesigned to be calmed. Springfield Road used to be a 24-hour truck route prior to the Chief Peguis Trail extension opening. And the average speed was probably over 60-kilometers an hour. It was, we actually had a traffic study done. So, we changed the engineering. You know, some people are going, oh, it's hard to turn when somebody slows down to turn. But you know, that's the point. It is a local residential collector street now. 50 is the correct speed limit there. So, that has actually brought the speed of traffic down. So, there are cases where I do believe that engineering changes are warranted, but I don't necessarily love the language of this motion that seems to suggest that it is always an automatic thing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes back to you for close.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. This is a good motion. Thank you, Councillor Wyatt for bringing it forward. I supported it. It will…it will be a real exercise for the Public Service to look at how they would deliver their roads program if we choose to decide…if we choose to proceed with this. They're going to look at it. They understand what we are looking for. To Councillor Browaty's point, not every road will fit the category; some will, some won't. These are residential roads that we're looking at. Also, to Councillor Eadie's point and Councillor Allard's point, engineering is just one of five key components of road safety. We've got out road safety mini division that's starting up that I am more than excited about. And we'll have a better

understanding of all the different components. Engineering is just but one component. So, I look forward to those discussions and this group getting going. And this is a good motion, so thanks for making it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Question on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Lukes, on Item 8. Clerk will read out the item first.

Item 8 – Snow Clearing on Sidewalks

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, your opportunity to speak to the main item and your amending motion.

Motion No. 11
Moved by Councillor Lukes,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Recommendation 1. A. of Item 8 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated April 11, 2023 contains a technical error;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 1. A. of Item 8 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated April 11, 2023 be amended by deleting "72-hour" and replacing with "36-hour", to read as follows:

1.A. The net new cost to the City Operating and Capital Budgets if the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy were amended to require snow clearing on all sidewalks and active transportation paths within a 36-hour period after a Priority 1 snow event.

Councillor Lukes: Yeah, there was an amending motion that was a typo that came out for 72-hours. We had a motion come forward at the Public Works Committee that we supported. We really want to give people an understanding, if we were to do a 36-hour clean of all our active transportation network, what would be involved in it. The Public Service essentially has told us they mostly have it done. So, when we have our snow report come forward in June, this data or information will be in it, it will help people understand the intricacies of what would be involved to do a 36-hour plow of everything.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt, followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Lukes, Councillor Sharma, Councillor Chambers. We had a very good discussion at the standing committee. Thank EPC as well for their support. I think it is fair to say that since the pandemic, one of the…I guess side effects, positive side effects of the pandemic, more people today are out walking. They were limited on what they could do. You know, the phenomenon of the COVID pets you've heard about. Suddenly, you've got to walk a dog you never had before. It's led to more healthy activity in that regard. And of course, in the wintertime, the challenge is whether you're walking for pleasure and exercise or you're walking for commuting to get somewhere, the challenge has always been our sidewalks. We have seen it over and over again when folks have to walk on the street because the sidewalks yet are not plowed and active transportation paths are not plowed yet. And so, you know, there's no doubt in my mind that if we look at this, it would involve an increased level of service, there would be an increased cost to that. But I think that we have to weigh the benefits in terms of a society. I know that we often look at it from the point of view, well, we can get into our car and we can get somewhere because it can still get through so much snow. Pedestrians really don't…you know, they're not a 1,000 pound…you know, to be able to plow through, you've got to get through the snow. And as we know, our society is…somewhat, the demographics are shifting and changing with age. And I think it's something we can look at and maybe it's something that we look at in terms of phasing in as a level of service increase instead of just saying, okay, we're going to go jump right through to the entire system being 36-hours. You know, or we look at it in a phasing in, in terms of we want to work on AT first, sidewalks second or vice versa. It's something which would require more equipment, it would require more staff or…and/or working with the private sector. I know that is another debate I don't want to open up here today. But I just want to say that, we do here…and I have spoken to the Minister of Health about this in terms of the idea that this is something that's healthy for the citizens. And if we can move in this direction and as an urban centre. I would note that we do this already in the downtown. The downtown has this higher level of service. And we made a decision as a Council, you know, over 15 years ago to make that decision to get the sidewalk cleared. So, we do it in the downtown and yet, you know, connectivity, people being able to get around in their own community, we don't offer that service. So, there's a bit of a discrepancy there. And yet, less than, what, 5% of the population resides in the downtown. So, I just want to thank the committee again. And look forward to…this is working its way through the, as Councillor Lukes pointed out, through the review of the snow clearing and ice control policy, which is an annual review that occurs every year. And it's smart that we do review it in the summer when we maybe have some more sober minds versus in the middle of winter. So, thanks very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to Council and particularly the Chair and Executive Policy Committee, I'd like to thank the various committees for the direction to our Public Service to explore higher levels of service for sidewalks. As some of you may know, I have been asking prior…higher levels of service. I was disappointed that my idea of plowing to pavement pilot project was turned down at committee, but I was pleased to see direction from Council to look at higher levels of service for sidewalk snow clearing in the city of Winnipeg. And so, I want to commend everyone involved. And I think bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. And this is one of those cases where I think some will want to see higher levels of service and we can't achieve those in the budgeting process without having reports that correlate to those higher levels of service. So, I want to thank the committee, Executive Policy Committee and I hope Council for this direction to Public Service to look at how we would improve levels of service as opposed to simply waiting for the administrative report to materialize in June as my colleague Councillor Wyatt's pointed out. So, this is a step in the right direction. I will be supporting it. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: I'll try to be short. We've had this debate. I was listening in on the discussion on this report at the last Public Works meeting. And it was mentioned, I can't remember which councillor on the committee mentioned this, Madam Speaker, but the word of decoupling residential sidewalks from residential streets. And I would note something, Madam Speaker, I didn't realize the last time we updated our snow policy that we went from an accumulation of 10 centimeters on residential streets before a plow comes in. Then I…oh, it's 8 centimeters. Oh, geeze, 8 centimetres now, which is kind of an interesting thing, Madam Speaker, because, you know, I am sure going down to an accumulation of 8 would depend…depending on what winter is, you might discover a problem. Bu I would like to make this point, Madam Speaker. How much horsepower is there in a motor vehicle? And how much horsepower can a pedestrian…and think about it…well, some people are using electric wheelchairs. But ultimately what kind of horsepower? Like, what kind of power do you have to go through all that snow and accumulation? I don't know what is going to come here from here, but you know, I think a motor vehicle can handle an accumulation of 10 centimeters or a bit more. And you decouple the residential sidewalk plow and say it's 4 centimeters so that they are cleared a little more often. I think you would hear a lot less complaints. I am not saying go to the…right to the surface. I am saying…I'm saying, you get an accumulation of 4 centimeters, you run the sidewalk plows, but you up how often you are going to do the residential streets because, again, you know, if you don't put your winter tires or you don't have winter tires for your motor vehicle, I mean, you've got the power to go through that stuff. That is why you see people who use wheelchairs flying down the streets even when there's an accumulation of snow. What I have done, Madam Speaker, when the sidewalk is untenable, I walk down the ruts created by the cars going down the residential streets. I have done it many times. But I…you don't do that on a regional street, Madam Speaker. So, like, it would be great to see like a decoupling because the pedestrian, well, and cycling needs are somewhat different than the needs of a motor vehicle. So, I just thought I would make that point. I am supporting the report. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes to close on the amending motion and the item.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. So, what I'd like to say is, I think it is very clear that we all want to see an improved level of service to our sidewalk and active transportation network clearing. I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for bringing this motion forward and for the committee for supporting it to give us a bit of perspective. I think people are going to be really surprised when they see what it would take to do this and then find some sort of middle ground. I really appreciate the respectful approach that Councillor Wyatt used, the public respectful approach. It really was appreciated, I know by myself and the committee. I don't want to sound like a…you know, repeat myself all the time, but I will say that in my 20 years of working with active transportation, this council is I think the council more than any other council wants to move forward on improving snow and ice removal on our active transportation network. So, I am very optimistic we're going to get an exciting report back in June that we can consider in our four-year budget deliberation. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes. With that, I will call the question on amending Motion 11. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And the main item, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have Motion 10: moved by Councillor Allard, seconded by Councillor Gilroy. It's regarding traffic accidents. This will be an automatic referral to the standing committee. Councillor Lukes, on to by-laws.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS

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

AND WHEREAS road safety is a priority, and though the Winnipeg budget update 2023 increased capital funding the to the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program (TEIP), rebranding the program to the Road Safety Strategy, and investing $1.3 million dollars, there remains a more than $6,000,000 ($6 million) shortfall in the capital program;

AND WHEREAS independent research has provided innovative ways in which road safety could be improved at little to no cost;

AND WHEREAS according to independent research concludes there has been a steady increase per year on the number of pedestrian collisions resulting in fatal injuries;

AND WHEREAS From 2012 to 2020 about 42.3% of reported fatal and severe injuries combined involved pedestrians at the intersection crossing with right of way;

AND WHEREAS regretfully, about 34.1% of pedestrian actions were reported as unknown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. *That Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the following recommendations, outlined in the report attached as Appendix B, in order to improve road safety culture in Winnipeg:*

    A. *Assess the impact and curtail the practice of filing incomplete Traffic Accident Reports (TAR). Traffic Accident Reports (TAR) with "unknown" actions, fail to include driver, vehicle, roadway user's characteristics and related infrastructure issues. Consequently, incomplete Traffic Accident Reports (TAR) may contribute to the failure to understand what happened at the collision event. Establish a level of dialogue and cooperation with the local agencies responsible for collecting and organizing collision data leading to the establishment of performance measures to reduce the incidence of incomplete collision reports.*

    B. *Consider enhancing the Annual Collision Report. This recommendation is currently underway. However, this report suggests avoiding the practice of lumping pedestrian and bicycle collision data as reported in Figure 2.11 Total number of reported collisions by severity and road location. Page 4 of 25 The objective is to facility the evaluation of the severity level of collisions involving pedestrians in relation to the location (Intersection or Non-Intersection) where the collision occurred.*

    C. *Improve pedestrian safety and crossing behavior at crosswalk facilities Rigorous pedestrian and driver education is necessary to complement improved design for pedestrian crossing treatments. Safety performance of pedestrian behavior should also be evaluated when considering pedestrian accessibility to those facilities. Local road safety advocates have been raising awareness on the need to improve pedestrian safety at pedestrian crosswalks.*

    D. *Conduct Walkability Assessments (Audits) in proximity to identified collision locations with a high number of collisions and pedestrian injuries. As part of the public involvement and supported by community members and volunteers, conduct Walkability Assessments in proximity to identified collision locations, and provide suggested recommendations to improve perceived infrastructure deficiencies. The objective is to assure that the basic existing pedestrian and bicycle network infrastructure is completely safe, secure, and comfortable and that it allows caregivers and people of all ages and abilities to travel independently while supporting their mobility and access to their daily destinations, opportunities and services.*

    E. *Advance Equity and Pedestrian Safety Analysis in areas showing a high concentration of severe injury causing collisions involving pedestrians.*

    F. *Establish Safety Performance Measures and Annual Targets1 Manitoba is unique in that both the insurance company and the health system are government administered; in this regard making every effort to drastically reduce pedestrian fatalities and severe injuries; and tracking life-altering injuries in*

data collection reporting would provide a beneficial service to our community. Similar to those safety performance measures in place in other jurisdictions, this report recommends that the city in cooperation with the Province of Manitoba and Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) give serious consideration to the establishment of Safety Performance Measures to significantly reduce non-motorized traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The adoption of safety performance measures requires that safety targets be established annually for each of the safety performance measures. Targets are based on the number of non-motorized fatalities and number of non-motorized serious injuries combined; and each safety performance measure is based on a 5-year rolling average.

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

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Councillor Lukes: All right. Keep this organized here. Okay, I'd like to move that By-law No. 49/2023 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 49/2023.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that By-law No. 49/2023 be a read second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 49/2023.

Councillor Lukes: And I'd like to move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 49/2023 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. Any questions for our chair? Councillor Rollins.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, Winnipeggers, you know, with spring turns here, Winnipeggers get excited about their open streets. We just…just finished passing the by-law. So, I was hoping the chair could talk to us about open streets, the changes that the committee passed and what's in store for Winnipeggers who are asking their councillors when are open streets open.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: When are open streets open? Open streets are open very soon. May 1 to Thanksgiving is the enhanced summer bike routes speed limits. You will see that in the by-law. Yeah, this is…I mean this is very exciting. We have got 27 sections of roadway being converted into neighbourhood greenways. We've got five enhanced bike routes that will remain at 30 kilometer an hour speed limit which is exciting. We've got the Public Works Department out focusing on sweeping them and doing their pothole fillings so that we're going to have smooth rides. It is very exciting and I would encourage everyone. You know, I think a lot of us here are very passionate about the fact that when we enter into construction season, we have a lot of road closures and active transportation closures. And if you see that any of the active transpiration networks aren't properly signed, by all means direct it to Public Works or send the information to me because we want to make sure that we have ongoing accessibility through our busy construction season also. So spring is officially here.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for the chair? Seeing none. Let's move on. Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development. There's no report, no motions, no by-laws. Any questions for our chair? Next is the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Eadie, will you move, on my behalf, the March 9th, 2023 report?

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED MARCH 9, 2023**

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I'll move the March 9th, 2023 report Item 1.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We have the next report as well.

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED APRIL 14, 2023**

Councillor Eadie: I'll move the report of the Governance Committee of Council dated March 9, 2023 report No. 3 amendment to the courts…court allowance policy. I think that's…no, sorry. Sorry, report of the Governance Committee April 14th. Sorry.

Madam Speaker: April 14th, that's right. One item. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Councillor Mayes, will you move adjournment?

Councillor Mayes: So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 2:50 p.m.