

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Friday, September 29, 2023

The Council met at 9:39 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 Rollins.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. At this time, it's my pleasure to welcome our page for today's meeting. Joining us is Abigail Rojo from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate. She resides in the Daniel McIntyre Ward. Thank you for serving Council today. Before we move on, I would like to recognize our City Clerk, Mr. Carlos Gameiro, and our Deputy City Clerk, Mr. Andrew Poitras who were recently appointed to their new positions. This is the first Council meeting they are serving in their respective new roles. And on behalf of the Mayor and Council, I extend our congratulations to you and recognize your dedicated service over many, many years in the City Clerk's Department. The decision-making process...the decision-making process and systems within which we operate are very important to the citizens of Winnipeg and your leadership is greatly valued. Thank you and congratulations. And now, on to morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good morning to everyone. I want to thank, through you, Councillor Rollins for her opening comments and prayer. It is a great reminder of the meaning behind the Orange Shirt Day. And tomorrow is the third National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also called Orange Shirt Day. By wearing an orange shirt, we can make a statement to support reconciliation to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools and those who did not survive. And tomorrow I will be at a ceremony put on by the Assiniboia Residential School Legacy Group and also, at a healing walk and pow-wow with the Wa-say Healing Centre. And I know there are several other events going on, so I encourage all Winnipeggers to find a meaningful way to participate in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Next week, Tuesday, of course, is the provincial election. It's encouraging to see advanced voting is already taking place and the numbers have surpassed the total advanced votes cast in the last election. We all know that relationship between the City of Winnipeg and the Provincial Government is critical for us to achieve shared goals and I look forward to working together with whomever the next premier is and their government. Recently I shared a letter with the leaders of the three major parties outlining five priorities for our city: homelessness, a new deal for growth, an increase to the ICIP funding projects that we are committed to, matters of crime and safety and Transit funding to help us expedite the Transit Master Plan. And I encourage all eligible Winnipeggers to get out and vote on Tuesday. As we prepare to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our sister city relationship with Lviv, Ukraine, yesterday, on behalf of all of Council, I announced a \$15,000 contribution from my office budget that will be going to the Unbroken National Rehabilitation Centre. And that centre in Ukraine helps individuals who have been affected by war, offering comprehensive health and recovery programs. We want to show the people of Ukraine now more than ever that we stand with them in their defense of their nation and their pursuit of peace. Thank you so much to the Sister City Advisory Committee, co-chaired by Mr. Mike Ruta, no stranger to most of us here, and Mr. Denis Volkov and an outstanding committee doing great work. I look forward to reaffirming our sister city agreement in November, that will happen, so stay tuned. Recently, just the last Saturday, I had the opportunity to reaffirm the freedom of the city that has been granted years ago to HMCS Chippewa. And I need to read part of the affirmation, part of the proclamation because there's some great lines in it. Just one paragraph, "Therefore, I, Scott Gillingham, mayor of the city of Winnipeg, in this 100th year since the establishment of HMCS Chippewa, do by reaffirm and permit the officers and sailors of His Majesty's Canadian ship Chippewa to exercise their traditional right of the freedom of the city," here it is, "and to march through the city with bayonet sticks, drums beating and colours flying." They don't make them, the...you know, like they used to, do they? So, we granted that and they did, briefly marched along Main Street with bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying. But we do appreciate the work that our Canadian Forces does for our community and for our nation as well. It was an absolute...just two final comments, two final announcements; it was an absolute honour recently to present to Colonel Chris Hadfield Winnipeg's highest honour, the key to the city. All of us understand the remarkable, exemplary and unparalleled contributions that Colonel Hadfield has made to our nation

and, in fact, to our world. His exploits in space and in the International Space Station, his leadership across the country and, really, around the globe, truly distinguishes Colonel Hadfield from all others. And so, it was an honour to present to him the key to the city. Finally, congratulations to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet on an amazing opening night of the Canadian premier of Snow White. Last night, Marla and I, my wife were thrilled to be there and to experience it. I will be honest. I haven't been to a lot of ballets. I never thought that a ballet would have me literally on the edge of my seat just captivated and mesmerized, but we heard several comments last night from those who have been season ticket holders for years that said that may be the best performance that the Royal Winnipeg Ballet has ever put on. So, tickets are still available. And the show still goes on till October 1st. And so, I encourage all of my council colleagues, members of City staff and people of Winnipeg to get a ticket and enjoy the ballet. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next speaker, Councillor Dobson, your morning announcement.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Over the summer, Mayor Gillingham and myself were invited to participate in a Leaders at Sea event that was to take part on the ship HMCS Winnipeg in Esquimalt, BC. Unfortunately, duties within the city prevented the Mayor from going. However, as Council Liaison for the Military, I attended. There were 14 of us in this event from various universities, colleges from all across the country. The trip involved spending two full days at sea on board the HMCS Winnipeg. And while on board, we learned what it was like to be a sailor in Canada. We dressed in identical clothing of the sailors, we ate the same food and in the same mess, we put on fire protection gear, we observed man overboard drills. We watched as the crew deployed zodiacs in that drill. And we also watched a rescue at sea using a helicopter. Many of us sat at the helm and turned the ship. A very informative and fun time for all of us. I talked to many sailors on board the ship and it turns out many were proudly from Winnipeg. Go figure, it's HMS...HMCS Winnipeg and many were from Winnipeg. On the third day, we left the ship in the morning using zodiacs. That in itself was an adventure. We went to the other side of the harbour where our supply ship was located and on this part of the base, we observed many of the shore duties such as fire suppression training, bomb disposal, diving, et cetera. In conclusion, I can say that I am very proud to have the name Winnipeg on this ship. The crew were outstanding. They were efficient. They were professional and we Winnipeggers, we Canadians can be very proud of the job our navy is doing. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Dobson. Next is Councillor Rollins, followed by our final speaker, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Often times, there are moments as a councillor where you recognize you are just an office holder for a period of time. And a few months ago, when Roger Young, former councillor of Pembina-Riverview Ward called me, I...it was one of those times. Councillor Young served Winnipeg from October 25th, 1989 to 1992, Madam Speaker, in what was then call the Pembina-Riverview Ward. Mr. Young grew up in Winnipeg, went to high school in...at Gordon Bell High School. Spent his late teenage years as an army cadet with Princess Patricia Regiment until he married Berniece Orris in 1964. He worked as a...as the desk manager at the Fort Garry Hotel and then for Sears Corporation, which took him to the greater Los Angeles, California area in the 1960s. Despite leaving Gordon Bell in tenth grade, he graduated after his return to Winnipeg from the University of Manitoba...sorry, returned here and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science making the deans honour list. He spent his early career as a program supervisor with Opportunities for Youth, a federally funded government youth program, and received an award from the Government of Canada for creating a nationwide liability insurance program for opportunities for youth during his time as supervisor. All of this service led to a career, a brief career, as city councillor for the district. I enjoyed reading, too, that he started with the president of Roberts Child Care Association and that is how he was elected. I grieve with his family, but another important thing to mention about this councillor that served Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, was that, without him, Churchill Park might not have been possible. And so, Madam Speaker, as the current councillor for the area, we are going to be dedicating a park bench in Churchill Park for Mr. Young's service. He passed away on Father's Day. And on behalf of Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry and, indeed, if I may say, the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker, I want to thank him for his service and express sincere condolences on behalf of the City to his family. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. John Rick Boychuk was first elected to Winnipeg City Council in 1989 and re-elected in 1992, serving his...serving until the end of 1995, the end of his term, he represented the Transcona Ward. I first got to know Rick as I worked in...as a youth, in his 1989 campaign and again in his '92 campaign and then joined him as an...his executive assistant when we first received funding for executive assistants in 1993. He became my friend. Rick loved Transcona. Born and raised there, he was a strong democratic socialist and active in the NDP his entire life. As city councillor, he spearheaded many projects. Prior to biodiversity being a term that anybody really used, he spearheaded the saving of the 20-acre Bradley Street Tall Grass Prairie Avenue on Regent Avenue. He worked hard for the widening and secured the widening of Regent Avenue West from four lanes undivided to six lanes; from Plessis Road to Rougeau Avenue. He first...one of the first expansions of the East End Arena, he made possible by modernizing the facility and adding a second sheet of indoor ice, working with members of Council. He pushed for a solution to the south

Transcona's endless flooding that was constantly going on that would later result in the construction of a retention pond, today known as Lake Shirley. And in 1995, he was marginally defeated at the polls when he along with then Councillors Glen Murray and Councillor Lillian Thomas took the courageous position in opposition to giving 10s of millions of dollars of public money to the then owners of the Winnipeg Jets who were basically holding the city up for a legal term that I don't want to say; either pay or we move the Jets. Rick served our city well and our community of Transcona well. He was known as somebody with a very big heart. He was always willing to help youth groups, the Transcona pipe band, all sorts of sporting teams, the Transcona Horticultural Society, now called the Transcona Gardeners, and the Transcona Museum. He will be missed by his family and his friends. And it was an honour to have worked with him and to have called him my friend. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Mr. Clerk, will you read into the record a motion moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Browaty?

MOTIONS

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

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor John (Rick) Richard Boychuk, which occurred on August 7, 2023.

Mr. Boychuk served as Councillor for the Transcona Ward from October 25, 1989 to 1995.

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

Madam Speaker: Please rise for a moment of silence. Mr. Clerk, if you could please read into the record a motion moved by Councillor Rollins and seconded by Councillor Gilroy, a condolence motion.

**Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,**

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Roger Young, which occurred on June 18, 2023.

Mr. Young served as Councillor for the Pembina-Riverview Ward from October 25, 1989 to 1992.

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

Madam Speaker: Please rise for moment of silence. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, we have two leaves of...leave of absence motions: one for Councillor Orlikow related to a personal family matter and Councillor Jason Schreyer who is on City business. Could you please read them in to the record?

**Moved by Councillor Rollins,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,**

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? Carried.

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

THAT Councillor Schreyer be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to City Business.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

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MINUTES

Councillor Wyatt moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on July 13, 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have our first delegation via Zoom, Mr. David Grant. He is appearing with respect to a number of items. The report of Executive Policy Committee dated September 21st, 2023, in support of Item 6 – Creation of a Plain Language Communication Policy. In opposition to Item 7 – 2022 Single Source Assignments for Consultants, Goods and Services. In opposition to Item 18 – Human Rights Committee of Council – 2023-2024 Coordinator Contract. In opposition to Item 20 – Implementation of Audit Recommendations – 2023 Quarter 2. He's in support of Item 7 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated September 16th, 2023 regarding Leasing City Property to 1st John de Graff Group (Scouts Canada). He is in opposition to Item 5 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated September 11th, 2023 regarding Sidewalk Snow Clearing. In opposition to Item 6 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated September 11th, 2023 regarding Snow Clearing on Sidewalks and Pathways. He is in opposition to Item 6 of the report of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment dated September 8th, 2023 regarding the City of Winnipeg Endorsement of the Plant Based Treaty. David Grant, welcome. You may begin your presentation. Mr. Grant, if you could zoom in your frame, please, to your face, please. What is your note there?

DELEGATIONS

David Grant: I will start anyway, assuming that you can hear me.

Madam Speaker: We are going to...Mr. Grant, yeah, if you could zoom in.

David Grant: I believe that my comments on...moving up here. Good morning.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Grant.

David Grant: You have a very long agenda and a busy day, so perhaps it doesn't...

Madam Speaker: I don't think he can hear me. We will take the feed off right now. I don't think he can hear me. Mr. Grant? I'm getting to that, but I don't believe he can hear me. Mr. Grant? Mr. Grant? Okay, I think we're having technical difficulties. We'll have to move on. If you can get the delegate on the line in a few minutes, otherwise we're going to move on. Shall we try once more? We are going to just take a few minute recess and then we'll just...just to go offline and we'll come right back. We're just going to take a few minute recess offline. If we can just take a few minute recess offline and then we'll come back, thank you.

David Grant: This is against the rules. But I cannot...

Madam Speaker: Yeah, okay. We'll just take the feed offline, Mr. Clerk. Is it offline?

David Grant: I would like to speak. Can you hear me?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Grant...Mr. Grant, can you hear me?

David Grant: Under settings, Zoom says I have full volume, but I can...

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 29, 2023, at 10:05 a.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good morning. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of September 29th, 2023. Our next delegation we'll be hearing from momentarily is David Grant appearing via Zoom. David Grant, your opportunity to make your presentation.

David Grant: Okay, I have un-muted. I will presume that you didn't hear any of my words from before. Good morning. You have a very long agenda and a busy day, so perhaps it is good that your whole morning will not be devoted to

delegations. I will begin with a couple of fairly new topics. To clear snow is to expend a lot of energy. Clearing it sooner and more completely is to expend much more energy. There are conflicting pressures on city hall. A few loud voices call for clearing more often and more completely. The majority of those living on less traveled roads just want plowing eventually. We have been told that our world will end if we do not stop using fossil fuel. Well, snow clearing is now done with fossil fuel. All the calls for more clearing are calls to burn even more fossil fuel. Ironically, they are from the...sometimes from the same people. We know that a vehicle on a snow-covered road uses more fuel per kilometer. I call for a calculation of the fuel used to plow versus the extra fuel used by traffic if the road is not plowed. 20 years ago, snow clearing policy was driven by the cost to the City. It may also have been optimum for not wasting fossil fuel. Since then, policy changes mean wasting more fuel for the convenience of a few users. If you really fear global warming, you will ask for the climate implications every time someone demands more plowing. I believe my comments on food waste, it was very important to confine them in the last week's EPC agenda. On plant-based food related, my personal diet is mostly plant-based with a bit of meat or fish everyday, but I see many problems with this treaty. Since this is not an agreement between opposing parties, can it even be called a treaty? If adopted, this will cost jobs for the people of Winnipeg and outrage many. No new meat or fish packing plants, no improvements at the busy food businesses we now have. This document is sprinkled with virtue signals, mostly not related to plant-based foods. Like your vote to keep nuclear weapons out of the city, this calls for Council to, "Steer out of its lane" to make a few lobbyists feel better. In my opinion, Winnipeg does not need either of these pointless declarations. Also, please don't waste staff time on this matter. I have been...I have made the following points before but I feel they are worth repeating. Making life simpler; it is essential to adjust the complexity of what we write to suit the intended audience. It is ironic that this full agenda item, every word in this topic involves sentences that are far more complex than needed. Short sentences are more effective. Strange new words make life difficult. I have used the fog index since a kid to shape what I write. It involves the complexity of words. Words of many syllables make reading difficult. Joining many thoughts with an 'and' lead to more confused sentence...a more confused audience. And I just ask you to...an example of why you need to implement this, and I'm in support of the agenda item, just reading the agenda item itself. Anyways, buying with care. City hall spending has long been mostly based on competitive bidding. On the other hand, multi-million-dollar violations of this rule should be taken seriously. They require...should require a detailed explanation of the consequences of open bidding. How would normal bidding actually harm City operations? For every violation, our actual cost should be compared to what others pay for a similar product or service. Are taxpayers being ripped off on sole-source deals? When we pay \$8,800 for an item that normally sells for a fraction of that, does this prove that sole...sole-source is bad? On human rights; with respect, I would suggest the Coordinator being confirmed, chosen and confirmed, help this group include mention of actual rights violations by the City in future deliberations and reports. All recent reports have been focused on hopes and dreams. That's sort of a good thing. They have been silent on input from the public, such as actual letters of complaint. In recent years, the HRCC has completely ignored the ways in which City decisions have resulted in actual HR complaints, human rights complaints. Folks may feel good about what they do on this committee, but many of us feel that the core purpose of the HRCC is to minimize instances of rights of residents being violated. Along with hiring should come a reminder that the HRCC must no longer ignore real violations and complaints in their work. Under audits; these are the most important tools for government...governance. When an audit is presented to Council, whether it's functional or money, we expect that recommendations will be acted on, not just received as information. When Council votes to RAI, receive as information, it's often taken to mean Council will not be taken action...taking action. That is certainly not what taxpayers expect with audits. We would prefer to see that Council is committed to taking action to support the implementation of all suggestions in the audit. Corporate Finance is wrong to say that this item does not matter. Acting and improving processes versus RAI has huge implications to city taxpayers. Spending more tax topics...spending more tax dollars clearing snow on paths; the motion at hand refers to human rights and safety. This is both myopic and ironic. Under previous leadership, Public Works Committee has trampled the rights of the differently abled and has ignored warnings from the public. Public Works continues to ignore the safety of those who must commute on icy days on foot with no sidewalk in the area. Those who struggle on an icy road among the cars would love to have the somewhat safer snowy sidewalks, the ones that are so often waived around by media and those behind this motion. And that concludes my comments. And I hope my...nothing in the background offended you. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Questions for our delegation? Seeing none, David Grant, thank you for your presentation today. We will now move on to reports. We have the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21st, 2023. There are amending motions for Item 18 and 19, so those will be stood down. Mr. Mayor, the report.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of Items 1 through 17 and Item 20.

Madam Speaker: Sorry, Mr. Mayor, could you repeat? And just, let's wait till the speaker is finished. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I would like to move adoption of agenda Items 1 through 17 and Item 20.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard, you were standing down.

Councillor Allard: Pull 5.

Madam Speaker: 5, that's the Strategic Priorities Action Plan. Councillor Chambers? 18 is pulled already, currently. Thank you. Councillor Wyatt? 10 is Homes for Heroes Foundation – Tax Increment Financing Grant. Councillor Lukes? Creation of Plain Language Communication Policy, Item 6. Councillor Gilroy? Item 11 – Application for Enforcement Fees under the Neighbourhood Liveability and Vacant Building By-laws. And that is it. I will call the question on 1 through 4, 7 through 9, 12 through 17 and Item 20. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. And noting the absences, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Mayor, first item. Or Mr. Clerk to introduce first.

Item 5 – Strategic Priorities Action Plan (SPAP) Alignment, Measurement and Reporting Framework

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Just simply to once again take the opportunity to thank all councillors and our City staff who participated in the development of the Strategic Priorities Action Plan, which was a commitment to...of a lot of us here during our campaigns, and certainly mine as well within the last year. It's good to see, also, that there are 14 key performance indicators so we can measure the five key themes we've identified as priorities. The measurements and reporting on the progress we make is going to be really critical. I will leave it there, but once again, just to say thank you to everyone. Very glad for the citizens of Winnipeg that we now have a Strategic Priorities Action Plan to pursue.

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

Motion No. 7

**Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21, 2023 be amended as follows:

1. In Recommendation 1, add for following after "be received as information":

“, subject to the following amendment:

- A. Delete sections 2.11 and 2.12 in their entirety”

Councillor Allard: Thank you. I do have an amending motion that will be circulated earlier. I will probably combine my comments for both as I know we have a long agenda ahead of us today. So, Madam Speaker, through you to Council; thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in this Strategic Council Priorities Action Plan. I think it's excellent that we're...we've endeavoured to...or that we are moving in the direction of working as a Council to have joint priorities. As my...as, Madam Speaker, you may know and many of my colleagues may know, I have very specific objections to the Strategic Action Plan, and those are on the issue of putting a significant amount of resources in the carbon economy that is in the...in the expansion and the creation of new roads to our inventory. And while doing that, not significantly investing in our transit system as being done in other cities. And I've said this before and many people have said it, it keeps being said, but we do live in a world that has less and less boundaries when it comes to information. The other day I spoke to a student at the University of St. Boniface during the bilingual leaders debate and he told me that he did not use transit. He told me that transit in Winnipeg was relatively terrible. I don't remember the word that was used by the person, but it was certainly not a good one. And this person is new to Canada, likely to stay in Canada, likely to choose a city and I am afraid not Winnipeg because we don't have the infrastructure the other cities do. And so, my campaign was that I am father first,

I'm a politician second. And I want to see the city built that my kids want to live in. I believe that that city would be prosperous, urban, it would be a happening place, things going on, a place that they can be proud of living. A place where...a place where we don't talk about Winnipeg like a place that is middle of the road, but Winnipeg that is a place where you really want to be. Where there's leadership on issues like on renewable energy, on...a place where you don't...you don't require a private automobile to go about your day-to-day business unless you have very specific reasons to. So, I am a sixth-generation resident of St. Boniface. My children are the seventh. And I hate to think that they would be the last of my family to stay in Winnipeg because we've made a wrongheaded investments in carbon economy where other opportunities are available. Madam Speaker, thank you to the Mayor for confirming that there will be a cost benefit analysis on mega projects like the Route 90 Road expansion, like the Chief Peguis Trail expansion. My point, I think, is...my point...what I would like to impress upon everyone is that you can do a cost benefit on any one thing and you might actually come out ahead on a cost benefit on that one thing, but there is an opportunity cost. And that opportunity cost is at least \$1 billion. I have said a giga dollar. It's a very, very big number. And that number is big enough, according to our documents from the Transit Master Plan. And Councillor Gilroy and I have a motion coming that essentially amends Appendix A, deletes the road expansions and the road widenings and replaces that with transit and fixing our local roads. So, this city...this city could be infilled, we can densify, we could raise the values of our lands, reduce the tax burden, we could build the Transit Master Plan that would serve all Winnipeggers. I heard once the measure of a city that is accomplished is when a transit system is one that people prefer to use and not one that people have to use, which is often the case. Residents are telling me to fix the roads that we already have. They can't understand how we'd be spending billion dollars of net-new roads while their own roads are falling apart. The Windsor Park Facebook group is...has a large percentage of the correspondence being related to the potholes in Winnipeg that really can only be fixed with local street renewals. These streets are past end of life. We've deferred...councils have deferred maintenance on roads to balanced budgets back when priority of Winnipeggers was to freeze Winnipeg taxes. I would like, yes, more road funding on existing roads, not net-new roads. So, I'd like them...I'd like them to live in communities where their streets aren't falling apart. There's only so many dollars to go around. There's only one taxpayer and Manitoba is not that wealthy a place. We need to steer the ship around. We know carbon prices are coming. We know the Federal Government is tying carbon taxes to policy. We know density mandates are coming. The Federal Minister of Housing wrote a letter to the mayor of Calgary, as many here know, that said, if you want housing dollars, you will end exclusionary zoning. And that means more density in communities, that means more sustainable cities, that means more units of housing being produced. So, I am afraid that they will be indebted for having built infrastructure that was already known to be outdated, infrastructure that supports the carbon economy, infrastructure that we know promotes climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, something we have known since 1948, at least in a formal way, where there was a paper that explained the risks of human created climate change or anthropomorphic climate change. We have known about this since then at least and we are still not making the choices that are going to allow for us to continue to prosper, to have a way of life that gets better. We are creating problems that we don't know and we don't know what the solutions are or if there even are solutions that will work. So, comparable cities are investing in transit capital. So, that student I spoke to, the future children I will speak to one day when they're making their decisions about where to live their lives, where to have their careers, they're going to think about things like, you know, where...what kind of city do I want to live in? And the kind of city they are going to live in if we keep expanding roads is one that's full of traffic jams, it's one that will be impoverished because bad bets were made on bad investments like investing in the carbon...in the carbon economy, which is what you do when you're investing in road widenings. And I know many around you know the concept of induced demand. We...if we widen the roads, if we build new roads, it is going to mean that many new cars ingesting our roads and ripping through our communities. I am out of time, so those are my comments on this. Thank you for your attention.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Just a matter to clarify, Madam Speaker. This is an amendment, right, to the report? This is not a net-new motion, this is an amendment to Report 5?

Madam Speaker: Yes, an amendment to Report 5, that's correct.

Mayor Gillingham: All right, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Mayes. Okay, Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. Madam Speaker, I support the Strategic Priorities Action Plan. I think Winnipeggers are excited that we have one, Madam Speaker. Specifically, to the amendment that would delete sections 211 and 212, I want to turn my attention to 212 and why I cannot support the amendment. 212 is about climate resilient growth, Madam Speaker. It's about Indigenous economic development, Madam Speaker, and as the Chair of Property and Development for this term, it is about a master plan for Naawi-Oodena and Kapyong Barracks. And Madam Speaker, I am excited to get going on the Naawi-Oodena Master Plan, it is a large...it is the largest development we will have seen. And it is in keeping with the priorities and plans of our ambitions, I believe, as a city, but also, of other governments, Madam Speaker.

That's...that's the thrust of this strong economy, but it's so much more. It's city building objectives. It's...it is responsive. And it is climate action and climate justice. Letting...letting all votes vote, Madam Speaker. So, for those reasons, I'll...I can't support the amendment, but I do, indeed, support our work as a city on the Strategic Priorities Action Plan. And I want to thank Jonathan Hildebrand, I want to thank Laura Reimer for stewarding it up through Council and getting us to this milestone today, a reporting framework that everyone can see. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Allard touches on a number of important philosophical points which we should debate at this council, though perhaps not today, given the context. Councillor Allard isn't particularly wrong necessarily in pointing out the incongruity in what we are saying in some of our public documents about how we wish to grow and his, to be fair, consistent criticisms of the two items here: the Chief Peguis and the Kenaston. I would say, when Councillor Allard represented Sage Creek, he went back for people of Sage Creek, tried to get what was then Bishop Grandin extended into Sage Creek, which is why so many people came after me when I inherited Sage Creek saying, let's get this new road built. we need it. And we did need it at the time. So, we all represent our wards to the best of our ability. Councillor Allard no longer has some of the new areas that he formerly had. I now have them. They have demands which kind of goes to the larger philosophical debate here. I wish to praise one of our city planners who did some of the work on the Infill Guidelines, and that is...planner's Richard Mahé who I think alone has consistently said, we need to grow up and we need to grow out, it's how you do it. Councillor Lukes has been pretty consistent and vociferous herself on saying Waverley West is much denser than some of the pre-existing parts of the city like River Heights. She is correct. Sage Creek is denser than a number of existing parts of the city. We are doing a better job of planning than we did 40 years ago, I would suggest. The philosophical point he is making though is, if we are...we have to figure out a way of proceeding with our finances. Mayor Bowman, 2014, had a platform that said, well, we can tax our way to more revenue, we can slash spending or there is a third way we can grow our way out of this. Ironically, we then had the Hemson report only a few years later saying growth doesn't pay for growth. Some people misrepresent that saying it said suburban growth doesn't pay for itself. It didn't. Councillor Gerbasi asked that very question. Councillor Sharma was directly across from me at the council seminar taking notes like I was. The question was asked multiple times. The Hemson report didn't say suburbs don't pay for themselves, but everything else does. It didn't say that. That said, it was a gibberish report in many ways because it put in everything that we ever wanted to do and then said, well, look, we don't have the money to pay for it. We treated the Sage Creek Library, a notional and completely out of the sky item, in the exact same way we treated the Sage Creek firehall, which existed then and exists now. It was a completely irresponsible way of trying to plan things, but it certainly didn't say suburbs don't pay for themselves, everything else does. It didn't. What then to do? I think a balanced approach does make sense. I think the Mayor's platform presented a balanced approach. I would hope we can keep to some of...most of what the Mayor had to say. I can support these projects, these (inaudible) projects. What I cannot support is going to people in my ward in Glenwood, in other areas and saying to them, the density that you have experienced, you don't have complaints. It is all just for the good of the city. If we don't do this, we're going to be bankrupt, and then say, because of the suburbs and sprawl. And then say, and we need to build a billion dollars of new roads to go out to the suburbs. People in Glenwood are reasonably well-educated. You don't even have to be reasonably well-educated to see the problem with that argument, which is, you cannot say to people, we need to massively densify in certain areas and we've exempted various areas the way we've approached this and we've had these sloppy, inept, precedent-free Appeals Committee refusing to split lots that are 150 feet wide, the same meetings splitting lots that are 50 feet wide. It's an incoherent approach we've had to densification, made somewhat better, I would argue, by the Infill Guidelines. Does at least attempted to treat areas equally. But if we approach this as, you need to suck it up and take a lot of density, then because we've allowed sprawl, you cannot then say, oh, and by the way, we're still going to keep spending money on the very new roads that we are faulting. So, I think we can have a balanced approach or not. I would think an approach that says, well, we need to have densification as envisioned by the Infill Guidelines that make some sense to me. But if we are going to simply stand back and say, we can grow our way out of this, maybe we should have a debate about other means of raising revenue, oh, like property taxes since our budget documents continue to brag time after time that we are the lowest tax regime in the city of...in the country of Canada or something close to it. We can...we can talk about that. I don't think we can then turn around and talk about defending bankruptcy. I don't think we can then talk...turn around and say we need to densify our way out of it. Some...some of you are going to have to crowd in together, but not all of you. More density would be good, I agree with the Mayor's platform in certain situations; on main corridors, at corner lots. To a reasonable extent, in the unused parking lots of certain major developments. But if we take an approach that purports to be left wing and progressive and says, we will let the developers do as of right what they wish to do and some of the revenue will trickle down to us and that is how we will solve our problems. That, my friends, is Reagan-omics. I fought in 1986. Went down to the US to campaign and I continue to fight that vision. Let's just build it ourselves then. Let's do what some of Councillor Eadie had said. Let's build some of this ourselves. Councillor Schreyer has said that, too. But what we cannot do and say, what we will do is have the altruistic development community come forth and save us by letting them build whatever they wish and we will get some revenue from that. I had somebody say to me recently, well, Sam Katz sold out that the city to developers like Qualico, but now we've got the good guys like StreetSide. And I said, you know that is the same firm? That's literally in the same building. So, I think we might need a little more nuanced

analysis of the situation. So, I don't agree with Councillor Allard at least today. SPAP; it's a good initiative, it's a good attempt. But I do think some of the philosophical terrain he is covering deserves to be thought through and discussed here. We can't continue with the anarchy that is the Appeals Committee and the variance process. I do think the Infill Guidelines, which I did vote for after some amendments, were fragile truce, but a reasonable truce, between the interests of the public and the interests of the development community. We will see if that truce continues to hold, I guess. But for today, I can see my way to supporting this. It is a big chunk. It is central to the Mayor's platform and I agree with that and doing a cross benefit analysis. But I have to give Councillor Allard his due for consistency on this issue. And I have to say, if we're going to take the path of densification, we cannot also at any cost as a way of getting ourselves out of an economic dilemma. We cannot also then say, and we need to build these new roads. That's simply not fair to the residents who are going to experience the by-products of the densification.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise, I support the values and the principles that Councillor Allard has spoke about here at the table today. It is no doubt that we have to address this challenge that's facing us with regards to climate...the climate crisis, I call it, I don't call it climate change. However, I would say this, Madam Speaker, we can do both as was referred to by the previous speaker. I do believe that we are at a situation now, a two point as a city, we do have to build the next generation of rapid transit. There's no doubt about it. We have built BRT, but most cities of the size of 700,000 or more start to plan and build LRT. We need to build east and west and north and south connecting the airport to the downtown to the east. Moving north to the south, connecting neighbourhoods that are not being connected today. We don't have a policy, for example, as a city when we approve new housing developments. We have four levels of service required for any new housing development, by the way, folks: sewer, water, underground pipes and storm sewers, paved roads. We have four services, but we don't have transit, which basically means that when you build a new subdivision, we come in and councillors struggle in new areas to get transit service extended into those new subdivisions after the fact. All that we would require would be a simple amendment to say that we will as a Council add a fifth level of service saying that for a subdivision to go forward, there also has to be transit. Because we know that the minute people move into their homes, their traffic patterns begin the day one. In other words, they decide whether or not to buy a car or two cars to be able to service their family. They may not have to buy two cars if they know they moved into a house or apartment, the transit service is there from the minute that subdivision is in or within 400 meters as is the Council guidelines. But I also believe, Madam Speaker, if you look at our regional roads around the city, our transportation corridors, our trade corridors as the Mayor refers to them, that they are failing and they are failing quickly. Anybody only has to drive in the morning or in the evening starting as early as 3:00, 3:30 to see the congestion that is occurring on all of our major regional streets in this city as we speak, congestion which is massive. We have congestion on Lagimodiere Boulevard, north and south thanks to the developments we've approved. We have massive congestion on McPhillips. Massive congestion on Kenaston, Route 90, north and south. Bishop Grandin is a complete failure at intersection after intersection now. It needs to be six lanes, not four. Lagimodiere the same. But we then go in and we put traffic lights up at every 400 or 500 meters. There was a huge debate in this council chamber about the Plessis underpass, I recall it well. And it was argued that we shouldn't have the Plessis underpass. One member of Council argued that this is against...this is all against climate change. I reminded that member of Council that people are sitting literally for 5, 10, 20 minutes, cars running at a train. You've got...we got rid of that now. We're not...have idling. We literally have idling across the city getting worse and worse. We could build what I call green freeways where you have a planned LRT down the middle, AT paths, and by 2045, we could say, thanks to the fact that we're going to build electric power stations, charging stations, along those green streetways, every car has to be electric or hybrid or hydrogen. And we could fight for the citizens of Winnipeg to get the rebates they deserve out of Ottawa from the gas tax money that they're not getting back to pay for those vehicles and conversion that will occur in this city. And we can lead by example by converting our entire fleets and help make that happen. We can do both, Madam Speaker. The argument that we should now pull something out, I agree. It's...I'm not excited about it, it should be a green freeway. I would like to amend it, but I'm not going to do that now. I'm going to work with the Mayor to make these things happen. But the fact of the matter is, (inaudible) the Watt study that was done in the 1960s that told the citizens of Winnipeg, do not build freeways is now done. We've maximized our existing infrastructure the most we can. We...we've lost metro thanks to Unicity in '72. We lost metro which did most of the regional transportation planning and building in the city that we're still benefitting from. In Councillor Allard's ward, Marion/Goulet was done by metro. Erin and Wall, tons of underpasses and grade separations, all the major heavy lifting transportation planning that we are not doing today, why we need a Local Regional Roads Authority to get that done, finance our local streets and regional streets budget to build the stuff. Anyway, that is another subject. Anyway, Madam Speaker, those are my comments. I can't support the motion, though I do support the principles and the values behind it. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am happy to be supporting the staff framework. I think it's important. And this is a great example of how the whole process has been quite democratic in how we've achieved or come to this framework. And we appreciate the amendments provided by those who I will just say think a...well, I shouldn't say that.

Madam Speaker, for people who look at things either black or white. I often wear black and white, but that's only to say, don't sit on the fence and get involved, right? But so, I am going to speak to this. I won't be supporting the amendment. Although, I think it is very...again, very democratic. I understand the premise behind the...the amending motion. But Madam Speaker, we are talking about a framework for a strategic plan, our very first one in the city of Winnipeg. It's four years to correspond with our four-year budgeting process, Madam Speaker. And it's all about a frame of mind as well in this city. I have heard comments about, well, the Province of Manitoba, we can't afford. Well, the Province of Manitoba, oh, well, you know, that's difficult, we can't pay for that or, oh, it's Manitoba, therefore, we can't have good progressive borrowing policies, for example, Madam Speaker, for...that other growing cities in this country called Canada have utilized because they realize that, you know, it's just like when I go to buy a house. I mean, I don't have the cash to go and buy a house outright, I need to take out a mortgage. And it's a longer-term mortgage. So, long-term debt, I don't see it as a...Madam Speaker, as a...as a credit card debt which the previous mayor and previous Council tried to reframe when I did say credit card. Credit card debt is short-term debt, and it has a higher cost, Madam Speaker. But the frame of mind; so we've had this frame of mind since I was on Council. And I have a different frame of mind. I believe that Winnipeg does have the ability to pay and to convince the Province of Manitoba to pay for both economic trade, growth, which has to utilize roads. But as Councillor Schreyer and I said, you know, the electric vehicle is coming and there's problems with that. But ultimately, though, let's just get rid of the main...main routes. You know, what will happen to the city of Winnipeg? I've got to get to work, Madam Speaker. How am I getting to work if I'm out in CentrePort? Or how am I getting to work, I live up here, how am I getting work down...down by IKEA in the industrial area down there? So, like, we are dependent, cities are dependent on roads because motor vehicles, whether they're high carbon producers or low carbon producers, motor vehicles are here. Nobody is going to be riding their bike all the way out to CentrePort to go to work. Some will, but ultimately, our families can't (inaudible). But frame of mind, let me go back. Now, we work very hard. It's an ambitious strategic planning that we have done and we've put it in here. But I ask you all to consider the frame of mind where there are those who have an ability to pay more than others who have an ability to pay less. But let us not forget, we should all be contributing towards the city growth and the city renewal, but to the best of our financial ability. And the frame of mind around here since I was elected, I continually get ignored, Madam Speaker. There is a way. There are people making tens of millions of dollars in this city. If you really believe in Winnipeg, change your frame of mind and we can maybe move forward with things. You have to have an open mind to do things a bit differently. We have been doing things in this city a certain way for a long time on the premise that we did get into debt problem back in the...when interest rates were huge. We missed a whole period, a frame of mind, the growth and the cash coming in. Councillor Mayes knows, the amount of money pouring in from development into this city was immense, but did we properly, Madam Speaker, look at how we were financing the overall infrastructure and moving forward? No, we didn't, Madam Speaker. Then now we end up with this, so some of our leaders and people making decisions, Madam Speaker, where are we at now? Madam Speaker, we are at a point where we do have to say, think about it, how do you do that because...because of the past decisions by people who fought to just freeze taxes, for example, or whatever. Or say, well, we can only afford this amount. I ran on this amount, Madam Speaker, so on and so forth. But the people want us to achieve rapid transit, but they also want us to have roads that they can get to work, roads that will facilitate the moving of goods. Roads that will deal with everything. A rapid transit system that everybody can take. We said we can only afford BRT, LRT, well, Alberta, I think most of the funding for the LRTs comes from the provincial government. So, let's hope that the mind set, although, I don't have any hopes on this next election, the mind set of our provincial leaders needs to change too. I hear people talking about, oh, economic growth and all of this is going to happen and...but meanwhile, we are going to cut all these taxes and cut services because that is what happens, Madam Speaker. An example, they cut the 1% PST. Okay, fine, but then on the other hand, they cut tens of millions of dollars out of our local road renewal program, Madam Speaker. So, tell those people who are sitting at their kitchen table who had to pay out extra cash to fix their car because our roads are in such bad condition. Anyway, I digress. I won't be supporting the amendment. Our staff framework, we worked hard at it. I don't agree with it all, Madam Speaker. I wish we could just change the mindset, the frame of mind, in how to move forward and how to see the city of Winnipeg grow because that is what we really all want. All of us councillors around here, that's what we believe in. It is a matter of how do you proceed forward and it's much more difficult now, Madam Speaker, because of the decisions of, well, three...well, what is it, four? Three terms since I have been on Council. And before that, the reason I ran is I always had problems with how, you know, city hall is making decisions and the frame of mind in...like, since 2003, this city has grown. The amount of money and cash flowing in. Anyway, I will leave it at that. Again, we worked hard on the framework. And I will be supporting it as is on our agenda.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Yes, Madam Speaker, thank you. I rise in support of the motion. I mean, that's not a surprise to my councillor colleagues. I just really feel that it is the wrong direction especially when we are seeing all the issues within...within the urban environment that we are seeing right now. And we want to talk about congestions, imagine what's going to happen if Arlington Bridge closes down or if the bridge going over to Transcona no longer works and we don't have the funding to do that. We really have to make sure that...we just did part of the Chief Peguis. We just did the Waverley underpass. We have to make sure that we are spreading that...those wonderful amenities to other parts of the city and that includes our aging, older neighbourhoods that really are needing a lot of love, Madam Speaker. And we are

just not seeing that. And I have had the opportunity of going to some other cities and quite frankly, when I see that type of...that type of infrastructure included these major highways, what we see is really a decrease in the...in the transit riders that are in those areas. So, I just don't think in terms of climate change, economic development, all those things just on the other side of the page on this one with some of my councillor colleagues around the table. But other than that, I really am proud of the work that we did on the strategic plan. This is my opportunity to make my voice known on some of the major projects that is going to be taking, quite frankly, Madam Speaker, most of our finances, a quite big chunk of our finances when I feel that there's other areas that really need that funding. So, this is my opportunity and something I believe that is going to be impacting our inner-city residents. And I have to make sure that I am standing...standing and being vocal to those residents. So, that is what I am doing here now, Madam Speaker. And thank you very much for allowing me to speak today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Councillor Allard, do you wish to close on your amending motion?

Councillor Allard: I think I've said what I need to say. Thanks.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good debate and discussion today. I won't be...I will not be supporting the amending motion. I think of all of the hard work that all Council did to develop the Strategic Priorities Action Plan. Getting 15 councillors and myself in a room together and is...and doing the work of developing one plan is inevitably a bit of a compromise exercise. There are moments. There are part of the Strategic Priorities Action Plan that I really like, there are parts that I like less. I think we could all say that. And that is fair because that is what municipal politics is. But to after the fact, when we've agreed upon the plan and done all the good work in good faith and good effort, for us to start to pick apart and say, well, I really don't like this part so I want to pull it out later is I think, frankly, it goes against the spirit of all of the effort that we collectively put in to the work. I can appreciate that each of us has our...and we should, we come forward with our values and our priorities and political priorities and our philosophies. We should. We were elected by the people of this city to represent them. And there is diversity, it needs to be a diversity of views and opinions within this chamber. That is democracy. But quite frankly, in respect of all the effort everyone put in to work together, you know, is a primary reason that I am not going to support this motion or any other motion, frankly, that would come forward that would try to pull apart or eliminate elements of the strategic plan that we collectively built together. So, with that, I invite you to call the question.

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

Councillor Allard: I did not vote for this plan at any point in time. That's my point of order. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Not a point of order, but let's move on. I'll call the question on the amending Motion 7. All in favour...all in favour of the amending motion, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, and Gilroy

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 11, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Amending Motion 7 is defeated. And now, calling the question on Item 5, the main item. Call for a recorded vote.

Councillor Browaty: Sorry, just correcting the first recorded vote, you got it backwards.

City Clerk: Thank you. Yeas 11, Nays 2.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you.

City Clerk: Thank you. Apologize.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. And I did call it as defeated. Thank you for the numerical correction. Those in...those in favour of Item 5, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

Councillor Allard

Madam Speaker: Item 5 passes. Next, Mr. Clerk. Item 6.

Item 6 – Creation of Plain Language Communication Policy

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

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

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I'll just speak very briefly to this. So, this policy allows Winnipeg to move forward towards international standard to certification related to plain language. I think this is really important because, you know, Winnipeg is growing through immigration and this is how we will continue grow. Through immigration where English is not the first language for many, writing our executive summaries in a plain language format will provide a better understanding for the public, for new Canadians, it will encourage engagement, I think, more in democracy. I think it will reduce a lot of time related to explaining reports in briefings and discussions. And yeah, I want to thank also the Public Service, staff in the Mayor's Office for working on refining this motion further. And I look forward to starting to see things written in a simpler, cleaner format for the masses.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Can call the question, please, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Question on Item 6. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Next item, Mr. Clerk, Item 10.

Item 10 – Homes for Heroes Foundation – Tax Increment Financing Grant

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll wait to hear from council colleagues on this.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to quickly thank EPC for moving to move forward on working or directing the Public Service to bring forward a report on this. I want to thank Matt Dryburgh for his work on this matter as well. And again, thank the Mayor for the fine job he did at the Homes for Heroes dinner on Friday night and giving the key of the city to Colonel Chris Hatfield and for his kind words towards myself. So, thank you. And this is a very worthy project happening for the city of Winnipeg, which is actually the Transcona Ward on Transcona Boulevard. And it's a great organization that will be hopefully supporting us. Will actually assist with costs associated where the city put land...clean fill on the property that has to be moved. And so, this is actually assisting them with something that we created as a city to allow them to begin work on the project. So, thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Seeing none, I can call the question.

Mayor Gillingham: Yes, you can. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. All in favour of Item 10? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 11.

Item 11 – Application of Enforcement Fees under the Neighbourhood Liveability and Vacant Buildings By-laws to Property Taxes

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I'll wait to hear from colleagues, but just to say, I want to thank all colleagues, especially Councillors Gilroy, Councillor Rollins for really kind of leading the charge here to address vacant buildings, derelict buildings and properties in our city. And I look forward to hearing the discussion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Just quickly, Madam Speaker, I just want to rise in support of this. Of course, this is something I have been working on. I think this will make a big...a big difference in terms of us being able to collect some of those fees that we haven't been able to collect and hopefully really encourage some of those landlords out there to be better landlords. So, just wanted to thank my councillor colleagues that have worked on this and happy to support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any other speakers? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Please call the question.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of Item 11? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 18 – Human Rights Committee of Council – 2023-2024 Coordinator Contract

Madam Speaker: I will note there is an amending motion with this item. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, Item 18.

Mayor Gillingham: Yes, thank you. As you indicate, Madam Speaker, I think there is an amending motion and maybe a motion that is being withdrawn and another one brought forward. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers has Motion 1 on the floor which you would like to rescind and replace with...

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to rescind Item No. 1 and replace it with Item No. 9 that I have just (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Okay. They've been circulated. So, Motion 1 is being rescinded and replaced with Motion 9. Okay, and we have the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Dobson, you concur?

Councillor Dobson: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Councillor Chambers, your opportunity to speak to the item and introduce Motion 9.

Motion No. 1

**Moved by Councillor Chambers,
 Seconded by Councillor Dobson,**

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 18 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21, 2023, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendation 1 in its entirety and replace it with the following new recommendations:*
 - "1. That Aly Raposo be appointed as Committee Coordinator for the Human Rights Committee of Council for the period between May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 with a fee for service of \$60,000.00 per annum using funding from the existing Human Rights Committee of Council budget allocation.*
 - 2. That the City enter into, execute, and deliver a contract with Aly Raposo and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such contract in accordance with the foregoing and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.*
 - 3. That a pay increase of 2%, to be to be paid retroactively from May 1, 2023, be referred to the 2024 Budget Review Process."*
- *Renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly.*

Motion No. 9

**Moved by Councillor Chambers,
 Seconded by Councillor Dobson,**

BE IT RESOLVED that Item 18 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21, 2023, be amended as follows:

- *Delete Recommendation 1 in its entirety and replace it with the following new recommendations:*
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 - 3. That a process for an annual performance review be included into the contract, referred to in Recommendation 2, to assess the coordinators outcomes of goals and key performance indicators as set by the Human Rights Committee of Council.*
 - 4. That a pay increase of 2%, to be to be paid retroactively from May 1, 2023, be referred to the 2024 Budget Review Process."*
- *Renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly.*

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am chairing...I am currently chairing the Human Rights Committee of Council. And this is speaking to the Human Rights Coordinator position. The Human Rights Coordinator position plays a pivotal role in efficiently organizing and addressing human rights issues for the Human Rights Committee of Council, whether they be issues of inclusion, equity, whether they be issues of accessibility, these are all brought up through subcommittees to the Human Rights Committee of Council. I want to say, they serve the central point of contact for gathering and collating all our information related to human rights issues both here in the city of Winnipeg exclusively. By maintaining a comprehensive database of documented cases and reports, the Coordinator can ensure the committee has access to accurate and up-to-date information for essential and informed decision making for advocacy. Secondly, the Human Rights Committee Coordinator is responsible for liaising with all of the departments throughout the city of Winnipeg and non-government entities dedicated to human rights causes. By fostering these relationships, they can facilitate cooperation and the sharing of resources and coordination of efforts to address the pressing human rights concerns. This

collaborative approach not only maximizes the committee's effectiveness, but also helps in the formation of unified stance on critical issues and bolsters the committee's credibility. I also wanted to just draw to the Council's reference that what was added to the motion is the fact that we will undertake an annual performance review of the Coordinator position and ensure that they are meeting milestones that have been set out by the Human Rights Committee of Council and ensure that the key performance indicators are being met. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Chambers, do you wish to close? We can move on. On your amending motion?

Councillor Chambers: No, you can call the question.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, the question?

Mayor Gillingham: Please call the question. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of amending Motion 9? Contrary? Carried. And...okay, noted. Thank you. Noted, thank you. Councillor Duncan and Rollins noted in opposition. Councillor Lukes. Those in favour of the main item, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? That's...that's carried with Councillor Rollins in opposition. Councillor Lukes, that was yourself as well? And Councillor Duncan. Thank you. Next is Item 19. Also has an amending motion, Mr. Clerk.

Item 19 – Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2028 Annual Conference and Trade Show

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I believe Councillor Browaty has a small amendment for accuracy here. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Motion No. 5
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Duncan,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 19 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21, 2023 be amended as follows:

1. *In Recommendation 1, delete the word "2027" and replace with "2028"*

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. The FCM conference and tradeshow is an exciting opportunity to present our city to municipal leaders from coast-to-coast-to-coast. We last hosted it in 2016. And this motion was required for us to work towards submitting a bid to host the event in the future. Right now, FCM is soliciting cities to participate in '26, '27 or '28. I apologize, I had originally thought it was '27 we were hoping to bid on. '28 is actually just better for the city in terms of the two years after the '26 election. This was the recommendation from EBW and Clerks and the Convention Centre that we need to go for '28. My apologies for the wrong year in '27. So, I encourage everyone to support this today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor, the question.

Mayor Gillingham: Please call the question.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of amending Motion 5? Contrary? That is carried. And the main item, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. Next, we'll move on to motions under Executive Policy Committee. We have Motion 4: moved by Councillor Duncan and seconded by Mayor Gillingham. It requests a...it's regarding a request to the Province to prioritize the review of certification processes for arena operators. And this is an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. Next is Motion 8: moved by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Eadie. It's regarding the renaming of a portion of the Bishop Grandin Boulevard. And it's also an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. We'll now move on to by-laws under this committee. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: I thought I moved a motion that's a referral to EPC regarding veterans.

Madam Speaker: That will be under Property and Development.

Councillor Eadie: It's a direct referral to the budget process, is that not the Executive Policy Committee?

Madam Speaker: I'll have Mr. Clerk, if you could clarify that.

City Clerk: The jurisdiction over the cemeteries is under the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

Madam Speaker: Okay, next, by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS**

Motion No. 4

**Moved by Councillor Duncan,
Seconded by Mayor Gillingham,**

WHEREAS there is a lack of certified arena operators within Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba due to the current certification process and regulations administered by Inspection and Technical Services Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS ice rinks are required to be staffed by a certified operator in accordance with the Power Engineers Act and Regulation while open;

AND WHEREAS certified operators are required to have a Refrigeration Class License or a minimum 4th Class Power Engineer's certification;

AND WHEREAS current requirements do not accurately reflect the responsibilities of staff who monitor, operate or maintain ice rink refrigeration plants;

AND WHEREAS ice rinks are working "uncertified but qualified", creating an unsafe and unstable work environment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario recently adopted a Basic Arena Refrigeration 4-day course to make certification more accessible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *Council request that the Province of Manitoba prioritize the review of certification processes and requirements for arena operator certification and enact regulatory amendments to modernise the certification of arena operators.*
2. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to fulfill the intent of the foregoing.*

Motion No. 8

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

WHEREAS the Right Hon. Edward Schreyer has contributed greatly to the development of Manitoba, economically, socially, and politically;

AND WHEREAS the Right Hon. Edward Schreyer has served our country as the first NDP Premier of Manitoba, as the Governor General of Canada, and as the High Commissioner to Australia;

AND WHEREAS in the capacity of Premier of Manitoba, the Right Hon. Edward Schreyer was the first Premier to have regular meetings with the leaders of Manitoba's Indigenous community, with what was then called the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood, later to become the Manitoba Assembly of First Nations;

AND WHEREAS, as the Premier of Manitoba, the Schreyer government was the first government to establish government run and operated ice roads, into northern Manitoba, and to supply and provide materials to First Nations, (ice roads which were previously undeveloped or in the control of the private sector, which exacted a fare from users of said ice roads);

AND WHEREAS, the Schreyer government was the first government to build air strip runways at first nations which, until then, could only be serviced or reached by single engine bush planes, in the summer months;

AND WHEREAS, the Scheyer government brought about training of teachers aids to facilitate training in both Cree and Ojibwa languages;

AND WHEREAS for all his work with the Indigenous community of Manitoba and Canada he was not only honoured once, but twice by the community, by being declared an Honourary Chief, and was presented with the Head Dress with such an honour (See Appendix A) and has been given the Spirit Name of 'Running Brave'.

AND WHEREAS, the Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer has been recognized, via the Transcona West Area Structure Plan, adopted by Council in By-law in 2008, by naming the historic North/South Transcona Corridor (an Expressway planned to connect at the existing terminus of Chief Peguis Trail and Lagimodiere Blvd, to the north, and would run south, connecting Transcona and the industries of Transcona, to the south, ending at the intersection of what has been known as Bishop Grandin and Lagimodiere Blvd), Edward Schreyer Parkway North;

AND WHEREAS, once the road known as Bishop Grandin goes east, past the Lagimodiere intersection, it was known as part of the historic North/South Transcona Corridor;

AND WHEREAS, in 2000/2001, against the wishes of the Public Service of Winnipeg, a part of the said corridor was sold for a car dealership, which required the corridor lands to be divided into what has now been referred to as the Edward Schreyer Parkway North (from the terminus of the Chief Peguis Trail and Lagimodiere Blvd TO Regent Avenue West), and the Edward Schreyer Parkway South (from Bishop Grandin Blvd and Lagimodiere Blvd TO Dugald Road, along the alignment of Plessis Road);

AND WHEREAS four lanes of what was known as Edward Schreyer Parkway South, has been constructed, east of the Bishop Grandin and Lagimodiere intersection, but was wrongly named Bishop Grandin Blvd;

AND WHEREAS street renaming's are not automatically subject to Welcoming Winnipeg review, however, because of the recent debate regarding the renaming of Bishop Grandin Boulevard and that process being subject to Welcoming Winnipeg review, this matter should be reviewed as well.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to refer to the Welcoming Winnipeg process the renaming the four-lane roadway (See attached Appendix B), recently constructed and referred to as Bishop Grandin Blvd, to 'Edward Schreyer Parkway South', in order to rightly honour a Manitoban who has done so much for Manitoba, Canada, and the Indigenous community.*
2. *That upon completion of the review by Welcoming Winnipeg, as outlined in Recommendation 1, the Public Service be directed to report back to the appropriate committee of Council with regards to the street renaming, as required under the Street Names By-law No. 115/2011.*
3. *That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-law 68/2023 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 68/2023

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
September 29, 2023

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

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law No. 60/2023 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 60/2023

Mayor Gillingham: I move that by-law...sorry, I should wait to be recognized.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-law No. 60/2023 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. By-laws for next three readings.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – THREE READINGS

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law 70/2023, 74/2023, 75/2023, 76/2023, 77/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 73/2023, By-law No. 74/2023, By-law No. 75/2023, By-law No. 76/2023, and By-law No. 77/2023.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, those for second reading.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the By-laws No. 73/2023 to 77/2023, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 77/2023...73/2023 to 77/2023, both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor, third reading.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the rule be suspended and that By-laws No. 73/2023 to 77/2023, both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise...Tuesday is the election day and with any...with creators' good will and any luck, I don't know if we'll need luck, but we'll have a new Premier, Premier Wab Kinew on the stage and a new government to bring forward initiatives to help the City of Winnipeg and I look forward to Tuesday and Tuesday's results as many Manitobans do now. I would like to, Madam Speaker, point out and read from part of the platform just very briefly, the NDP platform Mr. Kinew, which gave out significant commitment and just to ask the Mayor a question. It's kind of like are you aware question. Are you aware that Mr. Kinew stated in his platform that they will work, the new NDP government will work with the City of Winnipeg on key infrastructure projects to improve opportunities for recreation for families including the south Winnipeg...

Councillor Lukes: Point of clarification. We cannot wear shirts, but we can talk about the election? I'm kind of confused.

Councillor Wyatt: I'm not asking a question on platform

Madam Speaker: Okay, there aren't any specific rules, but let's be in good form, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: I know. I appreciate that, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Get to your very small question now.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Work with the City of Winnipeg on key critical infrastructure projects to improve opportunities for recreation for families including in Councillor Luke's ward, including the South Winnipeg Recreation Campus in Pembina Trails and the East of the Red RecPlex. Are you aware, Madam Speaker...Mr. Mayor?

Madam Speaker: Are you aware there's an election? Yes, Mr. Mayor.

Councillor Wyatt: Are you aware of it?

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: That was the question, right?

Councillor Wyatt: Are you aware of this?

Mayor Gillingham: Subtle as bagpipes, Madam Speaker. But yes, I am aware and I look forward to working with whoever the next Premier is as of...Premier-elect as of October 3. I will reiterate I think it's important that all Winnipeggers to get out and vote and, you know, would like to see an increase in voter turnout in this election. I think we all agree, those of us that put our names on ballots that it's important that we see good voter turnout. In regards to policy, platform commitments of the various parties and anything related to the East of the Red RecPlex or any investment, I'd certainly look forward to working with the next Premier on their priorities, priorities that are specific to...really specific to shared goal, common goals and objectives that we have in the City of Winnipeg and I think as I outlined it in my letter to all three party leaders, provincial party leaders, their really shared goals and objectives that I think are common between a provincial government and the City of Winnipeg, that includes recreation investments and so specific to East of the Red RecPlex and any other investment within the City of Winnipeg that's consistent with our own priorities. I certainly look forward to working with the next government on those.

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

Councillor Wyatt: On a completely different matter. Madam Speaker, November the 8th, next month marks the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Winnipeg in 1873. Are we planning any kind of event or function and the elections occurred from what I understand, first elections weren't until 1874, however, the incorporation which is the creation of the City of Winnipeg in the city of Winnipeg in legislation through the Province of Manitoba took place on November the 8th, 1873. Is there going to be any ceremony or any kind of commemoration on that date? Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I do thank Councillor Wyatt for the excellent question. Yes, 1873 was the birth of the City of Winnipeg, 1874, January 1874 was the first council meeting and so we are going to be celebrating Winnipeg's 150th throughout 2024. There are some plans in the works and I just recently had a conversation with some of the individuals who are part of the planning committee including Mr. Michael Jack and staff of the public service. Ms. Lisa Blake, Jeanine Stotski from my office are beginning to work or have been working on some plans, plans plural, not just one celebration, but an opportunity to find ways to celebrate the 150th and mark Winnipeg's 150th throughout 2024. I will let you know now every councillor is going to be contacted about ways that we could perhaps among other things mark the occasion within each ward. And so, lots of work to be done. I will, Madam Speaker through you to Councillor Wyatt and in fact for all Council, commit to getting all of Council an update soon once we have more information to share as far as what some of the plans are, but it's going to be a really exciting year in 2024 and we have a lot of reason to celebrate where we've come from and look forward with great anticipation to the great future that is before us as a city.

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

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just because I have to do it. Is the Mayor aware I really appreciated his letter to the Province to the leaders really highlighting the need around homelessness, mental health and addictions and just so the Mayor is aware. We're having major issues in my ward and my ward is really struggling with these issues. I've been visiting encampments to learn a little bit from the people that are living in the encampments on what they need, how they got there and their experiences and I can tell you, Madam Speaker through you, the question to the Mayor, I think that his raising this during an election is critical for all major parties to really try to figure out how we're going to tackle this issue and to be able to work collaboratively with all levels of government, and I just want to raise this as something that I know is a real concern within my ward and the ability to make sure that we have appropriate shelter space which we don't have right now to make sure that we have the housing that is supportive, to make sure that we have supports with in housing to keep people housed and to make sure that people that are incarcerated are coming out with the funding that is needed to not re-offend and the supports to not re-offend. So, there's lots of things that I think that are provincially driven here so the letter that the Mayor sent out is very helpful to my community and I look forward to his dialogue and continuing work on this file. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Through you Madam Speaker, I want to thank Councillor Gilroy for her question and her commitment and the commitment of actually every other councillor around this chamber to addressing the challenges that unsheltered and homeless individuals in our city are facing right now, and without question, want to have the opportunity to meet with the new or next Premier immediately after the election as soon as possible. This item will be, the item of homelessness will be a matter of first priority and remains a matter of first priority for us as a community and when I talk about the shared goals, shared priorities that the Provincial Government and the City of Winnipeg do find in common. The matter of homelessness has to be and is in my mind at the top of that list because it affects obviously the individual struggling, and it affects the families, it affects our systems, it affects every part of the city and really needs to be addressed as a matter of first priority. I think, you know, one of the things that I will make sure to continue to re-iterate to the next Premier, and the government is that there needs to be a coordination, a shared plan, one coordinated plan that all of us are working off of and are committed to. There are roles that the...and Councillor Gilroy kind of hinted at some of them. Their roles and jurisdiction that the provincial government has that we don't have as a city. Individuals need housing, but they need housing with wrap around supports. Those wrap around supports may include mental health services, health services, addiction services. Those are not under the purview of the City of Winnipeg. We cannot and we do not have those departments and those means to address those needs and so there needs to be really coordinative partnership between the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba, the agencies that are working on the front lines with unsheltered and homeless individualism, the private sector all need and do play a part, have a role to play in this coordinated effort, but I failed to mention today in my announcement at the time was that I think all of you know, I went to Houston earlier in September with Mr. Jared Baker from my office and my Chief of Staff Destiny Watt to get a look at one model. It's not the perfect model, but it is a model. And what was consistent and clear in the model Houston utilizes and they've been able to take 30,000 people off the streets over twelve...the last twelve years and put them into housing with wrap around supports. What was clear and consistent is that one coordinated approach that the city, and the county and the agencies and the not for profits and the private sector are all working off of its one plan, shared data, the continued care approach, a housing first approach, and what I was encouraged by when I was in Houston and listening to everyone we met with and observed all that we saw, I was encouraged because we have the pieces here, we have all the elements here. And some of the work is being done here so it's not a matter of us kind of twisting ourselves into pretzels to try to think of something completely different. It's a matter of alignment. It's a matter of priorities. It's a matter of making sure that we all find ways to do our respective parts and do our parts with excellence for the sake of the people that we have, that we have in our communities that have these. And so this is and remains a priority for myself. I know it's a priority for this council and I truly believe it has to be a priority at the top of the list for the next provincial government.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further speakers? Any questions? Okay, seeing none, let's move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, the report dated September 18th.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, I'd like to suspend the rules to hear Motion No. 6; moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Wyatt immediately.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'm sorry, this is the opportunity for the...pardon me? For the Chair to introduce the report. Councillor Rollins, you have the floor.

Councillor Rollins: Oh, and Madam Speaker, there is not just one report, but I will move Items 1, Madam Speaker...

Madam Speaker: Which ones are you pulling? Maybe we'll go that way instead.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I don't intend to pull any reports unless folks want to pull reports, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: So, you are moving the entire report as consent. Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes, I'd like to suspend the rules to hear Motion 6; moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Wyatt.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'm not understanding.

Councillor Rollins: So, Madam Speaker, if I may, I am moving Items 1 through 18. There is a new business item that Councillor Allard wishes to introduce. I'm amenable to that, Madam Speaker, but it would take a vote of Council to walk on the item, Madam Speaker. It's to deal with a policy item we dealt with in last year's budget submissions with respect to a \$23,000 grant item for veterans, Madam Speaker. So, I am amenable to that. I'll even support Councillor Allard. It's just not the time.

Madam Speaker: Just give me a moment here. Thank you. All right, good. So, we will deal with the report and the motion that Councillor Allard is referring to has been circulated. So, I'll remind everyone, that's in motion section. Okay, Councillor Rollins, you've introduced your...Councillor Eadie, you have a question?

Councillor Eadie: Introduced all the reports and moved all of them. I just would like a point of information, Madam Speaker, if we can consult with the Clerks. Report No. 9 has a recommendation in there about a two-thirds vote.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: And I would just like clarification that that's a two-thirds vote for any reports that come to their committee regarding land use at the South Winnipeg Campus. I just want to confirm, does Report 9 need a two-thirds vote today or is that in the future?

Madam Speaker: Yeah, today there...it is needed, two-thirds vote and the reason being, Mr. Clerk, if you want to clarify that.

City Clerk: Sure. It's considered a disposition of land. It's a requirement of the City of Winnipeg Charter. So, it does remember...it does require a two-thirds vote from all members of Council, not just all members present because it's park land.

Councillor Eadie: I'd like to stand that report down.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. So, that's Item 9. Okay, I will call the question on 1 through 8, and 10 through 18. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I'd like to be recorded in opposition to the report about the lease to the grave. The Scouts, the grave chapter.

Madam Speaker: That...that's noted. And the item number, Mr. Clerk, you have that?

City Clerk: I believe it's Item No. 7.

Madam Speaker: Item No. 7, that's noted. Thank you.

Councillor Eadie: I'd like to be recorded in opposition.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, noted. Councillor...Mr. Clerk, Item 9.

Item 9 – Development of the South Winnipeg Recreation Campus

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Madam Chair, your opportunity to introduce Item 9.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. The South Winnipeg Rec Campus is the newest and will be the newest regional multi-use intergenerational rec facility, including three gymnasiums, mezzanine, walking/running tracks, fitness areas, multi-purpose programs, meeting spaces of various sizes, Madam Speaker, change rooms, offices, washrooms, lobby and common space. And Madam Speaker, the project has adjoining lands with Pembina Trails School Division where myself, Councillor Lukes, Councillor Chambers and Councillor Evan Duncan was with trustees last night and boy, are they excited, Madam Speaker. If it...if I didn't want to be brief today, I would yield the floor to my council colleague, Councillor Lukes, who no doubt is in favour of getting this party started; the largest rec campus in the city's history, Madam Speaker. And recommendations 1 through 7, Madam Speaker, will get the job done for Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any other speakers? Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Well said by Councillor Rollins. By coincidence, I was out at the first-ever Reach for the Top practice at the new Pembina Trails Collegiate, which is adjacent to this piece of land. I don't think I ever really quite knew where it was until Wednesday when I was out there. So, I'm supportive. I would hope we have the same due consideration when we get to southeast complex, which has been on the books for many years. Seven years budgeted for studies. The larger philosophical point here is, if we are going to continue to approve new neighbourhoods, we need to continue to approve amenities for those neighbourhoods. Most of these neighbourhoods, frankly, have large immigrant populations. If the deal becomes, the City will approve new neighbourhoods and you can move in, and then we just won't do what we said we would. There won't be transit, as Councillor Wyatt has said. There won't be a rec centre. There won't be anything at all. You can look forward...Councillor Allard can talk to children in the future about those been growing up in West St. Paul and Headingly, and the RM of anything else around the city because people will not move into those neighbourhoods knowing that the City is going to pull the rug out from under them. So, if we are going to approve neighbourhoods like Waverley West, like Aurora, like Sage Creek, like Bonavista, then we have to be grownups and continue to put the amenities in. I don't know exactly how much money this is going to be at the end of the day. I don't know the exact contours. I think there's only one track, though, not two. Councillor Rollins has used the plural. But I do think we need some sort of facility to serve an area, it's not a million people or 80,000 or whatever the inflated numbers are. It's going to be at build-out something like 50,000 people. Southeast is roughly 40% of this. So, hoping we can get some sort of rec center that reflects that difference in population. So, we've talked about for years, we should go ahead with it. Councillor Lukes has championed it. Good for her. We should fund this, I think. So, I am prepared to vote for this today. I hope same consideration is given to other neighbourhoods. But at some point, I think we need to have a philosophical discussion of, it's we're going to keep approving new neighbourhoods like Aurora, like some of the other ones in this city, we need to actually say, they...these are people paying taxes and deserve a level of service and a level of amenities. If our policy is, let's just put people out there and then pull the rug out from under them, let's be blunt, let's be honest about that. People won't buy the properties, they'll move out of the city. Maybe that's what we want. Maybe that's what we want. We keep saying here we want to grow the city. We keep celebrating the growth of this city. We keep saying the only place people...well, I discussed some of this earlier, I will try to be brief. I'm supportive of it today. I would hope the same recognition is given to southeast. But there's a larger philosophical point here, which is, if we're going to keep improving the Ridgewoods and the Auroras and the Bonavistas, we better be grownups and put the amenities in because otherwise, you're just going to have places where no one is going to continue...we're certainly not going to grow out and maybe we're not even going to grow up.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Next is Councillor Lukes, followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. I wasn't planning on speaking to this. It is a complex report if people have read it. It's a complex report because...because it's beside provincial lands because the funding for this project was contingent on a child care facility being built by the City and a vocational school being built by the City. Because the Province built and put the foundation on some of City land, we want to ensure that all of the proper processes are in place in relations to boundaries, property lines and that really is what this...this report is all about. I do agree with Councillor Mayes. We can't be, you know, growing through immigration, making all these great promises, building a city the size of Brandon, building a regional complex which will service, I'm looking for the number here exactly, but it's upwards a regional campus will support 120,000 people in the region southwest Winnipeg. There's maps and documentation and reports from the Public Service on that based on the census. So, this report, really, I am asking that everyone support it, is to...really, is essentially about property lines and ownership lines and being able to proceed. So, thank you.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Speaker, I just want to rise to support the report as well. I want to congratulate and thank Councillor Lukes for all of her work on this matter. I had the opportunity to attend an open house earlier this year in her ward on this project and she has done tremendous work on this, including with the residents who have been pursuing this project. There's no doubt, Madam Speaker, that City of Winnipeg, we are...you know, we're behind other cities that have...of our size and scale that have invested in these regional recreation facilities. I think by and large it's because of the fact that we have a unique system of community clubs that other jurisdictions don't have the benefit of. And it's for that reason that we have the community club system that we did not invest in large regional recreational facilities like this one, indoors facilities, that other cities had too because they did not have the community club system. A lot of the regional recreational indoor facilities that if you go to, they will have, for example, indoor arenas. Well, we've done that with our community clubs, for example. So, there is definitely a need for this. We have...you know, if you think about it, Madam Speaker, when was the last time we invested in indoor aquatics? It's been decades. The scale and size of this project, by the way, is something unique for Winnipeg. I hope the Public Service reaches out to outside expertise in terms of the construction, in terms of the procurement, the tendering, because this is something that really hasn't been done for a long time. I mean, the equivalent size and scale of this project would have to be the Pan Am Pool for an indoor recreational facility. So, it's literally been decades. And so, I hope for the sake of trying to stay on budget that we get...we reach out to those experts in other jurisdictions and hire them, if necessary, to bring them on to assist us with the procurement process. And there's no doubt, as Councillor Mayes pointed out, that there are other areas of the city that we really need to talk about as well. Councillor Sharma, Madam Speaker, has mentioned it to me; the northwest, as well. Not just the east Winnipeg...East of the Red Rec Plex, but...and then, Councillor Duncan has moved a similar motion turning to west Winnipeg, you know, where the location of that is yet to be determined. But he has kind of an idea right now. But again, we look at different options in terms of proximity to existing facilities and strategic locations in terms of that. If you look at...you could go to Edmonton, you could go with Calgary, you could go to Canmore, you can go to cities in the metro region of Vancouver, eastern on Canada, literally one centre after another has these regional rec facilities. And by the way, when I had a chance to tour one in Edmonton a number of years ago, the public service, they underestimated. They were conservative on the revenues coming back out of the facility...from the facility. And once it opened, the facility in southwest Edmonton exceeded their expectations in terms of public use and the revenues coming in from that facility. It was wise of them to be conservative on the estimates. But that just gives you an idea of the pent-up demand that there was inside the city of Edmonton. I'm sure it's going to no different here inside the city of Winnipeg. And so, I congratulate, again, Councillor Lukes for spearheading this along with members of Council who have supported over the last number of years and will be supporting the report. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I originally just wanted to have a standing count so I could show my support for the report, Madam Speaker. But I'm going to just speak very briefly. I would like to thank the councillor from southeast Winnipeg and the councillor from northeast Winnipeg for mentioning northwest, Madam Speaker, where we live and undertake our roles as city councillors and try to represent along with our colleague Councillor Santos. And while we do have a regional pool and those sorts of things, the growth that we have in northwest Winnipeg; you know, and I am still working a little bit on this, but every new dwelling that we build up in northwest, it seems to attract more people living in it than in other areas of the city, Madam Speaker, for various reasons, Madam Speaker. But I only heard mention of Aurora, Madam Speaker. But Madam Speaker, we should talk about what kind of growth is happening out there, especially in the north, northwest up there. Let's talk about Castlebury Meadows. I think it's almost finished. Waterford Green is finished. Aurora is close to finished. That is over just next to the Riverbend neighbourhood where Councillor Browaty now represents. Just demonstrates the growth up in Old Kildonan in that we had to give up a couple of neighbourhoods to North Kildonan, Madam Speaker. So, and Precinct E, it's starting to move pretty good. Like, you know, a fair amount is getting done there. That's going to be finished soon. How many people there? There is a lot of density, Madam Speaker, that's being built along Pipeline and...well, currently proposed, but I'm sure that the demand will keep up for housing in that area for people who live there. So, I just want to point out, like, you know, yeah, it's not the big Sage Creek area or it's not, you know, a big acreage, but you put all these things together, Madam Speaker, and the growth is there. So, I just wanted to demonstrate that we have needs up in that area. We don't want to take it away from our older neighbourhoods. Actually, neighbourhoods which we have committed under the Recreation Master Plan that should be walkable close by for those people who are living without a lot of dollars in their pocket that go to a regional. And you know, it's an interesting thing that northwest, if we sort of develop, we were just talking in the Strategic Priorities Action Plan. And we were talking about the need to drive. Well, when you build huge regional facilities, what you get is motor vehicles. So, we've got to get there, right? The people who want to use them have to get there. So, Madam Speaker, and hopefully with improved bus service as was mentioned by one councillor. So, I just wanted to say, I am in support because I understand that the new large area called Waverley West requires, you know, same level of service that other areas in the city deserve to have. There's property taxpayers, there's people who pay rent that goes to paying, you know, whatever into City funds. So, and we want to try to keep our user fees down. So, I just wanted to point out that I will be standing because I am calling for a recorded vote. I will be standing to support this project here. And I hope one day that my council colleagues will see fit to support the needs of northwest Winnipeg. Thank you.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I rise in support of this agenda item before us here today. As Councillor Rollins had mentioned, yesterday at 5:30, Councillor Lukes, Councillor Rollins, Councillor Duncan and myself met with the school trustees of Pembina Trails School Division and provided a booklet of their...just a summary of their...you know, what they are experiencing right now. What was remarkable to see in there was a breakdown of how immigration is changing the landscape of this particular area. Of particular notice, and I note that Councillor Lukes had posted on social media identifying this page, but where individuals are coming from in terms of source countries and are settling in the south area of Winnipeg. It was really expansive and really interesting to see in terms of how, again, the landscape or the mosaic of that local community is changing or evolving as it grows. I also want to bring to Council's attention, in terms of, you know, this project, in my ward, I have Dakota Recreation Centre. And that's quickly evolving into this type of campus where it is co-located right beside College Jeanne-Sauvé School, there's a small track there and I'm hoping that at some point I can work with Councillor Mayes in establishing a better track facility at that location. But since the capital campaign that they've had and the building of their refit centre, it's really become a one-stop hub of recreation activities for youth, for, you know, kids that are...children, youth, adults and seniors. I've got many seniors facilities that are directly across from the Dakota Community Centre. Again, this community centre doesn't have a specific catchment, but is pulling people from all regions of the city just based on the programming that they have there and the facilities as it...as it grows. So, seeing that south Winnipeg is the fastest growing area of our city, recognizing the diversity that exist within the south area of the city, I think there has to be a recreation facility that can accommodate the variety of sports offerings that are needed to help keep this community engaged. So, again, I'm very supportive of this South Winnipeg Campus and recognizing that this is a model that we should be going forward as our city grows. Thank you.

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I was so proud to vote in 2019, last term, on the feasibility study and the ICIP grant. So proud in 2020 to amend that and include a daycare and vocational school. I say this because there is a new day coming October 3rd. And in doing that vote, we're paying for the construction inflations, we're going to pay for that daycare, we need a new deal as the City because to paraphrase, maybe crudely, Councillor Mayes, "If you build it, they will come. The people need amenities." Madam Speaker, really happy to play a small part in stewarding this to fruition. I see a day where we're all as a Council in front of that new facility. And I see a day where, frankly, Councillor Lukes should be cutting a ribbon because no one has done more to move this forward in the Provincial Government and, indeed, this government than Councillor Lukes, Madam Speaker. Happy to move today. And I hope it's going to be a unanimous...unanimous support.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Rollins. Just one moment. Okay, next is a motion moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Wyatt. Pardon me, I'll call the question on the Item No. 9. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Unknown Speaker: Two-thirds vote?

Madam Speaker: Yes, it is.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 14, Nays 0.

Madam Speaker: That passes unanimously. Next, we are moving on to Motion 6.

Councillor Allard: Madam Speaker, I'd like to suspend the rules and...

Madam Speaker: Yes, this was your opportunity to do that. Okay, you're confusing everybody.

Councillor Allard: Better safe than sorry.

Madam Speaker: So, thank you. This is Motion 6: moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Wyatt. And it's regarding military veterans free plot program. It's an automatic referral. You are asking for suspension of the rules?

Councillor Allard: Yes, I believe it's important to consider this now so that it may be considered in the budget process.

Madam Speaker: All right. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Just for clarity, Madam Speaker; is this not a...ultimately, a budget referral?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Mayor Gillingham: So, I'm not sure why we need this. Nonetheless, we'll hear it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. So, we're...well, it's a suspension...we're just calling a vote for suspension of the rules to deal with the item today, but it's an auto referral before us, it's Motion 6. All in favour of suspending the rules to deal with it today? Yes, but...

Councillor Wyatt: I thought you said it wasn't.

Madam Speaker: It is. It is, you've heard me. Councillor Allard is asking for suspension of the rules and we are voting on a suspension of the rules to deal with the item today. All in favour of suspension? Contrary? I'm going to call for a recorded vote. All in favour of suspending the rules today, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Eadie, Rollins, Santos, and Wyatt

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 5, Nays 9.

Madam Speaker: This will be referred to the exec...to the standing committee. And there is time for the budget process, I believe. Thank you. Next is a...Motion 2: moved by Councillor Dobson and seconded by Councillor Chambers. And it's an automatic referral. And it's regarding the amnesty program regarding building permits. We'll now move on to by-laws under Property and Development. Councillor Rollins.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
MOTIONS

Motion No. 6

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Canadian Military veterans earned the honour of a free plot in the Brookside or Transcona Fields of Honour due to their service to Canada;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg should do our part by providing a free plot to military veterans who have passed away and their family resides in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the cost of a funeral involves much more money than the purchase of a plot;

AND WHEREAS Veteran Affairs' Last Post Fund uses a difficult process, for grieving families, that disqualifies military veterans and their families from obtaining free plots in fields of honour;

AND WHEREAS in 2022, the City of Winnipeg Cemetery Division free plot program gave up \$22,000 in revenue to provide free plots to Winnipeg veterans whose families were spared from a demeaning process by simply providing the veteran's military service card/papers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an annual amount of \$23,000, required to waive the fees for veteran interments within the Field of Honour at both Brookside and Transcona Cemeteries, be referred to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Review Process for inclusion in said budget.

Motion No. 2
Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS a building permit helps ensure that any work done on your home was done correctly, complies with local building codes, zoning etc.;

AND WHEREAS a homeowner may have purchased a home that had prior work done to it without any building permits being issued;

AND WHEREAS a homeowner may have performed work and not realized at the time that a building permit was required;

AND WHEREAS a homeowner may be discouraged from obtaining a building permit for previous work due to the penalties applied for work already done without a permit;

AND WHEREAS we want to encourage everyone to get building permits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an amnesty program be approved, beginning January 2024 to allow homeowners to declare renovations, repairs, or other activities that were undertaken in their primary residence without proper permits, and that the associated non-compliance fees for post construction permits, be waived, upon application and payment for necessary permits for the declared project(s).

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 the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 80/2023, By-law No. 81/2023, By-law No. 82/2023, By-law 83/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. And noted your opposition to 83. Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Next.

Clerk: By-law No. 80/2023, By-law No. 81/2023, By-law No. 82/2023, and By-law No. 83/2023.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move the following by-laws be read a second time: By-law No. 84/2022, By-law No. 132/2022, By-law No. 10/2023.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 84/2022, By-law No. 132/2022, and By-law No. 10/2023.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that By-laws No. 84/2022, 132/2022, and 10/2023 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. Councillor Rollins.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – THREE READINGS

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law No. 69/2023 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 69/2023.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law No. 69/2023 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 69/2023.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 69/2023 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 will now have question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Rollins?

Councillor Rollins: On veterans? Anything?

Madam Speaker: Seeing none, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services. Our new chair, Councillor Duncan, your opportunity to move the report.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Councillor Duncan: Thank you very much, Speaker. I would like to move adoption and consent agenda for Items 1 through 4.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Item 4 is pulled. I'll call the question on 1 through 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Remediation on Copeland Road.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt. Or pardon me, our chair, Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you very much. I'll hear from my council colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the new chair for his assistance on this matter. And it's...I'm not sure why EPC moved to receive it as information, so I can't support that. I can say that, you know, it really is a shortfall in our...either enforcement or by-laws or both. I just kind of maybe paint the picture here; could you imagine, let's say you have an empty lot across from your house in a residential area. And you wake up one day and there is an approach on this lot. And all of a sudden, trucks start arriving and they start dumping fill on this lot. And it's not like it's clean fill. It is not like mud to build a house to raise the land or something. No, it is polluted fill. It's...you can see the garbage in it, you can see the sand, you can see all sorts of stuff picked up looking like it...looked like it actually picked up from the street. And indeed, that is what's happened here, Madam Speaker. Now, I realize members of Council may not care about this because it's not their ward and maybe it's not their house across from the street from this, so they're (inaudible). But the fact of the matter is, Madam Speaker, is that we have a situation here in the middle of residential area where one day that is exactly what happened to the residents. They woke up one day and all of a sudden, trucks starting arriving. Now, what is interesting about this, is when I started asking questions about of our Public Service, they said, oh, well, this is not dirty fill, this is clean fill. Really? It's clean fill. So, what's the...what is the definition of clean fill? Now, if you go back to when we built our Public Works yard in east Winnipeg, the Public Works Department insisted after we approved

the budgets that we had to come back and approve another \$2 or \$3 million, or \$4 million more to build an enclosure for salt and sand that we were storing at the facility. Why, because it's not considered clean fill, it's considered contaminated. They don't want it running off into the soil. They've got to have a shell to...over top of it to prevent the rain from spraying out the salt and everything. Well, guess what this is? This is a private contractor going around the city cleaning up people's parking lots with the sweeping machines and then dumping it illegally, I argue illegally, in a residential area. But we don't do anything. Oh, no, our administration says, oh, well, you know, this is...we went and looked at it, councillor, this is clean fill. Well, yeah, to the human eye, there might be little bit of garbage and trash and it may be considered clean fill, but according to our own Public Works Department that had us build a \$3, \$4 million enclosure because it is dirty fill, because it's...salt is contamination; no, no, no, that's different. We had to spend that public money. So, it's very frustrating, Madam Speaker, the area councillor for something that is really simple that could have been enforced, that should have been enforced, that still needs to be enforced is not being enforced. And that the requirements for the private property owner to remediate his property, in other words, remove what he has done, he was basically using it as a landfill. He didn't want to have to go to pay the fee at Brady. So, he is subsidizing his business by dumping it in residential neighbourhoods. Now, could you imagine that happening in your area across from your house? Just put yourself in their position, the residents on that street. And so, that's why I am disappointed with the decision out of EPC. And maybe it's...again, it's not your ox getting gored, so I get it. But just try to put yourself in the residents' in those...in that neighbourhood, in your...in their shoes for just a moment. And so, I am voting against moving a receive as information. By the way, this speaks to the whole issue. I mean, we had at the standing committee and literally we had to have one department after another trying to address it. It was like...it was extremely frustrating. It goes to show how convoluted our by-laws enforcement processes, never mind trying to figure out who's responsible for what in terms of that enforcement. And the need for a consolidated by-law enforcement unit has never been louder. And so, I really would like...I mean, I would be happier if somebody of EPC referred this back so it could get another decision. I don't know if that will happen. I don't know if I have the votes for that, so I'm not going to move that. But if somebody on EPC does, I would support it. But you know, otherwise, I'm just going to have to keep moving motion and motion out of community committee, which will go to the standing committees and then keep...you know, it's just...it's ridiculous. I shouldn't have to do this, Madam Speaker, on something as simple as this. And by the way, it's not just here. Go out on Fermor, here's our beautiful highway coming into the city of Winnipeg, right? Number one highway. Look to the left. Private property owner has decided to, again, trying to argue it is clean fill. Go look at it. Bricks and concrete. Big pile of brick. Like, literally, at the height of this ceiling. Honest to God, I'm not exaggerating. On Fermor coming into the city of Winnipeg. Well, what does that do? Like, are we Plum Coulee? Like, this is the city of Winnipeg. I'm going to get in trouble from Plum Coulee. By the way, I used to drink in their bar, wonderful town. So, I'm not going to get in trouble. So, Madam Speaker...years ago. Madam Speaker, let's get our act together on this stuff. We can't let private property owners dump what they want. We also have what's called a Lot Grading By-law, right? You can't flood other people's land. We're not enforcing that. If you want something that's not environmental, there is an example of what we could use as a forfeit. I pointed that out in the standing committee too. Anyway, I'm sorry for the level of frustration. I guess this has been going on, actually, prior to the last election. So, anyway, that is where I stand on, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor...seeing the hour, we can reconvene this debate after...there are events over the noon hour. So, we will reconvene Council at 1:30 p.m. and take a recess now. And if we could just gather for a short, brief photo right in front of the Speaker's chair, please. There is a request for that as well. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
September 29, 2023, at 1:32 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of September 29th, 2023. We are on Item 4 of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services dated September 12th, 2023. It's the remediation on Copeland Road. Councillor Mayes, I would like to recognize you.

Councillor Mayes: Councillor Eadie's not here. I'll move referral back to standing policy committee.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Mayes moves referral of the item back to standing policy committee. Mr. Chair, Councillor Duncan, if you wish to respond, you may or we can call the vote.

Councillor Duncan: No, we'll call the vote.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of referral back to EPC? Contrary? To standing policy committee, that's correct. Thank you. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Next is question period for this committee. Questions for Councillor Duncan? Councillor Wyatt.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I just want to...I do want a question period to go by with (inaudible), and we've moved a motion recently in terms of the idea of working towards a consolidation of the By-law Enforcement unit. Can the councillor give us some of his thoughts in terms of that issue?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Absolutely, through you Madam Speaker, a issue that continuously comes up in the City of Winnipeg around By-law Enforcement, something that in my first year here, we dealt with on many occasions, myself being confused on some of the by-law concerns and where they might go, I can only imagine being a resident here in Winnipeg, who is not a city councillor and how they might understand that so definitely a conversation to be had and one that I hope to have as a committee and council and also including the Mayor's office on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, next committee, Standing Policy Committee on Public Works. Councillor Lukes, the Chair, for the report dated September 11th, 2023.

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

Councillor Lukes: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to move consent agenda 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes. Item 1, please.

Madam Speaker: Any others? I'll call the question on 2 through 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Award of Contract for the Provision of Accessible Transportation Services for Winnipeg Transit Plus – RFP 946-2022

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

Councillor Lukes: I will wait to hear from my colleague.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: To the relief of many, perhaps all, we near the end of the great battle over Transit Plus services, at least for the short-term. My request is to defeat this. I will be voting no as I would have done back in July when it first made the agenda. My preference will be to defeat this and then have a bid process conducted under the new chambers rules, which you will remember were the rules we passed back in July which will require the following: that Council be able to review all Transit Plus contract awards. We have to-date not been doing any of the car or van ones because they were only five years. We have done the bus ones, which were seven years. The observant among you will say, well, this is a van one. Yes, but this, for some reason, has gone to seven years instead of five for the van contract. So, with the chambers rules would be all of it comes to us. We get all of the disclosure on all of the companies that bid. Any award that is given with any sort of inflationary index, that is tied to the employee's wages. So, if we are giving more money to the private companies, we are confident that some of that is going to the workers. There were a number of issues that arose around this proposal that is before you, a seven-year proposed award. A number of issues that arose when I brought it on back in July. Councillor Orlikow moved referral saying perhaps some of the confusion could be sorted out at committee. I think some of it was. Well, I disagree with Councillor Lukes on this. She has at least asked some questions and I should thank her for that. Here are the issues that have been resolved: number one, the ambiguity of this, it's unclear whether it's going to be employees or subcontractors of the contractor. I am told by Transit staff AB Transit, if successful, will use employees. So, that is a good step forward. We are moving to a model where everyone will use employees. So, additionally, the question, what about wages was put because you were told back in December when we extended the van contract and you were told again verbally at committee in July at two hours, 46 minutes and 30 seconds that the wages would be going up under this proposal. Finally, at EPC, we get to the heart of the matter. Staff say, we don't know what the wages are. We don't know, it's commercially confidential. You were told they were going up, they...we don't know if they are going up or not. This had been what I'd been told twice in private, so it did baffle me why in public the staff are saying wages were

going up to get councillors...anyway, in response to questions at committee, but we now know wages are whatever they are. We don't know what will happen to them, they could go up, down or sideways here. So, we know that. What we still don't know, the mystery, every previous contract award that's come to Council and was the odd one that came to IRPW in September of 2018, virtually everyone has stated the percentage of the work that the winning bidder will have. I could give you many examples, I'll limit myself to a couple. So, in 2020, we were told the winner, Exact would have 21 per...21% of our call volume. Urban, 28% in June of 2019. May of 2019, 23% Urban. There is no percentage here. I asked why and I knew why I was asking why. So, this would give the winner AB Transit 39.8% of the call volume. It would. They're at 32.8 now, add 7 – 39.8. We're told, well, there's a long lag time until this starts and other stuff could happen in the interim. I say, well, back in 2019, you had one that wasn't going to start for several months and/or other contracts to be awarded in the interim and you still gave us a percentage. Well, that was different. So, I really would...it's one of the reasons why we should defeat this I think is because we don't know what share. We do know this, we know they will have 39%. We know that in 2012 a company, the low bidder, didn't get a contract because it would have too much at 28%. We had Mr. Ewankiw in 2018 recommending against a low bidder because they would have 31%. Too much. I do think we open ourselves to a lawsuit from the unsuccessful bidders who are saying, why is it not too much for one company when AB can get 39% but it's too much for another company, 31%? Pretty seemingly arbitrary award of contracts and maybe that's in the RFP. So, maybe it's all okay. It does make you wonder why we go through a process when one company who apparently is winning is told, well, no, that's just too much concentration for your firm. So, there was that issue. Then there was the disclosure of bidders. If you look at the Charter, you don't know who the unsuccessful bidders. Back in the days before the information, I do...I do think this is a classic example of why Council should matter, why we should get some disclosure. If you look at the 2018 report, all of the unsuccessful bidders are named in there. So, what I'm told...well, we've got to keep confidentiality. Apparently not in 2018. Apparently not in the 2017 report that was the predecessor to this van contract. Yet somehow, now we can't know the names. Look at the 2018 report that came to...it's public. It lists all the unsuccessful bidders. Why then is this now so confidential? We have no idea. I am told, talk to Materials Management. So, another reason why we should try again and go onto the chambers rules. You will probably be told there's great urgency to this, that time is running out. The bid is only good until June. That's actually what it says, the bid is only good until June. So, one week in July we were being blessed with an extension to end of July with the company, but now it's still a good bid. No, the company's extending yet again. So, maybe all that time pressure we were under to approve, maybe it wasn't that real a time pressure. So, I am not convinced there's great time pressure here. There...the June deadline seems to have washed away to a July deadline and is now a September deadline. So, I would encourage you to vote no. Finally, cost; Ms. Fisher, Transit Plus, well, Transit, very good straightforward supplier of information. I want to thank her. She said, you keep saying it's going up by a 133% a year. You're sort of right, but you're not adjusting for inflation, and that is a fair comment by her. So, this is going up well over 100%, I think she...I think she said 112%. It's going up more than 100% a year compared to what we were paying from 2017 to '22, the previous five-year contract that we didn't get, of course, because it was a five-year contract. That concerns me. It concerns me because we were just at a whole exercise where we were told we can't afford to bring it in-house and we project the cost of bringing in-house would sharply rise each year and our projections of keeping it contracted out, only a 3% increase a year. And then, you look at this report and you say, wait a minute, it's 100% increase. And my math is right on this, feel free to ask. It is more than 100% increase per year. Well, there...it's a different kind of van. True, there's one less van. There are five vans instead of six and we're advertising the vans over seven years instead of five. So, these got to be great vans. So, to quote Councillor Eadie at Water on a different matter, you were hellbent...what was it, Ross? You were hellbent on going the private sector way. And I have to say, there is some of that here. Let's...look at the next Transit Plus budget and tell me if it is only going up 3%. Look at this report saying we have the money to cover it in the next Transit Plus operating budget. No, they don't, they're going to need big increases, but maybe that is a fight that's already been fought. But I have got to say, like, if our (inaudible) was yay, privatization is saving us all of this money, this thing is going up over 100% per year, not 3%. So, I would encourage you to let's vote this down and have a new process under the chambers conditions and we will see what we might come back with. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Contrary to the last Council meeting I spoke on the issue, I will try not to get too emotional about it. I...Madam Speaker, I will be voting for mostly the same reasons opposed to the awarding of this contract. But my main reasoning is, is my colleague has just demonstrated what I tried to explain to everybody in the first place. Yeah, it might look like there's a bigger cost for the City to do it. You do an evaluation at least to bring in some of the product. But the reality, Madam Speaker, is that there is a certain number of cost factors that are just built in whether you do it publicly or you do it privately. But the thing is, I have yet to see a business plan written up like the private sector would write it versus a business plan coming from our Public Service. Yeah, there is some initial outlay. Oh, we don't want to spend the capital dollars. But in this contract, if you are voting for it, you will be paying for all those new vehicles, Madam Speaker. So, you know, it comes down to, well, you know, the employment contract is with the private sector employer. There is no law that's specifically in place that says they have to tell you what the wage increases are to their employees. I understand maybe some of these private sector Transit Plus providers will have some sort of collective agreement which would be a good thing because if there are...is an ability to negotiate a collective agreement with a private sector company,

you can be sure that there is a push to make sure that people are making a living wage, Madam Speaker. What else can I say about it? Well, I have some concerns as well. Like, we have a Transit Master Plan that talked about a family of services, Madam Speaker. And if we keep proceeding down the way we are, if we had City-owned and run vehicles representing part of this contract for Transit Plus service, that would mean that it would be way easier to integrate into the family of services where we have the on-demand request for transit service in neighbourhoods where there isn't a great bus service. Now, I have to give kudos to Councillor Mayes in the past who finally did achieve that people who qualify for Transit Plus could use it even if they are more than X distance from a City of Winnipeg regular transit stop. Because...well, there is a whole bunch of improvements that have to happen. But so, I am calling in...is our Transit Plus going to recommend to somebody who is blind who has great legs like I do, are they going to suggest that they use the on-demand service rather than the Transit Plus service when you got a contract that's guaranteeing a company X number of percentage of calls that come in for transit services...Transit Plus services? There is nothing in here to inspire the City or the Public Service to really provide a real family of services where you could connect it all. And so, it's another reason not to vote to go with these kind of contracts. I will leave it at that. And I am not going to get emotional. If you want quality drivers who are providing quality service, you have to pay them a decent wage. And there is nothing, even though you say, oh, we want to do this and a whole bunch of hyperbole about why we are not going to go with a percentage provided by the Public Service, you know, anyway, I just find this totally...anyway, one would hope that whoever...they get the contract and the people who use the service, because that's who we need to be concerned about, Madam Speaker, are the users. And I hope that whoever's winning contracts here are paying enough to have quality drivers assist Transit Plus users who really have no, really, other choice. Although, I will point out that the CNIB is doing a thing about how people who are blind can take regular transit. And we can. And in this city, it is not that hard to use regular transit system if you are totally blind. We've got audible signals at every intersection. Most of the bus stops are fairly accessible. The only issue we have here in Winnipeg is those winter conditions that in our Transit Master Plan, I hope nobody forgets so that we can have family services, you know, to ensure wherever you have to connect to different buses to get to where you are going, that you don't have to deal with windrows or ice that allows you to slide under a bus at a bus stop because it wasn't...the snow wasn't cleared, it melted and it iced up. That's almost happened to me a couple of times at seven...Seven Oaks Avenue and Main Street. Some winters, not every winter. But anyway, the point is, I don't see how continuing with the private sector contracts as a 100% of service delivery is going to help us get to a more accessible transit system for everybody. Anyway, thanks.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be following Councillor Mayes' lead on this. I recall voting for a budget that had capital funding for Transit Plus. I believe, Councillor Mayes, that I am correct that there was capital money for Transit Plus Public Service delivery. Some...we hear around the table sometimes that budgets matter and that votes matter. When I voted for that budget, this was one of the things that made me want to support the budget. And now I see that these efforts are perhaps frustrated. I think the only way to find out how much public provision of Transit Plus can cost, will cost, is to...is to do it. And so, in support of Councillor Mayes' efforts, I will be voting no on this...on this recommendation. And also, generally find that these renewal contracts do come at the 11th hour and it becomes a zero-sum game of either support the report and have the drivers available or don't support the report and the public will be impacted by loss of service. So, I would like to assist Councillor Mayes any way I can in this attempt to get some private delivery of service...get some public delivery of service for Transit Plus. I think the only way to really know how much it would cost would be to implement and start a small fleet. And I remember that being in the budget. And I can see that it is still not happening. I think...I think I will leave it at that for now. I do recall Councillor Mayes talking about the advantages of having a mix between public and private delivery of services. He called it, I think, the Ottawa model in a different context. But I think it...I think we have an advantage when we have some public sector delivery of a service. I think we also have an advantage and some leverage when we have some public sector delivery of service. And I think not having a force takes away that leverage. Not having a force takes away our ability to know how much it costs because I have been...you know, I've been in conversations on...been in similar conversations and theoretical costs makes me think of the saying, lies, lies and statistics. Or is it...yeah, I think that's the one. I think you can paint any picture you want if you have the information. And I recall hearing if the administration doesn't want to do something around here, it is very tough to do it. I don't want to impugn the motives of the administration. However, to quote Councillor Mayes again, "The elections do matter." I think votes on budgets do matter. I recall voting for a budget that had capital for Transit Plus public delivery and I don't see it happening. So, I will be voting no for this...for this report. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Allard. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Councillor Wyatt and then back to you, Councillor Lukes, for close.

Councillor Wyatt: You know, I share a lot of the same feelings. I recall many of the debates in this chamber in the past, you know, when we...there was the philosophical view that we should go private; privatize, privatize, privatize. And in fact, I remember one debate when the speaker of the time, Mr. Harry Lazarenko said we couldn't say the word privatization...privatization, even though that was core of the debate. It caused quite a kerfuffle. It was quite funny. But

anyway, it was, you know, garbage at one time. Our refuse pick-up system was mixed. We also had far decentralized to allow for community-based companies to participate. We got rid of that. We went to the big guys. You know, and there is no doubt that if you have a mixed economy or a mixed system of contracts, it does provide balance. I was in a meeting this summer that councillor...the chair of the committee asked me to organize it. What had came out through the meeting was we were talking about infrastructure. You know, it's not a secret to say this is that they said, well, the biggest challenge we face, councillor, is aggregate. We don't control aggregate. And the ones that control aggregate drive up the price. They can set the price on road construction. Labour and aggregate, those are the two biggest issues right now in tendering of roadworks and why we in regional streets alone this year, 26% inflation. 26%. And you know, I looked and I said, you are the same guys who recommended to us to privatize our pit that we owned, you know, only a decade before. And so, the idea was that we bought a gravel pit to try to control the price of aggregate so that the private sector didn't have us on...you know, what typically happens, we move to privatize, prices come in wonderful at the beginning and then...and then later on, we start to see the increases because the cost of doing business is the cost of doing business is the cost of doing business. And whether...and even in the private sector now, Councillor Eadie speaks about a little away, but even in the private sector they are faced with the circumstances where if they want to keep employees, they're going to have to pay. And thus, you're seeing the increases coming down the road with regards to the cost of business. This is the reality. So, that is why I've always argued and said...and said in previous debates when we talked about privatization, we've got to be very careful. It is good to keep a mix. Yes, you know, I mean, we once had an asphalt plant. We once were able to control those prices and bring them down and turn to the private contractors and say, you know what, you are not going to get any work this year, we're going to do it all in-house because we don't like the fact you're coming in at 10% above last year. We can't do that any more. We don't have the ability to do that. Once we did. Anyway, Madam Speaker, those are my comments. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes to close on this item.

Councillor Lukes: Sure, thank you. Well, first of all, I want to thank Councillor Mayes for his work on all transit issues. He really dives into it and I think he brings forward some good points. I do think Transit, their reports sometimes include things, sometimes don't include things. I think that Councillor Mayes has made it clear that there is certain types of information that he wants in reports with the Transit folks and they have agreed to it. I, too, am challenged by, of course, the 11th hour, oh my god, you have to vote for it now or it's the end of the world, right? I think we've all heard that hundreds of times. But for this particular report that is in front of you today, I do feel at this point we do need to make a decision and vote for it and proceed. And I am encouraging everyone to vote for it and proceed. What happens in contracts is the...I forget her name, and whatever her name is, the Procurement Department goes back and they say to the people that have put in the bids, would you extend it, please? We've got circumstances where we're hoping you will extend the price that you bid on it. And in this particular case, all the bidders said they would extend the timeline. So, I guess I am encouraging you from the standpoint of why now to vote on this? It is a fact that prices of vehicles are continuing to go up. It is a fact that sometimes these vehicles take a year plus to get in. So, I do think it is important to vote for this today. And on the topic of vehicles, so this is a different type of van. This is the only vehicle type in the fleet that can accommodate customers who are bariatric and require additional space and have oversized equipment. The lower slope allows customers more mobility, there's a whole list of things specific to this new type of van that's not in the fleet. There are more vans and they will be putting hours...more hours on the road compared to the first...the first...the prior one that Councillor Mayes was speaking to. Now, the other thing...okay, I'm...just hold on here. Hold on here. Let me finish my...let me finish my thing. Okay. Well, I didn't correct you on your factual points and some of them are a little gray. So, you know, I am reading what the Public Service has provided me. So, the new contract is for more service hours and it's for a completely different type of vehicle. And in the standpoint of the percentages, the way at the Public Works Committee that the Public Service presented it was that at this point in time, a specific contractor may have 30%, 25%, whatever percent of the contracts, but when they bid on it again in six months or when they go for another bid, they may not have that same percentage. So, I do hear Councillor Mayes' point when the Public Service tells him one thing and maybe doesn't give the whole picture of the timeframe of when the contract expires, new ones are bid on and the percentage that a company owns. So, I wanted to speak to that. I wanted to speak to wages. You know, I think from the time of the ombudsman report to now; I don't think, I know, the Transit Department has done leaps and bounds in improvements. The City hires hundreds of contractors and we don't ask them for their wages. What are you paying the landscape architect? What are you paying the snow removal company? What are you paying, you know, the private garbage company employees per hour? So, I...we are moving towards a new model, which is great, where all of this will be, you know, revealed. At this point, I think today because we've had this delay, because we want to provide this service, because these are completely different vehicles, the Public Works Committee had a very rigorous discussion with the Public Service. And I appreciate Councillor Mayes coming and making his points, but this message that I received from the Public Service that we received in Public Works has been consistent to the committee and to me. And I am asking that we support this report in front of us today so that we can order these vehicles and get them on the road. And I just wanted to note again that it was approximately 2,093 people could be impacted. This is the average monthly passengers carried to-date for 2023. So, let's get that order in and get these buses on the road knowing that in the future we are working to amalgamate contracts. And we will reduce the

number of contracts that we have. This one is here before us today and I am supportive and I'm asking that you to support it also.

Madam Speaker: With that, I will call the question.

Councillor Mayes: Point of order. I think...trying to be diplomatic as Councillor Lukes was. There aren't more vehicles, there's going to be more hours. There's certainly five vans, not six, that's now four. (inaudible)

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Yeah. Moving on, call the question on Item 1. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

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

Nays

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

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 8, Nays 6.

Madam Speaker: Item 1 passes. We're moving on to Motion 3: moved by Councillor Dobson and seconded by Councillor Chambers. It's regarding speed limits along active transportation pathways. It will be an automatic referral to Public Works. Now by-laws, Councillor Lukes.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS**

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices are becoming more prevalent;

AND WHEREAS the speed of bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices has in some cases, become excessive on our active transportation pathways;

AND WHEREAS the possibility of a collision and subsequent injuries on our pathways, increases with speed;

AND WHEREAS many residents are afraid to use our pathways for fear of being struck and injured by speeding bikes, E, bikes, scooters, or other devices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works on options for establishing a speed limit along active transportation pathways for bikes, e-bikes, scooters, and other devices.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 78/2023, By-law 79/2023.

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

Councillor Duncan: 79, please.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Clerk: By-law No. 78/2023 and By-law No. 79/2023.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that By-laws No. 78/2023 and 79/2023 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Duncan noted...

Councillor Rollins: By-law 79, please.

Madam Speaker: Yeah, noted in opposition for By-law 79; Councillor Rollins and Councillor Dunkin. Carried.

Councillor Lukes: I'd like to move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No.70...oops, sorry.

Clerk: By-laws No. 78/2023 and 79/2023.

Councillor Lukes: We're out of touch here. We need to get back into the groove. I'd like to move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 78/2023 and 79/2023 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. Councillor Duncan and Councillor Rollins opposed to 79. Question period under this committee. Any questions for our chair? Councillor Santos.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Santos: Yes, I should have mentioned to Councillor...the chairperson I was going to bring up this question. So maybe two or three questions I'll figure it out but if she can answer it in one, that's fine. Is she aware there have been some recent accidents on the intersection of Inkster and King Edward near the school. Our office had been advocating for red-light cameras and I've had a few constituents now reach out to me because there was a recent accident I believe over the weekend luckily there was no death involved in that one, but which should be amendable to working with my office and seeing how we can improve that intersection with either lowering the speed limits, installing a red light camera but I believe the other one could be possibly a warning light maybe a couple feet away from the lights to kind of tell traffic that the traffic light is changing. So, I think that that's a couple of questions. Apologize.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: For sure. You now, I think a lot of the collisions on the road really are collisions' and that they really aren't accidents and that they can be avoided I'm really pleased that virtually everyone on the Council voted for the road safety plan that is starting to be implemented a lot of features in the road safety plan will address many of our concerns. You know we're an old city we have a lot of work to do but I'll absolutely gladly sit down with Councillor Santos and try and come to some sort of solution.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, next committee is Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development. There's no report today. Following that, report of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste and the Environment. Oh, yes, question period. Any questions for our chair, Councillor Browaty? Seeing none, Councillor Mayes, you are on. Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste and Environment, September 8th, 2023 report.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll advise that Item No. 1 was laid over by Executive Policy Committee for 30 days. So, I will introduce the report and move adoption of consent Items 2 through 6, but I would like to pull 5.

Madam Speaker: 5 has been pulled. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: On Item 1, am I allowed to talk to...about the...am I allowed to talk to it?

Madam Speaker: It's been laid over by EPC, so no debate today.

Councillor Gilroy: That's too bad. Okay.

Madam Speaker: All right. Just 5 has been pulled. I'll call the question on 2 through 4 and No. 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

**Item 5 – Request for Budget Revision for the North End Sewage Treatment Plan (NEWPCC) Upgrade –
Biosolids Facilities Project**

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes, on the item.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. It's a very large amount of money, hundreds of millions of dollars. It...given the state of exhaustion at the committee level due to hearing lot drainage issues, a process we should certainly revise, we probably shouldn't spend as long on this at committee as we otherwise would have. It is a major commitment that we are looking to do to get work going on the biosolids building, usually referred to as phase 2, but the biosolids building. So, this has nothing to do with the nutrient removal project, phase 3. I want to emphasize I think two things, maybe three things; number one: kudos to former Mayor Bowman for getting provincial and federal funding lined up for this in August of '22. That was when the announcement was made. Pleased we finally have some progress. This is the building we are told needs to be done by 2030 or we will not be able to approve any development of any sort in the city of Winnipeg; factories, apartments, houses, everything will be stalled. So, we need to get going. And if we get going, we hopefully will be done by 2030. That's the plan. The second thing to emphasize is councillor...sorry, Mayor Gillingham's letter to the...it's been 10 months, I should be getting better at this, 11 months. Mayor Gillingham's letter to other levels of government indicating that while it's been good to get funding from the other levels of government, we shouldn't have to fill it alone on this additional cost aspect. They may not share that view, I guess we will see what happens provincially and federally, but it is certainly to the credit of the Mayor that he has put that message forward. I will certainly be asking some questions when the item that's just been published on Councillor Duncan's agenda, the St. James Civic Centre Expansion, also an ICIP project, also that cost overruns, also some additional costs there. I assume we will be writing on that one as well. And I certainly have some questions on that, but it will be coming to us next month. So, here, but...so, kudos to the Mayor for writing, but what troubles me really on this one is actually, it's a bit Sherlock Holmes-like. You're troubled by the thing that isn't there. And what isn't there...what isn't there is this is...this never gets into the affordability issue of going it alone and yet, we have a CSO report, 2019, citing a 2015 report saying it's unaffordable. It's unaffordable to go to alone on CSO. And then, some math used in 2015 that's based on the median income per household and this heat map that's in there in 2015 and this whole analysis. No, we can't go it alone on CSO. I have never seen that used again. I've never seen it referenced again. There's no reference to it here. It's all being paid for out of water and sewer rate. Why are we using completely different methodologies to come up with the argument from staff that we cannot afford...the ratepayers can't afford to go it alone on CSO, but here, a much bigger number, hundreds of millions of dollars, there's really no discussion of that whatsoever. So, we would certainly prefer not to have to go it alone, that may not be a choice. So, I think we have to get going on the building. But we have the CSO report coming next month and I'm very troubled by a methodology over matters that are this expensive, where we say, on the one hand, and there's this passive phrase in the CSO report, it was decided this was unaffordable by ratepayers, which is bad grammar in two sense. The ratepayers didn't decide that it was unaffordable, the City staff decided it was unaffordable for the ratepayers. They decided that back in 2015 using a methodology nowhere referenced here. So, certainly, I'm in favour of this. Let's proceed with this. It is a huge expense. Hopefully the Mayor's letter will bear fruit and we'll get some federal and provincial money for this. But to be continued next month when we discuss the CSO report where I think there's a good debate to actually be had about whether we can afford to go it alone on that. And frankly, if there is an area where we need to get the help, it is more this. And again, I will credit former Mayor Bowman for being pretty consistent saying, if we're going to get...our first thing we should be asking for is North End, not CSO. He was, I think, right on that. But we've got a problem with sewage going into our rivers and we can't afford to dither further on that. So, for today, let's move forward with this, but you'll be hearing me talk next month, hopefully, about the

CSO report and the need to either, frankly, get going or tell the Province we are not going to comply with the legal deadline. So, but for today, I am in favour of moving forward on this.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Mayes for his leadership on this file and also for his comments that he just made. Yes, to reiterate what he just said, I have penned a letter to the Prime Minister and to the Premier asking for their increased contributions of senior levels of government on all ICIP projects, and this project is certainly one of those projects. As Councillor Mayes indicated, they are not cost overruns on this...on this project, it's...this biosolids facility project, it's an updated number of...related to the cost that as we knew would reflect the inflationary pressures, increase in material costs, labour costs and whole myriad of other items that have driven the project costs upward. In my letter to the three-party leaders all vying to be Manitoba's next premier, I also itemized as a fifth priority an increased participation in all the ICIP funded projects that the Provincial Government has committed to. And our four most recently that we as a Council had voted on, all of those...any of those, I would say, that are seeing cost estimate updates, also need to see senior levels of government increase their funding participation. And I will continue to make this a priority and continue to have these discussions both with the Prime Minister's office and with the next premier's office, as well, to continue to request that they stay true to the spirit of ICIP and increase their funding contributions to the projects. But the councillor raises another very important point, I don't want us to lose that, is that with all these cost estimate updates, we always have to go back and continue to scrutinize the numbers. And the numbers need, you know, additional looks and additional scrutiny. I will be supporting this today because we do need to continue to move ahead on this project. We have to get it done. But you know, in the future, and even on this project as this project goes on, we have to do all things to maintain costs, control the costs, reduce the costs where possible. One of the things I committed to a year ago or so, when I was campaigning to be the mayor was the hiring of a chief construction officer. That's still on the books and we're still working through that as well. And one of the roles that a chief construction officer would play would be to assist in...our staff in looking at the bids that are coming in and the costs that are coming in and see where we can ensure the people of Winnipeg are getting value for their money. It's quite remarkable, several of us have said it, certainly, Councillor Mayes has said it many times that it's this project, which is a \$2 billion project, ultimately, when it's all said and done; often, you know, the things that the public pays attention to are items that are smaller dollar value items. And a project like this with this increase, with \$482 million increase, maybe gets one quick story in one of our newspapers. Or maybe one day of press. It is significant. And so, we as a Council owe it to the people that we serve to continue to do all we can to monitor, scrutinize these costs of these projects and make sure that we are doing everything within our power to ensure Winnipeggers are getting value for money and that costs are not increasing unnecessarily. I'll be supporting this today, but continue to lobby the senior levels of government to increase their contribution rates on these ICIP projects. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, wow, it lost so much money, Madam Speaker, but it's a plant that is going to last a long time and help us with a grow up. And I would point out that at least it is very clear what might hamper growth, both economic and residential growth, Madam Speaker, is if we don't proceed with this plant and get it completed to the point that we won't have any room. And just in the news this morning, I was listening, looks like Hydro hasn't planned out properly. And so, at least we know if a huge battery plant wants to come and locate near Winnipeg, they can at least, by 2030, they will be able to hook into a sewage plant that will be able to handle any kind of processing that needs to be done from their influence. So, the bill payers, the water bill payers, they are the ones, yes, who were paying for that. We borrow money and then the debt also is being paid off by the...by the users. And...but those are the same users, Madam Speaker. And you know, utility bills are very tough for a lot of people. And the Federal and Provincial Governments can tap into other sources of bill payer revenue. Like, the same person...well, I pay the property taxes where I live and pay the water bill too, right? So, it's very important that the other two levels...and I have confidence that our current Mayor Gillingham will do his best to try to get them to increase on the ICIP. And this isn't just Winnipeg that is facing this problem, Madam Speaker. I understand that all the projects across the country, federally supported through these programs, they are all, all subject to large amounts of inflation as we have all heard. And so, it's difficulty. And I just wanted to point out that there is the inflation, but also, when we went...when we go for provincial and federal sharing of funding, we move forward with a Class 3 estimate. But a Class 3 estimate is not what you need in order to actually get into the ground and start constructing. There is a lot more detailed design that's figured out and then you go and figure out, well, how much is that adding to the project? And so, it isn't a cost overrun. It's just getting down to the final detail about how we are going to build this. The only thing, Madam Speaker, I would disagree with our mayor on is we are paying a substantial amount of money to what we call the project advocate. We hired a private company who are experts in looking at the market, come up with design. They are checking on, are we getting the best price? They are checking the market all of the time because there are advocates this...which are the water bill payer advocates, the taxpayer advocates on our behalf, and they are looking at this. And one would hope that for the kind of money we are spending, we don't really...do we really need a construction, whatever, project manager and spend some more money when we are already spending, like, what

was the last I seen about \$20 million for our project advocate on the North End...well, I like to call it the North Winnipeg Plant. But Madam Speaker, I just point out that we have...we have some checks and balances. And under contract, our advocates are obligated to make sure we're getting the best price. So, I don't know that we need any more, at least on this specific project because there's other projects we've done without having an advocate of that sort when we're looking at doing that. And this is what you do when you do design build, Madam Speaker. You do have to...publicly doing a design build, you have to have that project advocate as we have. So, I will leave it at there. No matter where the money comes from and to the Federal and Provincial Government, the water bill payers are your taxpayers too, so please, help keep their utility bill down because that's a...that's, you know, your property tax is paid out once a year unless you are on TIPP program, but your utility bill, you've got to pay it all the time and you've got to try to make ends meet. So, help us offset the...this price to the actual water bill users. And when new users jump on, there will be more payers to help pay for the system. So, I will leave it at that. It is really mind-boggling when you, I think...and actually, I should thank our Chairperson because I know that Councillor Mayes, Madam Speaker, spends a lot of time on the minutia of this stuff. And you have to give him kudos for that. So, anyway, I will be voting, of course, for the report.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, Madam Speaker, I am rising not to support this report. I can tell you right now that the cost here is not going to be the last increase. We have seen this price escalate dramatically if you want to look at this over the last year 10-year budget book, going up exponentially. And when I met...when I was Chair of Finance and met with Water and Waste, they told me the only place this plant...type of plant exists in North America is Washington, DC. Now, maybe since then they've built another plant, but why am I building a plant for our engineers of our city to win awards? And why am I building a plant that is going to be used so we can accommodate some batter company that may or may not come to Winnipeg? Frankly, Madam Speaker, we used to be able to spread this stuff on farmer's fields until somebody in the legislature decided to change the legislation. And all of a sudden say, no, you can't do that, that is not right. We're now spending more money than ever before to have a higher level of...for reuse. We're no guarantee on the market for the reuse. And we're not told what that will look like in terms of the product coming out that we can sell it. But we're going along and I get it. You know, I get it. Every member of Council, not just this council, right across Canada, you talk to councillors, their eyes glaze the minute you start talking about water and waste. You know, it's not something that excites people. But the reality is, Madam Speaker, this is a budget that seems to be out of control. And this reminds me of another police headquarters. Like, the reality is, we do not have to build to the Cadillac version...you know, a Lamborghini version for biosolid removal. We could be doing something a lot less and achieving the same goals. Now, we're being told there's environment regulations coming down the pipe we have to do, maybe. We don't know. But we do know we have a capacity issue. I agree with that. I agree with Councillor Mayes there. There is definitely a capacity issue. But there's two different issues here; there's a capacity issue of service, the amount of growth in terms of the city and the sewage, and then there's the issue on terms of level of treatment that we are going to be doing for the purpose of these solids. That's two separate issues and we've elected to go the higher end in terms of the recovery of these solids. So, those are my concerns. I've expressed them before in this chamber, so it's not new. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes to close. Or pardon me, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. If you want to see eye glazing, wait till my CSO speech next month, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Wyatt has raised the Washington example thing...thank you. Councillor Wyatt has raised the Washington issue before and I am working with the staff to see if there are other plants that have been developed since then. We are trying to build a structure here. We are told by the staff that we need to build this, I think regardless of provincial requirement. We need this in order to continue to have capacity in the system. So, not a CSO limit, not the limit you get...the hydraulic limits you get in probably all sorts of places in the city now. It keeps coming up as impediment to development. But rather, just this is a central problem at the plant. So, it is a large amount of money. I think Councillor Wyatt is right. I think when I first got here, all three phases were going to be \$790 or \$795 million. We are certainly more than double that now, probably heading towards \$2 billion depending on costs. Councillor Wyatt's also probably right, this probably isn't the final number we're going to see on this, but there is, I think, a debate still to be had about nutrient removal and if there's a new government, that debate will probably be joined again. But for the shorter term, we need to...if we are going to get going, we need to have the budget in place and we don't yet have the contributions from the feds or the province. So, we are in a difficult situation here, but again, kudos to the Mayor for...had some nice comments about the work I put in. Thank you for that. But I think the Mayor is right to write to the other levels of government saying, we are not even underway yet and there's these...these increased costs. You've got to...let's keep cost sharing this. So, for today, I think the right thing to do is to move this forward and then stay tuned on CSO. And in the longer term, the nutrient removal building will be...will have to be debated as well. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I'll call the question on Item 5. All in favour? Contrary? That's carried. And we have noted Councillor Wyatt in opposition. Question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Mayes? Councillor Chambers.

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

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair of Water and Waste, investments are being made in the North Winnipeg Pollution Control Centre addressing the aging infrastructure which allows for growth of our city and densification to occur, it helps to mitigate the impact of phosphorous materials into Lake Winnipeg and also provide for, you know, additional development to occur. Investments are also required to sewer lines to allow for densification in other areas of our city where land is available and projects were previously approved for growth. I know that one of my colleagues often talks about construction inflation so there's something that I'm going to talk about consistently. It is our sewer lines and asking the Chair of Water and Waste, what can Water and Waste commit to in terms of investments of our sewer lines that will help and lift stations that will help for development and densification to address the critical housing shortage that we have as population increases, outpaces the supply of portable homes in our city.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Question for Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Can I get that clarified? I'm not sure I understood that.

Councillor Chambers: Again, through you Madam Chair to...or Madam Speaker to the Chair of Water and Waste, what can Water and Waste commit to in terms of investing in our sewer lines to allow, and lift stations to allow for development to occur to address the critical housing shortage that we have as our population growth is outpacing the availability of affordable housing in our city?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: A rather broad answer I suppose, thank you to Councillor Chambers for now raising the St. Norbert example again, I've asked Water and Waste staff to deal with him directly on that I'm not going to answer that question here anymore, so I've asked staff to do their jobs and to meet with Councillor Chambers. I mean Water and Waste budget tends to have the big three or four, 30 million a year each for water main renewal, 30 million for sewer main renewal and 30 million on the CSO, that has been joined by a fourth player which is our water meter renewal project, more news on that coming very shortly. That's a big important initiative we're doing on water meter renewal, that's tens of millions of dollars but we've got a big reserve to fund it so in terms of what's being done, I mean those sorts of projects will be annual updated (inaudible) structure, additionally we have spirited debates around here about some big infrastructure projects, southwest interceptor, that damnable thing up at Fernbank in your ward, Madam Speaker. That seemed to go on for the better part of a decade until we finally got that resolved, that sewage issue around precinct E I think. The issue clearly is not water as much as it is waste water at capacity. I mean we are...I mean Water and Waste can do what we directed to do through the budget process I suppose is the answer, and that's a debate we need to have about what kind of investments can we put in. It is perhaps naive to think we can simply massively densify throughout the city knowing we have a CSO limit. There are limits to what we can put in the CSO area, we will have to work that through as part of the discussion around the housing shortage. So we are continuing the work on the CSO's as Council voted unanimously last year for that to be done by 2045, 2047, not 2097 as the staff recommended in its report more on that next month. So I mean I think the answer is Water and Waste can do...can drive at the speed we tell it to drive through the budget, so I think at this stage we have certainly invested in some big infrastructure project with southwest interceptor. Darcy lift station project was in the most recent budget, some provincial help on that. So, yes some things going on in the southwest, Fernbank I think it's worked its way up through the budget now from the north. So yeah it's...a number of projects underway but really they can do what we tell them to do through the budget.

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

Councillor Chambers: Second question and I'm hoping you can answer this as well, but I know the city is planning to make application to the Federal Government, the Rapid Housing Initiative project, will Water and Waste identify the critical...criticality of the need to address our sewer lines and potentially have some of those dollars directed from the Rapid Housing Initiative if in fact infrastructure can be addressed, have you identified that as a need under this initiative?

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: There's no field as full of acronyms as the housing field in my experience to which Councillor Rollins has sort of been the shepherd on this, the keeper of the flame to her credit. So I think that...I think that might be the Housing Accelerator rather Rapid Housing, but to be honest I'm not 100% sure, but I told I should be 100% sure of that answer by Councillor Rollins. I'm not sure what sewer or capacity issues could be funded under that housing initiative and how quickly we could do some of the sewer work. You know, the staff have said if you literally told us to get the CSO work

done in a couple years we couldn't do it because there's just so much road upheaval and so much...so much industry capacity. So yes, the lack of room in the sewer slows development in a number of parts of the city not just the CSO area but how much federal money we could use toward that I do not know

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none, next is the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Eadie, if you want to move the two reports on my behalf, please.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
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Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I will move consent Items 1 through 2.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Eadie: May I move adjournment?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie's going to move adjournment. We'll have roll call momentarily. And if you could stick around for a moment, Councillor Wyatt has some really interesting pictures of former Councillor Rick Boychuk to share. Thank you for that. 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, Councillor Wyatt.

Council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.